



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Jesus said to them, “I am the Bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.” –John 6:35

Happy Monday! I hope that everyone had a delightful weekend, and that you were able to engage in whatever activities bring the most relaxation and joy to your families. This past Sunday we were able to celebrate with the last group of our third grade students who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. These special liturgies that were originally planned to happen last May had to be delayed until recently due to the pandemic. But patience and persistence prevailed, and we were finally able to spend several weekend liturgies rejoicing with these students and their families. All of the Masses were beautiful, and it was a joy to be present for this long-awaited occasion where our students received this special Sacrament. Our students know that food and drink are the important components of life that serve to nourish our bodies. They now understand that receiving the Holy Eucharist is what nourishes us spiritually, and that it's equally important to our “sacred” health. Congratulations to all of the families of our SPA students who have taken this next step in the formation of their faith! We look forward to joining you in the weeks, months, and years ahead as this spiritual journey continues.

On another note, thank you to all of the DK – 2nd grade parents who have taken the time to complete the very brief survey that was shared with you last Wednesday as part of the L.A. County application process. So far, we have

received 180 responses. Of those response 90% of the families have indicated their preference to have their children return to campus for on-site instruction once we receive approval from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles Department of Health. I will continue to keep you informed with any information that I receive. As always, please know that your support and patience are very much appreciated!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

PICTURE DAY at SPA!

This is just a reminder that **Picture Day at SPA will be held Tuesday, October 20 (TOMORROW)**. Please note that school will NOT be in session that day. It was decided that attempting to teach classes while students “come and go” throughout the day would be a bit of a challenge for everyone involved.



Photographers from *Pictures with Class* will be on campus in the gym to photograph all students in DK through 8th grade. The photo sessions will begin at 7:30 a.m., and will continue throughout the day until 3:30 p.m. We respectfully ask that you make every effort to have your students here on time. To assist us with safety and physical distancing, parents will NOT be allowed to enter the gym with their children. The photographers will also practice physical distancing—they will not touch your child’s hair or adjust collars, etc. (But they will give verbal cues to the students.) **Students MUST be in their regular school uniforms for pictures; PE uniforms, Spirit Wear and Festival attire may NOT be worn for Picture Day.**

To help make this a seamless and safe process for everyone, we ask that you please note the following:

- Parents will drive onto the yard and wait in or near their cars for their students to return. Parents of younger students may walk them to the gym door.
- Please do not attempt to enter the campus through the front doors as the school office will be closed for the day.
- Student temperatures will be taken by SPA staff members.
- Students will enter the gym through the main door (nearest the Library). Hand sanitizer is to be used for everyone who enters the gym.
- Students will check-in with Pictures with Class, and follow the guidelines of the Pictures with Class staff.
- After taking pictures, students will exit out of the back doors of the gym (closest to Mormon wall).
- After having their photos taken, 7th and 8th grade students will drop

off their SPA iPads with a member of our SPA Tech Team, and they will be given their new Chromebooks to take home for Distance Learning. This exchange will take place at a special table on their way out of the gym. (***Please note that a Chromebook will not be issued until the iPad is returned.***)

- After exiting the gym, any student needing to pick up Festival patronage bags, Festival prizes, items from Mrs. BJ, textbooks/workbooks for Mr. Ho's math class, or SPA yearbooks that were paid for and never picked up, will be able to retrieve these items from the tables outside on the way to their cars.
- We respectfully ask that parents and students leave campus as soon as possible.

Students who are not ordering a picture package will still need to be photographed for school records and the SPA yearbook. If you have any questions about Picture Day, please call the school office at 310-474-1588.

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Remember, TODAY'S MOMENTS are TOMORROW'S MEMORIES!

SUPPORTING OUR SPA FAMILIES WITH SEL!

Yale
Center for
Emotional Intelligence

As many of our families know, the administration and faculty of St. Paul the Apostle School have been participating in professional development opportunities provided by Yale University that are related to supporting the social and emotional well-being of our students. These development opportunities have been ongoing for the past year and a half, and our teachers were looking forward to implementing the strategies and sharing all we have learned with our students this year. Although our school year has not begun the way we had

planned, our teachers remain committed to supporting our students as we all navigate through the challenges we are presently facing.

We are also aware of the fact that parents are feeling the stress as well. Families have become emotionally charged since last March. Managing family matters has always been a balancing act. And now with COVID-19, natural disasters, social unrest, and economic uncertainty, that balancing act has definitely become more of a challenge for all of us. To assist you in your parental roles, we have reached out to Yale University in an effort to have them share some resources with you.

They have graciously offered their support, and will be hosting a FREE interactive webinar for parents on **Tuesday, October 20, at 4:00 p.m.** (*The registration link was shared in last week's newsletter.*) The topics to be covered include: understanding how emotions can support or hinder children's learning, skillfully managing stress and anxiety, establishing closer collaborations with your child's teachers, and encouraging great well-being for your family. Questions will be welcomed and responded to by the experts. We hope that everyone will be able to leave the session with practical strategies for resilience and well-being!

YALE WEBINAR REGISTRATION

SPA PARISH PRAYER SERVICE!



You are cordially invited to join us on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. as we commemorate the lives of loved ones who have passed away. The virtual prayer service will be held from inside the church. You can watch this special ceremony which will be filled with reflection, prayer, and song on our YouTube site St. Paul the Apostle Media. For a \$20 donation, a candle will be lit in honor of your loved one. Each 7-day candle will be personalized with the honoree's name. Text `spalightacandle` to 77977, or go to this link: <https://ppay.co/gpSBR4nqRJw> to dedicate your candles today! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Reyes Smith at vreyessmith@sp-apostle.org.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE MEDIA ON YOUTUBE

Since the beginning of the pandemic that had everything—schools, businesses, restaurants, stores, theme parks, movie theaters, and churches—shut down, our community has been able to gather together in prayer,

worship and town hall meetings through social media. St. Paul the Apostle Media on YouTube has been a wonderful way for all of us to stay connected to our parish. We would love to be able to take advantage of everything YouTube has to offer that will benefit our faith community. One way to help this happen is to have all of our community members “subscribe” to the St. Paul the Apostle site. All you have to do is login to “St. Paul the Apostle Media on YouTube” and hit the “SUBSCRIBE” button. It’s that easy! So the next time you are joining us via YouTube for a liturgy or a meeting, remember to hit that button! Thank you in advance for your support!

