



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL  LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

THANK YOU to all of the parents who attended our annual Back-to-School Night last week. We had wonderful attendance numbers, both in church and in the classrooms, and were greatly reassured by your presence. It's very reassuring to know that we are fortunate to have the support and heartfelt participation of so many families. We hope that the information shared with you was worth the time you spent with us. I am grateful for the many positive comments and compliments that you so kindly offered throughout the evening. I was especially appreciative of the warm and gracious welcome you extended to Fr. Gil Martinez, our Pastor, and his associates—Fr. Ryan, Fr. Tom, and Fr. Jerry. They all enjoyed being included as part of this important gathering—especially the wine and cheese “social.”

There were MANY parents who expressed their appreciation to us for all of the steps we are taking to enhance the safety of our students and the security of our school facilities. Your encouragement of our efforts is being well received by the administration and faculty. Please know that we will continue to keep our **SPA School Safety Plan** a top priority, and you will be kept informed of any updates. If you were not able to join us for the meeting, the following is a brief outline of safety measures that we currently have in place:

- 19 cameras/locked gates/security guard and door blocks
- 2-way radios for all administration, teachers, security, office and maintenance staff
- ID badges for ALL employees

The following is an outline of all we are currently working on and hope to quickly achieve within the coming weeks:

- Implementation of a **Run-Hide-Fight drill** with our faculty, staff and students

- Training for SPA's "**Emergency Team of First Responders**" (teachers/staff who have volunteered to stay behind in the event of an evacuation)
- Establishment of a **Crisis Response Box** for emergency personnel (LAPD, paramedics, etc.)
- Acquisition of **water/nutrition bars** (nut free) for every classroom in the event of a lockdown
- Purchase of **3 AEDs (defibrillators)** for the gym, Hilton Learning Center and SPA school building
- Purchase of **trauma/first aid kits** for each classroom/training of faculty regarding the correct use of these kits and the AEDs
- Attainment of an **aerial photo** of the school/church property
- Attainment of **detailed blueprints** of all school/church buildings

As mentioned at the meeting, I have met with the administration at Emerson School and they have supportively agreed to assist us in the event of a school evacuation. As soon as I have established that same agreement with the leaders at the Mormon Temple, permission slips will be sent home for parent signatures so that we can practice our first ever Run-Hide-Fight drill. It is obvious that a great deal of time, energy and resources will be expended towards our safety program, and it is, without a doubt, well worth it.

We will continue to achieve all we can for our students within the parameters of our environment. Catholic schools are a privileged means of educating children and building community, and St. Paul the Apostle is a wonderful faith community. Thank you for allowing us the privilege and the opportunity to share in this communal journey with you. We are eternally grateful!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

Mon Sep 3	● All day	Labor Day- No School
Tue Sep 4	● All day	Kinder/DK starts school
Wed Sep 5	● All day ● 8 – 10am	Kinder/DK starts school Virtus Refresher Class- JCPC
Thu Sep 6	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donations drop-off- JCPC
Fri Sep 7	● All day ● 8:15 – 9:15am	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC School Mass - sponsored by 8th grade
Sat Sep 8	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Sun Sep 9	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Mon Sep 10	● All day ● 8 – 10am	Apostle's Attic Donation drop off 2018 - JCPC PWC Board Meeting (JACC) JACC
Tue Sep 11	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Wed Sep 12	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Thu Sep 13	● All day	Apostle's Attic 2018 Donation drop off- JCPC
Fri Sep 14	● All day	Apostle's Attic Sale (JCPC) JCPC
Sat Sep 15	● 5 – 8pm	Apostle's Attic Sale (JCPC) and Welcome Gathering & Food Truck JCPC
Sun Sep 16	● All day ● 9:30 – 10:30am	Apostle's Attic Sale Catechetical Sunday Mass - Church Saint Paul the Apostle Church
Mon Sep 17	● All day ● 7 – 9:30pm	Apostle's Attic 2018 (Clean Up) - JCPC Back to School Night (Starts in Church)
Thu Sep 20	● All day	School Picture Day (JCPC) JCPC
Sun Sep 23	● 5 – 6pm	7th-grade Family Mass
Wed Sep 26	● 8 – 9:30am	8th Grade Parent Meeting (JCPC) JCPC
Thu Sep 27	● All day	New Parent Reception-offsite
Fri Sep 28	● 7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders (JCPC)
Sun Sep 30	● 8 – 9:30am	PWC Board Meeting (JACC)



SPA is a COMMON SENSE MEDIA SUPPORTER SCHOOL!

Thanks to the Sister Stella Foundation of St. Paul the Apostle School, we are excited to share our continued partnership with Common Sense Media. CSM's mission is to help guide you and your family through the challenges and opportunities of an "always connected" culture. Many of you may know Common Sense for its movie, TV, and book ratings and reviews, but it also provides a wealth of educational resources that we will be implementing in a variety of ways.

We will be sharing Common Sense's best resources with you throughout the school year, including timely tips and advice, as well as engaging in parent and educator workshops and sharing best practices with a network of independent school members across the country.

Given the ubiquity of technology and the role it plays in every facet of our society, empowering young people with the skills and disposition they need to harness technology to its full potential is essential. Our partnership with Common Sense is part of our commitment to empower students to think critically and use technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate. For more questions (and answers!) addressing the increasingly complex issues of raising kids with technology, including media balance, cyberbullying, privacy, and news and media literacy, check out [Common Sense Media's Parent Concerns](#) resources. St. Paul the Apostle is proud to be part of the movement to ensure our students' digital well-being and their long-term success in learning and life.



8th GRADE PARENT MEETING

An information meeting for 8th grade parents will be held this Wednesday, September 26, from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in the JCPC. Topics to be discussed will include the graduation liturgy, all related activities, high school application procedures, field trips, and more. Please bring any questions/concerns you have to share with us as we begin planning for this important milestone in your child's life.



CUB SCOUTS

SPA Pack 55 is very excited to welcome all first through fifth graders to join scouting at a Nerf Gun Battle extraordinaire in the JCPC on **Saturday, September 29, at 2:00 p.m.** Please bring your nerf guns, eye protection, shields and barriers! Put those old boxes to good use and create a fort or shield.

New first grade scouts please contact the Tiger Den leader, John Abbott, via email at JohnnyAbbott@gmail.com, or pack leaders Patty Musitano at patriciamusitano@yahoo.com, or Mike Woods at mikewilliamwoods@gmail.com for more information.



SUN SAFETY

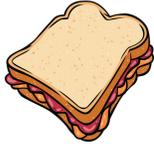
Protecting our students from the sun has been a priority of the SPA community for the past several years. There is a **Class Hat Competition** currently happening; please help your child's class win! **All you have to do is remind your students to bring their hats and sunscreen daily.** The UV index 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/.



IMPORTANT TRAFFIC ALERT!!

In an effort to maintain positive relationships with our neighbors, we respectfully ask that parents NOT park in, or drive through, the Mormon Church parking lot during morning

drop-off and after school pick-up. The Mormon administration has graciously agreed to allow our 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 for your understanding and cooperation.



SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS

Come join the Sandwich Builders team (the Barth, Goodgame, Tyler, and Woods families) on Friday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the JCPC to assist the 8th Grade students in making 1,000 lunches to help feed the homeless. There are LOTS of ways to help! You can always...

- **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 [here](#).

- **Come pack lunch bags** – 7:00 p.m. in 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](#)) 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 [here](#). We will 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 joined us in the past, and hope you will continue to do so. **As a reminder, we have a few requests this year in order to keep the energy high and the productivity even higher.** We ask that you attend with your kids when possible, and talk with them about why they are there, and the importance of what they are doing. Parents are expected to supervise their children at all times. **We hope the kids have fun, but their TOP priority is making lunches. Remind them to keep their phones at home, talk quietly while working, and *participate!*** Your support and cooperation are very much appreciated!



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to help at the SPA Welcome Weekend and Back-to-School Night! Both of these were highly enjoyable events thanks to your many efforts. And now, we are asking for more help with the SPA Community Coffees that will be held on October 26, January 25, and March 29, right after drop-off; and in the Media Center for K-3rd grades. Click [here](#) and then scroll along the bar below "SPA PWC 2018-19 Volunteer Signup Opportunities" to see each listing. Your support is very much appreciated!



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!



FESTIVAL AUCTION

Families are invited to donate fabulous and exciting items for our auction. Sporting events, travel, and one-of-a-kind amazing experiences are always dazzling items for both the LIVE and online auction. Simply click [here](#) for a copy of the donor form.

Our SPA community always loves a great PARTY! Want to host a FUN party? (Paint Nite, Bowling, Cooking, Private Chef-Hosted Dinners, Themed Parties for Kids or Parents...let your imagination run wild). Contact Jessica Dixon to lock in your party date and details at jkjdixon@gmail.com or (860)778-4578.



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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