

ACCOMPLISHMENTS for 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

ST. PAUL SCHOOL MISSION

St. Paul Catholic School in the Diocese of Oakland educates children in the Catholic faith and nurtures their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

The philosophy of St. Paul School is twofold: first, to impart through instruction and example, the truths of the Christian faith as found in the Roman Catholic tradition; second, to provide an academic curriculum and learning environment that enables students to achieve their learning potential and become responsible individuals in our Church and society.

We believe the parents and caregivers are the primary educators and support them in this role.

We provide relevant learning experiences to help students become confident and competent individuals who live within their community with integrity and faith.

We recognize and celebrate the cultural diversity unique to our school, encouraging students to develop attitudes of mutual respect and understanding.

SCHOOL GOALS

- **Religious Goal:** To be a living model of the love and philosophy showed to us by Jesus Christ.
- **Academic Goal:** To provide a learning environment which enables the intellectual development of each student to his/her fullest potential.
- **Social Goal:** To help students develop a sense of mutual respect and mutual understanding for others and foster a personal responsibility for their immediate and global communities. They will understand their role as citizens and their responsibility to work with others in promoting quality of life and a sustainable society.
- **Creative Goal:** To provide students with the skills and opportunities to explore ideas and solutions with curiosity, independence, initiative, reflection and personal expression.
- **Psychological Goal:** To help students develop positive self-awareness so they can realize their greatest potential.
- **Physical Goal:** To encourage students to develop a healthy lifestyle, understand the importance of good nutrition, an appreciation of fair play, and an enjoyment of games and team sports.
- **Technological Goal:** To help students demonstrate knowledge of technology and its implications in society, and be able to use technology for creative activities or innovative solutions to problems.

CURRICULUM

- Adopted interactive student driven software
- Implemented new Religion curriculum
- Implemented Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) with new curriculum resources
- Tested and integrated STEEAM projects into the middle school schedule with the intention to make the time permanent in the 2017-2018 school year
- Implemented NEW common core aligned ELA curriculum in grades TK – 2nd
- Volunteer artists increased opportunities with time and resources
- Two of our students honored at GREAT Program 15 out of over 400 community wide
- Implemented Standard Based Report cards into grades K – 2
- Created TK and preschool standards based report card
- Implemented nutrition/health curriculum at all grade levels
- Students experienced at least two educational field trips per class to noted Bay Area locations
- HSPT test scores increased by 20%
- Standardized testing scores increased on average by 13%

ATHLETICS, AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM & EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP)

- Created partnerships with an increased amount of outside vendors for after school enrichment classes
- Increased professional development and engaging curriculum in Expanded Learning Program (ELP)
- Opportunities to work closer with Cal Berkeley and other school sites within the program – engaging in cross curriculum events
- Received 21st Century funding from state to create an expanded learning program - serving 120 students

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

- Built the Choir to over 20 students from grades 4th -8th grades
- Incorporated Spiritual Tools workshop for parents
- Celebrated Family Sunday liturgies
- Celebrated weekly masses sponsored by each class
- Celebrated Faith Families monthly
- Conducted the Seder Meal and reenactment of Jesus washing feet on Holy Thursday
- Integrated special prayer services written by students
- Celebrated First Reconciliation & Communion for 2nd Grade and other candidates attending St. Paul
- Service learning opportunities for middle school
- Hosted three staff retreats
- Provided bimonthly awards for SLE exemplary behavior and demonstration of skills learned
- Honored St. Francis -Blessing of the Animals
- Celebrated Dia de los Muertos/All Souls
- Celebrated Catholic Schools Week
- Celebrated Crowning of Mary

TECHNOLOGY

- Integrated one-on-one ipads and Chromebooks into daily use in Middle school
- Purchased 10 new ipads and 30 Chrome books
- Purchased licenses for several new apps for creative projects and assessments
- Purchased new document cameras for all classrooms
- Increased school-wide communication using School Messenger
- Teachers increased integration of technology in lesson delivery and learning assessments



CONTINUED ACCOMPLISHMENTS for 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

ADVISORY BOARD and PARENT, TEACHER GROUP

- Combined the Board and PTG
- Formed an African American Heritage committee that will help educate others about cultural competency and build upon other cultures voices at St. Paul School
- Planned Mother/Son Dance
- Sponsored Multi-cultural week
- Celebrated Earth Day
- Jog-a-thon raised over \$20,000
- Raised \$31K at 6th Annual Auction for Education Black & White Gala
- Fall Festival earned \$5800
- Breakfast with Santa & craft boutique earned \$1200
- Raffle earned \$3800
- Cinco de Mayo celebration earned \$1200
- Scholastic Book Fair earned over \$5200

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Replaced PA and bell system
- Replaced wood seating and bleachers
- Rstriped black-top and added educational and game environments
- Added more outdoor storage for Art/PE/Sports and preschool equipment
- Supported implementation of Sustainability and Recycle Program

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS

- Created usable space for preschool play area between modulars
- Electrical and Internet cables placed underground between buildings
- Added security cameras to the interior and exterior of the school campus
- Increased ipad availability to 52
- Added one to one Chromebooks for middle school
- Carpeted 7th and 8th grade classrooms
- Added greater bandwidth.

GRANTS and OPPORTUNITIES

- Offered 130K in financial aid to families
- Raised \$1200 for Catholic Charities Rice Bowl Project
- Raised \$1900 for "Get On the Bus" charity
- Raised \$900 for the Leukemia Foundation
- Hosted city of San Pablo Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Awarded \$25K from Atol Trust
- Awarded \$20K from the McMickey Foundation serving new families with tuition assistance
- Awarded \$5K from the City of San Pablo
- Chosen as "Best of the Bay" by Parent's Press

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Spiritual Tools workshop
- Monitoring social media with your children workshop
- Using Power school to begin conversations with your child
- How to guide your student online to use Go Math
- Social/Emotional learning and Executive functioning skills
- Donated over \$3500 to the National organizations... The Leukemia Society, Rice Bowl and the local organization – Get on the Bus
- Donated twice to St. Vincent de Paul help feed the hungry in the local communities
- Performed for the City of San Pablo at their Christmas program
- Celebrated Grandparent / Special Friend's Day
- Participated in El Sobrante Stroll and city of San Pablo Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Partnered with San Pablo Police Department offering 10-week Parent Education class
- Hosted Boy & Girl Scout Fair
- Member of San Pablo and El Sobrante Chambers of Commerce and Elks Lodge Richmond 1251
- Participated in Lillian Black Festival for the Arts and Young Author's Faire
- Placed 1st Place in the Diocesan Science Fair.



School-wide Learning Expectations (SLEs) are a set of standards that define the spiritual, academic, social and emotional characteristics of a St. Paul student.

Throughout the year, each student works towards developing and demonstrating these characteristics alongside their academic expectations.

The SLEs personify and encapsulate the philosophy of St. Paul school.

A St. Paul Elementary School Graduate ...

I...is a faith-filled human being who...

- Demonstrates a basic understanding of the Catholic faith and traditions;
- Values a personal relationship with God;
- Celebrates the Catholic faith;
- Demonstrates moral decision-making

II...is a responsible human being who...

- Takes responsibilities for his or her actions;
- Respects the rights of others;
- Exhibits healthy habits;
- Is environmentally friendly

III...is an effective communicator who...

- Uses the basic skills of written and oral expression with ease;
- Listens and respects the feelings of others;
- Thinks critically and independently, and applies these skills in problem solving

IV...has a love of learning...

- Is able to set clear goals and aspire to achieve them;
- Is a self-directed, self-starter who knows the importance of making responsible choices;
- Is actively engaged in using technological resources;
- Has developed an appreciation of the arts



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity,"

1 Timothy 4:12

WHAT IS BEING SAID ABOUT ST. PAUL SCHOOL..... Putting Words & Philosophy into Action!

Our daughter receives more than a strong academic foundation at St. Paul s; she s also learning manners, respect for herself, her friends, her teachers and the environment. She enjoys school and we re proud to have her at St. Paul's.

—Submitted by a parent

St. Paul has been such a great fit not only for my daughter but my family as well. My daughter has truly blossomed in the few short months that she has been a student at St. Paul's her teacher Mrs. Gray is amazing! She is very happy to go to school everyday and academically I know she is thriving. I love knowing that she is not only receiving the best education but she is also being well taken care of. I cannot say enough great things about St. Pauls.

—Submitted by a parent/Great Schools

This is our first year in SPS. My husband and I went to visit the school in January this year and absolutely felt this was the right school for our daughter. She just stated Kindergarten this year. The teachers and staff are so welcoming, it feels like you are at home. The class sizes are small which I love. They offer an excellent after school program. I feel like this school is a safe place for my daughter. She loves her class and her teacher. I would definitely recommend this school.

—Submitted by a parent/Great Schools

Being new to the Bay Area and with such a small network pool, it was hard to decide what options were available for our son. After much consideration and family support we decided to seek out Private school. We knew St. Paul would be a fit the minute we met the Principal. The faculty and staff were very inviting and confirmed that we were not only making the right move academically for our son but entering a family environment. I'm sure we've made the right choice.

—Submitted by a parent



The Expanded Learning Program is a new addition this year to our school program. It provides access to tutoring and homework time, enrichment in the visual and performing arts, physical education and challenge, career exploration, science and engineering, chess and technology. The students are able to explore interests taught by professionals in their field and learn about themselves past the typical school day.

—Submitted by a parent/Great Schools

My child started the middle school program (6-8) at St. Paul's and we couldn't be happier with our school experience. The teachers are top-notch, and work together with all three grades. They provide a lot of individual support and encourage creative problem-solving, but also hold the kids accountable and expect them to do the work and do their best. The academics are great - they are reading entire complex novels, doing hands-on science experiments, and discussing big ideas in social studies and religion. The principal is terrific, passionate about education, accessible, down-to-earth, and absolutely committed to the development of the school, the students, and the staff. The students (many of whom have been together for years at the K-8) welcomed my child with open friendliness from day one, and as a new parent, I felt the same welcome from other families and the staff. The school offers strong academics, Common Core, a small, safe, supportive environment, art, music, Spanish, a computer lab, great before and after school care, enrichment classes, and sports. It's a real gem.

—Submitted by a parent

I absolutely love this school. My daughter started here this year after an unfavorable experience in a local public school. Saint Paul's raises the bad on the well rounded education they provide. Getting my daughter up for school is a piece of cake. Why? Because she loves this school, the teachers. And I love knowing my daughter is receiving a quality education and is happy and excited to learn. They encourage parent involvement. They provide an amazing moral structure that cannot be matched. There is no other school for us.

—Submitted by a parent/Great Schools

CONGRATULATIONS ST. PAUL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016-2017



2016-2017 GRADUATING CLASS

Elijah Basilio
Evka Byrns
Joseph Hernandez
Fernando Lopez
Emily Lunar-Silva
Juan Martinez
Maralya Mendoza

Onyekachi Okegbe
Anani Perales
Ian Perez-Vallejo
Gabriela Rodriguez
Hamiel Tiongco
Angel Tuazon
Hydeia Wysinger

High School Awards
Are presented to those students who have excelled because of interest, knowledge and contribution in this subject

Salesian College Preparatory
Anani Perales - Don Bosco
Elijah Basilio - Honors
Evka Byrns - Honors

Holy Names High School
Hydeia Wysinger - HNHS Merit, STEAM and Women in Medicine Awards

All that applied to Catholic high schools including Salesian College Prep, St. Mary's College High School and Holy Names High School

Kindergarten Awards
those who have attended for 9 years
Fernando Lopez
Maralya Mendoza
Onyekachi Okegbe
Anani Perales
Gabriela Rodriguez
Hamiel Tiongco
Angel Tuazon



In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35

CONTINUING TO GROW 2017-2018 "Reaching forward with Faith, Hope and Community"

Dear Family and Friends of St. Paul School,

As I reflect back on our school's 65th Anniversary year, I am reminded of the vision the Sisters of Notre Dame conveyed to the parish of St. Paul church. They wanted all children from all cultures and means to experience an excellent academic education guided by the teachings of Christ and His apostles. As I embark on my 7th year with you, I am still humbled by the responsibility to carry on and strengthen the same vision conceived so long ago. I am truly blessed with the support, creativity and dedication of amazing teachers, staff and clergy who have joined with me, parents, extended family, alumni, parishioners and community members to continue to move the school forward in building a diverse and creative culture and respectful, Christ-like community.

By living our Mission we are confident that for the next 65 years we will continue to deepen our faith-based, child-centered, academically-excellent, confident-creative, family-focused and service-oriented Catholic school environment. Standing on the foundation of those who have worked so hard before us, we rededicate ourselves to empowering our children, parents, teachers, parishioners, alumni, and friends of the school to be active partners in providing excellent and innovative education. Together we will continue "Reaching forward with Faith, Hope and Community".

Always Blessings and Gratitude, Natalie Lenz-Acuña, Principal

GOALS for 2017-2018

- Continue integration of digital technology and literacy
- SBRC will be mandatory in Kindergarten thru 5th grades
- Grading percentages moving to 90% summative and 10% formative assessments
- Increased mandatory parent education on academic and social emotional learning
- Will review Student Learning Expectations and align with 21st century skills
- Continue project-based assessments in all subjects
- Increasing STEAM projects within all grades
- Begin writing WCEA/WASC self-study
- Teachers engaging in on-going professional development to become Apple Certified Teachers with the ability to classify St. Paul School as an Apple certified school
- Looking into hiring a Resource teacher to serve all grades and students who need additional academic help
- Continue to build partnership and innovation between teachers and Expanded Learning Program
- Implement new religion curriculum for grades Preschool thru 8th grades
- Parent education series in faith formation and Parenting skills
- Re-instate altar server training
- Continue to serve and have a presence in the outside community
- Continue Social /Emotional and Executive functioning learning and skill building
- Continue developing inter-relational activities with parish

