

St. Paul's School
San Francisco, California
December 3, 2008
Weekly Newsletter

A Glimpse at the Days Ahead:

Monday,
December 8 Feast of the Immaculate
 Conception Mass –
 Dress Uniform
 2:00 p.m. Dismissal
 2:20 p.m. Faculty Mtg.

Wednesday,
December 10 Grades 3-4-5 Symphony
 10:00 p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Meeting for 2nd
 Grade parents

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

Friday,
December 19 12:00 noon Dismissal
 No Lunch
 No Extended Care

Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Last Sunday marked the beginning of a new liturgical year. The Church enters into the season of Advent to wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus. At school we will remember each week of Advent with a prayer service around our Advent wreath. This will give us the opportunity to stop and focus our thoughts on God. Advent is a time for us to reflect on Christ's light entering the world.

“The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.”
John 1: 9

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

Thought for the Week:

**Better to light a candle
than to curse the darkness.**

Chinese Proverb

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Thank you for your generous support of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. All donated food was sorted and over 100 bags of food were distributed to the needy of the parish.

Toys for Tots:

During this season of Christmas, as a school community we are going to support the San Francisco Fire Department Toys for Tots Program. We ask for donations of **new toys** to be placed in the barrels.

Office Depot:

Don't forget when you are shopping at Office Depot to use our Back to Schools Program ID #70014170. We receive 5% back for all your qualifying purchases.

Applications:

Kindergarten applications for next year's class are due Wednesday, December 15, 2008.

Financial Reminder:

All accounts must be current before a child can begin the second semester on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. People with delinquent accounts will be contacted by the administration within the next few weeks.

Simply Uniforms:

Christmas—New Year Holiday

Closed Monday, December 15, 2008 to Monday, January 5, 2009

Re-open: Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Graduation Fees:

The first installment of the graduation fee was due in November. If you haven't sent this payment yet, please do so now. Thank you.

Bingo News:

The October winner from the parent volunteers for Bingo is Luis Guiulfo (son, Luis Guiulfo is in the 8th grade). Please contact Vera in the school office and let her know where to apply your \$100.00 credit. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered.

Tuition Payments:

The second half of the 2008-2009 tuition payment was due on December 3rd. If you have not paid it yet, be sure to include the late fee (\$25.00) and send it in by Friday.

Hot Lunch:

Starting in January, the price of a hot lunch will go up to \$5.00 for each individual lunch. You will see the increase on the January menu, which is going home with this newsletter. The increase reflects the rising cost of food for our vendors.

Yard Procedures:

Students may not bring to the yard certain items for recess and lunch. This especially applies to sunflower or pumpkin seeds. Pomegranates are included in this category because students do not always dispose of them properly; therefore they become a hazard on the schoolyard.