

St. Paul's School Weekly Newsletter

October 4, 2006

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Thursday,
October 5** **Morning Recycling assemblies**
**6:30-7:30 p.m. Advisory Board
Meeting**
- Monday,
October 9** **Columbus Day School Holiday**
- Tuesday,
October 10** **Chevy's Night at Stonestown**
- Thursday,
October 12** **8:30 a.m. School Mass**
Dress Uniform

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, a man who gave up his wealth to live among the poor. We learn from St. Francis to appreciate the simple gifts of God's creation. He had a love for all who were poor and sick. His happiness and love of God attracted followers who were also living their lives to serve the poor and sick. Of course, St. Francis is one of the co-patrons of our city.

We have completed two-thirds of the first quarter and our ITBS tests. Going home with this newsletter is a form to be completed and returned so that teachers can schedule Parent/Teacher conferences. It is amazing how quickly this part of the year moves ahead.

I hope everyone enjoys our long weekend.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

Parent Reminders:

The bell/clock has been reset; it no longer rings two minutes early. Please have students here on time.

For some families, tardiness is a real problem. Children **must** be here to start the day; it is the responsibility of both parent and child.

Uniforms:

School emblems are now available in the office. Students must have one sewn on their dress uniform sweater by our next school mass, October 12.

Girls skirts need to be knee length.

P.E. sweats should only be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Socks must be crew length (above the ankle).

Shoes must be solid black or white—no high tops.

90th Anniversary:

Plans are being finalized for our special day. Archbishop Niederauer will be presiding at the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 22 followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. School families should plan on attending this joyful celebration. Flyers went home in last week's Wednesday envelope reminding you of the event and asking for food donations for the reception. Please return these forms to the rectory or the office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

St. Paul's Parish Dinner Dance:

Please save the date for this festive event, the Parish's greatest fundraiser of the year. This year's "Sail Away with St. Paul's" will take place at Patio Español on November 4, 2006, with cocktails and silent auction beginning at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m.; dancing until midnight. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. For more information, please call Katy O'Shea at the Rectory (415) 648-7538 or Anne O'Shea at (415) 641-9409. If you have not yet received your invitation, please contact Anne O'Shea.

Please consider getting together with some of the other class parents and get a table! Support St. Paul's Parish -- remember, we would not have this beautiful school but for the great Parish -- be a part of your parish community!!

Auction items needed!!

One of the most popular parts of the evening is the silent auction! The more items we have for guests to bid on, the more money our auction will raise. Our local merchants have been extremely generous in donating items for the auction. But, certain popular items are hard to come by. We are in particular need of bottles of wine in the \$20 to \$25 range. Also, gift certificates or cards to retail stores and popular restaurants in the Noe Valley

and Valencia corridor area are much-needed items. Please bring any items to the rectory, clearly labeled with the item name, value, and donor name. We appreciate your help. Please call Katy O'Shea at the rectory 648-7538 with any questions. Donor forms can be found on the school website, www.stpaulsf.net.

Hot Lunch News:

Please abide by the deadline for hot lunch orders. While we want the students to be able to have hot lunch, it is not always possible to squeeze in late orders.

Please note, the parent volunteer rotation (by class) has begun. The 2nd grade class representative has contacted our wonderful 2nd grade parents, who will provide lunch helpers to assist Sr. Ann for the month of October. The order of the rotation is as follows: October (2nd); November (1st); December (5th); January (8th); February (Kgr.); March (6th); April (7th); and May (3rd and 4th). Please, check your schedules and let your class representative or the office know if you can help. If you are unable to help during the month your class is designated, please make arrangements to help during another month. We only need 3 parent helpers for each lunch, so please let us know ahead of time when you will be available so we can schedule you in. It is extremely important to the existence of the hot lunch program that we have as much parent participation as possible.

Worth mentioning is the increasing number of students who do not bring a lunch and expect to receive a Cup-o-Noodles and juice. This emergency lunch is not meant to be an additional lunch service. There is no guarantee that we will have the Noodles and juice in stock on any given day. Please do not let your children come to school without a lunch from home. Keep track of which hot lunches you may have ordered for your child, as well. Often times we have students coming to school without a lunch from home because they thought they had hot lunch ordered, when in fact they did not.

St. Paul's Walk-a-thon:

Please see attached Flyer and Sponsor Form.

Quote of the Week:

*Good manners and soft words
have brought many a difficult thing to pass.*

John Vanbrough