



St. Paul's School
San Francisco, California

Weekly Newsletter
March 5, 2008

A Glimpse at the Days Ahead:

Thursday,
March 6 Lenten Reconciliation
 Grades 5-8-7

Friday,
March 7 Field Trip – Grade 4 -
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Sunday,
March 9 Parish Blood Drive
 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday,
March 12 Field Trip – Grade 3 –
 Recycling Plant

Thursday,
March 13 Field Trip – Kindergarten
 --walk to Fire Station

Friday,
March 14 Field Trip – Grade 2 –
 Botanical Gardens

Saturday,
March 15 MOSP-St. Patrick's Day
 Dinner

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today our first graders prepared the readings and participated in the planning of our Lenten Mass. Their theme was forgiveness, which is especially important to all Christians during this season. We want to seek forgiveness for our sins and strengthen our faith.

The word "Lent" is derived from the Middle English word "Lenten" which means "springtime." The conclusion of Lent and the beginning of spring are not too far away. Also, don't forget to set your clocks ahead. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

*Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see the whole
staircase.*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Grades 1 and 2 Parents:

Our students have been selected to participate in a research study that investigates the influence of language and culture on conceptual development. Children will be tested in groups and the test will only take about 10-20 minutes. A permission slip is going home with this newsletter. Please return them by Tuesday, March 11.

Registration Fees:

Registration fees are due in the office by Wednesday, March 19th.

Sixth Annual Grammar School Art Exhibition:

Mercy High School-San Francisco

Sixth Annual Grammar School Art Exhibition—March 8-28, 2008

Congratulations to the following students whose art work is on display at the McAuley Art Gallery in the Catherine McAuley Pavilion. Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grade 8

Maya Astabie
Celina Baldizon
Paula Dittmann
Kristina Martinez
Renée Sweeney

Grade 7

Katherine Bello
Yessenia Lopez-Garcia
Kelsey McKeon-Johnson
Kalena Merafuentes
Miranda Nguyen
Jasmine Rael
Sophia Warren

“Lighting the Way”:

“Lighting the Way” recipients this past week:

Emilio Guerrero Grade 3
Matthew Shaw Grade 6

Lenten Outreach:

We still have barrels from the San Francisco Food Bank. Thank you in advance for helping us fill them.

We are also supporting the parish outreach program. This weekend the St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting toiletries for Martin de Porres. If you donate any toiletries at school, we will get them to the parish.

Annual San Francisco Science Fair:

Congratulations to the following 7th graders:

Cesar Molina
Miranda Nguyen
Jason Tabuena

who placed third in the category of Biological Sciences at the 26th Annual San Francisco Science Fair held at the Randall Museum on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

St. Ignatius Summer Program:

We have been asked by St. Ignatius High School to advise our families of the summer program being offered for students entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades in the fall. The on-line registration site opened March 1, 2008. The website can be accessed at www.siprep.org/summer.

Summer Math Book Orders:

Order forms for the summer Math books are due in the office by Friday, March 7th. If you need another order form, please contact the office.

Pictures for Yearbook Needed:

Please provide Ms. Olivo with any school-related pictures (i.e., walkathon, crab feed, family bingo, sports, etc.) for inclusion in this year's yearbook. Providing the pictures on disc would be much appreciated. Thank you.

7th Annual Family Bingo Night:

The St. Paul's Parent Group would like to thank all the families who attended Family Bingo on Saturday night. It was a fun evening for all. We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who did everything from set up and cleanup, to manning the prize/drink table, checking in our players, and scooping ice cream sundaes at the intermission. Your efforts are much appreciated! A very special THANK YOU to our callers Sarah Guerrero, and Jim Woods (as well as all of their helpers). We would also like to thank Mitchell's Ice Cream for donating the ice cream and all of our families who donated baskets for the silent auction.

The event was the largest attended to date. We had 250 players (47 families). We hope you will join us again next year!

MOSP St. Patrick's Day Dinner:

Tickets are still available for the Men of St. Paul's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner to be held on **Saturday, March 15th**. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please accept our apologies for the misprint in the March calendar.

PSAS:

There are still a limited number of PSAS financial aid forms in the office. These application forms will only be handed to an adult and you must come to the office to receive it. We cannot send forms home with students. Thank you for your cooperation.