



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to begin this week's newsletter with a special word of gratitude to all of the students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 8 who truly lifted our spirits and warmed our hearts with their wonderful Spring Sing performances last Thursday. Their renditions of several Beatles' tunes lit up the church and put LOTS of smiles on many faces. The student art show that was displayed in the JCPC added additional joy to the day! **THANK YOU to all of the students for your hard work in making this event possible for your parents and any SPA guests.** A special thank you is also extended to our student emcees, Leah Caballero and Cole Wiggins, our wonderful music teachers, Mr. Jim Casey and Mr. Ron Aggabao, and to Ms. Joanna Lewandowski, our very creative art teacher. **Well done, SAINTS, very well done!**

Before the show began, **Patty Musitano**, our PWC President, announced and welcomed the new PWC Officers for the 2022-2023 school year. A warm and affirmative welcome was extended to **Wanda Ahmadi**, our incoming President, **Erin Heimbold**, the 1st Vice-President, and **Allison Woods**, who will be completing her second term as the PWC Treasurer. And last but definitely not least, **Cindy Shih**, next year's Festival Chairperson, has already begun putting her committee together to bring us another successful and enjoyable event next year. Needless to say, our SPA community is going to be in very good hands next year!

And so we continue to move forward in this final trimester of the school year. Recently, it has been brought to my attention that that we have an increasing number of students who are arriving late for school on a regular basis. Tardiness is defined as any student arriving to school after 7:50 a.m. The number of tardies that have occurred this past

week average about 35 to 45 students per day. While that may be a bit surprising, it should not come as a surprise that prompt attendance is a major factor when it comes to student success and achievement. Punctuality is an important trait that parents can instill in their children. Not only will this be valuable during their elementary and secondary school years, it will also serve your children well in college and beyond when punctuality will become one of their primary responsibilities. The bottom line here is that learning the importance of getting to school (or anywhere) on time is a lifelong skill that will serve our students well into the future.

The administration and faculty of St. Paul the Apostle School have stressed many times the importance of regular and prompt attendance so that all of our students can receive the maximum benefits from daily sequential instruction. All of our teachers view their instructional time as a precious resource of the learning process. It is difficult to conduct a lesson when students consistently arrive late. This is not only a disruption of the learning that should be happening, it is also a distraction and disservice to all of the students who arrive at school on time.

Excusable tardies include medical appointments, student illness, or unexpected car problems. If there are extenuating circumstances in your family of which the teachers or administration are not aware, please reach out and inform your child's teacher or the administration. Continued failure to adequately address the problem of tardiness at this point could lead to a meeting with the administration, parents and teachers to discuss the situation. As always, thank you for your continued support of our educational endeavors.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORT CARDS/STAR REPORTS – TRIMESTER 2

Report cards and STAR assessments for the second trimester were sent home with the students last Thursday. If these items were not shared with you, please take a minute to search your child's backpack. If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child's academic progress or behavior grade, please contact the teacher to request a meeting. We ask that you sign and return the report card envelope to the homeroom teachers so that we know you did receive these important pieces of information.



SPA FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE



This past Friday the students received a flyer that detailed our fundraising plan to assist the people of Ukraine. Our goal is two-fold: to help our students understand and appreciate all the simple things we have and enjoy on a daily basis (and often take for granted), and to assist the Ukrainians as they struggle to obtain basic items like food, clothing, a bed to sleep in, and medical care. It is our hope that our students will reflect upon one square of information each day, and contribute what they can (usually 25 cents) so that we can help other families obtain those same basic things. Students will be asked to bring their donations to school on Monday, April 25, when we return from Easter vacation. All donations received will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this special and meaningful project.

UKRAINE FUNDRAISER FLYER

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.

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH



By now you are probably aware that Pope Francis has inaugurated an exciting opportunity for the worldwide Church. He wants to listen to us – all of us – to seek input on what it means to journey together. The Pope is intentionally reaching out to each of us at the parish and neighborhood level to hear about our experience of Church, including the experience of those who no longer participate. This process, called *Synodality*, refers to the path we walk together, wherever we are on our faith journey. Our pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community, Fr. Gil Martinez, CSP, reminds us that “it is an uncommon word referring to an uncommon process of listening to everyone.”

To respond to this invitation, Fr. Gil is working with our SPA Parish Council to develop multiple opportunities for us to engage and be heard. The input received will benefit not only the worldwide process but also guide how we minister to each other at St. Paul’s.

One of the most important opportunities currently in formation is a series of in-person listening sessions that will be offered at St. Paul’s during Lent. These gatherings will provide the faithful, the marginalized, the disaffiliated and all others with an opportunity to listen to and learn from one another, and to discern how God is calling us to journey together more closely as Church. Beginning with prayer, each gathering will offer opportunities for small-group discussion on specific themes. St. Paul’s will offer three listening sessions in the Parish Center on the following dates. Please go to the parish website to sign-up for a time to participate in this valuable process.

- **Saturday, March 26th** 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 2nd** from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

SPA COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held **this Wednesday, March 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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