



SAINT PAUL^{THE} APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year and welcome back to St. Paul the Apostle School! January is always about fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the New Year, and all of the possibilities that exist for our students here at SPA. As the students continue to celebrate their learning, the faculty and I will be reflecting on their spiritual and academic growth, and begin to imagine how far we can go when we set our expectations high and formulate viable plans to reach them. We are very thankful for the opportunity to work with your children and share the message of God's love with them each day.

Wherever you attended liturgy during the holidays the overriding message you probably heard at Christmas Mass was one of "peace and good will" to everyone. Hopefully, the continued celebration of the Nativity will further remind us of this, and the importance that this message is not only just for Christmas, but it's also an underlying principle of our faith and a reminder of what should be our way of life each and every day. I hope that we will remain inspired to live out the true meaning of Christmas throughout 2019.

And finally, I would like to extend an expression of gratitude to all of our parents and students who helped to make the spirit of Christmas a joyful experience for families who are less fortunate than most. There were many SPA families who whole heartedly embraced all of the Christian service projects of providing food, clothing, toiletries, gift cards, books and toys since last November. Thank you very much for helping to brighten the holidays for others, and for allowing our students the opportunity to live their faith values in being global ambassadors to those in need. May you be abundantly blessed for your kindness and generosity, and may the light of God's love guide your New Year!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky

7	JAN, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● All day ● 8 – 10:30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug Education Program Begins for Middle School Classes School Resumes Miles to Go 7th/8th Grade Parent Meeting–JCPC JCPC
8	JAN, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	Miles to Go
9	JAN, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	Miles to Go
10	JAN, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● All day ● 8 – 10:30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th Grade Graduation photos Miles to Go Miles To Go 5th/6th Grade Parent Meeting–JCPC JCPC
11	JAN, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 6 – 8pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miles to Go 7th and 8th-grade Winter Dance (JCPC)
12	JAN, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments
13	JAN, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30 – 10:30am 	5th-grade Family Mass
14	JAN, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 – 10am ● 12 – 7pm ● 6:30 – 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PWC Board Meeting (JACC) Fingerprinting - MPR 2nd-grade Sacrament Meeting (JCPC)
16	JAN, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30 – 8:30pm 	3rd-grade Liturgy/Dinner
18	JAN, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7 – 8pm 	Sandwich Builders
21	JAN, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	No School- Martin Luther King Day
24	JAN, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30 – 7:30pm 	1st-grade Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting
25	JAN, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 – 9am 	4th-grade School Mass
26	JAN, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments
27	JAN, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	School Open House
31	JAN, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7 – 8:30pm 	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center



A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR STUDENTS!

December was such a joy-filled month for the community of St. Paul's, and part of the reason for this was the delightful Senior Christmas Luncheon, the school Christmas concert, the parish's "Lessons and Carols" presentation, and the dramatic performance of the Nativity during the Gospel reading at the 4:00 p.m. liturgy on Christmas eve. All of the students—singers, musicians, lectors and actors—worked very hard to make each of the experiences a joyful one for everyone in attendance. They certainly deserved the many kind words of praise you so enthusiastically shared following each event.

Special recognition is extended to the following students for volunteering their time and sharing their talents during the liturgical presentations. We were extremely proud of all of them!

"Lessons and Carols" readers – Fiona Menton and Jude Spillane

"The Nativity" cast members – Hanna Schmitt, Catherine Riebli, Gus Whitesell, Delilah Ahmadi, Fiona Menton, Chloe McFerson, Jude Spillane, Albert Hill, Jack Musitano, Elijah Ahmadi, Lily Tamkin, Hannah Everard, Philip Riebli, Martha Tyler and Zachary Cobb.

SPECIAL NOTICE: JERSEY MIKE'S LUNCH ORDERS



Our next Jersey Mike's lunch will be held on Tuesday, January

15th. Please pre-order by Friday, January 11, at 12:00 p.m. Please complete one order form per child and include the homeroom. Lunch includes a sub sandwich at either the regular size (5.5 inches; \$6.25) or large size (7.5 inches; \$8.10), a cookie and apple slices. **PLEASE NOTE: WE OFFER JERSEY MIKE'S AS A CONVENIENCE TO PARENTS. THIS LUNCH IS NOT A PWC FUNCTION.** REFUNDS CANNOT BE OFFERED DUE TO STUDENT ILLNESS, ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL, ETC. PLEASE ONLY PLACE AN ORDER IF YOU ARE COMFORTABLE BEARING THE RISK OF OCCASIONALLY MISSING MEALS YOU HAVE PAID FOR. If you have any questions please contact **Barbara Kelsey**. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Father's Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, January 27th**! Please help make this annual event a success — parent volunteers (especially dads!) are needed to help set-up, cook, serve and clean-up. This will be a big event for our school families, parish members and prospective school families. Let's make it a great kickoff event for the 2019 year and Catholic Schools Week! Please sign-up [here](#).



LA FREEDOM WALK 2019

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. As many of you learned through Sister Stella, the Catholic Sisters throughout the world have been actively fighting human trafficking in many different ways. Human trafficking is not just a crime that is happening in a foreign country. It is happening here in Los Angeles and in many other areas of California. Human trafficking is the second largest growing criminal enterprise in the United States, with the state of California leading the way for the highest number of human trafficking cases. Please join religious Sisters and concerned citizens all across the nation in the 2019 Annual LA Freedom Walk that will be held on January 12, from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Turn this day into a family bonding experience by making signs and bringing the entire family to the march. Use this as an opportunity to create dialogue and awareness about human trafficking and modern day slavery with your teenagers. Thank you in advance for your support!

LA FREEDOM WALK 2019



JOIN US

- HEAR FROM SURVIVORS
 - WALK ALONG SURVIVORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS
 - COME TO PROTEST MODERN DAY SLAVERY
 - Parking fee: \$5.00
- #MODERNDAYSLAVERY
#HUMANTRAFFICKING
#LAFREEDOMWALK

01.12.19

9 AM—10:30 AM | SATURDAY

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

6657 SUNSET BLVD.

LOS ANGELES, CA 90028



SCHOOL UNIFORM



SPA UNIFORM REMINDERS

With the approach of Christmas vacation and the New Year, it would be great if a little time was set aside to review the school Uniform Policy. While your children are growing, unfortunately, their clothes are not. Some uniform items (i.e. shirts, skirts, sweatshirts, etc.) seem to have been outgrown. There is also a tendency to become a bit complacent about some of the uniform policies. At St. Paul the Apostle School, we believe that a student's appearance has an impact on his/her attitude and behavior. Adherence to the school dress code teaches self-discipline, as well as a sense of modesty and proper attire. Our philosophy is to create an environment of excellence, in all aspects, and to encourage each student's personal commitment to these high standards. The following are just a few policy reminders:

- All skirts, jumpers, shifts, and skorts/culottes must touch some part of the knee (top, middle, or bottom). Skirts are not to be rolled at the waist. Please make an allowance for growth throughout the year.
- Socks are to be green, white, or black; socks must extend above the ankle.
- Hair must be cut and styled appropriately; natural hair color and traditional haircuts are the rules.
- Only appropriate jewelry as described in the Handbook may be worn to school.
- Nail polish may not be worn to school.
- Shoes must be black, gray or white; a small amount of colored trim is allowed.

Continued disregard of the uniform policies will result in a detention and any free dress privileges. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



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.



PARENT VIRTUS TRAINING/FINGERPRINTING POLICY

St. Paul the Apostle School is committed to protecting all of our students. It is for this reason that any adult who has contact with the students, whether an employee or a volunteer, must have successfully completed the VIRTUS training, TB testing and fingerprinting process. And while we understand that this can be a time-consuming process, we hope that all of our parents understand the importance of these requirements. St. Paul's is a very active community, and we rely on the parents and guardians of our students to assist us with many school activities and programs. This can be anything from reporting for yard duty at lunch time and coaching after-school sports, to chaperoning field trips and helping teachers in the classroom.

In meeting the "gold standard" of child protection and providing a safe school environment, fingerprinting is required for any parents who are:

- In consistent contact with students
- Chaperoning a field trip, whether a one-day event or overnight

- Driving students for any school-related events
- Being left alone with students, whether on-campus or away from campus

While *some* of these standards have been adhered to in previous years, we must now move forward with ensuring that the implementation of *all* standards are in process, and that everything will be strictly enforced beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like to begin the fingerprinting process please note that we have scheduled the next session to be held at St. Paul's on Monday, January 14, 2019, from 12:00 until 7:20 p.m. In the meantime, parents who are in full compliance with the standards listed above will be given priority when we need volunteers at St. Paul's in any capacity.

Please note that this policy does NOT include our traffic volunteers simply because these wonderful people (at least 8 or 9 of them on a daily basis) are publically standing curbside and graciously opening car doors as parents pull up to let their children out. (It's SPA service with a smile!) Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and patience as we diligently do everything possible to care for your children.



SPA JUNIOR HIGH NIGHTS

All 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to join us on Thursday evenings in the Media Center from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. These evenings are filled with faith, food, friends, and fun. Come by and learn how to build your relationship with God, all while having a great time building community with other junior high-aged students. For more information, please contact Adrian Barrios at abarrios@sp-apostle.org or at (424) 832-5150.

Please note the Jr. High Night dates for 2018-2019: 11/29/18, 1/31/19, 2/28/19, 3/28/19, 4/11/19



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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