



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back from Easter vacation! It is our hope that you were able to spend a joyous and memorable time with family and friends. It is also hoped that you set aside some time to reflect on the values of this Easter season—compassion, forgiveness, kindness, hard work and responsibility—and embrace them as values that we can all celebrate and share throughout the year.

It was noted that Easter was very late this year, and it seemed that everyone—students, faculty, staff and parents—were ready for a little break. As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, we know that these final seven weeks will go by very quickly with all of the academics, activities and special events that await us. One of our special liturgical celebrations will be held this Wednesday, May 1, as we gather in church at 8:15 a.m. for our annual May Crowning liturgy. Parents are invited to join us as we worship together in prayer and song.

Mary...Woman of Faith

It would have been comfortable to decline,
...but a young girl said yes.

It would have been comfortable to stay in familiar surroundings,
...but a young girl went into the hill country.

It would have been comfortable to have her child in a well-ordered setting,
...but a young girl gave birth in a common shelter.

It would have been comfortable not to migrate,
...but a young girl fled with her husband and child.

It would have been comfortable to remain quiet when others were in need,
...but a woman raised her voice.

It would have been comfortable to stand with a Son honored,

...but a mother stood with her Son crucified.

The ministry of Mary is not a ministry of being comfortable, but of comforting others. If we can somehow keep our spirits up and wonder, "How can this be?" rather than dreading, "What's next?" We can celebrate our place in the kingdom of heaven and be free just as Mary was to always respond with joy.

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

29	APR, MON	● All day	School Resumes
1	MAY, WED	● 8:15 – 9:15am	First Grade School Mass--Blessed Mother Mary
3	MAY, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	St. James Inn Event
4	MAY, SAT	● 5 – 6pm	First Communion
5	MAY, SUN	● 9:30 – 10:30am	First Communion at masses
		● 6 – 9:30pm	Alumni Dinner Class of 2015--GYM
6	MAY, MON	● All day	STEAM Fair Week--Gym
		● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting JACC
7	MAY, TUE	● All day	STEAM Fair Week--Gym
8	MAY, WED	● All day	Spring Sing II - JCPC
		● All day	STEAM Fair Week--Gym
		● 11am – 2pm	Spring Sing 2--JCPC--Grades 1-4 perform JCPC
9	MAY, THU	● All day	STEAM Fair Week--Gym
10	MAY, FRI	● All day	STEAM Fair Week--Gym



FR. GERARD TULLY'S "SILVER" ANNIVERSARY

"The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve." Please join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Jerry's Ordination this Sunday, May 5, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. A festive reception will be held in the JCPC immediately following the Mass. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to thank Fr. Jerry for the positive differences he has made in the lives of the many people he has encountered during his ministry. We have been blessed!

A-B-C COUNTDOWN AT SPA



This year we begin what we hope will become an annual tradition at St. Paul's—the year-end A-B-C Countdown! This will be a creative way for faculty, staff and students to join together and celebrate the last 26 days of school. (See the attached list of fun activities.) Please note that student participation in any of the free dress activities is optional—school uniforms may always be worn instead. Students who wish to participate in the free dress days must adhere to the guidelines provided to them by their teachers. Let the fun begin on **Monday, May 6**, with “A” Day!

A-B-C Countdown to Summer!

This is a copy of the ABC countdown that we will be participating in during the last 26 days of school. Please note that some of the activities will require participation from home. *Remember, all activities are optional.* Please keep this note handy so that you can help your child be prepared.

A: American Pride Day – Wear red, white and blue to school today!

B: Best Book Ever Day – Bring in the best book you've ever read to share with your class.

C: Crazy Hair Day – How many styles can you think of? NO hair dye or hair paint allowed.

D: Dance Party Day – At some point during the day, we all gather on the blacktop for a little “dance time.”

E: Every Little Bit Counts Day – Perform “extra” chores around the house to earn some spare change for charity.

F: Family Day – We will gather with School Families for a “fun” activity.

G: Give Day – Give a little, give a lot...a smile, a listening ear, a helping hand...you choose!

H: Hat Day – Wear your favorite or silliest hat to school.

I: Inside-Out Day – It's Free Dress--wear something inside-out today.

J: Joke Day – Share your best joke with your classmates.

K: Kindness Day – Do a random act of kindness for someone else.

L: Lollipop Day – Everyone will receive a lollipop before dismissal.

M: Mismatch Day – You get to wear free dress, but make sure that nothing matches!

N: New Name Day – Everyone chooses a new name and we wear our new names on our nametags.

O: Outstanding Behavior Day – Students who exhibit outstanding behavior all day will receive a raffle ticket for a special drawing at the end of the day.

P: Popsicle Day – Everyone gets a popsicle treat!

Q: Quiet Music Day – Let's listen to some quiet music while we work.

R: Rainbow Day – Wear your most colorful outfit to school today.

S: Silly Socks Day – Whose socks will be the silliest?

T: Turn it Around Day – It's Free Dress--wear something backwards today.

U: Uplift Your Teacher Day – Share a nice compliment with your teacher

today.

V: Video Day – The class will relax and watch a video after lunch.

W: Word Day – Bring in an unusual or interesting word to share with the class. Be prepared to share the meaning of the word and/or use it in a sentence.

X: eXtra Recess Day – Just what it says...eXtra playtime outside.

Y: You are Wonderful Day – Students will write special things about one another and share them in class!

Z: Zip Up your bags and **Zoom** out of school! Vacation is here!

[Link to printable ABC List](#)



2019-2020 SPA SCHOOL CALENDAR

As our SPA families begin planning their personal schedules we have received a few inquiries about the start date for the next school year. A couple of families have also asked about vacation schedules. To assist you in making future vacation plans, please note the following pertinent “no school” dates for the 2019-2020 school year.

- August 27th – School begins
- September 2nd – Labor Day (no school)
- October 14th – Festival Clean-up (no school)
- November 11th – Veteran’s Day (no school)
- November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 23rd - January 3rd – Christmas Vacation
- January 20th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)
- February 17th – Presidents’ Day (no school)
- February 21st – Religious Education Congress (no school)
- March 13th – Ski Weekend (no school)
- April 10th - April 17th – Easter Vacation
- May 15th – Camp Weekend (no school)
- May 25th – Memorial Day (no school)
- June 10th – Last day of school

Once the annual calendar has been finalized, the information will be shared with all school families. It is our hope that by having these vacation dates in advance, unnecessary student absences will be significantly reduced. Regular school attendance is important so that our students can receive the maximum benefits from daily sequential instruction. It becomes quite challenging to have students “catch up” on instruction they have missed when they are frequently absent. Numerous absences not only greatly reduce the chance of a student’s academic success, it can also tend to have some effect on a student’s social interactions with peers as well. We thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding this important matter. If you have any questions regarding the vacation dates, please do not hesitate to contact us.



SPA TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

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!



FINGERPRINTING AT SPA

As we continue our focus on student safety, we have arranged for another fingerprinting session to be held at St. Paul's **TOMORROW, April 30, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.** in the Church Multi-purpose room. If you would like to complete this part of the requirement to be able to chaperone field trips, volunteer with student activities, etc. please contact Mayora Hiney in the school office as soon as possible for an appointment.



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.



SPA SUN SAFETY

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



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 <https://bit.ly/2Tn1tFk> and sign them up for days of fun! You can also log on to the PWC website at <http://www.spapwc.com/summerschool/>.



SENIOR MINISTRY FILM FESTIVAL

A few years ago, members of our SPA Parish Seniors Ministry began what can only be described as a "film festival," something that is held twice a year. After viewing the selected films, a little user-friendly conversation happens for about 20-30 minutes. The next "film festival" gathering will be held on Friday, May 3rd. The committee members are always eager to get the word out and invite new people to attend. School parents are cordially invited to attend, and feel free to invite neighbors, friends, or grandparents. They just might want to consider taking a chance on seeing a good film for free in the company of a lot of other nice people!

An information flyer is attached to this week's newsletter. Fr. Gil is including the information in his weekly e-mail to parishioners, and it has also been publicized on the parish Facebook page and the Sunday bulletin. Flyers will also be available at the entrances to the church.



Spring Film Potpourri

Merriment in May at SPA!

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community - 10750 Ohio Avenue - Los Angeles 90024 - (310) 474-1527

WHERE: Multi-Purpose Room
(Entrance and Handicapped Access on Selby Avenue)
For attendees, parking restrictions waived until 2 PM on Selby Avenue (adjacent to premises)

ALL SESSIONS 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Doors Open, Tea & Coffee Available at 10:00
If you wish, bring snacks to share!



FILMS BEGIN AT 10:30

Post-Film Discussion with Joan Doyle

All Adults Are Welcome – Bring a Friend
No Children, Please

FREE-FREE-FREE-FREE-FREE-FREE

Sponsored by the Seniors' Ministry

1

May 3, 2019
The Greatest Showman
(2017 - PG - 105 min.)
Stars: Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams

An original musical inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum (Jackman), famous 19th C. showman and entrepreneur. Acting out of both ambition and vision, he assembles stars and curiosities, forming the Barnum & Bailey Circus (now defunct), giving rise to what has become modern-day show business.

2

May 10, 2019
The Princess Bride
(1987 - PG - 98 min.)
Stars: Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Peter Falk

Is it a film for adults? A comedy? A fantasy? An adventure? A romance? Yes, all of the above. Grandpa (Falk) tells his grandson the story of a handsome farmhand, who - with the help of a fencing master (Patinkin) and a giant - faces death while on a quest to rescue Buttercup (Wright), the love of his life, from the clutches of a hateful prince.

3

May 17, 2019
Quartet
(2012 - PG-13 - 98 min.)
Stars: Dame Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay

Not a music lover? Not to worry. This is a very entertaining comedy-drama about a former opera singer (Smith) who reluctantly moves into a retirement home for classical singers and musicians. Her former "Rigoletto" quartet mates, including her ex-husband (Courtenay), already live there, but she doesn't know that until she arrives! Divas abound!

PWC NEWS CORNER!



SPA TEXTILE DRIVE

We need your textiles, but we also need your help! Parent volunteers are needed on Thursday, May 2, and on Friday, May 3rd. The shifts are short — less than an hour with a choice of morning or afternoon. Our 7th and 8th grade parents may sign-up to volunteer with your kids — the junior high students will earn service hours. Please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4daba92ba5fd0->



2019-2020 ROOM PARENT AND GRADUATION COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

We are gearing up for the 2019-20 school year and looking for volunteers to serve as Grade Room Parents and the 8th Grade Graduation Committee! We encourage you to nominate yourself or any other parent(s) you believe will be great to serve our school community by completing this

survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WM8LBGM>. Ideal candidates for Grade Room Parents are reliable, friendly and dedicated parents who will be working with teachers, administration and the class families. Room Parents serve an important role of being the liaison among the class families, the PWC and the school. The 8th Grade Graduation Committee is open to 7th grade parents to help plan the graduation festivities for the Class of 2020. All nominations are confidential. **The deadline to submit all nominations is TOMORROW, April 30th.** Please consider this important position for the upcoming school year.



SPA SPRING SING II

Please join us for Spring Sing II where students in grades 1-4 will perform. The social hour will begin at noon. At 12:50 p.m., the program will begin with the announcement of our new PWC board, Room Parents and Graduation Committee. The concert will begin at 1:30 p.m., but please plan to come a little early — if announcements are finished early we will jump right into the show. As with Spring Sing I, we are switching to a new format — rather than a sit-down lunch, all are invited for complimentary refreshments. There will be limited complimentary seating in the back of the JCPC, and you are welcome to purchase full tables or seats closer to the front. Seating sold out quickly for Spring Sing I, so if you are interested please sign up on the PWC website beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30th.



FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION GIFTS

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. The link will be available next week.



FR. TOM JONES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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 (hyperlink to <http://www.spapwc.com/golf/>). 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.



TOGETHER WE ROCK!

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:**

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 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](#) (hot link).



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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