

St. Paul's School
San Francisco, California
October 7, 2009
Weekly Newsletter

A Glimpse at the Days Ahead:

Monday,
 October 12 Columbus Day
 School Holiday

Wednesday,
 October 14 Picture retakes

Thursday,
 October 15 PTG Meeting –
 7:00 p.m.

Sunday,
 October 18 MOSP Pancake Breakfast
 following 9:15 a.m.
 Mass

Monday,
 October 19 2:00 p.m. Dismissal

Wednesday,
 October 21 Grades 2 and 6 – Field
 Trip to the Pumpkin
 Patch

Thursday,
 October 22 6:30 p.m. Open House
 for prospective families

Friday,
 October 23 Student Council
 sponsored Spirit Day –
 Black and Orange

K – 3 Halloween Activity



Columbus

Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

October is traditionally the month of the Rosary. Perhaps as a child you remember praying the rosary or a decade of it as a family. About eight years ago, Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries—Mysteries of Light. These mysteries focus on the public ministry of Jesus' life.

Today praying the Rosary often brings a sense of quiet and peace that helps people reflect on the events of the life of Jesus and Mary.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
 Principal

Thought for the Day

**For the ignorant old age is a winter;
 for the learned it is a harvest.**

Jewish Proverb

News Notes:

Lighting the Way:

Elci Cortes	K
Cheree Barroso	Grade 2
Juliana Valencia	Grade 2
Frank Woods	Grade 2
Dylan Brown	Grade 3
Raphael Cervantez (2)	Grade 3
Celia Ortiz	Grade 3
Aleciana Ruiz	Grade 3
Julian Villasenor	Grade 3
Fernanda Castillo	Grade 4
Jaime Gutierrez	Grade 4
Stephanie Carrasco	Grade 5
Lauren Cayongcat	Grade 5
Monique Molina	Grade 5
Rachel Sweeney	Grade 5
Cristina DiDonato (2)	Grade 6
Izabella Gomez	Grade 6
Juan Gutierrez	Grade 6
Lauren Lee	Grade 6
Blair Meehan	Grade 7

Rebecca Cardenas
William Moon

Grade 8
Grade 8

worship and prayer as a community and participate in service.

Pictures Retakes: Wednesday, Oct. 14

If you are not satisfied with your portraits, return the package on Retake Day and your child can take a new picture. Class pictures will be available after this date.

DID YOU KNOW?

How Old Does a Child Need to be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they are capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they are about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies say they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.

For particular help you may call:
Barbara Elordi, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 415-614-5504 (private, secure line) or email ElordiB@sfarchdiocese.org.

Thank You:

Thank you to all our parents who took the time to complete the WCEA/WASC survey. We appreciate your feedback.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Please do not forget to return your completed Parent/Teacher Conference form. Teachers will schedule these conferences and return a date and time to you on Wednesday, October 21.

Student of the Month:

Each month we recognize two students from each class who best exemplify our Student Learning Expectations. In September – our focus was on Active Catholic Christians, students who are making good choices, who join in

For September, we recognize:

Kindergarten

Maxwell Oliver Diana Richardson

Grade 1

Catryn Beddoes Ernesto Rojas-Martinez

Grade 2

Ellias Baugh Bianca Guerrero

Grade 3

Camila Arroyo Dylan Brown

Grade 4

Cavan Fitzpatrick Lucy Nelligan

Grade 5

Monique Molina Isabel Siu

Grade 6

Catherine Heinen Lauren Lee

Grade 7

Brittney Carias Sandra Marquez

Grade 8

Cristina Medrano William Moon

Volunteers Needed:

Bingo provides much needed financial support for our parish. If you could volunteer on Friday nights, please call the school office by Friday morning to give us your name.

Halloween:

Our costume parade will be on Friday, October 30 in the school yard at 1:15 p.m.

On this date, Grades 1 through 8 will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m.



Open House:

Thursday October 22nd will be our open house for prospective families. If you know anyone who is looking for a new school next year, please give them the flyer that is going home with this newsletter.

Grocery Club Card:

Enclosed in this week's Wednesday envelope is an eScrip Grocery Club Card Power Registration Log. Power Registration enables us to expand our school's supporter base. We encourage you to gather as many new supporters as possible to increase our eScrip contributions. There is a minimum amount of information required on the form, and it is an easy way to collect Club Card numbers from family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. Simply fill in the required info on the form, and return the form to the school office, Attn: Camille Inyang, eScrip Coordinator. There is no deadline, as Power Registration is an ongoing process. Please contact Camille Inyang with any questions.

Book Fair:

Book Fair volunteers are still needed for these days and times only:

- ◆ Tuesday Nov. 3rd
12:30pm-6:00pm

- ◆ Wednesday Nov. 4th
12:30pm-6:00pm

Yearbook:

Mrs. Olivo needs pictures for our lovely yearbook. Please send in pictures on a disc. You also can email them to her at cynthia94110@msn.com. Pictures taken at field trips, sporting events, school picnic, Halloween, etc. She will be collecting pictures throughout the year up until Mar. 31st, 2010.

Extended Care:

Extended Care billing went home last Friday Oct. 2nd. Payment is due Thursday Oct. 15th. Any questions about your billing please contact Mary Wurm Extended Care Director either by calling the office or emailing her at mwurm@stpaulsf.net.



Prayer Corner:

Please keep in your prayers, Gordon Ramos, husband of Espi Ramos our Kindergarten Aide. Grandfather of Jaime Gutierrez (4th) and Beatrice Ramos (4th). Gordon was in a motorcycle accident on Sunday.