



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday as we welcome our students back to another week of drop-offs, pick-ups, faith formation, academics, and extracurricular activities! On any given day, the energy level and enthusiasm of our students are extremely high and a bit contagious. This is good because it serves as a wonderful reminder for our community about the importance of Catholic education.

We all know that for our Catholic values to matter, they must be embedded in everything we do—they must be part of our everyday routines and actions. As we continue to focus on school safety (COVID-19, fire drills, intruder alerts, etc.) we cannot ignore the “emotional” safety of our students. For the past several weeks, some student behavior has become a bit of a challenge. And while our students do need to learn how to read, write and calculate, they must also learn how to become caring, respectful, compassionate, and honest people. We know that our schools are not immune to trends in society, and there is no doubt that the pandemic and having to Distance Learn for several months last year has had a negative impact on our students’ social skills. We have witnessed some of our students react in ways that showed absolutely no empathy, self-control, or respect in situations that required patience, restraint, and positive problem-solving. It is NEVER acceptable for our students to call each other names, to mock one another, to threaten harm to someone, to use profanity, to put their hands on another student in anger, to ignore a teacher’s directives, or to lose patience. Our teachers will continue to impart these crucial lessons to them, and will continue implementing social-emotional learning skills to help their students choose the appropriate responses in whatever situation they may find themselves.

I have also spoken to our Counselors regarding our concerns. Their goal is to provide our students with as much supportive help as possible, and they are keenly aware that today's often stressful environments make that support increasingly necessary. Their behavioral intervention program is designed to provide additional support to students whose learning is being negatively impacted by emotional factors such as an inability to manage emotions, resolve conflicts or engage in successful school relationships. They work in partnership with teachers and parents to help increase academic progress and decrease counterproductive behavior. Our Counselors will be visiting the classrooms to speak to our students about making good choices and maintaining respectful relationships with their peers.

The conduct rules we have established at SPA are fair and apply to everyone, and we have consistent expectations for everyone to comply with these rules. We also think it's important for our students to understand that we expect them to always choose to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. They must learn how to control their thoughts, emotions, words, and actions when they become upset. I personally don't believe that we are asking for too much. Building and maintaining relationships is the core of life, as are the consequences that usually follow poor decision-making. I have asked the faculty to remind the students about the importance of making good decisions, and to discuss what happens at SPA if poor choices are intentionally and continuously made—conduct referrals, after-school detentions, removal from extracurricular activities (including athletics and field trips), and suspensions from school.

The majority of our students will be with us for 10 years—from DK through 8th grade. The relationships these students will have with one another won't grow throughout these years without intentional respect, compassion, and care. Everything we do at St. Paul the Apostle School must integrate our faith values in each academic area, during recess and lunch, in all extracurricular activities, and in special events or assemblies. Every interaction our students have with one another is an opportunity for them to show they care about everyone in our community. We respectfully request your partnership with us as we work to communicate these crucial life lessons to our students.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 FATHER'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT



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.

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 SCHOOL UNIFORMS

It is our hope that Land's End will be able to expedite the delivery of school uniforms that some of our families have patiently been waiting for. We also hope that families who participated in the recent Uniform Exchange were able to find uniform items that can be used while you wait for your orders to arrive. In the meantime, please ensure that your children are in compliance as it relates to items not associated with Land's End (like wearing the appropriate colored socks that are at least ankle length, tennis shoes that tie, etc.) Please take a few minutes to review the uniform policies in the SPA Parent/Student Handbook. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



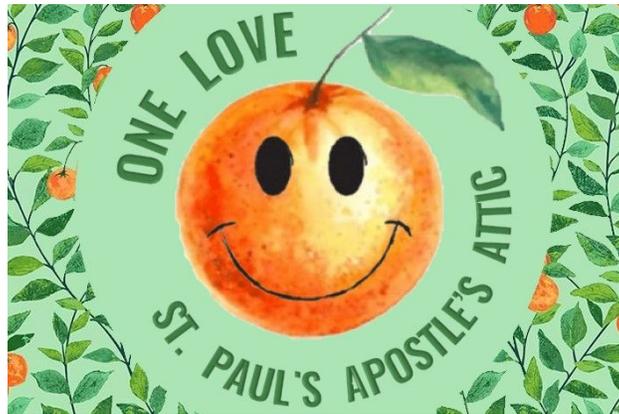
OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a particular devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic



devotions. Praying the rosary is a good way of helping us remember the important events in the life of Jesus. This month, our teachers and students will be praying decades of the rosary as part of some religion lessons. These lessons will focus on the origin and meaning of praying the rosary, and how to do it properly. If your child has a rosary, please allow him/her to bring it to school to be used for these special prayer times. **DO NOT SEND ROSARIES THAT ARE FAMILY HEIRLOOMS OR UNIQUE IN ANY WAY.** We cannot replace any lost or misplaced rosaries that have special meaning to your family.

APOSTLE'S ATTIC IS ON THE WAY!



Save the Date! Apostle's Attic is back this year and will take place on November 5th and 6th 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.
Tuesday, 10/12
Tuesday, 10/19
Monday, 10/25
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**.

SPA TEEN CONFIRMATION 2021-2022

Confirmation

For all parents of high school freshman and sophomore students: Registration for the 2021-2022 teen Confirmation program at St. Paul the Apostle Parish is now open until Sunday, October 10th. The program this year will be in person in a masked and socially distanced environment. The meetings will be once a month on a Sunday starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending by 7:00 p.m. The first meetings are scheduled to begin on October 17th for Year 1 students, and on October 24th for Year 2 students. If needed, we will be prepared to move to an online zoom meeting format. You can find additional information and you may register using this [link](#). The registration fee is \$75.00, payable at www.sp-apostle.org. No one will be turned away for financial reasons. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Fr. Ryan Casey by email at rcasey@sp-apostle.org or by calling him at 424-832-5154.

SPA COVID TESTING



As planned, our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held this **Wednesday, October 20th**, 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](#)

(This document is now Form Fillable)

PILGRIMAGE to MISSION SANTA BARBARA

JOIN US FOR A DAY
LONG PILGRIMAGE

OLD SANTA BARBARA MISSION

Saturday, October 30



St. Paul the Apostle Parish will be hosting a pilgrimage to Mission Santa Barbara on Saturday, October 30, from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit Mission Santa Barbara in this Jubilee Year to mark the 250th anniversary of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, founded by Saint Junípero Serra in 1771. This Jubilee Year commemorates the Church's beginnings in Los Angeles. We will celebrate mass and have an opportunity for reconciliation. Dr. Ruben Mendoza, California Missions Archeologist, will present a tour of the mission. If you are interested in joining this adventure, please RSVP using the Eventbrite link below. The reservation fee is \$55 per person, and it includes the cost of entrance to the Mission, the bus, and lunch. We hope you will be able to join us!

Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pilgrimage-to-the-old-santa-barbara-mission-tickets-182028200247>
