

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Prayers and Acknowledgements

As we enter the last weekend of the candy drive, I want to thank everyone for their contributions. The drive has been very successful. We will post the results once we have all the money turned in. It will take a week or so to compile the results with the steady hands of Vera and Janet.

I had a chance to see some basketball games over the weekend. I was impressed by the quality of play, the coaching, and the support of our parents and fans. Keep up the good work! I am a strong proponent of student/athlete programs, and for the well being they can provide for both social/physical development and community spirit.

Open House – February 17, 2005 @ 7:00 pm

You will notice on the February Calendar that we have an Open House scheduled. This is geared for our current St. Paul student families to gather together and celebrate our school community. The Open House will include a reception in the Parish Center, and visits to the classrooms.

5th Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher

I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Conti will be the 5th Grade long-term substitute teacher starting February 11, 2005 until the end of this school year. Mrs. Kiss' last day is Thursday, February 17, 2005. We anticipate Mrs. Kiss rejoining the faculty for the Fall Semester. Ms. Conti is a native San Franciscan, a graduate of St. Stephen's School, Mercy High School, and Santa Clara University. She is a credentialed teacher and has had two long-term substitution positions in Archdiocesan schools in grades 4 and 5, respectively. Ms. Conti is a member of St. Stephen's Parish. Her mother is currently a 5th grade teacher at St. Stephen's School. We welcome her to our school and parish community.

Parent Service Hours

An Update of Parent Service Hours is included in this Wednesday's Envelope. Remember, your service hour commitment must be completed by May 31, 2005 for the current school year. Any service hours completed after May 31st will be carried over to the next school year. **Please Note: 8th Grade Parent Service Hours must be completed by April 29, 2005.** Please review your Update, and send any questions or corrections to Cynthia Olivo. Thank you.

8th Grade Reminder and Graduation Fee

This is a reminder that your second, and final payment for the graduation fee is due January 28th. Our next 8th grade parent meeting is Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

School Website: www.stpaulsf.net

Sibling Registration

Current Families: If you are considering enrollment of a sibling for the 2005-2006 school year, please notify the office as soon as possible as this information will assist in the scheduling process. Priority enrollment is given to School families, Littlest Angel Preschool families, and Parish families, but you must complete the application process. You can call the office and have an information packet sent home with your current St. Paul's student.

Upcoming Events

Family Bingo Night – Saturday, February 26, 2005 (See Enclosed Flyer)

Mark your calendars now for Family Bingo Night on Saturday, February 26th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Bring the whole family for a fun night out with lots of prizes, snacks and gift baskets to enjoy. Further details will be announced at the Parent Group Meeting on Thursday, January 20th. Contact Laure Moon, Family Bingo Night Coordinator, to volunteer and earn service hours (415) 824-0878.

St. Paul's School Walkathon – Sunday, April 10, 2005

Save the date for St. Paul's School Walkathon, Sunday, April 10th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Archbishop Riordan High School track. Put on your walking shoes now, and get in shape for this annual fundraiser. For more details, visit the St. Paul's School website, or contact Laure Moon (415) 824-0878. Remember, 80% of what your family raises at the Walkathon will count toward your Financial Contribution Agreement. Pledge sheets will be distributed in March.

Sincerely,

Bruce Colville, Principal