

October 5, 2005

Dear Parents,

Moving into the Fall season, we remember that October is the month of the Rosary. As Catholics we can show our devotion to Mary by inviting her to pray with us and for us. One way of doing this is by using the rosary and thinking about the events of Mary's life and the life of her son, Jesus.

As Catholics we also remember St. Francis of Assisi this month. We look to his example and learn to appreciate the simple gifts of God's creation.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Letters are going home with this newsletter regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for November. Please fill out a form for each child. This will help facilitate scheduling. The request form needs to be returned to your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 12, 2005.

**Lost and Found:** If your child is missing part of his/her uniform, lunch box, etc., please stop by the school office. Our Lost and Found items are increasing in number. **Please note:** The Lost and Found Box will be cleared Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Any items not claimed will be laundered and sold at the next Used Uniform Sale.

**School Pictures Reminder:** **Picture make-up day is Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.** If you are having your pictures retaken, **you must return your picture package to the school office by Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you do not comply with this request, your child will not be allowed to have their pictures retaken. **If your child was absent on our first picture day, you must let the office know by Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> if he/she will be have their picture taken on the following day.** Students must be in their dress uniforms for pictures.

**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.

**Uniform Reminder:** Some uniform guidelines:

--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.

**Thank You's:** Thanks to all of our families who attended the recent Chevy's nights. The South San Francisco location raised \$127.00 and the Stonestown location raised \$195.00. The Parent Group is proud to be sharing half of the proceeds with the American Red Cross.

**News from your Student Council:** Hooray for St. Paul's Great Spirit! The student council wishes to thank all students, parents and staff who purchased the wonderful baked goods made by council members (some woke up at 5:00 a.m. in order to bake those delicious muffins, and berry bars). Thanks to your participation, the council raised \$145.00 to apply toward the purchase of prizes for Halloween, prizes for the Raffle (tickets are 25¢, sales began October 3 and will end October 30), and prizes for the Halloween Pumpkin Design Contest (all entries are due on October 24). We can also begin purchasing candy for our famous candygram sale beginning October 19 and ending October 28 – please remember that parents who

want to purchase candygrams for K-2 must purchase for the whole class, as feelings are very tender at that age. So, please, buy, buy, buy, participate, and support your wonderful blue and gold student council. Donation of prizes and candy are always welcome. Many thanks to all!

Student Council would also like to thank the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades for choosing their wonderful council delegates. Congratulations to Analicia Ortiz and Brian Montgomery (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Kelsey Alonzo and Mitchell Malan (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Jessica DiGiulio and Cesar Molina (5<sup>th</sup> grade), and Paula Dittmann and Nick Dailey (6<sup>th</sup> grade).

**Harvest Festival:** The Noe Valley Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. St. Paul’s School will have an information booth at this festival. If you would like to help oversee the booth, service hours will be credited. Please contact Michele Bulen at 415-585-2399 or [mbulen@core-mark.com](mailto:mbulen@core-mark.com) to volunteer. Please plan to support this Festival. The Noe Valley neighborhood and its merchants are very generous to our school and parish. The Festival will feature food, live music, children’s games and activities as well as information, artist and vendor booths.

**Reminder from St. Paul’s Parish Annual Dinner/Dance and Silent Auction Committee:** Looking for fun things to do with the kids? Come to the silent auction on November 5<sup>th</sup> and scoop up some great bargains on gift certificates for fun family destinations. Take the kids to one of the great museums in the area (Chabot Space & Science Center, the Children’s Discovery Museum in San Jose, the Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito, the Exploratorium, the California Academy of Sciences, and more). Amusement parks more to your liking? We have gift certificates to Great America, Disneyland, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Bonfante Gardens, and Malibu Grand Prix. Don’t forget about the adults in the family. Take a Belay Safety Class at Mission Cliffs Indoor Climbing; check out the new De Young Museum, or kick back at the Punch Line for some laughs. These are just a sampling of the great items that have already been donated, and many more will come in. So, line up your babysitter now, and get your ticket reservations in. Have fun hanging out with other parents from your child/children’s class and get some good deals to boot! All proceeds benefit the St. Paul’s Preservation Fund. Call Katy O’Shea at the Rectory (415) 648-7538 for ticket information.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sweats:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade sweats order has been delayed due to a few misspellings. The corrected order should arrive by October 16<sup>th</sup>. We apologize for the delay!

**Upcoming Calendar Events:**

<b>Monday, October 10</b>	<b>Columbus Day, School Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday, October 13</b>	8:30 a.m. School Mass (dress uniform)
<b>Saturday, October 15 --</b>	Walk-a-thon—Archbishop Riordan High School – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, October 18</b>	Picture Makeup/Retake Day

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia  
Principal