



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

***“All persons are of great worth in the sight of God.  
There can be no exceptions anywhere, at anytime.”***

During the past two weeks I have had the opportunity to speak to a few students who involved themselves in disputes with their classmates that did not end well. Either words were exchanged that were hurtful, or in a couple of cases, physical altercations occurred that are totally unacceptable at St. Paul the Apostle School. When situations like this are brought to my attention, my goal with our students is always twofold: *peace* and *justice*. Peace is holistic and embraces all persons and all creation in reconciliation and harmony. When we think of the word “peace,” what usually comes to mind is joy, community and harmony of all creation—both physical and spiritual. When we think of the word “justice,” we oftentimes put the emphasis on retribution, but often I prefer to focus on what is fair. Whatever happened, and however it is resolved, the message I share with the students is that our ultimate goal is to be followers of Jesus at all times.

It’s been my experience that children who make the wrong choices usually do so when adults are not directly supervising them. (Translation: no adult is within earshot or standing three feet away.) The important question to be answered is, “How do we live our lives when no one is watching?” The lesson we want to teach our students is that if we are truly followers of Jesus, our love of God and love of others cannot be separated. We always have a choice. When we choose to engage in acts that are peaceful and just, we are simply trying to transform our community and the world. As adults, if we choose to live in a particular way, our children will probably want to do that too. This was reaffirmed several months ago when Quinlyn Daniel, a student here at SPA, shared something with me that she had written as part of an assignment. I thought it was beautiful, and that it contained a lot of wisdom coming from a third grader.

*“It doesn’t matter what you look like, it matters who you are. When you are different from everyone, you really aren’t. When you are different you are special; you are kind, loving, caring and most of all, good. You aren’t you if you don’t know who you are. If you don’t have friends you are still someone, you just don’t feel it. You are you, and that’s how God made you. You aren’t you if you never look on the inside to see who you really are. In your heart, you are someone special and handsome or pretty. You are you, and that’s all that matters, and that shows you are brave. So you can make the world a better place one step at a time.”*

There is definitely something in that message for all of us to think about. The faculty, staff and I will continue to encourage our students to let their faith shine, to be filled with courage and joy, to exemplify peace and justice, and to be faithful followers of Jesus. Thank you for joining us in that effort.

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

18	FEB 2019, MON	● All day	No School- President's Day
22	FEB 2019, FRI	● 7 – 9am	School Comm. Coffee - MPR
24	FEB 2019, SUN	● 5 – 6pm	6th Grade Family Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church
25	FEB 2019, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd Grade Sacrament meeting--JCPC
27	FEB 2019, WED	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	5th Grade Liturgy and Dinner St. Paul the Apostle Church
28	FEB 2019, THU	● 7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
1	MAR 2019, FRI	● All day	NO School (3 day weekend)
6	MAR 2019, WED	● 8:15 – 9:15am	Ash Wednesday School Mass--3rd Grade St. Paul the Apostle Church
8	MAR 2019, FRI	● All day	Trimester 2 ends
10	MAR 2019, SUN	● 9:30 – 10:30am	4th Grade Family Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church
11	MAR 2019, MON	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting--JACC

FAITH IN ACTION



## FAITH IN ACTION!

On Sunday, February 10, a few 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Paul’s participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Run for Kids! This was a 5K community event that had more than 1,200 participants, with all of the proceeds benefitting Upward Bound House. The mission of this organization is to help eliminate homelessness among families with children by providing housing and supportive services. Everyone who supported the event in any way—whether running, walking or donating—wanted to also help this worthy cause of feeding the hungry and reducing homelessness, which is a growing crisis in Los Angeles. We commend Fiona Menton, Reagan Shibuya, David Shibuya, Ian Johantgen, James Brooks,

Jack Ross and Paige Roxas-Chua for giving of their time, and showing us what it means to put our faith into action for others! Well done, Saints, well done!



## P.E. CLASSES ON THE MORMON FIELD

As we move towards the season of spring and sunnier days, the P.E. teachers would like to have some of their classes take place on the grassy areas of the Mormon field beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Because students will be leaving the SPA campus with their P.E. teachers, a signed permission slip from parents will be required. We ask that you read, sign and return the form to your child's homeroom teacher once you receive it. Unfortunately, students who do not have a signed permission slip on file will not be allowed to leave campus and participate in the class activities.

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## **PWC NEWS CORNER!**

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### DID YOU SAY IN-n-OUT??

In-N-Out Burger is coming to St. Paul's on Tuesday, February 26th!! The cost for a cheeseburger or hamburger, chips and a drink is only \$5.00. Please note that the order deadline is February 21st at noon. Don't forget to bring your appetite! More details can be found on the [PWC page](#).



### OUR GRATITUDE

A big thank you to Justine Giannini and her committee for making the Mothers' Luncheon last week such a beautiful day. It was great to welcome back past PWC Presidents, alumni, and current SPA

mothers, and to hear stories of motherhood from Crystal Pinkofsky and Wende Nichols-Julien, CEO of CASA Los Angeles. To learn more about CASA, click [here](#) or email Wende at [wnichols@casala.org](mailto:wnichols@casala.org).



## DISCUSSION AND DESSERT!

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Are there questions you'd like to ask Fr. Gil, but you haven't had the time? Well, maybe we have the answers for you! "Cupcakes and Conversation" with Fr. Gil will help you get to know our new Pastor in this video from our own SPA investigative reporters. Just grab a snack, sit back, and click on this link to enjoy the interview! [Full Interview](#)



## PWC COMMUNITY COFFEE

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Please mark your calendars for the next two PWC Community Coffees that will be held after drop-off. On Friday, February 22, join us in the Multi-Purpose Room under the JCPC 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.

Then on Friday, March 29, also in the MPR, we will have our first SPA Parent Book Club. We will be reading Fr. Greg Boyle's "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship." Fr. Boyle founded Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention program in the world. The description Regarding his book Amazon says, "In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, Gregory Boyle, the Jesuit priest and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, shares what working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship." The book is available in many formats for about \$11, and up and is an easy read of 224 pages. (Lost and found items will also be on display that morning.) Please make plans to join us!



## 2019-2020 PWC BOARD NOMINATIONS

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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](#).



## 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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