

October 26, 2005

Dear Parents,

As we end this month of October, don't forget that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, October 30. November is a time of harvest and the beginning of the earth's winter sleep. We begin with the celebration of the communion of saints – the union of prayer and love between saints on earth (all of us) and saints in heaven.

Please try to join us for our school liturgy on November 1 at 8:30 a.m. as Grades 6 and 2 help us to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Remember, this will be a dress-up uniform day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

All families should have received their schedule of appointments for parent/teacher conferences. If you do need to make a change, please contact your child's teacher directly to re-schedule. The teachers will notify the office.

During conferences, Extended Care will be open to drop-in students while parents are in conference, at no charge.

Silent Auction Volunteers Needed:

“Les Rues de Paris,” St Paul's Dinner Dance and Auction to benefit the preservation fund is rapidly approaching. It will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the United Irish Cultural Center. The Silent Auction is in need of volunteers to oversee the auction tables. Service hours will be given to parents. Please contact Joan Russo (415) 282-1384, or Michele Bulen (415) 585-2399. A special thank you to all parent class representatives and parents who have generously contributed to their children's class baskets. Auction baskets need to be delivered to the Rectory as soon as possible with a list of contents and the value attached.

The Dinner Dance Committee reports the following items available for auction: Restaurant Gift Certificates for Chenery Park, Firefly, Café for All Seasons, Lovejoy's Tea Room, Savór, Regent Thai, Scoma's, and Hamano Sushi. If you are a golfer, we have a golf foursome available at the Lake Merced Golf Club; or a four-night summer stay at Northstar in Lake Tahoe, including the golf game. You can also just relax for two nights at the Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa. There are also items that are available only at St. Paul's: “Principal for a Day;” “Name the Lane” between the church and the school; or “Name the Schoolyard.” The Men of St. Paul's have graciously donated a Catered Barbeque Dinner; the Taormina family has donated a Mother/Daughter Tea. The auction would not be complete without a batch of Sr. Ann Cronin's baking! This year, Sr. Ann is offering a wine cake, chocolate fudge, and a peach upside down cake. There will also be a signed Whoopi Goldberg item from *Sister Act*, filmed at our illustrious parish. Hope to see you all at this special event.

Walk-a-thon Pledges:

Thank you to all who submitted Walk-a-thon pledges to the office by last Friday's deadline. In the interest of determining the prize winners, we must have all outstanding donations collected no later than this Friday, October 28. Please collect any straggler donations and submit to the office this week. Thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to announcing the results in the next Wednesday bulletin.

Sacraments:

If any of our new families are interested in having their child receive the Sacrament of Baptism, or First Eucharist, please contact the school office.

Butter Braid Fundraiser:

You should have received your order forms for the Butter Braid fundraiser sponsored by the Parent Group. Please note that any orders received after the November 7th deadline will be returned, as the group order will have already been placed.

Miscellaneous:

QSP Orders: We need two parent volunteers on Friday, November 4th to unload the orders when they are delivered and take them to the Music Room. The boxes can be somewhat heavy; if possible, we would like some of our dads to volunteer for this job. You will need to report to the school by 8:30 a.m., and it should take about an hour, two at the most. Please call the office and let Vera know if you can help. Thank you.

8th Grade Reminder: The first payment of \$80.00 toward your graduation fee was due October 14th. If you have not already done so, please send in payment now.

Morning Drop Off: Our morning drop off program could be a “model” for the S.F. Municipal Transportation Agency standards on school zones. We are doing well! Thank you to all our families for their patience and consideration while in the drop off “cue.” The wait is typically no longer than 30 seconds. Kindly drive into the white (safe) zone to drop off your child/children. The assistance of the eighth grade students has had a positive impact on our drop off program. Thank you to Parent Volunteer Jorge Vargas, for tending to the task as often as possible. Rosaura Velasquez and Frank Gonzales have also graciously lent their assistance in the morning. If you can commit time to our morning drop off program, please contact Kathleen McKeon (415) 826-3737.

Halloween 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.	

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Friday, October 28 First Quarter ends!

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal