

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Prayers and Acknowledgements

We ask for your prayers for Pope John Paul II, as he recovers from his recent health problems. We pray for Mrs. Esling's mother, and for Mrs. Mannion's mother. Both are recuperating from recent illnesses. Please keep our second graders in your prayers. They participated in their first Reconciliation last Saturday. I'm grateful to Mrs. Moro, Father Mario, Mrs. Manoos, and our second grade parents. It was a beautiful ceremony.

Many thanks to Laure Moon and all of the parent volunteers who assisted with our Family Bingo Night. As promised, everyone who attended enjoyed a fun family evening. Thanks to Athletic Board President Erik Martinez, Ms. Woodall, and Mr. Revilla for Monday's Shoot-a-thon, which benefits our Parish athletics program. Lastly, I'm grateful to those of you who have contributed to the fundraiser supporting the efforts of our Student Council, as we plan our field day and carnival scheduled for May 17th.

Lenten Season

"For you were once in darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord." Ephesians 5:8.

Make every effort to participate in our Lenten Season by participating in the Mass, in Reconciliation services, and by fasting. Talk with your child about their faith journey, and the meaning of Conversion, Forgiveness, and Gratitude, which are all a part of the Lenten Season. Talk with them about who Jesus is for you, and about his sacrifice, so that we may have life in the fullest sense of the word. Is there someone you need to forgive in your life? Are you in need of Reconciliation? To be sorry for what we have done, to admit this before God, and where you can, to the people you have hurt is what this season of transformation is about. As the song says, "now is the time." At the end of this bulletin is a Lenten reflection by Elizabeth-Anne Stewart.

Re-Registration Information

The deadline for submission of these materials and fees was March 1, 2005. If you have not yet submitted your registration materials, please do so by tomorrow. We will determine the seats available for new students in each class, and new student testing will begin next week.

Candy Sale Money Owed

Letters were sent out over a week ago to those families still owing for the chocolate sale. Please send in your payment **now** so we can close the books on this fundraiser. Thank you!

Spanish Classes

Letters were sent to families of students attending the second semester of Español for Kids. Payment is due now!

Winner of Monthly Bingo Helper Drawing

Mary Fernandez (grandmother of Alyssa in 4th grade) is the winner for the February drawing of Bingo helpers. Please contact the school office and let us know where to have the \$100.00 credit applied. Congratulations!

Uniform Sale

This summer we will try something new with regard to the uniform sale. In order for our families to

enjoy one-stop shopping, Dennis Uniform items will be available purchase on our campus. Yes, you will be able to purchase your Dennis Uniform items as well as the St. Paul's logo items. This uniform sale will take place July 12th and 13th in the Parish Center (exact times have not yet been determined). This sale will include "new" uniform items only.

Used Uniform Sale

Great news! We will again have a Used Uniform Sale during the last week of school in June. Exact date not yet determined. If you have any outgrown school uniform clothing that is crowding your home environment, please put these clean items in a bag, and bring them to the school office. Kindly tag: Attention Kathleen McKeon. This sale provides an opportunity to recycle used uniform items and purchase gently used uniform items at a fraction of the cost. At the sale, all clothing is presented in an organized manner ... by type and size. We only sell items that are clean and in near new condition. Proceeds from this sale go to the St. Paul's Parent Group. Last year we raised over \$800.00 in sales. This year we may have surprise sale items. If you would like to volunteer your time to assist with this sale, contact Kathleen McKeon @ (415) 826-3737 or Kannmckeon@aol.com.

Lost and Found

We continue to have a Lost and Found box overflowing with unclaimed uniform items. Please stop by the office and claim your lost items!

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. For those who still need service hours, this is the last fundraiser for the year.

St. Paul's Parish 125th Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the St. Paul's Parish on April 24th, with a 12:15 Mass (presided by Archbishop Levada), followed by a reception in the Parish Center. A flyer will be sent home with more details, as the date gets closer. In the meantime, the Parish is requesting copies of photos to be given to the committee for poster boards for this event. They can be photos of Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions, or other Parish celebrations. Photos should be directed to Michele Bulen, with a note as to whom the photo is of, when it was taken, and what the occasion was. If you have any problem copying photos, but would like to contribute memorabilia, please contact Michele (415) 585-2399. Thank you!

Another date to keep in mind is May 1st for the Parish Party at the Pinkerton Mansion. The Mansion has been graciously offered to St. Paul's for this celebration. It is not open to the public, and is only used for reserved parties and visiting dignitaries or celebrities. The tickets will be \$75.00 per person and will include food and an open bar. The Rectory will be mailing invitations soon.

Photos for Yearbook?

If you have any photos (sports, field trips, classroom parties, etc.) that would be appropriate for the yearbook, please send them to Cynthia Olivo, on a CD.

Sincerely,

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