



January 17, 2018

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wed Jan 17: Multi-cultural week planning committee at 6:30p  
 Fri Jan 19: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Progress Report period ends  
 Parent Afterschool Care survey due  
 Tues Jan 23: Board Meeting at 6:30pm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade room  
 Auction for Education meeting at 6:30pm  
 Wed Jan 24: TK - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Progress Reports handed sent to parents, via student  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> can be viewed online via Powerschool  
 Fri Jan 26: St. Paul Science Fair - grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
 Father/ Daughter Dance  
 Sun Jan 28: Open House from 10am to 1pm and beginning of Catholic School Week  
 All school mass sponsored by 3rd grade

### "Free at Last! Free at Last!"

God grant that right here in America and all over this world, we will choose the high way; a way in which men will live together as brothers. A way in which the nations of the world will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. A way in which every man will respect the dignity and worth of all human personality. A way in which every nation will allow justice to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. A way in which men will do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. A way in which men will be able to stand up, and in the midst of oppression, in the midst of darkness and agony, they will be able to stand there and love their enemies, bless those persons that curse them, pray for those individuals that despitefully use them. And this is the way that will bring us once more into that society which we think of as the brotherhood of man. This will be that day when white people, colored people, whether they are brown or whether they are yellow or whether they are black, will join together and stretch out with their arms and be able to cry out: "Free at last! Free at last! Great God Almighty, we are free at last!"

-Martin Luther King

Montgomery, Alabama, on December 5, 1957

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

**Mandatory Survey regarding Afterschool care:** Please take 3 min to complete the survey below. We would like to better serve your needs with a financially attractive Panthers club. We will use your input from the survey to implement changes. **Please have the survey complete by January 19<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to be a part of this discussion, please come to this month's Board meeting on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. We hope to implement changes for the month of February.

Please cut and paste the link below into your browser. Thank you so very much for your efforts and time.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9rNIpoC64Cxeqwgssh0kVrIWVG2cYrmWdS8oSDwnKGHEnQ/viewform>

**Tickets for Father Daughter Dance:** Next Friday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Father (Special friend)/ Daughter dinner beginning at 6pm. **Tickets continue to be on sale for \$12 per attendee or \$24 per couple.** This special semi-formal event for girls and their significant other males will include professional pictures, dinner, and dancing and fun activities. *Please go to SignUp.com for volunteer opportunities.*

**Intent to Return and Registration for 2018-2019:** The Intent to Return form is being sent home to you this week with your child. Please ask them for it, if needed, it is attached for your convenience. This form is not a contract rather a way for us to gauge how many spots will be open in a class for next year so we do not over accept children. It is important for us to maintain our community that we have all grown to cherish. *Estimated tuition contracts will be sent to those whose financial situation remains the same or warrants aide within the month of February.*

If you are undecided I hope that you will take the time to let me know why so I may use that information to continue to best serve you.

Thank you for your time. Please send it back into the office and **go on to the website on the right hand side of the home page at [www.st-paulschool.org](http://www.st-paulschool.org) and register your student through Infosnap PLEASE CLICK ON ENROLLMENT. (DO NOT complete an APPLICATION - those are for NEW STUDENTS) for next year by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Give a GreatSchools Review:** Thank you to all parents who have provided a review in the past. We need your opinion again! We are beginning our new campaign for our 2018-2019 school year. We are very excited about the changes we have made this year to better serve our students with high academic expectations, opportunities to discover with creativity and social/emotional growth. Please go to [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org) and take a few minutes to complete a review of the school. Print the review turn it into the office and **get one PPH hour** for your time and effort. Follow the instructions attached.

**"Tell two Friends" and Handing out Open House Post Cards:** 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 will be sending each student 15 post cards to give to friends who may be interested in St. Paul School and drop them off at businesses you frequent. WE need your help to spread the word!**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.st-paulschool.org)  
Please contact the office if you would like to schedule one-on-one system training. See flier now under the section, *Weekly Fliers* under the Parent Portal.

**Valentine's Day Raffle:** Next week we will hold **Raffle to pay for the Middle School Roof. Tickets will cost \$1 each.** WE are sending \$30 tickets home for your family to sell. Tickets are due back on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. The Grand prize is a 5-foot tall Teddy Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a \$100 gift card from Toys R Us and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a \$50 Amazon card. I hope you can reach out to friends and family to help us to raise \$3200 for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade roof. *See flier for details.*

**2018 Open House:** St. Paul School is the number one in enrollment growth among the 39 elementary schools in the Diocese of Oakland last year and we want to be this year. 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade age children to attend our upcoming Open House scheduled Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the kick-off of Catholic School's Week. The event will be from 10am to 1pm at the school. See how we are changing the face of Catholic Education!

We ask you to go to our St. Paul facebook page and like and forward it to your friends.

**Sign up for Girl's Basketball:** It is time to sign up for CYO basketball for girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We need coaches and parent volunteers to help form and make these teams possible. You will receive parent hours for your time. Contact our Athletic director - Joel Saefong to pledge your commitment. *See sign up fliers for details.*

### PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

#### **No Name Calling Week:**

This week we are participating in No Name Calling Week (NNCW). As we embark on the mid-point of the school year, focus on activities will serve as a reminder for students about expectations for respectful behaviors modeled by our faith and the life of Jesus. It is an opportunity to build upon school-wide efforts to create a yearlong climate of respect.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Progress Reports period:** ends this Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Wed, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> the TK - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Progress Reports will be sent home to parents via the student. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students reports can be viewed online via Powerschool.

**Catholic School's Week:** Please join us for our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, beginning Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> with our Open House. The theme-Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.— highlights our focus on faith development, academic excellence and dedication to community at St. Paul School. Next week we will send out the schedule of celebrations for the week beginning January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent Q & A Information meeting:** Mark your calendar and attend an evening of conversation about a variety of topics ranging from ELP, the Panther's Club, homework, grading, social/emotional skills, academic rigor, and St. Paul school participating in the Lumen Christi Academy. The purpose of this meeting is to ask the questions you may have along with others who may wonder the same. Together we can support each other and move the school forward. Receive abPPH hour for attending. *We will have snacks! See flier for more information.*

**New Xfit Afterschool enrichment class Opportunity:** Xfit will switch their Lil' Ninja Warrior Training program from Mondays to Fridays at 3:15 to 4:05pm starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>. That day, your child can check out the class for FREE open to all students that are interested in the program. The current students seem to really like the new program. *See the flier and sign up now!*

**Save the Date for our Annual Auction for Education and Gala:** The Theme is Gala Casino Royale at the Richmond Country Club, it will be amazing. The date is Saturday, May 19, 2018 - **16 weeks to go!** Please go to [signup.com](http://signup.com) ahead of time and sign up if you need PPH hours. We want to be able to make sure that we place you in tasks for you to fulfill your hours.

#### **FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:**

- **Auction for Education:** Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm
- **Multi-Cultural Week Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm 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>
- **Board Meeting:** Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

### GOOD TO KNOW!

**Congratulations:** To both Yaritza Duarte and her sister. Both were baptized this past Saturday at St. Paul Church.

**Water-bottle Filler is Good to Go:** Please join me in thanking Mr. Cruz for installing the machine and Mr. Lara for putting in the electrical outlet to make the water run cold and smoothly.

**Check out this link from Eudutopia:** In November, we recommended parents check out the book, The Gift of Failure - How the Best Parents Learn to Let go so their children can Succeed by Jessica Lahey. The 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.

**Cut and paste this link into your browser to watch the author speak about the book...**

[https://www.edutopia.org/blog/when-helping-hurts-david-cutler?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=socialflow](https://www.edutopia.org/blog/when-helping-hurts-david-cutler?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialflow)

**Annual Giving is the Season for Giving:** We are asking each family to reach out to alumni, their friends and extended families to give. Gifts of any size make a big difference, but we ask that you consider a tax deductible donation of \$250 or more if you are able. Each dollar that is donated over the \$100 contribution required by each family will be matched by a generous donor. You can easily contribute to the school via our website at [www.st-paulschool.org](http://www.st-paulschool.org). Just click on the Annual Giving Fund on the home page and follow the prompts.

**Update on the Lumen Christi Academy Schools:** This month we write to update you about what this change means for our teachers and staff as a member of the newly formed Lumen Christi Academy schools. Please see the attached for details. You can find all correspondence about the Lumen Christi Academy plans as they unfold each month on our school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Natalie.

**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"

**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.

**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](http://Foodforthought.boonli.com) [michael@f4tc.com](mailto:michael@f4tc.com) (925) 876-3150

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

**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 Tara Hills 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 not posted in our Weekly Flier section under the Parent Portal.*