



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for your positive presence and support at our Back-to-School Night last Monday evening. Your encouraging comments and notes of affirmation have been highly energizing to the administration, faculty and staff of St. Paul the Apostle School. We hope that the information shared with you was worth the time you so graciously spent with us. If you were not able to join us, the focus of my presentation was to update everyone on all we were able to achieve last year in regards to:

- Learning Support – adding two additional teachers to assist with Differentiated Instruction which benefits ALL of our students
- Facilities – the total renovation of the primary grade restrooms; upgrades to the DK/Kgn. Yards; placing turf in front of the school; painting of the school, JCPC and Church buildings; and installation of new Baptismal fonts in church
- School Safety – installation of the Crisis Response Box; practice of the Run-Hide-Fight drill; collapsible ladders for the HLC building; installation of the second security gate; trauma/first aid kits in the classroom areas; and the purchase of 3 defibrillators
- SPA Website – upgrades to all of the school, parish and PWC sites so they are user friendly, easy to navigate, and informative

The second part of that presentation centered on our plans for moving forward. We will always do everything we can to academically support our students. Differentiated Instruction impacts every student in the classroom, and we want to always be “fair” in what we do. As I stated at the meeting, fair is not always giving every student the same

thing, fair is doing everything we can to give every student what he/she needs. We will also be making more of a concerted effort to publically recognize the many students who engage in behaviors that help to make SPA a wonderful community for everyone. We don't want to wait until the last day of the school year to acknowledge the efforts they make to be people who are compassionate, cooperative, generous, helpful, kind, patient, respectful or responsible. The implementation of the GEM Awards will assist us in accomplishing that goal. The final remarks focused on traffic safety/parking. Please know that Traffic Enforcement Officers from the LAPD will be on heightened alert this year, and compliance with all traffic policies will not be optional.

At St. Paul the Apostle School, there is no one style of great teaching or great parenting, but there is a common commitment and dedication to excellence. In looking back at our past and all we have accomplished, it is obvious that when we target an important goal we'd like to achieve, and we galvanize for that purpose, we are a formidable group. MUCH of what we have been able to achieve is due to the fact that our SPA families were so generous in supporting the Festival, the Auction, and the Sr. Stella Foundation last year. As we move forward with continued focus on differentiated instruction, school/traffic safety, and facility improvements, please know that much more will be able to happen if we have yet another successful fundraising outcome this year.

It has been my experience that extraordinary people are the ones who do ordinary things well and in a consistent manner. Sometimes it takes courage, and at other times, LOTS of patience. As a faith-filled community, we have become quite adept at nourishing our own sense of what's possible. Let's continue to "dream big!"

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

25	SEP 2019, WED	● 8 – 11am	8th Grade Parent Meeting - JCPC
2	OCT 2019, WED	● 7 – 9pm	Information Night for Prospective Families - Media Center
4	OCT 2019, FRI	● 7 – 8am	Blessing of the Animals - Outside JCPC
7	OCT 2019, MON	● 8 – 10am	PWC Meeting - JACC
11	OCT 2019, FRI	● All day	2019 Festival Weekend
12	OCT 2019, SAT	● All day	2019 Festival Weekend
13	OCT 2019, SUN	● All day	2019 Festival Weekend
14	OCT 2019, MON	● All day	No School - Festival Clean Up



A FOND FAREWELL for MS. PILAT

It is with many mixed emotions that we inform you Ms. Jaclyn Pilat's last day at St. Paul the Apostle School was Friday, September 20th. Ms. Pilat will be moving back to New Jersey to be

with her family. As she simply stated to me when informing me of her decision, New Jersey is “home” for her. She has accepted the position of Principal at Good Shepherd Academy, where she will begin October 1st. Ms. Pilat has served our SPA community for six years—four of them as the middle school science teacher, robotics coach, and science department chairperson, and the last two years as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction.

Ms. Pilat has touched our lives in many ways, and we hope our touch has been felt by her as well. We are extremely grateful for the presence and expertise she has shared with us throughout the years, years that were filled with fun and friendship, with diligence and hard work. It is obvious to all of us that we have been richly blessed by knowing and working with her. May her journey ahead be filled with many wonderful new adventures, and we wish her the happiness, success and peace that she so rightly deserves.



SPA CHESS CLUB

The SPA Chess Club will begin next Monday, September 30th! Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year. All levels of chess, from novice to advanced (grades K through 8), are welcome to join the Club. Tuition is \$100 per trimester, or \$275 for all three trimesters. Returning parents: please note that this year we have hired some additional staff to oversee the Chess students, and we will no longer need parents to volunteer each week! For more information and to register, click [here](#).



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TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

In an effort to help traffic flow quickly and smoothly during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up, please note the following reminders that require your attention: **There is no jaywalking in front of the school; please use the crosswalks.** There is no parking on Selby Ave. during morning drop-off. Please allow yourself time to park if you are walking your child to class. **As always, there is NEVER any PARKING in the RED ZONES.** They are for emergency

vehicles only. **PARKING is NOT ALLOWED in front of any driveways (please respect our neighbors), or in the Mormon Church lot as that is reserved for FACULTY/STAFF ONLY.** As always, we appreciate your complete compliance regarding these traffic policies.



SPA PARISH NEWS

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. Please take a minute to register your family with PushPay using the link Saint Paul Push Pay: <https://pushpay.com/pay/spapostle>. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Reyes Smith at vreyessmith@sp-apostle.org.



FEED THE POOR

Our parish food drive will be held the weekend of September 28 and 29. Families attending Mass that weekend are encouraged to bring dry goods (beans, rice, pasta) or canned goods (vegetables, soup, etc.) to Mass. Please note that we can't accept perishable items like milk and baked goods.

PWC NEWS CORNER!



TOGETHER WE ROCK!

The 2019 Festival is getting ready to rock the weekend of October 11th – 13th. We have many exciting things planned in September while you await the Festival! Look out for a brand new fall Patronage Contest, the softest, most luxurious Festival Wear EVER, and a 3-day Apostle's Attic customized crafting and high-end re-sale experience being held September 20th – September 23rd. You will NOT want to miss this one! Please be sure to check your inbox every Tuesday morning for the "Festival Newsletter" that will be packed with information about plenty of opportunities to contribute, participate, and enjoy the spirit of SPA!

[Festival Link](#)

TO OUR NEW FAMILIES: "See How They Love One Another"

At Back-to-School Night, Principal Pinkofsky shared a great deal about St. Paul's, our community of faith, and of course our Fall

Festival! Were you surprised to hear how well the Festival did last year? I know I was when I had first arrived at St. Paul's.

While SPA is so grateful for all the incredibly generous donations to make the festival a huge success, do you know how SPA manages to pull off such an exciting event every year? SPA's Fall Festival is not possible without the volunteering from our blessed parents.

Every family must sign up for and work 3 Festival booth shifts. As our Festival Chair, Sarah Hartzog, said at Back-to-School Night, "Volunteering truly is the ministry of our faith." Like the early Christian communities, at St. Paul's we share in all things with others, we give what is asked of us, even if what is asked of us is our precious time. We do this because we love our parish and school, and we love one another just like family.

You will be able to sign up for your booth shifts when they go live this Wednesday, 9/25 at 8:00 a.m. Show up for your booth shifts during the Festival, make some new friends, have fun, and enjoy your brand new family!

Because you are new, I've made you a simple chart to help you figure out which booth is the right one for you. Just ask yourself: what are my talents? What makes me amazing? Then follow the chart to find the perfect booth. Easy!

If you are amazing at flipping burgers...

Your booth is: Burger Booth!

If you are great at handling 100 transactions per minute....

Your booth is: Candy Booth!

If you are really good at troubleshooting those Spin Art toys...

Your booth is: Kinder Korner!

If you are awesome at taking those weird hooks out of stuffed animals...

Your booth is: Consolation Booth (or any of the Game Booths)!

If you just need to be no less than 5 feet away from the nearest coffee maker...

Your booth is: Bake Booth!

If you are good at squeezing paint into neat little puddles...

Your booth is: Ceramics Booth!

If you are completely unafraid to mix hot glue guns with small children...

Your booth is: Woodworking Booth!

If you don't know many of the parents in your child's class yet...

Your booth is: Your Grade Booth! Bond with someone for a few

hours and make a friend for life!



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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