



# SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Paulist Fathers, the faculty, and staff, WELCOME (once again) to the new school year! It is our hope that you were able to enjoy the summer months to the extent possible, given all of the COVID challenges that we are currently dealing with in our country. Everyone here at St. Paul's has been working diligently since last June to prepare for our students' return to campus. Beginnings are always exciting—they offer new hope, new possibilities, new energy, and quite often, new people to join us for the journey. And speaking of "new people", the New Family Orientation that was held last Wednesday was absolutely delightful! The gathering was filled with an abundance of smiling faces, warm enthusiasm, and a few SPA alumni who have chosen to enroll their children in the same school they attended as youngsters. It's decisions like this that speak volumes about the legacy of St. Paul the Apostle School.

While we can definitely look back and learn from some of the incredible changes and unprecedented experiences of the last 18 months, we prefer to look ahead to the wonderful learning opportunities and new relationships our upcoming school year offers! It is not just what we instill in the classrooms that matters. Every encounter your children will have at SPA will become an opportunity for growth –

including those in the church, the media center, the parish center, the playground, and the gym. From the iPads and laptops located throughout the school, to the prayers expressed for family and friends during daily prayer, and to singing joyfully at our student body Masses – we are dedicated to ensuring that our students thrive spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, physically, and culturally.

Parents, we will definitely need your support to make this happen successfully. Teamwork is the only way to establish a path toward excellence, and we have experienced this often in both our school and parish communities. I know that the dedicated and passionate teachers of SPA give 100% of themselves every day to your children. I am going to depend on you to support them, meaningfully communicate with them throughout the year, and keep our community in your prayers. I also respectfully request that you read through the important reminders that are included in this newsletter below so that everyone is well prepared for the first day of school.

Thank you for gifting us with this special partnership of educating your children! It will be another fun and exciting year for us as we continue to charter into these uncertain times. That uncertainty will have less significance while we work together as a community of faith and academic excellence, and begin our 86th year of educating children at St. Paul the Apostle School. I pray that God will continue to bless us all, and that His Spirit will guide us through the journey and any ambiguities we may encounter during the school year.

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky  
Principal

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## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning. The following are some important reminders. Please read through the list carefully so that you do not overlook anything of importance. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

- Don't forget to complete the **Wellness Check** on SchoolPass before you arrive on campus. Contact Mayora Hiney at [mhiney@sp-apostle.org](mailto:mhiney@sp-apostle.org) if you have any issues logging in.
- Drop-off on Tuesday (only) is from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
- There will be **two drop-off options** for the first day of school.
  - Park in the neighborhood (not along Selby Avenue) and walk in through the front entrance. Proceed directly to your child's classroom. (There will be "relaxed" parking on Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.)
  - Pull up in front of the school and drop your student off with one of the SPA

staff members on Selby. There will be several people available to help get your students out of the car. The students will walk up the front steps and proceed to their classrooms.

- Parents will need to leave campus at 8:00 a.m. so that we can begin the school day. Please leave campus through the playground to avoid adding to the walk-in traffic around the classrooms. The PWC will be hosting a **Back-to-School Coffee** social in the Parish Center beginning at 7:45 a.m.
- **COVID testing** of faculty, staff and students will begin Tuesday. Don't forget to include the COVID-testing consent forms and copies of your insurance card in your student's backpack. Each student will need to have their own copies.
- For 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, remember to send your student with a "Permission to Sign Out" note if you would like them to be able to sign themselves out and also pick up siblings at dismissal.
- School will **dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday** (the first day of school.)
  - To pick-up students in the classroom, park in the neighborhood (not along Selby Avenue) and walk in through the front entrance. The front entry gate will open at 12:30 p.m.
  - Older students with a signed permission slip will be able to sign themselves out at 12:45 p.m.
  - They will pick up their siblings at the lunch tables.
- **After-School Care** is available until 6:00 p.m. Billing for this service begins at 3:30 p.m.

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## SPA BUSINESS BREAKFAST

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St. Paul's Business Breakfast Club is looking for new members to join their Steering Group! The Club is particularly interested in meeting parents of younger grade students. They are always looking for interesting guest speakers to join them for their monthly meetings. Having school parents join them to share information about their various businesses and life experiences has always been a very popular feature of the gathering. If you are interested please contact Jay Spillane at [jayspillane@zoho.com](mailto:jayspillane@zoho.com), or simply call him at 310-951-5330.



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## IN-N-OUT BURGER TRUCK!

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Don't forget...St. Paul the Apostle Parish will be hosting a PARISH PICNIC on Sunday, August 29, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone in attendance will be treated to a delicious In-N-Out burger meal—and it's FREE! We hope that you will be able to join us for food, friendship, and fun as we begin our new school year together. YUMMY—we are truly looking forward to this parish treat! Don't forget to reserve your spot!