



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we continue to move forward in our Lenten journey, we also remain focused on the safety and well-being of our community. As additional information regarding the coronavirus becomes available, and many colleges are closing their campuses to on-site classes, a heightened alert is happening at numerous school sites, including St. Paul the Apostle. And while we do not want to go into “panic mode,” we definitely want to ensure that we are ready to handle whatever comes our way.

As a school serving more than 560 students, we have a serious obligation to ensure that we are preparing and planning for any emergency that could create a large-scale impact to all of our students, faculty, and staff members, as well as our campus operations. Realistically, this means exploring our options regarding **alternative instructional delivery methods**. At our faculty meeting last Friday, the administration and faculty discussed how we can best prepare ourselves for prolonged student absences and/or a school closure should we find ourselves in that type of situation. Our discussions focused on an escalation in our instructional protocols for how we, as a caring and creative community of educators, might best support our students’ well-being and academic progress when the conditions for teaching and learning aren’t ideal, or like anything we have ever experienced before.

While teaching and learning using online courses happens on a daily basis at the college and high school levels, we realize that this would definitely be an adjustment for many of our students. As we continue exploring and discussing several of the options available for “tele-schooling,” and making plans for what would be most beneficial for SPA students, we will keep you informed as to what resources we will use, and what

you would be asked to do at home to assist your children.

A special video message created by our very own Nurse Anderson will be sent to you soon. In the meantime, we respectfully ask that you keep your children home when they are sick, and talk to them about the importance of washing their hands several times a day. As a Catholic community, we often talk to our students about the virtue of sharing, but let them know that GERMS are something we DON'T ever want them to share. The other caution that was shared with us is that families who have house guests that are visiting from "high risk" countries (Italy, Korea or Iran) should not send their children to school during that initial 14-day period arrival period to help minimize any potential exposure to the virus.

Again, we realize we are preparing for a "worst case" scenario. But much like the many "safety drills" we often practice here at school for fires, earthquakes, and intruders, we want to always be well prepared, and at the same time, we hope it's something that we will never have to use. Thank you for your cooperation during this very stressful time. Your support is very much appreciated!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

8	MAR 2020, SUN	● All day	LA Marathon
10	MAR 2020, TUE	● 18:30 – 20:30	Kinder Prayer Service and Dinner - CH/JCPC
11	MAR 2020, WED	● All day ● 18:30 – 20:30	Library Council 's Book Nook - Media Center 1st Grade Prayer Service and Dinner - CH/JCPC
13	MAR 2020, FRI	● All day	NO School
14	MAR 2020, SAT	● All day	SPA Father's Club - LA Kings vs. Anaheim Ducks
18	MAR 2020, WED	● 16:30 – 18:00	School Board Meeting - JACC
19	MAR 2020, THU	● 18:30 – 19:30	1st Grade Sacrament Mtg (Parents and Child) - JCPC
20	MAR 2020, FRI	● 12:30 – 14:15 ● 19:00 – 20:00	3rd Grade Cyber Safety Talk - Media Center Sandwich Builders - JCPC (1st Grade)
23	MAR 2020, MON	● All day ● 18:30 – 19:30	8th Grade - Washington DC Trip 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep - JCPC
24	MAR 2020, TUE	● All day	8th Grade - Washington DC Trip
25	MAR 2020, WED	● All day	8th Grade - Washington DC Trip
26	MAR 2020, THU	● All day	8th Grade - Washington DC Trip
27	MAR 2020, FRI	● All day ● 12:30 – 14:15	8th Grade - Washington DC Trip 5th Grade Cyber Safety Talk - Media Center



NO SCHOOL

Please note that school will not be in session this Friday, March 13, so that our SPA families can have the opportunity to participate in the annual Ski Weekend! Have fun and stay safe! Classes will resume Monday morning.



SPA WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Our school website will undergo maintenance on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 6:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please note that the site will be inaccessible during this time. You will be able to resume sign-ups and information gathering once the maintenance is completed. Thank you in advance for your patience!



BOOKMARK COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following students who are the winners of the grades 5 – 8 Bookmark Competition! Copies of their outstanding and creative bookmarks will be made available in the SPA library for everyone to enjoy. Feel free to take one or two so

that you can mark those important pages in the books you enjoy reading.

MyLee Rhow – 5A
Clara Volmert-Underbrink – 6A
Matthew Sasso – 7B
Riley Peternel – 8B
Caolin Thomason – 8B



SPA LENTEN RETREAT

Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP, will be leading the parish in a Lenten Retreat for three consecutive evenings, March 16 – March 18, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The 3-night interactive Word Services are entitled “Who is Jesus?”, “Where is Jesus?”, and “Why Jesus?” Fr. Dave is the host of the Busted Halo Show, a call-in radio show that is heard five nights a week on the Catholic Channel (Ch. 129 on SiriusXM). Everyone is welcome to attend one, two, or all three evenings!



FAMILY LENTEN RESOURCES

Once again, we will be offering our school parents a weekly Lenten resource that you can use at home with your children. Claire Henning, a long-time SPA parishioner, has developed Parent Child Faith Sharing materials for Lent 2020. Simply click on this [LINK](#) to access her materials.



CYO BACKYARD BASH!

CYO will be holding its’ bi-annual fundraiser, the Backyard Bash, on April 4th in South Pasadena. This event is vital to CYO’s sustainability as they look to raise \$50,000 to cover rising costs of facilities and other expenses. CYO is entirely self-funded as they do not receive any financial support from the Archdiocese or Catholic Charities.

They are reaching out to personally request any assistance in spreading the word to our CYO parents to generate interest in attending and/or providing financial support. Understanding it may be a challenge for parents to personally attend, CYO would be most grateful if you consider making a donation as an alternative method of support. The online registration has a donation option to make it easy to contribute. Auction items are also welcome.

Secondly, they are asking you to also consider purchasing a table for your coaches/guest as a means of recognition and gratitude for their volunteering at the school. Backyard Bash is a perfect venue for them to interact with other coaches and enjoy a lovely evening in a beautiful setting. Tickets are just \$75 per person. Any assistance you can lend is greatly appreciated. Please contact James McGoldrick, CYO Director, at

www.cyola.org with any questions.

[CYO Backyard Bash Registration](#)



SPRING CHESS TOURNAMENT

It's time to register for the Spring Chess Tournament! The tournament will be held on Sunday, April 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the SPA Gym. Please be sure to register by Friday, April 24. All levels of chess lovers are welcome to participate! Individual trophies will be awarded to 2 winners in each group (all others will receive a medal). The more SPA students who play, the better chance we have to win back the team trophy! If you have any questions, please contact our Chess Coordinator, [Ivona Jezierska](#). Thank you!

[Registration Link](#)



NEWS FROM OUR SPA LIBRARY!

The SPA Library Council will be holding a used book sale to benefit St. Joseph Center, and is seeking donations of **high interest and high quality books**. Please bring your donated books in boxes or bags to the Media Center. Books for all ages—pre-school to adult—are welcome (we will have a special “parent” table), but please limit donations to current titles. Additional details about the sale will be shared soon.

PWC NEWS CORNER!



SPA OUTREACH

Did you know that every six weeks, volunteers from the St. Paul's community distribute food, clothing, and toiletries to those in need at St. Robert's Center in nearby Venice? The next St. Paul's service date is Saturday, March 14th! Older students may attend with a parent. If you're interested in learning more, please send an email to the PWC Outreach Co-chairs, [Lisa Tyler](#) and [Allison Woods](#). Thank you in advance for your support.



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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