



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday! We hope that everyone was able to enjoy the beautiful weather that we had this past weekend. The warmth and the sunshine definitely have us all eagerly looking forward to summer vacation!

As we continue to move forward through these final weeks of school, The Pastor and Administration have taken some time to reflect upon the progress and successes we have experienced, and what the plans will be for moving forward. Several of these discussions have focused on the weekly COVID testing of faculty, staff and students that we have had in place since school began last fall. The weekly testing has been a very important part of keeping our school safe by caring for everyone in our SPA community, and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19. Regular testing for COVID-19 helped us to support students and school staff to know when to isolate if they tested positive for COVID-19. Notifying our school families if your child was identified as a close contact also proved to be extremely helpful. We are truly grateful to Nurse Anderson for all of her hard work, and to all of our school families for your supportive participation and cooperation throughout this process.

Now that we have returned from our Easter vacation, and having tested everyone TWICE this past week, it was very reassuring to learn that we had only ONE positive case. **Given this information, the decision has been made to STOP our weekly COVID testing here at St. Paul's.** We will continue to let you know of any positive notifications that we receive from families so that you are kept aware of potential exposures. **Please note that asymptomatic students who have been exposed to COVID-19 while here at school will be required to wear a mask around others**

when they are indoors. As required by The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, this mask requirement will be for 10 days after the last exposure. While we hope we will not have to implement this health policy, we will do whatever is mandated to keep everyone here safe and healthy.

As always, the faculty, staff and students may continue to wear their masks daily at their own discretion. We are aware of the fact that several members of our community have vulnerable family members at home that they must keep safe. And of course, Nurse Anderson will continue to do everything necessary to help us manage exposures to any COVID-19 cases at St. Paul the Apostle School.

Thank you, once again, for being so awesome and supportive. We are blessed!

Peace and Blessings,

Crystal Pinkofsky
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR



The DRAFT for the 2022-2023 school calendar has been submitted to the ADLA Dept. of Catholic Schools for a review and approval. I anticipate receiving that approval and being able to share some pertinent dates with you in next week's newsletter. Stay tuned...

NEW: SPA BADGE POLICY

Last week everyone received a special email that outlined the policies and procedures regarding the implementation of our SPA Badge Safety Program. Parents who submitted the requested photos had their ID badges made and sent home with the students last week. If you have not already submitted the requested photos, please do so as soon as possible. Anyone who must enter the campus without a badge in hand will have to receive a "Visitor Pass". Thank you for your cooperation regarding this additional safety procedure for our school campus.



SPA CHESS TOURNAMENT RESULTS!



“Every chess master was once a beginner.” Congratulations to the 62 SPA students who participated in the chess tournament on Friday, April 29th. We had student participation from every grade! Chess is the best sport to exercise the most important organ in our body: the brain. Our SPA students have shown tremendous “chess” growth this year, both in their confidence and their creativity. We commend all 62 students for their achievements during this tournament and encourage them to keep enjoying this wonderful game of concentrated skill and fun! We especially want to congratulate our winners from each division!

Kindergarten Champions: Oliver Chahin, Hayes Fascett, and Edith Kaericher

First Grade Champion: Joe Traboulsi

Second Grade Champion: Jun Choi

Third Grade Champion: Aiden Ho

Fourth Grade Champion Dio Horn

Upper Grade Champion Michael Krieger (8th grade)

WE JOG FOR ST. JUDE’S!



The faculty, staff and students of St. Paul the Apostle School will be participating in a Jog-a-Thon to help support St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This event is being planned for Friday, May 13th. Details will be shared with everyone soon!

SPRING SING 2 and the ART SHOW



Spring Sing 2 is quickly approaching. Parents are invited to Join us in the church at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, for the announcement of the 2022-2023 PWC Board followed by the 7th, 6th, 2nd, 1st, Kindergarten and DK performances. After the musical performances, the JCPC will be open and displaying artwork from the performing grades. Light refreshments will be served.

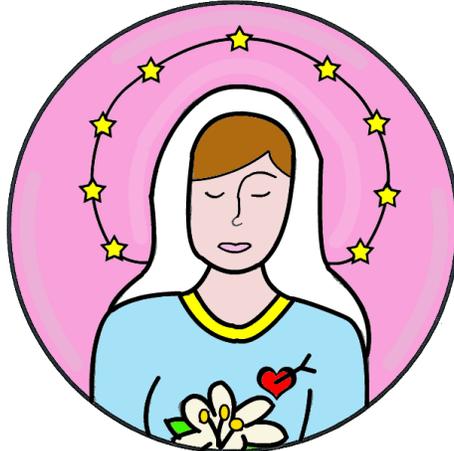
A big thank you to Ron Aggabao, Jim Casey and Joanna Lewandowski for all the joy and creativity they bring to our children through art and music.

RSVP with the link below. Only RSVP for the adults attending; please do NOT count your performing student(s).

Please contact **Erin Heibold** or **Jennifer Collins** with any questions.

RSVP SPRING SING II

MAY CROWNING



May is the month of Mary and the beautiful tradition of May Crowning reflects the beauty of the 5th Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary which it evokes. Honoring Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, honors her Son, Jesus Christ, who first crowned her as His Queen. Adorning Our Lady with a crown of flowers is a custom of great devotion to Our Holy Mother, and recalls the beauty of her maternal love for us during difficult times in the world.

The faculty and students of St. Paul the Apostle School will participate in our annual May Crowning ceremony on Friday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m. This special prayer service will be led by our first grade students. Students in grades 1 – 4 will be in church, and all of the other students will join us via livestream using the St. Paul YouTube Media link.

GET VACCINATED!

Once again, St. Paul the Apostle Parish will be hosting a Vaccine Clinic on **Monday, May 16**, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The first and second vaccine doses will be available from the L.A. County Dept. of Public Health, as well as Booster shots. Everyone is eligible; there is no need to show an I.D. Please note that consent forms are required for minors. Free flu vaccines will also be available. Please refer to Fr. Gil's weekly email communication dated April 21st to reserve a time.



SPA CARPOOL SURVEY!



Who wouldn't love a day or two or three off from driving to and from school every week? And particularly now, who wouldn't want to save money on gas and time sitting

in LA traffic? If these questions have your attention, we've got a solution for you. Saint Paul's is launching a carpool portal to connect fellow SPA families that live near each other and want to carpool. Carpooling is not only easy on you, the environment, and your fellow Angelenos, it's also great for your kids. Carpooling is a wonderful way for kids to make new friends, learn to compromise, be flexible, and share. If you are interested, please complete the linked google form and we will sort the demographic information and send you a list of families in your area that want to try carpooling: [SPA Carpool Survey](#). By the end of the year, we hope to have a carpool portal up so families can use it at any time. Thank you for your interest!