



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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday, everyone! I hope that all of our families were able to spend precious time with loved ones this past weekend and that you had opportunities to enjoy the various Mother's Day celebrations. A special THANK YOU is extended to ALL of the moms here at St. Paul's who consistently go above and beyond in helping to make our community such a wonderful place! We are blessed and so very grateful to have you with us!

Last week, a long-time colleague sent me a reading entitled "**Why God Made Moms.**" The paper contained a list of questions and answers that had been submitted by a class of second grade students. Their honest perspectives made me laugh, and I thought you might appreciate it as well. Some of the questions and the top 3 responses are listed below. As they say..." kids will often tell it like it is!"

**Why did God make mothers?** 1) She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is. 2) Mostly to clean the house. 3) To help us out of heaven when we were getting born.

**How did God make mothers?** 1) He used dirt, just like for the rest of us. 2) Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring. 3) God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

**Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?** 1) Because we're related. 2) God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me. 3) I guess he didn't have any other job for her to do.

**What kind of a little girl was your mother?** 1) I don't know because I wasn't there but my guess would be that she was pretty bossy. 2) They say she used to be nice. 3) My mom has always been my mom and none of that other little girl stuff.

**Why did your mother marry your dad?** 1) My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world and my mom eats a lot. 2) My grandma said that mom didn't have her thinking cap on. 3) Because he does chores and makes at least \$800 a year.

**Who's the boss at your house?** 1) Mom doesn't want to be the boss but she has to because dad is such a goofball. 2) Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She always sees the stuff under the bed. 3) I guess my mom is but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

**If you could change one thing about your mother what would it be?** 1) She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that. 2) I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me. 3) I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

15	MAY 2019, WED	● 10am - 1pm	7th Grade and St. Paul's Senior STARS--Marian Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church/JCPC
16	MAY 2019, THU	● 8 - 10am	Student Council Elections--JCPC
17	MAY 2019, FRI	● All day ● All day	NO School - 3 day weekend STAR Testing Window 4 opens
22	MAY 2019, WED	● All day	8th Grade Retreat, Liturgy & Dinner
27	MAY 2019, MON	● All day	No School
30	MAY 2019, THU	● All day ● 8:15 - 9:15am	8th Grade Disneyland Trip School Liturgy--Blessing of New Student Council and Second Grade Communion
2	JUN 2019, SUN	● 9:30 - 10:30am	Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Family Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church
3	JUN 2019, MON	● All day ● 10am - 12pm	8th Grade Graduation 8th Grade Graduation in church



## FIRST COMMUNION at SPA!

When I attended Catholic elementary school I remember a teacher saying that the Eucharist is the heart of Christian life and it should become the heart of a Christian family. Within the Catholic Church, First Communion is not only the introduction of a child into fuller community participation; it is also a reminder to adults of their own faith commitment. This past weekend we had our last class of second grade students who received the Eucharist for the very first time. As they celebrate this important milestone with their family and friends, may the peace and love of Christ be with them always, and may they be continuously blessed beyond measure!



## SPECIAL AUTHOR VISIT! - a SPA DAD!

On Tuesday, June 4, picture book author/illustrator (and SPA parent) **Pete Oswald**, an Annie Award-nominated animation

production designer best known for *The Angry Birds Movie* film series and *ParaNorman*, will be visiting St. Paul's to do a reading and book signing for our students. Two picture books, *The Good Egg* and *The Bad Seed*, both illustrated by Pete, are available for purchase and signing. We are eagerly looking forward to Pete's visit with us!

**Please return the order form with payment (checks made out to Children's Book World) to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, May 22nd.**

[Link to Order Form](#)



## SPA TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

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As we begin planning for the 2019-2020 school year, we would like to conduct a technology survey with our parent community! We kindly ask that you take a few minutes and logon to this link: <https://forms.gle/oiSiti61S5zYAeGb9> to respond to a few questions regarding devices and everyday usage at home. We are trying our best to bridge the gap between classroom usage, home usage, and the right digital citizenship approach that can make our community digitally better. We will be using this data to have more specific information for our IT team and guest speakers to focus on next year. Thank you!



## SPA SUN SAFETY

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Now that spring has sprung, so has the sun! Please be sure to slather on the sun screen before your child heads for school and pack an extra tube in your child's backpack for re-application during recess and lunch. Don't forget sun hats too! We will be starting a new Sun-Hat wearing competition that will continue through Camp-out week. Winning classes will be announced during Camp-out. The SPA Sun Safety Committee is committed to promoting sun safety awareness and health. While melanoma and other sun illnesses may be on the rise, SPA is committed to promoting sun safety and keeping our kids sun safe.

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## PWC NEWS CORNER!

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## FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION GIFTS

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You will once again have the opportunity to contribute to a year-end faculty and staff appreciation collection beginning next week. This is strictly voluntary and a great way to thank all the wonderful people who make our parish and school so special. Please see the [PWC website](#) if you would like to contribute.

## TOGETHER WE ROCK!

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Here is what you need to know about the SPA Festival this week:

**Apostle's Attic: Give It Away, Give It Away, Give It Away Now!**

Apostle's Attic will be ready to accept your gently used donations in front of the Parish Office on Selby Ave. this Tuesday, May 14th!

Please consider donating:

Home Decor  
Furniture  
DIY/Handmade Items  
Art  
Books  
Denim & Tees  
Accessories & Handbags  
Garden & Outdoor Decor  
Toys  
Athletic Gear

For more information, or to arrange alternate drop off/pick up, please contact:

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**Pep Rally on May 15th!** The Festival Committee can't wait to start rocking with you at the SPA Pep Rally this Wednesday, May 15th! Be sure to have your kids dressed in their **Together We Rock** 2019 Festival Wear that day! Parents are welcome to attend (standing room only on the side of the gym). We start rocking at 2:00 p.m.

**Who's Rocking Patronage?** Remember, the grade with the highest participation in Patronage will enjoy a special year-end event: Party with Coach Keith! Watch your grade's progress on the **GIANT GUITAR** posted at the front entrance to the school. Donate today at [Festival Patronage](#).

**Festival Wear, Hats and Swag:** We will not be selling at the Camp-out, but online orders will open in June.

Look for all the ways you can rock with the SPA Festival by visiting our Festival 101 (hot link) page. Be sure to follow us now on Social Media for more exciting news! [#spatogetherwerock](#).



## **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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