



September 14, 2017

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sun Sept 17: El Sobrante Stroll from 10-4pm
- Wed Sept 20: Picture Day!
- Fri Sept 22: Blue Mass sponsored by the scouts honoring 1<sup>st</sup> Responders
- Mon Sept 25: All Enrichment classes begin this week
- Tues Sept 26: Auction for Education meeting at 6:30pm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Wed Sept 27: Fall Festival meeting at 6:30pm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Fri Sept 29: Faith Families and FREE DRESS for everyone

**As a reminder, this week, the Panther's Tale will be short and sweet...providing information in bullets. This "Tweeted" ISSUE includes...**

#### Prayer

God of peace, bring your peace to our world, O God of love, compassion, and healing,  
look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions,  
Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage  
to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign  
among nations and in the hearts of all.

Adapted from: Pope Benedict XI--Prayer at Ground Zero

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

1. **Support Hurricane Relief:** Today is the last day to purchase a free dress pass for \$3. Those who purchased will receive Free dress on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. All money earned will be donated to victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Thank you for your support.
2. **El Sobrante Stroll:** We need you to show some Panther Pride! Please come support the school and march in the parade for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual El Sobrante Stroll this Sun, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 4 pm. Sign up on Signup.com to MARCH IN THE PARADE and/or work at the school's information table. Wear your spirit gear or SPS sports jersey Parents will receive PPH for walking in the parade and middle school students will receive service hours...we want to have a large representation of St. Paul School. Be sure to bring your friends and family, and show the crowd your St. Paul School spirit. See flier for details.

3.



**Picture Day:** Must wear full uniform with a blue sweater or sweatshirt. At that time the photographer will take an aerial picture of the entire school from the roof top. That picture will also be available for sale for you.

4. **CYO sports at SPS:** The website is updated with the official sign-up form (with medical information), practice dates and times, and meet dates and times. <https://st-paulschool.org/fall-cross-country>

- Basketball and Volleyball sign-ups for both boys and girls in 3rd to 8<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have any questions please phone our Athletic Director Joel Saefong at Jsaefong07@gmail.com... See flier for details.

5. **Out of uniform:** Sweats are only allowed on the day your child has PE it is not to replace uniform pants. Boys will need to wear a belt to keep their pants on their waist. Students will be issued Uniform Infractions for breaking the SPS uniform rules. Uniform changes: Adding to Shaving graphics into the hair is not allowed.

## PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

1. **2017-18 Enrichment Classes:** All Enrichment classes begin the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>. Those attending ELP will be brought to the classes. Those who are not participating in ELP will need to be picked up from school and brought to the class by an adult. Please see fliers attached to sign up your children.

2. **Fall Festival Update:** Fall Festival flier and donation letter we encourage all parents to attend the next meeting Wed. Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We also need your help.... Please take the donation letter to local businesses for donations or to see if they would like to host a booth. We can't do it without their help!! See donation letter and flyer attached.

3. **Calendar Change:** Sept 29 is no longer a noon dismissal day, the teacher professional development training has been canceled. Thank you

## GOOD TO KNOW!

1. **Recap on important information from Back to School Night:** Thank you for attending our Annual Back to School Night.

- You can find almost everything on our Website - [www.st-paulschool.org](http://www.st-paulschool.org).
- Please see the flier with detailed instructions as to how to navigate our site.
- ParentPortal password is pantherpride
- Learn about how to set up and navigate Power school:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yk9UBBJ4BP8>
- Grades TK- 2<sup>nd</sup> grades: Check your child's folder each night for homework and notes from teachers
- Students in grades 3-8<sup>th</sup> have planners that they write their homework in. Please check their planners and look over their homework each night
- Standards based report card Handbook can be found under the academic tab on the website.

2. **Important Reminder:** During drop off in the morning, please help us get all vehicles off the street and onto the lot by driving all the way up to the sign located near the middle school. Please do not stall the line by allowing your child to leave the car in the middle of the line. In the afternoon...drive all the way up so we can get as many cars in as well. Please do not leave your car. We will bring your child to the car. If you do not pick up your child, please pass this information along to those who do pick up your child. We appreciate your cooperation.

3. The 8th grade bake sale on Friday and added \$333.75 from the sale in front of the church on Sunday after the masses. This brings the total for the 8th grader up to \$626.35. Great job and thank you so very much for your support.

4. Update on being a part of network of schools: Last year, Bishop Barber personally chose St. Paul School to be a part of a network of schools that will impact the future of Catholic Schools. As one of seven schools chosen, we are privileged to explore how equity and excellence. As the planning and participate gets underway, we will be reporting to you monthly on the progress. Please see the letter included that generally describes the launch of this exciting endeavor. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Natalie

5. **Lunch Program at St. Paul School:** Food4Thought Lunch program offers both hot and cold lunch options daily. Please log in at [www.f4tc.com](http://www.f4tc.com) and sign up for a new account for the year. Our school code for the new software is 129. Any questions or assistance, please go to <http://support.hotlunch.com/> for help.

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



7. Remind your children to do a little each day and read...

8. You are encouraged to always check the **school calendar on our website** - [www.st-pauschool.org](http://www.st-pauschool.org). This year we are indicating all the masses, fieldtrips and days off. It will be the most up-to date changes and additions.

9. **"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:**

Gold: Best Alternative Learning Styles and Best Bilingual Middle School in Contra Costa County

Silver: Best Faith Based Middle School in Contra Costa County

Bronze: Best Small Preschool (30 or less) in Contra Costa County

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**

None this week!