



December 6, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed Dec 6: St. Paul's celebrates St. Nicholas Day
 Fri Dec 8: Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception 9am mass
 Sat Dec 9: FREE Trip to Lawrence Hall of Science
 Tues Dec 12: PTG Meeting at 6:30pm in 4h grade
 Wed Dec 13: Parenting Classes by SPPD at 6:30pm in 4h grade
 Fri Dec 15: St. Paul School Christmas Pageant at Salesian School at ...
 Sat Dec 16: Robotics competition at St. Mary's School in Walnut Creek
 Tues Dec 19: Board Meeting at 6:30pm in 4h grade
 Fri Dec 22: Noon Dismissal and No After-care - out for Christmas break!
 Mon Jan 8: School Resumes

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen



May Christ's peace and joy surround you during this Advent Season

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

St. Nicholas Day is today: The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic when Nicholas was young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Today known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. The Bishop would help those in dire need by tossing bags of gold, through an open window. These gifts were said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes,

eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas the giver of gifts. To this day we celebrate his generosity and faith by mimicking the tradition.

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

1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720

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

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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ELP is open during Christmas break from December 27-29th: If you are in town and have to work or need a break! Consider bringing your child to St. Paul for 3-days full of crafts and fun!. The session is FREE to all how attend. We will accept kids on a first come first serve basis. *See flier for details and to sign up your child. Merry Christmas!*

Looking for Work?: St. Paul Expanded Learning Program is Looking for Afterschool Staff. Do you know someone 21 or older and enjoy working with students TK-8?

Hours

- Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30pm-6:00pm
- Wednesdays 1:30pm-6:00pm
- Fridays 1:45pm-6:00pm

Pay:

- \$15.00 per hour. Approximately 18-20 hours a week.
- Must be available 5 days a week and all scheduled times.

If interested please send your resume and cover letter to stpaulelp@gmail.com

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!

Apply for Financial Aid for the 2018=2019 school year: Any and all families seeking financial aid from outside entities such as FACE, BASIC and the school, must complete a financial aid application. The application is Due March 16th to be considered for tuition assistance. Preliminary assessments for online applications are available immediately upon submission. Final assessments are provided as soon as FACTS have 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
Please contact the office if you would like to schedule one-on-one system training

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.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Advent Continues: 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. Please look on the front page on our website at www.st-paulschool.org to find daily observations. *See flier under "Weekly Fliers" under the Parent Portal as to how you can celebrate advent with your family at home.*

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 signing 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, smiles and cookies before the school break.

Save the Date for our Annual Auction for Education and Gala: April 28 at the Richmond Country Club - Theme is Casino Night with a Hollywood Flair

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Auction for Education:**
- **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.

St. Paul/ELP Family Night and Dinner: has been postponed until Tuesday, January 23, 2018 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! *We will ask you to sign up for the event when you sign out your child from ELP.*

GOOD TO KNOW!

Thank you for working and attending Breakfast with Santa last weekend: Please help me recognize the chairs of the event, Ibeth Martinez and Maria Anaya for all of their work and dedication to the school...All those hours and phone calls.... Thank you to all who worked the event...set up, clean up, cooked and prepared the fabulous meal, donated the food, moms who helped with class tables, and all who brought their families! The preliminary numbers look like \$1800 profit. The money raised will go into the general fund for resources and supplies for all students. These events and so many other things we do together is why St. Paul is a special school community and school family!

Please recognize our new student, Zaahir Carter who sold cupcakes to raise money for his Non-Profit "Feeding the Town", which services the homeless population here in the Bay Area. He successfully raised \$125 dollars through his bakesale and another \$50 in donations. Thank you to all who supported him. We hope to support his cause as a school in the future.

Parent Check in article to read: Take a moment to read this article about setting both personal and academic goals with your child to teach them about self-motivation and responsibility for learning and doing throughout their lives. *See fliers in English and Spanish attached.*

Check out the Parent Resource Section on our Website: New information about helping your children create goals as well as other great research based articles has been uploaded under the parent resource section...be sure to check it out....Password is "pantherpride"

It is 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

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.

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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**

Sign up for Spring Baseball through TaraHills 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.