



PANTHERS' TALES

A Biweekly Parent Newsletter



A Message From Mrs. Flores

Greetings St. Paul Families,

Blessings to you at Thanksgiving! I pray your holiday is filled with traditions that uplift you, prayers that inspire you, and family and friends who love and appreciate you. As we enter into the Thanksgiving holiday, I am reminded of the Gospel of Matthew 25.....

“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

Over the past few months, I have witnessed many times how the community of St. Paul School has reached out to those very people Christ discusses in this Gospel passage. It is wonderful to know how many people recognize the gifts and blessings that have been bestowed upon us and are willing to, in turn, give back to those less fortunate. This holiday gives us the opportunity to take time to recognize the blessings you have and share them with your children, family and friends.

I am looking forward to what lies ahead upon our return and as we enter into the Advent Season. Have a restful, grateful and blessed Thanksgiving!

“Give thanks for He is good, His mercy endures forever!”~Psalm 107.

Continued blessings and gratitude,
Mrs. Erma Flores
Principal, St. Paul School



In 1960, Ruby Bridges became one of the first Black children to integrate an all-White elementary school. In 2018, almost 60 years later, her bravery was celebrated at the first Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. We would like to thank AAA, the San Pablo Police Department, The Oakland Voice, and KTVU, as well as our parents and staff, for joining us to inspire our students to find their passion and strength...one step at a time!

Save the Date!!



The Lumen Christi Academies' Christmas Concert
will be held on Saturday, December 16.
There will be more information when we return
from Thanksgiving break.



On Friday, November 17, our SPS students, staff, and parents came together for our Mass of Thanksgiving. Following Mass, we expressed our gratitude to all the veterans who keep our country safe.

Joining us at Mass that morning were Major Sergeant Lewis of the Army Reserve (left) and Petty Officer Anderson of the US Coast Guard (far left).

Help Support SPS With Your
Time, Talent, & Treasure

Wednesday, December 6
Chipotle Dine-Out Fundraiser
Chipotle, Pinole

Tuesday, December 12
PTG Meeting~ 6:00 pm -Zoom
Direct link available on School
Dojo or Website Calendar





First Sunday of Advent December 3

It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ.

Advent

This is a liturgical season within the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a season of joyful anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The liturgical colors of Advent are purple and pink.

We focus on a different "theme" with the lighting of each Sunday's candle.

Second Sunday of Advent December 10

It is sometimes called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



Third Sunday of Advent December 17

This is known as "Gaudete Sunday" as we are reminded of the joy the world experienced at the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24

As we light this final candle, known as the "Angel's Candle," we are reminded that God's love for us is everlasting.



Save the Date!

Catholic Schools' Week 2024
Mass and Open House
Sunday, February 4, 2024



Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 3
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

St. Paul Church Parish Hall

Adult Meal	\$15
Kid Meal (age 3-14)	\$10
Family Deal:	
2 Adults/2 Kids	\$40

For more information:
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SLE Awards November 17, 2023

Student Learning Expectations demonstrate what St. Paul School students should know and be able to do as they are taught, guided, and supported during their time at SPS.

Two SLE Awards were presented after Mass on Friday:

- 1) "You are a faith-filled person who demonstrates an understanding of the Catholic faith and traditions." &
- 2) "You are a responsible human being who is accountable for your decisions, and you continue to build upon your own faith by your daily routines and actions."

