



February 21, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed Feb 21: New session for Dance Center One begins - starting at 2:15pm
 Fri Feb 23: Faith Families - All have Free dress
 Mon Feb 26: FunRun fundraising campaign begins!
 Tues Feb 27: Auction for Education meeting 6:30pm in 4th grade
 Fri Feb 28: Black History Month presentation to staff and students
 Fri Mar 2: School mass sponsored by 4th grade at 9am
 Dr. Sues Birthday!
 Kindergarten testing for interested families from 4pm to 5:30pm
 Mon Mar 5: Multi-cultural Week begins

Prayer for Lent

LENT: "A SEASON OF FASTING, A SEASON OF FEASTING"

FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ living in them.
 FAST from harsh words; FEAST on words that build up others.
 FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.
 FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.
 FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.
 FAST from worry; FEAST on God's care.
 FAST from complaining; FEAST on appreciation.
 FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness
 FAST from self-concern; FEAST on compassion for others.
 FAST from discouragement; FEAST on hope.
 FAST from facts that depress; FEAST on facts that uplift.
 FAST from suspicion; FEAST on truth.
 FAST from idle gossip; FEAST on silence with purpose.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

FUN RUN is coming: Monday, February 26th, we will begin pledging for our annual Fun Run event. Last year the school net over \$20,000 that helped with long time facility repairs and additions like our bottle filler! We also purchased an addition chromebook cart for the students. The outstanding amount also helped close the gap between our tuition charged and our budgetary needs. I know with your support and that of your families, we will be able to increase our goal to \$25,000 net this year. Stay tuned for an email to you from the organization on Monday, Feb 26th as well as the flier attached. more information... see flier attached.

Tuition has been set for the 2018-2019 school year: Last week we sent a notice home about next year's tuition costs. Based on our growth in recent years, we are happy to report a small raise in tuition in line with the growth in salaries and increase in benefit costs. **It can also be referenced on our website at www.st-paulschool.org > Admissions > Tuition.** We hope with your commitment to the school and your ability to tell two friends, we will be able to maintain our aides, enrichment and increase opportunities in technology use at the school. I am happy to say

that we are moving forward in proposing the replacement of the middle school with new classrooms in addition to a 4th classroom used as a STEEAM lab/maker's space ready for next year! More information to come.

Every current family will have to enroll online for the 2018-2019 school year: *Beginning today, you will receive an email from zguardado@csdo.org that provides current families a link and invitation to enroll for the 2018-19 school year.* 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 \$262.50. 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 full registration is paid.

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 16th to be considered for ANY and ALL tuition assistance. Please do not wait to apply. If you qualify and neglect to apply for outside aid, the school may not be able to compensate for you not applying. We will give aid on a first come first serve basis. If you need personal assistance to help you complete these applications, please call the office for an appointment. We will be sending out estimated tuition proposals at the end of next week.*

Save the Date for our Annual Auction for Education and Gala:

We have 12 weeks to go before the event. This year it will be held on Saturday, May 19th and the theme for the Gala is Casino Royale. It will be held at the Richmond Country Club....it will be amazing.

We need you to help get donations. Go to <http://stpaulschool.schoolauction.net/auction2018/>

We also need you to sign up on signup.com ahead of time. We will give you PPH for your time.

Check out the donations we have so far: - Scandia, Roundtable pizza, USS Hornet, La Strada Restaurant, Lindsey Wildlife, the Winery San Francisco, Brushstrokes Studio, Ninja Carafate coffee system, NutriBullet, LG 4K Ultra Blu-ray disc player, Sonicare- his and hers electric toothbrushes, Beats headphones, his and hers watches, a Party Karaoke system, Genesis console, Air fryer, Bluetooth tower speaker and a 4K TV.

Basic Fund financial aid opportunity: Very important for those families applying for BASIC Funds: Please submit BASIC applications as soon as possible. **The BASIC fund grants on a "first come first serve" basis.** Families submitting BASIC applications before March are FAR more likely to receive a grant than anyone applying in March. Apply at <http://www.basicfund.org/how-to-apply-english/>

FACE financial aid opportunity: Preliminary assessments for online applications are available immediately upon submission. Final assessments are provided as soon as FACTS has 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 or go to online.factsmgt.com/aid 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.

Need verification of tuition and enrollment for your 2017 taxes?: In September we send out a tuition confirmation form that indicates payments and fees for your 2017-18 school year. Because of the new tax laws, you are able to deduct a portion of the cost you pay for private school. If you phone me a few weeks ago to ask for a copy, please call the office. I did not write down all the information needed to respond to your request. I apologize....they do not like when I fill in at the office! Anyone who does need a copy for their taxes, please do not hesitate to phone or email the office at zguardado@csdo.org

Sign up for Track and Field: Students in TK-8th grade can sign up now. Practices are tentatively scheduled to start February 28. Complete and return forms to Coach Nicole Cruz.

Parental Permission, Health Authorization, Release Form

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/CYO-and-scouts/cyo/CYOForms/PermissionFormFillable613.pdf> (English)

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/CYO-and-scouts/cyo/CYOForms/PermissionFormSpanFillable.pdf> (Spanish)

Concussion Form

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/CYO-and-scouts/cyo/CYOForms/CYOConcussionInformationSheet.pdf> (English)

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/CYO-and-scouts/cyo/CYOForms/InformacionConmocionesCerebrales.pdf> (Spanish)

More info online at <https://st-paulschool.org/spring-track-field>

ANNOUNCING THE 2018 SEASON OF BOYS' CYO SAND VOLLEYBALL: It's almost springtime and that means another year of Boys' CYO Sand Volleyball - "Fun in the Sun and Sand!"

Highlights of the Boys' Sand Volleyball season include:

- * Games are played on Sunday afternoons at Quarry Lakes Regional Park, Fremont ... many families come and picnic as the teams play - a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! The season begins in late March and plays through May.
- * The league is very low key with 4 players on a side for boys 5th through .
- * There are no standings during the short season and all teams are invited to the year-end tournament.
- * It is a great outdoor experience in a fast-growing sport for boys.
- * For pictures of the sport and for other information, check out the Boys' Sand Volleyball Page of the CYO Website at <http://www.oakdiocese.org/CYO-and-scouts/cyo/boys-sand-volleyball>

The organizational meeting will be on Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Oakland Diocese Chancery Office, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. The season will begin on Sunday, April 8, the Sunday after Easter - there is lots of time to organize teams! See flier attached.

[PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR](#)

ELP Summer Program announcement: We are holding summer program for the first 70 students who sign up. The program will begin on Monday, June 18 and end July 20th. The program will go until 3pm with after care available until 5pm. We have asked teachers to recommend students for the program. Next week, we will open the program up on a first-come-first serve basis. See flier for your review.

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Auction for Education:** Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, March 13th at 6:00pm in the 4th 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, March 20th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.

[GOOD TO KNOW!](#)

Rotarians bring books to 4th grade last week: Last week, Mr. Rothberg representing the San Pablo Rotary, delivered books to 21 students in Ms. Sandoval's class. The kids loved it! They asked many intelligent questions about the role of the organization.

Service provided from our 2nd grade class: The second grade helped Ms. M who is a volunteer for "Their Angels Military Support Group". She helps other volunteers put C-Packs together for the Active Military Personnel. So for Valentine's Day with the help of Ms. Palmer, the 2nd graders made over 200 cards to go into the C Packs. The cards are fantastic and very loving.

The staff and volunteers of the "Their Angles Military Support Group" were appreciative and express their gratitude for the generosity of our children at St. Paul School.

Valentine raffle results: Thank you everyone for your participation in the Valentine raffle. We made \$2,378 from the money that was turned in at the deadline. I know that there are still parents who need to turn in their money. I hope this can be done soon. We will either fix the roof or use it as a down payment to replace the buildings used as a classroom.

Panther's Club Afterschool Program -NEW PAYMENT RATE: Check out the new payment structure of the Panther's Club providing more flexibility and affordability to serve families who are not a part of the ELP program. **Beginning the month of February, 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 are registered*
3. *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 is attached and will be distributed to all families. Ask your children for the information.**

Answers to Questions you may have: If you have already registered then you do not have to do it again. If you want to continue to pay by the hour you will be billed for \$5 per hour in February - Not \$7. If you would like to pay a flat-fee then you will pay \$175/month.

In terms of getting bills. We give the bills to the youngest child. You will need to ask him/her or find it in her folder. We will make sure that a reminder is sent in the newsletter.

If you need a copy of the past bills please email the office at zguardado@csdo.org or khenriquez@csdo.org

Regarding student drop-off in the morning: We want to clarify, parents, please understand that the GATE WILL BE CLOSED AT THE RING OF THE 8:00 BELL EACH DAY. If your car is in the driveway - not on the street, I have instructed the staff at the gate to let you in.

WE CLOSE THE GATES AT 8:00AM BECAUSE AT THAT TIME, THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS KNOW IT IS SAFE TO WALK ACROSS THE BLACK TOP TO THE PARISH HALL. If a car rushes through as many do, it is a serious safety issue, which was cause for concern last week.

I ALSO WANT TO REMIND EACH AND EVERY PARENT OR CARETAKER TO BE RESPECTFUL TO THE STAFF AT THE GATE WHO ARE JUST DOING THEIR JOB. It is not Christian and is so disheartening to the staff who is just trying to do their job - keeping your children safe.

I understand that everyone is in a hurry. I understand that your clock may be different from the school's bell schedule. Please know that the school's clock is on satellite and rings automatically.

Additionally, we must ask you to consider remaining in your car so you do not hold up the line by getting out of their car making others potentially late. I appreciate your reflection, your cooperation and understanding.

How do you get your kids to do Age-Appropriate Chores: You will want to read this! Copy and paste the preferred link into your browser.

Preschool: https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/5-great-chores-for-preschoolers/?utm_source=newsletter_121717&utm_medium=email&utm_content=012818

Kindergartners: https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/7-great-chores-for-kindergartners/?utm_source=newsletter_121717&utm_medium=email&utm_content=012818

1st thru 4th graders: https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/8-great-chores-for-kids-elementary-schoolers/?utm_source=newsletter_121717&utm_medium=email&utm_content=012818

5th thru 8th graders: https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/10-great-age-appropriate-chores-for-tweens/?utm_source=newsletter_121717&utm_medium=email&utm_content=012818

This new information about helping your children and other great research based articles has been uploaded under the parent resource section...be sure to check it out....Password is "pantherpride"

"Tell two Friends": 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. **WE need your help to spread the word!**

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 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.

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. Just click on the Annual Giving Fund on the home page and follow the prompts.

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 michael@f4tc.com (925) 876-3150

Volunteer: Go to 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.

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
Questions: Pam Vincent [email:pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)