



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy summer! As the administration and faculty engage in a multitude of important tasks that will bring this school year to conclusion, I would once again like to acknowledge our incredible SPA community for all of the support and encouragement we have received from you. We were able to finish the school year as strong as possible, and will now begin to focus on educating ourselves as to how we will reopen our school in the fall. Moving forward, we recognize that there are many unknowns to consider – the frequently updated CDC guidelines and information from health officials, COVID-19 reoccurrence possibilities, a vaccine potential, and the much anticipated directives that will be forthcoming from the ADLA Administration. We will continue to be vigilant in all of our research and outreach to gather pertinent information as we facilitate and update our plans.

As mentioned in a previous email, St. Paul the Apostle has put together a “**Start Smart**” **Committee** (previously referred to as a *Pandemic Task Force*) of school administrators, faculty and staff, School Board members, and several experts in health, safety, building/space, sanitation, and the overall well-being of our community. Again, our decisions will be based on whatever reality we are facing in late August. With all of the unknowns that are presently challenging us, we do know that we are grappling with the same challenges most other schools and organizations are also attempting to work through. But we also have faith that we will eventually get to the other side.

As we move forward into the summer months, please be on the lookout for weekly email updates from Fr. Gil and me regarding the plans that are being put in place, the communication tools we will be using to keep you informed, and the progress we are

making to help ensure the safety of everyone in our faith community. On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Paul the Apostle School, I pray that these weeks of summer vacation will be blessed with good health for you and your family, and filled with hope as we carefully plan for the future of our school.

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal



RETURNING SCHOOL PROPERTY!

Thank you to all of the families who signed up for a time to return academic textbooks, library books, technology equipment, athletic uniforms, etc. last week. It was wonderful to see our students on campus once again, even if it was only for a short time while maintaining a physical distance. That truly was the high point of these past few months. If you were not able to sign up for a time to return school property, please contact the school office and arrange for a drop-off time of these items as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this important matter.



Survey

SPA PARENT SURVEY

As previously stated, at this time, we have not received a directive from the ADLA as to what the opening of school will look like in August. Thus, we are presently planning for both scenarios. To assist the faculty and staff in being better prepared for a distance learning scenario, we are asking our SPA parents to complete the survey that was sent to you last week and share your feedback with us. This information will be very helpful as we continue to prepare for whatever the next school year may bring. **The deadline for completing the survey is June 30th.** Thank you, in advance, for your time and participation.



SPA SUMMER SCHOOL!

St. Paul the Apostle School will be offering summer school classes for students at all grade levels. This year we are able to offer a wide selection of classes—everything from dance to sports, from graphic design to digital photography, and from Kinder Prep to the HSPT prep for 8th graders. There is something for every grade level and student interest. Even though some of the classes are now filled, there is still time to sign up for a wide variety of the sessions being offered. If you have questions regarding any of the classes, please contact [Mrs. Oliver](#).

NEW FESTIVAL WEAR is HERE!



Our “OHANA” festival wear is ready and waiting for you! These are the same super-soft, luxurious shirts and hoodies you loved from last year, only “beachier.” You can practically feel the sand between your toes! Donate a shirt for our lovely teachers! Don’t be left out! **Order NOW on spafestivalwear.com and to view the complete selection.** Online sales will close **Friday, June 26.** This may be your only chance to get festival wear for the summer and the beginning of the school year.



2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The “draft” of the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year has been completed and will be submitted to the ADLA administration for approval. Please note the following key dates and holidays as you begin to plan for family vacations, etc.

August 25, 2020 **Classes begin for all grade levels**
November 26-27, 2020 **Thanksgiving vacation**
December 21-January 1 **Christmas vacation**
April 2 – April 9, 2021 **Easter vacation**
June 11, 2021 **Final day of classes**

Once the calendar has been approved, it will be published on our school website so that you can access it at any time.

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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