



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Presidents' Day weekend! I hope that everyone was able to find some time to relax and enjoy this much-needed 3-day weekend! Many parents that I spoke to last week shared how much they were looking forward to it, and I completely agreed. Spare time is that precious gift we never seem to have enough of on any given day. I have no doubt that this week will go by very quickly with only three days of school—there will be much to accomplish in a limited amount of time. But no matter how long that “to do” list happens to be, our students will always be our first priority!

Last Monday morning, the community of St. Paul the Apostle School gathered together in church to recognize and thank the students who had been selected by their peers as those who consistently exemplify the Christian quality of **RESPECT**. When I was a little girl growing up, the word “respect” was something that my brother and I frequently heard at home. Our parents taught us to respect our elders, to show respect to our teachers, to respect nature, and to respect the law and anyone who served in the military. As a result, respect became an important part of my vocabulary—and also an important part of my character. Later in life, it was a quality that I strived very hard to instill in my own children.

While there are some general guiding principles as to what the word respect means, I've discovered over the years that people tend to interpret and display respect in different ways. Some relate it primarily to communication (how we speak to one another, what we choose to post on social media sites, etc.), some relate it to character (a person's reputation or his/her personality), and some people see respect as simply being polite and having good manners. In whatever way we choose to view it, I think we

can all agree that respect is not something that children begin to learn when they start school; learning how to be respectful begins at home.

During our special assembly, I shared with the students that respect is also an indication that we truly honor something or someone. As an example, I told them that respectful behavior means we are quiet when we come into church, a place that is a sacred site for prayer and worship. Treating someone with respect sends a message to them that we care about their feelings. The overriding lesson we want our students to embrace is that respect for ourselves will help to guide our morals and the choices we make; and respect for others will guide our manners. While we are always encouraged to be respectful to others, we understand that respect is also something that is earned. The students that we recognized have earned the respect of their classmates by always actively listening, by being polite, by not embarrassing anyone, by showing that they care, by living the Golden Rule, and by doing whatever they can, whenever they can, to make St. Paul the Apostle School a welcome, happy and safe community for everyone.

Because they consistently treat their classmates with kindness and compassion, because they always act in a way that shows they care about everyone's feelings and well-being, their names were given to the teachers as someone who deserved to receive the special GEM certificate and lapel pin. The faculty and I truly believe that respect is a gift that comes from within us, and we want to say THANK YOU to the following students who have made it their mission to share that gift with everyone they meet.

**Grade DK – Sienna Sung**

**Grade KA – Olivia Ackad**

**Grade KB – Maren Casella**

**Grade 1A – Elsie Hoogenkamp**

**Grade 1B – Kate George**

**Grade 2A – Diodorus Horn**

**Grade 2B – Layla Case**

**Grade 3A – Miller Gunderson**

**Grade 3B – Catherine Riebli**

**Grade 4A – Margot Ness**

**Grade 4B – Conor Merges**

**Grade 5A – Fiona Menton**

**Grade 5B – Milan Hunter**

**Grade 6A – Kellen Lennon**

**Grade 6B – Troy Goodgame**

**Grade 7A – Hannah Everard**

**Grade 7B – Kamran Jobrani**

**Grade 8A – Natalie Cadow**

**Grade 8B – Chloe Hofer**

Our deepest appreciation is extended to all of our parents who join us in partnership as we endeavor to instill the Christian values in our students that will help to make our communities a wonderful place for everyone. We are truly grateful!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

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## PLEASE NOTE: NO SCHOOL!

Please note that St. Paul the Apostle School will also be closed on Friday, February 21, and Friday, February 28. All of our faculty will be attending the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and will be participating in an Archdiocesan workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



## 8th GRADE PARENT MEETING!!

An important information meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, for the parents of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be participating in the trip to Washington, D.C. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the JCPC. It is imperative that at least one parent attend this meeting. We will be sharing the trip itinerary, distributing medical forms, discussing the behavior expectations, reviewing transportation and hotel information, outlining the packing list, and sharing the list for hotel room arrangements. Students are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting with their parents. We look forward to seeing you there!



## NEWS FROM OUR SPA LIBRARY!

The SPA Library Council will be holding a used book sale to benefit St. Joseph Center, and is seeking donations of **high interest and high quality books**. Please bring your donated books in boxes or bags to the Media Center. Books for all ages—pre-school to adult—are welcome (we will have a special “parent” table), but please limit donations to current titles. Additional details about the sale will be shared soon.

All students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in a Book Mark Competition. The competition theme is to draw your favorite character from a book you have read. Entry forms are available in the library and are due no later than Thursday, February

27<sup>th</sup>. Winners will receive a Free Dress pass and their bookmark will be reproduced for all SPA students to use and enjoy.

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## PWC NEWS CORNER!

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### VOLUNTEER



### SPA OUTREACH

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Did you know that every six weeks, volunteers from the St. Paul's community distribute food, clothing, and toiletries to those in need at St. Robert's Center in nearby Venice? The next St. Paul's service date is Saturday, March 14th! Older students may attend with a parent. If you're interested in learning more, please send an email to the PWC Outreach Co-chairs, [Lisa Tyler](#) and [Allison Woods](#). Thank you in advance for your support.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM



### SPA UNIFORM EXCHANGE / LOST & FOUND

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The PWC will be holding a Uniform and Ski item exchange, as well as a Lost & Found opportunity on Friday, March 6, in the JCPC (please note that it has moved from the MPR). For gently used Uniform and Ski items, please hold onto your donations until we establish a drop-off area closer to the date of the event. For the Lost & Found, any items with your child's name will be returned to the homerooms. Any items without a name will be available for anyone to claim in the Lost & Found set-up area. Thank you!



### SPA'S SOCIAL MEDIA

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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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