



# Spartan Newsletter

## St. Paul of the Cross 2022-2023 School Year

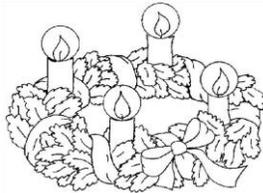
School-Wide Learning Expectation: Academically Prepared; Spiritually Evolving; Active Catholic-Christian; Life-Long Learner **November 30, 2022**

### 65 Years of Developing Students Academically and Spiritually!

#### Principally Speaking

Advent 2022

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us



of the meaning of the season.



#### Week 12 Winners Congratulations

Cheryl Borunda  
Amanda Ly  
Erykah Lopez

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundraiser

Parents,  
Our second **MANDATORY \$100 FUNDRAISER IS DUE on Monday, January 9, 2023.** We will be having a Raffle of Baskets. Each grade will make up a basket worth \$100. Each family will receive 10 tickets to be put in for the chance to win the basket(s) of **YOUR CHOICE!**

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#### \*\* DATES TO REMINDER \*\*

##### NO SCHOOL ON:

December, 14– 31 Christmas Vacation	Monday, January 16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr</i>
Monday, January 2 <i>New Year's</i>	Monday, February 20 <i>Presidents' Day</i>

##### UP COMING EVENTS:

Friday, Dec. 2 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mass</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 4 <i>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Patio Prayer</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 7 <i>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Patio Prayer</i>	Friday, Jan. 6 <i>NJHS Mass</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 7 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Awards</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 11 <i>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Patio Prayer</i>
Friday, Dec. 9 <i>Teachers' Mass</i>	Friday, Jan. 13 <i>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 13 <i>Christmas Program</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 18 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Patio Prayer</i>

#### Noncommercial Photo Release Form

Parents,  
The noncommercial photo release form was given to all families with the registration packet at the beginning of the school year. The purpose of this form is to have parents' permission for the school to use your child(ren)'s images, voices, names, or work on social media. This form must be filled out every year. If your child does not have this form on file, the **SCHOOL WILL NOT** let students pose for pictures to be used for social media purposes. We will ask the students to step aside and out of the pictures. The school **DOES NOT EDIT OUT STUDENTS** in any photo. Parents please be mindful of photos of students that you take at school events to post on your personal social media sites. The yearbook and school portraits are excluded on this form because these are for you to purchase.

Thank you for **YOUR UNDERSTANDING**, Ms. H.

### Trimester Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Trimester awards will be presented on Wednesday, December 7 @ 2:30pm, inside Gannon Hall.

### Holy Day of Obligation

You are invited to attend the: Teachers'-School Mass on Thursday, December 8 "The Immaculate Conception"

### Safeguard our Children

The Archdiocese requires that all parents, volunteers, and staff must take a Virtus Training class and be FINGERPRINTED for our children's safety. Fingerprinting must be done through the Los Angeles Archdiocese. A November Calendar of all parishes that are hosting fingerprinting was sent home. You need to have both of these requirements fulfilled by January 15, 2023. Any adult that is not compliant will not be permitted to volunteer in CLASSROOMS or CAMPUS EVENTS.

Thank You for your cooperation.  
Ms. H



### Prayer Corner

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer corner, please send in their name by Monday morning. Thank you.*

**Please Prayer for:**  
St. Paul of the Cross School  
Parents & Staff  
8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Father Chan

**For the Repose of the Souls of:**  
Felipe Rea  
Eugene A. Gleason Jr  
Ted Galvan Jr

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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer.  
~Philippians 4:6-7*

### The Importance of Bingo

Parents,  
BINGO is the Parish's most profitable fundraiser that helps our *SCHOOL* with the day-to-day expenses. It is very important that you show up on your **SCHEDULED DATES**. If you need to reschedule please contact Mrs. Alba before 4pm the day before your scheduled date.

**There is a \$50 charge for any NO Shows.**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

#### Parents please sign-up.

You need to do 3 BINGOS throughout the year.:  
**\*\*Bingo Hours are on Fridays from 5pm to 10pm**

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| December 2                       | 3 Parents Needed |
| December 9                       | 3 Parents Needed |
| December 16                      | 3 Parents Needed |
| December 23                      | 4 Parents Needed |
| <b>BINGO SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL</b> |                  |



### ~ Bingo ~

**Parents there is a \$50 Fee for NO SHOWS!**

| December 2            | December 9     |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Anthony Hernandez: TK | Alex Limon: TK |
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### Scrip Sale Days

#### Sundays After Masses

**You can order Scrip on Monday and get it on Thursdays or sign-up online to buy scrip.**