



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
to the end that all who believe in Him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.” ~ John 3:16**

It is the drama of the ages: friends break bread and one becomes a traitor. An innocent man is condemned to death while the guilty goes free. Merciless torture and cruelty precede a horrible and painful death. Dreams are shattered and hopes vanish when evil seems to win. No, this is not the latest movie on Netflix or the most recent best-selling novel; this is the story of our salvation. It is also the story of our lives.

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**, and the beginning of Holy Week! Palm Sunday is a day of dramatic and frightening contrasts. It is a time when we go from shouts of “*Hosanna to the Son of David*,” which can only be described as shouts of joyful acclamation, to the vicious and repeated cries of “*Let him be crucified...Let him be crucified!*” which are cries of violent repudiation. Through the disturbing contrasts of Palm Sunday we enter into the week of the Passion of Christ, the week that is often referred to as *Holy Week*. It is a week of the good, the bad and the ugly, to be sure, but it is also a week that exemplifies the beauty of our salvation, too. Through the extreme intensity of that week we should make time to contemplate the two great spectacles of sin and love—our sin, and God’s love for us.

To be clear, the redemption of our sins is not merely a story; it is the drama in which we should all take part. As we continue our Lenten journey, please give some consideration to attending all of the special liturgies that will be celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Church next week, beginning with the Mass on Palm Sunday, and continuing into the Triduum—Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday, all of which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Jesus' passion and death should have ultimate meaning for all of us. This is a story that has rippled down through the ages, washing over time, people and events. This is the story of salvation, a story of hope, of glory and of victory. This is definitely a story that does not say: *The End!* If we believe that Jesus stands at the tombs in our lives where we have buried hope and possibility, trust and faith, then we must also believe that he will reawaken within us the possibility of joyous new beginnings.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

8	APR 2019, MON	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	2nd Grade Prayer Service/Dinner JCPC JCPC
10	APR 2019, WED	● All day ● 11am – 1:30pm	Spring Sing 1 - JCPC Spring Sing 1 Grades 5-8 JCPC
11	APR 2019, THU	● 7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
12	APR 2019, FRI	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders-JCPC JCPC
18	APR 2019, THU	● 11:45am – 12:15pm ● 12:30pm	Holy Thursday 2nd Grade School Prayer Service St. Paul the Apostle Church Early Dismissal for Easter Break
19	APR 2019, FRI	● All day ● All day ● 12 – 1:15pm	Good Friday No School Stations of the Cross for Children St. Paul the Apostle Church
22	APR 2019, MON	● All day	School Easter Break
23	APR 2019, TUE	● All day	School Easter Break
24	APR 2019, WED	● All day	School Easter Break
25	APR 2019, THU	● All day	School Easter Break
26	APR 2019, FRI	● All day	School Easter Break
29	APR 2019, MON	● All day	School Resumes
1	MAY 2019, WED	● 8:15 – 9:15am	First Grade School Mass--Blessed Mother Mary
3	MAY 2019, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	St. James Inn Event
4	MAY 2019, SAT	● 5 – 6pm	First Communion
5	MAY 2019, SUN	● 9:30 – 10:30am ● 5:30 – 9pm	First Communion at masses Alumni Dinner Class of 2015--GYM
6	MAY 2019, MON	● All day ● 8 – 9:30am	Steam Fair Week--Gym PWC Board Meeting JACC

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION at SPA

Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Paul the Apostle Church will



be held on Tuesday, (tomorrow) April 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The assembled community will begin the service with a Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions. Several priests will be present to assist the community with receiving Reconciliation.



## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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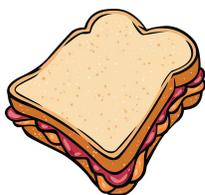
Our financial aid process for tuition assistance is now open. In order to apply, please send Mayora Hiney ([mhiney@sp-apostle.org](mailto:mhiney@sp-apostle.org)) an email prior to Wednesday, April 10, letting us know you are interested in applying for Financial Aid. She will then send you information outlining the steps needed to complete the application through FACTS. All applications must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, May 10, in order to qualify for an award.



## 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 next week. It begins Monday, April 1, and continues through Campout out week. Winning classes will be announced during Campout. 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.



## SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS

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Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, April 12, in the JCPC to help 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students make 1,000 lunches to feed the homeless. 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 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).



## **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](#).



## **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.

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## **PWC NEWS CORNER!**

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## SPA SPRING SING I

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Mark your calendars for Spring Sing I, which will be held on Wednesday, April 10, where grades 5-8 will perform. We have a new format this year—mingling, light snacks and drinks will begin at 11:30 a.m., which will be followed by announcements and the reveal of our new PWC President and Vice-President for next year! The fabulous performances will begin immediately after all announcements. Make plans to join us! New Festival wear will also be available for purchase.



## SPA TEXTILE DRIVE

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Are you cleaning out your house after watching the Marie Kondo Netflix series? Do you have bags of items that no longer spark joy? St. Paul the Apostle would be filled with joy, if you donated them to us! We are holding a clothing/textile drive right after Easter Break, and every bag helps us so much. Our goal for donations is three bags per family. Contact Marina Batliwalla at (424) 527-1924 with any questions. We need your donations by May 1<sup>st</sup>. (And don't forget to start saving your decorative/saleable items for Apostles Attic!) Remember: shoes and towels are accepted, but not bedding. Check the PWC website for more information.



## FR. TOM JONES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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This is a special invitation to **all Moms and Dads**: The SPA Father's Club will be hosting the annual Fr. Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament, and WE need YOUR support! The Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 6th! We are soliciting participation, sponsorship, donations, volunteers, anything and everything we can get. Please go to the Golf Tournament page and sign up! This will be a shotgun, best ball tournament that caters to ALL levels. Register or learn more [here](#). Corporate sponsorship and/or donations are graciously accepted. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's Financial Aid Program. This is our only fundraiser for Financial Aid, so please help! Questions? Send an email to the tournament director, Kevin Griffin at [kgrif2@gmail.com](mailto:kgrif2@gmail.com).



## TOGETHER WE ROCK!

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Hey, Saints! Are you ready to rock!?! Grab your VIP pass and get ready for an unforgettably epic rock & roll festival! Introducing... "Together We Rock" 2019! While the SPA 2019 Festival Committee is hard at work preparing for another awesome weekend for our community, you can start looking like a rock star by purchasing some super cool and comfy festival wear, and help get the party started by donating to Patronage! **Mark your calendars to purchase festival wear at these events:**

Spring Sing I: April 10  
Pep Rally: May 1  
Spring Sing II: May 8  
New Parent Mixer: May 14  
Camp-out: May 18  
Online (orders open): June 3

**Donate to Patronage on-line (starting April 30th) or at these events:**

Spring Sing I: April 10  
Spring Sing II: May 8  
New Parent Mixer: May 14

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! [#togetherwerock](#)



## **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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[Instagram](#)  
[YouTube](#)