

January 24, 2018

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wed Jan 24: TK - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Progress Reports handed sent to parents, via student  
3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> can be viewed online via Powerschool
- Fri Jan 26: St. Paul Science Fair - grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Father/ Daughter Dance
- Sun Jan 28: Open House from 10am to 1pm and beginning of Catholic School Week  
All school mass sponsored by 3rd grade
- Mon Jan 29: **Celebrating Vocations Day**  
*Dress theme: Come in class colors*
- Tues Jan 30: **Celebrating our Students Day**  
*Dress theme: Super Hero Day*
- Wed Jan 31: **Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers Day**  
*Dress theme: Crazy Hat Day*
- Thurs Feb 1: **Celebrating Families Day**  
*Dress theme: Pajama Day*
- Fri Feb 2: **Celebrating our Environment and our Community**  
*Dress theme: School uniform*  
Mass, St. Blaise - blessing of the throats at 9:00am
- Sat Feb 3: Robotics Competition at Salesian College Prep gym - doors open at 8am  
Kindergarten and Middle School testing at 9am
- Tues Feb 13: Valentine's Day Raffle tickets due into office by 4pm
- Wed Feb 14: Ash Wednesday - Noon Dismissal
- Fri Feb 16: ELP will be closed for Professional development. Panther's Club available

### Prayer for the Conversion of St. Paul

O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray,  
nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today,  
and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world.

Today the students celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Paul - "the Conversion of St. Paul". The children will learn about his life and relate what lead to his conversion to following Jesus - answering "The Call" to their own. Each student will receive a blessed St. Paul medal at our prayer service. Students will continue learning about the significance of his life in their classrooms.

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Progress Reports period:** Today, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> the TK - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Progress Reports will be sent home to parents via the student. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students' reports can be viewed online via Powerschool.

**Father/Daughter Dance:** is this Friday. We have 60 girls attending with their dads and/or significant males in their lives. If your daughter is in ELP afterschool, they are allowed to leave early to get ready. We ask that they stay until 4:30pm. Please be advised that you cannot enter without a ticket nor can you purchase tickets at the door.

**Panther's Club Afterschool Program -NEW PAYMENT RATE:** Thank you to everyone who took the afterschool survey. With that data, last night the board voted to change the payment structure to provide more flexibility and make it more affordable to serve families. **Changes will be in affect beginning Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Changes are as follows:**

1. *Option to pay a monthly rate of \$175 per child. You may be billed in two payments*
2. *Hourly rate will decrease to \$5 per hour if you pre-register with a \$50 one-time Registration Fee.*

The Panther's Club is available afternoons only - 3 to 6pm daily, Wednesdays from 2 to 6pm and minimum days from 12 to 6pm. **Complete information with comparisons and a registration form will be distributed to all families next week.**

**Valentine's Day Raffle:** Raffle to pay for the Middle School Roof. Tickets will cost \$1 each. We are sending \$20 tickets home for your family to sell. Tickets are due back on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. The Grand prize is a 5-foot tall Teddy Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a \$100 gift card from Toys R Us and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a \$50 Amazon card. I hope you can reach out to friends and family to help us to raise \$3200 for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade roof. *See flier for details.*

**Lumen Christi Academy update:** Today we are sending out with your child (youngest) a sneak peek before the formal announcement of the official launch of the academy schools. Please take a moment to read about "What" they are and "Why" we have chosen to be a part of this network of schools. Please reference the article written about this new network in the Catholic Voice at:

[http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2018/2018images/012218\\_VOICE\\_web.pdf](http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2018/2018images/012218_VOICE_web.pdf)

**Personally Inviting you to Open House:** This Sunday, Jan.28 from 10am to 1pm we hope you will come to Open House. Open House is promoted to show off the school to both current and future parents. Your children are so very proud of what they are doing and what they are learning. I encourage you to come and stop in to see your child's classroom as well as, speak to your child's next year's teachers. If you attend, we ask you to sign an attendance sheet and your child will get FREE Dress for coming. We hope you will also come to our 10:30am school mass sponsored by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Need donations for Open House- Earn PPH hours:** We want to make an outstanding impression to those families looking to join our community next year and we want to thank them for coming to Open House with a snack. We need your help especially if you need hours. **Please bring all items by 9am on Sunday. You will receive 1PPH hour for every \$25 you spend.** We plan on needing enough for 300 people!

We need the following:

*Orange juice (15 gallons)*

*Pastries (12 doz)*

*Donuts (12 doz)*

*Muffins (12 doz)*

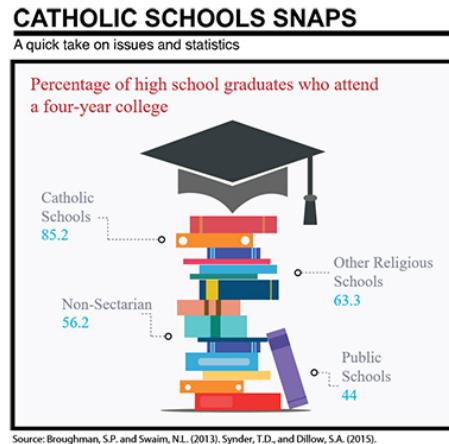
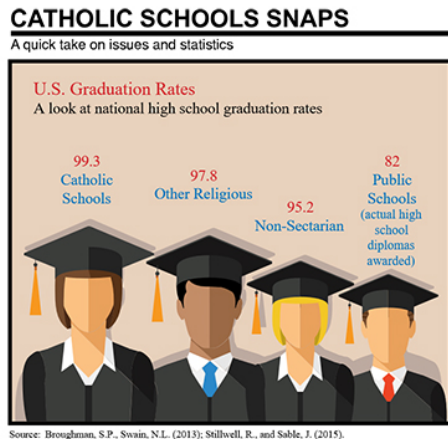
*Fruit - as much as you can donate*

**About Catholic School's Week:** National Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday and is our annual celebration of what makes education at St. Paul School outstanding. Starting with Sunday Mass sponsored by our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at 10:30am and then an Open House on January 28, we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders. The theme of our celebration is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

This theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families like you make sacrifices to provide your children with a Catholic education. I hope you will visit St. Paul School during National Catholic Schools Week to enjoy the students' artwork, science projects and learn about their faith development and community service projects. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children. ***See our celebration flier attached.***

I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.



**“Tell two Friends” and Handing out Open House Post Cards:** It is not too late to tell your friends about the advantages of St. Paul School's wonderful loving and caring learning environment and parent community. If a family you recommend enrolls and attends the school for a year, you will receive a reduction of \$200 on your last tuition payment of the 2017-2018 school year. **Please take the time to.... give postcards to friends, family members and drop them off at businesses you frequent who may be interested in St. Paul School. WE need your help to spread the word!**

**Parent Q & A Information meeting:** Mark your calendar and attend an evening of conversation about a variety of topics ranging from ELP, the Panther's Club, homework, grading, social/emotional skills, academic rigor, and St. Paul school participating in the Lumen Christi Academy. The purpose of this meeting is to ask the questions you may have along with others who may wonder the same. Together we can support each other and move the school forward. Receive a PPH hour for attending. *We will have snacks! See flier for more information.*

**Powerschool Mobile App:** Please take a look at the **flier attached that explains how you can download a mobile app** for Powerschool. It will make it easier for you to check your child's grades and assignments. You can receive alerts on your phone when grades are updated.

**Intent to Return and Registration for 2018-2019:** The Intent to Return form is being sent home to you this week with your child. Please ask them for it, if needed, it is attached for your convenience. This form is not a contract rather a way for us to gauge how many spots will be open in a class for next year so we do not over accept children. It is important for us to maintain our community that we have all grown to cherish. If you are undecided I hope that you will take the time to let me know why so I may use that information to continue to best serve you. *Estimated tuition contracts will be sent to those whose financial situation remains the same or warrants aide within the month of February.*

**Every current family will have to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year. The first week of February, you will receive an email that provides current families a link and invitation to enroll. If your information remains the**

same, the process should be no more than 10 min. At that time, you will need to pay a registration deposit of \$150. Although we encourage you to do so then, you can check the box marked "check" and pay in the office. Note that you will not be considered registered until your \$150 deposit is paid.

**Give a GreatSchools Review:** Thank you to all parents who have provided a review in the past. We need your opinion again! We are beginning our new campaign for our 2018-2019 school year. We are very excited about the changes we have made this year to better serve our students with high academic expectations, opportunities to discover with creativity and social/emotional growth. Please go to [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org) and take a few minutes to complete a review of the school. Print the review turn it into the office and **get one PPH hour** for your time and effort. Follow the instructions attached.

**Apply for Financial Aid for the 2018-2019 school year:** Any and all families seeking financial aid from outside entities such as **FACE, BASIC** as well as the school for the 2018-2019 school year, must complete a financial aid application. The application is Due March 16<sup>th</sup> to be considered for ANY and ALL tuition assistance. Preliminary assessments for online applications are available immediately upon submission. Final assessments are provided as soon as FACTS have received the necessary documentation for your application. The standard processing time is two-weeks once all applicable tax documents have been submitted. You can find the link on our webpage at [www.st-paulschool.org](http://www.st-paulschool.org) or go to [www.faceofOakland.org](http://www.faceofOakland.org) and clicking the "Applying for a Grant?" tab. All applications must be completed online. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule one-on-one system training. See flier now under the section, *Weekly Fliers* under the Parent Portal.

We ask you to go to our **St. Paul facebook page** and like and forward it to your friends.

### [PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR](#)

**Sign up for Girl's Basketball:** It is time to sign up for CYO basketball for girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We need coaches and parent volunteers to help form and make these teams possible. You will receive parent hours for your time. Contact our Athletic director - Joel Saefong to pledge your commitment. *See sign up fliers for details.*

**New Xfit Afterschool enrichment class Opportunity:** Xfit will switch their Lil' Ninja Warrior Training program from Mondays to Fridays at 3:15 to 4:05pm starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>. That day, your child can check out the class for FREE open to all students that are interested in the program. The current students seem to really like the new program. *See the flier and sign up now!*

**Save the Date for our Annual Auction for Education and Gala:** The Theme is Gala Casino Royale at the Richmond Country Club, it will be amazing. The date is Saturday, May 19, 2018 - **14 weeks to go!** Please go to [signup.com](http://signup.com) ahead of time and sign up if you need PPH hours. We want to be able to make sure that we place you in tasks for you to fulfill your hours.

**FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:**

- **Auction for Education:** Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. **Click here to sign up here for meetings** <http://signup.com/go/xDLCbNN> or here to volunteer for childcare <http://signup.com/go/AYyLmxh>
- **Board Meeting:** Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

**[GOOD TO KNOW!](#)**

**Girls Volleyball:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls have made it to the Oakland Diocese CYO Volleyball Playoffs! This is a first. The games will be in the coming weeks. GO Panthers!! We are very proud of you. Thank you parents and coaches for your dedication and hard work.

**Check out this link from Eudutopia:** In November, we recommended parents check out the book, The Gift of Failure - How the Best Parents Learn to Let go so their children can Succeed by Jessica Lahey. The book talks about children's fear of failure and how it affects the children's well-being because they are not given the chance to experience failure - or the opportunity to learn to solve their own problems.

**Cut and paste this link into your browser to watch the author speak about the book...**

[https://www.edutopia.org/blog/when-helping-hurts-david-cutler?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=socialflow](https://www.edutopia.org/blog/when-helping-hurts-david-cutler?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialflow)

**Annual Giving is the Season for Giving:** We are asking each family to reach out to alumni, their friends and extended families to give. Gifts of any size make a big difference, but we ask that you consider a tax deductible donation of \$250 or more if you are able. Each dollar that is donated over the \$100 contribution required by each family will be matched by a generous donor. You can easily contribute to the school via our website at [www.st-paulschool.org](http://www.st-paulschool.org). Just click on the Annual Giving Fund on the home page and follow the prompts.

**Check out the Parent Resource Section on our Website:** New information about helping your children create goals as well as other great research based articles has been uploaded under the parent resource section...be sure to check it out....Password is "pantherpride"

**Having trouble getting into Signup.com?:** Some parents have reported that they are having a difficult time using signup.com. In order to use this tool, YOU MUST DOWNLOAD CHROME AS YOUR BROWSER! You must use Chrome to log in to Signup.com with no problems....thank you for your perseverance.

**Food4Thought Lunch Service:** St. Paul School has partnered with Food4Thought as a supplement lunch program. We encourage you to prepare your child's lunch, but if you cannot we ask that you order a fresh lunch prepared daily through Food4Thought Lunch. The office will supply emergency lunches only. If your child needs a lunch and you did not supply one for them, we will bill you \$5 for a main course, water and snack. Please support our lunch program by ordering online at.....[Foodforthought.boonli.com](http://Foodforthought.boonli.com) [michael@f4tc.com](mailto:michael@f4tc.com) (925) 876-3150

**Volunteer:** Go to [www.st-paulschool.org](http://www.st-paulschool.org) > Parents > Volunteer > click on Sign up.com and sign up!

**We have been chosen Best of the Bay 2017 this year in four categories:**

Thank you so very much parents for your votes and having faith in always trying to do our best for your children....the teachers, staff and I are most honored!



*Upcoming*  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

**Sign up for Spring Baseball** through Tara Hills Baseball.

We hope they will practice some days at St. Paul Field after daylight savings time in March.

See flier for the sign up information not posted in our Weekly Flier section under the Parent Portal.

## **Business Accounting & Tax Planning 10**

**When:** Mon Feb 5, 2018 4pm - 5:30pm

**Where:** San Pablo EDC, 13830 San Pablo Ave, Suite D, San Pablo, CA 94806

**Vacation Bible Camp:** St. John The Baptist Church 17th Annual Vacation Bible Day Camp will be held June 25-29th, 2017. The theme is "A Wild Ride at "Avalanche Ranch".

All Day Campers are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m for only \$170, Morning only Campers are 9 a.m.-12 noon For \$70.

Prairie Dog Pre-School is for 3-5 year olds who haven't started kindergarten.

Kids will enjoy; Sing & Play Stampede Skits & Songs, Cowpoke Crafts & Science, Wild Bible Adventures, Chuck Wagon Chow Snacks, Horseplay Games, Special Guests & Service Projects, new friends and much more!

Mark your calendars & set the date for the Coolest week of the Summer!

On-line registration will be available in March: [www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html](http://www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html)

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