



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

You are cordially invited...

Tonight is the night you have all been waiting for! (*Okay, I admit that might be a small exaggeration, and I may be the only one looking forward to it...insert laughter here.*) That being said, our annual **Back-to-School Night** is being held **THIS EVENING at 7:00 p.m.** We will begin our gathering in the church with prayer and an introduction from our Pastor, Fr. Gilbert Martinez. Following this there will be brief presentations given by our PWC President (Monique Mamikunian), the Festival Chairperson (Sarah Hartzog), and the President of the Sr. Stella Foundation (Christopher Greenspan). The focus for my part of this meeting will be introducing new faculty members, reviewing the progress we have made thus far regarding school safety, facility renovations, and differentiated instruction, and noting the areas of importance we will be addressing as we strategically plan for the coming year.

After the general meeting, parents will be asked to meet with the homeroom teachers. (Please see the **attached schedule** with a listing of the teachers and the assigned meeting rooms.) Topics to be discussed at each grade level will include classroom policies and procedures, homework expectations, curriculum highlights, communication tools, planned field trips, and any special events/projects that will take place this year. Every family is strongly encouraged to have at least one parent in attendance. We gently remind you that this is an “adults-only” evening designed to share pertinent information with you, and address any questions you might have.

As always, the evening will end with “adult” refreshments served in the courtyard, thanks to the hospitality and generosity of our PWC Board. We look forward to seeing you there, and to another great year of many accomplishments due to a supportive partnership!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

Back-to-School Night Schedule

16	SEP 2019, MON	● 7 – 9pm	Back to School Night
18	SEP 2019, WED	● 4:30 – 6pm	School Board Meeting - JACC
20	SEP 2019, FRI	● All day	Apostle's Attic Weekend
21	SEP 2019, SAT	● All day	Apostle's Attic Weekend
22	SEP 2019, SUN	● All day ● 9:30 – 10:30am	Apostle's Attic Weekend Mass - 7th Grade Family Mass
25	SEP 2019, WED	● 8 – 11am	8th Grade Parent Meeting - JCPC
2	OCT 2019, WED	● 7 – 9pm	Information Night for Prospective Families - Media Center
4	OCT 2019, FRI	● 7 – 8am	Blessing of the Animals - Outside JCPC
7	OCT 2019, MON	● 8 – 10am	PWC Meeting - JACC



THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and guests who joined us in prayer last Wednesday morning, September 11th. As a community of faith, we gathered together to: remember all of the victims of 9/11, honor the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect us from harm, and to pray for our country. As we offered our heartfelt prayers to God, we reflected about who we were 18 years ago, and who we have become today—a people filled with faith, determination, and courage.

A special thanks is extended to the following students who helped to make this assembly both meaningful and memorable: **Harrison Schumacher** (sound technician) **Paddy Moohr** and **Travers Clark** (Scout flag bearers), **Jacklyn Kim**, **Jack Musitano**, **Kylie Quintanar** and **Phillip Riebli** (prayer readers), and **Scarlett Gardiner**, who sang a beautiful solo of our country's National Anthem. It was truly a wonderful assembly, made even more so by

the awesome participation of our students.



ADLA/LAUSD MANDATED SURVEY

We have been informed by the Superintendent of the Department of Catholic Schools, that ALL Catholic schools located in the LAUSD **must** participate in completing the **Family Income Eligibility Survey** so that several of our schools can receive Title 1 funding. While the students at St. Paul the Apostle School may not qualify for any Title 1 services, there are many students in other Catholic schools in Los Angeles who will benefit from this resource. In order to be given any consideration for funding, ALL schools must submit the requested data to the Department of Catholic Schools. The data from all of the schools will be compiled and submitted to LAUSD for consideration. **The surveys, along with a cover letter, will be sent home with the oldest SPA child in every family either today or tomorrow. Please complete the survey as soon as possible and return it to the school office by Monday, September 16th.** Please note all of the REQUIRED sections on the survey (names are optional). Your consideration and cooperation regarding this important task are greatly appreciated. Thank you!



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.



MANDARIN CLASSES at SPA

For the fifth year, St. Paul the Apostle School will offer our students the opportunity to learn Mandarin in an extra-curricular program taught by the Chinese Language Academy. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 17, and registration is due BY Tuesday, September 10th. You can download the registration form directly from the PWC website.



SPA PARISH NEWS

In September, our parish will be transitioning our online giving from Authorize.net to PushPay. We chose this system because it also offers us an opportunity to connect with parishioners through an app. The Saint Paul the Apostle app will feature payment options,

as well as event reminders, etc. Once this system is totally implemented, we believe it will be a great resource to connect the parish (church and school) community. Please take a minute to register your family with PushPay using the link Saint Paul Push Pay: <https://pushpay.com/pay/spapostle>. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Reyes Smith at vreyessmith@sp-apostle.org.

PWC NEWS CORNER!



TOGETHER WE ROCK!

The 2019 Festival is getting ready to rock the weekend of October 11th – 13th. We have many exciting things planned in September while you await the Festival! Look out for a brand new fall Patronage Contest, the softest, most luxurious Festival Wear EVER, and a 3-day Apostle's Attic customized crafting and high-end re-sale experience being held September 20th – September 23rd. You will NOT want to miss this one! Please be sure to check your inbox every Tuesday morning for the “Festival Newsletter” that will be packed with information about plenty of opportunities to contribute, participate, and enjoy the spirit of SPA!

[Festival Link](#)



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 below by clicking on the links!

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