



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday! It is my sincere hope that everyone in our SPA community is doing well, and making every effort possible to adhere to all of the safety guidelines that are being shared on a daily basis by our health professionals. It's still somewhat unbelievable that in what seemed like the blink of an eye, the whole world changed. And as we continue to do all we can to maintain a sense of normalcy, there isn't really any one thing that can override the uncertainty of the weeks ahead. But, it's important that we all keep moving forward.

At St. Paul the Apostle School, our priorities continue to focus on the health and well-being of our community, and continuity in learning for our students. We want nothing more than for our students to be academically prepared for the next grade level when school re-opens in August. Our teachers are adhering to the curriculum, and doing their utmost to keep their students engaged in learning during this time of change. The majority of our students continue to do well—showing up to class on time, giving the teachers their undivided attention, completing their assignments, and submitting their work by the stated deadline. For some of our students, that change in learning has been difficult. Change of any type, even when it's for the better, is sometimes difficult for people to accept.

As adults we all know that life experiences and learning have much to do in shaping how we think, feel and react to everything that happens around us. We have all built a set of beliefs, attitudes and values by which we live. We tend to get comfortable and feel very safe with the familiar, so much so that we tend to resist change from our normal routines. The truth, however, is that we are subjected to many adjustments

every moment of our lives. We experience a series of changes that encompass everything from childhood to retirement. Sometimes we have to die a little to our comfort and the familiar, so we can open ourselves up for opportunities to grow and improve the quality of our lives. Any change is a chance for us to grow and learn.

Please continue to do all that you can to encourage and support the academic progress of your children. Let them know that although they are not sitting in a classroom where their teacher is only a few feet away, and they are having to rely more on technology, they are still “in school.” Some assignments might be student-paced, and others may have hard submission deadlines. Any quizzes and tests that are given online must be given the same importance as if they were being administered in a classroom setting. And we all know that what happens in the primary grade classrooms is not going to be the same experiences in the upper grades. An example of that right now is SeeSaw, which is being used successfully in the lower grades. It has been determined, however, that this is not the best resource for the faculty and students in grades 5 – 8 at this time, so they will not be using SeeSaw. Everyone is doing their best, and we will make every effort to keep any necessary changes to a minimum.

It’s also important to note that our Outreach Counselors, Remington and Hiroko, are still willing and able to assist any students who may need that extra emotional support at this time. Their contact information is listed below. Feel free to reach out if it will benefit your children. It is my hope that all of the current challenges we are dealing with will only serve to make us a stronger and more connected faith community! Thank you for being an important part of this journey!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal



BLOOD DRIVE at SPA!

UCLA Hospital will be holding a Blood Drive at SPA on Wednesday, May 27, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the JCPC. To schedule an appointment, go online at www.ucedonor.com. Click **Blood Drives** and enter **SPACH** in *Zip Code* or the *Account Code box*. Appointments can also be made via phone at 310-825-0888, extension 2. All donors will receive a free movie ticket!



2020-2021 SPA REGISTRATION

Registration packets for the 2020-2021 school year will be mailed to our families this week. Please take some time to read all of the enclosures that are included in the packet, and follow the directives regarding registration for next year. If you have any questions regarding the process, please reach out to [Mrs. Jill O’Callahan](#) and she will get back to you as soon as possible.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

We recognize that choosing a Catholic education is a significant investment for everyone, and it also means making financial sacrifices for many families, especially during this current time of uncertainty. Families who may be in need of financial assistance for the next school year should contact Mayora Hiney by [email](#). She will be able to address your questions/concerns and give you the information you will need to begin the application process.



READ to FEED!

This would normally be the time of year when our SPA students would normally READ, READ, READ and collect their pledges for *Read to Feed* to benefit St Joseph's Center. An initial announcement regarding this special fundraiser was shared right before we began our distance learning experience. It is our hope that many of our students have made time to read and ask family and friends to contribute to this worthy cause. Any donations/pledges that the students might have collected during Lent can be sent directly to St Joseph's Center with "Read to Feed" on the memo line. It should also be noted that our students can continue their reading to feed the hungry through the month of May. St. Joseph's Center will be truly grateful for your support!

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OUTREACH CONCERN COUNSELING

Last week, I was notified by Dr. Capaldi, President and CEO of Outreach Concern, that they are able and prepared to offer their telehealth services to our students. Should parents need to contact our school counselors, either Remington or Hiroko, you can contact the Regional Field Supervisor Brandi Zamora at 714-319-6471 (Brandi@outreachconcern.org) to have your child's counselor return your call. The counselors will be directed to reach out to all students/parents that they are currently working with. Any new "referrals" or parents who are experiencing any concerns relating to the pandemic at this time can call their **Crisis Hotline at 800-4-CONCERN**.

They have endeavored to make this transition as user friendly as possible, and will monitor the process closely. Their goal, which is similar to ours, is continuing to support students and families with the present and future challenges they are experiencing. We are grateful for their support during this time.

PWC NEWS CORNER!

If you have any cute/adorable photos of your children while they are participating in “distance learning, please feel free to share them with us. The Dept. of Catholic Schools have asked schools to share whatever photos they might have so that they can be used for publicizing the great work we are all doing in our schools!



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 here!

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