



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we journey towards the month of November, I have taken a few minutes to review the highlights of the year so far. So much has happened since school began 10 weeks ago: Back-to-School Night, Picture Day, SPA Information Night, Blessing of the Animals, Apostles Attic, Fall Festival, High School Information Night, PWC Community Coffee, grade-level liturgies, safety drills, and LOTS and LOTS of meetings. It's certainly been a productive beginning, with much, much more to come.

This week, we will once again be implementing our "SPA School Families" program. For parents who are new to St. Paul's, "creating school families" is a concept that has been embraced in order to help build community and personalize the relationships among the students at all grade levels. Each 8th grade student is the "head" of the family, and the rest of the family members are comprised of one student from each grade level. The formation of the families is random, but we do make every effort to keep actual siblings apart from one another. Our goal is to help students get to know one another in a fun and safe environment, and to build those personal relationships. Everyone belongs to a family; no one is left out. It's often nice to see students in the same family playing together at recess, or to witness an 8th grade student giving a "high-five" to a younger student at the end of the day. There will be various planned activities throughout the school year that will assist our students in creating those important bonds.

All students in grades 1 through 8 will meet tomorrow after recess for their first family gathering. (*Our DK and kindergarten students will join their families for the first time on Valentine's Day.*) We anticipate that "actions with a spirit of joy" will be exhibited in every School Family. All of the student-led gatherings will begin with reverent prayer, brief words

of welcome will be shared by the 8th grade students, personal greeting notes will be distributed to every student, introductions will be made, and thoughtful discussions will be facilitated by student leaders who will make certain that every student in the Family has the opportunity to share his/her thoughts and ideas.

At the end of the session, all of the School Families will be treated to a simple snack. Last year, many students commented about how much FUN they had, and how they couldn't wait for their next Family meeting or activity. We anticipate more of the same this year, and are looking forward to activities that will include liturgies, service projects, fun meetings, and pep rallies. We will keep you posted!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

28	OCT, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	2nd Grade Sacrament Mtg - JCPC
29	OCT, TUE	● 8:30 – 10am	School Tours
30	OCT, WED	● 8:30 – 10am	School Tours
31	OCT, THU	● 8:30 – 10am	School Tours
1	NOV, FRI	● 8:15 – 9:15am	School Mass - All Saints Day/Festival Thank You - 7th Grad
4	NOV, MON	● All day	School Dismissal 12:00 - Parent Teacher Conferences
5	NOV, TUE	● All day	School Dismissal 12:00 - Parent Teacher Conferences
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HALLOWEEN/STUDENT COUNCIL BAKE SALE

This Thursday, October 31, is Halloween. Please note that SPA students may NOT wear costumes to school this year. Students will be permitted to wear “**appropriate**” **FREE DRESS** if at least one item of clothing (shirt, pants, skirt, dress, sweater, etc.) or one accessory (i.e. hat, socks, hair bow, belt, etc.) is either orange or black.

Student Council will also be hosting their annual **Halloween Bake Sale!** All students are invited to bring one dollar (\$1.00) and purchase a delicious Halloween treat. All proceeds from the sale

will go to the Leukemia Society.



ALL SAINTS DAY

This Friday, November 1, is All Saints Day which is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. All of our faculty and students will be attending Mass at 8:15 a.m. Please make every effort to have your children arrive at school on time so they are not late coming into church. Parents are very welcome to join us for this special liturgy!



DK/KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS for FALL 2020

Attention St. Paul's Families with 3 and 4 year olds! We are beginning the admissions process for incoming students for our DK and Kindergarten classes for Fall 2020. If you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 1, 2020, they are eligible for our wonderful DK program next fall. If your child will be 5 years old before September 1, 2020, you are invited to apply for kindergarten. Applications are available online on the school website: school.sp-apostle.org under the "Admissions" tab. If you are applying for Fall 2020, please complete the application online before **October 31**, and send an email to Jill O'Callahan, our school registrar, at jocallahan@sp-apostle.org so we can have an accurate record of incoming siblings. If you are applying for a sibling in grades 1-8 and you are not currently in the wait pool, please follow the same procedure. Feel free to email or call Jill O'Callahan if you have any questions at 310-474-1588, ext. 7220.



TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

In an effort to help traffic flow quickly and smoothly during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up, please note the following reminders that require your attention: **There is no jaywalking in front of the school; please use the crosswalks.** There is no parking on Selby Ave. during morning drop-off. Please allow yourself time to park if you are walking your child to class. **As always, there is NEVER any PARKING in the RED ZONES.** They are for emergency vehicles only. **PARKING is NOT ALLOWED in front of any driveways (please respect our neighbors), or in the Mormon Church lot as that is reserved for FACULTY/STAFF ONLY.** As always, we appreciate your complete compliance regarding these traffic policies.

PWC NEWS CORNER!

The following activities are being sponsored by our hard-working PWC members. Please take a minute to quickly review and make plans to either join the fun or

participate! All are welcome!

- The annual “**Thank You Breakfast**” acknowledging our awesome “Together We Rock Festival Team will be held this Friday, November 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. .in the JCPC.
- The **Hygiene Drive** continues to collect travel and regular sized toiletries through TOMORROW, October 29th. Please bring your donations to the front office or the parish office. See the PWC website for more information.
- Stay tuned for information regarding our **Halloween Candy Drive** – it’s new this year.
- Join **Team SPA** for two hikes benefiting Skin Cancer Research and Foster Care Kids. See the PWC website for more details.



SPA'S SOCIAL MEDIA



Please join St. Paul's this year as we ramp up our social media game on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube! We will be posting regular updates along with the parish to share the news about everything that’s happening around campus and in the community. Check it out and share your “likes” to show your support! You can subscribe here!

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