



St. Paul's School
San Francisco, California

Weekly Newsletter
September 5, 2007

Calendar:

Thursday,
September 6 **Picture Day – Dress
Uniform**

Sunday,
September 9 PTG Family Picnic
Glen Park 11:30 a.m. –
4:00 p.m. (see flyer)

Wednesday,
September 12 8:30 a.m. Opening School
Liturgy-**Dress Uniform**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hope everyone enjoyed the Labor Day holiday weekend. We have a busy week ahead.

Molly Mollin will return as our school counselor, and will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning September 11th) from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. She will have a letter sent home to parents in the next Wednesday envelope.

On behalf of the Parent Group, we hope you are all planning on attending the Picnic at Glen Park this Sunday, September 9th. The Picnic Committee has worked hard in planning this fun-filled event for our school families. Come out and show your support. There is a flyer/order form included in this Wednesday envelope. If you haven't already purchased tickets, please send your order to the office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7th and we will forward the information to the Picnic Committee.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

A B Cs Of Student Success

B is for BEDTIME.

Awwwww, Mom! Already? Sound familiar?
On average, children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. (Some doctors even believe that during sleep the brain "files away" what is learned during the day.) Encouraging quiet activities -- such as reading -- just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax. *Sweet dreams!*

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Medication

If it is absolutely necessary to administer medication during school hours (both prescription and non-prescription), the school must have the following in the office:

1. A signed statement from the parent.
2. The name of the medication, the name of the person who is to administer the medication, and the amount of medication to be taken.

No medication, including aspirin, may be brought to school and ingested by any student unless it is cleared by the office with written permission from the parent. Permission may not be granted over the telephone. Medication brought in with no note attached will be confiscated immediately.

2007-2008 Parent Student Handbook:

Handbooks are going home today. Please read carefully; complete the sign-off sheet and return to school by September 14, 2007.

Parish Blood Drive:

September 23 –

Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Van will be parked in front of Church.

If you have any questions, please call
Jill Alcantar at 586-8911.

Bingo News:

Parents who volunteer to work Bingo on Friday nights receive double the amount of hours worked and also have their name put in a drawing to win a \$100.00 credit towards their Financial Agreement,

Extended Care, Service Hours or Tuition. Please call the school office if you can volunteer.

History of Labor Day:

Labor Day is a national legal holiday that is over 100 years old. Over the years, it has evolved from a purely labor union celebration into a general “last fling of summer” festival.

It grew out of a celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in 1882 in New York. In 1884 the Knights held a large parade in New York City celebrating the working class. The parade was held on the first Monday in September. The Knights passed a resolution to hold all future parades on the same day, designated by them as Labor Day.

In the late 1880’s, labor organizations began to lobby various state legislatures for recognition of Labor Day as an official state holiday. The first states to declare it a state holiday in 1887 were Oregon, Colorado, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey. Then in 1894 Congress passed a law recognizing Labor Day as an official national holiday.

Today Labor Day is observed not only in the United States but also in Canada and in other industrialized nations. It has come to be recognized in the United States not only as a celebration of the working class, but even more so as the unofficial end of the summer season. In the northern half of the United States at least the summer vacation season begins with Memorial Day and ends with Labor Day.

St. Paul’s School Mission Statement

The mission of St. Paul’s School is to educate our students in the Catholic Christian tradition. We are called to teach as Jesus taught, emphasizing the gospel message of love and service. We encourage and support the role of parents as the primary educators of their children. It is our purpose to provide a safe and caring environment with quality instruction designed for academic achievement and formation of faith. We help our students to be responsible to our parish, our school and the larger community. We encourage our students to become fully integrated individuals who will continue to grow in their Catholic Christian faith.

Morning Assembly:

The 29th Street gate opens at 7:45 am. This is when supervision in the yard starts. No child is to be left unattended at the gate. If you arrive early and need to drop-off your child, please place him/her in Extended Care.

Morning Drop-off:

(Service Hour Opportunity). See flyer for details.

Traffic Safety:

A safety patrol guard is on duty before and after school for your protection. Please respect and obey directions by following **all** traffic safety rules.

1. Everyone should cross with the crossing guard. No one should jaywalk across the street.
2. Respect our neighbors. Do not block driveways at any time.

QSP Sale:

The QSP sale starts today. There are many wonderful items in the catalog for the holidays that are right around the corner. This is the first fundraiser for the 2007-2008 school year.

Safe Environment On-Line Training:

In a continuing effort to provide your children with a safe environment, the San Francisco Archdiocese asks all clergy, employees and volunteers who have regular contact with children to complete the on-line training. All of the school employees have completed this training as have all the coaches who work with the children.

If you are going to volunteer on a regular basis throughout the school year, please complete this on-line training.

****Please see the accompanying flyer.**

After you have completed the training, please send a copy of your certificate to the office.

Thank you for complying with this request.

ABSENCES:

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office by **8:30 a.m.** You can always call earlier and leave a message on our answering system. You must send a note to your child's teacher when the child returns to school explaining the reason for the absence.

***Without labor nothing prospers.
Sophocles***

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