

To the Parents of St. Paul Catholic School

Memo # 2- August 27, 2009

We hope you and your children are settling happily into your new routine as our second week of school winds down. We realize you have been bombarded with information in many areas. We invite you to contact your child's teachers via email for any clarification you might need regarding classroom assignments, rules and information. Our school website has a plethora of information for you to view as well.

From the office: If you haven't turned in your child's PE Medical Condition Form please do so. It is important we are aware of any medical conditions your child has as well as medications your child may need to use at school. We are always happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to contact us in the school office.

Sally Foster: Sally Foster gift wrap is still rolling! We hope the kids are having fun selling this terrific paper. St. Paul receives 50% of the total sales. This is a great opportunity to raise money for our school. The deadline for all orders is September 11th. Please call Karen Deane for any questions at 432-7437.

Volunteer Meeting Reminder: If you are interested in being a volunteer in the school this year in *any* capacity it is mandatory that you attend one of the two volunteer meetings offered. The first one is September 1st at 6:30pm and the other is September 8th at 1:30pm. Both meetings will occur in the cafetorium. Please contact Mrs. West if for any reason you cannot attend one of these meetings.

Immunizations: There are a few children who have not been immunized according to Florida law. If we do not have the blue immunization form on file in the office then you should have received a notice. Because we offer a grace period for compliance, the deadline is September 11th. After this date your child will not be permitted to attend school until the required immunizations are received.

Lunches: We are in full swing with our new lunch program! As with anything new, we are working out the kinks this first week. Remember, there are no extra lunches available for students who forget their lunch at school. We have had students asking for extras. Parents must order for their child online and only what is ordered is delivered. Bagelheads has been dropped from the menu this session due to very few orders. Those who ordered from Bagelheads in advance were credited on their accounts.

Short skirts!: A reminder to parents with girls. Please check to be sure that the length of your daughter's skirt or skort is knee length. We are noticing there are skirts and skorts that are not long enough. We will issue pink slips to those who are too short. Our kids are growing so fast!

Powerschool: In the last week we can see that 50% of our parents (grades 1 through 8) have viewed Powerschool. As we settle into this quarter be sure to check Powerschool periodically to see how your child is progressing. Please contact the office if you need help with login procedures and remember that your child receives new user id and passwords each year.

Flu Update: The Florida Department of Health has launched a toll-free number to provide public health information and updates on H1N1 Swine flu. The information line will be available from 8 AM to 8 PM Eastern, 7 days a week. Information is available in English, Spanish and Creole. Telephone Number: 877-352-3581.

School Mass: Please join us tomorrow for our school Mass at 8:30am. Our school choir will be participating as well.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new custodian Scott Epley. We appreciate his enthusiasm, kindness, and dedication and we are so happy to have him as a part of our school family.

Rumor Has It...

Have you seen the wonderful new playground? After much waiting, a lot of praying, and volunteer hours from Dads who are incredibly dedicated, we have a new play space for the elementary school kids!! The playground is lined with “smurf-blue” mulch... great stuff for the kids to fall on but a little bit hazardous, at first, for bright-white school shirts. St. Paul’s parish administrator has some concerns, too, about finding blue mulch speckles here, there and everywhere! Not to worry, however... a few good rains will settle down those blue fragments and unless the kids decide to create mulch-angels, the spots on their clothes should be few and far between. The kids are being “checked out,” so to speak, on playground *modus operandi*. They will be asked to wipe their feet before heading back to class. We have only one custodian during the school day, and this will make things a bit easier on him. Thanks for your patience! We are excited about our new school improvement!!

Praying Parents

“The value of *Eucharistic adoration* is not found in theological explanations but in the experience of many, many Catholics who have felt its profound effects. The only thing the Holy Spirit asks of us is to give of our time, although at first it may seem like wasted time. Just as standing in the sun for an extended period changes the lines of the face, Eucharistic adoration works its changes too. To stand before the Blessed Sacrament for a long time and with faith, not necessarily with a lot of passion, we assimilate the thoughts and sentiments of Christ, in an intuitive way.”

-- *Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa*

This year, all parents are invited to say a rosary for St. Paul students and faculty every Friday at 2:15 pm in front of Mary’s statue (by single carline). Come join us!

Also, Holy Hour takes place every day in the church between 12:00pm and 1:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the chapel (located in the church offices) after 8:30am Mass on Thursday through 7:30 am on Friday mornings.