



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As I write this week's newsletter, I do so with a sense of concern and anxiety, but also with some hope and faith as we continue to absorb the news regarding Heidi Planck, one of our beloved SPA 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents. As many of you may already be aware, Heidi—the mother of Bond Wayne—has been missing for approximately two weeks now. Fr. Gil and I were made aware of this situation from the very beginning, and we have been working closely with Jim Wayne, Bond's father, to do everything we can to support and comfort Bond.

Last Thursday evening, the news regarding Heidi became public information as it was being broadcast on numerous television channels. After viewing this, several families reached out and asked the teachers and administration to address this with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who were already aware of the news stories, asking many questions, and very concerned about Bond. The primary concern of the parents was that the students would be talking to one another at school on Friday, and would attempt to engage Bond in conversation about what they were hearing about his mother on the news. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers also expressed that same concern. With Jim's permission, and without Bond being present, the students were gathered together in church for a brief discussion. The teachers allowed them to share their feelings, gave them suggestions as to how they could support Bond at this time while respecting his privacy, and ended the gathering with a prayer for the family. Nothing inappropriate was shared or discussed.

This past weekend, the news about Heidi became even more widely publicized, and many parents are reaching out asking what they can do to help the family, and also

asking us to speak to the students regarding this matter. *At this time, I would prefer that we focus any conversation about this only with the students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades.* If the parents of our DK through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students want us to speak to their children as well, a separate plan will be created that will be appropriate for their developmental level. I will meet with our Paulist Fathers and the School Counselors to discuss ways in which we can effectively address this situation with our students while we continue to do our best to support Bond, Jim and their family, as well as our entire SPA community.

This is definitely a situation that is filled with much anxiety, uncertainty, fear, and sadness. We will continue to keep everyone in our prayers, and I will reach out with any information regarding ways in which we can offer our support and care to the Wayne family. In the meantime, your caring messages/cards of prayers and emotional support may be left at the front office. We will ensure that the family receives them.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky  
Principal

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

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Parent-Teacher Conferences for the first trimester are scheduled to begin the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please note the following information:

- **Sign-up links will be emailed** at 8:00 a.m. on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for families with three or more children to schedule; at 8:00 a.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup> for families with two children to schedule; and at 8:00 a.m. on November 5<sup>th</sup> for those with one child to schedule. All scheduling must be completed by Tuesday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. **Please use your child's last name to sign-up for a conference.**
- **Self-scheduling** will close at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. After that date, please email your child's teacher directly with any scheduling requests.
- If there are any **special instructions** from the teachers (e.g. who should attend the conference, the location, etc..) they will be listed under "Special Instructions" on the sign-up page.

All parents are asked to schedule a conference time with the **homerom teachers** to

discuss the progress being made in regards to your child's faith development, academic and behavioral progress, the results of the STAR Diagnostic assessment, and achievement of the School Learning Expectations. The teachers are also looking forward to having you share your insights or any concerns you might have regarding your child's academic, social, or personal progress at St. Paul the Apostle School. Any parent wishing to include **subject area teachers** (science, math, music, art, etc.) should send an email to your child's homeroom teacher with that request so the teacher can be invited to join the conference.

The conference meetings will be held beginning Monday, November 15, through Friday, November 19, as indicated below. **Please note that school will dismiss at 12:00 every day during conference week.** After-School Care will be available each day from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Please keep in mind that our parent-teacher conferences are designed to give you detailed feedback regarding your child's progress and the plans for his/her continued growth. Conferences are also intended to help you establish a rapport with the teacher. It's important that this special connection is made early in the year so that it will be easier for you to reach out to the teacher in the future with any questions or concerns that you might have. Remember that we all have the same goal: to help your children succeed to the best of their ability!

## ALL SAINTS DAY

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Today is All Saints Day, a day set aside by the Catholic Church to honor all the saints in heaven. Our students will be participating in a Schoolwide Mass at 8:15 this morning. As stated several times during announcements last week, **students who want to wear SAINT costumes to school TODAY may do so!**



Last year ago during his All Saints Day homily, Fr. Ryan stated, "***Nobody is born a saint...it's something you have to become.***" That statement still resonates with me for so many reasons, and I realized how lucky we are to see this proclamation in action within our SPA community. Our school motto is "**Be a SAINT!**" This is something that we frequently remind our students about, and a goal that we hope they will all aspire to achieve.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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Daylight Saving Time will end next Sunday, November 7th. Please remember to set your clocks **back one hour** or your children will be VERY early for school on Monday morning! Enjoy that extra hour of rest!



## LOOKING AHEAD...

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As our families begin planning vacation and holiday schedules, we know that it might be helpful for you to have an outline of the “no school days” ahead. Please note the following:

November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day
November 24 <sup>th</sup> – November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20 <sup>th</sup> – January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas/New Year’s
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King’s Day
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	President’s Day
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ski Weekend
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Religious Education Congress
April 15 <sup>th</sup> – April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Vacation
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Campout Weekend
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day

It should be noted that since “Ski Weekend” and “Campout Weekend” are not school-sponsored events, the administration has no control regarding the dates selected or anything that may occur resulting in a last-minute change of date. This has occurred in previous years, and we do apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause our SPA families.

Please note that **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held the week of November 15<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>. (Sign-ups for Conference times will be shared with you soon.) **School will dismiss at 12:00 every day that week, and after-school care will be available for our students until 6:00 p.m.**

## 2022 YEARBOOK ORDERS

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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.

\$25- if ordered before November 15th

\$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.

## 2021 FATHER'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

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It's almost here! The **SPA Father's Club** (SPA FC) is excited to finally tee-off our 2021 annual Golf Tournament! Sign-up now for a fall afternoon of charitable (and outdoor) fun and competition to support our school.

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME! SINGLE-SIGN-UPS ARE GREAT! Don't have a 4-some, or do you only have a PARTIAL team? No problem! Sign-up individually and we will pair you with other fellow SPA dads. It's a great way to meet new parents!

**Monday, November 15, 2021**  
**Braemar Country Club (Tarzana)**

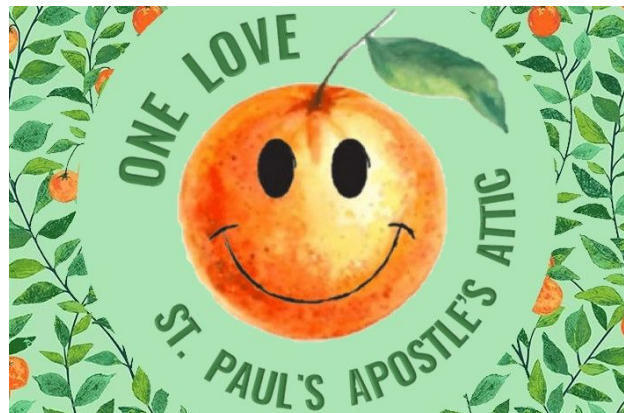
8:00 a.m. Registration/Warm-up  
9:00 a.m. Putting Contest  
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Starts  
3:00 p.m. Hosted Awards Reception & Prizes

There are still sponsorship opportunities available. We encourage and appreciate all of your involvement to make this event OUR way of giving back to our kids and the school. If you would like to sponsor a tee or have additional questions, please contact our Father's Club Golf Commissioners:

**Alan Shih / [AlanShih27@gmail.com](mailto:AlanShih27@gmail.com) / 310.882.0790**  
**Mike Malik / [mhmalik22@yahoo.com](mailto:mhmalik22@yahoo.com) / 310.927.1866**

**[R.S.V.P 2021 Golf Tournament Sign-Ups](#)**

**APOSTLE'S ATTIC IS ON THE WAY!**



Save the Date! Apostle's Attic is back this year and will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> and

6<sup>th</sup> in the JCPC, just in time for your holiday shopping. If you have items to donate, our donation information is:

### WHERE

Parish Office entrance  
(on Selby just past the parking lot driveway)

### WHEN

8:15 - 9:00 a.m.  
Monday, 11/1

Please visit our [webpage](#) to see our list of what to donate (and what not to donate).

Be sure to follow Apostle's Attic on [Instagram](#) for exciting sneak peeks, exclusive pre-sale opportunities, and all of the latest news! For any questions about the event and donations, or if you would like to help support Apostle's Attic, please contact either **Ali Gardiner** or **Leslie Hunt Johnson**.

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## SPA COVID TESTING

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As planned, our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held this **Wednesday, November 3rd**, 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**. You do **NOT** need to send the Blanket Consent Form, nor a copy of your Insurance card. 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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