



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The clowns are coming! The clowns are coming! (And no, I'm not referring to my family.) St. Paul the Apostle School's annual Festival will be held this weekend, October 12th through October 14th. We are all eagerly looking forward to a wonderful weekend filled with family, friendship, fun and an abundance of frolicsome festivities. Your participation—whether you are volunteering your time or talent, dancing to the music, feasting on the delicious food, winning prizes in the game booths, bidding enthusiastically on awesome auction items, or screaming at the top of your lungs on a thrilling ride—will be very much appreciated.

Please take some time to read the following **FESTIVAL WEEK INFORMATION** so that you have a clear understanding of all that is happening this week, and the procedures that must be adhered to in order for everything to proceed smoothly.

Monday & Tuesday, October 8th & 9th

- Normal drop-off and pick-up procedures before and after school. Wednesday is when things start to change!
- Yes, there will be After-School Care and yes, there are extra-curricular classes.

Wednesday, October 10th

- **DROP-OFF:** Regular morning drop-off schedule; Ohio will be coned off preparing for delivery of rides, but students can still access campus from Ohio Avenue in the morning.
- Students will eat and play on the Mormon Field for lunch.
- **DISMISSAL:** DK - 5th grade students may be picked up beginning at 2:30 p.m.
- 6th – 8th grade students may be picked up or sign themselves out beginning

at 2:50 p.m.

- **Everyone entering and exiting the campus MUST utilize the Selby front gates.**
- The Library/Media Center will not be open after school due to Prizes & Inventory being stored in that area.
- Yes, there will be After-School Care and yes, there are extra-curricular classes.

Thursday, October 11th

- **DROP-OFF:** All students MUST enter campus through the Selby gates as the back gate to the yard will not be accessible. Students will remain in the courtyard/patio from 7:15 -7:30 a.m. and then enter their classrooms.
- Students will eat and play on the Mormon Field for lunch.
- **DISMISSAL:** DK - 5th grade students may be picked up beginning at 2:30 p.m.
- 6th – 8th grade students may be picked up or sign themselves out beginning at 2:50 p.m.
- **Everyone entering and exiting the campus MUST utilize the Selby front gates.**
- **There will be After-School Care on Thursday. Be aware that we will not have access to play on the yard on either Wednesday or Thursday so homework, indoor games, a possible movie, LEGOS, and crafts will be the planned activities.**
- **Yes, there are extra-curricular classes on Thursday.**
- The Library/Media Center will not be open after school due to Prizes & Inventory being stored in that area.

Friday, October 12th

- Students should wear their FESTIVAL SHIRTS school.
- **DROP-OFF:** All students MUST enter campus through the Selby gates as the back gate to the yard will not be accessible. Students will remain in the courtyard/patio from 7:15 -7:30 a.m. and then enter their classrooms.
- The Festival will open at 12:00 p.m. with the 8th grade students going first. The remaining classes will be dismissed according to their Patronage percentages!
- ***There is NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE today!***
- Kindergarten and DK students will be released to their parents beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- Beginning at 2:30 p.m. parents may sign out students with the teachers at the main tent in the parish lot. Students **MUST** be signed out by their parents by 3:00 p.m. Older students may sign themselves out if they have permission to do so on regular school days.

Monday, October 15th

- Please note that school will NOT be in session on Monday, October 15, due to ride and booth dismantling, Festival clean-up, and general restoration of the property. Classes will resume Tuesday morning when we gather for morning prayer in the yard.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend “Under the Big Top!” Fr. Gil and I look forward to seeing you there!

Peace and blessings,

Mon Oct 1	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC)
Thu Oct 4	● 7:15 – 7:45am ● 6 – 6:30pm	Blessing of the Animals (In Front of JCPC) Blessing of the Animals - CH Front of church
Fri Oct 12	● All day	Fall Festival Begins
Sat Oct 13	● All day	Fall Festival
Sun Oct 14	● All day	Fall Festival
Mon Oct 15	● All day	NO SCHOOL
Fri Oct 19	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders (JCPC)
Sun Oct 21	● 5 – 6pm	8th-grade Family Mass
Mon Oct 22	● 7 – 9pm	High School Night
Fri Oct 26	● 7 – 9am	School Comm. Coffee - MPR
Mon Oct 29	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd-grade Sacrament Meeting JCPC



FESTIVAL PATRONAGE CLASS COMPETITION

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!



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CITY!

The last thing I want to do in every newsletter is address the issue of parking, drop-off, and pick-up at St. Paul the Apostle School. And while I’m sure you may be tired of reading about it, unfortunately, I have no choice as problems keep surfacing that are too important to be ignored. **Please note that we have now been informed by the Traffic Police (the “city officials” and not our brave parent volunteers) that we cannot park on Selby Ave. next to JCPC in the morning during drop-off.** Apparently, parking here causes more congestion during drop-off, and they stated that if it is clear cars will move faster through the area and reduce traffic congestion.

Next, and probably more importantly, an incident occurred on Monday morning, October 1, that has resulted in the administration being directed to post the following notice from the California Vehicle Code for all parents to read and be made aware.

Any person who shall disregard any traffic signal or direction given by a nonstudent school crossing guard, appointed pursuant to [Section 21100](#) , or authorized by any city police department, any board of supervisors of a county, or the Department of the California Highway Patrol, when the guard is wearing the official insignia of such a school crossing guard, and when in the course of the guard's duties the guard is protecting any person in crossing a street or highway in the vicinity of a school or while returning thereafter to a place of safety, shall be guilty of an infraction and subject to the penalties provided in [Section 42001.1](#) .

And finally, I had a very pleasant meeting with a representative from the Mormon Temple this week. He was extremely open and very willing to cooperate in helping us establish our School Safety Plan as it relates to an "intruder on campus." He could not have been more accommodating in partnering with us given the seriousness of what we are trying to do. In return, I am once again asking ALL of our families to please return that cooperation by not pulling into or parking on the Mormon lot during student drop-off and pick-up. In partnering with us, the Mormon administration has graciously agreed to allow ONLY teachers/staff to use their parking lot on the days that school is in session. Continued blatant disregard of their church property will result in this parking privilege being revoked for our faculty. Thank you very much for your continued understanding and cooperation regarding all of the traffic/parking policies.



PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION & 1ST COMMUNION

Students who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist are scheduled to meet on the following Monday evenings: October 29, November 19, January 14, February 25, and March 18th.

All sessions held at the JCPC (Parish Hall) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At least one parent must attend with their second grade child. Reconciliation and Eucharist books will be distributed at the first session for you to take home to help you and your child prepare for the sacraments. All sessions begin and end on time! Other pertinent dates to remember include:

- Saturday, February 9, Reconciliation Service, Church, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 8, Prayer/Service Dinner, 6:30 p.m., JCPC
- Saturday, May 4, Communion Celebration, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 5, Communion Celebration, 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, May 11, Communion Celebration, 5:00 p.m.

More information will be forthcoming in the future.

VOLUNTEER



FINGERPRINTING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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.



SUN SAFETY

Protecting our students from the sun has been a priority of the SPA community for the past several years. There is a **Class Hat Competition** currently happening; please help your child's class win! **All you have to do is remind your students to bring their hats and sunscreen daily.** The UV index has been "very high" lately, and as much as possible, we want to help protect our students from any preventable sun damage. You can always Check the day's UV index by clicking on this link: www.spapwc.com/sunsafety/.



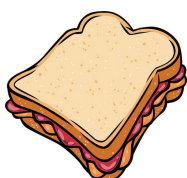
SPA CHESS CLUB!

Hello, SPA Families! It is time to sign up for Chess Club, where it's definitely hip to be square! Chess Club is held on Mondays after school and we start on **October 8th** this year. Please visit <http://www.spapwc.com/chess/> and click on the Registration button. Also, save the date for our awesome Halloween Tournament that will be held on Sunday, October 28, (registration will open soon). We look forward to seeing you! Please e-mail Jessie Spillane at jgietl@aol.com with any questions you might have.



HALLOWEEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

It's time to register for the tournament at St. Paul's that will be held on Sunday, October 28, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the SPA gym. All players are welcome, beginners through advanced. Best costume trophies, individual trophies, and team trophies will be awarded. Come in costume, play chess and help SPA win back the Best School Team trophy. More information is available online [here](#), or you can register today by logging on [here](#).



SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS

All St. Paul's families are invited to come join us on Friday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the JCPC to help the 7th grade students make 1,000 lunches to feed the homeless. There are

lots of ways to help! You can...

- **Sign up to bring supplies** -- thousands of supplies are needed each month, so we hope you will sign up to bring a few; you can sign up to bring supplies at www.spapwc.com/sandwichbuilders.

- **Come pack lunch bags** – 7:00 p.m. the JCPC

- **Drop off supplies** in the Parish office or on the table outside the front office the week of SB, or bring them to Sandwich Builders when you come to help pack the lunches. You can also mail supplies directly to the parish office: (St. Paul the Apostle, c/o Mary Ann Bertolucci, [10750 Ohio Avenue, LA, CA 90024](https://www.google.com/maps/place/10750+Ohio+Avenue,+LA,+CA+90024)) although bringing supplies in person is preferred. **Please deliver all bread during the week -- not Friday night.**

- **Help deliver lunches Saturday morning:** please sign up on the Sandwich Builders

page: www.spapwc.com/sandwichbuilders. We'll fill up your car with lunches Friday night. We deliver Saturday morning from about 6:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

We greatly appreciate the participation and enthusiasm of all who have attended in the past and hope you will continue to join us. As a reminder, we have a few requests this year in order to keep the energy high, but the productivity even higher. We ask that you attend with your children when possible, and talk with your kids about why they are there. As a reminder, all parents are expected to supervise their kids. We hope the students have fun but their top priority is making lunches. Please remind them to keep their phones at home, to talk quietly, and most importantly, to *participate*! If you have any questions you can contact anyone on the Sandwich Builders Team: the Barths, Goodgames, Tylers, and Woods families. Thank you for participating!



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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