



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who joined us last Tuesday morning as we gathered in prayer and friendship to begin our week. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, and to hear so many kind words of affirmation and support from you. The atmosphere was extremely positive, and it is that enthusiasm and trust that we will work hard to maintain throughout the year. By all accounts it's going to be a very busy year for our students. There will be different friends and teachers to meet, many liturgies to be celebrated, exciting field trips to be taken, extracurricular activities to be enjoyed, and so many new things to be learned! Please keep us in prayer as we continue our journey, and know that we pray for you daily as well.

This is just a friendly reminder that our annual **Back-to-School Night** will be held next Monday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this event on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of important information, especially in regards to updates about our school safety plan, the Outreach Concern Counseling program, SPA School Families, and our recent accreditation Report of Findings. After our general meeting in the church, parents will be invited to meet with your child's homeroom teacher in the classroom. Topics to be discussed at each grade level will include classroom policies and procedures, curriculum highlights, homework expectations, pending field trips, and any special events being planned this year. It is our goal that these meetings will be both productive and informative.

As previously referenced, St. Paul the Apostle School was fully accredited last year by both the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The completion of this process will assist us in doing three things: **honoring our past** (there is a lot at SPA to be proud of); **celebrating the present** (this will include an in-depth focus on all that we are accomplishing now and the impact it has on student learning); and **pondering the**

**direction of our future** (we never want to seek the least common denominator; we want to go higher and better in everything we do as we move forward). This will continue to be our focus as we discern viable SPA school policies, procedures and programs.

On another note... **Calling all volunteers for Back-to-School Night!** Whether you're up for bartending, helping with set-up or clean-up, or bringing wine, *we need you!* We don't need fancy...whether it's a bottle of Two Buck Chuck or one from your last book club, it's perfect for Back-to-School Night! Please sign up here — we need 80 bottles, and LOTS of warm smiles and welcoming faces!

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

And finally, every family is strongly encouraged to have at least one parent in attendance at the meeting. We gently remind you that this is an “adults only” evening. We hope to see you there!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

Mon Sep 3	● All day	Labor Day- No School
Tue Sep 4	● All day	Kinder/DK starts school
Wed Sep 5	● All day	Kinder/DK starts school
	● 8 – 10am	Virtus Refresher Class- JCPC
Thu Sep 6	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donations drop-off- JCPC
Fri Sep 7	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
	● 8:15 – 9:15am	School Mass - sponsored by 8th grade
Sat Sep 8	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Sun Sep 9	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Mon Sep 10	● All day	Apostle's Attic Donation drop off 2018 - JCPC
	● 8 – 10am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC) JACC
Tue Sep 11	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Wed Sep 12	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Thu Sep 13	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Fri Sep 14	● All day	Apostles' Attic Sale (JCPC) JCPC
Sat Sep 15	● All day	Apostles' Attic Sale (JCPC) and from 5-8p.m. Welcome gathering & Food truck JCPC
Sun Sep 16	● All day	Apostles' Attic Sale
	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Catechetical Sunday Mass - Church Saint Paul the Apostle Church
	● 6 – 10pm	Dads Basketball - Gym
Mon Sep 17	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 (Clean Up) - JCPC
	● 7 – 9:30pm	Back to School Night (Starts in Church)
Thu Sep 20	● All day	School Picture Day (JCPC) JCPC
Sun Sep 23	● 5 – 6pm	7th-grade Family Mass
Wed Sep 26	● 8 – 9:30am	8th Grade Parent Meeting (JCPC) JCPC
Thu Sep 27	● All day	New Parent Reception-offsite
Fri Sep 28	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders (JCPC)
Sun Sep 30	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC)



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL MASS

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Our gratitude is extended to Fr. Gil, Fr. Ryan and Fr. Jerry for the invigorating Back-to-School Mass last Friday! It was a wonderful experience to have all of the students, faculty, staff and parents come together to thank God for what we have, and to pray for those in need. Thank you to Elena Hilger and Reagan Ferris for the warm welcome and excellent proclamation of the Word! Special thanks also go out to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade cantors: Thomas Catalano, Dalton Fitzpatrick, Joseph Norris and Kate Wise for the outstanding talent they shared with us in leading the singing. The music was beautiful and uplifting, and certainly added to the celebration and our belief in the power of faith and daily prayer! It was yet another great beginning to the school year.



## IMPORTANT TRAFFIC ALERT!!

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In an effort to help traffic flow quickly and smoothly during morning drop-off, please note the following important reminders that require your attention:

- This year we are no longer doing driveway drop-off. Instead, we have added an additional car door opener on Selby Ave.
- Parents are **not** permitted to park in the church lot while picking up your children from After School Care or any other after school activities.
- As always, there is **NO PARKING in the RED ZONE**. They are for emergency vehicles only.
- Also, there is **no jaywalking** in front of the school as well as **no parking in the Mormon Church lot** as that is reserved for TEACHERS ONLY.
- All Traffic Sign-Up Boards are live on the PWC website. **WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET ON ANY GIVEN DAY!** If you have not yet visited the traffic site the link is <https://www.spapwc.com/traffic>. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



## SUN SAFETY

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Protecting our students from the sun has been a priority of the SPA community for the past several years. Please remind your students to bring their hats and sunscreen daily. The UV index has been “very high” this summer, and as much as possible, we want to help protect our students from any preventable sun damage.



## SPA CUB SCOUTS

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We invite all first through fifth grade students to join the St. Paul the Apostle Cub Scout Pack. Cub Scouting is a family program that reinforces the values of “doing your best” and includes parent participation at events. The Cub Scouts enjoy fun

activities such as hiking, camping trips, rocket launch on the beach, Pinewood Derby build and race, overnights to the USS Iowa or USS Midway, and Memorial Day Flag placement at the National Cemetery. Stay tuned for information on this year's first event, Nerf Gun Battle, coming soon!

If you are interested in registering for Cub Scouts, or have any questions regarding scouting, the necessary time commitment, activities, or camping, please contact Patty Musitano by email at [patriciamusitano@yahoo.com](mailto:patriciamusitano@yahoo.com) or Mike Woods at [mikewilliamwoods@gmail.com](mailto:mikewilliamwoods@gmail.com).



## SPA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Should anyone you know (friend, neighbor, relative) inquire about St. Paul's Religious Education Program for Children, please let them know it will begin on Wednesday, September 19, from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Please contact Irene Holly at [iholly@sp-apostle.org](mailto:iholly@sp-apostle.org) for more information.



## APOSTLE'S ATTIC

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The New Apostles Attic is still part of our Festival, but it now has its own dedicated weekend! Mark your calendars for September 14, 15, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups for volunteering a shift during this weekend will go live on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. A maximum of 1 of the 3 mandatory family shifts can be filled during the Apostle's Attic weekend.

The drop-off dates for donations and handcrafted items are September 4 – 13, from 7:20 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Selby Avenue (in front of JCPC/Parish Office). There will be a sign on Selby Avenue where you can temporarily park and we'll help you unload your car!



## FESTIVAL PATRONAGE CLASS COMPETITION

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Who wants to enjoy a delicious Ice Cream Sundae Party? The winning class with the highest Patronage for the festival will win a “Make Your Own” Ice Cream Sundae Party. (*Will somebody please pass the whipped cream, chocolate sauce and sprinkles?*) And if the ice cream treat is not enough, the winning class will also receive “first entry” into the festival following the 8th graders. Fun, fun and more fun! Give to **Patronage** and help your class win these fabulous prizes!



## SPA WELCOME WEEKEND

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Our SPA “Welcome Weekend” needs a helping hand! Welcome Weekend is coming up in just a few days and we could use your assistance! If you can **help with clean up after Food Truck Night** just log on to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4daba92ba5fd0-915> and you will be a hero — just a half hour will help a lot! Or if you’d like to **help set up and clean up the “welcome” donuts for one of the Sunday Masses on September 16, just log on** to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a5ab2faafa7-sunday>. We appreciate it!

We hope that everyone will come out and welcome Fr. Gil, Ms. Pinkofsky and Fr. Ryan, and discover great treasures at the Apostle’s Attic event! Please note the following schedule:

- Friday, September 14th (8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – 8:00 a.m. Community Coffee
- Saturday, September 15th (3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – 5:00 p.m. Pie & Burger Food Truck
- Sunday, September 16th (8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)



## FESTIVAL AUCTION

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Families are invited to donate fabulous and exciting items for our auction. Sporting events, travel, and one-of-a-kind amazing experiences are always dazzling items for both the LIVE and online auction. Simply click **here** for a copy of the donor form.

Our SPA community always loves a great PARTY! Want to host a FUN party? (Paint Nite, Bowling, Cooking, Private Chef-Hosted Dinners, Themed Parties for Kids or Parents...let your imagination run wild). Contact Jessica Dixon to lock in your party date and details at [jkjdixon@gmail.com](mailto:jkjdixon@gmail.com) or (860)778-4578.



## PRAYER REQUEST

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Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Merges family. Barbara Ann Merges, Brian Merges's mother, Julie's mother-in-law, and grandmother of Abby, Conor, and Quinn, passed away last Sunday. We pray that the Merges family may find

compassion and solace in the midst of their loss, and God's love in their hearts during this difficult time.

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