

St. Paul's School
San Francisco, California
August 26, 2009
Weekly Newsletter

A Glimpse at the Days Ahead:

Wednesday,
August 26 6:30 p.m. Back-to-School
 Night—Grades 1-5

Thursday,
August 27 6:30 p.m. Back-to-School
 Night—Grades 6-8

Wednesday,
September 2 Picture Day—Dress
 Uniform
 QSP Sale begins

Monday,
September 7 Labor Day Holiday—no
 school

Wednesday,
September 9 8:30 a.m. Opening School
 Mass - Dress Uniform

A Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have already completed our first five days of a new school year. The next months will be filled with learning, new friends, joys and even some pains. We are all fortunate to be a part of the St. Paul's community. Teachers and staff have already worked many hours to prepare for an exciting school year. We are anxious to partner with you in providing a safe and caring environment for your children.

Blessings on our new school year.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

Thought for the Week:

***If everyone is moving forward
together, then success will take
care of itself.***

Henry Ford

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.

Prayer Corner:

Please keep in your prayers, Mr. Robert Olivo. Due to a recent illness, Mr. Olivo will not be in school for at least a month.

News Notes:

Our lunch program – Childrens Choice will begin on Monday, August 31. Register at www.choicelunch.com. Our registration code is SisterAct.

The 2009-2010 Parent-Student Handbook will be ready for distribution at our Back-to-School Nights. Kindergarten parents will receive theirs with the Wednesday envelope.

Absences:

If your child is absent from school, you must telephone the school office by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence and explain the nature of the absence. It is acceptable to leave a message if the

office is not open. If you wish to have schoolwork sent home during an absence, it must be requested by 10:00 a.m. It will be prepared for pick-up in the Extended Care room beginning at 3:30 p.m.

A written excuse dated and signed by the parent or guardian is required on the day of the student's return.

Written Excuses: Written excuses should include the current date, name of student, nature of illness or other reason for absence or tardiness, date the child was absent or tardy and parent signature. Written excuses go to the teacher for the following:

- Absence due to illness
- Tardiness
- Incomplete assignments due to an emergency
- Doctor or dental appointments
- Requests to leave school before dismissal
- Absence from school other than from illness
- Doctor's request to be excused from P.E. class

Family Directory:

The 2009-2010 Family Directory will soon be available. All school families will be included in this directory. If you do not wish to have your information included, you may choose to opt out. Contact the office by email (aguaraglia@stpaulsf.net), telephone or send a written note. The deadline is Tuesday, September 1.

Recess and Lunch:

Please make sure your child has a nutritious snack and lunch every day. It is disruptive to your child's learning to make numerous trips to the office to ask about lunch. If you are bringing a lunch for your child, please make sure he knows. Do not deliver lunches to your child's classroom. Always bring the lunch to the office and make sure it is labeled with his/her name.

Traffic Safety:

An adult safety patrol guard is on duty before and after school. We welcome Mima Bonilla back to this position. Please respect and obey the directions of the safety patrol guard by following traffic safety rules.

Please respect our neighbors. Do not double park or park in their driveways.

Emergency Cards:

All emergency cards need to be filled out completely and signed by you the parent. All cards should already be in the office. If any changes are made, please notify the office at once.

On the card you also need to list anyone who has your permission to pick up your child/children from school. We **CAN NOT** release your child to someone who is not listed on this card.

Hot Lunch:

As you already know our new lunch program will begin next Monday, August 31st. If you haven't already registered, please visit www.choicelunch.com to register.

The registration code is SisterAct. Lunch orders can be made as late as 9:00 a.m. the school day before, if paying by credit card. Should you have any questions regarding the program, please visit the website listed above or call our hot lunch coordinator, Christina Sanchez at (415) 816-2782. Volunteers are needed to help distribute lunch and if you volunteer you will be eligible for a credit of up to \$22.25 to your Childrens Choice account.

September is the volunteer month for 8th grade families; however, if you are not an 8th grade family and are able to assist, please contact Christina Sanchez.

Picture Day Volunteers:

We need 1 parent who can stay from approximately 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to help the photographers. This time does count for Parent Service Hours. Please call the office (648-2055) if you can help.

Uniforms:

Please put your child's name on all uniform items. Our Lost and Found containers are located on the first and second floors. Please check the containers regularly for any lost items.

WASC Parent Survey:

Many of you know that this is an important year for St. Paul's School. The faculty and staff have already begun work on our self-study which will be presented to a visiting team in March 2010. As a part of this self-study, all members of the community are asked to complete a survey—Fr. Mario, faculty

and staff, students and parents. The survey can be completed on line; this is the link_____.

It is so important to our self-study to have as much feedback from parents as possible. Please take a few minutes to complete. Thank you so much.