



September 27, 2017

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wed Sept 27: Dance Center begins classes today  
Fall Festival meeting at 6:30pm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Fri Sept 29: Blue Mass sponsored by the scouts honoring 1<sup>st</sup> Responders  
September Tuition payment due by 4pm  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Progress Report Period
- Mon Oct 2: Xfit - Crossfit After school class begins  
Scholastic Book Faire planning meeting at 6:30pm
- Tues Oct 3: KungFu Afterschool class begins
- Wed Oct 4: Blessing of the Animals at 11:30am in the back lot  
Noon dismissal for TK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thur Oct 5: Noon dismissal for TK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri Oct 6: Noon dismissal for TK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mon Oct 9: No School in celebration of Indigenous Peoples /Chris Columbus Day
- Tues Oct 10: PTG meeting at 6:30pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Wed Oct 11: Fall Festival meeting
- Mon Oct 16: Father/Daughter planning committee meeting at 6:30pm
- Thurs Oct 19: Diwali Festival of Lights India
- Oct 23-31: Red Ribbon Week

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

#### Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy, for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist, for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches, for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children, for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

- Doug Leonhardt, S.J.



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

**1. October Events:** October has so many events and celebrations that we honor including Earthquake month, Red ribbon week, Breast Cancer awareness month and the cultural celebration of Diwali, and Make a Difference Day. Stay tuned for more information to come. The 2017 National Red Ribbon Week theme: "Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free".

**2. Please help us support victims from the Mexico City Earthquake:** by sending in money in the amount you are comfortable in an envelope with your child's name and grade on it. The class who collects the most money Friday, September 29th will receive a Pizza Party with all the trimmings! Also classes that achieve 100% family participation? Then it's less about total amount raised and more about everyone getting involved.

**3. All School Picture:** We will be taking our All-School picture at 11am this Friday, Sept 29. Please make sure that your child is in full uniform for the photo. The photo will be for sale and we will have information for you soon.

**4. 2017-18 Enrichment Classes:**

- We are happy to announce the return of Chinese Martial Arts to SPS! We welcome Shun Shifu and his instructors whole heartedly once again. We will begin classes October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Xfit will also begin their classes on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- We are also happy to announce the return of Dance Centre One to SPS! We welcome Ms Lyons back for her 6<sup>th</sup> year. We will begin classes today, September 27.
- There is still space available in our Friday Ceramics class Fridays. 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 this issue as well as located at the office. Sign up your children. Send in your payments for all four classes today!

**5. Blessing of the Animals:** Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am the priests will bless your animal in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. See flier for details.

**6. Parent / Teacher Conferences next week:** We are sending home a confirmation notice of your conference time. If you did not sign up at Back to School Night, you will be getting a slip with a proposed time to meet. If the time will not work for you, please contact the teacher as soon as you can. You will get your child's progress report at your conference.

**7. Standards Based Grading Parent handbook:** This year grades Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be graded with standards based markers 1 - 3.5. A review of the Standards Based Grading and report card is in the Parent Handbook under Parents > Parent Education. Schedules etc > Click on Parent Education.

**8. Fall Festival Update:** The committee is working on the best Fall Festival yet. Please take a look at the Rent-a-Table flier and donation letter. We need parents to go out into the community and businesses to get donations such as gift cards and basket fillers and encourage extended family support.

## PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

**2. FYI:** The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Fall Festival Update:** October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Click here to sign up to help out or donate <http://signup.com/go/ckTjeEr>
- **Father/Daughter planning meeting:** Monday, October 16<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm
- **Scholastic Book Fair Planning meeting:** Is scheduled for Mon. October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.

- **Our next PTG Meeting:** October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

## GOOD TO KNOW!

**1. Kids for the Bay presentation and event:** KIDS for the BAY (KftB) and the City of San Pablo organize the Wildcat Creek Clean-Up and are inviting our St. Paul School students to participate. This year's clean-up will be on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be coming to school to speak to the student on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will present their information about the event and saving the environment in each classroom. I hope you can come out and support.

**2. PTG and Committee meeting notes:** Live in the Parent Portal under PTG minutes. Gala meeting notes are up for your review.



**3. Planning for Halloween:** Parents have asked about costumes, parties and parades. Please see the flier attached for early information about our Halloween celebration.

**4. Sports Practices:** Girl's Volleyball practice has begun and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:45pm at St. Paul School. Boy's Basketball will begin Oct.11<sup>th</sup> and continue on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:45pm also at St. Paul School. Sign ups are going on. See fliers attached.

**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. SPS Events for the Year:** Please take note of the events that classes are assigned to this year:

Gala/Auction- TK and Kinder, lead = Vania

Multicultural Week- 1st grade,

Bookfaire- 2nd grade = Rachel and Henry Hussey

Fun Run-3rd grade =

Father/Daughter Dance- 4th grade = Nicole Ruiz

Fall Festival- 5th and 7th grade lead= Amber

Teacher Appreciation-6th grade lead= Angelica

Breakfast w/ Santa- 8th grade = Ibeth and Maria

9. 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.

10. **"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.

11. **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**