

September 28, 2005

Dear Parents,

Prayers: We continue to ask you to keep in your prayers the family of Mrs. Gina Fazio-Siu for the loss of her brother, Robert. Please also keep in your prayers the family of Ms. Lorri Ferguson as we continue to pray for her niece.

School Picnic: In last Wednesday's newsletter, thanks was given to the Picnic Committee members whose children will be graduating in June, as well as the many parent volunteers who made this event a success. We inadvertently neglected to acknowledge a few other Picnic Committee members for their efforts. Thanks go to Maria DiDonato and Caroline Feeney for their greatly valued ideas and energy; Michele Bulen for taking care of every aspect of the picnic food; and Kathleen McKeon for coordinating the volunteers and tending to the many details involved. These school parents have given their time to the Picnic Committee for the past several years. Our newest Picnic Committee member, Ed Barroso of the Parent Group, created the lollipop sticks, brought equipment and invested much of his time. A very special thank you to Dan Kelly. Once again, Dan provided the sanitation dumpster for the picnic. Dan's donation is much appreciated. Next year's picnic is contingent upon building a new Picnic Committee. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen McKeon (415) 826-3737.

Hurricane Relief: Thank you again to Ms. Mallet and the 8th grade for organizing our recent fundraiser. The school raised \$972.00 to go toward hurricane relief. This is a fine example of putting into practice our school theme, "Called to Share."

We hope you will continue to support hurricane relief by sending your child to school with \$1.00 on Thursday, September 29th, so that we may join in the "Child to Child: A Catholic Campaign to Aid Education." Any funds raised will be sent to the dioceses that have been severely impacted by the hurricane.

New Staff: Welcome to Joannah Schindler who is working with our 4th – 8th graders in Extended Care.

Welcome to Deborah Fitzpatrick, mother of Olivia (2nd grade) and Calan (Kindergarten) who will assist with yard supervision at both recess and lunch.

Student Council News: Student Council will be holding a Bake Sale on Thursday, September 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Student Council will also be holding a raffle during the month of October. More news to follow

High School Information: Ms. Mallet has arranged to have representatives from our city's Catholic high schools speak to the 7th and 8th grades during the next two weeks. All of our middle grade students have received the San Francisco Catholic High School insert.

Uniform: Recently we have had many students earning "alternate dress passes." When children come to school in alternate dress, appropriate clothes and shoes must be worn. The dress code is still in effect. The term "free dress" can be misleading.

Some uniform guidelines are not being followed:

--Boys need to wear a belt with their slacks.

--White or black athletic shoes with solid color shoelaces that match the shoes. Shoelaces need to be tied properly. "Mary-Janes" or any other type of shoe, especially for girls, are not part of the St. Paul's uniform.

Tardiness: Children should be in their class lines as soon as the bell rings. Students who are tardy must go to the office to get an admit slip. Precious minutes are being wasted. It is important to the education of your child that they be here on time ready to begin the day with the rest of their class.

Forms Due: Many forms are still due in the office especially –

- Emergency Contact Cards
- Student/Parent Handbook sign-off sheets

It is so important to have this information in the office. Telephone numbers and emergency contacts must be current. Students should not be in school without this information on file.

Miscellaneous: Mrs. Olivo is in need of pine cones for an Extended Care art project. If you have any that you could donate, she would be very grateful.

Please stop by the office and check out the Lost and Found for lunch boxes, sweaters, etc.

Bingo: Once again this school year we will double the hours you work at Bingo plus your name will be put in a drawing for a credit of \$100.00 towards tuition, financial agreement, service hours or extended care. All you need to do is call the office by Wednesday of the week you want to volunteer. Then, when you work Bingo, make sure you sign the volunteer book so you will receive the appropriate credit.

Morning Drop-off: We need Adult Volunteers. A decent early morning workout! Get to know school parents and students. Plus – Earn service hours! If you can assist, please call Kathleen McKeon at 415-826-3737. Thank you.

Supervision: At no time during the day are students to be unsupervised on school premises:

- Any child who arrives at school before 7:45 a.m. should go to Extended Care.
- The same polity is in place afterschool—students are not to be inside or outside the school building unsupervised.
- If sports practice is happening in the gym—only team members are allowed in the gym. Coaches do not supervise other students.
- For the safety of any child, he/she should be in Extended Care if not supervised by an adult.

St. Paul's Walk-a-thon – 2 weeks remaining to attain sponsors

You have just over two weeks left to get sponsors for the St. Paul's School Walk-a-thon. Sponsor forms and an information flyer went home in last week's Wednesday envelope. Additional copies of these materials may be found on the school website: www.stpaulsf.net. The Walk-a-thon will be held on October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Archbishop Riordan High School track. This is a fun and

easy way to help work toward your financial commitment to the school. You can also earn service hours if you volunteer to work on the event. Contact Laure Moon 415-824-0878, if you have questions or want to volunteer.

St. Paul's Annual Dinner Dance and Auction: Book your baby sitter now for a wonderful evening of dining and dancing!!! The eighth annual dinner dance and auction, *Les Rues de Paris*, will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2005. It is truly a fun event, raising money for the St. Paul's Preservation Fund. The Fund was developed to retire the debt incurred to construct our school and retrofit the church. Without our parish, this beautiful school building and parish center would not exist. Invitations will be in the mail this week. We will need volunteers on the night of the event, November 5th, to oversee silent auction tables, sell raffle tickets, set-up and help with the checkout of the auction items. Please contact Anne O'Shea at 415-641-9409 or Joan Russo, Chair, 415-282-1384 if you are interested. **Service Hours given!**

School Pictures: School pictures are going home with your child today. Picture make-up/retake day is Tuesday, October 18th. If you are having your pictures retaken, **YOU MUST RETURN YOUR PICTURE PACKAGE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 17th. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE THEIR PICTURES RETAKEN.** If your child was absent on our first picture day, **YOU MUST LET THE OFFICE KNOW BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 17th IF HE/SHE WILL BE HAVING THEIR PICTURE TAKEN ON THE 18th.** Students must come in their dress uniforms for pictures.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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| Wednesday, September 28 | Progress Reports (Grades 3 – 8) go home today. |
| Wednesday, October 5 | 5 th and 6 th grade Field Trip to the Orpheum Theatre. |
| Monday, October 10 | Columbus Day, School Holiday |
| Saturday, October 15 -- | Walk-a-thon—Archbishop Riordan High School – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal