

November 30, 2005

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Advent began last Sunday which is a period of extra prayer as we prepare for the coming of Jesus our Savior. The first coming of Jesus, at Bethlehem, will not happen again. During Advent and Christmas, we retell the story of that coming, but it reminds us to prepare for a new coming.

Jesus is a loving and peaceful savior. He calls his followers to make the whole world loving and peaceful. During Advent, we try to prepare our homes and our lives for Jesus, the King of Glory and Prince of Peace.

Food Drive:

The St. Paul's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who helped this year's food drive with cash and food donations and also those individuals who helped sort and distribute the food. Once again, the generosity of our parish and school was overwhelming. With your help we were able to provide many families with grocery store certificates and baskets of food for the holidays.

Toys for Tots:

Once again we will be joining the San Francisco Fire Department's "Toys for Tots" Christmas drive. The toy barrels arrived at school on Monday, November 28 and will be picked up on Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00 a.m. If you can donate a used toy that is in excellent condition to brighten up a child's Christmas, please drop it by the school office between the above mentioned dates. We also will be accepting new toys. For health reasons, we ask that stuffed animals not be donated unless they are brand new. Thank you for your continuous support of the school community.

One Warm Coat:

The Parent Group will once again sponsor the One Warm Coat Drive here at St. Paul's School. Please send new or gently worn jackets and coats to the office now through Monday, December 5.

Miscellaneous:

Tuition: If you choose to pay tuition in two payments, your second payment is due tomorrow, Thursday, December 1. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment.

Ice Cream Sales: Ice cream sales will continue this Friday during the students' lunch periods. The price is \$1.00.

Escrip: If you recognize the following names, please call the school office so that you may receive the proper credit from their escrip purchases:

Maria Hernandez-Bella
Monica Holguin
Irma Rojas

Rainy Days:

On rainy days, after 7:45 a.m., students are to enter the school building through the 29th Street door, and report directly to their classrooms. Teachers will be in their classrooms to supervise. *Traffic flow should remain the same.* Cars should pull into the white zone, drop children off and move on so the next car can do the same. 8th grade traffic monitors will escort the students to the 29th Street door. Please do not double-park anywhere around the school. If you choose not to drop your children off using the white zone, please allow enough time to find a parking space and walk to school.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

November 30	Progress Reports go home
December 1	Grade 4 Field Trip - Zeum Reconciliation Services – Grades 3, 6, 8
December 8	8:30 a.m. School Mass (dress uniform) Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 14	7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert in the Church
December 16	8:30 a.m. School Mass (dress uniform) 12:00 Noon Dismissal

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal