



October 25, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Thurs Oct 26: San Pablo City-wide Halloween at City Hall from 4:00 to 5:30pm
- Fr Oct 27: Faith Families - Free Dress for All!
- Sat Oct 28: Wildcat Creek Clean up moved from Sat. Oct. 14th
- Mon Oct 30: Spirit Gear on Sale
- Tues Oct 31: Happy Halloween  
Noon Dismissal - Teacher in-service
- Wed Nov 1: All Saint's Day  
CAER - National Shelter in Place Awareness Day
- Thurs Nov 2: All Soul's Day - Dia de los Muertos  
Prayer service at St. Joseph Cemetery at 5:30pm  
Fr. Anthony's Birthday!
- Fri Nov 3: All School Mass sponsored by 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Sun Nov 5: 10:30 School Mass sponsored by 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mandatory enrollment for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes for students

*A Prayer for Autumn Days*

*God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been.  
We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.  
God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns.  
As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.*

*God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives.  
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.*

*God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.  
We must wait for harvest in faith. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.*

*God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and wisdom. God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.*

*God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.  
For all this, we are grateful.*

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. Student Council is selling Halloween Grams:** Student Council is selling Halloween **Candy grams for \$2 at recess this week only until Friday.** Please support Student Council and send a ghoulish message and candy gift to friends, teachers, staff and/or family.



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

**3. 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.

**4. Parent Project - Loving Solutions:** The San Pablo Police Department is sponsoring FREE parenting classes beginning November 8<sup>th</sup> and ending February 7<sup>th</sup>. These informative workshops will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom each Wednesday evening. Please come to the first meeting on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Take advantage of this FREE 10-week training series to:

- ✓ Learn how to address media issues and young children!
- ✓ Prevent sleep, diet and behavior issues!
- ✓ Improve home and school behavior!

See flier and invitation for details.

**5. Congratulations and Thank You:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will receive an Ice Cream Party for selling the most wristbands presale for last weekend's Fall Festival.

**6. Sign up for new Enrichment sessions beginning this week:**

It is time to renew your commitment to both Kung Fu held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and our Dance class held on Wednesday afternoons Attached you will find the November sign up form for Kung Fu.

Please submit your payments ASAP. Thanks for giving your children the opportunity to explore new creative activities for themselves!

**7. Selling Spirit Gear:** Is on sale again! If you did not order a shirt or sweatshirt the first time, you can do it now! Order for your child and yourself...they make great gifts. The sale will not last forever, they will be on sale until Thursday Nov. 8. Students can wear their shirts on Thursdays as part of the uniform.

**8. We need volunteers for the Scholastic book fair: We need your help!** 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](mailto:stpaulbookfair@gmail.com) - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is the lead class on this project. Earn PPH hours for your time.

**9. 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.

**10. All Soul's Prayer Service and Intentions:** We will distribute intention cards on Friday to the children in class...we will also have them on our school altar for you to complete for our own intentions. Please put your intention sheet in the basket in the front office. The basket will be offered up at our prayer service.

### PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**1. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. *See flier for details.*

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

- **African American Heritage Committee:** Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Mon, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm 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>

### GOOD TO KNOW!

**1. Thank you for supporting our Fall Festival:** Thank you to everyone who came together to make this year's Fall Festival the best ever! Thank you to our Chairs Amber Sandoval Sullivan and Erin Tucker, Minda, Jessica, Sherrice Frank, Ryan, Raquel and Henry Hussey, 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents who worked and who brought their children to enjoy the day of fun and community...the numbers are not final but it looks as if we did make more than last year...I will report the final numbers when they are in...What a great place to be!

**2. Last Cross Country Meet and Thank you:** to Ms. Nicole Cruz. Last Friday was the last meet of the season. Our Cross Country Team was in all their glowing glory. They truly embodied the hard-core spirit that it takes to run cross country; We are all so proud!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://Foodforthought.boonli.com) [michael@f4tc.com](mailto:michael@f4tc.com) (925) 876-3150

**4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. 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!

**7. 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.

**8. 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](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_dshb_aas_saas)

**9. Boy's Basketball Practice:** Practice will be Mondays at St. Paul 3:30-5:30 and at St. John gym from 6:30-7pm. Thanks for representing...Go Panthers!

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

**11. "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.

**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. 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. Again, welcome and THANK YOU for your support of the San Pablo Library.

**12. Halloween in the City of San Pablo:**

Tomorrow, 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