



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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Last month our School Nurse, Van Anderson, sent home a written notification regarding the diagnosis of pertussis (whooping cough) of at least one student at St. Paul the Apostle School. A copy of this notification was given to every SPA student to take home to their parents. Since the last notice you received from the County of Los Angeles Public Health, we have had a few more cases of pertussis brought to our attention. Pertussis is a contagious disease that can spread when a person coughs or sneezes. It usually begins like a cold, but then it gets much worse. It can cause a serious illness that often leads to hospitalization. It has known to be fatal, especially with infants who are younger than 6 months.

While the SPA students being diagnosed might only be in a couple of classes, St. Paul's has a lot of mixed grade extracurricular activities such as chess, math craft, Friday Fun Days, yoga, after-school care, peer tutoring, and SPA School Families, not to mention recess and sports. We are also aware of the many off-campus activities our students are involved in as well. It's what happen when we strive to build a cohesive community...we share the love and sometimes we also share the germs.

Due to this mixing of grades and the high probability that the students might have been in close contact with someone who presently has (or recently had) pertussis, we are asking you to be vigilant regarding your child's health. As stated in the first notice that was sent home: *If your child has symptoms that include persistent coughing, or your child begins coughing over the next three weeks, please take your child to see a doctor. Let the doctor know that your child may have been exposed to pertussis. If the doctor determines that your child has pertussis, your child must take at least 5 days of antibiotics before returning to school. Your child should not return to any activity until the doctor tells you it is safe to return.*

In the interest of the safety and well-being of all of our students, we are asking for your cooperation regarding this important matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nurse Anderson at (310) 474-1588, extension 7214, or Tracy Sokolow, Public Health Nurse at the County of LA Public Health Department (310) 998-3213.

Just another thing to include in our prayers as we continue—what we hope will be—a healthy Lenten journey!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

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11	MAR 2019, MON	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting--JACC
12	MAR 2019, TUE	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Kindergarten Prayer Service and Dinner St. Paul the Apostle Church
13	MAR 2019, WED	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	1st Grade Prayer Service and dinner St. Paul the Apostle Church
15	MAR 2019, FRI	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders--JCPC JCPC
18	MAR 2019, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd Grade Sacrament meeting JCPC JCPC
19	MAR 2019, TUE	● 6 – 10pm	Basketball Sports Banquet - JCPC JCPC
20	MAR 2019, WED	● 6 – 10pm	Basketball Sports Banquet - JCPC JCPC
21	MAR 2019, THU	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	1st Grade Sacrament Preparation meeting parents and students JCPC JCPC
22	MAR 2019, FRI	● All day	No School--Religious Education Congress
24	MAR 2019, SUN	● 4 – 9pm	Men's Basketball Tournament--Gym Gym
28	MAR 2019, THU	● 7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
29	MAR 2019, FRI	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Junior High Spring Dance--JCPC JCPC
1	APR 2019, MON	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board meeting--JACC JACC



## NO SCHOOL!

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This is just a reminder that school will **not** be in session on Friday, March 22, as all of the faculty will be attending the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. Classes will resume Monday morning with our prayer assembly.



## STUMBLING TOWARDS HOLINESS

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Each year during Lent, St. Paul the Apostle Church coordinates several small group gatherings that assist participants in reflecting on their faith. Many of us feel a bit adrift given the revelations that have recently rocked, and will continue to rock, the Church for some time to come. At times we can feel as lost and wandering as the Israelites did when they journeyed for 40 years in the Sinai desert before reaching the Promised Land. It seemed appropriate

this year for our small groups to join the Israelites in their wandering, so this year's small groups will meet around the Lenten Sunday readings from the Hebrew Scriptures – the first reading from each Sunday. If you would like to participate in one of the many small groups that are forming, send an email to [SPAsmallgroups2019@gmail.com](mailto:SPAsmallgroups2019@gmail.com) or stop by the Parish Office. All are welcome to join us!



## **FAMILY FAITH SHARING**

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It is often said that parents are the primary educators of their children and that is a very true statement. Our children learn so much from us as they are growing and maturing into the adults they will one day become. It doesn't matter if we are trying to teach our children life lessons about finances, friendships, or faith—we must talk so our children will listen to us, and listen carefully so they will talk to us! Talking about God and our Catholic beliefs is a wonderful opportunity for our children to deepen their personal faith. We know that you all have incredibly busy schedules, but it is our hope that the information we will share with you each during Lent will assist you in having intentional conversations with your children about their faith journey.

### **[Building Faith Together at Home PowerPoint](#)**



## **SPA SUMMER SCHOOL!!**

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All of our SPA students are invited to join us for a summer of learning and fun! St. Paul the Apostle School will be offering a variety of programs this coming summer. The sessions will be held Monday through Thursday, from June 17<sup>th</sup> until July 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be available that satisfy the Summer School Practice Requirements. NEW this year: Coach Keith and Coach Anthony will be offering a Summer Camp! Also new this year: we have added Lazy Fridays that are guaranteed to be a lot of fun. So, if your children are beginning to wonder what they will be doing all summer, log on to the [registration link](#) and sign them up for days of fun! You can also log on to the PWC website at <http://www.spapwc.com/summerschool/>. Detailed information brochures will be sent home with the students today.



## **SPRING CHESS TOURNAMENT at SPA!**

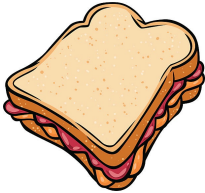
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It's time to register for the Spring Chess Tournament at SPA! The tournament will be held on Sunday, April 28, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the SPA gym. All level of players are welcome to participate, from beginners through advanced. Individual trophies and team trophies will be awarded, and all other players will receive a medal. Come and help SPA win back the Best School Team trophy! Register today at: [Chess 4 Success](#).

## **IMPORTANT PARENT NOTICE!**

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It has come to our attention through LAUSD that a local business in Venice has been selling vape devices, pods and other paraphernalia to their students, even though they are underage. The commercial business is located on the Venice Boardwalk near the end of Market Street. Apparently, the business will sell to students that are paying cash, often increasing the prices because it is a cash purchase and they know the buyer is underage. Please use this information to talk with your children about their social activities, making the right choices, and the dangers of using these devices.



## SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS!

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Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, March 15, in the JCPC to help the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students make 1,000 lunches to feed the homeless. This is a wonderful family Lenten activity, and 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 students 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).



## PWC COMMUNITY COFFEE

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Please mark your calendar for next month's coffee where we will have an informal book club about **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 Amazon description regarding his book 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 224-page book is available at the library, as well as in many formats for about \$11. At our gathering, you can also be reunited with long lost lunch boxes, water bottles and more...lost and found items will be on display that morning. So get reading and 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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