



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back from what was probably a nice, long, and enjoyable weekend! I hope that the camp-out was a wonderful experience for everyone who made the trip to El Capitan!

When I began writing this week's newsletter it occurred to me that there are approximately three weeks of school remaining until summer vacation. Yes, it's true... time does indeed fly and the start of the new school year will be here before we know it. As we pause to catch our breath every now and then, we also take time to reflect on this school year. It gives us a sense of satisfaction to acknowledge and celebrate the many successful experiences, achievements and opportunities that have happened for our students this year. SPA's unique character combined with the academic excellence and the tremendous support of all the SPA families continue to make St. Paul's a wonderful and productive learning environment for every student. We are truly appreciative for the many great things that you have made possible for us!

As the final days of school continue to pass, we begin looking forward to next year. We are presently in the midst of strategic planning/scheduling for all of the elements that will continue to benefit our students—the expansion of our curriculum and faculty to further support the academic achievement of our students at every level, the delightful upgrades to our kindergarten play areas, the constructive renovations to all of the restrooms for our students in grades K – 4, and the additional measures recommended by the LAPD to further enhance the safety of our school. It's definitely going to be an extremely busy summer at SPA this year!

And finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to commend all of the students who campaigned for membership on our SPA Student Council next year. There were a total of 38 candidates, and all of the students did an awesome job with their posters and speeches—everything was so very creative and highly inspirational! We will continue to

rely upon all of them to serve as leaders and role models for the rest of the student body. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to serve as their representatives during the 2019-2020 school year!

**Trevor Wazzan – President**  
**Alexandra DiGennaro – Vice-President**

**SPA Student Council Commissioners**

**Talia Angles**  
**Natalie Cadow**  
**Tessa Caras**  
**Vanessa Catalano**  
**Travers Clark**  
**Lachlan Cobb**  
**Olin Duncan**  
**Benjamin Eskander**  
**Kate Martin**  
**Steven Prunier-Herman**  
**Pepe Ruisanchez**  
**Kate Sarafian**

Information regarding the recognition of our outgoing Student Council members and the installation ceremony for the newly elected members will be made available soon. Parents are most welcome to join us! We are looking forward to the fabulous year ahead with enthusiasm and gratitude for who you are, and ALL that you do!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

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22	MAY 2019, WED	● All day	8th Grade Retreat, Liturgy & Dinner
27	MAY 2019, MON	● All day	No School
30	MAY 2019, THU	● All day	8th Grade Disneyland Trip
		● 8:15 – 9:15am	School Liturgy--Blessing of New Student Council and Second Grade Communion
2	JUN 2019, SUN	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Family Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church
3	JUN 2019, MON	● All day	8th Grade Graduation
		● 10am – 12pm	8th Grade Graduation in church
6	JUN 2019, THU	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting--JCPC



**SPECIAL AUTHOR VISIT! - a SPA DAD!**

On Tuesday, June 4, picture book author/illustrator (and SPA parent) **Pete Oswald**, an Annie Award-nominated animation production designer best known for **The Angry Birds Movie** film series and **ParaNorman**, will be visiting St. Paul's to do a reading and book signing for our students. Two picture books, **The Good**

*Egg* and *The Bad Seed*, both illustrated by Pete, are available for purchase and signing. We are eagerly looking forward to Pete's visit with us!

Please return the order form with payment (checks made out to Children's Book World) to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, May 22nd.

[Link to Order Form](#)



## SPA TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

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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!

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## PWC NEWS CORNER!

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### FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION GIFTS

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The **DEADLINE** is this **THURSDAY** by **8:00 p.m.**! This is strictly voluntary and a great way to thank all the wonderful people who make our parish and school so special. Please see the [PWC website](#) if you would like to contribute.



### WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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Please join fellow parents on the last day of school for a **Volunteer Appreciation Coffee** in the JCPC. If you have done traffic duty, helped in a classroom, cleaned up after a potluck, chaperoned a field trip, assisted with a class activity/event, or anything else to strengthen our community, YOU are invited! It will be held on Wednesday, June 12, from 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. (after the prayer service and before pick-up). We hope to see you there!

### TOGETHER WE ROCK!

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Here is everything important you need to know about the Festival this week:

**Apostle's Attic: Give It Away, Give It Away, Give It Away Now!**



Apostle's Attic will be collecting your new and gently used donations in front of the Parish Office on Selby Ave. every Tuesday immediately after drop-off from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Please consider donating: Home Decor, Furniture, DIY/Handmade Items, Art, Books, Denim & Tees, Accessories & Handbags, Garden & Outdoor Decor, Toys, and Athletic Gear.

**Apostle's Attic Donation Schedule:** May 21, May 28, June 4, and June 11. For more information, or to arrange alternate drop off/pick up dates, please contact:

Leslie Hunt Johnson 310-991-3305  
Wanda Albano Ahmadi 310-948-6621  
e-mail [apostlesatticspa@gmail.com](mailto:apostlesatticspa@gmail.com)

**Who's Rocking Patronage?** Remember, the grade with the highest participation in Patronage will enjoy a special year-end event: Party with Coach Keith! Watch your grade's progress on the **GIANT GUITAR** posted at the front entrance to the school. Donate today at [Festival Patronage](#).

**Festival Wear, Hats and Swag:** the online store is open! Shop right now at [SPA Festival Wear](#).

Look for all the ways you can rock with the SPA Festival by visiting our [Festival 101](#) page. Be sure to follow us now on Social Media for more exciting news! [#spatogetherwerock](#)



## **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](#)

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