

THE BEAR PAW

October 22, 2019



A YEAR CELEBRATING CATHOLIC VALUES

OCTOBER:

21st Mon PUPIL FREE DAY ~ NO SCHOOL
 Parent Teacher Conferences (Grades K-8)
 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 NO Extended Care Available

22nd Tue *Family Envelopes Go Home
 *12:05 p.m. Choir Practice
 *Peer Math Tutoring (Science Lab) 3:15-4:00 p.m.

23rd Wed *7:30 a.m. Choir Practice
 *Return Family Envelopes
 *"**LOCK OUT**" ILLEGAL DRUGS DAY!
 *Red Ribbon Assembly to "Lock Out Illegal Drugs" from SPBS at 8:00 a.m. (Students Receive Red Ribbons)
 *12:05 p.m. Harmony Squad Practice
 *Catholic Mothers In Prayer 7:00 p.m. (Music Room)

24th Thur *12:05 p.m. Harmony Squad Practice (Gr. 3-5)
 *7th Grade Retreat "Sinners, Saints & Souls" 8:15-11:15 (Hall)
 *"**USE YOUR HEAD**" NOT ILLEGAL DRUGS DAY! (Students Wear Crazy Hair Styles!)
 *2:15 p.m. Dismissal for Grades K -8

25th Fri *8:15 a.m. Mass (Gr. 3) Full Dress Uniforms
 *"**JUST SAY YES**" TO A TREAT & NO TO ILLEGAL DRUGS DAY! (Students Wearing Red Ribbons Receive Red Licorice)

NOON DISMISSAL
Parent Teacher Conferences (Gr. K-8)
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Extended Care Available
Noon to 6:00 p.m.

27th Sun 9:00 am Mass Hosted by 3rd Grade
 Men's Club Pancake Breakfast:
 Hosted by the 8th Grade
 After the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.
 Masses (Hall)

OCTOBER ENDS:

28th Mon *Family Envelopes Go Home
 *"**SOCK IT**" TO ILLEGAL DRUGS DAY!
 Students Wear Crazy Socks!
 *10:00 a.m. Senator Meeting

29th Tue *Return Family Envelope
 *12:05 p.m. Choir Practice
 *"**Mix It Up**" Day (Grades 3~8)
 *Peer Math Tutoring (Science Lab) 3:15-4:00 p.m.

30th Wed 7:30 a.m. SPBS Choir Practice
 *12:05 p.m. Harmony Squad Practice
 *"**SCARE AWAY**" ILLEGAL DRUGS DAY!
 Students Vote for a Halloween Song at lunch time

31st Thur **Happy Halloween!**
 *Halloween Carnival ~ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

NOON DISMISSAL

NOV 1st Fri All Saints Day (Solemnity)
 8:15 a.m. Mass (Gr. 8) Full Dress Uniforms **
 ** 8th Grade Wears Saints Costumes to Mass

2nd Sat

SPBS BINGO NIGHT
 Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
 B-I-N-G-O Calling at 7:00 pm (Hall)

THANK YOU SPBS Families!!

The power of our School Spirit was strong this last weekend by the efforts from each and everyone one of you!

The efforts of everyone led to our first ever Fall Fest Raffle sell out of 1,300 tickets!!

Congratulations to ALL!



The list of winner includes:

Grand Prize Winner ~ Barbara Hlinka of T.O.

65" 4K TV – Maria Mimendi of T.O.

\$500 Amazon Card – Daniel Guiney of T.O.

\$500 Target Card – Anne Scioscia of Westlake Village

\$500 Costco Card – Carol Suwara of T.O.

Titleist Driver – Scott O’Friel of Moorpark

Sonos Play Speaker Pair – Griselle Mercado of T.O. and
Tory Fithian of Camarillo

Xbox Game System – Greg Ramirez of T.O. and
Pynn Family of Moorpark

Together in Faith!

www.spbfestival.org

www.spbraffle.com

BINGO FUNDRAISING EVENT

Join our SPBS families, friends and community at our BINGO FUNdraiser, **Saturday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m.**

- Our Bingo event will provide an evening of fun, social event while helping our school continue to enrich our school's academics and new initiatives. Awarded prizes will be gift cards or cash prizes, plus pull cards will be available throughout the night's event.
- Admission includes 15 bingo cards and light snacks. Additional bingo cards, dinner and drinks can also be purchased separately.

Advance tickets purchased by Tuesday, October 29 and receive \$20.00 in *Profit Dollar Credit!*

- Doors will open at 6:00 pm and calling will start at 7:00 pm. Bring your lucky charm, spouse or friend(s) and get ready to scream **BINGO!**
- Please see the BINGO flyer in today's Family Envelope

If you can't join us for this event and would like to donate, we are in need of gift cards or other miscellaneous items. For additional information and questions, please contact Mrs. Joran at 805-300-1311. Thank you!

Blanca Jordan and Veilka Cummings
SPBS Bingo Coordinators



2019 SPBS READS WEEK ~ BOOK SWAPPING

SPBS "Reads! Week" is **November 4 thru November 10**. One of our special activities for that week will be **BOOK SWAPPING**. Students can bring in gently used books-with their parents' permission-and trade for books that they want at our book swap. Students can bring in books to the library at any time from **NOW until November 4** and they will receive a library swap ticket for each book brought in up to 10 books. Students may bring in as many books as they desire, but we have to place a ten-book limit on tickets to allow a more fair distribution of the books. Our books swap will be held at the Library during the READS! WEEK.

MASS INVITATION

All are welcome to attend the 8:15 Mass this **Friday, October 25**, hosted by Grade 3. Their Catholic value is Integrity. **Grade 3 will also host the Sunday, October 27, 9:00 a.m. Mass.** All are welcome to attend both Masses!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars! The 8th grade will be hosting the Men's Club Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, October 27th**, with continuous seating from 7:45 - 11:00 a.m. They are selling tickets to help raise money for their graduation activities. The price is \$3.00 per person or \$12.00 for a family. At these prices, this is the best bargain in town. Enjoy a hot, tasty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee with your fellow parishioners. Please see the ticket order form in the family envelope. Tickets will be held at the door. Thank you for your support. **Note: All 8th graders are expected to sell a minimum of \$12 worth of tickets (1 family or 4 individuals.)** If you would like to credit an 8th grader with the sale, please write their name on the order form. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Mark your calendars! The 8th grade invites you to attend a very special liturgy on **Friday, November 1**, as we celebrate All Saints Day at SPBS (a **Holy Day of Obligation**). The 8th graders are preparing the Mass and will be dressed up as saints. They will be presenting the lives of the saints to the classes after Mass. All 8th graders are to wear their costumes over their school uniforms that day.

7TH GRADE RETREAT

Please keep our 7th grade class in your prayers as they attend their first retreat of the year "Sinners, Saints, and Souls". Their retreat will take place in the hall on **Thursday, October 24** from 8:15 - 11:10. Mrs. Horak and Mr. Mayer will facilitate this retreat. Please do not plan appointments during this time.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Many 8th graders have already signed up for high school visit days; however, most of the high schools offer Open Houses for both 7th and 8th graders. Please refer to the high school websites for information on these Open Houses.

MCA MISSION PROJECTS

SPBS is proud to be a member of the Missionary Childhood Association. The MCA supports missions in developing parts of the world. Internationally, MCA's young members contribute some \$15 million a year to assist children in need. Last week the 7th grade, as the Missionary Ambassadors, attended the MCA Appreciation Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The Change Challenge last week was our first Mission Project this year. We will report the results as soon as the money is counted. Thank you for your generous support of the missions.

SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

It's hard to believe that we are making Christmas plans but we are looking for some more volunteers for Santa's Secret Shop on **December 9 and 10**. Please see the flyer in today's Family Envelope for additional information and to sign up to volunteer. For more information please contact Mrs. Horak at 805-495-9340 ext 149 or email mhorak@stpascal.org

CANDY CORN COUNTING CONTEST

Student Council is sponsoring a Candy Corn Counting Contest in the school library. Come by and see if you can guess how many Candy Corns are in the pumpkin. Jar. The winner will receive all the candy in the jar. The winner will be announced on Halloween. Only one guess per student.

MIX-IT-UP AT LUNCH DAY

On **Tuesday, October 29**, the students in grades 6 - 8 and grades 3 - 5 will be "mixed up" at lunch and assigned to different tables in order to get to know some new people. They will be provided with an "ice breaker" exercise to help facilitate conversation. SPBS has participated in this international event in the past and has found it to be one that promotes a kinder and more tolerant atmosphere at school.

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

We would like to invite all families to attend our Veterans Day Assembly on **Tuesday, November 5 at 8:00 a.m. in the Hall**. We will be honoring all those who have served our country in the armed forces. We especially invite all veterans as our special guests. If you know of a veteran who would be willing to give a short talk, please contact Mrs. Horak at X149.

Note: All Girl/Boy Scouts are asked to wear their scout uniforms to school to act as honor guards for our flag ceremony.

RED RIBBON WEEK

On **Wednesday, October 23**, we will kick off Red Ribbon Week at SPBS! More than 100,000 schools and organizations across the country participate in this week in order to promote the anti-drug message. This year marks the 31st annual celebration of National Red Ribbon Week. The student council invites all family members to attend our **Red Ribbon Week Assembly on October 23 at 8:00 a.m.** on the school basketball courts as we join hands to "lock out" drugs from our school.

The schedule of events for Red Ribbon Week is below:

Wednesday, October 23 - "Lock Out" illegal drugs - 8:00 am assembly, students receive their ribbons

Thursday, October 24 - "Use Your Head" not illegal drugs - Students wear crazy hair styles

Friday, October 25 - "Just Say Yes" to a treat and no to drugs - Students wearing ribbons receive licorice

Monday, October 28 - "Sock It" to illegal drugs - Students wear crazy socks

Tuesday, October 29 - "Mix It Up" and sit with different classmates (Grades 3 - 8)

Thursday, October 30 - "Scare Away" illegal drugs - Students vote for a song to be played at the end of the day.

SPORTS SPIRIT DAY

Thursday, November 14, is Sports Spirit Day. All students who preregistered at the beginning of the year may wear their favorite team jersey, clothing, or accessories (sorry, no hats or equipment; regular school shoes are to be worn.) If your child/ren were not preregistered they may bring in \$2.00 to their classroom that day. All students who participate will receive a Bear Paw. Two students in each class with "over the top" team spirit will receive a special prize!

PRAYER CONTEST

Congratulations to **Natalie B., Grade 5**, who is the winner of this week's prayer contest. Natalie wrote the following prayer: *Our School*

Dear God,

Please pray for our school to become better every day and pray for the student athletes at our school that we have good sportsmanship and love one another.

Natalie received 10 Praise Points for her class and a special prize. All students who submitted a prayer received a Bear Paw. Any student interested in entering the weekly prayer contest can see their teacher for an entry form. Thank you!

STUDENT COUNCIL MUFFIN SALE

The student council will sponsor a muffin sale on Sports Spirit Day, **November 14**. All proceeds help support the Bear Cave and Student Council. While we do our best, students are not guaranteed the muffin flavor they ordered. All muffins were preordered at the beginning of the year, the price is now \$2.00, please contact Mrs. Harding to order by 3:00 on Friday, November 1.

MATH PEER TUTORING ADDS 3RD GRADE

Math Peer Tutoring is now open to students in **Grades 3-8**. Math Peer tutoring will be held in the **Science Lab every Tuesday from 3:15-4:00p.m.** unless otherwise noted. Student(s) will be recommended by their math teacher, or may be requested by the parent. Individual and small group help will be given by students in 7th or 8th grade that fit the requirements for peer tutors. Once Peer Tutoring is completed at 4:00 p.m., students who are not picked up must sign into Extended Care.

Thank you ~ Ms. Ruse

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

The annual pumpkin decorating contest is **Thursday, October 31!** There will be two divisions, the lower building and the upper building. The categories are: funniest, scariest, prettiest, most school spirit, most holiday spirit, largest, smallest, most look-alike, most creative and most unique. **Please do not depict violence or gore in your decorating. Pumpkins may be carved this year and all entries must be brought to the tables by the handball courts by 8:00 a.m. All pumpkins are to be picked up by noon. This event has grown each year so please try to keep your pumpkin displays to a reasonable size.** Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

FOR THE TROOPS COLLECTION OUTREACH PROJECT

Our 6th grade will be sponsoring a *For The Troops* collection in honor of Veterans Day. *For The Troops* is a non-profit organization based in Simi Valley who sends "We Care" packages to troops deployed abroad. Please see the flyer in today's Family Envelope for the needed items. The students will also be writing notes of appreciation in class to accompany the care packages.

- Please send in greeting cards, stationary, or leftover Christmas Cards to be used for this purpose by **October 31**
- All donations for the wish list may be sent to the classrooms (K-8) between **October 31 and November 8.**

If you would like someone you know who is deployed to receive a "We Care" package, please contact Ms. Ruse ext. 141 or email kruse@stpaschal.org Thank you!

HALLOWEEN CANDY OUTREACH FOR THE TROOPS

As part of the 6th Grade Outreach Project they will be collecting leftover Halloween Candy *For The Troops*. Please send in wrapped candy, snacks, or other treats that you have leftover or your child/ren have decided to donate. Drop off your donations in the **Outreach Bin** outside of the office by **Monday, November 5.**

HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES

While we want the students to have fun with their costumes for Halloween, please remember these important guidelines in helping your child to choose their costume for the school day:

- Each student's costume must be in accordance with Christian modesty and good taste.
- Students should come to school in their costume. Please do not change or apply any make-up here.
- Students must wear some type of shoe. No bare feet please. Also, keep in mind that students will be walking around, so the choice of shoes is important.
- Students may not come to school in costumes that depict violence or are too scary (please remember there are younger students here too!).
- Students may not bring any fake weapons to school (or real ones either)!

The school administration reserves the right to approve any costume worn to school. A student may be asked to call home for their school uniform if their costume is deemed inappropriate for Saint Paschal Baylon School. Thank you for your help with this matter!