

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 29, 2017

- Wed Nov 29: 1st Trimester Report cards go home
 Thurs Nov 30: In-office tuition payments due by 4pm
 Last Day for Poptopia Concert ticket Raffle - Monday due by 1pm
 Fri Dec 1: Breakfast with the Principal at 8:10 to 8:50am in Parish hall
 5th grade sponsored mass with Academic Award Ceremony at 9am
 Principal Honors luncheon by invitation in Parish hall
 City of San Pablo Tree Lighting Ceremony - SPS Choir Sings 6:00 to 7:30pm
 Sat Dec 2: Winner of Raffle goes to Poptopia Concert at the Tap Center in San Jose
 Sun Dec 3: Breakfast with Santa and Boutique - 8am to 1pm
 All School Mass sponsored by 5th grade at 10:30pm
 "Taste of St. Paul" in the 5th grade classroom at 11:30pm
 The Season of Advent Begins
 Mon Dec 4: 8th grade goes to Caritas in Occidental for the week
 Tues Dec 5: Sign report cards are due back to teachers
 ELP Parent/Family Event and Dinner 6pm to 7:30pm
 Wed Dec 6: St. Paul's celebrates St. Nicholas Day
 Sat Dec 9: FREE Trip to Lawrence Hall of Science



Prayer: God, With Us. Come!

O come, Emmanuel. Come into our world and bring Your peace!
 Come into our lives and grant us your favor. Come into our homes with Your love.
 Stay with us, Lord Jesus, throughout these days of Advent. Be with us wherever we go, be with us in whatever we do. Prepare us for Your birth. May Your birth enlarge our hearts. May we prepare a place for You there.
 Jesus, make room within our hearts for others.
 May your birth awaken us to the Good News!
 Jesus, make us worthy of You, O Lord, Emmanuel...God with us. Come
 May Christ's peace and joy surround you during this Advent Season

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Sending out Report Cards today: Report cards are going home with your child tomorrow. Please ask them for the envelope when they get home. The report card will be accompanied by your up-to-date financial statement, PPH report, and Star Renaissance testing results. We want you to sign your student's report card and send it back to your teacher by December 5th. We will also reopen the parent portal tomorrow evening after 6pm.

Students in 5th grade thru 8th grades will be honored with Academic Awards on Friday Dec. 1, after Mass

DEADLINE EXTENDED! Poptopia Concert Raffle sponsored by 8th grade: OMG.....this is an opportunity of a lifetime! You can win two tickets to the upcoming Poptopia concert on Saturday, December 2nd at the Sap Center in San Jose. The Paybill is Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, The Chainsmokers, Fifth Harmony, Niall Horan, Khalid, Logic, and Dua Lipa!

You only have a chance if you purchase raffle tickets for \$2ea in the next 3 days! You need to have all money in by 1pm on Thursday, November 30th. Winner will be announced after Friday's School mass!

Annual Breakfast with Santa and Craft Boutique: on Sun. Dec. 3rd. As in the past, we are inviting you, family members and neighbors to do your holiday shopping. **We encourage you to pre-purchase your breakfast! Included is an order form as well as a flier with a list of donations we need for the breakfast.** We appreciate you providing donations in exchange for PPH hours. 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.

A Taste of St. Paul School Information Event: Our enrollment season is upon us and we would like you to **encourage your friends and family** who want a rigorous, challenging, well-rounded, fabulous and faith based education who have Preschool to 8th grade age children to **attend "Taste of St. Paul" Information Event Sunday, December 3rd after the 10:30 mass** in the 5th grade room...make sure that you have some Breakfast with Santa and do some shopping in our Boutique. ***If you have not already, we are counting on you to advertise the event by distributing the 23 post cards that were sent home prior to the Thanksgiving break. Please hand out announcement cards to your family and friends as well as place them in businesses you frequent advertising the event. We need your help to support the future of St. Paul School!***

St. Paul Family Night and Dinner: on Tuesday, December 5th from 6:00 to 7:30pm we are excited to **showcase** the opportunities and activities your children are learning while being in the 21st Century Expanded Day Program. We will serve spaghetti and will have a short presentation....dinner is on us! *Please sign up for the event when you sign out your child from ELP. We will need a count of how many will attend by Friday.*

St. Paul School Door Decorating Contest: Show some Holiday Cheer with the Celebration of Christmas in the halls of St. Paul School: We are bringing back and making it an annual event! Each classroom will participate in a Holiday Door Decoration Contest! The Room parents have the rubric...the class door(s) that receives all 4's will receive treats for the class. The classes that show Holiday Cheer by decorating a door get FREE Dress on Friday, Dec. 22nd!

Save the Date: On Friday, Jan 26th, we will hold our Father (Special friend)/ Daughter dinner on Friday January 26th at 6pm. Save the Date cards will be given to the girls today. Presale tickets will go on sale from Dec 12th thru Dec 21st. You will receive PPH for helping to plan this important event. This special semi-formal event for girls and their significant other males will include professional pictures, dinner, and dancing and fun activities. Stay tuned for more details to come.

FREE Enrichment Opportunity at the Lawrence Hall of Science: We have 50 slots on a first come first serve basis!

Saturday, December 9th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch Provided

Students will have access to all the areas of the hall to explore science in its many forms, play games and more

1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720

If your students are interested in participating in any of these activities, they will have to complete a "21st Century Enrollment Form." This is a temporary enrollment just for that day in order for the 21st Century program to count attendance. Please complete the permission form with your intent to attend - included.

Lost and Found: Parents we have many lost sweaters and items of clothing in the office. We also have several students who have lost their sweaters that continue to be missing. Please take time to look at your child's clothing articles to make sure they are theirs. If not, we would appreciate you returning them to the office. We will be donating all items that are unclaimed with no name to Richmond Rescue Mission

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Advent Begins: Advent is a time the Catholic Church sets aside for all of us to prepare our hearts and souls for what it means for our own lives to be sent a savior. We hope you will share this preparation time with your families. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus during the Advent Season, we are called to serve as Jesus has served us as a gift from the Father. Starting on Sunday we will have a short Advent reflection from Bishop Barron every day. Take a minute to reflect on the real reason for Christmas.

In these weeks before Christmas, we are reaching outside our school community to serve those in need of God's love. The choir and student council will be delivering socks and singing to the residences of Casa Adobe in San Pablo. With parent's help, we will also be visiting the Bay Park Assisted Living Facility in Pinole with gifts of songs,

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Auction for Education:** Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12th 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>
- **Board Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.

Robotics Competition: Saturday, December 16th

Robotics Competition 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m

Registration at 8:00 a.m.

Lunch Provided- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cristo Rey - De LaSalle High School, Saint Elizabeth Campus

1530 34th Ave, Oakland, 94601

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GOOD TO KNOW!

Parent Project - Loving Solutions: The San Pablo Police Department is sponsoring FREE parenting classes. **Please come to our 2nd meeting...you can still enroll.** The classes are **once a week** and end February 7th. These informative workshops will be held in the 4th grade classroom each Wednesday evening. You will receive **25 PPH for attending the duration of the program.**

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!

We need a parent to watch children whose parents may attend. You will receive PPH if you can provide that child care.

Thank you for a Successful Bookfair: Thanks to your support and the leadership and generous time and dedication of the Hussey family and our volunteers, St Paul's total balance in Scholastic Dollars once this Book Fair was finalized is \$5,694.67. The money earned is spent on purchasing books for each class and Scholastic Magazines that augment the text books we have at each grade level. This is a great help to us when we purchase materials and resources each year. *It takes a village - we are blessed with ours.*

Standards Based Report Cards: Included and on the website under Parent Resources is a quick and simple explanation about Standards Based Report Grading and Report Cards...

Check out the Parent Resource Section on our Website: New information has been uploaded under the parent resource section...be sure to check it out....Password is "pantherpride"

It is beginning to be cold outside: The weather is cooling down...please send your children with proper uniform attire for the classrooms so that non uniform jackets may only be worn properly outside.

Parents taking students out of school during school time: Please consider the consequences to your child before you make a decision to take your child out of school for a family trip that is not an emergency....understand that when you take your child out of academic instruction it causes stress to the student. They are often lost when they return, feel badly that they are behind, and often struggle to understand what is being taught when they return. We see the stress in the child and often they struggle initially coping with the insecurities and extended demands including the increased amount of homework that is required to bring them back to the level of learning

Youth Volleyball Clinic Series: FREE TO ST PAUL VBALL PLAYERS - Three more Saturdays - Dec 2, Dec 9 Dec 16th from 8:30-9:30AM - Beginner level and 9:30-11:00AM - Intermediate level. Cost is \$20 per season per player OR \$70 for all 4 sessions per player held at Summit, 1800 Elm Street in El Cerrito.

School's Annual Christmas Card: Thank you to Viviana Hernandez 8th grade and Sarah Yos in 3rd grade, they will represent St. Paul School with their original artwork that will adorn our annual Christmas card...thank you so very much for sharing your talents with the school.

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.

Check out this book: The Gift of Failure - How the Best Parents Learn to Let go so their children can Succeed by Jessica Lahey. This 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. The teachers have been assigned the book to read in to provide additional insight into helping their students build the skill acceptance, grit and perseverance.

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. Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0041693 and Amazon donates to St. Paul School.



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

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!

"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 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**

Annual Tree Lighting: It will be held on Friday, December 1st from 6pm to 7:30pm at San Pablo City Hall (13831 San Pablo Ave.). The event will include crafts, refreshments and write a letter to Santa! Songs will be performed by our very own St. Paul Choir as well as other organizations from the city.