



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Yesterday was Palm Sunday, and for Christians around the world, the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year. It is the period of time where we remember and walk in the footsteps of Jesus to commemorate the last week of His life on this earth. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but Holy Week is extremely important for all Christians because these are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. This part of the journey begins with Palm Sunday and culminates with the celebration of the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The main focus of this week is the Passion (suffering out of love) and Resurrection of Jesus, and the events that led up to it. What happened to Jesus on Good Friday was not “once upon a time,” but rather “once for all time.” What makes this week sacred is the fact that something happened more than two thousand years ago that does not allow sin and death to have the final say. There is transcendence in and beyond this world, and God’s love that will embrace us and remain with us for all eternity.

Yes, this is a week that begins with a feeling of profound sanctity and reflection, and culminates on Easter Sunday with a most joyous celebration. This special week and all of its activities can often be an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it means to be Christian. There is no doubt that Easter is the high point of our Catholic liturgical year, (as opposed to Christmas as some of our younger students might argue.) It is indeed a special celebration of God’s love for us, which overcame the power of sin and death in a world that is too often disappointing and broken. It is for this very reason that we should observe Easter with an abundance of joy and excitement.

As we make some quiet time to center ourselves in prayerful reflection this week, the Scriptures will prompt us to consider the dead and lifeless qualities of our own lives. Perhaps we can take some time to really think about the “graves” that we have within our souls and hearts. In taking a close look at our lives, what has died within ourselves that we grieve the most? If we believe that Jesus stands at the tombs in our lives where we have buried hope and possibility, trust and faith, then we must also believe that He will reawaken within us the possibility of courage and joyous new beginnings.

Wherever this sacred week leads you, make every effort to celebrate life with happiness and excitement. The key word for Easter is “Alleluia.” On behalf of the Paulist Fathers, the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, the faculty and staff, I wish you a blessed and joyous *ALLELUIA* season!

**“He is not here in the tomb; He is risen!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!”**

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky  
Principal

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EASTER VACATION!**



School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. this Thursday as we begin our much-anticipated Easter vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **SPA COVID TESTING AFTER EASTER!**

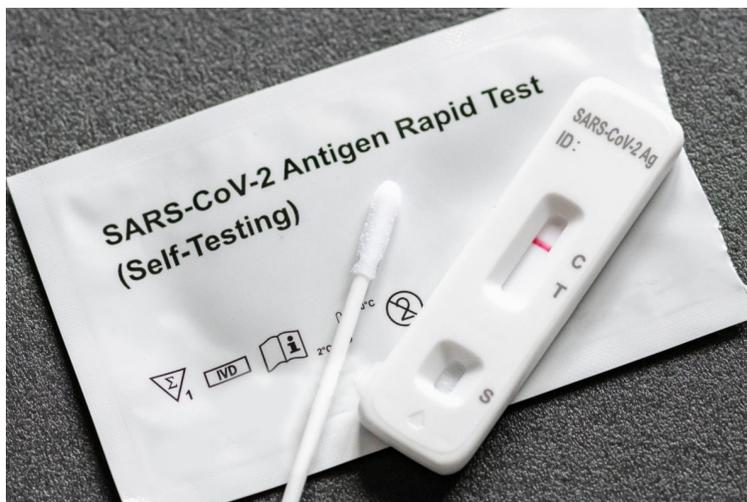
Just as we did when we all returned to campus after Christmas vacation, **we have moved the day of our weekly COVID testing from Wednesday to MONDAY, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. The reason for doing this is to help ensure the health of our community after all of our Easter traveling and celebrations. Please



remember to send your signed COVID Testing permission form to school with your children that Monday. Thank you very much for your support and cooperation regarding this important matter.

## **ADDITIONAL COVID-19 TESTS AVAILABLE!**

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Once again, St. Paul the Apostle School was able to obtain hundreds of the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test kits for our SPA community. **These kits will be available for pick-up near the school office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week from dismissal until 4:00 p.m., and on Thursday from dismissal until 1:00 p.m.** We respectfully request that you take no more than 2 boxes per family so that we can share these with as many of our SPA families as possible. With all of the Easter vacation activities that are being planned, it might be a bit reassuring to have this resource at home “just in case.”

**In an effort to help keep our community safe and healthy, we respectfully ask that families consider having their students wear masks indoors the week that we return from Easter vacation.** As part of the Easter enjoyment, many families might be traveling or attending large events with relatives and friends. We want to do everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!

## **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS**

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As we begin to finalize our enrollment process for next year, please note that families who are planning to apply for financial assistance will be asked to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation by Friday, May 2, 2022. Please contact Mayora Hiney at [mhiney@sp-apostle.org](mailto:mhiney@sp-apostle.org) for information



that will assist you in beginning this process.

## SPA FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

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Our students received a flyer that detailed our fundraising plan to assist the people of Ukraine. Our goal is two-fold: to help our students understand and appreciate all the simple things we have and enjoy on a daily basis (and often take for granted), and assist the Ukrainians as they struggle to obtain basic items like food, clothing, a bed to sleep in, and medical care. It is our hope that our students will reflect upon one square of information each day, and contribute what they can (usually 25 cents) so that we can help other families obtain those same things. **Students will be asked to bring their donations to school on Monday, April 25, when we return from Easter vacation. All donations received will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.** Thank you, in advance, for your support of this special and meaningful project.

UKRAINE FUNDRAISER FLYER

## SPA BUSINESS BREAKFAST

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The St. Paul the Apostle Business Breakfast group will meet again on Tuesday April 12, at John O'Groats at 8:00 a.m. This month, Josh Rebholz, a SPA dad and Sr. Associate Athletic Director at UCLA, will speak about UCLA and collegiate athletics. The first 20 guests to RSVP will have their breakfast sponsored by All World Communications! Please sign up using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4baaa928aaf49-spabusiness2>

## SPA CARPOOL SURVEY!

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Who wouldn't love a day or two or three off from driving to and from school every week? And particularly now, who wouldn't want to save money on gas and time sitting in LA traffic? If these questions have your attention, we've got a solution for you. Saint Paul's is launching a carpool portal to connect fellow SPA families that live near each other and want to carpool. Carpooling is not only easy on you, the environment, and your fellow Angelenos, it's also great for your kids. Carpooling is a wonderful way for kids to make new friends, learn to compromise, be flexible, and share. If you are interested, please complete the linked google form and we will sort the demographic information and send you a list of families in your area that want to try carpooling: [SPA Carpool Survey](#). By the end of the year, we hope to have a carpool portal up so families can use it at any time. Thank you for your interest!

## SPA CHESS TOURNAMENT

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The SPA Chess Club and Chess Master Ms. Ivona are hosting a Chess Tournament for SPA students on Friday, April 29, at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. All players are welcome, beginners through advanced. Trophies will be awarded to the top two students in each group. The registration fee includes lunch and a medal. We look forward to playing chess with you and crowning our student champions! To register, email Ms. Ivona at [chess4successla@gmail.com](mailto:chess4successla@gmail.com).

## SPA COVID TESTING

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Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held **this Wednesday, April 13th**. The **ONLY** document your children will need to have is a dated and signed copy of the **COVID-19 Patient Test Request Form**.

**Please note that students in grades 4 – 8 may receive the NOSTRIL swab or**

**NASAL swab. If this is the type of COVID test you want for your child, just check either one of those boxes on the form, otherwise he/she will receive the MOUTH swab.**

When completing the Patient Request Form, please remember to **include your email address** so that the results of the lab test can be sent directly to you, as well as Nurse Anderson. **We strongly suggest that you TYPE the requested information onto the form so that everything—including your email address—is legible.** Keep in mind that we are not using a “rapid” test, so we should expect to receive the results in approximately 24 hours. If you have not received the results by then, please contact the lab or Nurse Anderson. Any measures that we can take to help keep our community safe is well worth the effort. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this very important matter!

**[COVID-19 Patient Test Request Form Link](#)**

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