



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, I'd like to take this opportunity to offer a heartfelt and sincere "THANK YOU" to our remarkable community. Being part of a special group of people that embraces the true meaning of community is just one of the many aspects that makes St. Paul's such a remarkable place.

We have all heard it so many times before, but it's true—it takes a village to raise a child. I know first-hand that our faculty and staff work hard, and with such passion and dedication, to help develop the faith formation for all of our students. But as parents, you also have a powerful responsibility to be evangelists for your children. Children grow into a family, and they learn all about their parents as they grow. They come to know how a parent will react in a certain situation, what a parent thinks is funny, what some of their favorite things are, and what their pet peeves might be. Through stories they are told, and conversations they are part of or that they overhear, they become experts on their parents' basic philosophy of life. This is a natural part of growing up in a family. This is how a child's early formation takes place, whether it be as a citizen, a consumer or a believer.

Much of what you communicate to your children will be questioned and challenged by them as they grow older, but what they will have received from you is a set of beliefs and values that are important to the people who are closest to them. Children raised in a family of faith do experience the daily effect that their parents' faith has on their lives. They become witnesses of that faith lived out in the very lives of the people who love and care for them. It becomes a powerful, first-hand example of what it means to be a Christian.

Faith is a wonderful gift that parents can share with their children through their own commitment to Christ in their lives. Children in a faith-filled family will not only share the Word and the Eucharist with their parents and siblings, but also with the faith community

of the Church. Let us always be evangelizing role models for our children as they continue to develop a relationship with God that will sustain them throughout the journey of life.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to you for all that you do as parents, and as supporters of St. Paul the Apostle community!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

6	FEB 2019, WED	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	6th-grade Liturgy and Dinner
9	FEB 2019, SAT	● 10:30am – 12pm	First Reconciliation Sacrament St. Paul the Apostle Church
10	FEB 2019, SUN	● All day ● 11:30am – 2pm	PWC Mother's Lunch - JCPC PWC Mother's Lunch St. Paul the Apostle Church
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



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Last Tuesday, the community of St. Paul the Apostle lost a valuable member. James (Jim) O'Callahan, husband of Jill O'Callahan and a long-time parishioner, passed away unexpectedly due to heart failure. Many of you may have had the privilege of knowing both Jim and Jill when their own five children attended SPA School. Those who knew Jim speak fondly of the person he was, someone who was always there with a witty remark to lead the way, or the first to lend a helping hand. His passing is a palpable loss to his family, friends and colleagues who will miss him dearly.

The visitation service for Jim will be held this Thursday evening from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church. The funeral Mass is scheduled for Friday at 11:00 a.m. Keeping in mind our 12:30 school dismissal time, please be advised that everyone may be dealing with both the funeral traffic AND the school traffic at

dismissal. Please allow for some extra time and patience when picking up your children. Your cooperation and understanding regarding this situation are very much appreciated.

We ask that you please keep Jim's family in prayer during this very difficult time. May God grant Jim eternal rest, and may He comfort all of us who will miss his presence.

PWC NEWS ALERT!



2019-2020 PWC BOARD NOMINATIONS

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 MOTHER'S LUNCH

The PWC Mothers' Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 10, following 11:30 Mass. ALL SPA mothers, current and alumni, are invited to celebrate the unwavering dedication and service that each of you provide to the SPA community. There will be a wonderful this year giving a short talk—Wende Nichols-Julien will talk about her work as the CEO of CASA of Los Angeles (Court Appointed Special Advocates), a great organization that matches volunteers with children in LA's foster care system. She has a great story to share, and it's an amazing organization. Crystal Pinkofsky will also be present to share a little more about her background and her adventures in Catholic education. We will also have some wonderful raffle baskets. But most of all, our afternoon together will be about fun and "catching up." Please view the invitation for more information and RSVP today. [Sign up here!](#)

If you are available and would like to help us prepare for the lunch on February 9 and/or February 10, please [sign-up here](#). Thank you!



PWC COMMUNITY COFFEE

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!

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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