

# St. Paul's School Weekly Newsletter

**March 8, 2006**

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

- March 9**      **1:30 p.m. Talent Show**
- March 11**     **Men of St. Paul – St. Patrick's  
Day Dinner**
- March 13**     **2:00 p.m. Dismissal  
2:20 p.m. Faculty Meeting**
- March 14**     **Mobile Education presents  
"Women in History"**
- March 15**     **Grades 3-4-5 – AIM Concert  
At Synergy School**
- Grade 2 Field Trip – Aquarium  
by the Bay**
- March 16**     **Grade 6 Field Trip to Zeum**
- 7:00 p.m. Parent Group  
Meeting**
- March 17**     **School Holiday**

## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a school community, the students have made pledges that they hope to keep during this season of Lent. They have also decorated crosses which will soon appear on a bulletin board in the school. Each class is also remembering Lent in a special way.

Customarily during Lent, we place emphasis on certain things by their absence. At Mass, we do not sing the alleluia. We keep flowers and decorations to a minimum. Traditionally, the statues were covered and the holy water fonts were dry. The things emphasized by their absence during Lent are emphasized by their abundance during the 50 days of Easter.

As we move along during this season, we will continue to discuss the signs and traditions of Lent.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia  
Principal

### **Athletics Reminder:**

From the Athletic Handbook (p. 7): Students absent from school may not attend practice that day or participate in a scheduled game that day (unless the principal has been notified prior to the absence and has granted permission to participate).

### **Lunches:**

It is extremely important that students come to school with their lunches. It is distracting and time-consuming for teachers and students to take time away from instruction to call parents for their lunches.

If you order hot lunch for your child, please keep track of which lunches you have ordered. Time spent determining whether a child has a lunch ordered and then calling parents, if necessary, is time taken away from both the teacher's and the student's lunch period. The bottom section of the lunch form is meant specifically for parents to keep track of lunches ordered. Please take advantage of this tool.

Also, if your child is absent on the day hot lunch orders are due in the office and you have not yet submitted your order, please call Mrs. Revilla and advise her of your child's incoming order. We continue to need hot lunch servers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you can help, please call the office and let us know of your availability. The viability of this service depends on the help of our parent volunteers. Thank you.

### **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 if you are not interested in purchasing any of the photos.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> grade parent Tony Molina for tickets.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Please make sure all re-registration forms are in by the due date so that you will not be assessed any late fees.

### **eScrip Update:**

Please be advised, if you have not yet renewed your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, your purchases are not being credited toward your financial agreement.

Also, eScrip Recycling is still a part of our program. Please continue to send in ink cartridges and cell phone for recycling. You do not receive individual credit for these items; however, the school does benefit from your contributions. The school received a check in the amount of \$70.20 for the last shipment sent in September 2005. Thank you for your continuing contributions and to Theresa Dailey of our school.

### **¡HOLAKIDS! (Grades K-3):**

Registration forms were sent home in February to those families expressing interest in this after school Spanish program. The due date was today, March 8<sup>th</sup> and to date, response has been extremely low. If we do not hear back from those families who expressed interest in this program by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, a decision will be made as to whether classes will proceed as scheduled next week.