



SAINT PAUL^{THE} APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School community! What a blessing it is to begin the 2018-2019 school year! The administration, faculty, and staff are excited to return and be of service to you and your children. Thank you for your investment in, and continued support of, Catholic education.

Navigating the world today can be challenging for adults and even more so for our children. Instilling a moral compass and sense of social responsibility to guide our actions is an inherent part of our Catholic faith formation. It is a great responsibility to raise children in our Catholic faith. We take this very seriously and make every effort each day to weave our Catholic Identity into instruction and our interactions with each other. Our entire community embraces this obligation and responsibility to our youth. Our students witness it through our dedicated and well-credentialed faculty, our amazingly active parents, the vibrant parish life, and the level of community support that has always been afforded to St. Paul's. By the time our students graduate, we expect it to be obvious that they have been an integral part of this community. It is our hope that their faith experience will remain with them for a lifetime. The true level of that devotion comes from the generations of families who continue to walk through our school doors each year. It really does feel like "family."

A big part of what we do as SPA family is pray and worship together. Our Back-to-School Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 7, at 8:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us as we gather to begin our year as a community in faith and prayer.

Although it is a bit longer than usual, I ask that you take some time to read this week's eNewsletter and note any pertinent information that may require your attention. Please also note that this week we will begin sending home important information that: (1) we wanted to ensure ALL families receive, and (2) could not be

sent via email. Please read everything carefully, respond as necessary, and return anything requiring your signature to your child's teacher or the school office.

In closing, I'd like to acknowledge that we are all partners working earnestly for your child's success. With everyone giving their best efforts, that success will definitely be within our reach. Thank you for all that you do. We are going to have a wonderful year together!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

Mon Sep 3	● All day	Labor Day- No School
Tue Sep 4	● All day	Developmental Kindergarten First Day of School
	● All day	Kindergarten First Day of School
Wed Sep 5	● All day	Kindergarten First day of School
	● 8 – 10am	Virtus Refresher Class
Fri Sep 7	● All day	Apostle Attic Drop off (JCPC) JCPC
	● 8:15 – 9:15am	8th Grade School Mass
Sat Sep 8	● All day	Apostle's Attic Drop off (JCPC) JCPC
Mon Sep 10	● 8 – 10am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC) JACC
Fri Sep 14	● All day	Apostles' Attic Sale (JCPC) JCPC
Sat Sep 15	● All day	Apostles' Attic Sale (JCPC) JCPC
Sun Sep 16	● All day	Apostles' Attic Sale
	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Catechical Mass Saint Paul the Apostle Church
Mon Sep 17	● All day	Back to School Night (Starts in Church)
Tue Sep 18	● All day	Back to School Night (Starts in Church)
Thu Sep 20	● All day	School Picture Day (JCPC) JCPC
Sun Sep 23	● 5 – 6pm	7th-grade Family Mass
Wed Sep 26	● 8 – 9:30am	8th Grade Parent Meeting (JCPC) JCPC
Thu Sep 27	● All day	New Parent Reception-offsite
Fri Sep 28	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders (JCPC)
Sun Sep 30	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC)



EARLY STUDENT DISMISSAL THIS WEEK!

Please note that school will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week. School will NOT be in session on Monday, September 3. Classes will resume Tuesday, September 4, after the Labor Day weekend.



PARENT COFFEE SOCIAL/UNIFORM EXCHANGE

On Wednesday morning, August 29, the PWC Hospitality Committee will host a coffee social at 8:15 a.m. in the JCPC.

All of our parents are welcome to attend. Coffee, tea, juice and pastry will be served. This is the perfect time for our new families to meet the “veteran” families of our school community, and for everyone to become reacquainted after the long summer months.

The PWC will also be hosting a “uniform exchange” during the coffee social. SPA families are welcome to donate “gently used” uniform items; the clothing may be dropped off in the Parish Office at any time. We request that all items be free from stains, holes/tears, etc. (If it looks rotten, let it be forgotten!)

We hope to see you there!



DK/KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

We would like to take this opportunity to invite the parents of our Kindergarten students to a special meeting on Thursday, August 30, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. The meeting for parents of our DK students will be held on the same day from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This morning is set aside with you in mind to explain SPA’s most important policies and procedures. We will cover topics such as school curriculum, uniform policies, daily procedures, and special programs. We invite you to bring any questions you may have regarding these or any other topics not listed here. We will also introduce you to members of the administration and school staff. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. This is also a great time to meet other families new to SPA! Mark your calendar today!



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Our annual Back-to-School Night will be held on Monday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this event on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of important information, especially in regards to our school’s recent accreditation, any policy changes, and updates about our school safety plan. We look forward to having you join us for this very important meeting!



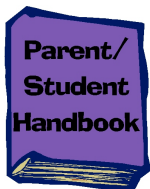
STUDENT ABSENTEEISM

Classroom instruction is critical to our students’ success in school. We discourage absences for any reason other than legitimate health illnesses. If your child is ill, please call the health room at 310-474-1588, extension 7214 before 8:30 a.m. If a staff member is not available, please utilize voice mail for reporting absences. This can be done 24 hours a day for your convenience. Please state your child’s first and last name, homeroom, the reason and date of the absence. If your child is going to be absent for an extended length of time, please contact the teacher to discuss the best options for completing any missed assignments.



TARDY POLICY

Please keep in mind that students who are not in the classroom by 7:45 a.m. will be marked tardy, and will need to obtain a tardy slip from the front office before going to class. Help us give your children the message that school is important by having them here on time every day.



SPA PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Parent-Student Handbook for St. Paul the Apostle School will be posted on the PWC website at spapwc.com beginning Monday, August 27. The Acknowledgement Page that requires your signature will also be posted on the site.



SPA SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES!

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN COMPLETE UNIFORM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29. Our school uniform company is Michael's Uniforms. A special uniform sale will be held on campus Monday, August 27, right outside the gym. If you cannot attend the on-campus sale, the company is located at **225 So. Market St., Inglewood, 90301**. You may also purchase the school uniforms online.



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

As you begin preparing for the new school year, please note that the lists of needed school supplies for each grade level have been posted on the spapwc.com website. Happy shopping!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL TRAFFIC REMINDERS

In an effort to help traffic flow quickly and smoothly during morning drop-off, please note the following reminders that require your attention:

- All Traffic Sign-Up Boards are live on the PWC website. If you have not yet visited the traffic site the link is <https://www.spapwc.com/traffic>.
- This year we are no longer doing driveway drop-off. Instead, we have added an additional car door opener on Selby Ave.
- Please note, there is no traffic duty the first day of school. Please allow time to park if you are walking your child to class.
- As always, there is NO PARKING in the RED ZONE. They are for emergency vehicles only.
- Also, there is no jaywalking in front of the school as well as no parking in the Mormon Church lot as that is reserved for TEACHERS ONLY.

SPA WELCOME WEEKEND!



Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for “Welcome Weekend” and Apostle’s Attic (the Resale Boutique/Handmade Crafts/Book Nook)! Please note the following dates and times:

Friday, September 14th (8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – 8:00 a.m.
Community Coffee

Saturday, September 15th (3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – 5:00 p.m.
Pie & Burger Food Truck

Sunday, September 16th (8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

We will welcome Mrs. Pinkofsky, Fr. Gil, and Fr. Ryan with delicious Pie & Burger on Saturday, and light refreshments after all the Sunday Masses.



THE APOSTLE’S ATTIC DONATION DROP-OFF

We hope you are crafting and saving your amazing items that can be donated to the Apostle’s Attic! Drop-off begins Tuesday, September 4, through Thursday, September 13, from 7:20 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Selby Avenue in front of the JCPC/Parish Office. There will be a sign directing the way, and you can temporarily park your car so we can help you unload your donations. We are accepting donations for gently used items such as housewares, decor, toys, clothing, accessories, and small furniture. Also, remember that handcrafted goods will be sold this year so keep on crafting and bring us your beautiful items to sell.



“UNDER THE BIG TOP” ANNUAL FESTIVAL!

Mark your calendars for October 12 – 14, and get ready for LOTS of fun “Under the Big Top” at our school’s annual fall festival! Remember, the Festival Committee members need you to begin collecting those amazing auction items, planning your great parties, and consider giving to Patronage. More Festival information will be coming soon so stay tuned!
