



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recently, a lot of attention has been given to the CDC approval of a COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 – 11, including Governor Newsom's mandate indicating that all children will be required to be vaccinated to attend school in the near future. This news has gotten the attention of several of our SPA parents who have reached out to us with questions surrounding the topic. Questions regarding this matter have also been asked by some prospective parents seeking to enroll their children at SPA for the next school year, and it does not come as a surprise that there are varying opinions on both sides of this issue. Please note that despite the Governor's most recent announcement, **there is no pending decision regarding vaccine mandates for Catholic school students in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The ADLA Superintendent is not requiring students ages 5 and up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.** Parents and guardians are encouraged to seek advice from a health care professional about the COVID-19 vaccine for their child.

The beliefs and opinions of parents as they relate to Governor Newsom's mandate are important. Understandably, people's emotions surrounding this topic can be very high, and at times we react to inaccurate information and rumors. It is imperative that we continue to show patience throughout this time, to direct relevant questions regarding this matter to Nurse Anderson and the school administration, and to stay calm. We will update you with accurate information regarding this vaccination topic as it becomes available to us. Know that we will also continue to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of our students and the SPA community as we journey through this school year.

We all know that since March 2020, COVID has disrupted many things in our lives,

including our students' normal progression through school and learning. Fortunately for our SPA community, the disruption we experienced hasn't been as significant as it has been for students at some other schools; we have been able to continue to provide our students with a quality education throughout the pandemic. Our teachers truly understand that, for our students, the "window of opportunity" to learn, to improve, and to be prepared for their next grade level is only open for a short period of time (180 days), and it is critical that they take advantage of every teaching opportunity so that significant learning loss does not occur. I commend them for that goal.

And finally, it has come to our attention that a statewide "sit out" for Monday, November 15, is being organized through social media channels targeting public, private and Catholic school parents and teachers. This action is meant to inflict damage to the learning environment and symbolize the potential impact to enrollment loss if the Governor's COVID-19 vaccine mandate is enforced in all schools. **We want to reiterate that removing a child from school to protest the mandate, particularly given ADLA's position, is unnecessary and harmful to every student.**

As always, thank you for your understanding, partnership, and ongoing support of our wonderful community. We will get through this together!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCHOOL THURSDAY!



This is just a reminder that school will NOT be in session on **Veterans Day which is this Thursday, November 11th**. And speaking of Veterans...

...Jesus said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend." We could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service to our country and its people. We pray in thanksgiving for those who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health, and even their lives on this earth, to benefit us all. If history has taught us anything, it is that our troops will bear any hardship in their quest for liberty, justice, and freedom. And for that, we are forever grateful!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



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

- **Sign-up links were emailed** on November 3rd for families with three or more children to schedule; on November 4th for families with two children to schedule; and on November 5th for those with one child to schedule. All scheduling must be completed by this 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 9th.** 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 **homeroom 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.

2022 YEARBOOK ORDERS



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.

SPA BIZ BREAKFAST MEETING

The St. Paul 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 they do, or can, live their Catholic faith through their professions.

This is a great opportunity to connect with those fellow parents and parishioners you know, don't know but may have frequently seen, or have never seen before! Come pitch your business and learn about others. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) and you are always welcome. Jay Spillane and Scott Tamkin are the hosts. No need to RSVP...just show up and join everyone for both information and inspiration!

Their next meeting is Tuesday, November 9, at 7:45 a.m. in the SPA Multi-Purpose Room. Rajpal Gibson, a SPA parent, will be speaking about charitable giving.



2021 FATHER'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT



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 / 310.882.0790
Mike Malik / mhmalik22@yahoo.com / 310.927.1866

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

SPA COVID TESTING



Our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff, and students will be held this **Wednesday, November 10**, 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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