



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

At our faculty meeting last Friday, I asked the teachers to take some time to review a few important school rules and policies with our students (i.e. classroom and school rules, homework expectations, materials and supply lists, uniform guidelines, etc.) After a couple weeks of vacation time, we sometimes need caring reminders to help us all get back into the routine of school. As always, we do appreciate the support that we receive from you when you are notified of a behavior issue regarding your children. The faculty and I both recognize and respect the fact that parents are the *primary educators* of their children. This is something that the Catholic Church has proclaimed for years! In one of his many speeches regarding Catholic education, Pope John Paul II once said, "Catholic schools must provide an education for a life of integrity and witness. It is necessary to form strong, generous and upright consciences that know how to apply the Gospel to life without compromise or hesitation." This is the contribution that we strive to make each and every day at St. Paul the Apostle School, and it's reassuring to know that we are not alone in our efforts.

Recently, I have had to speak to some of our students regarding the very poor choices they are making regarding their behavior. We discuss what they chose to do that initiated my conversation with them, what they should have done in hindsight, and what they will do better going forward. My hope always is that they will learn something important from whatever it is they have done wrong. The message that I subtly share with the students in these situations is this: *your last mistake is your best teacher!*

As I continue to reflect and age gracefully through the years, I realize that my parents taught me life lessons that no school or teacher ever could; they taught me the day-to-day stuff of religion. By example they taught me how to pray and worship, how to respect other people, how to respect nature, how to respect things that did and did not belong to me, what to do when someone needs help (whether or not they ask for it), how to be fair

and forgiving in all relationships, and how to be a responsible adult. It was their examples that taught me adults get up in the morning, go to work, express gratitude for what they have, and do their best to make the day (and life) better for others. I believe these examples were called *applied religion*, and they established some of the most important lessons I have ever learned in life.

Our children are a beautiful gift from God! (I thank God for mine every day.) Being a parent is a precious privilege that we cannot afford to waste or take for granted. As the primary educators of your children, you will be shaping their moral values and helping to form their sense of right and wrong. Speaking from experience I know that this is definitely not a task for the faint of heart! Just as we rely on you in this partnership, please know that you also have our unwavering support. Good luck, and as always, you are in my prayers.

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

21	JAN, MON	● All day	No School- Martin Luther King Day
24	JAN, THU	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	1st-grade Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting
25	JAN, FRI	● 8 – 9am	4th-grade School Mass
26	JAN, SAT	● All day ● All day	Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments E-Waste Collection - Parking Lot
27	JAN, SUN	● All day ● 8:30 – 11:30am ● 10:30am – 1pm	School Open House Pancake breakfast--JCPC JCPC School Open House
31	JAN, THU	● 7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
4	FEB, MON	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC) JACC
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



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>! We will begin our celebration by coming together at the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. The SPA Father's Club will be hosting a delicious **Pancake Breakfast** (yummy, please pass the syrup!) immediately following the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses! Many, many thanks to all of the dads who have signed up to help. All current school families, parish members and prospective school families are invited to join us. Let's make this a great kickoff event for Catholic Schools Week!

Everyone is also cordially invited to attend our **SPA Open House** which will begin immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please feel

free to bring your relatives, friends, neighbors, and any prospective families. Our students are eagerly anticipating having you visit their classrooms to see examples of some of the wonderful work they have completed during the first half of this school year.

Refreshments will be served, and tours of the campus will be available. This is a fun event, made even more so by the pride our students display in their many accomplishments.

And finally, to help facilitate the celebration, the faculty and students will gather together every morning during CSW 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!



## OUR LADY OF MALIBU - GRATITUDE

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We received a lovely note of appreciation from Our Lady of Malibu for all of your donations and help they received after the fires: *“We are so overwhelmed and grateful for your donations to our Woolsey fire victims. We are using money donated to buy new school uniforms for students whose homes burnt in the fire...We will forever be thankful. Peace and love in 2019.”* Thank you to all of our SPA families for stepping up and reaching out!



## PWC MOTHER'S LUNCH

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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

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Please mark your calendars for the next PWC Community Coffee that will be held after drop-off on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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!

## ELECTRONIC DONATION DRIVE

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Please hold onto your old electronics over the holidays and



contribute them to the e-waste drive at SPA that will be held on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donation items include:

Televisions | Laptops | Monitors LCD Screens | CRT Monitors  
Printers | Tablets Smart Phones | Cables and Wires \*\*No Batteries  
or Light Bulbs will be accepted.

Please hold onto old textiles as well. The textile drive will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## 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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