



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

“We are born of love; love is our mother.”

A belated Happy Mother’s Day to all of our SPA moms, step-moms, grandmothers, and guardians! It is my hope that you were all treated with the utmost love and affection on your special day, and spoiled a little as well. You certainly deserve it...thank you for all that you do!

Last Friday during afternoon announcements, I gently suggested to the students that they should be the ones washing the dishes and doing the laundry so all of their moms could relax and fully enjoy Mother’s Day weekend. Needless to say, I received some push-back from your children regarding that idea. There are definitely times when our kids can be brutally honest. A colleague once shared the following answers that were given by elementary school age children to the questions they were asked about their mothers. I still laugh every time I read this.

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.

How did God make mothers?

1. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
2. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. Obviously because we're related.
2. God knew she liked me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
2. They say she used to be nice.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be the boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball.
2. My mom! You can tell by room inspection. She always sees the stuff under the bed.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just work at work.
2. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power because that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's house.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

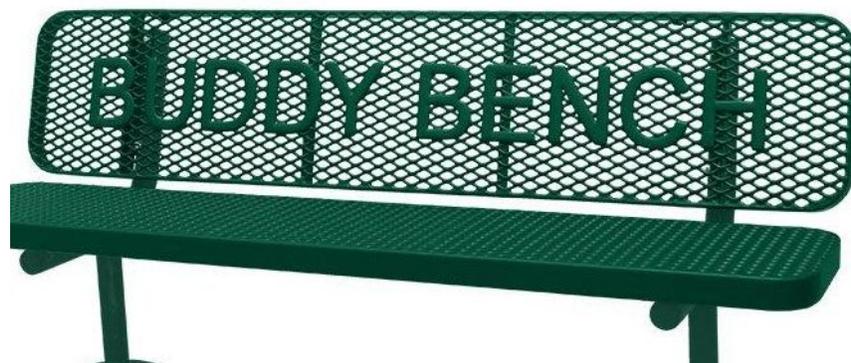
My heartfelt wish for everyone who has been gifted with the title of "mom" is that you are healthy, happy, loved, and abundantly blessed each and every single day!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPA BUDDY BENCH



The Sister Stella Foundation is delighted to present the students of SPA a "Buddy Bench" to be placed on the school yard and used as a tool for making friends. In addition to unveiling the Buddy Bench, kindness on our campus will be highlighted this week with a special art project-- kindness rocks-- and a student-led kindness campaign. While kindness is always emphasized at SPA, this week we will focus on how we can make our campus a better place with simple acts towards our classmates, our teachers, and our families. The week will culminate in a jog-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital where we will come together as a school and focus our

kind acts towards our larger community and the world. The following is a link that will share a little more information about our Buddy Bench.

Buddy Bench Video

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR



The next school year is already calling. Although the ringing of the opening bell of the 2022-2023 school year is still 3 ½ months away, the work of preparing well and planning conscientiously has begun! The following list contains the **key dates** that should assist you in making personal plans for your family.

August 23, 2022	School begins
September 5, 2022	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
October 17, 2022	Festival Clean-up – NO SCHOOL
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
December 19 – January 2	Christmas Vacation – NO SCHOOL
January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King, Jr. – NO SCHOOL
February 20, 2023	Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
February 24, 2023	Religious Education Congress – NO SCHOOL
March 3, 2023	Ski Weekend – NO SCHOOL
April 7 – April 14, 2023	Easter Vacation
May 19, 2023	Camp-Out Weekend – NO SCHOOL
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 9, 2023	Last day of school

8TH GRADE GRADUATION INFORMATION

Last Friday a special email containing pertinent information regarding graduation for the Class of 2022 was sent to all of the 8th grade families. If you did not receive this email, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can get this information to you. Thank you!



SPA CONDUCT REMINDERS



This is just a reminder that students may NOT bring or utilize airpods while they are on campus during school days. If these devices are found in their possession, they will be taken and held for parents to pick up from the school administration.

Also, please remind your students that they may not engage in selling or purchasing personal items with one another here at school. Activities like this must be conducted outside of school. Your support regarding both of these issues will be greatly appreciated.

SPA BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The St. Paul the Apostle Business Breakfast group will meet again on Tuesday, May 10, at 8:00 a.m. at John O'Groats. Come meet your fellow parishioners and school parents, and hear **Alex Corral** speak about his business. Alex owns the Joe Agency, a multicultural media and advertising agency that tells stories from a non-traditional lens. He represents brands like Ford, Chrysler, and the Dodgers, and is creating a Metaverse with multicultural focus.



The St. Paul the Apostle Business Breakfast is a community of St. Paul parishioners and school parents who share the joys, struggles, successes, failures and lessons of their business lives, and discern how we do, or can, live our Catholic faith through our professions.

Please sign up here. The first 20 breakfasts will be comped by our sponsor, All World Communications.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BAAA928AAF49-spabusiness3>

WE JOG FOR ST. JUDE'S!



Once again this year, we will be continuing our support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. On Friday, May 13, we will have a walk/jog event with each grade level participating to help support the life-saving work done by St. Jude's, and for the children and families who directly benefit. St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital is working toward the day when no child will die from cancer!

You have undoubtedly seen the requests for support on various media sources, as well as on products in your local stores. We at St. Paul's have a more direct connection to SJCRH. Two alums of our school, Ryan and Jake Kirschner, are the great-grandchildren of St. Jude founder, Danny Thomas. Now, along with their studies in college and Notre Dame High School respectively, Jake and Ryan continue to work to support the vital research and care for all of SJCRH patients and their families. The newest addition to SJCRH's efforts has involved moving over 700 Ukrainian children with cancer to safety in order to continue their treatment.

We are asking that you sponsor your child(ren)'s efforts in the walk/jog event in whatever donation amount works for your family.

The link for SPA donations is: <http://fundraising.stjude.org/stpaulgives>

1. On Friday, May 13, students may wear their favorite exercise-wear that is appropriate for school.
2. Students who decorate a t-shirt with a message like "I Jog for St. Jude's" will receive a Free-Dress Pass to use on a day of their choice.
3. We will have a DJ to motivate students while each class walks/jogs around a "track" in the gym for 20 minutes.
4. At the end of the day, students will be given an Otter Pop frozen treat to celebrate their efforts. This treat is not a reward because the reward is in being kind to others. It's just our way of saying "thank you."

As always, thank you for your never-ending and generous support of very worthy causes!

CYO TRACK & FIELD RESULTS



Congratulations to all of the Track Team members for their efforts and achievements in the CYO Track Meet this year! Their representation of St. Paul the Apostle School

made us all proud of both their athletic skills AND their Christian sportsmanship. If this was easy to do, everyone would be doing it. Their enthusiasm and dedication definitely contributed to their accomplishments. Keep up the good work, SAINTS!

Overall Team Results:

Girls Varsity received 4th Place overall with 28 total points.

Girls B tied for 4th Place overall with 31 total points.

Boys B received 1st Place overall with 53 total points

Team Results:

Girls A 4x400 team finished 2nd overall with a time of 4:54.

Girls A 4x100 team finished 5th overall with a time of 59.82 seconds.

Girls B 4x100 team finished 6th overall with a time of 1:02.45.

Girls B 4x400 team finished 2nd overall with a time of 5:06.63.

Boys B 4x100 team finished 1st overall with a time of 56.61 seconds.

Girls Individual Results:

Chloe Stapleton finished 6th overall in the 1600 meters with 6:58.

Leah Caballero finished 7th overall in Shot Put with a throw of 24-05 ft.

Zara Giannini finished 8th overall in Shot Putt with a throw of 23.10 ft.

Alianna Hong finished 3rd overall in Javelin with a throw of 93-03 ft.

Zara Giannini finished 5th overall in Javelin with a throw of 70-05 ft.

Elle Stromsborg finished 3rd overall in the 200 meters with a time of 29.76.

Elle Stromsborg finished 2nd overall in the 400 meters with a time of 1:06.53.

Boys Individual Results:

Albert Sanford finished 2nd overall in Shot Putt with a throw of 34-09 ft.

William Slapnicka finished 1st overall in Javelin with a throw of 109-04 ft.

Ashton Bates finished 2nd overall in the 100 meter with a time of 13.87 seconds.

Leo Manubens finished 5th overall in the 200 meters with a time of 30.23 seconds.

Dean Callahan finished 3rd overall in the 400 meters with a time of 1:08.26.

Cooper Kun finished 4th overall in the 800 meters with a time of 2:45.90.

Cooper Kun finished 7th overall in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:28.33.

NEW: SPA BADGE POLICY

Just a reminder that last week we began the implementation of our SPA Badge Safety Program. Parents who submitted the requested photos had their ID badges made and sent home with the students. If you have not yet submitted the requested photos, please do so as soon as possible. Anyone who must enter the campus without a badge in hand will have to receive a "Visitor Pass". This policy applies to grandparents, babysitters, and anyone else who will be picking your children up from school on a regular basis. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this additional safety procedure for our school campus.



GET VACCINATED!

Once again, St. Paul the Apostle Parish will



be hosting a Vaccine Clinic on **Monday, May 16**, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The first and second vaccine doses will be available from the L.A. County Dept. of Public Health, as well as Booster shots. Everyone is eligible; there is no need to show an I.D. Please note that consent forms are required for minors. Free flu vaccines will also be available. Please refer to Fr. Gil's weekly email communication dated April 21st to reserve a time.

SPA CARPOOL SURVEY!



Who wouldn't love a day or two or three off from driving to and from school every week? And particularly now, who wouldn't want to save money on gas and time sitting in LA traffic? If these questions have your attention, we've got a solution for you. Saint Paul's is launching a carpool portal to connect fellow SPA families that live near each other and want to carpool. Carpooling is not only easy on you, the environment, and your fellow Angelenos, it's also great for your kids. Carpooling is a wonderful way for kids to make new friends, learn to compromise, be flexible, and share. If you are interested, please complete the linked google form and we will sort the demographic information and send you a list of families in your area that want to try carpooling: [SPA Carpool Survey](#). By the end of the year, we hope to have a carpool portal up so families can use it at any time. Thank you for your interest!

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