



ST. PAUL SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.

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REGISTRATION FOR 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

All returning families are required to register on site. Re-registration will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd (last names beginning with letters A-L), and Wednesday, March 3rd (last names beginning with M-Z). Registration packets will be sent home in your Parent envelope on Wednesday, February 24th to provide you an opportunity to fill out all the paperwork in advance prior to registration. All accounts must be current at the time of registration.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY—

Enclosed in your parent envelope this week you will find our School Directory for the 2009-2010 school year. Please remember to keep this in a secure place. Student use should be monitored. Thank you to Alison Carter (Rosa Carter-4th Grade) and Christine Young (Morgan Young-4th Grade) for all their help compiling this information to help our families.

SUGGESTIONS AND

IDEAS BOX—You may have noticed a decorated wooden box on the counter in the main hall. We invite you to submit suggestions and ideas you may have on how we can make our school even bet-

ter. We recognize that a school is never perfect, but we know that many of you have some great ideas. Please be as specific as possible and if you would like a response, please include your name. This is a way for everyone to have input!

TECHNOLOGY UP-

DATE—Thanks to the work of many, we have made great progress in this area in a relatively short period of time. Some examples are:

1. We now have 60 computers in the school that are up and running and 43 of them have internet access.

2. We have a 3 year technology plan for the school that addresses staff technology integration, student technology proficiency, sustainable classroom programs, instruction and staff development. The plan is ambitious, but it is a good map to lead us into the future.

3. The faculty and staff had a half day training on the use of PowerSchool, a web-based school management system. They will begin using it this year and we intend to give parents access next fall.

4. Our E-rate application is

ready to be filed next week. This should result in decreased costs for our telecommunications.

5. We have ordered an additional LCD projector and two digital cameras using our Title II D funds. These federal dollars (which our school is entitled to by law) will provide the tools for our students to further integrate technology into learning and making presentations.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - This is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. For more information go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/about.cfm>.

LENT BEGINS NEXT

WEEK - Please consider joining the student body on Ash Wednesday, February 17th as we begin our

journey toward the great feast of Easter. Please find enclosed a "rice bowl" for your family. This reminds us to pray, fast, and give alms during Lent. There will be a gathering each Friday during Lent beginning at 6:00pm for question and answer sessions, 6:30pm (or earlier) for a simple soup supper and ending with Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

On Tuesday, February 23, I will be presenting the highlights of the 2010-2011 proposed school budget. This is your opportunity to hear where the money goes and what new ideas we have for the coming year. The meeting will take place in Romans Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PIZZA LUNCH- Our St. Paul Parent Group sponsored pizza lunch will be Thursday, February 18th. Please note: There has been a new adjustment to the pizza lunch order. We WILL be accepting cash, checks, or money orders as a source of payment to cover the cost of your child's pizza. Please disregard last week's notice regarding the no cash statement. If you do not order pizza, please send a sack lunch with your student on that day. Order

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forms are being sent home today.

MID QUARTER

Please note that Mid Quarter is Friday, Feb. 26th. Mid Quarter Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, March 9th. Now is an excellent time to talk to your student about any missing assignments and test grades

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.

MID WINTER BREAK

Our mid-winter break will begin with a noon dismissal tomorrow 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.

CATHOLICS COME

HOME Were you raised in the church, but stopped attending Mass? Do you know someone who "used to be" a practicing Catholic? Beginning on Ash

Wednesday, the Archdiocese of Seattle will begin airing spots on television, inviting people back into the church. You will be hearing more about this in your parish, but watch for them and encourage others to do likewise.

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.

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.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Please note the next Parish Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 7th. There will be no Parish Breakfast on Sunday, February 21st.

ST. PAUL PARISH—St. Paul's Pro-Life Group is sponsoring an aluminum can drive before and after all Masses the weekend of Febru-

ary 27th and 28th. Please bring all sorted aluminum products to the collection site at the west end of the church parking lot. Proceeds are donated to Birthright and Human Life of Washington.

Saturday Hours: 5-6pm

Sunday Hours: 8:30am-12:30pm

This Week:

Today, Wednesday, February 10th

- Mass-8:15am
- Parent Envelopes Sent Home
- Auction Meeting- 5:30pm—Faculty Lounge

Thurs., February 11th

- Mid Winter Break Begins 12:00noon
- Free Dress

Friday, February 12th

- Mid Winter Break
- No School

Sunday, February 14th

- Valentine's Day

Monday, February

15th

- President's Day—No School

Tuesday, February

16th

- School Resumes—Full day Schedule

Wednesday, February 17th

- Ash Wednesday
- Mass-8:15am
- Parent Envelopes Sent Home