

St. Paul's School Weekly Newsletter

March 1, 2006

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- March 4** **10:00 a.m. Sacrament of
Reconciliation—Second Grade**
- March 6** **Magic Dan will be here for
Grades K-5
2:00 p.m. Dismissal
2:30 p.m. Faculty Meeting**
- March 7** **AIM Concert at Davies
Symphony Hall – Grades 3-4-5**
- March 8** **Grade 4 Field Trip to the Wells
Fargo Museum**

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin Lent, the most famous of all the Church's seasons. The six weeks of Lent take us from the end of winter to the beginning of spring.

Lent is not an unhappy time, but a serious time. It is an opportunity to think about how much the Gospel means to us and how well we are living up to God's law of love. We choose actions that help us become more prayerful, help us live more simply and teach us to share what we have with those who are in need. That is the purpose of the Lenten sacrifices.

On Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent, adults and children over the age of seven abstain from eating meat.

Another important part of our tradition during Lent is to collect alms. The word alms means compassion. We might give something to help those less fortunate or promise to do something good for someone.

Today, each student is bringing home a Rice Bowl which is part of a Lenten program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. During this Lenten season, we ask your support for families here in the United States and around the world.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

Extended Care:

Bills for January are due March 10. Sorry they were sent out so late.

Apologies:

Apologies to Carlos Murillo, 5th grade, whose name was left off the First Honor Roll List.

Tuition Discount:

The tuition discount for those who pay for the year in one payment was calculated wrong. Your discount will be 5%. The amount will be reflected on the bill you receive in May.

Spring Portraits:

This year the students will be taking Spring Portraits on Wednesday, March 22. They will be allowed to be in alternate dress. All students will be photographed. When your portrait package goes home, you can review and purchase any portion of the package. There is no obligation to buy; simply return the package to school.

Family Bingo:

Thank you to all the families who came on Saturday Night for Family Bingo. The event was fun for our students and their families. We had 55 families participate! Thank you to our volunteer families who helped set up, clean up, scoop ice cream, and oversee our silent auction basket table, refreshment table and prize table. A special thank you to our parent callers Anne O'Shea, Joe Heinen and Gloria Taylor. They kept the games exciting and fun. As always, we thank Mitchell's Ice Cream who donated our intermission sundaes and the Men of St. Paul for setting up the tables for the evening. The event was a big success raising approximately \$1,200.00.

Prayers:

Please keep in your prayers the family of Melissa (second grade) and Loreto (first grade) Barroso because of the recent loss of their great-grandfather.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner:

The Men of St. Paul will host its Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 11 in the Parish Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. There will be traditional food, entertainment and bar. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Contact the rectory (415-648-7538) or 1st grade parent Tony Molina for tickets.

St. Ignatius Speech Tournament:

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at the St. Ignatius Speech Tournament:

Samantha Prior	Expository
Jeannette Hanna	Persuasive
Leticia Arellano	Persuasive
Caroline Dittmann	Persuasive
Mercedez Perucho	Impromptu
Anna Dittmann	Humorous Interpretation
Relicque Lott	Humorous Interpretation
Amelia Rudnicki	Dramatic Interpretation
Jaime Dailey	Poetry

Five students went on to the finals:

Leticia Arellano	Finalist
Jeannette Hanna	Finalist
Relicque Lott	Fourth Place
Amelia Rudnicki	Fourth Place
Mercedez Perucho	Second Place

Thank you to Mrs. Pat Esling for preparing our students so well.

Miscellaneous:

- Ice Cream **will not** be sold at lunchtime on Fridays during Lent.
- Please make sure all re-registration forms are in by the due date so that you will not be assessed any late fees.

Hot Lunch Reminder:

There will be no “hot lunch” tomorrow, March 2. Notice was sent home last week. March lunch orders (beginning March 7) are due in the office no later than Friday, March 3.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser:

St. Paul’s Athletics continues to offer the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Partnership Card. The funds benefit the Athletics programs. Please support St. Paul’s Athletics by purchasing a \$10.00 Partnership Card. With every dozen donuts purchased, you receive a FREE dozen, up to 10 dozen! Send a check to the office, made payable to St. Paul’s Athletics, to the attention of Benita Selor, and we will forward the card(s) back to you with your child. Questions? Call Benita (415) 586-7743.