



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to campus! I hope this newsletter finds our students healthy, in good spirit, and happy to be back at school with their classmates and teachers. As always, we will continue to do everything we can to keep our campus open.

Please remember that all students who are returning to campus today MUST have a **NEGATIVE PCR test result that has been shared with Nurse Anderson.** If the PCR test was administered on campus last Friday, Nurse Anderson will automatically receive a copy of the results. If your children were tested at another facility, please provide a copy of the results to Nurse Anderson. **There can be no exceptions to this policy if we want to keep our school community Covid-free.** We also respectfully ask that you review (once again) the guidelines listed below from the L.A. County Dept. of Health regarding the wearing of masks on campus. All of our faculty and staff members have been given N95 masks as required. Please make sure that the masks your children wear to school adhere to the recommended guidelines.

L.A. County Dept. of Health Guidelines

- Within two weeks of school re-opening, require masks outdoors in crowded spaces where physical distancing is not feasible except when actively eating or drinking.
- Within two weeks of school re-opening, provide and require all staff to wear upgraded (surgical/respirator) masks.
- Recommend that all students wear a well-fitting, non-cloth mask of multiple layers of non-woven material with a nose wire.

During our faculty meeting last Friday, we also discussed the elimination of the plexiglass in the classrooms. I think that everyone—both teachers and students—has been suffering from “plexiglass exhaustion” this school year. Our original plan when the school year began was to remove all of the plexiglass from the classrooms by mid-January. The intent right now is to move forward with that plan so that everyone can feel as if they have a little more space in the classrooms to move around. We will coordinate the timing of this task with our SPA Facilities Crew to ensure the safe removal of the plexiglass when the students are not in the classrooms. It may not all happen in one day, but it will happen.

As the school year progresses, we may not always be able to experience all of the activities in the same manner that we have in the past, but rest assured we will do our best to make things possible. Our focus right now is on **Catholic Schools Week**, an annual celebration that schools have always enjoyed during the last week of January. Two years ago our kick-off celebration included an inspirational Mass, a delicious pancake breakfast courtesy of the SPA Father’s Club, and an enjoyable Open House for many visitors that included SPA families, SPA parishioners, and potential new families. We will continue to discuss all of the possibilities for this year, and will do our best to ensure the week is enjoyed by our students.

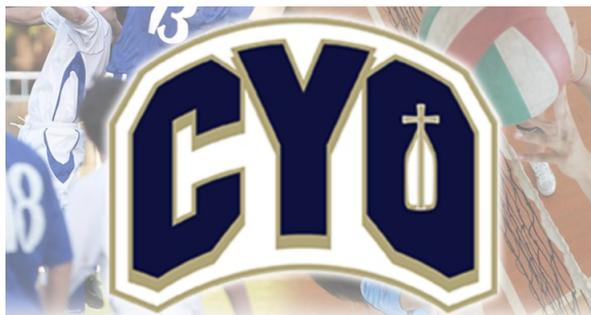
Thank you (once again) for your cooperation, patience, understanding, encouragement, and appreciation. Our community is blessed beyond measure—because of YOU!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM CYO SPORTS ADMINISTRATION!



This will provide you with an update on the CYO basketball season amid the ongoing spread of the Omicron virus. Cases are rapidly increasing across the county, state and county. The variant is highly contagious, the symptoms are generally mild or non-existent, and people of all ages are contracting it. It is known that the variant has a life of two-three weeks and then it decreases significantly.

Based on this and out of an abundance of caution, CYO will postpone all basketball games until Monday, January 24, for girls and Monday, January 31, for boys, A level only. B/C games shall remain paused and will be addressed down the road.

It is CYO's intent to offer a viable basketball season with playoffs. We have a plan in place that is adaptable as necessary. All other CYO events will be considered individually as we move through the next few weeks and will be subject to time and availability. This decision comes after thorough consideration along with discussion among our Board, AD's, Staff, ADLA/DCS and medical personnel.

To avoid any confusion, the basketball schedules will be taken down from the website. Once we realign all the games, you will be notified that they are back up and can be adjusted as necessary. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

SPA TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE!



As our students return to campus this week we respectfully ask that everyone take a few minutes to read the gentle reminders regarding "traffic safety" for our school community.

For Traffic/Safety Volunteers:

- Remember to show up or get a replacement if you cannot be present for your scheduled time. (Contact your fellow grade-level parents or your Room Parent).
- Wear a mask.
- While volunteering, your children should go up to the playground.
- Please don't bring your morning beverage (i.e. coffee, tea, etc.).

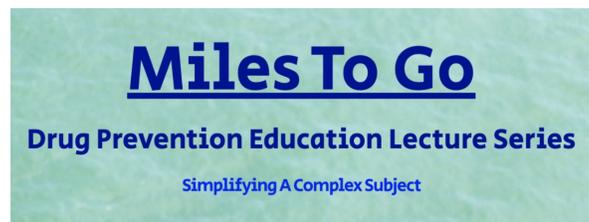
For Parents Dropping-off:

- Please be courteous and kind to other drivers, the parent volunteers, and our security personnel.
- Please make sure your children's belongings are nearby so they can grab them easily.
- No parking in the red zones (either at drop-off or pick-up).
- Jay-walking is not permitted.
- Do not exit your car to help your children out, regardless of how late you are. The volunteer needs to open the car door. This also includes unloading items from the trunk. If you need to do this, park in the neighborhood and walk in.
- Please stay in the traffic line until the car in front of you moves. This helps to keep our students safe.

Your patience and cooperation regarding these safety measures are very much

appreciated!

“MILES TO GO” DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM



“Miles to Go” is our annual drug awareness education program for our students in grades 5-8. Jonathan and Kelly have worked with our school and other local middle and high schools in our area. Here is their website for your information.

<https://www.milestogodruggeducation.net/>

The Miles to Go sessions will be held for students this week via zoom. All students should have their Chromebooks fully charged and bring headphones to allow for interaction with the presenter. We will post the link for students on their homeroom Schoology pages.

There will be **two parent sessions**, one for parents of students in grades 5-6, and another for parents of students grades 7-8. The parent session will be given by the presenter at each grade level. Please note the dates and times below.

Grade 5-6 parent session- Monday, January 10, at 9:00 a.m.

Grade 7-8 parent session- Friday, January 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom PARENT Meeting

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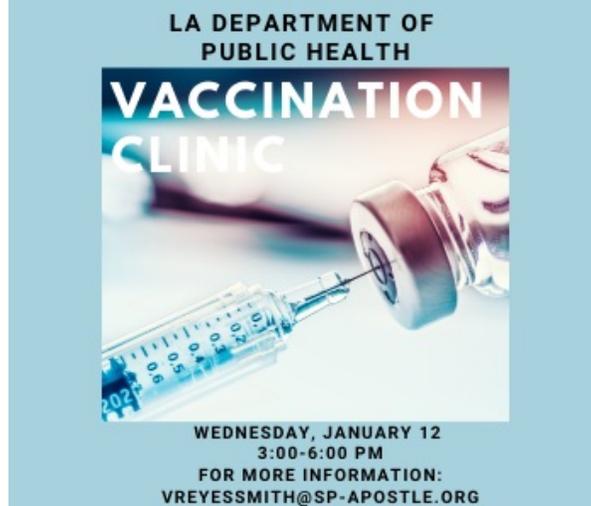
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Thank you for your support of this important educational program.

FREE VACCINATION CLINIC at SPA



St. Paul the Apostle Parish will once again be holding a free vaccination clinic in the Parish Center on Wednesday, January 12, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Vaccinations and boosters from all pharmaceutical companies will be available. Please use the link below to sign-up for an appointment.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054DAAAF2AA6F85-saint1>

2022 YEARBOOK ORDERS



It's time to order your 2021-2022 St. Paul the Apostle School yearbook! Don't miss out! It is a wonderful way to remember the school year! You can just click [HERE](#) to order.

\$45- if ordered between December 18th – January 18th

\$55- if paid for in June during yearbook distribution, but there is no guarantee there will be any yearbooks left.

SPA COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held **this Wednesday, January 12th**. 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](#)

(This document is now Form Fillable)

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).

[Click here for more Information](#)