



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This Wednesday, September 11, the faculty, staff and students of St. Paul the Apostle School will gather for a special prayer assembly to acknowledge our country's solemn anniversary, and to pray for the many families whose lives were impacted by the events of that day 18 years ago. We were all deeply affected by the great loss of life that occurred in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. Our world changed in many devastating ways on September 11, 2001. Yet, from the rubble of that tragic day came the courage of American citizens to move forward, a deep compassion and willingness to want to help others, and a heightened appreciation and respect for first responders—the men and women who put their lives on the line when the lives of others were in danger. Many of those first responders are still enduring the physical and emotional impacts of that day 18 years later.

We have often said to our students that heroes come in many forms. They don't often wear capes and leap tall buildings in a single bound, but they just might be found in our schools, churches, or communities...just ordinary people who are sometimes thrown into an extraordinarily tragic situation, people who do the best that they can to help someone else in dire need. The greatest "thanks" and honor we can give these remarkable people is simply remembering.

"We Remember..."

We remember the first time we heard the news.

We recall the first time we saw those images.

We remember the prayers that were said for those who lost loved ones.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

We remember those who survived.

We recall their heart-breaking stories.

We remember that their lives are forever scarred by those moments.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

We remember the pain we felt.

We recall the bereavement and bitterness of the aftermath.

We remember that you are a God of redemption and restoration.

Our thoughts and prayers are with You again today.

We remember that You so loved the world.

We recall that You sent Your Son to bring reconciliation and salvation.

We remember your Spirit inhabits your church.

Help us, Lord, bring your comfort and peace to all.

September 11th has, in many ways, become a powerful symbol for American resilience, mutual support, and hope for the future. As Christian citizens of this great country, we must do all that we can to continue sharing the Gospel message of God's love. Parents are most welcome to join us for this special prayer assembly—we hope to see you there!

Peace and blessings,

Crystal A. Pinkofsky
Principal

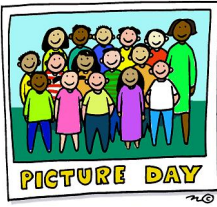
9	SEP 2019, MON	● 8 – 10am	PWC Meeting - JACC
10	SEP 2019, TUE	● All day	School Picture Day - JCPC
11	SEP 2019, WED	● 8 – 10am ● 3 – 4pm ● 6:30 – 8:30pm	VIRTUS (1.5) - JCPC Altar Server Training (refresher) - CH Altar Server Training (new servers) - CH
12	SEP 2019, THU	● All day ● 3 – 5pm ● 7 – 8pm	STAR Window Closed Altar Server Training (New Servers) - CH Altar Server Training (refresher) - CH
13	SEP 2019, FRI	● 8:15 – 9:15am ● 7 – 8pm	School Mass of the Holy Spirit - 8th Grade Sandwich Builders - JCPC (8th Grade)
15	SEP 2019, SUN	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Mass - Catechetical Sunday "Stay with Us"
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



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!

SPA PICTURE DAY!



Picture Day at SPA will be held on Tuesday, September 10th. Photographers from *Pictures with Class* will be on campus to photograph all students in DK through 8th grade. We will begin the photo sessions with our DK and kindergarten students, and proceed up the grade levels. Please make every effort to have your students here on time, and to not have any off-campus appointments that day. **Students MUST be in their regular school uniforms for pictures; PE uniforms, Spirit Wear and Festival attire may NOT be worn to school on Picture Day.**

Order forms will have been sent home with the students. If you would like to order a picture package, please complete the form and indicate your method of payment. Students will give the order form directly to the photographer when their pictures are taken on Tuesday. Students who are not ordering a picture package will still be photographed for school records and the SPA yearbook. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 310-474-1588.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL MASS

As stated many different times, the most important thing we do as SPA family is pray and worship together. Our Back-to-School Mass will be celebrated this Friday, September 13, at 8:15 a.m. **Because this is the Mass of the Holy Spirit, all SPA students are encouraged to wear a red shirt/blouse to school on Friday.** (Please note that uniform bottoms MUST be worn as this is NOT a free dress day.) Parents are most welcome to join us as we gather to begin our year as a community in faith and liturgy.



SPA UNIFORM POLICIES

As a Catholic school, our focus is on educating the whole person. We believe that a student's appearance has an impact on his/her attitude and behavior. Your children's adherence to our dress code teaches self-discipline, a sense of modesty and proper attire, and how to make choices based on imposed criteria. The student is guided to make decisions based less on popular dictates of appearance, and more on standards of good taste, respect for oneself, and pride in one's school. Our philosophy is to create an environment of excellence, in all aspects, and to encourage each student's personal commitment to these high standards.

Please note that natural hair color and traditional haircut/hair style are the rule for both boys and girls. Hair length for boys should be above the collar and above the eyebrows. Hair ornamentation that distracts any student from his/her school responsibilities is not allowed.

Boys' socks: Socks must be white, black or uniform green. Socks must extend below the knee and above the ankle so that they can be seen. "Ped" type socks are not allowed.

Girls' socks: The socks or tights must be white, black or uniform green. Crew socks or knee socks may be worn; "ped" socks are not allowed. Sweatpants and leggings may not be worn underneath the uniform jumpers, skirts, or skorts.

Thank you for your support and adherence to our school's uniform policies.



DK/KINDERGARTEN PLAY AREAS

One of the many projects completed this past summer was the wonderful additions to the DK/Kindergarten play areas. These additions are items that were much-needed, and are now very much appreciated. Please note that these two special areas and the play equipment are only designated for our DK and Kindergarten students. **Students in grades 1 through 8 are NOT allowed to play on the equipment or gather in the Kindergarten play area.** This policy will be enforced not only during the school day, but after school hours as well. Your cooperation regarding this school policy is very much appreciated.



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.



PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOLS!

This is just a gentle reminder to all parents to familiarize yourselves with the school's Haiku/PowerSchool teacher pages. Very important grade level and class information is posted on these pages. You can set alerts when new information or assignments are posted so that you remain informed regarding all that is happening in your child's classroom. If you have any questions regarding the most effective use of these tools, please contact the teacher or ask for needed clarification during our Back-to-School Night gathering.



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.



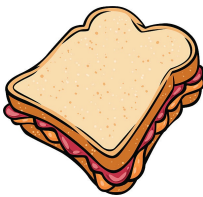
SPA PARISH NEWS

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.



SPA CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Year One and Year Two Confirmation students is now open. Please go to the Saint Paul the Apostle [website](#) to register. The forms can be found by going to the *Teach + Worship* tab, then to *Teen Confirmation*. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Ryan Casey at 525-832-5154 or via email at rcasey@sp-apostle.org.



SPA SANDWICH BUILDERS

Come join the Sandwich Builders team (the Barth, Goodgame, Tyler, and Woods families) on Friday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the JCPC to assist the 8th Grade students in making 1,000 lunches to help feed the homeless. There are LOTS of ways to help! You can always...

- **Sign up to bring supplies** -- thousands of supplies are needed each month, so we hope you will sign up to bring a few; you can sign up to bring supplies here.
- **Come pack lunch bags** – 7:00 p.m. in the JCPC
- **Drop off supplies** in the Parish office or on the table outside the front office the week of SB, or bring them to Sandwich Builders when you come to help pack the lunches. You can also mail supplies directly to the parish office: (St. Paul the Apostle, c/o Mary Ann Bertolucci, 10750 Ohio Avenue, LA, CA 90024) although bringing supplies in person is preferred. Please deliver all bread during the week -- not Friday night.

- **Help deliver lunches Saturday morning:** We will fill up your car with lunches Friday night. We deliver Saturday morning from about 6:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

We greatly appreciate the participation and enthusiasm of all who have joined us in the past, and hope you will continue to do so. As a reminder, we have a few requests this year in order to keep the energy high and the productivity even higher. We ask that you attend with your kids when possible, and talk with them about why they are there, and the importance of what they are doing. **Parents are expected to supervise their children at all times. We hope the kids have fun, but their TOP priority is making lunches.** Remind them to keep their phones at home, talk quietly while working, and participate! Your support and cooperation are very much appreciated!

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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