

Dear Parents and Guardians:

**Prayers and Acknowledgements**

We ask you to pray for Maria Kolomvotos, 6<sup>th</sup> grader, who recently underwent a successful surgery for appendicitis. We continue to pray for Assistant Catholic School Superintendent, Paul Bergez, who is recovering from cancer. We want to acknowledge junior high artists who will have their artwork displayed at Mercy High School's Third Annual Grammar School Art Exhibition from February 5 to March 18, 2005. Thank you to Mrs. Esling and Ms. Mallet for facilitating this project. Students Kathleen Esling, Ryan Riccetti, Jordan Rose, Caroline Dittmann, Vanessa Gonzalez, Rory Kinney, Relicque Lott, Natalie Ruiz, and Olivia Warren. We recently received a letter from Toys for Tots, thanking us for contributing to the annual toy drive. I will post the letter on the bulletin board on the first floor. I want to thank our families, our faculty and staff, Father Mario, and our Parish for their continued support of our dynamic school community. We will celebrate with an 8:30 a.m. mass on Thursday, February 3, followed by our academic award presentation. **This is a dress-up uniform day**. This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is "Faith in Every Child," and we have faith in each of our children here at St. Paul's. Each is a unique child of God and a gift to be nourished and acknowledged. May our Lord continue to bless us as we build the future with the good works that we do each day.

**Re-Registration Information**

Next Wednesday's Envelope will contain your re-registration materials for the 05-06 school year. It is very important that you complete this process in a timely manner. The deadline for submission of these materials and fees is March 1, 2005. After that date, we will determine the seats available for new students in each class, and new student testing will begin. To ensure your child's seat is reserved in his/her respective class, you must complete *all* the re-registration materials. The tuition increases 4.5% for the 05-06 school year. This increase covers the anticipated increases in operating expenses related to salary, benefits, utilities, and building maintenance. In addition, there will be an increase in daycare rates to cover anticipated expenses for the 05-06 school year. We have made every effort to keep costs down and make Catholic education affordable for our families. In terms of tuition and daycare rates, St. Paul's School falls in the mid-range for Archdiocesan Catholic schools. Included today is a spreadsheet showing what the tuition increase looks like in numbers. For those families that pay the full tuition amount by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the 5% deduction applies.

**Candy Sale**

The World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser ends this Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. All monies are due in the office by Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**School Holidays**

Please remember to mark the following dates on your calendars as school holidays: Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

This Open House is a celebration for our St. Paul's families to visit the classrooms and witness the fine work our students are doing. Please mark your calendars. There will be more information on this event in next week's Wednesday Bulletin.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reminder and Graduation Fee**

This is a reminder that your second and final payment for the graduation fee was due January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet done so, please send payment to the office NOW. Our next 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting is Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **Kindergarten Testing**

If you have a sibling applying for our Kindergarten class, and who has not yet been tested, please contact the school office immediately, as space is limited. The next testing date for Kindergarten is February 16, 2005.

### **Sports Forms and Fees Due Now!**

Remember, your forms and fees for Girls Basketball and Boys/Girls Baseball are due no later than Friday, February 4, 2005.

### **Panoramic Photos**

Panoramic Photos are being sent home in today's Wednesday envelope for those families who ordered them.

### **St. Paul School Survey (Enclosed)**

Enclosed, please find, a short follow-up survey to be completed and returned to the school office. Your constructive comments are encouraged and appreciated as we look to the future based on the needs of the present.

### **Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, February 6, 2005 (Flyer Enclosed)**

The Men of St. Paul's "Super Sunday" breakfast will take place after the 9:15 a.m. family mass on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to participate in our Mass, and join us for a "super" pancake breakfast!!

### **Tickets Available for Family Bingo Night – Saturday, February 26, 2005**

Please don't forget to order your tickets now for Family Bingo Night, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is next Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Order forms were attached to the flyer in last week's Wednesday envelope. You can also find a copy of the Flyer on the St. Paul's School website: [www.stpaulsf.net](http://www.stpaulsf.net). Do you still need service hours? There are volunteer opportunities open. Call Laure Moon for details (415) 824-0878. This is a fun family event, so don't miss out!

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

Save the date for St. Paul's School Walkathon, Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Letter from Maureen Huntington, Superintendent of Catholic Schools**

Please take some time to look over the attached memo from Maureen Huntington, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

Sincerely,

School Website: [www.stpaulsf.net](http://www.stpaulsf.net)

**Bruce Colville, Principal**

**“CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: FAITH IN EVERY STUDENT  
Catholic Schools Week, 2005**

Congratulations! This week we celebrate over 150 years of faithful teaching, service, and catechizing students and families in this Archdiocese of San Francisco. Catholic Schools over the decades have not only passed on our faith to generation after generation, but we have enriched our American society by providing moral, ethical and responsible leadership. The product of Catholic Schools can be seen in all areas of our society. Catholic School educated leadership is especially noticeable here in San Francisco.

As Catholic educators, we teach and bear witness to the faith despite the challenges, limited financial resources and society’s moral decline. Our sixty-three elementary/middle schools and fourteen high schools are communities of faith. Mutual respect and self-discipline are the underpinning values that support these communities. In September of 2004, 27, 022 students chose schools that call everyone to embrace God-centered lives. Learning takes place in an environment steeped in Gospel values. Students are formed in an atmosphere that nurtures spiritual and social development as well as intellectual growth. I applaud the many dedicated educators who contribute so much to the vitality of this special ministry.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: FAITH IN EVERY STUDENT – January 31 through February 5, 2005 – we in the Department of Catholic Schools express to you, our principals, pastors, faculties and staff, parents, and volunteers our sincerest appreciation for your outstanding commitment to Catholic education. Your dedicated commitment to academic excellence in our school communities of faith is exemplary. We applaud you and reaffirm our resolve to serve your needs. Together we continue striving to form our Faith In Every Student and our commitment to excellence. Thank you!

Maureen Huntington  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools”