



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for the heartfelt smiles and words of gratitude, support, and encouragement that were so generously shared with us last week as we opened our school doors and welcomed our students back to campus. The atmosphere was extremely positive, and it is that level of enthusiasm and determination that we will work hard to maintain throughout the year. By all accounts, it's going to be a very busy year for our students. There will be different friends and teachers to become acquainted with, new rules and routines to be followed, many liturgies to be celebrated, extracurricular activities to be enjoyed, exciting field trips to be taken, and so many new academic concepts to be learned. Please keep us in prayer as we continue our journey, and know that we pray for you daily as well.

St. Paul the Apostle School opened its doors for the first time on September 8, 1935. What was once only a vision and a dream is now an 86-year-old school that is thriving. It is without a doubt that the success of St. Paul's has always been determined by what is in the hearts and minds of the many people who work here, learn here, and partner with us each and every day. One of our main objectives has always been to make every student and family feel welcomed, connected, and included as a vital part of our community. As the demands and complexities of educating children continue to

increase—especially during this time of COVID—it becomes more and more evident that we must continue to work together to ensure that our students are able to reach their highest potential in a safe and nurturing environment. This is our goal every single day!

And speaking of student potential, please note that STAR assessments for the first trimester will begin NEXT week for all kindergarten through 8th grade students. The primary reason for these assessments is to gain pertinent data regarding reading and math that will assist us in making sound educational decisions about student learning, teacher instruction, and curriculum development. This is data that is continuously disaggregated and analyzed as student learning outcomes are measured. Our commitment to our students inspires us to want to provide the most effective instruction possible. Because the assessments are timed and administered in sequence, it is very important that our students are not absent next week, and that they arrive at school on time. It is equally important that they get plenty of sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast before coming to school so they are alert and able to function at their best. Your understanding and cooperation regarding this significant matter are very much appreciated.

As we continue to move forward this year, it is my hope that we will embrace the many challenges of the future while we continue to cherish and acclaim the traditions of the past. In doing so, we will be blessed for many years to come!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPA COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff, and students will be held this **Wednesday, September 1, beginning at 8:15 a.m.** The **ONLY** document your children will need to have for testing is a dated and signed copy of the **COVID-19 Patient Test Request Form**. You do **NOT** need to send the Blanket Consent Form, nor a copy of your Insurance card. 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. 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](#)

SPA BUSINESS BREAKFAST



St. Paul's Business Breakfast Club is looking for new members to join their Steering Group! The Club is particularly interested in meeting parents of younger grade students. They are always looking for interesting guest speakers to join them for their monthly meetings. Having school parents join them to share information about their various businesses and life experiences has always been a very popular feature of the gathering. If you are interested please contact Jay Spillane at jayspillane@zoho.com, or simply call him at 310-951-5330.

LOOKING AHEAD

Please take a few minutes to note the following important dates on your calendar. We will share pertinent information as we get closer to these events.

- September 7th Begin STAR Testing
 - September 10th Student Council Speeches and Elections
 - September 13th Back-to-School Night
 - September 16th Picture Day
 - September 24th -26th. SPA Festival
 - September 27th No School—Festival Clean-up Day
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