



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

**HAPPY “ONE LOVE” FESTIVAL WEEK! It’s almost here!** The event that our students have been anxiously waiting for will be held this coming weekend, September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>. We are all eagerly looking forward to a wonderful weekend filled with family, friendship, fun, and an abundance of frolicsome festivities. Your participation—whether you are volunteering your time or talent, dancing to the music, feasting on the delicious food, winning prizes in the game booths, bidding enthusiastically on awesome auction items, or watching your children scream at the top of their lungs on a thrilling ride—will be greatly appreciated.

**Wanda Ahmadi**, our FABULOUS Festival Chairperson, and her AWESOME committee members have been working tirelessly to not only ensure that the Festival will be a success, but to also make certain that we will have all of the REQUIRED safety protocols and procedures in place. Last week, Wanda sent a special email that outlined all of the **COVID-19 Safety Guidelines** to our SPA community. If you have not already done so, please take some time to review all of the requirements and expectations, whether you are volunteering or just joining us to have some fun. The guidelines include details regarding COVID-19 testing, face coverings, hand washing, physical distancing, and areas of the Festival that will have restricted admittance and limited capacity rules in place to help keep everyone safe.

Please take some time to read the following **FESTIVAL WEEK INFORMATION** so that you have a clear understanding of everything that is happening this week, and all of the procedures that must be followed in order for everything to proceed as smoothly as possible.

### Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

- Normal drop-off and pick-up procedures before and after school.
- Yes, there will be After-School Care.

### Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

- **DROP-OFF:** Regular morning drop-off schedule; Ohio will be coned off to prepare for the delivery of rides, but students can still access the campus from Ohio Avenue in the morning.
- **DISMISSAL:** Regular afternoon pick-up schedule; DK students may be picked up in the Enrichment Classroom by the Health Office.
- Everyone entering and exiting the campus **MUST** utilize the Selby front gates.
- Yes, there will be After-School Care. Be aware that we will not have access to playing on the yard Tuesday through Thursday so homework, indoor games, a possible movie, and crafts will be the planned after-school activities.
- There is a volleyball practice scheduled in the gym after school from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday & Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

- **DROP-OFF:** All students **MUST** enter campus through the Selby gates as the back gate to the yard will not be accessible. Students will remain in the courtyard/patio from 7:15 -7:30 a.m. and then enter their classrooms.
- **NO OHIO AVENUE DROP-OFF.**
- Students will eat and play on the LDS/Mormon Field for lunch. **PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THE MORMON FIELD PERMISSION SLIP WITH YOUR CHILD(REN).**
- **DISMISSAL:** Regular afternoon pick-up schedule; DK students may be picked up in the Enrichment Classroom by the Health Office.
- Everyone entering and exiting the campus **MUST** utilize the Selby front gates.
- There will be After-School Care. Pick-up will either be in the gym or in the Enrichment Classroom by the Health Office.
- The Library/Media Center will not be open after school on Thursday due to Prizes and Inventory being stored in that area.

### [MORMON FIELD PERMISSION SLIP LINK](#)

### Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

- Students should wear their FESTIVAL SHIRTS, comfortable and appropriate bottoms, and closed-toed shoes to school. Students should also bring a small bag (fanny pack, string backpack, etc.) for their tickets.
- **DROP-OFF:** All students **MUST** enter campus through the Selby gates as the back gate to the yard will not be accessible. Students will remain in the courtyard/patio from 7:15 -7:30 a.m. and then enter their classrooms.
- The Festival will open at 12:00 p.m. with the 8th grade students going first. The remaining classes will be dismissed according to their Patronage percentages!
- **There is NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE today!**
- **Kindergarten, DK, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be released to their parents beginning at 12:00 p.m.** These students may not be released to older siblings. Older siblings may not be the sole caregivers of these students after they are checked out.
- Beginning at 2:45 p.m. parents may sign out students with the teachers at the main tent in the parish lot. Students **MUST** be signed out by their parents by 3:05 p.m. Older students may sign themselves out if they have permission to do so on regular school days.

### Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

- Please note that school will NOT be in session on Monday, September 27, due to ride and booth dismantling, Festival clean-up, and general restoration of the property. **Classes will resume Tuesday morning.**

**JUST A REMINDER:** Please remember to return the attached permission form so that our students may utilize the LDS/Mormon field for lunch recess this week.

We look forward to enjoying this special event with you, and we extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** and much **LOVE** to everyone who has made this special event possible in any way, big or small.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky  
Principal

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT RECORDINGS

If you missed our Back to School Night, access the recordings by clicking the link below.

[Virtual Back to School Night - Recordings Link Page](#)



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### SPA EVENT THIS EVENING!



**RACIAL RECONCILIATION AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**



**AN EVENING WITH FR. STEVEN BELL, CSP**  
**MONDAY, 9/19 AT 7:00 PM**

St. Paul the Apostle Church will be hosting “**An Evening with Fr. Steven Bell**” on **Monday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m.** The topic of the presentation will be “**Racial Reconciliation and Our Catholic Faith.**” In addition to the pandemic, our country has also been dealing with tremendous strife and social unrest this past year and a half. There are no easy answers, but our faith can be an important lens through which to analyze these realities and that helps us to discern the steps towards social action. Fr. Steven Bell, CSP will offer an overview of racial reconciliation efforts in light of the events of the past year and how our faith forms our approach. We hope that you will be able to join us for this event.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

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I am aware of the fact that several of our families are still waiting for the arrival of the uniforms that were ordered before school began. Last week I received the following message from the Business Development Manager at Lands' End, our school's uniform company:

*I wanted to let you know that we are still experiencing many delivery delays, port congestion, country/vendor shutdowns due to COVID, and equipment/worker shortages. As you know, this is a company-wide and global issue; however, I can confirm that as a company Lands' End is renting trucks, chartering planes, prioritizing containers and also marking shipments HOT/high priority when shipments arrive at our warehouse. As product arrives, our warehouse is feverishly moving things along the best that they can; focusing first on shipments with backorders, school uniform and product that is client specific.*

*We understand items need to ship this month and everyone is working towards that. We certainly feel the pain and apologize for any inconveniences this is causing you and your families.*

I will continue to keep you informed with any updates we may receive.

## WEST COAST EXCLUSIVE: VIRTUAL SCHOOL BOOK TALK with KATE DiCAMILLO

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Wednesday, September 29th at 10:00AM PT

On Wednesday, September 29, Grades 3-6 will be joining award-winning author Kate DiCamillo for the launch of her newest book, **"The Beatryce Prophecy."** Please consider ordering one of her books through Children's Book World using the link below to support our visiting author's program.

<https://www.childrensbookworld.com/event/west-coast-exclusive-virtual-school-book-talk-kate-dicamillo>

## 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, September 22nd**, 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](#)

## **UCLA BLOOD DRIVE**

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St. Paul the Apostle Church will be hosting a UCLA Blood Drive on Friday, October 1, from 7:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

[Schedule an Appointment Here](#)



Once you have accessed the site, click **Blood Drives** and enter **SPACH** in the Zip Code or Account Code box. All eligible donors will receive a promotional item. Please remember to bring a photo ID with you to the donation site. Thank you for supporting the UCLA patients.

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