



SAINT PAUL
THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

How do you spell “**SUCCESS**”? That’s easy...

SPA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU to our awesome Committee and to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our **ONE LOVE FESTIVAL** this past weekend!

The memorable fun began last Thursday evening as numerous SPA alumni from the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 joined us for a private opening of this special event. It was heartwarming to see our SPA graduates back on campus and greeting one another with enthusiastic fist bumps, smiles and hugs.

Last Friday, the excitement of our students was palpable as they arrived on campus. Four hours later when their classes were dismissed, they quickly made their way to the yard to get in line for the rides that spun around or lifted them off the ground, the numerous games that tested their athletic or performing abilities, the booths that painted tattoos on their skin or changed the color of their hair to glittery green and orange, and the booths that filled their stomachs with delicious food and sweet treats. The smiles on their faces, the screams from the rides, the laughter with their friends, and the twinkle in their eyes were all very contagious. If we’ve ever asked ourselves, “Why do we do this?”, the answer could easily be determined by watching our students engage in that **ONE LOVE** atmosphere. The highly engaging entertainment in the tent

and all that fun could not have happened without so many families in our community giving their time and effort to this long-awaited event. (It also helped that the weather was beautiful!)

By all accounts, it was a fabulous event made even more so by the generous and whole-hearted participation and support we received from all of our SPA families. Too numerous to count were all of the parents who sponsored, chaired or volunteered to help in a booth; made donations of any kind; generously bid on auction items; purchased numerous ride and food tickets; assembled/dismantled booths and machinery; assisted with the game booths and various student activities; prepared, cooked and served delicious food and drinks; set-up, cleaned up, and smiled often; and did whatever task needed to be done at any moment. Your immense generosity has helped to sustain our vision of building community through service to others. **We could NOT have done this without you!** As soon as all of the accounts are settled and Wanda Ahmadi and her awesome Committee members have had some time to recuperate and rest for a bit, a report of our fundraising efforts will be shared with you.

Please remember that school will **NOT** be in session today (Monday) due to Festival tear down and clean up. (Yes, the hard work continues.) Classes will resume tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HAN REN AWARD



Sister Stella's

2020-2021

HAN REN AWARD

Han Ren was a student at St. Paul the Apostle School who passed away while he was in 4th grade. Han was a very charismatic student who was always willing to help his classmates. He was studious and took pride in his work, but he never bragged about his excellent grades, and never thought twice about helping a struggling student. Han was the kind of person that other students felt comfortable with because they knew he would not judge them. After Han passed away, Sister Stella began the 4th grade tradition of having each class vote on the two students who most resemble Han's Christian characteristics to help keep his memory alive. The names of previous award recipients are on a plaque that is hanging on the wall in the 4th grade hallway, along with Han's picture.

Last spring, the 4th grade class voted for the two students whom they felt would be the

most deserving recipients of the 2020-2021 Han Ren Award. Our sincere congratulations is extended to:

**Sean Dixon
and
Hara Ilopoulou**

A special “thank you” is extended to Sean and Hara for all they do to help our community continue to be a welcoming, friendly and caring environment. We are lucky to have them with us!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



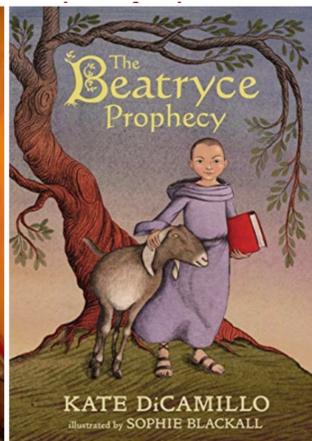
St. Paul the Apostle Parish will honor the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with a special “Blessing of the Animals”! This prayer assembly will be held on Monday, October 4, at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Parish Center. If you cannot attend the service at that time, another service will be held at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Church. Families are invited to bring their dogs, cats, turtles, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, or whatever pet you might own for a beautiful blessing. Your favorite stuffed animals are also welcome. Please note that all animals—even the cute stuffed ones—must return home after the service.

NO SCHOOL on OCTOBER 11TH

Please note that school will NOT be in session on Monday, October 11, which just happens to be Columbus Day. When we originally created our school calendar, this was the day we had reserved for campus clean-up after the Festival. Although our Festival dates were changed, we had enough of the required instructional days to not only leave October 11th as a “no school” day, we were also able to add an additional vacation day to our Thanksgiving week schedule. We hope you will be able to enjoy this extra time with your family.



WEST COAST EXCLUSIVE: VIRTUAL SCHOOL BOOK TALK with KATE DiCAMILLO



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>

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE



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.

SPA COVID TESTING



As planned, our next round of COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students will be held this **Wednesday, September 29nd**, 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

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.
