

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 1, 2017

- Wed Nov 1: All Saint's Day
CAER - National Shelter in Place Awareness Day
National Gratitude Month
- Thurs Nov 2: All Soul's Day - Dia de los Muertos
All Soul's Prayer service at St. Joseph Cemetery at 5:30pm
Fr. Anthony's Birthday!
- Fri Nov 3: All School Mass sponsored by 6th grade
Breakfast with the Principal in the parish hall at 8:00am
- Sat Nov 4: Dia de los Muertos celebration at St. Joseph Cemetery at 11:00am
Turn your clocks back - Daylight Savings Nov. 5th
- Sun Nov 5: 10:30 S Mass - Mandatory enrollment for 1st Communion classes for students
- Mon Nov 6: Panther's Club After School Care now available from 3 to 6pm
- Tues Nov 7: Picture Make-up Day in AM
- Wed Nov 8: Parent Education workshop for parents at 6:30 in 4th grade
- Thurs Nov 9: Last Day to buy Spirit Gear for the 2017-18 school year!

Dear Lord,

Here we are together, you and I. The leaves are falling, and the autumn holidays have begun.

I see my students trick-or-treating in their minds, far away from what we are doing in the classroom.

Please help me to remember:

- Not to wrap myself up like a mummy, but to unwrap and share the gifts you have given me.*
- If I am patched together, let the resulting strength be for your good intentions.*
- Let the sight of ghosts all around remind me of your saints, who have lived through all of this before. They will help me if I ask them.*

Finally, Lord, help me to remember how good it is to celebrate your harvest. As we enjoy your abundance, may it prepare us for the seasons to come. Amen...May Christ's peace and joy surround you

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

November is Gratitude Month:

November is Gratitude Month. Developing and expressing gratitude is a wonderful way to keep your bucket full. Gratitude begins when we become aware of everything that makes us happy and thankful. A smile can change a person's whole day....and it is free!

Announcing Panther's Club: Flexible Afterschool Care will be available Monday, Nov. 6th from 3pm to 6pm. If you need after school care for your child sometimes, all the time with early pick up...please take a look at the

information on the new Panther's Club. Information is on our website. Included is the flier and the registration form.

All Soul's Prayer Service and Intentions: We have distributed intention cards and asked your child to bring them home for you to complete as a family...we will also have them on our school altar for you to complete for our own intentions. Please send them back to your teacher by tomorrow morning. You can also put your intention sheet in the basket in the front office. The basket will be offered up at our prayer service.

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

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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection Drive: Please help us as an expression of gratitude to collect food items to help the needy of the parish so they can plan a feast for their Thanksgiving dinner. See the St. Vincent de Paul flier for class/food assignments. Food is due next Tuesday, Nov 16th. The class that exceeds what we are trying to collect for the families will win Free dress and treats for their class. *See flier for details.*

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.**

We need Volunteers from 12-2 and for closing each evening. It's an excellent opportunity for folks who can't work during the day to get in PPH. Please see times listed for set up on Signup.com. The Book fair runs from Mon. Nov 13th thru Thurs. Nov 17th and is open on Sun. the 19th. You can also volunteer to go into younger classrooms to do Book Talks. Middle schoolers will once again lead the younger children around the book fair helping them find age appropriate books for their wish list. Thank you so much for supporting our kids and their love of books. It is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for your entire family and support the school at the same time! *Please contact stpaulbookfair@gmail.com - 2nd grade is the lead class on this project.* Earn PPH hours for your time.

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.

Picture Make Up Day: Is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 7th**. If your child **was absent**, please send them in full uniform with a navy blue sweater and/or sweatshirt. If you would like your child to **retake their picture**, you must bring to school the unopened picture packet you received from the photographer.

Annual Breakfast with Santa and Craft Boutique: on Sun. Dec. 3rd. As in the past, we are inviting you, family members and neighbors the opportunity to sell their crafts, homemade edibles and products in the parish hall. You may rent a table space for \$25. All of the profits from your sale you will keep! It is a great way to make additional income to spend on your holiday shopping. If you are interested, please complete the form and send it back to the office ASAP. If you want to volunteer for PPH hours please go to Signup.com.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

The THEORY of the DIPPER and the BUCKET:

Each of us has an invisible bucket. It is constantly emptied or filled, depending on what others say or do to us. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When it's empty, we feel awful. Each of us also has an invisible dipper. When we use that dipper to fill other people's buckets -- by saying or doing things to increase their positive emotions -- we also fill our own bucket. But when we use that dipper to dip from others' buckets -- by saying or doing things that decrease their positive emotions -- we diminish ourselves.

Like the cup that runneth over, a full bucket gives us a positive outlook and renewed energy. Every drop in that bucket makes us stronger and more optimistic. But an empty bucket poisons our outlook, zaps our energy, and undermines our will. That's why every time someone dips from our bucket, it hurts us. So we face a choice every moment of every day: We can fill one another's buckets, or we can dip from them. It's an important choice -- one that profoundly influences our relationships, productivity, health, and happiness.

So a note, an eraser, a smile....fill someone's bucket today! *See flier attached*

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **African American Heritage Committee:** Tuesday, November 7th in 4th grade
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Mon, Nov 13th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom. Mass to honor Teachers and Volunteers at 7pm. Click here to sign up here for meetings <http://signup.com/go/xDLCbNN> or here to volunteer for childcare <http://signup.com/go/AYyLmxh>
- **Our next Board Meeting:** Tues Nov 14th in the 4th grade classroom
- **Auction for Education:** Tues Nov 28th in the 4th grade classroom

GOOD TO KNOW!

FiberOptics: come to St. Paul School: We are happy to be one of five schools out of the 39 of the Diocese to be awarded the opportunity for Fiberoptics to increased or internet capacity and our upload and download speed. Thank you for using your cell phone. The money was granted by the tax you pay when you use your phone! Nice to know it went to St. Paul School.

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

Thank Yous:

Thank you for supporting the **Student Council** by purchasing Halloween Candy grams. Student Council made over 317 bags.

Initial numbers have us at \$7633 net proceeds from the **Fall Festival**.

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

9. Boy's Basketball Practice: Practice will be Mondays at St. Paul 3:30-5:30 and at St. John gym from 6:00-7:30pm. Thanks for representing...Go Panthers!

10. Volunteer: Go to 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**