



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the Paulist Priests, the faculty, and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children to St. Paul the Apostle School for the 2019-2020 school year! A special message of “welcome” is extended to all of our new families! We consider it to be a privilege for us to share in the spiritual and academic growth of our students. St. Paul’s exists to teach the Gospel message, to foster a Catholic community, and to motivate in our students the desire to serve others. It is our mission to impart Catholic values and provide a quality academic program while supporting our students. As parents, you are our partners in this endeavor. As always, the faculty and staff are here to assist you in your roles as the primary educators of your children, and we are pleased to join you in partnership on this educational journey.

Elementary education today does not stand still—it is a complex task, which is made more challenging by rapid social, economic and cultural changes. Our specific mission, however, remains the integral formation of the individual student. St. Paul’s allows us the ability, flexibility and latitude to provide innovative curriculum development that results in an outstanding instructional program. One of our goals has always been to lead our students to a delightful discovery of the world in which they live. Sometimes that happens through numbers and equations. Other times it requires a melody, a smile, a metaphor or logic. Science and technology are always welcome tools in the discovery process. By combining deep-rooted traditions and current best practices, we are dedicated to equipping our students with the necessary tools to be successful. We remain ever mindful that each child is unique, bringing special talents and interests to our school community. It is our responsibility to find ways in which to challenge and stimulate their desire for learning. We acknowledge the fact that our students are now 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. The exponential progress in education and learning that our incoming kindergarteners will experience before they graduate as 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be amazing.

A very wise mentor once said to me, “*Children don’t care how much you know; they want to know how much you care.*” It is this thought that helps to keep us focused on *quality* and committed to *excellence*. I hope that everyone who journeys with us this year recognizes that our school is an extension of our Catholic Church, a place to be respected and valued. With many prayers and an abundance of effort, I am confident that our year together will be blessed as our students grow in their love, faith and knowledge. Please do not hesitate to share your ideas, thoughts, and/or concerns. Open and respectful communication is vital to our success, growth and sense of community.

In closing, I hope that you will continue to enjoy these beautiful weeks of summer. We look forward to seeing you when school begins in August, rested and ready for another great year!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

20	AUG 2019, TUE	● All day	Faculty Retreat
21	AUG 2019, WED	● 8:30am – 2:30pm ● 2 – 6pm	Uniform Exchange - MPR Michael's Uniforms Sale
27	AUG 2019, TUE	● All day ● 8 – 9:30am	First Day of School--Dismissal 12:30 PWC Welcome Back Coffee
28	AUG 2019, WED	● All day	Full day School--Dismissal 2:50
29	AUG 2019, THU	● All day	Full day School--Dismissal 2:50
30	AUG 2019, FRI	● All day	Friday Dismissal--12:30 pm
2	SEP 2019, MON	● All day	Labor Day--No School
7	SEP 2019, SAT	● 9am – 12pm ● 10am – 5pm	Virtus (3.0)- JCPC Fingerprinting-MPR
8	SEP 2019, SUN	● 1 – 3pm ● 3 – 4pm	Altar Server Training (New Servers) - CH Altar Server Training (Refresher) - CH



## SPA CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS!

It’s been an extremely busy summer at St. Paul’s! Work on the planned construction and maintenance projects began as soon as school was dismissed for summer vacation. When our students return to school next month, we hope they enjoy the newly refurbished restrooms for the primary grades, the updates and additions to the kindergarten play area, and the numerous renovations in the JCPC building. Improvements were also made to the primary grade hallways and the front area of the school.

Thanks to careful budgeting, the awesome success of our Festival/Auction last year, and the generosity of the PWC, we have been able to complete many tasks on our “wish list,” and will continue to do so in the future. Our students deserve the best!



## AUGUST OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. beginning Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Our office personnel and accounting staff will be available to assist you in person or by phone with any questions or concerns that you might have.



## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for ALL students is Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that this includes our DK and Kindergarten students as well.** Please bring your children to school no later than 7:45 a.m. so that we may assemble and begin our year together with prayer. Classes will dismiss for all grades at 12:30. Our school’s extended care program will be open until 6:00 p.m. for any students needing after-school care.

After the morning assembly, the PWC will be hosting a coffee social in the JCPC. Coffee, juice and pastries will be served. This is a great time for our “new” families to meet the “veteran” families of our school community, and for everyone to become reacquainted after the summer months. We hope to see you there!



## CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

The class lists indicating the students’ homeroom assignments will be posted outside the classroom doors on the first day of school. Please note that it is not the policy of the administration to honor parent or student requests for a particular classroom assignment.



## PERTINENT SPA INFORMATION

Important information regarding the **school supply lists, school uniforms, traffic and safety guidelines**, and the **hot lunch program** can be found on our [PWC website](#).



## PLAN AHEAD!

Please keep the following dates/events in mind as you begin preparing for the new school year:

**Michaels Uniforms Sales at SPA:** Uniforms will be sold on campus Wednesday, August 21, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. ALL students are expected to be in complete uniform when school begins. **Information regarding our school uniforms and guidelines can be found on our school website.** If you have any questions regarding the uniform policy, please call the school

office.

**Virtus Training at SPA:** The following session will be held at SPA. Please note that you must register online using this [link](#). In the drop down menu to select your organization, look for the sessions listed as one of the "Los Angeles - Our Lady of the Angels..." organization. Please note that there will be **NO LATE ENTRY**. The session will be held in the JCPC.

**Virtus 3.0: Protecting God's Children (Initial)**  
September 7, 9:00 a.m.

**Fingerprinting at SPA:** All parents who volunteer to assist us with SPA student activities (i.e. coaching, chaperoning field trips, helping in the classrooms or library, etc.) **MUST** first be fingerprinted as part of our safe environment directive from the ArchDiocese of Los Angeles. You can sign-up through church office by calling 310-474-1527 to make an appointment for Saturday, September 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please report to the Parish MPR approximately 10 minutes before your appointment time. Thank you for your compliance regarding this important policy.



## **SPA PARISH NEWS!**

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In September, our parish will be transitioning our online giving from Authorize.net to PushPay. We chose this system because it also offers us an opportunity to connect with parishioners through an app. The Saint Paul the Apostle app will feature payment options, as well as event reminders, etc. Once this system is totally implemented, we believe it will be a great resource to connect the parish (church and school) community.

As part of our early testing, we are asking those **who are able** to help test the system by giving **one (\$1) dollar, one-time-only**, through the portal. If you can, please send your feedback regarding the process to Vanessa Reyes-Smith, the Parish Business Manager, at [vreyessmith@sp-apostle.org](mailto:vreyessmith@sp-apostle.org). She will be interested in knowing the amount of time it took you to register, or how it might be different from your other online giving experiences. Any feedback will be welcomed. Thanks in advance for your participation. It is greatly appreciated.

**Saint Paul Push Pay:** <https://pushpay.com/pay/spapostle>



## **SPA CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

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Registration for Year One and Year Two Confirmation students is now open. Please go the Saint Paul the Apostle [website](#) to register. The forms can be found by going to the *Teach + Worship* tab, then to *Teen Confirmation*. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Ryan Casey at 525-832-5154 or via email at [rcasey@sp-apostle.org](mailto:rcasey@sp-apostle.org).

# PWC NEWS CORNER!

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## SPA UNIFORM EXCHANGE

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Save the date for our next uniform exchange on the first day of school in August. Hold onto your too-small, good-condition items until then, or find them a home with another family before then. Stay tuned for drop-off details later this summer.



## TOGETHER WE ROCK!

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Here is everything important you need to know about the SPA Festival this summer:

**Apostle's Attic: Give It Away, Give It Away, Give It Away Now!** Apostle's Attic will be collecting your new and gently used donations. Please consider donating: Home Decor, Furniture, DIY/Handmade Items, Art, Books, Denim & Tees, Accessories & Handbags, Garden & Outdoor Decor, Toys, and Athletic Gear. For more information, or to arrange drop off/pick up dates, please contact:

Leslie Hunt Johnson 310-991-3305  
Wanda Albano Ahmadi 310-948-6621  
e-mail [apostlesatticspa@gmail.com](mailto:apostlesatticspa@gmail.com)

**Consolation Booth Donations:** You know: the birthday gifts your kids never bothered to open, the puzzles and games they haven't played with in years, the party favors that multiply in the night while you are sleeping, and the stuffed animals that really need their own zip code. We will take it and you will find inner peace. Just be ready to drop off your donations near the front office of the school when classes begin in August.

**Festival Wear!** If you are new to St. Paul's Festival Wear, keep in mind that Festival sweatshirts can be worn any day of the year as a school jacket, and that goes for sweatshirts from any year. The other Festival wear can be worn any Friday throughout the year (except for Mass days), and any day from the first full week of school until Festival weekend! So get plenty of gear!

**Auction Donations:** Calling all SPA families! While the auction isn't until Festival Week, we would love for our community to start thinking about donations now. There are several ways to get involved and contribute:

1. **Silent Auction** - We love everything from theater tickets to restaurant gift cards. Autographed sports memorabilia, designer bags or fun experiences for kids and parents alike...it's all appreciated.

2. **Live Auction** - Do you have any special events or experiences you can donate to the school for the Live Auction? Special vacations, premium sporting events and more are always a big hit Saturday night.

3. **Party Book** - The SPA community is notorious for it's fun and fantastic community-building parties. Everyone is looking forward to what we can put together this year. Please reach out if you have any ideas for a party. Let's keep this strong tradition going!

4. **Class Basket & Raffle** - This new endeavor was a big hit last year and we're excited to see the imaginative and fun collections we can put together this year. If you want to help organize your class basket, please reach out to Jennifer Stromborg.

Contact us with your questions and ideas at [spaauction2019@gmail.com](mailto:spaauction2019@gmail.com). Thank you for your support and participation!



### **SPA'S SOCIAL MEDIA**

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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](#)