



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday morning as we begin our annual Parent-Teacher Conference week at St. Paul the Apostle School! The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and having you share your insights or any concerns you might have regarding your child's academic, social, or personal progress at SPA. The following ideas might be helpful to you as you prepare to meet with your child's teachers:

Focus on talking about your child

The conferences are scheduled for 20 minutes. Try not to use this time to ask questions about basic school policies. That kind of information can usually be found in our school's handbook, on our website, or by calling the office. This is your chance to get detailed feedback on your child, so grab it while you can. If you have a specific question or issue that doesn't come up, don't hesitate to ask. You know your child better than anyone, so please take the initiative.

Establish a rapport with the teacher

The first parent-teacher conference is also a chance for you to get to know the teacher. If you're both on the same page from the start, your child will get more out of the year in the teacher's classroom. This is also a great time to give the teacher feedback from the "home perspective"—how long it takes your child for homework completion, how informative and helpful the teacher's blog is to you as parents, what you are able to do to assist with special class activities this year, etc. If you can make a connection early in the year, it will be easier to talk to the teacher in the future about any questions or concerns.

Be ready to listen

Every parent wants to hear how wonderful his or her child is — and the teacher will tell you about your child's special skills and achievements. But one of the main functions of these conferences is to also point out areas where your child has room to develop. The teacher may even suggest testing, special tutoring, or some needed change in your child's behavior. The point of this meeting is to get an assessment of how your child is doing in school and to look for ways you can help him do even better.

Size up the social scene

How well your child fits in socially can affect how well she learns. Ask the teacher how she gets along with the other students. Does the teacher have any concerns about your child's ability to get along with others and participate in class?

Give the teacher relevant information

Let the teacher know of any changes at home. A new baby, a divorce, or the loss of a loved one in the family can all affect the way your child behaves in the classroom.

Leave with an action plan

Before leaving determine the best methods for following up with the teacher. You may think of other questions later so find out the best way to ask them. As you end the conference, review any decisions that you've made together. And if you feel it's necessary, request another meeting.

Remember that at St. Paul the Apostle School we all have the same goal: *to help your children succeed to the best of their ability!*

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOON DISMISSALS THIS WEEK!



As previously stated, conference meetings will be held beginning today, November 15, through Friday, November 19. **Please note that school will dismiss at 12:00 every day this week.** If needed, After-School Care will be available each day from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please remember to pack your child a lunch if he/she will be in After-

SPA NIGHT OF LIGHTS



Everyone is invited to join us for a special Advent evening of music and celebration on December 4, following the 5:00 Saturday evening Mass. This event will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Families are invited to sign-up to walk-through the collection of beautiful family creches and creatively decorated Christmas trees. The walk will begin in the church, and will proceed along a lit pathway to the Parish Center where you will be able to enjoy the Hot Chocolate & Coffee Bar, the Wine & Eggnog Bar, some delicious cookies and other treats. Please note that masks will be required inside the church and Parish Center.

SPA Community Crèche Display: You are invited to bring your personal home crèche (nativity scene) to display inside the church. Each set will be numbered and labeled with your name. If you have a special set that you would like to have on display please click on this link, [Creche Sign Up](#).

Night of Lights Event Tickets and Sign-Ups: Sign-up for a timed entry slot (one slot per household). Time slots are available every 30 minutes from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Each household may come *anytime* during the 30-minute slot, but please limit your time in the church and inside the Parish Center to the allocated 30 minutes as a courtesy to others. Everyone is invited to stay after the tour and enjoy refreshments outside the Parish Center. Please click on the button below to sign-up for your timed entry.

Event Tickets

The suggested donation for tickets is \$10/person or \$25/household. Click on the links below to purchase your tickets and sign up for a time.

Timed Event Sign-Up

SPA ADVENT FAITH GROUPS



Everyone is cordially invited to experience the season of Advent in a meaningful way. Small Advent faith groups are being formed now. The groups will meet once per week, for four weeks leading up to Christmas. The meetings will be held through Zoom and/or in person. If you are interested please contact Tami Georgeff at 310-903-3451 or at Tamigeo1224@gmail.com.

2022 YEARBOOK ORDERS

YEARBOOK

It's time to order your 2021-2022 St. Paul the Apostle School yearbook! Don't miss out! It is a wonderful way to remember the school year! You can just click [HERE](#) to order.

\$35- if ordered between November 16th – December 17th

\$45- if ordered between December 18th – January 18th

\$55- if paid for in June during yearbook distribution, but there is no guarantee there will be any yearbooks left.

SPA COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff, and students will be held this **Wednesday, November 17**, beginning at 8:15 a.m. The **ONLY** document your children will need to have for testing 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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