

St. Paul's School Weekly Newsletter

February 1, 2006

Upcoming Calendar Events:

February 2	8:30 a.m. Mass (dress uniform)
February 3	100th Day of School
February 5	Men of St. Paul's Superbowl Party
February 6	2:00 p.m. Dismissal 2:20 p.m. Faculty Meeting
February 7	Auditions for Talent Show – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Grades 4-8)
February 8	7th Grade Field Trip San Francisco Zoo 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are in the middle of Catholic Schools Week and classes are remembering this year's theme—Character, Compassion and Values. Tomorrow we will celebrate our school liturgy being planned by Mrs. Esling and Ms. Mallet. Please try to join us. After Mass, we will award Second Quarter Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance (Grades 3-8) and Student of the Month for January (all grades).

We will gather again Friday in Church at 9:15 a.m. for a Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St. Blase.

St. Blase was a doctor as well as a bishop in Armenia during the fourth century. It is believed that St. Blase once healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Because of that, he is the patron of the sick, especially people with illnesses of the throat. It is a tradition of the Catholic Church to pray for good health with a blessing of throats on his feast day.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Jessica Ruiz (7th grade) whose grandfather recently passed away.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

Art Exhibit:

Mercy High School is holding its Fourth Annual Grammar School Art Exhibition (February 4-March 17). Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Monday through Friday.

The following students have entered art work:

Caroline Dittmann
Vanessa Gonzalez
Olivia Warren
Raphael Diaz, Jr.
Anna Dittmann
Maria Kolomvotos
Sara Moon
Nathalie Rodriguez
Jessica Ruiz

8th Grade Parent Reminder:

The final payment of graduation fees was due on January 27th. If your fees were not paid, please add a late fee of \$25.00 to the amount owed.

Candy Sale:

All candy money was due in the office Tuesday, January 31, 2006. If you still have money outstanding, please send to the office immediately. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraiser. Scratcher Card winners for this week are: Winter Curtiss (4th Grade), Grey Curtiss (5th Grade), Victoria Nguyen (2nd Grade), Anna Ramos (3rd Grade), Jamie Dailey (7th Grade), Samantha Delosada (8th Grade), Eric Higuera (Kindergarten) and Lorenzo Delgado (1st Grade).

Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Forms:

These forms are now available in the school office. They will be handed out on a first come-first served basis, as we received a limited quantity. They will only be given to an adult (no students). These forms **MUST** be postmarked no later than February 28, 2006. **THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS DEADLINE.** Please read the directions carefully and mail all the required documentation by February 28th.

Morning Drop-Off:

It has been brought to our attention that a number of parents may have forgotten our request to avoid the lane between the school and the church after the Morning Prayer assembly (this includes the walkway between the Sisters of Charity and the school). When the students, mainly the primary grades, see their parents in the lane, they often times want to stop and waive, or run and give their parents a kiss good-bye. This creates a distraction for all students entering via the lane and can hinder the safe procession into the school building. It is requested that parents remain behind the gate on 29th Street or the main gate on Church Street during this morning routine. Your cooperation is appreciated.