



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

*“Everyone has the right to be respected
and the responsibility to respect others.”*

During the past two weeks I have engaged in several conversations with faculty, parents, and students regarding incidents of unacceptable student behavior. The misbehavior ranges from lack of basic manners, to blatant disrespect, to what could only be described as bullying others. None of this is acceptable within a Catholic school community, and the faculty and I will continue to directly address these issues as they arise. During some of my discussions, it became very clear to me that we need to make more of an effort in teaching our students how to be civilized. This lesson begins with teaching them the meaning of “empathy” and “compassion” (these are the “civilizing” emotions). Our children need to understand the impact their words and actions have on others. This doesn’t mean that they will all be best friends, but the expectation is that they will be decent to one another, and they will understand that our request for acceptance of one another must consist of harmony, inclusion, loyalty and support.

I believe it’s a given that a person cannot have “good character” if he/she also doesn’t have a conscience. Children are born without a conscience; it’s something that slowly develops as children grow and we teach them right from wrong. Character is what governs behavior, and a strong character is the result of a well-formed conscience and virtues like respect, honesty, understanding and acceptance. A person of good character knows that bullying behavior of any kind is not acceptable. It is morally wrong, inappropriate, and fails to benefit anyone...not the bully, and certainly not the victim. Any student at St. Paul’s who is frequently unkind, mean, and intolerant is clearly not succeeding as a member of this faith community.

It's also important for our students to learn and understand that verbal put-downs hurt just as much as physical abuse. One of the unfortunate ways human beings try to build themselves up is to put other people down. What is most painful about this is the fact that the victims are usually being ridiculed about something they cannot change...how they look, how they talk, what they have or don't have material-wise, their family status...the list is endless. I know that many times students lash out in a negative manner because they themselves are hurt or frustrated, or they believe that something is "unfair." As adults, we all know that life is not fair. It never has been, and it never will be. I know from experience that children can get very hung up on that 4-letter word. In order for them to learn how to deal with envy and petty jealousies we need to take some time to explain the inequities of life. It's unfortunate that bad things do happen to good people, and the bad people don't always get what they truly deserve. It's a hard lesson to learn, but a necessary one.

Report cards for the second trimester were sent home last Thursday. The most important grade on that report is CONDUCT. *What does that behavior grade say about your child's character while he/she is at school? About the choices he/she makes when you are not around?* St. Paul's is a community that cares about what happens to everyone here. It is our goal to nurture the people that will make tomorrow better for all of us. I believe it was Gandhi who once said, "If we want to have peace in the world, we have to start with the children." It is my hope that every adult in this community will join us in that noble effort. And as always, please know how much your cooperation and support are truly appreciated.

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

28	MAR 2019, THU	●	7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
29	MAR 2019, FRI	●	7 – 9am	School Comm. Coffee - MPR
1	APR 2019, MON	●	8 – 9:30am	PWC Board meeting--JACC JACC
5	APR 2019, FRI	●	7 – 9pm	Musical Theater performance--Aladdin--JCPC
6	APR 2019, SAT	●	7 – 9pm	Musical Theater performance--Aladdin--JCPC
7	APR 2019, SUN	●	9:30 – 10:30am	1st Grade Family Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church
8	APR 2019, MON	●	6:30 – 8:30pm	2nd Grade Prayer Service/Dinner JCPC JCPC
10	APR 2019, WED	●	All day	Spring Sing 1 - JCPC
		●	11am – 1:30pm	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



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Your prayers of support and comfort are being requested on behalf of the Pruitt family. Charlotte Pruitt, mother of Hudson (4B), passed away peacefully last Sunday morning after her strong battle with cancer. Charlotte will be laid to rest at the Cavalry Cemetery in her hometown of Seattle, Washington. The Pruitt family asks that anyone wishing to send flowers please consider making a donation to the Sister Stella Foundation at St. Paul the Apostle School instead. Thank you for all the support and assistance you have offered to Hudson, Drake, and to Charlotte's family.



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Our financial aid process for tuition assistance is now open. In order to apply, please send Mayora Hiney (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



MOVIE SCREENING & SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS!

The Sister Stella Foundation is excited to present, "LIKE," a documentary about one of the biggest parenting and adolescent issues of our time, **the impact of social media on our lives**. The film will be followed by a presentation and Q&A with keynote speaker, Max Stossel, and Common Sense Media. The director of the film, Scilla Andreen, will also participate in speaking as well as NFL Charger, Isaac Rochell. Mr. Rochell has started a new movement called #SeeYouOnSunday. This is an initiative to inspire us all to disengage from social media from Friday night until Sunday. That could be quite a challenge for many of us!

This event may be attended by both parents and students in the 5th - 8th grades, and parents only in DK - 4th grades. No students in DK - 4th may attend. Register today as seating is limited. Thank you in advance for joining us, and for helping to make our children wiser when it comes to using Social Media.

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Location: Landmark Theater (@ Westside Pavilion)

Please click the following link to register, and for additional information about this special event and the Sister Stella Foundation. [The LIKE Movie Registration at Eventbrite](#)

AUTHOR VISIT AT SPA!



Chris Van Dusen will be visiting the DK – 2nd grade students at St. Paul's on Tuesday, April 2nd. His new picture book is the delightful "A Piglet Named Mercy." Mr. Watson and Mrs. Watson live ordinary lives. Sometimes they wish something different would happen. And one day it does, when someone unpredictable finds her way to their front door. In a delightful story, a tiny piglet brings love (and chaos) to Deckawoo Drive—and the Watsons' lives will never be the same!

Order forms listing the author's books will be sent home with the students. If you wish to purchase autographed copies of any of the books, please complete the order form and return it to your child's teacher no later than Tuesday, March 26th.



FAMILY FAITH SHARING

It is often said that parents are the primary educators of their children and that is a very true statement. Our children learn so much from us as they are growing and maturing into the adults they will one day become. It doesn't matter if we are trying to teach our children life lessons about finances, friendships, or faith—we must talk so our children will listen to us, and listen carefully so they will talk to us! Talking about God and our Catholic beliefs is a wonderful opportunity for our children to deepen their personal faith. We know that you all have incredibly busy schedules, but it is our hope that the information we will share with you each during Lent will assist you in having intentional conversations with your children about their faith journey.

Family Faith Sharing Week 2



SPA SUMMER SCHOOL!!

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 17th until July 11th. 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.



SPRING CHESS TOURNAMENT at SPA!

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](#).

PWC NEWS CORNER!



PWC COMMUNITY COFFEE

COMING UP THIS FRIDAY, March 29, immediately after drop-off! Whether you have read the whole book, one chapter, or just want to hear what others have to say about it, please join us for coffee, continental breakfast, book discussion and "lost and found". We will be talking about Fr. Greg Boyle's book, "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship." At our gathering, you can also be reunited with your children's long lost lunch boxes, water bottles and more...lost and found items will be on display that morning. So get reading and please make plans to join us!



SPA SPRING SING I and II

Mark your calendars for Spring Sing I, which will be held on Wednesday, April 10, where grades 5-8 will perform, and Spring Sing II on Wednesday, May 8, when grades 1-4 will perform. We will have a different format this year without a sit-down lunch — this will allow additional time for mingling and more seating space to get closer to the performance. Details will be coming soon!



SPA TEXTILE DRIVE

St. Paul's will be holding a Textile Drive on Friday, May 3rd. As you begin your "spring cleaning," start saving your donations now for the textile drive! Remember: shoes and towels are accepted, but not bedding.



FR. TOM JONES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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 sign-up today and help in whatever way you can. Corporate sponsorship and/or donations are graciously accepted. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's Financial Aid Program, including assisting with tuition and subsidizing field trips. This is our only fundraiser for Financial Aid, so please help! To learn more click [here](#).

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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