



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish,
but might have eternal life.”**

Happy Monday and welcome back from what I hope was a beautiful Easter celebration for all of our SPA families! Our community is filled with Easter people who believe in hope and the Resurrection, and this is why St. Paul the Apostle Parish and School are so very special. It is wonderful to be surrounded by people who truly believe that if we try hard enough, we can experience the miracle of God’s love for each and every one of us. Although our Lenten journey has ended, we can always continue to make our sacred pilgrimage to God in our quest to inherit His Easter gift of eternal life. It’s important for us to remember that the celebration of Christ’s resurrection is not just a one-day event for the Catholic Church. We will continue to savor this celebration for 50 days until the feast of Pentecost. Let’s do everything that we can to continue to promote this “Alleluia” feeling for as long as we can. We can only hope that our students will one day realize that Easter is not just a holiday filled with bunnies and eggs; it is an attitude of inner joy that stays with us long after the jelly beans are gone!

And so now, we turn our attention back to “school.” At some point every year, there are

times when it is appropriate and necessary to take stock of where we are, and to render an accounting of our accomplishments in regards to any goals we have set for ourselves. Systematically, we must ask ourselves if we have kept faith with our vision; if we have truly attained what we set out to DO and to BE. In other words, who are we and how are we doing?

As we look forward to the remaining seven weeks of this final trimester, our attention will be focused on the continued academic achievements of our students and the Catholic culture of our school. At the same time, our Pastor, faculty, staff, PWC Board and School Board are also in the midst of discussions and planning for the next school year. What do we want to continue to do here at St. Paul the Apostle School that is working well for our students? What programs and activities can we safely bring back next year after navigating through more than two years of a pandemic? How can we improve what we already have? What new programs/ideas do we want to implement? What do we want to discard? In making these crucial decisions, we must remember that anything that does not lead to better student learning, or the enhancement of our faith values, is simply not worth our time, energy or precious resources.

I have been in the ministry of education long enough to know that a successful school culture does not happen by accident; it happens by design and intentionality. Those conversations accompanied by honest reflections have the ability to open avenues for a deeper rooting of our school's vision, and for new efforts to make St. Paul the Apostle School even more uniquely successful. The results of our findings will serve as both a source of energy and the measure of continued success and achievement.

As always, we thank you for being an important part of this journey!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPA COVID TESTING AFTER EASTER!



Just as we did when we all returned to campus after Christmas vacation, **this week we will have 2 days of COVID testing: Monday AND Thursday.** 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 forms to school with your children both TODAY and Wednesday.

Just a reminder: **if your children are not at school on Monday, they will need an outside COVID test result to return to campus on Tuesday.** Thank you very much for your support and cooperation regarding this important matter.

GET VACCINATED!

Once again, St. Paul the Apostle Parish will be hosting a Vaccine Clinic on **Monday, May 16**, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The first and second vaccine doses will be available from the L.A. County Dept. of Public Health, as well as Booster shots. Everyone is eligible; there is no need to show an I.D. Please note that consent forms are required for minors. Free flu vaccines will also be available. Please refer to Fr. Gil's weekly email communication dated April 21st to reserve a time.

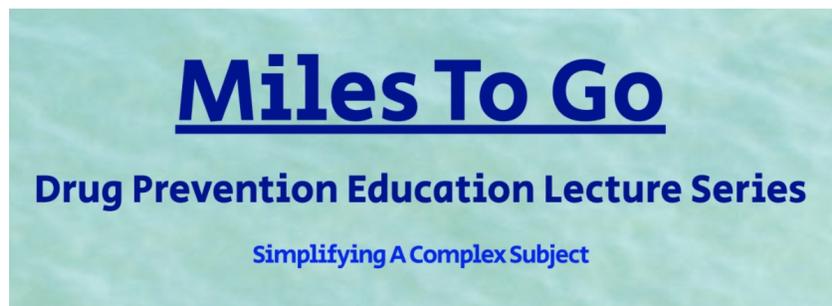


FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS



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 for information that will assist you in beginning this process.

PARENT SEMINAR



All of our school parents are being invited to virtually attend a seminar that will focus on the impact the pandemic has had on substance abuse. Kelly Townsend, Psy.D., will be the presenter.

Topic: Miles to Go Drug Prevention Education: How The Pandemic Affected Substance Abuse in America

Time: Apr 25, 2022 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89908452931?
pwd=MHIPRDJMaVVBbzBBZGV5WjlXUm90Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89908452931?pwd=MHIPRDJMaVVBbzBBZGV5WjlXUm90Zz09)

Meeting ID: 899 0845 2931

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WE JOG FOR ST. JUDE'S!



The faculty, staff and students of St. Paul the Apostle School will be participating in a Jog-a-Thon to help support St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This event is being planned for Friday, May 13th. Details will be shared with everyone soon!

SPA FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE—THANK YOU!!



Well before Easter, our students received a flyer that detailed our fundraising plan to assist the people of Ukraine. Our goal was 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 to 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 took some time to reflect upon one square of information each day, and to contribute what they could (usually 25 cents) so that we can help other families obtain those same things. **Students are being asked to bring their donations to school TODAY (Monday). 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 CARPOOL SURVEY!



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



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.

SPA COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held **this Monday, April 25th AND Thursday, April 28th**. 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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