



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Thanksgiving Week! I would like to begin this week's newsletter with a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our SPA parents/guardians for the time you spent meeting with our teachers last week, and for the sincere messages of gratitude and cooperation you so graciously shared with them. Educating your children truly is a TEAM effort, and our many successes could not be possible without your partnership and support. Report cards for the first trimester are scheduled to be sent home on Friday, December 10th. Although there should be no surprises, please reach out to the teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Next, I would like to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the extraordinary generosity we witnessed as your donations of food and hygiene items poured into the front office last week. While our original goal was collecting 200 bags of these much-needed items, we definitely exceeded that goal due to your kindness. While there is so much that we often take for granted—from opening a kitchen cabinet to find simple food items, to always having toothpaste and soap—there are so many families who lack these items on a daily basis. Thank you for helping to make their Thanksgiving holiday a joyous and fulfilling one.

And so now, the Season of Harvest and Thanksgiving is upon us. In a few days, families and friends across our nation will gather around the dinner table and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Everyone will pause from the chaos of their daily lives and spend a day enjoying the gift of each other's love and presence. Before the carving of the turkey, the passing the pumpkin pie, or turning on the television to watch the opening kickoff of an important football game, we should

all pause to offer a prayer of thanksgiving symbolizing our eternal gratitude for God's unconditional love and care. We can certainly count our blessings when we reflect upon the many "gifts" of our school, our community, and our faith. Please note the following.

As principal of St. Paul the Apostle School, I am truly thankful for many things. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in a role that helps bring our students closer to God. The fact that each day begins and ends with prayer, that we are able to refer to God and Scripture on a daily basis, and that we frequently celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist is a gift I wish more people could experience. For this, I am thankful.

Secondly, I am thankful for the Paulist Fathers, the DMJ Sisters, the administration, faculty and support staff members who continue to be Christ for our students on a daily basis. It is an amazing feeling to see so many individuals going above and beyond in helping our students develop not only intellectually, but spiritually, socially, and emotionally as well. For this, I am thankful.

Next, I am thankful for the wonderful presence of our community. So very often I receive compliments on the strength and closeness of our SPA community. We have a very dedicated School Board, Finance Committee, PWC, and Sr. Stella Foundation who work diligently to ensure that SPA remains community-based. We have so many parents who give of their time and talent for the enhancement of our school and our students. For this, I am thankful.

And finally, I am thankful for the gift of our students. To hear their laughter, to see their learning progress, and to witness their evangelization is a powerful image. Their smiles, innocence, and unconditional love reinforce the belief that peace and happiness can exist in a world of chaos and turmoil. For this, I am thankful.

I wish for all of you the same blessings you have brought to us. I pray that we may continue to be a blessing in each other's lives, just as Jesus is in ours. May you all have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving filled with the peace of God, and the love of family and friends!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky  
Principal

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THANKSGIVING VACATION**

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# Thanksgiving BREAK

A full day of classes will be held Monday and Tuesday this week. School will not be in session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume next Monday morning.

## SPA NIGHT OF LIGHTS

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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**

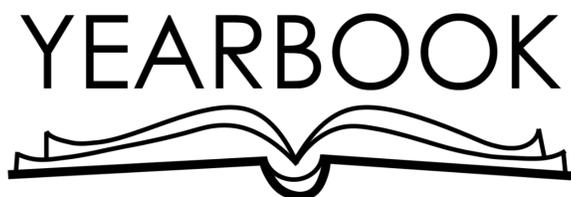
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Everyone is cordially invited to experience the season of Advent in a meaningful way. Small Advent faith groups are being formed now. The groups will meet once per week, for four weeks leading up to Christmas. The meetings will be held through Zoom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

## **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.

\$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.

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## **SPA VACCINATION CLINIC SITE**

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St. Paul the Apostle Church will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination site in the Parish Center on Wednesday, December 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. First, second and booster doses will be available and are free to everyone. Medical insurance is not required. For eligibility guidelines visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com). A consent form is required for all minors ages 5 through 17. Minors who are 5 through 15 –years old **MUST** be accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult. If the child is accompanied by a responsible adult, the consent form must name the responsible person and be signed by the parent or legal guardian. You can sign up today using the following link:



## SPA COVID TESTING

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Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff, and students will be held this **Wednesday, December 1st**, 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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