



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today is the last day of September and the end of the first month of school. These first weeks have gone by quickly, and I anticipate that the rest of the year will rapidly follow—we will blink, and it will be June 2020. As educators, we typically begin school with the end in mind...what do we want all of our students to achieve academically, and what type of moral character do we want them to develop along the way. Someone once said, “Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education.” If we want our students to possess the character traits and Christian values that we admire, we must take the time to teach them what those traits are, and why we admire them. On a daily basis we must take the time to remind our students that living out the Gospel message of LOVE cannot be a passive endeavor.

This year, the faculty and I will be turning our focus to our Lord’s words in Matthew 5:16 *“Let your light shine so that others may see goodness in your acts.”* We want our students to understand that what we do demonstrates the truth of what we say. We can tell people about our faith, we can study God’s word, and we can discuss the teachings of the Bible. But as we all know, words alone are not enough. In this sense, our “light” is our “good works.” This must be true in every area of our lives, no matter how dreary the challenges or circumstances might be. We want our students to understand that in order for “light” to be noticed, it must somehow be able to shine in whatever darkness they may encounter.

- When we choose to turn the other cheek when attacked, our light shines.
- When we respond with kindness to malice, our light shines.
- When we go above and beyond when others wouldn’t, our light shines.

- When we wish genuine goodness to everyone, our light shines.
- When we honor and respect all people, our light shines.
- When we choose to do what Jesus would do in the same circumstance, our light shines.

This is our Catholic spiritual heritage, to act as beacons of light and hope. At the end of the school year, it will not be enough to simply ask our students, “What did you learn about your faith this year?” We must also ask, “What will you do with what you have learned?” When the world sees us as people who put our faith into action, it gives validity to our claims of being “active, faith-filled Catholics.” It is our hope that our students will spend some time each and every day exploring all the ways that they can let their lights shine!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

2	OCT 2019, WED	● 19:00 – 21:00	Information Night for Prospective Families - Media Center
4	OCT 2019, FRI	● 07:00 – 08:00	Blessing of the Animals - Outside JCPC
7	OCT 2019, MON	● 08:00 – 10:00	PWC Meeting - JACC
11	OCT 2019, FRI	● All day	2019 Festival Weekend
12	OCT 2019, SAT	● All day	2019 Festival Weekend
13	OCT 2019, SUN	● All day	2019 Festival Weekend
14	OCT 2019, MON	● All day ● All day	No School - Festival Clean Up Teacher's ADLA Conference
16	OCT 2019, WED	● 16:30 – 18:00	School Board Meeting - JACC
18	OCT 2019, FRI	● 19:00 – 20:00	Sandwich Builders - JCPC (7th Grade)
20	OCT 2019, SUN	● 09:30 – 10:30	Mass - 8th Grade Family Mass
21	OCT 2019, MON	● 19:00 – 21:00	High School Night - CH



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Paul the Apostle Parish will honor the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Animals! This prayer assembly will be held on Friday, October 4, at 7:30 a.m. on the front steps of the JCPC. Families are invited to bring their dogs, cats, turtles, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, or whatever pet you might have for a beautiful little blessing before school begins. Stuffed animals are also welcome! Fr. Gil, Fr. Jerry, and Fr. Ryan will be present to bless everyone's animals. Please note that only stuffed animals are

welcome to spend the day at school, all other creatures must return home!



WASHINGTON, D.C. - FIELD TRIP!

This is a gentle reminder to all of our 8th grade parents that **the deadline to register your child for the trip to Washington, D.C. is THIS Wednesday, October 3rd**. The executive team members of WorldStrides must begin making flight reservations, hotel accommodations, meal arrangements, and tour/activity plans. Sign-ups can be completed online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use Trip ID # 177784), or by calling the Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899. Please note that following the graduation meeting last week, an information email was sent to all 8th grade families via GradeLink. If you were not aware of this email, please check your GradeLink account or contact the school office so we can re-send the information.



TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

In an effort to help traffic flow quickly and smoothly during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up, please note the following reminders that require your attention: **There is no jaywalking in front of the school; please use the crosswalks.** There is no parking on Selby Ave. during morning drop-off. Please allow yourself time to park if you are walking your child to class. **As always, there is NEVER any PARKING in the RED ZONES.** They are for emergency vehicles only. **PARKING is NOT ALLOWED in front of any driveways (please respect our neighbors), or in the Mormon Church lot as that is reserved for FACULTY/STAFF ONLY.** As always, we appreciate your complete compliance regarding these traffic policies.



SPA PARISH NEWS

In September, our parish will be transitioning our online giving from Authorize.net to PushPay. We chose this system because it also offers us an opportunity to connect with parishioners through an app. The Saint Paul the Apostle app will feature payment options, as well as event reminders, etc. Once this system is totally implemented, we believe it will be a great resource to connect the parish (church and school) community. Please take a minute to register your family with PushPay using the link Saint Paul Push Pay: <https://pushpay.com/pay/spapostle>. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Reyes Smith at vreyessmith@sp-apostle.org.

PWC NEWS CORNER!



TOGETHER WE ROCK!

The 2019 Festival is getting ready to rock the weekend of October 11th – 13th. We have many exciting things planned in September while you await the Festival! Look out for a brand new fall Patronage Contest, the softest, most luxurious Festival Wear EVER, and a 3-day Apostle's Attic customized crafting and high-end re-sale experience being held September 20th – September 23rd. You will NOT want to miss this one! Please be sure to check your inbox every Tuesday morning for the "Festival Newsletter" that will be packed with information about plenty of opportunities to contribute, participate, and enjoy the spirit of SPA!

[Festival Link](#)

TO OUR NEW FAMILIES: "See How They Love One Another"

At Back-to-School Night, Principal Pinkofsky shared a great deal about St. Paul's, our community of faith, and of course our Fall Festival! Were you surprised to hear how well the Festival did last year? I know I was when I had first arrived at St. Paul's.

While SPA is so grateful for all the incredibly generous donations to make the festival a huge success, do you know how SPA manages to pull off such an exciting event every year? SPA's Fall Festival is not possible without the volunteering from our blessed parents.

Every family must sign up for and work 3 Festival booth shifts. As our Festival Chair, Sarah Hartzog, said at Back-to-School Night, "Volunteering truly is the ministry of our faith." Like the early Christian communities, at St. Paul's we share in all things with others, we give what is asked of us, even if what is asked of us is our precious time. We do this because we love our parish and school, and we love one another just like family.

You will be able to sign up for your booth shifts when they go live this Wednesday, 9/25 at 8:00 a.m. Show up for your booth shifts during the Festival, make some new friends, have fun, and enjoy your brand new family!

Because you are new, I've made you a simple chart to help you figure out which booth is the right one for you. Just ask yourself: what are my talents? What makes me amazing? Then follow the chart to find the perfect booth. Easy!

If you are amazing at flipping burgers...

Your booth is: Burger Booth!

If you are great at handling 100 transactions per minute....

Your booth is: Candy Booth!

If you are really good at troubleshooting those Spin Art toys...

Your booth is: Kinder Korner!

If you are awesome at taking those weird hooks out of stuffed animals...

Your booth is: Consolation Booth (or any of the Game Booths)!

If you just need to be no less than 5 feet away from the nearest coffee maker...

Your booth is: Bake Booth!

If you are good at squeezing paint into neat little puddles...

Your booth is: Ceramics Booth!

If you are completely unafraid to mix hot glue guns with small children...

Your booth is: Woodworking Booth!

If you don't know many of the parents in your child's class yet...

Your booth is: Your Grade Booth! Bond with someone for a few hours and make a friend for life!



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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