

Dear Parents and Guardians:

**Prayers and Acknowledgements**

It is with great pleasure we announce the birth of Jeanette Kiss, baby girl of Will and Katie Kiss. Jeanie arrived at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, February 13 (one day shy of Valentine's Day), weighing in at 6.5 lbs., 20 inches long. Mom, Dad and Baby Jeannie are doing quite well ... if a bit sleepy. Congratulations Mom and Dad, and welcome Baby Jeannie!

With no time to delay, we welcome Elizabeth Conti to our staff, as she officially began her first week as our 5<sup>th</sup> grade substitute teacher. She comes to us via St. Stephen's Elementary School (where her mother teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Mercy High School, and Santa Clara University. She is a member of St. Stephen's Parish. Welcome Ms. Conti.

We'd like to recognize the following students, who represented St. Paul's at the Mercy High School Speech Tournament, Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>: Relicque Lott, Jeremy Marks, Daniella Rivera, Natalie Ruiz, Alexea Jimenez, and Katie Esling. Congratulations on a job well done!

We pray for the family of Mish Stacey. Mrs. Stacey passed away suddenly last week. She was a dear friend of Lori Ferguson, as well as Laura Flaviani. She was well known in the Archdiocesan musical and liturgical community. May she rest in peace.

Our faculty and staff will be on retreat Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please keep us in your prayers. Deacon Jim Myers will facilitate our retreat as we prayerfully reflect on our ministry in Catholic education.

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent Parish Raffle, which benefits the payoff of retrofit loans.

**Re-Registration Information**

Re-registration materials for the 05-06 school year were included in last Wednesday's envelope. 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.

**Bake Sale, Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget, Student Council is hosting a Bake Sale this Thursday, after school, to benefit future Council activities.

**Shoot-a-thon, Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (Flyer sent home last Wednesday)**

All proceeds will go toward St. Paul's Athletic Program.

**School Holidays**

Please remember there is no school this Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (Faculty Retreat) and Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (Presidents' Day).

**Faith in Every Student" Open House – February 17, 2005 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

This Open House is an opportunity for our *current St. Paul's families* to visit the classrooms and witness the fine work our students and their teachers are accomplishing. The evening begins in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m., and then from 7:15 – 7:45 p.m., parents and children will tour the school, visiting classrooms and witnessing the fine work our students are doing. At 7:45 p.m., we will reconvene in the Parish Center for a short performance by our Parish/School Choir. The evening will conclude at 8:00 p.m.

### **Gate Closure and Lobby Door Concerns**

Until further notice, we will close the gate between the school and church during school hours: 7:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Parking will only be available for preschool staff, the Missionary Sisters, elementary school staff and delivery trucks. This is a safety and traffic control issue. The gate will be unlocked, so visitors can enter and exit. We ask that you park safely and legally in the neighborhood. Please include enough time to search for on-street parking.

All visitors must ring the doorbell (buzzer) and identify themselves before entering the building. Last week, we had a homeless woman enter the school *right behind* one of our parents whom we let in the building. The woman came to the office requesting help. I gently responded to the situation and escorted her out. We ask that when visiting the school, be careful not to let any person, particularly someone you don't know, follow you in. Each visitor must be identified before entering the building. If someone is behind you wishing to enter the building, gently remind him or her they must remain outside until they are identified by the office staff. Thank you for respecting these safety procedures of our school.

### **Homework Requests and Absences**

We need to remind you that **all** homework requests must be called into the office by 10:00 a.m. the day of the absence. Also, if your child is ill, or will not be attending school for any other reason, this call must come into the office by 9:00 a.m. each day the student will be absent. These rules are stated in our Handbook, and must be followed or we cannot guarantee your request will be honored. It is disruptive to the teachers and other students, when requests are made throughout the day.

### **Student Government News**

Please support the fine work of Mrs. Mannion, Ms. Woodall and your Student Council. This year we are planning to combine our annual end-of-year field day with a carnival. The date currently scheduled is May 24<sup>th</sup>. To this end, I am asking for your support in the fundraiser, which begins today and ends February 28<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to offset the cost of this fun day.

### **Lost and Found**

Please stop by the office and claim any lost uniform items. The box is overflowing!

### **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.

Sincerely,

**Bruce Colville, Principal**

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