

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Prayers and Acknowledgements

We are grateful to Mary Ann Koory for the mid-winter edition of the St. Paul Chronicles and to our many contributors. This edition's theme is a celebration of the 125th year of St. Paul Church as we look back at our history and look forward to the future. In the same publication, there is a listing of relatives of our school families who are serving in Iraq. Indeed, there is a beautiful essay written by Camille Zerba describing her years with St. Paul's and her brother who is currently serving in Iraq. What wonderful families we have here! Let's keep those serving in the armed services and their families in our prayers.

This is a poignant time for our 8th graders and their families. The 8th grade retreat will be next Wednesday at St. Paul's Parish, facilitated by Retreat Director and Riordan Religion Teacher, Frank Ross (father of 7th grader, Adam Ross). March 10th letters will be sent to our 8th grade students and their families from the respective schools to which they applied. We wish them well. St. Paul's has a successful track record of preparing students for their next level of education, and in being accepted to the schools of their choice. Let's keep our 8th grade students and their families in our prayers.

To the extent possible, when we are informed, we will post the academic and extra-curricular successes of our graduates now attending secondary schools. Recently, ICA sent us a listing of St. Paul graduates receiving Honors in their 1st semester. These are posted on the 1st floor bulletin board.

I ask for your prayers for my brother-in-law, Fred Aliesky, who resides in Vermont, and had major surgery yesterday. May he have a speedy and full recovery.

MOSP Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Please support the Men of St. Paul and celebrate St. Patrick's Day, this Saturday, March 12th in the Parish Center. The corned beef and cabbage doesn't get much better than this! The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 2-12. There will be live music, dancing, and a cash bar. Remember, a limited supply of hot dogs will be available for children who don't eat corned beef.

Amendment to March Calendar

There will no Family Mass or Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, March 13th as stated in the March Calendar. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

PG&E Construction

PG&E will be working this week at the intersection of 29th and Church streets. Please be extra careful when driving or walking in this area. I am told work will be completed by Friday.

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, along with the \$25.00 late fee. We will determine the seats available for new students in each class, and new student testing is beginning this 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!

Homework Requests

If you request homework for an absent child, please be sure to pick it up in Daycare after school. Our teachers put extra effort into preparing these assignments. Please be considerate of this!

Student Council Fundraiser Update

A BIG THANKS to the parents and students who participated in the Student Council fundraisers. We raised \$124.00 from our bake sale, and approximately \$2,000 in profit for our Spring Fling fundraiser. Everyone who sent in their orders by March 2nd can expect delivery of their orders on March 23rd. You may keep selling, but we won't be able to guarantee delivery before Easter. All of these funds go right back to the students to pay for academic and fun school events. The St. Paul's students have earned enough to pay for two science assemblies: Solids, Liquids, and Gases demonstration by Lawrence Hall of Science (LHS) on March 17th and Environmental Detectives: Solving, a Murky Mystery, a hands on assembly from LHS on May 5th. We'll need 16 volunteers to supervise the "Mystery" stations – a flyer will be sent home as the date nears). Since we didn't earn as much as we had hoped we can only afford a small carnival with a few bouncy rides, and skilled games. The carnival date is set for May 17th, and will be combined with our annual field day, for a whole day of fun. You have earned free entrance, but popcorn, cotton candy, and hot dogs will be on sale – more details as the date nears. It's a great start, and next year we may raise more funds. MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED, for you make it all possible.

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 displayed for sizing and ordering purposes during our summer uniform sale. Your order will be delivered to the school (you *will not* incur shipping costs). Yes, you will be able to order your Dennis Uniform items as well as purchase 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

School Website: www.stpaulsf.net

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. For those who still need service hours, or need to satisfy your financial contribution, 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.

One last note, we've noticed quite a few parents standing around in the hallways after dismissal. Whether you come to pick up your child from Extended Care, Spanish Class, Art Class, or Sports, please do not loiter in the hallways. It is distracting those students in Tutoring, or in Extended Care. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Bruce Colville, Principal