



# PANTHERS' TALES

*A Biweekly Parent Newsletter*



Accepting Pope Francis' challenge in his letter to the world, Laudato Si, our 8th graders recently helped clean-up our neighboring community of El Sobrante. Your family may join the Pope's challenge by helping to clean-up Wildcat Creek here in San Pablo on Saturday, 10/14.

## *A Message From Mrs. Flores*

Greetings St. Paul Families,

As we enter into the month October, we are asked to reflect upon all the gratitude we hold in our hearts. Gratitude is more than simply saying thank you. Gratitude's amazing powers have the ability to shift us from focusing on the negative to appreciating what is positive in our lives. Since the beginning of our school year months here at St. Paul School, I have witnessed so much generosity and hard work of the St. Paul School community. I am filled with gratitude and joy for all the students, staff, and families who come to school each day and live out the values of our faith and education. I have gratitude for all the parents who give of their time and efforts in volunteering to make sure events are successful. I have gratitude for all the students who work hard, persevere through their academics and continue to live Jesus in their hearts each day. I have gratitude for our staff who put forth hard work and dedication to ensure that all our students are learning and their needs are met during the school day. It is with great gratitude I find the many blessings that make St. Paul School the place to be.

With Utmost Gratitude,  
Mrs. Erma Flores  
Principal



*Save the Date!*

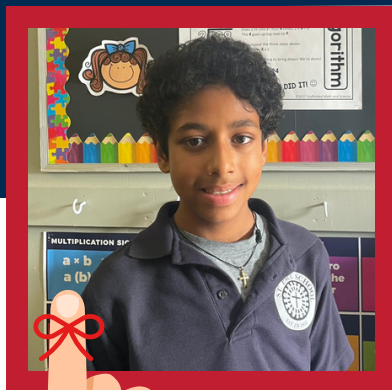
**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

**Wildcat Creek Clean-up Event**

Sponsored by KIDS by the Bay and the City of San Pablo

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Davis Park**

For more information, go to [kidsforthebay.org](http://kidsforthebay.org) (Wildcat Creek)



**PTG Meeting ~ Tuesday, November 14~ 6:00 pm - In-person**

Come join us for next month's Parent Teacher Group meeting!  
We plan and help coordinate parent support to SPS through activities  
that impact student programs...make plans now to join us!

*Did you know?*

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, we honor America's first inhabitants and the Tribal Nations that continue to thrive today.

American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have built vibrant and diverse cultures that should be recognized and celebrated every day!



*Halloween Costumes at SPS*

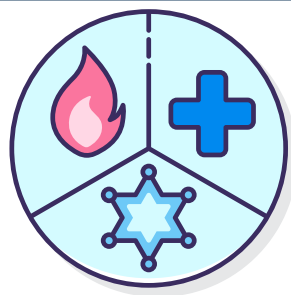
As families begin to plan for your child's costume to wear for our Halloween celebration, we ask that you keep in mind:

- 1) Masks may only be worn for the parade, and may not be scary!
- 2) Weapons of any kind may not be brought to school!
- 3) Students must wear shoes that tie or velcro across the top, with non-slippery soles.
- 4) Costumes should allow students to easily use the restroom!
- 5) Costumes must be modest...no bare bellies or bare shoulders!

Thank you for helping make this day of fun, one that is safe, as well.



circa 1957



## St. Paul School Annual Blue Mass Friday, October 20, 2023 9:00 am

This annual recognition of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMTs will be celebrated at our biweekly school Mass, hosted by Grades 3-4. If you serve in one of these first-responder positions, you are invited to join us as we offer thanks and prayers for all you do to keep us safe!



What a busy week at SPS! We had our Blessing of the Animals in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch, and a visit by Chuck E. Cheese, himself! Building community and friendships are well-founded pieces of Social Emotional Learning at St. Paul School!



### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

To help focus attention on this topic, students may wear pink shirts with their PE sweats on

Monday, October 16

### Fun Run 2023 Wednesday, October 18

Students should wear their PE uniforms on this fun day that helps to raise funds for student programs at SPS!

Parent help will be needed, so look for upcoming info on School Dojo!



### SLE Award October 6, 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.

At right, are students in Gr. 1-8 who received recognition for being "A faith-filled person who makes good choices, and who honors the difference between right and wrong."

Congratulations to them, and to recipients in Gr. PK - K, who are not pictured, as they were on a field trip!

