



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations, SAINTS! We did it!

We are so proud to announce that **St. Paul the Apostle School is the #1 Catholic Kids Heart Challenge School in the United States for 2nd year in a row!** Receiving this notification was so incredibly exciting! The American Heart Association staff asked me to share their deepest appreciation with all of our students, faculty, staff and parents. There is so much to celebrate regarding this achievement, and they hope that everyone feels so proud of what you have accomplished together!

At some point during this endeavor, we had promised our students an extra day of **FREE DRESS** as well as a night of **NO HOMEWORK** if we were to be successful in maintaining our #1 standing. As promised, this **THURSDAY** our students will have free dress, and lots of free time that evening since there won't be any homework to complete. With all of that extra "free time," maybe they can help you with some chores around the house. (Just do me a favor and don't tell them it was my idea.)

As we continue our Lenten journey it occurred to me that next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the beginning of Holy Week. This is the week that we make time to commemorate the most solemn events in the history of mankind—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As people of faith, we are given the opportunity during Holy Week to

reflect on the supreme sacrifice that was made on our behalf.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” –John 3:16

Our world has experienced so much pain, tribulation and loss since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. I have heard so many people comment that life will never be the same again. So many of us have “buried” the many things that we once enjoyed and always took for granted. But in doing so, we now have the burden of carrying these heavy “graves” within our souls and hearts. When attending Mass every Sunday morning, I notice that it is much less crowded than it used to be. It makes me wonder what has affected our lives so much that our love for God has grown cold? We really need to rely upon our faith now more than ever. In what ways is our devotion to Christ and His church less than wholehearted? And why?

Jesus stands at the tombs of our lives where we have buried hope and possibility, trust and faith. As surely as Jesus arose from the dead, He now reawakens within us the possibility of hope. Are we willing to make room in our lives for new beginnings and that which we have given up on? Are we willing to spend our energy on living life to the fullest rather than grieving what has been lost? Wherever Holy Week leads you, celebrate life. Remember that God can, and will, bring the dead back to life. May the remainder of your Lenten journey be a time for meaningful reflection and quiet joy.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPA FAMILY BADGES

In order to increase security on our SPA campus, we will soon be requiring all visitors to wear a badge to enter the school campus. This requirement will include morning drop-off, during the school day, afternoon pick-up, After School Care pick-up, and athletic events. Each family can receive up to three badges to assign to the family members and caretakers who most frequently need to come on campus. You will receive more detailed information about this new policy and procedures later this month.



The first step in the process will be to complete the Family Badge Information Form that will be sent to you soon. In addition to providing some basic information, you will also need to upload a photo of anyone who will be needing a Family Badge.

When completed, your family badges will be given to your oldest or only child to take home. Use of the badges will be required beginning Monday, May 2nd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mayora Hiney at mhiney@sp-apostle.org.

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 BUSINESS BREAKFAST

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 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 FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE



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 COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held **this Wednesday, April 6th**. 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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