



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Co-Valedictorian – Natalie Cadow
Co-Valedictorian – Olin Duncan

Today, June 1, is the day that the SPA Class of 2020 would have received their diplomas during a very special graduation liturgy in our church. They would have experienced this wonderful celebration surrounded by their family, friends, teachers, and classmates. They would have processed into the church together, listened to a very inspirational message from Fr. Gil, received their much-deserved diplomas and award recognitions, and embraced one another with heartfelt hugs before leaving with their families to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Life, however, had other plans. And even though we had been inundated with many messages from the experts to stay six feet apart, our SPA community was called to somehow pull even closer together to honor our graduates. We often hear that “it takes a village” to make things happen, and we were definitely blessed by so many wonderful people in our “village.” Weeks of strategic planning, hard work, determination, creativity, generosity, and dedication by many staff members and volunteers resulted in a memorable “graduation” for the Class of 2020. This past Saturday, we were able to come together in a different way to

acknowledge, celebrate, recognize, and commemorate the growth and accomplishments of our 8th grade students. We look forward to enjoying the final “production” of everyone’s efforts on June 20, at 6:00 p.m.

As we bid our graduates a fond farewell, we wish them all the best as they begin their journeys into high school and beyond. We are grateful for the many and varied contributions they have made to our school community—for sharing their lives with us; for their enthusiasm and love of learning; for reminding us how to view things through youthful eyes; for making us laugh; and for consistently renewing our faith and hope for the future. Watching our students go out into the world and influence their surroundings will be one of the greatest pleasures that we can have as parents and educators. As the great literary genius Dr. Seuss stated, “*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.*” May every experience they have in life help them to strengthen, sustain, and live their Christian faith.

We pray that our graduates may find serenity in a world they may not always understand; that they may discover enough goodness in others to believe in a world of peace; that they will see their future as one filled with promise and possibility; that they will choose positivity and strength when life tests their hope; and that the love and light of Christ will shine through them always!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal



RETURNING SCHOOL PROPERTY!

An email was sent out to all of our families last week outlining the procedures that will be put in place for returning school property. Our school campus will be open on June 11th and June 12th so that students can return all of their academic textbooks, library books, technology equipment, athletic uniforms, etc. Students will also have the opportunity to pick up any personal items that may have been left behind when we began distance learning in March. If you have overlooked this information, please check your email’s inbox or spam folder again so that you can sign-up for a drop-off time. We also ask that everyone coming on to campus adhere to social distancing guidelines, and that you all wear a mask. Thank you for your cooperation regarding these important matters.



THE GIVING SPIRIT!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU EVERYONE! What an amazing outpouring of empathy, love and support from the St. Paul’s Community! Within a week we were able to collect hundreds of cards for “The Giving Spirit” through the yellow drop-off bin in front of the Parish office.

Due to the overwhelming response from our SPA community, and the existing need for some additional cards, **we would like to extend our request for cards to be made and dropped off in the very same manner through the end of the day on Thursday, June 4th.** There is no doubt that our homeless neighbors will be uplifted and encouraged by the creativity and sensitivity of your notes.

Thank you again on behalf of “The Giving Spirit.”

PWC NEWS CORNER!



NEW SPA UNIFORM VENDOR

Back in January, a committee was formed to address the needs and issues surrounding our school uniforms and policies. This group consisted of St. Paul parents who have worked extensively in the area of uniforms and specialty items such as: spirit wear, sports team wear, and festival wear. The team reviewed our current vendor along with three other uniform companies as they addressed issues of quality, fit, style, fabric options, ease of purchase, return policy, and promotional offers. After careful consideration, the committee recommended, and the administration approved, **Lands' End School Uniform** as our new school and PE uniform vendor.

We understand that during this time of global crisis, you may not be in the market for new uniforms. Therefore, for the next year we have grandfathered in all school uniform items from our former vendor (Michael's Uniforms), with the exception of PE items. When you are ready for new pieces, whether shirts, shorts, sweatshirts or pants, you can rest assured that you will be getting great quality at a great price. If your student chooses to wear a PE outfit on PE Days only, then we ask that you purchase the new PE/Athletic wear specified on the website. As always, students may wear their regular uniforms on PE days.

Lands' End has been in the uniform business since 1997, and they currently provide uniforms to more than 6,000 schools worldwide – outfitting more than 1.5 million students. We like the fact that they offer:

- **Award-winning customer service:** Lands' End consultants are available by phone for questions or ordering 24/7 at 1-800-469-2222.
- **Custom online ordering:** You can link to the St. Paul the Apostle custom web experience from our school website (school.sp-apostle.org under Vendors and Resources tab). Once there, you can create a profile, and the shopping experience is tailored to the criteria you have entered (i.e. grade range and gender).

- **Promotional offers throughout the year:** Please visit landsend.com and sign up to receive news and promotions sent directly to your e-mail address.
- **Quality products – guaranteed:** Lands’ End uniforms are guaranteed. Period. Washed, worn, embroidered – if you’re not satisfied, neither is Lands’ End. Love it or send it back!
- **Special SPA School Number -** When placing orders, please use the St. Paul the Apostle Preferred School number to ensure that our school receives the School Rewards contribution from your purchase. **(#900190414)**

We have added more options to the uniform, particularly in the category of fabric options for shirts and shorts. You will also find a host of approved optional items such as sun safety hats, outerwear, backpacks, ties, and button down dress shirts. If you would like to review the full SPA Collection you can access it on our PWC website under the Vendors and Resources tab: <https://school.sp-apostle.org/download/lands-end-uniform-template>.

On a final note, the committee approved some key uniform policy changes that will be outlined in the SPA Parent Handbook. Please review it carefully before we begin school in the fall. These changes will also be detailed on the school website.

We are confident that the change to Lands’ End School Uniform will be a positive one. If you have any questions, please see the website for details and an upcoming FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) regarding the new uniforms.



SPA'S SOCIAL MEDIA

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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