



St. Paul's School
San Francisco, California

Weekly Newsletter
October 10, 2007

Calendar:

Monday,
October 15 2:00 p.m. Dismissal
 2:20 p.m. Faculty Mtg.

Wednesday,
October 17 6:30 p.m. First
 Communion
Informational Meeting

Thursday,
October 18 7:00 p.m. PTG Meeting

Monday,
October 22 Hearing tests –
 Grades 2-5-8
 12:35 p.m. Dismissal

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We celebrated a beautiful liturgy last week to remember St. Francis of Assisi. The students were reminded of his special traits and his appreciation for the simple gifts of God's creation.

This month our students will learn about the Rosary and the special devotion that as Catholics we show to Mary, the Mother of God.

This past Monday (October 8) Canadians celebrated Thanksgiving Day. Years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, the English navigator Martin Frobisher held a formal celebration in what is now Newfoundland to celebrate surviving his long journey. (1578) So, just like in the United States, the tradition of Thanksgiving began.

I hope you can continue to learn about and enjoy this harvest season that is rich in tradition and celebration.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

A B Cs Of Student Success

G is for GRACE.

Grace means giving children what they need, not what they deserve. It means accepting kids as they are, and understanding their feelings and obstacles. It also means that we provide the unconditional support our children need to make positive changes. Grace, however, must be balanced with accountability or we risk enabling children to excuse unacceptable behavior or failure to achieve reasonable goals. If we balance grace with accountability, we let children know that we expect them to grow and learn.

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Students of the Month:

Congratulations to the September Students of the Month:

Kindergarten:

Sam Abdel Bianca Guerrero

First Grade:

Emillie Panganiban Dylan Schepp

Second Grade:

Erin King Jackson Williams

Third Grade:

Donny Bendo Monique Molina

Fourth Grade:

Rojae Lake Jade Manansala

Fifth Grade:

Noah Nunez Christina Oropeza

Sixth Grade:

Natalie Helms Christian Portillo

Seventh Grade:

Cesar Molina Miranda Nguyen

Eighth Grade:

Justine Brignoli Jon-Anthony Lacayo

First Holy Communion:

The first parent meeting for First Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Music/Art room on the second floor of the school building. If there are any students in grades 3-8 who haven't yet made their First Holy Communion, and would like to, please contact Mrs. Moro, Second Grade teacher. Thank you.

Lice Policy:

A flyer containing information on Head Lice is included in this Wednesday envelope. As stated in the Handbook, there are certain guidelines you must follow if you determine your child has Head Lice. Please familiarize yourself with this handout. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

St. Paul's Annual Dinner Dance and Auction:

Enjoy *A Night with the Stars!* St. Paul's Parish annual dinner dance and auction takes place on November 3, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and silent auction, and continuing with dinner, live auction and dancing. This is a great way to meet new school parents and/or guardians and to get a chance to know fellow parishioners. The money raised will benefit St. Paul's Preservation Fund, to help repay the debt from the retrofit of church and the rebuilding of our school. If you have not yet received an invitation, please contact Anne O'Shea (415-641-9409) and provide your name, address and telephone number. Encourage fellow parents to get a table together! Call your class representatives about organizing a table at the event – let's make a great showing this year!

St. Paul's Annual Dinner Dance and Auction Needs Your Help!!

If you will not be attending the auction dinner this year, this is your chance to earn extra service hours! The committee is in need of volunteers, for several hours the night of the event, to help with the silent auction (check out auction items and clean up after auction). Anyone interested in volunteering for this event is welcome to

call Katy O'Shea at the St. Paul's Rectory (415-648-7538).

Boys Basketball Sign-Ups

If your son (grades 3-8) has not yet signed up for the upcoming Boys Basketball season, please be sure to turn in completed form no later than Friday, October 19, 2007. Rosters need to be finalized and provided to CYO for scheduling purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Woodall, Sixth Grade teacher and Athletics/Teacher Liaison.

Lighting the Way:

To accompany our school theme, "Lighting the Way", we are starting a student recognition program. A student who is caught (seen) doing good will receive mention every Friday morning at assembly. Our first recipients are:

Noah Nunez
Jon-Anthony Lacayo
Christine Sunga
Julian Torres
Kaitlan Brown
Kalena Merafuentes
Jezebella Cazares
Julian Alvarenga

Parent Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of two more parents who can do an inventory of the emergency supplies.

We also need volunteers to be photographer assistants on the following dates:

October 25—Picture Re-takes –
8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

October 31—Halloween – 9:00 a.m.
until the parade starts

November 6-7-8 – Parent-Teacher
Conferences – 1:00 p.m. to
5:00 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the hot lunch program. Please contact Sr. Ann.

Remember these count towards your Service Hour obligations. If you can help, please call the school office.

Picture Re-takes:

If you would like your child to have their school picture re-taken, you need to send us the complete picture package that you received by Monday, October 22nd so that we may have an accurate count for the photographers.

Bingo News:

Parent Volunteers are needed every Friday night. If you work bingo, your volunteer hours are doubled and your name is put in for a \$100.00 drawing. Please call the school office by Thursday of the week you are volunteering.

Student Council News:

Our Student Council is sponsoring a Halloween contest for Grades K-8. They are also selling Candy Grams for Halloween.

Halloween News:

The annual costume parade will be held at 1:15 p.m. in the school yard.

There will be **no** hot lunch on Halloween.

Students need to come to school dressed in costume. There will not be any time for students to change. Remember costumes should not include weapons or portray violence.

Clocks/School Bells:

We try very hard to make sure the bell system is set at the correct time; however, periodically it may speed up a minute or two. To help your children from being tardy, we suggest you plan to arrive by 7:55 a.m. While we understand an occasional tardy is unavoidable, please try to make every effort to get your child to school on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Crossing Guard News:

It is of extreme importance that everyone pays attention to Mrs. Bonilla (Mima) as the crossing guard at the intersection of 29th and Church Streets. She is there for the safety of you and your children.

We also need to remind parents/guardians to not block our neighbors' driveways when dropping off or picking up our students.

When the rainy season begins, please remember to pull up to the white lane (at the 29th Street gate) to drop off your children. Do not stop in front of the 29th Street door to drop off your children. This causes extreme traffic congestion and can be dangerous for all of our families. Also, please allow yourself extra travel time on rainy days, as traffic is moving much slower.

*If we pause to think,
we may have cause to thank.*

Anonymous