



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning Sunday, January 27, Catholic schools throughout the nation will celebrate their commitment to faith, academics, and Christian service in honor of **Catholic Schools Week!** This year's theme is ***Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*** This will be a time for all schools to refresh ourselves as Catholic school communities, and to give ourselves hope. Here at St. Paul's, we will use this time to celebrate who we are and where we are at this moment in our history as a Catholic elementary school.

Our school's Philosophy Statement makes reference to the fact that St. Paul the Apostle School is part of a larger faith community. Throughout my years in Catholic education, I have experienced time and again that great learning happens when people endeavor together to recognize and rejoice in the goodness of God. To an outsider, what happens here every day could be viewed as simplistic if not for the deeper understanding shared by the people who care about this school community. This understanding is borne of experience, reflection, conversation, collaboration and faith. As we prepare to celebrate this special week, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all of the parents, Paulist priests, and parish staff for the many and varied ways that they help to make our school so wonderfully successful. By sharing your time, talents and treasures with us, you assist in exemplifying the significant values that are an integral part of Catholic education. As we face the future with growing energy and enthusiasm, please know that the faculty and I are eternally grateful for all that you do—both great and small—which is a testament to your belief in, and commitment to, St. Paul's.

We will begin our special CSW celebration on January 27th by coming together at the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. The SPA Father's Club will be hosting a delicious **Pancake Breakfast** (yummy, please pass the syrup!) immediately following the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses! All current school families, parish members and prospective school families are invited to join us. Parent volunteers (especially dads!) are needed to help set-up, cook, serve and

clean-up. Let's make this a great kickoff event for Catholic Schools Week! If you are able to assist in any way please sign-up [here](#).

Everyone is also cordially invited to attend our **SPA Open House** which will begin immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please feel free to bring your relatives, friends, neighbors, and any prospective families. Our students are eagerly anticipating having you visit their classrooms to see examples of some of the wonderful work they have completed during the first half of this school year. Refreshments will be served, and tours of the campus will be available. This is a fun event, made even more so by the pride our students display in their many accomplishments.

And finally, to help facilitate the celebration, the faculty and students will gather together every morning during CSW for prayer and announcements. Afterwards, our Student Council members will be **"Spinning the Wheel"** to determine the event/activity we will be participating in the following day. It has been my experience that students really enjoy this "game of chance." As always, parents are welcome to join us each morning for prayer and the wheel-spinning results!

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of St. Paul the Apostle School, I thank you for all that you do, and for all that you have helped us to become! We are extremely blessed!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

14	JAN, MON	● 8 – 10am ● 12 – 7pm ● 6:30 – 7:30pm	PWC Board Meeting (JACC) Fingerprinting - MPR 2nd-grade Sacrament Meeting (JCPC)
16	JAN, WED	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd-grade Liturgy/Dinner
18	JAN, FRI	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders
21	JAN, MON	● All day	No School- Martin Luther King Day
24	JAN, THU	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	1st-grade Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting
25	JAN, FRI	● 8 – 9am	4th-grade School Mass
26	JAN, SAT	● All day ● All day	Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments E-Waste Collection - Parking Lot
27	JAN, SUN	● All day	School Open House
31	JAN, THU	● 7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center



PWC MOTHER'S LUNCH

The PWC Mothers' Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 10, following 11:30 Mass. ALL SPA mothers, current and alumni, are invited to celebrate the unwavering dedication and service that

each of you provide to the SPA community. Come and reserve a table with friends and spend an afternoon with great, inspiring company! Please view the invitation for more information and RSVP by January 30, 2019. The link to sign-up is [here](#).



FAMILY LIFE - GRADES 5-8

Within the next few weeks, all students in grades 5 through 8 will begin the Benziger Family Life program that is an important component of our archdiocesan religion curriculum. Catholic doctrines and values will be presented to students in a context that is both positive and engaging. The five themes that will be communicated at every grade level are family living, respect for life, personal growth and self-understanding, Catholic Christian sexuality, and social living. All of the lessons are designed to work closely in partnership with parents. Accordingly, the religion teachers may request that some concepts be discussed at home in a nurturing family environment. If you have any questions regarding this program, or would like to preview the Family Life textbook, please contact [Ms. Sue Bjelajac](#), our school's Vice-Principal.



MILES TO GO

Thank you to all of the 5th through 8th grade parents who made the time to attend the "Miles to Go" drug prevention information session. Our students today need to be educated about tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs in order to make safe decisions. It is our hope that you received valuable information that heightened your awareness about this topic, and that will assist you in having those important life discussions with your children.



EXCESSIVE TARDIES

It has been brought to our attention that we have a rising increase in the number of students who are being marked tardy for school every day. Tardiness is defined as any student arriving to school after the 7:45 a.m. bell. In keeping with the efforts to do the utmost for all of our students, we are requesting your cooperation and assistance regarding this matter. The administration and faculty have stressed many times the importance of regular and prompt attendance so that your children can receive the maximum benefits from daily sequential instruction. Our teachers are most anxious to have all of the students present and ready to learn at the beginning of each day. It is difficult to conduct a lesson when students arrive late. This is not only a disruption of the lesson, it is also a disservice to the other students who arrive at school on time.

If there are extenuating circumstances of which the school is not aware, please feel free to inform your child's homeroom teacher.

Failure to adequately address the problem of tardiness at this point could lead to a meeting with the administration, parents, and the respective teachers to discuss this situation. Thank you for your cooperation and support regarding this matter.



NO SCHOOL

School will not be in session next Monday, January 21, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday morning when we gather for our prayer assembly. As always, parents are welcome to join us for prayer and announcements—we are always happy to have you with us!

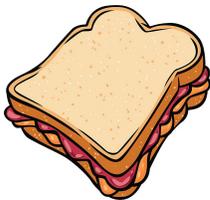


ELECTRONIC DONATION DRIVE

Please hold onto your old electronics over the holidays and contribute them to the e-waste drive at SPA that will be held on Saturday, January 26th. Suggested donation items include:

Televisions | Laptops | Monitors LCD Screens | CRT Monitors
Printers | Tablets Smart Phones | Cables and Wires **No Batteries
or Light Bulbs will be accepted.

Please hold onto old textiles as well. The textile drive will be held on May 2nd and May 3rd.



SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS

Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, January 18, in the JCPC to help 4th grade students make 1,000 lunches to feed the homeless. There are lots of ways to help!

- **Sign up to bring supplies** -- thousands of supplies are needed each month, so we hope you will volunteer to bring a few. You can sign-up to bring supplies [here](#). Cash donations are also appreciated to help purchase missing supplies.

- **Come make sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.** – this is open only to middle school and older; come early to make sandwiches for the assembly line.

- **Come pack lunch bags** – 7:00 p.m. in the JCPC

- **Drop off supplies** in the Parish office or on the table outside the front office the week of SB, or bring them to Sandwich Builders when you come to help pack the lunches. You can also mail supplies directly to the parish office: (St. Paul the Apostle, c/o Mary Ann Bertolucci, 10750 Ohio Avenue, LA, CA 90024) although bringing supplies in person is preferred. **Please deliver all bread during the week -- not Friday night.**

- **Help deliver lunches Saturday morning:** please sign up on the

[Sandwich Builders page](#). We will fill up your car with lunches Friday night. We deliver Saturday morning from about 6:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

We greatly appreciate the participation and enthusiasm of all who have attended in the past and hope you will continue to join us. As a reminder, we have a few requests this year in order to keep the energy high and the productivity even higher. We ask that you attend with your children when possible, and talk with your children about why they are there. As a gentle reminder: parents are expected to supervise their children. We hope the students have fun but their top priority is making lunches. Please keep phones at home, talk quietly, and **participate!** Thank you in advance from The Sandwich Builders Team (the Barth, Goodgame, Tyler, and Woods families).



SPA 2018-2019 YEARBOOKS

It's time to order your SPA yearbook! Ordering early allows you to get the lowest price possible:

- Order by November 22; the price is only \$25
- Order between November 23 – December 20; the price is \$35
- Order between December 20 – February 1; the price is \$45

Please note that yearbooks will not be sold after February 1st. You can logon to the SPAPWC website to place your order. Yearbooks will be labeled exactly as you have entered your child's name so please make certain that the name, grade level and homeroom information are all correctly entered. Thank you!



SPA SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS!

After months and months of endless meetings, planning, hard work and dedication, we are pleased to announce that our new St. Paul the Apostle School website is now available to everyone! Please visit <https://school.sp-apostle.org> and browse around the site noting all that St. Paul's has to offer, who we are as a Catholic school community, and what we have to offer our families. We have added quite a bit of pertinent information regarding our enrollment process, our faith community, the academic programs, and the numerous extracurricular activities. Keep an eye on our Calendar of Events and the most important news on the front page of the website. You can also access our social media pages at the bottom of the site whenever you like! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the school website please don't hesitate to email Daniel Chung at dchung@sp-apostle.org. Thanks, and enjoy!



SPA'S SOCIAL MEDIA

Please join St. Paul's this year as we ramp up our social media



game on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube! We will be posting regular updates along with the parish to share the news about everything that's happening around campus and in the community. Check it out and share your "likes" to show your support! You can subscribe below by clicking on the links!

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[Instagram](#)

[YouTube](#)
