

October 12, 2005

Dear Parents,

October is the month of the rosary. The word “rosary” comes from the Latin word for “rose garden”. As Catholics, we look to the rosary as a bouquet of prayers repeated so that the person can put aside all distractions and remain attentive to God’s presence.

Please join us Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. when as a St. Paul’s community we will gather for Mass to remember Mary and Our Lady of the Rosary. Thank you.

Fundraiser: Our recent fundraiser netted a profit of approximately \$13,000 for our school. Thank you so much for all your hard work and efforts to make this a success.

We also collected \$135.75 for the “Child to Child: Catholic Campaign.” Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Absences: If a child is to be absent from school, the parent or guardian must call the school office by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence and explain the nature of the absence.

A written excuse dated and signed by you, the parent or guardian, is required on the day your child returns to school. This is a requirement of the Attendance Bureau of the San Francisco Unified School District and the State of California. It has always been in place.

Halloween: Schedule and Costume Guidelines

Schedule

Morning recess:

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	K – 2
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	3 – 5
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	6 – 8

Lunch recess:

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	K – 2
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	3 – 5
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	6 – 8

Parade:

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Classroom Party:

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dismissal:

2:00 p.m.

Costume Guidelines:

1. Costumes should be appropriate for school and age-level.
2. No weapons of any type, i.e., guns, swords, knives, etc.
3. No bare midriffs.

Children should come to school in costume this day. Because of the shortened schedule, there is no time for students to change during the day. Parent class representatives should contact each homeroom teacher to communicate what is needed for each classroom party. Attendance at classroom parties needs to be limited. As always, the safety of our students is our main concern. Parents are welcome to view the parade in the school yard.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Forms for conferences should have been handed in today. Your children's teachers will schedule the appointments and in approximately two weeks you will receive your confirmation.

Sports: The deadline to hand in sports forms and fees is October 18, 2005. None will be accepted after this date.

School Pictures Reminder: Picture make-up 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 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 17th 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.

Late Lunches: We need to cut down on the amount of lunches brought to the office. We understand the occasional mishap, but there are quite a few students who consistently have their lunch brought to the office. If a student does not come to school with their lunch, it is important that he/she knows to come to the office and check for their lunch. It is terribly distracting to the teachers and students when a classmate must be called into the office to pick up their lunch.

Walt-a-thon this Saturday at Riordan High School Track: The St. Paul's School Walk-a-thon is this Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Archbishop Riordan High School track. You still have a few more days to get those Walk-a-thon pledges! Parking is available at the High School lot next to the track. If you have **ALL** flat-fee donations, you may bring them to the track, along with your sponsor form. Otherwise, please keep your sponsor sheet at home and collect your per-lap pledges after the Walk-a-thon. When you have finished walking, you will receive a receipt with the total number of laps completed. This will enable you to calculate your total amount of pledges due. Please submit all money and sponsor sheets to the office by Friday, October 21. If you still need sponsor forms or a copy of the original flyer with details of the event, please visit the school website: www.stpaulsf.net. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Laure Moon at 415-824-0878.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal