



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to begin this week's newsletter with words of gratitude to our wonderful SPA community! Thank you so very much to our awesome PWC for the fabulous **SPA Mother's Luncheon** that they hosted yesterday in the school garden. This treasured event has been a long-running tradition at St. Paul the Apostle School, going back many years. Due to the pandemic, it had been put on hold for the past two years, but was joyfully reactivated this year! The garden was absolutely beautiful, the food was delicious, and the guest speaker and attendees were very much enjoyed. This definitely required a lot of planning and hard work, but the result was worth all of their efforts. Thank you all for a most enjoyable and memorable afternoon, and a special thanks to the Paulist Fathers for the heartwarming Mass that preceded the luncheon. We were blessed!

Next, we are so very proud of our faculty, students and SPA families for supporting **Kids Heart Challenge** and the **American Heart Association!** This past Friday, our students had fun celebrating our successful efforts during a Zoom assembly with the American Heart Association. This year, 231 students have joined our KHC team and taken the challenge to **Be Kind and Be Active**. Together, we set a new school record and have raised \$34,455 to help fight heart disease and stroke! Thank you to our students for helping to make a tremendous difference for others. **In gratitude for their generosity and kindness, ALL of our faculty, staff and students may have FREE DRESS this Thursday, March 31st.**

The two TOP CLASSES this year are 1A and 1B! Congratulations to all of the 1st grade students in Ms. Morgan's and Ms. Newton's class! In addition to the free dress

this Thursday, the 1st grade students will also celebrate with a night of NO HOMEWORK and a PIZZA LUNCH. The teachers will share the determined date of these special prizes with the 1st grade parents at some point this week.

Last year, St. Paul the Apostle School was the #1 Catholic Kids Heart Challenge School in the USA. **To date, we are only \$2,246 away from hitting our \$36,701 school goal and remaining the #1 Catholic Kids Heart Challenge School in the country! To help us reach this goal, we will give students until Tuesday (tomorrow) for final donations!**

- **Log In/Sign Up** at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/spa> or download the FREE Kids Heart Challenge App for [Apple](#) or [Android](#)
- **JUST SEND 10:** emails, ecards, texts, or post to social media with an adult to help spread awareness and raise donations
- **Complete FINN'S MISSION** in your headquarters to learn Hands Only CPR and how to spot a stroke F.A.S.T.
- **Double Your Donation:** Find out if your employer offers matching gifts at www.heart.org/matchinggifts

School Incentives:

- *Students who raise \$350+ will earn a BONUS XL Captain KHC Heart Hero!*
- *Students who complete Finn's Missions or raise \$500 will be invited to a Water Balloon Party with Coach Josh!*
- *When we reach our school goal of being the #1 Catholic School in the Nation, all of our students will have a night of No Homework AND an EXTRA Free Dress Day!*

Not only will our fundraising efforts help families with special hearts, but we will help AHA continue to feed over 8,000 families per week through their produce distribution centers around Los Angeles County. Thank you for supporting our school and the American Heart Association. Together we are saving lives...and that's a beautiful endeavor!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUEST

Your prayers are being requested for Jessica Dixon, one of our beloved SPA parents. Jessica was involved in a very serious car accident Sunday of last week while driving to pick her daughter up from a friend's house. This accident resulted in spinal injuries and hospitalization for Jessica. I have been told that her recovery will most likely be a slow and painful journey. Please keep Jessica and her family in prayer during this recovery period. We will reach out to Charles Dixon to inquire about Jessica's progress and anything we can do to support the family at this time. Thank you for your



prayers and support!

NO PARKING IN THE RED!



Once again, we respectfully request that our parents adhere to the traffic laws and safety guidelines that we shared with everyone earlier this year. We have recently begun to receive information regarding parents who are dropping their children off in the Mormon parking lot in the morning, and parents who are parking in the red during pick-up after school. Our agreement with our local neighbors is that only teachers and staff would be utilizing their parking lot for any reason. This is an agreement that we must abide by or we risk losing the privilege of using their lot and property.

Parking in the red zones is not only a traffic violation, it also endangers our parents and students who want to be able to safely cross the street. Cars that are parked in the pedestrian cross walks prohibit that from happening. With the safety of our community in mind, let's do all that we can to be mindful of the traffic policies, and respectful of our SPA parents, students, and the local neighbors.

SPA CHESS TOURNAMENT



The SPA Chess Club and Chess Master Ms. Ivona are hosting a Chess Tournament for SPA students on Friday, April 29, at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. All players are welcome, beginners through advanced. Trophies will be awarded to the top two students in each group. The registration fee includes lunch and a medal. We look forward to playing chess with you and crowning our student champions! To register, email Ms. Ivona at chess4successla@gmail.com.

SPA FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE



Our 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 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 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

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, 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 30th**. 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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