



October 18, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Thurs Oct 19: Diwali Festival of Lights India
 Fri Oct 20: African American Heritage Committee meeting at 6:30pm
Sat Oct 21: Fall Festival 11am to 3pm
 Mon Oct 23: Breast Cancer Awareness Day - Wear a Pink Shirt
 Thurs Oct 26: San Pablo City-wide Halloween at City Hall from 4:00 to 5:30pm
 Sat Oct 28: Wildcat Creek Clean up moved from Sat. Oct. 14th
 Oct 23-30: Red Ribbon Week
 Tues Oct 31: Happy Halloween
 Noon Dismissal - Teacher in-service
 Thurs Nov 2: All Soul's Day - Dia de los Muertos
 Prayer service at St. Joseph Cemetery
 Sun Nov 5: Mandatory enrollment for 1st Communion classes for students

Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy, for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist, for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches, for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children, for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.
 God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

As a reminder, this week, the Panther's Tale will be short and sweet...providing information in bullets.
 This "Tweeted" ISSUE includes:

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

1. **Fall Festival Update:** The festival is this Saturday from 11am to 3pm. The committee has added so many new attractions....this will most certainly be the best Fall Festival yet. We need your help.
 - Purchase a wristband for unlimited experiences and lunch. Ask your friends and extended family to come with you. **The class that purchases the highest percentage of wristbands will receive ice cream for the class!**
 - Need Volunteers to work the 1 to 3pm and Clean up shifts, **The class that provides the most volunteers will receive a Pizza party!**
 - We need food donations for the lunch we are serving. Turn in your receipt and every \$25 you spend will earn you PPH.. *See fliers for details.*

2. **Diwali:** On Thursday, Oct. 18th, the students will learn about the Festival of Lights India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row(aval) of clay lamps (deepsa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.

3. Food4Thought New Ordering Procedure and Software: Food4Thought is switching to their new ordering software accessible with the November menu forward. The new ordering company, (Boonli/ formally known as OrderLunches.com) will be able to assist parents before the 1st of November. They have live support as well as Customer Service Reps who answer calls and address any issues you may have. See the How to Flier for details. Foodforthought.boonli.com michael@f4tc.com (925) 876-3150

4. Opt - In to Receive Texts from St. Paul School: Due to strict FCC guidelines, parents must OPT-IN to receive text messages. You will need to do that by texting Yes to 68453. If you haven't done this, you will not receive texts! The best way to ensure our emergency messages get to everyone with texts, calls, and emails.

5. Red Ribbon Week: RED RIBBON WEEK begins this Monday, October 23. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country, and serves as a way to remind us why we should make good choices and how very precious God's gift of life is to all of us. Let us use this week as a way to recommit ourselves to making the best choices for our future, by caring for the wondrous minds and bodies entrusted to our care.

During this week, there will be some at-home activities that, if completed by the student on the night they are assigned, will put their names in a drawing for the following school day. If your child completes ALL tasks on time, they will receive the privilege of FREE DRESS next Monday, Oct. 30th. I ask that you encourage your child(ren) to complete the activities, reminding them that their futures are in their very capable.

6. Breast Cancer Awareness Month: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. By wearing a pink shirt on Mon. Oct 23 it reminds women and men alike to get an exam for early detection and seek education and support services.

7. Kids for the Bay event RESCHEDULED: Due to the poor air quality, this year's clean-up will be on Saturday, October 28th. The Wildcat Creek Clean-Up is a yearly event where St. Paul School students are asked to participate. Sign up with Amanda Booth with the City of San Pablo and you will receive PPH at St. Paul School for your participation. The class that receives the greatest student participation will receive an Ice cream party as well. I hope you can come out and support.

8. Update on the Lumen Christi Academy Schools: This month we write to update you about what this change means for our mission and Catholic identity as a member of the newly formed Lumen Christi Academy schools. Please see the attached for details. You can find all correspondence about the Lumen Christi Academy plans as they unfold each month on our school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Natalie.

9. Volleyball Practices Updated: Volleyball practice will be at the following time and locations:

- Tuesdays @ Summit School Gym in El Cerrito from 4:00-6:00pm
- Wednesdays @St John from 7:30-9:00pm
- Fridays @St Mary's College High School in Berkeley from 7:30-9:00pm

[PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR](#)

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Fall Festival Update:** Tonight, October 18th at 6:30 pm in the 4th grade classroom. Click here to sign up to help out or donate <http://signup.com/go/cKTjeEr>
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Thursday, October 20th
- **We need volunteers for the Scholastic book fair:** Our annual book fair is coming up in November. We need volunteers to work for set up and during the fair the week of You will get please contact stpaulbookfair@gmail.com - 2nd grade is the lead class on this project.

- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Mon, Nov 13th at 6:30pm 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>

GOOD TO KNOW!

1. October is National Bullying Prevention Month: The school is continuing to teach the students about why and how school should be a safe haven for learning, and bullying and cyber bullying cannot undermine academic achievement and attendance. Please review these fliers with your children and your family. It is a great conversation pieces.

2. October is Earthquake Awareness Month: School safety has recently been at the forefront of everyone's minds. St. Paul has emergency plans to keep students safe from threats of violence and natural disasters—and your family should, too. Preparation is key to ensure that you and your family members can react quickly and calmly if a serious threat arises. Please print. Keep and go over with your family members in order to ensure your family is prepared for emergencies.

3. October is Holy Rosary Month: Please see the flier that explains the importance of the praying the rosary with a quick step by step how to!

4. Dia de los Muertos Celebrations: We are set to decorate the hallway at the Cemetery for Dia of the Dead. We will ask 7th and 8th graders to help to hand out candles to those attending the vigil prayer service on November 2nd at St. Joseph Cemetery. Students and adults alike will also be able to paint their face as El Catrin and La Catarina in honor of those who have gone before us.

5. Support St. Paul School While Shopping

You shop. Amazon gives. Christmas is coming...

Remember when you are doing your online shopping at Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchase will be donated to St. Paul School. Feel twice as good by shopping for a cause. Thank you to those who named St. Paul School as their nonprofit of choice.



Curious about the program? Read more here: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_dshb_aas_saas

6. Boy's Basketball Practice: Boy's Basketball will begin Oct.11th @6-7:30 @St Johns Gym and every Wednesday thereafter. After that 10/16 Monday practices at St Paul's 3:45-5:45. Sign ups are going on. See fliers attached.



6. Planning for Halloween: Parents have asked about costumes, parties and parades. Please see the flier attached for early information about our Halloween celebration.

7. Volunteer: Go to www.st-paulschool.org > Parents > Volunteer > click on Sign up.com and sign up!

8. "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.

9. **Articles written about St. Paul School published in Catholic Voice:** Please check out the articles now on our website.

10. **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

11. **Become a member of the San Pablo Library**

To get started, this is to alert you to three upcoming events:

Board Meeting - **October 21, 2017**, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the new San Pablo Library

Holiday Book Sale Setup - December 8, 2017, 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the library

Holiday Book Sale - December 9, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the library; FOTSPL members will be admitted to the sale at 11:30 am

Again, welcome and THANK YOU for your support of the San

12. **Halloween at Salesian College Prep:** It's that time of year again and Salesian will be hosting our Annual Halloween Festival. I've attached a flier and if you'd be kind enough to forward this out to your families I'd really appreciate it. Hope everyone is having a great week so far.

13. **What is going on in the City of San Pablo:**

Thurs Oct 26: San Pablo City-wide Halloween at City Hall from 4:00 to 5:30pm

Sat Nov 11: 2017 Veterans Day Celebration 10am to 12:00pm

Fri Dec 1: San Pablo Tree Lighting and Activities at City Hall

Fri Feb 9: Valentine Celebration from 6 to 8pm