



# SAINT PAUL<sup>THE</sup> APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

During the PWC Community Coffee gathering last Friday morning it became very clear to me that the students of St. Paul the Apostle School have some of the **BEST PARENTS EVER!** I recognized many faces of the parents who contribute so much of their time and talent here, and I truly missed seeing everyone who regularly volunteers, but could not attend. It was nice to be able to say, “THANK YOU” to a community of people who work consistently and tirelessly to make things happen. You have all patiently attended, labored, assisted, chaired, chaperoned, listened, coached, supported, donated, and stepped up while your children have enjoyed everything from the first day of school, to the myriad of extracurricular activities after school, to the annual Fall Festival. Your “service” is indeed a beautiful gift to this community.

Parent participation has long been a critical component in Catholic education. Research has proven time and again that a positive home-school relationship greatly contributes to children’s success in school. When parents volunteer in any capacity, their service helps to strengthen and increase our spiritual, scholastic and social environment. With strong volunteerism, we are able to provide programs and activities that create a quality school environment, while also building the kind of family atmosphere that has become a trademark of Catholic education.

While it is not uncommon for many parents to always go above and beyond in volunteering, and for a very few to do nothing at all, it is our hope that all parents are able to participate in some way. We are very grateful for all that you do to assist us in providing our students with enriching experiences that build and strengthen our community. When your children witness your participation, it sends a message to them that you value their education. This is an important value system—one that is established in the home and nurtured in the school—which our students are developing. This positive relationship sends a message to your children that the important people in their lives are working together. There can never be a divide between school and home. Here at St. Paul’s, we

will continue to build the needed bridges and strive collaboratively to set each child up for success. It's definitely a team effort that's worth everything we put into it.

Please know that your energy is always needed, and your enthusiasm is always appreciated! You continuously gift us with both, and for that, we are truly blessed!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

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Mon Oct 29, 2018	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd-grade Sacrament Meeting JCPC
Thu Nov 1, 2018	● All day	School Picture make-up day
	● 8:15 – 9:15am	7th-grade School Mass
Mon Nov 5, 2018	● All day	P/T Conferences 1/2 day school
Tue Nov 6, 2018	● All day	P/T Conferences 1/2 day school
Wed Nov 7, 2018	● All day	P/T Conferences 1/2 day school
Thu Nov 8, 2018	● All day	P/T Conferences 1/2 day school
Fri Nov 9, 2018	● All day	P/T Conferences 1/2 day school
Mon Nov 12, 2018	● All day	NO SCHOOL- Veterans' Day
Wed Nov 14, 2018	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	4th-grade Liturgy and Dinner Church and JCPC
Thu Nov 15, 2018	● All day	Information Night for Prospective Students JCPC, media center, etc
	● 6 – 9pm	Information Night for Prospective Students--SPA School JCPC, media center,
Fri Nov 16, 2018	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders
Sun Nov 18, 2018	● 9:30 – 10:30am	3rd-grade Family Mass
Mon Nov 19, 2018	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd grade Sacrament Meeting
Wed Nov 21, 2018	● All day	1/2 day dismissal for Thanksgiving Holiday
	● 11:15am – 12:15pm	6th-grade School Mass



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

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This is a gentle reminder that all parents should sign up for parent-teacher conferences no later than Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date you will have to contact the teacher(s) directly for an available meeting slot. To schedule your appointment time simply go to [spapwc.com](http://spapwc.com). Access the pulldown menu and click on "Conferences." Parent-Teacher conferences will be held beginning Monday, November 5, through Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note that school will dismiss at 12:00 noon during conference week. After-school care will be available for families in need of child care.

## HALLOWEEN

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This Wednesday, October 31, is Halloween. **Please note that students may NOT wear costumes to school this year.**



Students will be permitted to wear "appropriate" FREE DRESS if at least one item of clothing (shirt, pants, skirt, dress, sweater, etc.) or one accessory (i.e. hat, socks, hair bow, belt, etc.) is either orange or black.

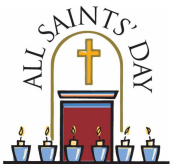
Student Council will be hosting their annual Halloween Bake Sale! All students are invited to bring one dollar (\$1.00) and purchase a delicious Halloween treat. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Cancer Foundation and a local Catholic School in need.



## PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

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School Picture Make-up Day will be held this Thursday, November 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Students who were absent and did not have their pictures taken, or students who need to have their pictures taken again, will do so Thursday morning. These students are reminded to wear appropriate uniform attire for their pictures.



## ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

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The annual All Saints Day School Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 1, at 8:15 a.m. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be leading us in song and prayer. All of our families are invited to join us for this special liturgy. If you cannot attend this particular Mass with us, please note that additional liturgies will be held beginning at 6:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.



## ALL SOULS DAY

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The Feast of All Souls will be celebrated at the 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses, and at the 7:30 p.m. Requiem Mass. There is still time for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the "Book of Remembrance" that is located in the church.



## CHRISTIAN SERVICE...COMING SOON!

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November and December will be filled with opportunities for our community to be "families for others." Watch the PWC website for information about the Toiletries Drive, Thanksgiving food drive, cooked turkeys/pies for Westside Thanksgiving Dinner, Adopt-a-family, St. Jude 6th grade Advent Project, and Ascension School Christmas gifts.

Many thanks to all of the families who have already put together Halloween treats bags for Maryvale, and to those families who helped us with this project last Sunday after the 9:30 Mass



## SPA 2018-2019 YEARBOOKS

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It's time to order your SPA yearbook! Ordering early allows you to get the lowest price possible:

- Order by November 22; the price is only \$25
- Order between November 23 – December 20; the price is \$35

- Order between December 20 – February 1; the price is \$45

Please note that yearbooks will not be sold after February 1<sup>st</sup>. You can logon to the SPAP/PWC website to place your order. Yearbooks will be labeled exactly as you have entered your child's name so please make certain that the name, grade level and homeroom information are all correctly entered. Thank you!



## ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH NEWS

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Unfortunately, the homeless population in our society seems to be ever increasing. It takes nothing but a drive down Santa Monica Blvd. during the early morning hours to witness the number of people who are literally sleeping on the sidewalks and bus benches. What is happening on the Westside? What do we need to do?

Our parish will be hosting a presentation entitled *Digging into Homelessness in West LA: a conversation with Tommy Newman of the United Way*. It will be held in the multi-purpose room on Wednesday, November 14, at 10:30 a.m. There will also be an optional buffet sandwich lunch (\$12) to follow the presentation. For more information, or to RSVP by November 12, please send an email to Claire Gerard at [cgerard110@aol.com](mailto:cgerard110@aol.com). We hope you can join us!

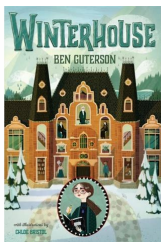
## VOLUNTEER



## FINGERPRINTING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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St. Paul the Apostle School will be hosting a fingerprinting session on Friday, November 2, from 12:00 p.m. until 7:10 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the parish office. Parents who are in need of this in order to coach, chaperone a field trip, etc. are encouraged to take advantage of this very convenient location. Contact Mayora Hiney at 310-474-1588, ext. 7221 to schedule an appointment, or if you have any questions. Please note that you will need to bring a valid photo ID with you to the session.



## BEN GUTERSON - AUTHOR VISIT at SPA!

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Information regarding another famous author was sent home with the students last week. Our middle school students will be attending a very special author talk on Tuesday, November 6, with Ben Guterson who will be discussing his new middle grade novel, **Winterhouse**. Mystery and adventure combine in **Winterhouse**, an enchanting and engrossing fantasy set in a hotel full of secrets. Orphan Elizabeth Somers's malevolent aunt and uncle ship her off to the ominous Winterhouse Hotel, owned by the peculiar Norbridge Falls. There she finds a magical book of puzzles that will unlock a mystery involving Norbridge and his sinister family. As fate would have it, Elizabeth is the only person who can break the hotel's curse and solve the mystery!

If you would like to purchase a copy of this book, please return the order form with payment (checks made out to Children's Book World) to your child's teacher by Thursday, November 1.



## OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Thomsen family. Donald Tetsuo Sakai, grandfather to Ford (KA) and Mia (6B), father of Milana and father-in-law of Dave, passed away after a five-year battle with cancer. Please keep the family in prayer as they grieve this painful loss.



## 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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