



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning Sunday, January 26, St. Paul the Apostle School will join thousands of Catholic schools in celebrating **Catholic Schools Week!** National Catholic Schools Week has celebrated Catholic education in the U.S. since 1974. The current theme, "**Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**", encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching our students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed. They are what makes St. Paul the Apostle School so special.

Each day, Catholic school teachers challenge over a million students to engage in innovative learning, to problem-solve, to work in teams, and to stretch their thinking. Our teachers show students how to live a faith that is infused throughout their day, and help students create an environment that demonstrates concern for others and for God's creation. Our SPA faculty and staff members are instrumental in creating safe environments that honor and promote our students and their learning.

The benefits of a Catholic education have been studied and well-documented. Results show that students who attend Catholic elementary and high schools receive a challenging, high-quality academic experience in a supportive setting, with an emphasis on Catholic values and college preparation. The self-discipline developed by students, along with learning to accept responsibility and to respect others, work together to create excellent life-long learners. As we face the future with growing energy and enthusiasm,

please know that the faculty and I are eternally grateful for all that you do—both great and small—which is a true testament to your belief in, and commitment to, Catholic education and St. Paul the Apostle School.

We will begin our special CSW celebration on Sunday, January 26, by coming together at the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. All current school families, parishioners, and prospective school families are invited to join us for this special liturgy. The SPA Father's Club will be hosting a delicious **Pancake Breakfast** immediately following the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses. Parent volunteers (especially dads) will be needed to help set-up, flip pancakes, serve, and clean-up. Let's make this a great kick-off event for Catholic Schools Week!

Additionally, everyone is cordially invited to attend our **SPA School Open House** which will begin immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please feel free to bring your relatives, friends, neighbors, and any prospective school families. Our students are eagerly anticipating having you visit their classrooms to see examples of some of the wonderful work they have done. Refreshments will be served, and guided tours of the campus conducted by our Student Council members will be available upon request.

And once again, to help facilitate this annual celebration, the faculty and students will gather together every morning during CSW for prayer and announcements. Our Student Council members will also be "**Spinning the Wheel**" to determine the event/activity we will be participating in each day. If last year was any indication, we anticipate that our students will once again enjoy this "game of chance." As always, parents are most welcome to join us each morning for prayer and the wheel-spinning results!

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and Paulist Fathers, I thank you for all that you do, and for the many ways you have helped us to grow and succeed throughout the years. We are extremely blessed!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky  
Principal

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13	JAN 2020, MON	● 08:00 – 10:00	7th & 8th Grade Parents Intro - Miles to Go Drug Prevention Education - JCPC
		● 08:00 – 10:00	PWC Meeting - MPR
		● 10:00 – 14:45	7th and 8th Grade - Miles to Go - JACC
		● 16:00 – 17:00	Sports - Basketball Games - GYM
		● 18:30 – 19:30	2nd Grade Sacrament Mtg - JCPC
14	JAN 2020, TUE	● 07:50 – 14:35	7th and 8th Grade - Miles to Go - JACC
15	JAN 2020, WED	● 15:45 – 16:45	Sports - Basketball Game - GYM
		● 16:30 – 18:00	School Board Meeting - JACC
		● 18:30 – 20:30	3rd Grade Prayer Service/Dinner - CH/JCPC
16	JAN 2020, THU	● 08:00 – 10:00	5th and 6th Grade Parents Intro - Miles to Go - JCPC
		● 10:00 – 14:45	5th & 6th Grade - Miles to Go - Media Center
		● 15:30 – 17:30	Sports - Basketball Games - GYM
17	JAN 2020, FRI	● 07:30 – 13:00	5th and 6th grade - Miles to Go - Media Center
		● 15:15 – 19:15	Sports - Basketball Games - GYM
18	JAN 2020, SAT	● 09:00 – 15:30	Sports - Basketball Games - GYM
19	JAN 2020, SUN	● 13:00 – 16:00	Sports - Basketball Games - GYM
20	JAN 2020, MON	● All day	NO School - Martin Luther King Day
21	JAN 2020, TUE	● 15:30 – 16:30	Sports - Basketball Games - GYM
22	JAN 2020, WED	● 15:45 – 16:45	Sports - Basketball Games - GYM



## **PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE!**

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Parent information meetings for “Miles to Go” (our school’s drug education program for grades 5 through 8) are scheduled for Monday, January 13, at 8:00 a.m., and Thursday, January 16, at 8:00 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the JCPC. Parents from any grade level are welcome to attend either presentation.

The presentation includes vital up-to-date information on good health and body model, caffeine, tobacco, vaping, alcohol, and marijuana. Information will also be shared regarding how and what material will be presented to students at each level. Please speak to Nurse Anderson should you have any concerns or need more clarification regarding the topics.



## **HECKER AWARD CELEBRATION**

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The Paulist Fathers, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community, and the PWC cordially invite all parents to join us as we honor our beloved school nurse, Ms. Van Anderson! “Nurse A” will be celebrated for her 37 years of service to our school community, and presented with the Isaac Hecker Service Award at a Cocktail Reception on Saturday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the SPA School gymnasium. Please note that this event is for ADULTS ONLY. Invitations will be sent to all of our school families soon! We ask

that you RSVP as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate guest count for the evening. We hope to see you there!



## LET'S GO SAINTS!

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Everyone is invited to come out and cheer on our SPA Girls' varsity soccer and basketball teams! All of the soccer games are away as noted below. All of the basketball games are held here at SPA unless otherwise noted in the schedule. Please contact Coach Keith Mortimer or Coach Anthony Palmieri if you have any questions. **Go, Saints!**

### ***PBL Varsity Girls' Soccer Schedule:***

Monday, 1/13	3:30 p.m.	SPA vs. St. Matthew (away)
Wednesday, 1/22	2:30 p.m.	SPA vs. Archer (away)
Wednesday, 1/29	3:45 p.m.	SPA vs. Crossroads (away)

### ***PBL Varsity Girls' Basketball Schedule:***

Monday, 1/13	4:00 p.m.	SPA vs. St. Monica
Thursday 1/16	3:45 p.m.	SPA vs. Crossroads (away)
Tuesday 1/21	3:30 p.m.	SPA vs. Geffen
Wednesday 1/22	3:45 p.m.	SPA vs. Notre Dame
Thursday 1/23	4:00 p.m.	SPA vs. Wildwood
Tuesday 1/28	3:30 p.m.	SPA vs. Calvary
Tuesday 1/28	5:00 p.m.	SPA vs. Corpus Christi
Tuesday 2/11	4:00 p.m.	SPA vs. St. Monica (away)



## NO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY!

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Please note that school will not be in session next Monday, January 20, in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday morning when we gather as a faith community for prayers and announcements.



## FINGERPRINTING at SPA

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All parents who volunteer to assist us with SPA student activities (i.e. coaching, chaperoning field trips, helping in the classrooms/library, yard duty, etc.) MUST first be fingerprinted as part of the Safe Environment directives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We will have another opportunity for you to schedule an appointment here at SPA. The session will be held on Tuesday, January 21, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. To reserve an appointment time please call Cheryl Crump at 310-474-1588, or email: [ccrump@sp-apostle.org](mailto:ccrump@sp-apostle.org). Please remember to bring a valid photo ID with you.

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## PWC NEWS CORNER!

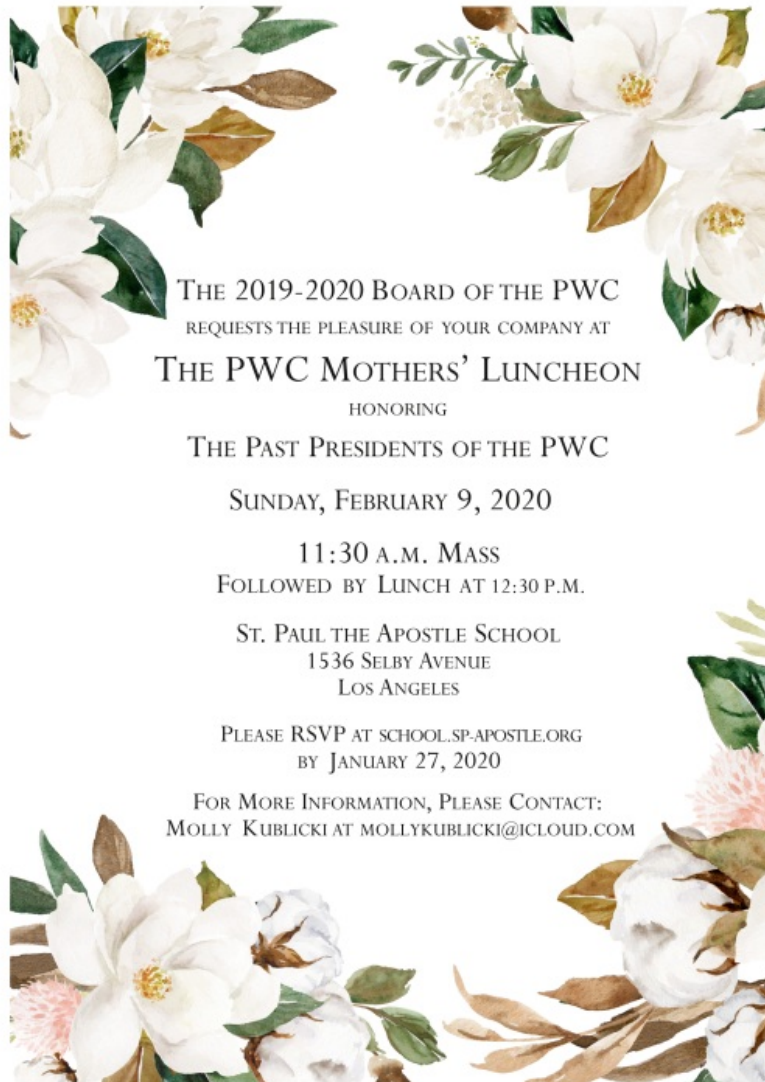
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### PWC MOTHERS' LUNCHEON

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The PWC Mothers' Luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 9, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Our speaker this year will be Dr. Judy Ho, award-winning clinical psychologist, TV personality, and author of the book "Stop Self-Sabotage". ALL SPA mothers, current and alumni, are invited to celebrate the unwavering dedication and service that each of you provide to the SPA community. Come and reserve a table with friends and spend the afternoon with amazing company! We will have wonderful raffle baskets available courtesy of the PWC. Please view the attached invitation and RSVP by January 27, 2020.



CLICK ON THIS LINK TO REGISTER:

<https://www.prestoregister.com/cgi-bin/order.pl?ref=spapwc44&fm=35>



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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As we continue to move forward into 2020, please note the following on your calendars and make plans to join in on the various community gatherings and celebrations.

January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center - Initial meeting for

Small Prayer Groups

January 26th - Father's Club Pancake Breakfast

February 8th - Isaac Hecker Celebration

Please go to the PWC website for more details on these events and other activities that we have planned.



## **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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