



# 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:

First and foremost, thank you to the many parents who reached out to share words of support and appreciation for all that is happening at St. Paul the Apostle School this year. In any given school year, parent support and cooperation are always needed and given our ongoing challenges with the pandemic the “team effort” that you generously share with us is truly a treasured gift. Thank you for continuing to work with your children regarding their academic and behavior choices. We will continue to move forward one day at a time.

As the weeks and months of this school year progress, we are slowly implementing many of the activities and events that were enjoyed in previous years. After-school athletics, debate club, children’s choir, music lessons with instruments, field trips, and chess are among the many activities that have already returned or will be returning soon. Another program that we will reinstate each month for the remaining school year is our GEM Awards! This program was implemented about a couple of months before we had to close our schools due to the pandemic. At that time, we had the opportunity to publicly recognize and thank one student from every classroom who exemplified the characteristics of RESPECT. What made this award so special was the fact that the students who were recognized had been chosen by their peers—and not surprisingly, their teachers were in complete agreement with all of those choices.

If you have forgotten about the program, or if you are new to our school community, the following is a brief explanation of what the program means and how it works. At St. Paul the Apostle School, we strongly believe that the moral development of our students is important in developing healthy values. It is always our goal to encourage positive

qualities so that SPA students will develop good character, make appropriate choices, grow in their Catholic faith, and be effective leaders and role models. So many of our students strive to live these values every day, but too often their efforts are not being acknowledged. It is with this in mind that we decided to implement the GEM Awards, where there will be a Schoolwide focus on a specific Christian quality each month. Teachers will introduce the quality to their students, incorporate the trait into the curriculum wherever possible, and take note throughout the month of any exceptional efforts on the part of each student in their classroom. These qualities may be used as the focus for religion lessons, classroom discussions, and the models for good behavior.

At the end of each month, the students in every classroom will be asked who they think has best modeled the Christian quality behavior—not only for that month, but all of the time. We all know that it's easy for students to do the right thing when the teachers, coach or principal is looking, but our students know which of their peers consistently models Christian behavior when the adults are not always present. These are the students we want to recognize and thank for helping to make SPA a caring, faith-filled community!

In order for this program to be successful, parents and faculty will need to work together to reinforce these important values at school and at home. As always, thank you once again for your support and partnership, and for all of the kindness that you consistently bestow upon us.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky  
Principal

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Virtual High School Night

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Tonight, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Parents are invited to join our Virtual High School Night via Zoom. This evening is entirely optional and meant to give you some insight into our local Catholic High Schools. Use the link below to access the Zoom Links for each session.

[SPA Virtual High School Night Webpage](#)

Monday, October 25th, 2021

## Schedule

6:30-7:00 pm Louisville High School (female)

7:00 -7:30 pm Notre Dame High School (co-ed)

7:35-8:05 pm Crespi Carmelite High School (male) and Marymount High School (female)

8:10-8:40 pm Loyola High School (male) and Notre Dame Academy (female)

## **PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY**

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The picture packages that were purchased were given to the students to take home this past Friday. Please ask your child for this item if he/she did not remember to give it to you.



**Absentee/Retake Picture Day is this Thursday, October 28, in the morning.** Parents of students who did not have their pictures taken on the original date are encouraged to order online for their student(s) to avoid any shipping costs at a later time. Please order ahead of Picture Day, if possible; **the portal will only remain open for 24 hours after Picture Day.** The link below will take you directly to the website and will automatically log you in. You will only need to add your email address to place an order.

<https://www.barksdalestorefront.com/shop/login/?ac=0021297AR>

Any student that ordered a picture package and was not happy with their portrait is welcome to come and have their photo retaken. **They MUST bring back their original purchased package, which the photographer will keep.** A picture package with their new photo will be printed and re-sent to school for distribution.

Anyone photographed on make-up day will receive a "Proof" booklet when pictures are returned to school. These proofs will contain an individualized access code so families can access their image online. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS**

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This is just a friendly reminder that all of our students may have **FREE DRESS this Friday, October 29**, as part of their Halloween celebration. **At least one item of clothing must be black or orange, and ALL clothing MUST be appropriate for a Catholic school setting.** Please note that costumes may NOT be worn to school. As part of the celebration, the teachers will have store-bought individually packaged treats for their students to take home and enjoy. Due to COVID safety precautions, we are not allowing any type of treats to be brought from home and shared with the students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding these protocols.



## **CAP AND GOWN MEASUREMENTS**

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This Friday, October 29, a representative will be on site to take the measurements of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for their graduation cap and gown orders. This will begin after morning prayer/announcements with Ms. Danielski supervising the process. It's important that we have all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students here on time so that everyone is included. Thank you for your attention and cooperation regarding this important matter.

## 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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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:

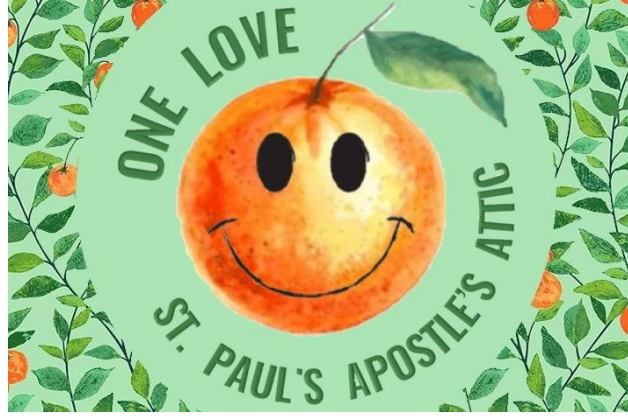
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**[R.S.V.P 2021 Golf Tournament Sign-Ups](#)**

## APOSTLE'S ATTIC IS ON THE WAY!

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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, 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**.

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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, October 27th**, 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)

