



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday! It is my hope that you have been able to safely enjoy this much-needed 3-day weekend with your family. I would also like to extend a sincere “thank you” to the parents who took some time to speak with their children after reading last week’s newsletter that emphasized the importance of Christian character. It is comforting to know that we are all working for the same thing—the spiritual formation and academic success of our students. Throughout these past weeks there have been several meetings with teachers, parents, and students that focused on the lessons we attempt to teach on a daily basis at St. Paul the Apostle School. Some of those lessons include:

- **How to be civilized** – We do this by teaching our students the meaning of empathy and compassion. This is simply learning how to behave toward one another, and treating one another with decency.
- **How to have good character** – This cannot happen if our students don’t have a conscience. Children are born without a conscience, but it slowly develops as they grow older. Their conscience will help govern their behavior.
- **Life is not fair!** – It never has been, and probably never will be. But we teach our students to deal with it the best that they can, and to thank God for any small favors that they receive.
- **Bullying behavior is not acceptable!** – Students who are unkind, malicious, and intolerant are not succeeding as members of our school community and will eventually be asked to leave. This type of behavior is morally wrong and inappropriate, and it fails to benefit the bully or anyone else.
- **Put-downs hurt as much as physical violence.** – The teachers consistently make a concerted effort of setting guidelines as to how students should speak to one another, and about one another. At times, students can ridicule one another

about their looks, how they talk, or what they have or don't have in regards to material items. The ridiculing hurts more when it's something that can't be changed (like skin color or an accent).

Teaching our students these lessons from DK through 8th grade is definitely a long journey, but together we can do it! Please keep in mind that it is quite possible the child we see here at school may not be the same child you see at home. Children have been known to behave differently when mom and dad are around. As we continue to focus on student behavior here at St. Paul's, I also hope that our students will use some of their quiet time to think about the importance of adhering to the school rules and making good choices...even when no one is watching.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASKING FOR PRAYERS!



We respectfully request your prayers for Ms. Veronica Gonzalez, one of our DK teaching assistants. Miss Veronica is currently in the hospital awaiting surgery. She was walking her dog last Saturday and was hit by a car. The accident resulted in her having a fractured leg that will require surgery. She seems to be in good spirits, but is understandably a little shaken up. We are truly saddened by this news, but grateful that she is getting the care that she needs. She is an essential part of our DK program, and the students love her. We will continue to keep you informed with any updates that we receive. If any families or students would like to send her uplifting "get well" messages, feel free to leave them at the front office. We will make sure that they are delivered to her. Thank you, in advance, for your prayers and support!

SPA SCHOOL BOARD SUBMISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The SPA School Board is now accepting submissions to be considered for membership. The School Board is a different entity than the PWC Board or the Sister Stella Foundation Board. They are an advisory board who work closely with the principal and school leadership to consult on issues such as strategic planning, policy development, financing, capital improvements, technology, PR and marketing, community outreach, and the overall well-being of the school and its stakeholders.



The Board meets monthly (after school) during the school year, September through June. Members also lead and serve on subcommittees which are formed to study and make recommendations on various school-related issues throughout the year. The members are selected for a term of three years, and may be re-elected for a second term of three years.

Anyone who is an active member of the St. Paul the Apostle School and/or Parish is eligible. To be considered, please submit a resume and cover letter to: **Devon Farley** at devon_kaiser@hotmail.com. Submissions must be received no later than March 25, 2022, to be considered for the next school year.

SPA UNIFORM/SKI CLOTHING EXCHANGE!

It often seems that our children grow bigger almost overnight. It would not come as a surprise to find that the uniforms you purchased at the beginning of the school year no longer fit. Before purchasing new uniform items, you might want to consider stopping by the SPA Uniform Exchange that is being held on Friday, February 25, in the parish Multi-Purpose Room. You might be lucky enough to find some uniform items that will get you through the remainder of this school year.



Along with the uniform items that you will be able to take home, there will also be ski apparel in kid sizes that will be up for grabs. Ski Weekend will be here before we know it (March 11-13). If you are making plans to be part of that fun adventure, and your children are in need of ski outfits, this will be another reason for you to stop by the Multi-Purpose Room. You just never know what pleasant surprises will await you.

To help make this event a success, we kindly ask that you please start searching your children's closets and drawers for any outgrown SPA school uniforms and ski clothing that can be donated! **You can drop-off any gently used items in the MPR during morning drop-off, or afternoon pick-up beginning this Wednesday, February 16, through Thursday, February 24th.** Thank you in advance for your generous clothing donations, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

TRAFFIC DUTY ORIENTATION



In the coming months, the PWC will kick off traffic duty for the younger grades. Since traffic duty is required for every family, they will be providing a parent-volunteer walkthrough of what to do, and also remind everyone of the traffic rules around campus. The orientation will be held on **Wednesday, February 23rd**. This will be a great orientation for new SPA families, and also a refresher for all of our veteran families. Let's all work together to keep our kids safe! If you would like to participate in this "training" session, please meet the PWC members in front of the school at 7:55 a.m. Thank you!

GENTLE REMINDER...

And speaking of traffic...this is just a gentle reminder that no one is to park in the "red zones" on either Selby Avenue or Ohio Avenue. Some of our neighbors have noticed this and have shared that they will be contacting parking enforcement officers.



SPA COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held **this Wednesday, February 23rd**. 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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U.C.L.A.S.A.F.E. COLLECTION CENTER



As we begin to rearrange closets, cabinets and desk space to make room for our new Christmas gifts, please know that UCLA could possibly accept some of the items you may be wanting to discard. Please note the lists and information below:

THEY ACCEPT: paint and solvents; used motor oil and filters, anti-freeze, and other automotive fluids; cleaning products; pool and garden chemicals; aerosol cans; all medicine; auto batteries; household (alkaline) batteries; fluorescent tubes and bulbs, thermostats, and other mercury-containing lamps.

THEY ALSO ACCEPT: computers, monitors, printers, network equipment, cables, telephones, televisions, microwaves, video games, cell phones, radios, stereos, VCRs, and electronic toys. ***Residents are limited to a total of six pieces of electronic waste per visit to a SAFE Center and items will be accepted on Saturdays only.**

THEY DO NOT ACCEPT: business waste, ammunition, explosives, radioactive material, biological waste or tires. *Bulky Items:* furniture, refrigerators, washing machines/dryers, conventional ovens, paper, or computer software

The Center is located at **550 Charles E. Young Dr. West, Los Angeles, 90095. Their hours of operation are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday* from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Follow the drop-off signs. *** They will accept electronic waste on Saturdays only. For more Information, please call 1-800-98-TOXIC (1-800-988-6942).

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