



# SAINT PAUL<sup>THE</sup> APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This Thursday, February 14, is Valentine's Day! While there will be plenty of Valentine cards, special treats and a Student Council Bake Sale, one of the things that we are most looking forward to is "introducing" our DK and Kindergarten students to their "school families." This will be a truly delightful and joy-filled occasion for everyone involved. Since initiating our School Families program it has been a pleasure to watch our school community grow in respect, care and friendship for one another. These are affirming moments, and one of the times we love the most. This is also just one of the many ways that we endeavor to assist you with the faith formation and moral development of your children. As adults, we all want today's youth to have the best we can give them—more integrity, more education, and more opportunities to have them demonstrate to the outside world the lessons they are taught in the classroom.

The hallmark of any organization is its shared sense of purpose. One of the goals of St. Paul the Apostle School has always been "community." Today there is a growing body of research that confirms the many benefits of building a sense of community in schools. Students in schools with a strong sense of community are more likely to:

- be academically motivated; they want to learn and they want to do well
- act ethically and altruistically; there is a sense of morality, of what is right and wrong; the students become selfless in regards to the welfare of others
- develop social and emotional competencies; they learn how to deal with joy, love, sorrow, frustration and disappointment

Supportive relationships are at the heart of any successful community. One person alone cannot get everything accomplished. It is only when we come together to support one another that we have the commitment, the capacity, and the influence to make our vision a reality. We are then able to focus our attention on whatever our core mission might be. I

like to refer to that mission as our “moral purpose,” our social responsibility to others and to the community. When we have a moral purpose, we seek to make a difference in the lives of everyone around us.

Because we strive to build community, our graduates will leave St. Paul the Apostle School with four things that will enable them to function in a larger society with empathy, wisdom and compassion:

- a vision that allows them to see things farther than their eyes can reach
- an ability to hear those who are less fortunate
- a prayer to inspire them when life gets tough
- a diploma that reflects a quality education

It is our hope that the SPA School Families program will be a valuable (and memorable) part of that educational experience!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

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10	FEB 2019, SUN	● All day	PWC Mother's Lunch - JCPC
11	FEB 2019, MON	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC) JACC
15	FEB 2019, FRI	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders--JCPC JCPC
18	FEB 2019, MON	● All day	No School- President's Day
22	FEB 2019, FRI	● 7 – 9am	School Comm. Coffee - MPR
24	FEB 2019, SUN	● 5 – 6pm	6th Grade Family Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church
25	FEB 2019, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd Grade Sacrament meeting--JCPC
27	FEB 2019, WED	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	5th Grade Liturgy and Dinner St. Paul the Apostle Church
28	FEB 2019, THU	● 7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
1	MAR 2019, FRI	● All day	NO School (3 day weekend)



## **CONGRATULATIONS, "SAINTS"!**

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Congratulations to all of our SPA students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past Saturday. They have been diligently preparing for this sacrament with their teachers, and learning that Reconciliation is a way for us to reunite with God after we have made some wrong choices in our lives. New beginnings are always great. Reconciliation is just another way for us to have a “fresh start” in our faith journey.

## **VALENTINE'S DAY FREE DRESS!**

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Please note that students may have **FREE DRESS on Valentine's Day** provided at least one article of clothing or an accessory (i.e. top, bottoms, socks, shoes, sweater, hat, hair ribbon, etc.) is either **white, red or pink!** Participation is NOT mandatory. Students who do not want to participate in the free dress attire may wear their regular SPA uniform to school that day.



## **VALENTINE'S DAY PROTOCOL**

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Many students are asking if they may bring Valentine cards and/or treats to school on Valentine's Day. Please note that students who plan to distribute notes/cards at school must have one for every student in his/her classroom. We do not want to have any hurt feelings on a day that is supposed to be about love and friendship.

Since everything will be sent home with the students at the end of the day, small treats attached to the cards are acceptable. Due to the increasing number of students on our campus who are highly sensitive to peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter or foods made with nuts, we respectfully request that you do not send treats to school that contain any peanuts or nut products. *(Please check the ingredients list on all food labels to be sure!)* Since the nature of this allergy can be life threatening, airborne and transmitted by contact as well as ingestion, we urge your full cooperation regarding this matter. Thank you!



## **VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE**

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Our Student Council members will be hosting a Bake Sale on Valentine's Day! There will be delicious cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and donuts available for purchase, and everything is **only \$1**. Come hungry, select your favorite item, and leave happy! Student Council appreciates your support!



## **NO SCHOOL!**

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School will not be in session next Monday, February 18, in honor of Presidents' Day. Classes will resume Tuesday morning. Enjoy that 3-day weekend!



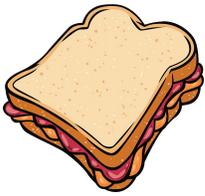
## **P.E. CLASSES ON THE MORMON FIELD**

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As we move towards the season of spring and sunnier days, the P.E. teachers would like to have some of their classes take place on the grassy areas of the Mormon field beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Because students will be leaving the SPA campus with their P.E. teachers, a signed permission slip from parents will be required. We ask that you read, sign and return the form to your child's homeroom teacher once you receive it. Unfortunately, students who do not have a signed permission slip on file will not be allowed to leave campus and participate in the class activities.

# PWC NEWS CORNER!

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## SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS

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Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the JCPC to assist the Kindergarten students in making 1,000 lunches to help the homeless. There are lots of ways to help! You can...

- **Sign up to bring supplies** -- thousands of supplies are needed each month, so we hope you will volunteer to bring a few items; you can sign up to bring supplies or to help [here](#).
- **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 [here](#). We will fill up your car with lunches Friday night so they can be delivered Saturday morning from about 6:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.



## 2019-2020 PWC BOARD NOMINATIONS

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If you are interested in sharing your talents in support of the St. Paul Community, please consider serving on the PWC Board. You may nominate yourself or someone you think would be great for the board. If you would like to know more about a particular board position, you may review summaries about the positions [here](#) or consult the PWC By-Laws (see handy downloads). Please submit your nominations for the 2019–2020 PWC Board no later than Thursday, February 28, by 12:00 noon. To nominate click here: [SPA 2019-2020 PWC Board Nominations](#).



## PWC COMMUNITY COFFEE

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Please mark your calendars for the next two PWC Community Coffees that will be held after drop-off. On Friday, February 22, join us in the Multi-Purpose Room under the JCPC for a discussion with Fr. Mark-David Janus, CSP, President of Paulist Press. Fr. Janus is a child psychologist by training and has taught in medical schools. He will talk with us about how to raise spiritual children, and provide some insight on how to support teens in crisis. There will also be a uniform exchange in the MPR at the same time.

Then on Friday, March 29, also in the MPR, we will have our first SPA Parent Book Club. We will be reading Fr. Greg Boyle's "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship." Fr. Boyle founded Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention

program in the world. The description Regarding his book Amazon says, "In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, Gregory Boyle, the Jesuit priest and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, shares what working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship." The book is available in many formats for about \$11, and up and is an easy read of 224 pages. (Lost and found items will also be on display that morning.) Please make plans to join us!



## **SPA SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS!**

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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](mailto:dchung@sp-apostle.org). Thanks, and enjoy!



## **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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