

January 31, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed Jan 31: **Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers Day**

Dress theme: Crazy Hat Day

Thurs Feb 1: **Celebrating Families Day**

Dress theme: Pajama Day

Black History Month Begins

Fri Feb 2: **Celebrating our Environment and our Community**

Dress theme: School uniform

Mass, St. Blaise - blessing of the throats at 9:00am

100th Day of school - celebrations

Sat Feb 3: Robotics Competition at Salesian College Prep gym - doors open at 8am

Kindergarten and Middle School testing at 9am

Tues Feb 6: African American Heritage Meeting - 6:30pm in 4th grade

Tues Feb 13: Valentine's Day Raffle tickets due into office by 4pm

Wed Feb 14: Ash Wednesday - LENT Begins

Noon Dismissal for scheduled parent conferences

Thur Feb 15: Noon Dismissal for scheduled parent conferences

Fri Feb 16: Noon Dismissal for scheduled parent conferences

ELP will be closed for Professional development. Panther's Club available

Mon Feb 19: No School - In honor of President's Day

Prayer

Our Call to the Ministry of Catholic Education

Source of all Compassion and Knowledge, we recognize that through this ministry of Catholic education you call us to be your presence for the children you confide to our care. You continue to gift us with your wisdom and to bless us with knowledge and insights, which allow us to participate in the education and development of the whole child. We pray that we may recognize the power of our mission and that we may carry it out with humility, in faith and in a spirit of discipleship. We ask this through Jesus, our first teacher. Amen

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Panther's Club Afterschool Program -NEW PAYMENT RATE: The board voted last week to change the payment structure of the Panther's Club providing more flexibility and more affordability to serve families who are not apart of the ELP program. **Changes will be in effect tomorrow-Thursday, February 1st.**

Changes are as follows:

1. *Option to pay a monthly rate of \$175 per child. You may be billed in two payments*
2. *Hourly rate will decrease to \$5 per hour if you are registered*
3. *You pre-register with a \$50 one-time Registration Fee.*

The Panther's Club is available afternoons only - 3 to 6pm daily, Wednesdays from 2 to 6pm and minimum days from 12 to 6pm. **Complete information with comparisons and a registration form is attached and will be distributed to all families. Ask your children for the 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 2nd. **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 video link below and sign up now!* [xfit ninja training program short version - YouTube](#)

Valentine Grams for your friends and teachers on Sale Monday: Valentine Grams will be on sale from Monday Feb 5th - Friday Feb 9th for \$2 each. Grams will be distributed on Tuesday Feb 13th because Valentine's Day is on Ash Wednesday! Grams will be sold at Recess and Lunchtime. Each gram includes a sweet treat and mardi gras necklaces. Additional forms are available from the office.

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

Continuing Catholic School's Week: This whole week of activities are planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders. The theme of this week's celebration is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

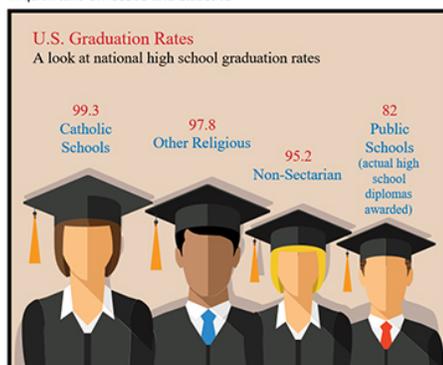
This theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families like you make sacrifices to provide your children with a Catholic education.

I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

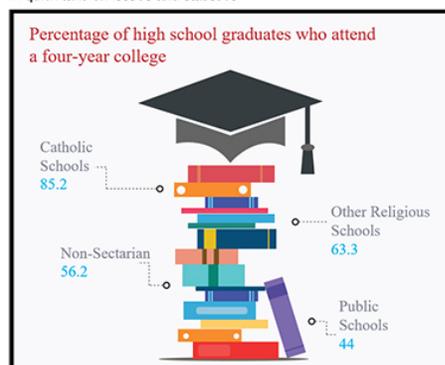
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Intent to Return and Registration for 2018-2019: Last week, the Intent to Return form has been sent home to you with your child. This form is not a contract rather a way for us to gauge how many spots will be open in a class for next year so we do not over accept children. It is important for us to maintain our community that we have all

grown to cherish. 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.

I anticipate that estimated tuition contracts will be sent to those whose financial situation remains the same or warrants aide the end of February.

Every current family will have to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year: The first week of February, you will receive an email that provides current families a link and invitation to enroll. If your information remains the same, the process should be no more than 10 min. At that time, you will need to pay a registration deposit of \$150. Although we encourage you to do so then, you can check the box marked "check" and pay in the office. Note that you will not be considered registered until your \$150 deposit is paid.

Apply for Financial Aid for the 2018-2019 school year: Any and all families seeking financial aid from outside entities such as FACE, BASIC as well as the school for the 2018-2019 school year, must complete a financial aid application. The application is Due March 16th to be considered for ANY and ALL tuition assistance. Please do not wait to apply. *If you qualify and neglect to apply for outside aid, the school may not be able to compensate for you not applying. We will give aid on a first come first serve basis.*

FACE financial aid opportunity: Preliminary assessments for online applications are available immediately upon submission. Final assessments are provided as soon as FACTS has 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 or go to online.factsmgt.com/aid and clicking the "Applying for a Grant?" tab. All applications must be completed online. 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.

Basic Fund financial aid opportunity: Very important for those families applying for BASIC Funds: Please submit BASIC applications as soon as possible. The BASIC fund grants on a "first come first serve" basis. Families submitting BASIC applications before March are FAR more likely to receive a grant than anyone applying in March. Apply at <http://www.basicfund.org/how-to-apply-english/>

Powerschool Mobile App: Please take a look at the flier attached that explains how you can download a mobile app for Powerschool. It will make it easier for you to check your child's grades and assignments. You can receive alerts on your phone when grades are updated.

"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 need your help to spread the word!**

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 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.

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

[PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR](#)

Sign up for Girl's Basketball: It is time to sign up for CYO basketball for girls from 3rd thru 8th 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.*

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 - **14 weeks to go!** Please go to 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, February 27th at 6:30pm
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00pm 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, February 20th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.

GOOD TO KNOW!

Thank you....Father/Daughter Dance: Please join me in thanking Sherrice and Jessica and their team of moms including Nicole and Minda who made a night to remember last Friday. We had over 70 girls who attended with their dads and/or significant males in their lives. This event made memories that will forever be remembered. It takes a village!

Thank you for all who attended Open House: Thank you to all who visited the classrooms - both current and upcoming grades. I know how very proud your children were to show off what they are doing and what they are learning. If you attended your child will receive a FREE Dress pass for Monday, February 5th. Thank you to the teachers and staff who worked hard to show you why St. Paul and Catholic education is an advantage to the development of the "Whole Child"!

Parent Q & A Information meeting: *Last night we had two parents attend our information night!* Parent leaders wanted us to be available to speak 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. From the turn out, I appreciate that between the Panther's Tale, attentive room parents and teachers, that we are doing a great job with informing you about the both the wonderful things and concerns you have about the future of St. Paul School and those per the classroom.

Lumen Christi Academy update: I hope you had a moment to read the information about the "What" they are and "Why" we have chosen to be a part of this network of schools - Lumen Christi Academies. Please reference the article written about this new network in the Catholic Voice at:
http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2018/2018images/012218_VOICE_web.pdf

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. Just click on the Annual Giving Fund on the home page and follow the prompts.

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 michael@f4tc.com (925) 876-3150

Volunteer: Go to 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.

Business Accounting & Tax Planning 10

When: Mon Feb 5, 2018 4pm - 5:30pm

Where: San Pablo EDC, 13830 San Pablo Ave, Suite D, San Pablo, CA 94806

Vacation Bible Camp: St. John The Baptist Church 17th Annual Vacation Bible Day Camp will be held June 25-29th, 2017. The theme is "A Wild Ride at "Avalanche Ranch".

All Day Campers are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m for only \$170, Morning only Campers are 9 a.m.-12 noon For \$70.

Prairie Dog Pre-School is for 3-5 year olds who haven't started kindergarten.

Kids will enjoy; Sing & Play Stampede Skits & Songs, Cowpoke Crafts & Science, Wild Bible Adventures, Chuck Wagon Chow Snacks, Horseplay Games, Special Guests & Service Projects, new friends and much more!

Mark your calendars & set the date for the Coolest week of the Summer!

On-line registration will be available in March: www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html

Questions: Pam Vincent [email:pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)