



ST. PAUL SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.

Billy Graham

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MUSICIANS - I am

proud to announce that the following students were selected to represent St. Paul School in the 2010 Honor Band: Myles Barrow (alto sax), Leander Villarta (alto sax) and Kayliana Prioleau (bells). We are so pleased that our students use their gifts to benefit all of us and work hard to hone their skills.

ASSISTANCE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN HAITI - All of us

have seen the extreme suffering and loss of human lives of so many in Haiti. Please talk with your children about how all of us are called by Jesus to take care of each other. At our school Mass on Wednesday, January 27 we will take up an offering to be given to Catholic Relief Services to assist victims of the earthquake. This will be most meaningful if our students earn the money they donate or take it from money they may have saved. However, this is of course a family decision. If sending cash, please be sure it is in an envelope. If you are more comfortable sending a check, please make it payable to CRS/Archdiocese of Seattle. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR FACULTY - Please join me

in welcoming Karen Taylor as our new third grade teacher. Mrs. Taylor taught fourth grade for four years at Our Lady of Lourdes in Vancouver, Washington and more recently she taught third grade for two years at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

QUARTER TWO ENDS SOON - Please remember

that the second academic quarter ends on Friday, January 22 and report cards will be sent home on January 29. Report cards will be held for those families with outstanding balances. Please be sure you are up to date so that we can send the report card home.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE - Our yearly calendar

notes that Friday, March 19th is a No School Day due to a Deanery Curriculum Development Day. This date has been changed to Monday, April 19th. School will be in session on Friday, March 19th with a "No School" day on April 19th.

We thank you for making this change on your Parent Handbook calendar and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - The theme this year

is "Catholic Schools - Faith, Knowledge, Morals, Discipline - Dividends for Life." We will kick off this week of celebration with a family Mass at 10:30 on Sunday, January 31, in the church. All students are expected to attend this important school event. They should arrive at school no later than 10:15, in their uniform and line up with their class homeroom. The students will process into the church and sit with their classmates in an area roped off in the front of the church. Please remember to complete the form that you received in last week's envelope regarding your participation and support.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM - Please note that our

January/February Hot Lunch Menu was enclosed in last week's envelope. Order forms are due back by Friday, January 22nd. There is NO HOT LUNCH PROGRAM on our noon dismissal days. Please remember to send a sack lunch if your child is going to the ESS Program after school on those days.

PIZZA LUNCH - Our St. Paul PTO sponsored pizza lunch will be tomorrow

Thursday, January 21st. Another order form was sent home yesterday as a courtesy reminder. Order forms were due back yesterday, January 19th. If you do not order pizza, please send a sack lunch with your student on that day.

ST. PAUL FAMILY FUN NIGHT, Saturday, February 6, 2010

All proceeds from this event will support our 8th grade class trip to Washington DC. This event is open to family and friends (**all ages are welcome**) of St. Paul students. Only 300 tickets will be sold! Tickets are **\$10 each and include one raffle ticket**. Tickets went on sale **Friday, January 8, 2010**. Please see Mrs. Rita Turner for yours today, **CASH ONLY**. Additional raffle tickets will be sold the night of the event. **Refreshments will be sold. No outside food or drink will be allowed. Security will be provided and enforced. Roman's Hall Front Entrance doors open at 3:45 pm.**

NOON DISMISSAL - Please note on your February calendar that Friday, February 5th is a 1/2 day schedule with school dis-

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missing at 12:00noon. Teachers will be involved in an Inservice Meeting. This is also a “free dress” day.

MID WINTER BREAK – Our mid-winter break will begin with a noon dismissal on Thursday, February 11th. Friday, February 12th, is a “no school” day along with Monday, February 15th, being a “no school” day in observation of President’s Day.

STUDENT ILLNESS – With cold and flu season upon us, please use good judgment before sending your child to school. Students should not be sent to school with a fever or any type of vomiting. They should be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school. This helps students and staff/faculty alike from causing illnesses to spread. As we look out for the well being of all, we thank you for your cooperation with this.

INCLEMENT WEATHER – Our Inclement Weather Procedure is as follows. We hope it serves as an efficient means of communication for you. Please keep this information in a place where you can refer to it in the event of an emergency situation. School closure (and late starts) will be announced by radio in the morning between 5:30am and 7:30am. Generally speaking, if Seattle Public

Schools close, St. Paul School and the ESS program will be closed also. On occasion, although our school is not closed, the hot lunch program may not be provided. If possible, this will be announced also. When it is necessary to close because of inclement weather, or any other emergency, parents will receive notice by radio and TV. Listen to early morning broadcasts from KOMO, KIRO and KING. We will also post the notice on the school website. If no announcement is heard over these stations, assume school is open at the normal time. Late openings at St. Paul School will always be at 9:30am. Please refer to your Parent Handbook for the Emergency Closure section. You can also log in to www.king5.com for school information.

STUDENT ABSENCES – Please remember to contact the school office by 8:00am to report your student’s absence. Students arriving to school past the tardy bell at 7:55am need to check in the school office before going to their classroom. Students with an early dismissal MUST be picked up in the office by a parent. The school office number is 206-725-0780.

This Week:
January 2010

- St. Jude Mathathon Fund Raiser Continues

Today, Wednesday, Jan. 20th

- Parent Envelopes

Sent Home

Friday, January 22nd

- End Of 2nd Qtr.

Wednesday, January 27th

- Parent Envelopes Sent Home
- Cookie Dough Assembly-1pm-PK-8th-Roman’s Hall
- Auction Meeting-5:30pm-Faculty Lounge

Friday, January 29th

- Report Cards Sent Home