

**Dear Parents and Guardians:**

**Prayers and Acknowledgements**

We offer prayers this week for all the members of our parish and school community who have passed away this year. Traditionally, at the end of the Catholic liturgical year, prior to the season of Advent, we honor Saints and Souls who have gone before us. This is a beautiful reminder of our baptismal promises which were repeated at last week's Confirmation liturgy ... Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? We answer "yes" as we remember and honor the memory of beloved ones with the promise of everlasting life that awaits us all.

We thank all our parent volunteers, and book fair organizer, Mrs. Olivo, for their efforts toward the recent book fair. Reading is a skill, as well as a great source of pleasure, to be cultivated by our children as they learn to read and read to learn.

Again, we want to thank our student athletes, their parents and coaches for participating in our fall parish CYO athletic program. We congratulate the 7<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team as they defeated St. Peter's in overtime 4-2, and winning the soccer championship. We congratulate all of our volleyball teams, in grades 3-8, as each team made it to the playoffs, which are being played this week and weekend. We are proud of all our student athletes for their time, dedication and efforts.

**Open House Tonight!**

Please remind family and friends of our Open House taking place at 7:00 p.m. this evening in our Parish Center. We are grateful to our choir for performing and to our parent and student volunteers for representing our school.

**Class Representatives**

Please join us tonight at our School Open House. Your services are needed to help provide tours and answer questions from our visiting families. The Open House will begin at 7:00 p.m., but if any of you can come early to help set up, it would be much appreciated.

**Parent Group Meeting, November 17, 2004 (Scheduled Activities)**

**SFPD Officer Speaks on Internet Safety at Parent Group Meeting.** This is a mandatory meeting for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents, but all of our parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Officer Kim Mercer will speak at 7:00 p.m. about the dangers involved in Internet usage. *Childcare will be provided.*

**Fingerprinting** will also take place Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., before the start of the Parent Group Meeting. Remember, fingerprinting is mandatory if you plan to volunteer or work in any capacity at school. Limited space is available for drop-ins. The co-pay for parents/guardians is \$9.00 and forms must be completely filled out. If you have already submitted your form, but have not yet paid, please be prepared to pay the \$9.00 co-pay before being fingerprinted. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's School. Thank you!

**Parent Group Potluck** will also take place before Thursday's Parent Group Meeting. Please arrive early and bring a dish to share. We will begin the meal around 6:15 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

**Holiday Cookbook Recipes Needed**

St. Paul's Holiday Cookbook is in need of recipes. Please submit your favorite family recipe to the school office, Attn: Johnson/Holiday Cookbook. You may also e-mail any recipes to Anne O'Shea @ [anne@sfoshea.com](mailto:anne@sfoshea.com).

**One Warm Coat Drive**

The deadline to donate your outgrown, clean coats is this Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled pick-up is 10:00 a.m. Men, women's and children's coats will be accepted and will benefit St. Anthony's Clothing Stores, where those in need can shop free of charge. Thank you for your donations!

**Early Shoppers**

Please remember to pick up an extra toothbrush and/or pair of socks as you are out shopping this holiday season. We will be collecting these items for our Parish Drive to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Charity Organization. The collection box for these items is on the first floor and will remain until December 10<sup>th</sup>. Again, thank you for your donations!

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will end this Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please send your donations to the office for those less fortunate than us during this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity.

**Family Mass & Pancake Breakfast December 19, 2004**

Mark your Calendars! The Men of St. Paul's will cook a wonderful pancake breakfast after the Family Mass with proceeds going toward our own Athletics Program. Santa Claus will make a special appearance to take photos. Thank you for your support.

**Bingo Volunteers**

Many thanks to all of our parents for their effort to support our Parish Bingo Program. You are reminded that volunteers must be parents and immediate guardians only. Please follow the instruction of Bingo Director, Dorothy Vigna. The area most in need of our service is in selling pull-tabs from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, please be patient and understanding of the bingo participants who support this program that not only benefits our parish financially, but also serves our predominantly senior community. There is also an occasional need for help in the kitchen. All parent volunteers must call the office by the Thursday prior to schedule your service.

**Tuition Payments**

The second payment for those families paying tuition in two payments will be due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Letters were mailed home last week to these families.

**Scrip Purchases**

For recording purposes, we need to know which families will be receiving credit for e-scrip purchases made by: Keith Mercier and Lourdes Lopez. Please contact Vera in the office with this information.

**Thank You Notes re Financial Assistance**

Please remember to send your Thank You notes to the office to be forwarded to the appropriate agency. If you have received financial assistance from either The Basic Fund or the Archdiocese, these notes of appreciation should be a priority.

**Reminder:** No Hot Lunch next Wednesday, November 24, due to early dismissal! Daycare will be available.

Sincerely,



**Bruce Colville, Principal**