



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle School community! Once again, the days of summer have sped by, and we are graced with the wonderful opportunities of another school year. We recognize the sacrifices so many of you make to provide this opportunity for your children, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us. As the primary educators of your children you have a profound impact on the formation of your children through your choice of school and your involvement in their lives. We know that by working together we can provide a quality education for your sons and daughters. It is our hope that your children are looking forward to a year filled with many positive educational experiences and exciting personal challenges.

The vision of Catholic education today is so much more than facilities, curriculum, textbooks, and technology. The importance of teaching the whole child through the values of respect, inclusion, responsibility and integrity cannot be emphasized enough. The heart of St. Paul the Apostle School has always been the administration, teachers, and numerous support staff who are united in their dedication to provide our students with the best education possible. It is my firm belief that “school” is a place where everyone is a teacher, everyone is a learner, and everyone gets smarter every day. We eagerly look forward to any changes that the new school year will bring. Change that promotes synergy and establishes vibrancy in education has been the driving force of our ministry throughout the years. While each new academic year brings many challenges, it also provides a commensurate basis for confidence in the future of our school. The dedication and love from our faculty and staff will continue to nurture the seeds of past traditions so that future generations will not only be deeply rooted in our long history of educational excellence, but will also blossom into graduates who are intelligent, moral and contributing

members of our community.

As much as we are at a stage of new beginnings every school year, we remain encouraged and fortified by the deep roots of our Catholic faith and the Paulist spirit. Key to our collective vision is the faith-filled environment that is created in our school and lived out in our parish community. As a Catholic school, we are very fortunate and blessed to be able to live the Gospel values which are central to our faith journey and integrated into every area of the curriculum and all of our activities. As our students learn the components of our Catholic religion, they will also be able to actively live their faith through prayer, liturgy and Christian service. How often are we reminded of our primary responsibility in life...that everything we do, we do "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." If we can consciously remember to be guided each and every day by the words of this most common prayer, there is no doubt that this year will be very successful.

Thank you for gifting us with this special opportunity! We look forward to seeing all of our families and students tomorrow!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

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| 27 | AUG 2019, TUE | ● All day ● 7:30 – 9am | First Day of School - Dismissal 12:30 PWC Welcome Back Coffee |
| 28 | AUG 2019, WED | ● All day | Full day School - Dismissal 2:50 |
| 29 | AUG 2019, THU | ● All day ● All day | Full day School - Dismissal 2:50 STAR Window 1 Opens |
| 30 | AUG 2019, FRI | ● All day | Friday Dismissal - 12:30 pm |
| 2 | SEP 2019, MON | ● All day | Labor Day - No School |
| 7 | SEP 2019, SAT | ● 9am – 12pm ● 10am – 5pm | Virtus (3.0) - JCPC Fingerprinting - MPR |
| 8 | SEP 2019, SUN | ● 1 – 3pm ● 3 – 4pm | Altar Server Training (New Servers) - CH Altar Server Training (Refresher) - CH |
| 9 | SEP 2019, MON | ● 8 – 10am | PWC Meeting - JACC |
| 10 | SEP 2019, TUE | ● All day | School Picture Day - JCPC |
| 11 | SEP 2019, WED | ● 8 – 10am ● 3 – 4pm ● 6:30 – 8:30pm | VIRTUS (1.5) - JCPC Altar Server Training (refresher) - CH Altar Server Training (new servers) - CH |
| 12 | SEP 2019, THU | ● All day ● 3 – 5pm ● 7 – 8pm | STAR Window Closed Altar Server Training (New Servers) - CH Altar Server Training (refresher) - CH |



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for ALL students is Tuesday, August 27th. **Please note that this includes our DK and Kindergarten students as well. Please bring your children to school no later than 7:45 a.m. so that we may assemble and begin our year together with prayer.** Classes will dismiss for all grades at 12:30 p.m. Our school's extended care program will be open until 6:00 p.m. for any students needing after-school care.



NO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY!

Please note that school will not be in session next Monday, September 3, due to the Labor Day holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday morning.



CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

The class lists indicating the students' homeroom assignments will be posted outside the classroom doors on the first day of school. Please note that it is not the policy of the administration to honor parent or student requests for a particular classroom assignment.



STUDENT SAFETY

All parents who volunteer to assist us with SPA student activities (i.e. coaching, chaperoning field trips, helping in the classrooms or library, etc.) **MUST** first attend the Virtus training and be fingerprinted as part of our safe environment directive from the ArchDiocese of Los Angeles. Please note the following two opportunities:

Virtus Training at SPA: The following session will be held at SPA. Please note that you must register online using this [link](#). In the drop down menu to select your organization, look for the sessions listed as one of the "Los Angeles - Our Lady of the Angels..." organization. Please note that there will be **NO LATE ENTRY to the session once it has begun**. The session will be held in the JCPC.

Virtus 3.0: Protecting God's Children (Initial)
September 7, 9:00 a.m.

Fingerprinting at SPA: You can sign-up through the church office by calling 310-474-1527 to make an appointment for Saturday, September 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please report to the Parish MPR approximately 10 minutes before your appointment time. Thank you for your compliance regarding this important policy.

SPA CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



Registration for Year One and Year Two Confirmation students is now open. Please go to the Saint Paul the Apostle [website](#) to register. The forms can be found by going to the *Teach + Worship* tab, then to *Teen Confirmation*. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Ryan Casey at 525-832-5154 or via email at rcasey@sp-apostle.org.

PWC NEWS CORNER!



PWC COFFEE SOCIAL

Want to hear about all the new happenings at SPA? Please join us in the JCPC at 8am on the first day of school. The PWC is hosting an informational session about our programs and events for this school year. Hear from our parent clubs, Outreach Program, Hot Lunch, environmental initiatives, and more! Festival wear sale before and after the presentations. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with set up and clean up.

Please email the following if you can help:

[Karrie Franchina](#)
[Mei Zaums](#)



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](#)



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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[Instagram](#)
[YouTube](#)
