



SAINT PAUL^{THE} APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

*Let us be aware of the great things the Lord has done for each of us,
and let us give thanks!*

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving, one of our nation's most beautiful holidays. This is a special time of the year at any school, but perhaps even more so here at St. Paul the Apostle School. Being part of a community that embraces the true meaning of gratitude is one of the many aspects that makes SPA such a remarkable place. The spirit of this season inspires our students and their families to reach out to others in need, to share blessings, and to express appreciation for all that we have. We can certainly count our blessings when we reflect upon the many "gifts" of our school, our community, and our faith. As I reflect upon my brief time here at SPA, I am thankful for so many wonderful people and the beautiful experiences that have become part of my life.

- I am grateful for your children, for the smiles they give me as I walk around campus, for the hugs they frequently share with me, and for the excellent job they do as students of SPA. They truly understand that "thanks" comes after "giving." I am extremely proud of them for so many reasons!
- I am grateful for the Paulist Fathers, the DMJ Sisters, the school and parish staff. I am continuously impressed with the tireless dedication of our teachers and staff members. I am grateful for the support that we consistently receive from the Paulists and parish staff, and how hard everyone works to make SPA the very special place of spiritual growth and academic achievement that it most certainly is.
- I am grateful for our SPA parents and guardians. I truly appreciate the many ways in which you so freely give of your time, energy and talents for the good of our community. The support and cooperation you extend to Fr. Gil and to me are certainly very precious gifts.

I wish for all of you the same blessings you have brought to us. And so, 10 very soon we will gather together with our family and friends, to give thanks to God for all that He has given us. I pray that we may continue to be a blessing in each other's lives, just as Jesus is in ours. May you all have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving, filled with the peace of God!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

Fri Nov 16	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders
Sun Nov 18	● 9:30 – 10:30am	3rd-grade Family Mass
Mon Nov 19	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd grade Sacrament Meeting
Wed Nov 21	● All day ● 11:15am – 12:15pm	1/2 day dismissal for Thanksgiving Holiday 6th-grade School Mass
Thu Nov 22	● All day	No School- Thanksgiving
Fri Nov 23	● All day	No School
Wed Nov 28	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	7th-grade Liturgy and Dinner
Thu Nov 29	● 7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
Fri Nov 30	● All day	Trimester 1 Ends



NOON DISMISSAL/NO SCHOOL

Please note that school will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. this Wednesday, November 21, to begin the Thanksgiving holiday. **THERE IS NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE ON WEDNESDAY!** School will not be in session on Friday. Classes will resume Monday morning, November 26th.



SPA INFORMATION NIGHT

Last Thursday evening we had a “standing room only” attendance at our first ever SPA Information Night! More than 75 prospective families were warmly welcomed by some of our very dedicated faculty, staff, parents and students to gather information about our school, take personal tours and have their questions answered. It was an extremely positive experience, and left us all looking forward to welcoming many new members to our community next year.

Our gratitude is extended to the following students who graciously stepped up to welcome these families, assist with parking, serve on a student panel, share their experiences at SPA, and help with

tours. They were quite impressive, and we heard MANY warm compliments about these students from our guests. Special thanks to Dimitri Brooks, Thomas Catalano, Zachary Cobb, Chloe Davoudi, Jojo DiGennaro, Dalton Fitzpatrick, Liam Guthrie, Brian McAllister, Joshua Pinsky, and Ashley Traboulsi. Great jobs, Saints! We are proud of you!



SPA THANKSGIVING CHEER

There are two great ways you can help ensure that those who are less fortunate have a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday this year. First, our support for **Westside Thanksgiving** extends from the personal care collection and continues this week through our annual Thanksgiving Turkey & Pumpkin Pie Drive! Click [HERE](#) to sign up and bring a cooked turkey and/or pumpkin pie(s) to the home of Allison and Michael Woods on Thanksgiving morning, and share some coffee, doughnuts, and holiday cheer! Contact **Allison Woods** or **Jessica Studholme** with any questions. Is the thought of cooking a turkey giving you pause? We promise it is as easy as **5 easy steps!**

Second, for more than 30 years, **St. Joseph Center** has been a beacon of hope in the community. Its mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community. Through our Thanksgiving Food Drive, you can provide the supplies for an entire dinner for one family inclusive of a \$25.00 gift card to purchase a turkey. Grocery bags with a list of requested supplies were distributed to your children last week. We will be collecting filled bags through TODAY, Monday, November 19th. If you have any questions please contact **Jessica Studholme**.

Please consider donating to one of the above initiatives, and know that we are grateful for any support you can give! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



SPA SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & CONCERT

The **PWC Senior Christmas Luncheon** will be held on **Wednesday, December 5**, in the JCPC. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 p.m. The **DK and Kindergarten Concert** will begin at 1:00 p.m. Those not attending the lunch are more than welcome to come at 1:00 p.m. to enjoy the concert.



PARENT VIRTUS TRAINING/FINGERPRINTING POLICY

St. Paul the Apostle School is committed to protecting all of our students. It is for this reason that any adult who has contact with the students, whether an employee or a volunteer, must have successfully completed the VIRTUS training, TB testing and fingerprinting process. And while we understand that this can be a

time-consuming process, we hope that all of our parents understand the importance of these requirements. St. Paul's is a very active community, and we rely on the parents and guardians of our students to assist us with many school activities and programs. This can be anything from reporting for yard duty at lunch time and coaching after-school sports, to chaperoning field trips and helping teachers in the classroom.

In meeting the "gold standard" of child protection and providing a safe school environment, fingerprinting is required for any parents who are:

- In consistent contact with students
- Chaperoning a field trip, whether a one-day event or overnight
- Driving students for any school-related events
- Being left alone with students, whether on-campus or away from campus

While *some* of these standards have been adhered to in previous years, we must now move forward with ensuring that the implementation of *all* standards are in process, and that everything will be strictly enforced beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like to begin the fingerprinting process please note that we have scheduled the next session to be held at St. Paul's on Monday, January 14, 2019, from 12:00 until 7:20 p.m. In the meantime, parents who are in full compliance with the standards listed above will be given priority when we need volunteers at St. Paul's in any capacity.

Please note that this policy does NOT include our traffic volunteers simply because these wonderful people (at least 8 or 9 of them on a daily basis) are publically standing curbside and graciously opening car doors as parents pull up to let their children out. (It's SPA service with a smile!) Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and patience as we diligently do everything possible to care for your children.



VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

We have been informed that a VIRTUS training session (Protecting God's Children) will be held THIS EVENING, November 19, at the University Catholic Center located on 633 Gayley Avenue. The UCC phone number is 310-208-5015. The session is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. If you plan to attend please note that the doors will close promptly at 6:00 p.m.

SPA 2018-2019 YEARBOOKS



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 1st. You can logon to the SPAPWC 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!



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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