



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The following message was shared with our community after the 9:30 Mass this past Sunday. If you were able to join us, THANK YOU for being there, and feel free to skip to the next article in the newsletter. However, if you enjoyed hearing my personal perspectives regarding Catholic education, and St. Paul's in particular, this is your opportunity to enjoy it again in print!

This week, St. Paul the Apostle School will join thousands of Catholic schools across America as we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**.

The essential mission of the Catholic Church is evangelization, and every ministry within the Church must support that mission. We are very fortunate to be able to share the Gospel message of Jesus with our students in every aspect of our curriculum. We educate...we coach...we inspire. One of the hallmarks of Catholic education is its emphasis on putting our faith into action, and reflecting Jesus in everything we do. One of our many goals is that our graduates are well prepared to be an influence for good in the world when they leave St. Paul's.

I have seen several billboards in the community that highlight the infinite value and limitless potential of Catholic schools. In a time when people are looking for the "value added" in every purchase or decision they make, it's reassuring to know that the values are not added in a Catholic education. Instead, they are embedded in its very foundation.

The historical success of St. Paul's has not been due to the physical facilities we use or the resources we have, but through the powerful dynamics that exist among home, school and the parish. Since we are a community that prays, learns, and works together, it is not surprising that our end results have always been greater than the sum of our parts. We are deeply grateful to the Paulist priests, The Daughters of Mary and Joseph,

our school families, parish staff members, and parishioners who join us in a remarkable partnership of educating our students. May you never underestimate the power of your influence, and may you be blessed abundantly for the many invaluable contributions that you make to this community.

We also humbly acknowledge our debt to those who have served before us as we work to ensure the legacy of St. Paul's on our watch. Sr. Stella's 48 years of dedicated service, her unwavering love for the students, and her steadfast leadership within this community will never be forgotten. The faculty and I truly believe the proverb, "That which is good is never finished." Encouraged by those crucial beliefs, we will never become complacent about our ministry as we look to the future with hope, confidence, enthusiasm and an abiding faith in God.

We are truly blessed, and it is my heartfelt prayer that we may always prove ourselves worthy of God's continued blessings for many years to come.

As a reminder, to help facilitate this week's celebration, the faculty and students will gather together every morning for prayer and announcements. Afterwards, our Student Council members will be "**Spinning the Wheel**" to determine the event/activity we will be participating in the following day. It has been my experience that students really enjoy this "game of chance." As always, parents are welcome to join us each morning for prayer and the wheel-spinning results!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

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| 27 | JAN, SUN | ● All day | School Open House |
| 31 | JAN, THU | ● 7 – 8:30pm | Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center |
| 6 | FEB, WED | ● 6:30 – 8:30pm | 6th-grade Liturgy and Dinner |
| 9 | FEB, SAT | ● 10:30am – 12pm | First Reconciliation Sacrament St. Paul the Apostle Church |
| 10 | FEB, SUN | ● All day | PWC Mother's Lunch - JCPC |
| | | ● 11:30am – 2pm | PWC Mother's Lunch St. Paul the Apostle Church |
| 11 | FEB, MON | ● 8 – 9:30am | PWC Board Meeting (JACC) JACC |
| 15 | FEB, FRI | ● 7 – 8pm | Sandwich Builders--JCPC JCPC |
| 18 | FEB, MON | ● All day | No School- President's Day |



7th GRADE CYBER SAFETY EVENT!

We invite all of our 7th grade students and their parents to attend the 7th Grade Cyber Safety Event that will be held on Friday, February 1st. We will begin with a hosted lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the courtyard, followed by the presentation that begins at 1:15 p.m. in

the SPA Media Center.

The event presenter, Jennie O'Hagan, believes that education is the key to changing our world for the better. She is an adjunct professor at USC, certified Active Parenting facilitator, regular elementary and secondary school guest speaker and, when her youngest was a toddler, ran a weekly mom's program. She created a social media primer and media training curriculum and has moderated the program for young Disney Channel stars, Rose Parade Princesses, and school children.

Jennie is also a television producer (starting with Sam Rubin and the early days of the KTLA Morning News) and public relations professional, giving her daily exposure to media, technology and social media. She is the Executive Producer of KTLA's broadcast of the ROSE PARADE, often produces Red Carpet coverage during awards season, and is a freelance publicist for clients including the OC FAIR and Disneyland.

Jennie fits in as much teaching and media training as she can and is a contributor for Disney's [babble.com](#) publication. She is excited about what media was, is and will become, and loves being part of the conversation - in the industry and with parents and children as we continue to work together to engage with our culture in safe and meaningful ways. We look forward to hearing what Jennie has to share concerning **cyber safety** and **social media citizenship**. *(Please note that students will not be allowed to attend without a parent being with them.)*



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. Come and reserve a table with friends and spend an afternoon with great, inspiring company! Please view the invitation for more information and RSVP by January 30, 2019. The link to sign-up is [here](#).



PWC COMMUNITY COFFEE

Please mark your calendars for the next PWC Community Coffee that will be held after drop-off on Friday, February 22nd. Please join us in the Multi-Purpose Room 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. We hope to see you there!



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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