

# St. Paul's School Weekly Newsletter

## February 22, 2006

### Upcoming Calendar Events:

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| February 22 | <b>Progress Reports go home</b>   |
| February 25 | <b>Family Bingo<br/>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</b><br><br><b>SI Speech Tournament</b> |
| February 26 | <b>9:15 a.m. Mass—Rite of Enrollment for First Communion Class</b>          |
| February 27 | <b>12:35 p.m. Dismissal</b>   |
| March 1     | <b>8:30 a.m.<br/>Ash Wednesday Mass<br/>(dress uniform)</b>                 |

### Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The days before Ash Wednesday are the time of carnival. In many cities of the world, there are parades with elaborate floats, decorations in gold, green and purple and crazy costumes. Carnival is a burst of color, energy and enjoyment before the serious business of Lent begins.

In the past, adults gave up eating meat for the whole of Lent. The word “carnival” means “good-bye to meat” in Latin. So carnival, especially the last day before Ash Wednesday was an opportunity to finish off your supply of good meat, gravy and rich pastries.

Carnival ends with Mardi Gras. These are the words for “Fat Tuesday,” a day in which many cultures eat rich pancakes.

Before Lent, we also say goodbye to the *alleluia*. This word always sung with joy and energy, means “praise God” in the Hebrew language. The Church does not sing this song of joy during Lent, a season of penance and simplicity.

We are in our period of re-registration. Please make sure all forms and fees are completed and returned by the appropriate deadlines.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia  
Principal

### **Uniform Policy:**

Recently, there has been much discussion regarding uniform guidelines, and in particular, uniform pants. In an effort to clarify the confusion, the correct guidelines are listed in the Student Parent Handbook. We realize the Uniform Dress Code that was sent home at the beginning of the school year is not consistent with the Handbook. For the remainder of this school year, the uniform pants worn by boys (and girls, if they so choose) must be navy blue twill (boys may also wear the navy blue corduroy pants available through Dennis Uniform Company). Please note that for the 2006-2007 school year, all uniform pants must be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company.

Also, please remember that all students need to be neatly groomed; uniforms are to be clean and fit properly, i.e., not too snug and not too baggy.

### **Speech Tournaments:**

Congratulations to the following students who made it into the final round and received 5<sup>th</sup> place trophies at the Mercy Speech Tournament on February 11:

Amelia Rudnicki      Dramatic Interpretation

Sara Moon              Expository

Dylan Adams          Impromptu

Additional 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be representing St. Paul's at the Saint Ignatius Speech Tournament on Saturday.

Thank you to Mrs. Esling for preparing our students for these tournaments.