



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOS ANGELES



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy April Fool's Day! I want to begin this week's message by thanking you for your ongoing commitment to the importance and values of Catholic education in the lives of your children. (And I mean that sincerely, despite the fact that it's April Fool's Day!) Beyond your financial commitment, thank you for your daily involvement in your child's education through your support of their academic efforts, their extracurricular activities, and the formation of their faith. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere THANK YOU to the many parents who responded to my newsletter last week with words of support, appreciation, understanding, and commitment to assist us in any way possible as we continue to teach our students what it truly means to be a faith community.

It is my hope that our students will embrace the message that I shared with them during our "Principal Talk" meetings: as Catholics, as Christian people, it is our mission to be followers of Jesus at all times. Some questions that I hope they will take time to quietly reflect upon include: *How do I live my life when no one else is watching? How will people know that I am a disciple of Jesus? And if I don't have that love, or courtesy, or basic respect for others, what do I need to change inside myself?* Another question for them to ponder is, *"Have you seen Jesus lately?"* Every now and then, the faculty and I need to encourage our students to take a good look around them, to really "see" their fellow classmates. Which people in their lives remind them of all the good that Jesus was to mankind? But an even more important question to make us all stop and think is, *"Have you seen Jesus lately?"* What small act of kindness brought a smile to someone else's heart?

It is no secret to any of us that we live in challenging times for our society. Providing an academic and moral education for the next generation is crucial, for it is these young people who will help to chart the future for all of us. It is crucial for our students to understand that Jesus had His turn to make things different while He was here on earth,

and now it is *our* turn. Maybe we can't cure someone, but we can certainly listen and care. Maybe we can't perform miracles, but the little things we do every day can be important to someone else. Maybe we can't walk on water, but we can walk beside someone who needs a friend. Maybe we can't change water into wine, but we can make an effort to change the problems in our world today. All it takes is a smile, a hug, a listening ear, a helping hand, a friendly word, a prayer...these are the types of actions that can bring peace and happiness into our lives. We just have to let our faith shine, and be filled with courage to always do the right thing, confident in our God who guides us.

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

1	APR 2019, MON	8 – 9:30am	PWC Board meeting--JACC JACC
5	APR 2019, FRI	7 – 9pm	Musical Theater performance--Aladdin--JCPC
6	APR 2019, SAT	7 – 9pm	Musical Theater performance--Aladdin--JCPC
7	APR 2019, SUN	9:30 – 10:30am	1st Grade Family Mass St. Paul the Apostle Church
8	APR 2019, MON	6:30 – 8:30pm	2nd Grade Prayer Service/Dinner JCPC JCPC
10	APR 2019, WED	All day 11am – 1:30pm	Spring Sing 1 - JCPC Spring Sing 1 Grades 5-8 JCPC
11	APR 2019, THU	7 – 8:30pm	Jr. High Night - SSM Media Center
12	APR 2019, FRI	7 – 8pm	Sandwich Builders-JCPC JCPC
18	APR 2019, THU	11:45am – 12:15pm 12:30pm	Holy Thursday 2nd Grade School Prayer Service St. Paul the Apostle Church Early Dismissal for Easter Break
19	APR 2019, FRI	All day All day 12 – 1:15pm	Good Friday No School Stations of the Cross for Children St. Paul the Apostle Church
22	APR 2019, MON	All day	School Easter Break
23	APR 2019, TUE	All day	School Easter Break
24	APR 2019, WED	All day	School Easter Break
25	APR 2019, THU	All day	School Easter Break
26	APR 2019, FRI	All day	School Easter Break
29	APR 2019, MON	All day	School Resumes



## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Our financial aid process for tuition assistance is now open. In order to apply, please send Mayora Hiney ([mhiney@sp-apostle.org](mailto:mhiney@sp-apostle.org)) an email prior to Wednesday, April 10, letting us know you are interested in applying for Financial Aid. She will then send you information outlining the steps needed to complete the application through FACTS. All applications must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, May 10, in order to qualify for an



## MOVIE SCREENING & SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS!

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The Sister Stella Foundation is excited to present, “LIKE,” a documentary about one of the biggest parenting and adolescent issues of our time, **the impact of social media on our lives**. The film will be followed by a presentation and Q&A with keynote speaker, Max Stossel, and Common Sense Media. The director of the film, Scilla Andreen, will also participate in speaking as well as NFL Charger, Isaac Rochell. Mr. Rochell has started a new movement called #SeeYouOnSunday. This is an initiative to inspire us all to disengage from social media from Friday night until Sunday. That could be quite a challenge for many of us!

This event may be attended by both parents and students in the 5th - 8th grades, and parents only in DK - 4th grades. No students in DK - 4th may attend. Register today as seating is limited. Thank you in advance for joining us, and for helping to make our children wiser when it comes to using Social Media.

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Location: Landmark Theater (@ Westside Pavilion)

Please click the following link to register, and for additional information about this special event and the Sister Stella Foundation. [The LIKE Movie Registration at Eventbrite](#)



## AUTHOR VISIT AT SPA!

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Chris Van Dusen will be visiting the DK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at St. Paul’s on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. His new picture book is the delightful “A Piglet Named Mercy.” Mr. Watson and Mrs. Watson live ordinary lives. Sometimes they wish something different would happen. And one day it does, when someone unpredictable finds her way to their front door. In a delightful story, a tiny piglet brings love (and chaos) to Deckawoo Drive—and the Watsons’ lives will never be the same!

Order forms listing the author’s books will be sent home with the students. If you wish to purchase autographed copies of any of the books, please complete the order form and return it to your child’s teacher no later than Tuesday, Mach 26<sup>th</sup>.

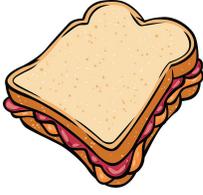


## SPA SUN SAFETY

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Now that spring has sprung, so has the sun! Please be sure to slather on the sun screen before your child heads for school and pack an extra tube in your child's backpack for re-application during recess and lunch. Don't forget sun hats too! We will be starting a new Sun-Hat wearing competition next week. It begins Monday, April 1, and continues through Campout out week. Winning classes

will be announced during Campout. The SPA Sun Safety Committee is committed to promoting sun safety awareness and health. While melanoma and other sun illnesses may be on the rise, SPA is committed to promoting sun safety and keeping our kids sun safe.



## SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS

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Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, April 12, in the JCPC to help 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students make 1,000 lunches to feed the homeless. There are lots of ways to help!

- **Sign up to bring supplies** -- thousands of supplies are needed each month, so we hope you will volunteer to bring a few. You can sign-up to bring supplies [here](#). Cash donations are also appreciated to help purchase missing supplies.

- **Come make sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.** – this is open only to middle school and older; come early to make sandwiches for the assembly line.

- **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 on the [Sandwich Builders page](#). 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 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 and the productivity even higher. We ask that you attend with your children when possible, and talk with your children about why they are there. As a gentle reminder: parents are expected to supervise their children. We hope the students have fun but their top priority is making lunches. Please keep phones at home, talk quietly, and **participate!**

Thank you in advance from The Sandwich Builders Team (the Barth, Goodgame, Tyler, and Woods families).



## SPA SUMMER SCHOOL!!

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All of our SPA students are invited to join us for a summer of learning and fun! St. Paul the Apostle School will be offering a variety of programs this coming summer. The sessions will be held Monday through Thursday, from June 17<sup>th</sup> until July 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be available that satisfy the Summer School Practice

Requirements. NEW this year: Coach Keith and Coach Anthony will be offering a Summer Camp! Also new this year: we have added Lazy Fridays that are guaranteed to be a lot of fun. So, if your children are beginning to wonder what they will be doing all summer, log on to the [registration link](#) and sign them up for days of fun! You can also log on to the PWC website at <http://www.spapwc.com/summerschool/>. Detailed information brochures will be sent home with the students today.



## **SPRING CHESS TOURNAMENT at SPA!**

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It's time to register for the Spring Chess Tournament at SPA! The tournament will be held on Sunday, April 28, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the SPA gym. All level of players are welcome to participate, from beginners through advanced. Individual trophies and team trophies will be awarded, and all other players will receive a medal. Come and help SPA win back the Best School Team trophy! Register today at: [Chess 4 Success](#).

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## **PWC NEWS CORNER!**

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### **SPA SPRING SING I and II**

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Mark your calendars for Spring Sing I, which will be held on Wednesday, April 10, where grades 5-8 will perform, and Spring Sing II on Wednesday, May 8, when grades 1-4 will perform. We will have a different format this year without a sit-down lunch — mingling, light snacks and drinks will begin at 11:30 a.m. The performances will begin at 1:00 p.m.



### **SPA TEXTILE DRIVE**

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St. Paul's will be holding a Textile Drive on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. As you begin your "spring cleaning," start saving your donations now for the textile drive! Remember: shoes and towels are accepted, but not bedding. Check the [PWC website](#) for more information.



### **FR. TOM JONES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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The SPA Father's Club will be hosting the annual Fr. Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament, and WE need YOUR support! The Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 6th! We are soliciting participation, sponsorship, donations, volunteers, anything and everything we can get. Please sign-up today and help in whatever way you can. Just click on this [link](#)! Corporate sponsorship and/or donations are graciously accepted. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's Financial Aid Program, including assisting with tuition and subsidizing field trips. This is our only fundraiser for Financial Aid, so please help! To learn more click here: <http://www.spapwc.com/golf/>.



## TOGETHER WE ROCK!

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Hey, Saints! Are you ready to rock!?! Grab your VIP pass and get ready for an unforgettably epic rock & roll festival! Introducing... "Together We Rock" 2019! While the SPA 2019 Festival Committee is hard at work preparing for another awesome weekend for our community, you can start looking like a rock star by purchasing some super cool and comfy festival wear, and help get the party started by donating to Patronage! **Mark your calendars to purchase festival wear at these events:**

Spring Sing I: April 10  
Pep Rally: May 1  
Spring Sing II: May 8  
New Parent Mixer: May 14  
Camp-out: May 18  
Online (orders open): June 3

**Donate to Patronage on-line (starting April 30th) or at these events:**

Spring Sing I: April 10  
Spring Sing II: May 8  
New Parent Mixer: May 14

Look for all the ways you can rock with the SPA Festival by visiting our [Festival 101](#) (hot link) page. Be sure to follow us now on Social Media for more exciting news! [#togetherwerock](#)



## SPA SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS!

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After months and months of endless meetings, planning, hard work and dedication, we are pleased to announce that our new St. Paul the Apostle School website is now available to everyone! Please visit <https://school.sp-apostle.org> and browse around the site noting all that St. Paul's has to offer, who we are as a Catholic school community, and what we have to offer our families. We have added quite a bit of pertinent information regarding our enrollment process, our faith community, the academic programs, and the numerous extracurricular activities. Keep an eye on our Calendar of Events and the most important news on the front page of the website. You can also access our social media pages at the bottom of the site whenever you like! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the school website please don't hesitate to email Daniel Chung at [dchung@sp-apostle.org](mailto:dchung@sp-apostle.org). Thanks, and enjoy!

## SPA'S SOCIAL MEDIA

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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!

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[YouTube](#)

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