



January 30, 2012

Dear SPBS Families,

It is now time to begin preparations for our next school year at SPBS. Therefore, we have attached the re-enrollment forms for *current* SPBS students to today's "Bear Paw" with this letter. ***These important forms are to be filled out for all currently enrolled students, and they are due back on or before February 29, 2012 together with the first half of the \$350.00 per student registration fee for next year.*** Therefore, please fill out and return the re-enrollment form for all returning current SPBS students, and remember to include whether or not you will also have a sibling applying to our Kindergarten for 2012-2013 on the form. We are beginning our application process for new students at this time, so we need to know exactly how many spaces we will have for new students next year in all our grades. Full application packets for new students to SPBS (including siblings and Kindergarten) are available in the school office, or they may also be downloaded from our SPBS website at: www.stpaschalbaylonschool.org under "Forms".

The most pressing challenges facing Los Angeles Archdiocesan Catholic elementary schools in general and SPBS in particular remain how to provide reasonably-priced *excellence in Catholic education*; maintain our aging facilities; upgrade technology; and continue to fund financial aid for our qualified Catholic families, in the face of increased benefit costs and operating expenses. *I am very proud of the fact that during my fifteen years as principal of SPBS, no qualified Catholic student has been turned away simply due to their family's inability to pay our full tuition.* However, it is more difficult each year to provide this. SPBS "self-funds" financial aid for our qualified families. As the financial aid need unfortunately continues to grow within our own school community, the impact on the bottom line of our school budget continues to increase. Therefore, in order to adequately plan for the amount of projected financial aid needed for next year, we ask that our SPBS families, *who feel they may need tuition assistance for the next school year*, request the necessary form from our Bookkeeper, and apply for financial aid during February. We strongly encourage our school families, who are committed to providing their children with Catholic education, to apply for financial aid at SPBS if it is needed, rather than simply transferring your child to public school to save money.

As I have explained previously: *at a minimum our SPBS tuition and fees must cover the amount of salaries and benefits for our faculty and staff, as well as a portion of the school's operating expenses.* I am very pleased to announce that our tuition for the upcoming school year for grades 1-8 will be \$4,975 for one child, which is only a \$7.50 per month increase for next year. Due to the smaller class size SPBS maintains in Kindergarten, along with providing a full-time Teacher Aide for the class, Kindergarten tuition will be \$5,075 without a sibling discount, as has been our practice for many years. In addition, SPBS will continue to provide substantial second, third, and fourth child tuition discounts. Current families will still not be charged for their fourth child, however, new incoming families will now pay a discounted fee for their fourth child. Please note, that the student registration fee is now \$350.00 per student. *This is the first raise in registration fees in over 12 years at SPBS.* The 2012-2013 SPBS tuition and fee schedule is outlined for you in greater detail on the attached re-enrollment form.

THE BEAR PAW

I continue to believe that the SPBS Endowment Fund is our school's "hope for the future", in terms of helping us successfully meet the multi-faceted challenges facing Catholic elementary schools outlined above, while continuing to maintain our reasonable tuition rate, as our tuition does not cover the actual cost of educating a child at SPBS. However, many years are required to build a substantial Endowment Fund, which is capable of generating enough interest income to achieve this. Our Endowment Fund is managed by a team of expert financial planners through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. SPBS will continue to build our Endowment Fund to help ensure the future fiscal stability of SPBS. However, I ask for financial support from our school families to do so. If you are able, please consider helping to pay a portion of the tuition for a student receiving financial aid, or make a direct donation to the Endowment Fund. This would be the most effective way to help us bridge the gap between what tuition covers and the true cost of education at SPBS.

This critical issue of how to provide *excellence in Catholic education* for the students in our parish elementary school, while keeping tuition within the means of the majority of our local Catholic families and parishioners, is a complex and complicated one for us all. Our pastor, Fr. Dave, and I remain deeply committed to the justice-based issue of providing excellence in Catholic parochial education for our active Catholic parishioners, who desire it for their children. *However, creating and maintaining a system of affordable yet excellent Catholic education at SPBS remains one of the most daunting challenges we face as Catholic educators. SPBS is the only Catholic school in our Archdiocese with a 100% Catholic student body and faculty that I am aware of: what a clear and visible statement about our school's true mission as a uniquely Catholic faith community.*

Thank you for all you do as parents to help SPBS provide such outstanding Catholic parochial education for our students. I recognize, acknowledge, applaud, and am humbled by the stewardship and collaborative spirit modeled by our SPBS families. I am pleased that we were able to formulate a budget for the next school year, which allows for the continuation of our current excellent SPBS curriculum/programs, and maintains our current large number of faculty and staff, with such a minimal increase in tuition and fees. I extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our SPBS families, for your very generous sharing of time, talent, and treasure, which has helped make such a reasonable tuition and fees adjustment for next year possible.

2012-2013 Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence in Catholic Education at SPBS...

Together in Faith,

Suzanne S. Duffy, M.A., M.Ed.

Principal

THE BEAR PAW

JANUARY 30, 2012

Month of the Passion of the Lord...

JANUARY / FEBRUARY...

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012

30th Mon. TEACHER AIDE/STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

- * PTO SAFETY DAY #4 at Pick-Up
- * Family Envelopes/Cover Sheets Go Home
- * CURRENT SPBS STUDENTS' RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS GO HOME TODAY
- * HOT LUNCH (BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH)
- * FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
- * 8th Gr. Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 1:30 - 2:30
- * 12:10 Senator Meeting (Music Room)
- * Peer Math Tutoring ~2:45-3:30pm (Library)

31st Tues. STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY -

FREE DRESS and NO HOMEWORK!!

- * PTO SAFETY DAY #5 at Pick-Up
- * NO 7:30 Student Council
- * Return Family Envelopes/Cover Sheets
- * Hearing Testing Grades K, 2, 5 & 8
- * PASTA HOT LUNCH
- * Prayer Service Practice 10:15-11:00 (Church)
- * 8TH GR. VARIETY SHOW 1:30 (Hall)

FEBRUARY BEGINS

1st Wed. SPBS FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY

"SPBS ON-LINE AUCTION BEGINS"

- * 7:30am SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
- * SPBS PRAYER SERVICE-11:15AM-CHURCH
- * FAMILY PICNIC-11:45AM-FIELD/PATIO
- * USED UNIFORM SALE -11:45-12:30-PATIO
- * 2:05PM SPBS FAMILY ROSARY AT OLG SHRINE
- * Peer Math Tutoring ~2:45-3:30pm (Library)

2nd Thurs. TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

- * 7:30am SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
- * NO 7:50am Student Assembly
- * PTO/Student Council Treats for Faculty/Staff
- * HOT LUNCH (DOMINOS PIZZA)
- * Jr. High Career Assembly 1:30-2:30 (Media Rooms)

3rd Fri. SPB PARISH PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY

- * 8:15am Mass (Gr. 6) Full Dress Uniforms
*"Gifts of Gratitude" Presented to SPB Priests
After Mass -All Families are Invited!*
- * NOON DISMISSAL-Dress Uniforms
- * Faculty/Staff Mtg.—**CANCELLED !!**
- * FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE at 7:00PM HALL

FEBRUARY...

MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD...

- 6th Mon. * Family Envelopes/Cover Sheets Go Home
* JUNIOR HIGH & CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS GO HOME
2nd TRI. ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS GO HOME
* Pay 50 cents for Spirit Day M-Thursday
* HOT LUNCH (CHICKEN TENDERS)
* Peer Math Tutoring ~2:45-3:30pm (Library)
- 7th Tues. * 7:30 Student Council Meeting (Library)
* Return Family Envelopes/Cover Sheets
* PASTA HOT LUNCH
* JOG-A-THON Prize Review (12:50-2:30pm)
* 3pm Faculty Meeting
- 8th Wed. * 7:30am SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
* HOT LUNCH (MEATBALL SANDWICHES)
* 2:05PM SPBS FAMILY ROSARY AT OLG SHRINE
* Peer Math Tutoring ~2:45-3:30pm (Library)
- 9th Thurs. * 7:30am SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
* 7:50am Student Assembly
* VALENTINE'S SPIRIT DAY
~ Wear Red, White, and Pink
* Cheer Candy Sale at Morning Recess
* HOT LUNCH (PICK UP STICKS)
- SPBS ON-LINE AUCTION CLOSING TONIGHT
- 10th Fri. * 8:15am Mass (Gr. 5) Full Dress Uniforms

~IN MEMORIAM~

Don Breeher, Father-in-Law of our Kindergarten Aide, Paula, father of Jeff Breeher, and grandfather of Katherine (grade 7) passed away early this morning following a lengthy illness. The plans for his funeral Mass are not yet made, but his funeral will be here at SPB. Please remember Don and their entire family in your prayers.

Grant eternal rest unto him, oh Lord...

"Bear Paw" Submissions must be in by Thursday at noon, prior to the Monday it is to be sent home.

All notices submitted after that time will be held for the following "Bear Paw". Please email all articles or announcements "print ready" (Comic Sans font-11 point), as an attachment in Word, via email to [Amy Ashford at aashford@stpaschal.org](mailto:Amy.Ashford@stpaschal.org) and copy Mrs. Duffy at school@stpaschal.org. All information is required to be approved prior to printing, and may be edited before going out to our SPBS families. Email any flyers or emails going home regarding SPBS events, for pre-approval by Mrs. Duffy, as well.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, SR. PAT IS COMING TO SPBS!



Last year, SPBS proudly hosted renowned writer and speaker Dr. Pat McCormack, IHM.

Mrs. Duffy has invited Dr. Pat to return this month, to visit our students, speak to our parents, and speak at a Deanery workshop to local Catholic teachers and principals too.

As part of our SPBS "parent education program", the PTO is proudly hosting Sr. Pat for her talk, "Building Blocks of Self-Discipline and Self-Esteem in Children". Like last year's informative, funny, and motivational talk, this workshop will provide practical tools, so you get off on a great "parenting foot" for the new year and beyond! This talk is for parents with children in all grades, AND parents get two *Volunteer Hours* per family for attending! Join us on Wednesday, February 15th, at 7pm in the Hall. Questions? Contact PTO President Jen McGee at: jen@equitymg.com



SPBS ONLINE AUCTION BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Opens: Wednesday, February 1

Closes: Thursday, February 9

*There are only 2 more days until the
SPBS Online Auction 2012 Opens...*

Now is your chance to purchase everything you did not get for Christmas, perhaps a Valentine's Day present for that special someone.

The SPBS Online Auction has something for everyone:

iTouch, Bath & Body Works, Big Bear Vacations, American Girl School Uniforms, Condo in Dana Point, GIFT CARDS, *Kindle*, Gourmet Pizza Party, local getaways, Baptismal Gown, Angels Diamond Club Tickets, Golden Spoon for a Year...

Just too many great items to list here!

Be the first to log on...THIS Wednesday, February 1st:

www.stpaschalbaylonschool.org

PERSONALIZED CLASS PROJECT

AND SPECIAL ITEM RAFFLE:

There is still time to WIN the Personalized Class Project or Special Item of your choice during the Family Picnic on Wednesday, February 1! Raffle Tickets are still available and will be sold up until the drawing THIS Wednesday. 1 for \$30, or 4 for \$100. Ticket sales will end at 12:05 PM, and the winner will be pulled at 12:15 PM.

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S WITH THE FANTASTIC DIAMOND BAND:

This Valentine's you have reason to celebrate ~ Why stay home when you can Eat, Drink, Dance and be Merry with "The Fantastic Diamond Band" ~ A Neil Diamond Tribute Band.

Where: St. Paschal Baylon Hall

When: Saturday, Feb. 11th

Doors open at 6:15 PM

Dinner will be served @ 7:00 PM

Ticket Price: \$40 a seat; \$75 a couple;

\$300 Reserves a table of 8

Order your tickets today via an Order Form in the school office or at: www.stpaschalbaylonschool.org

The event is a fundraiser for SPBS. All proceeds will benefit the students and programs at SPBS.

FANTASTIC DIAMOND VOLUNTEERS:

Need Volunteer Hours? We need your help for *Fantastic Diamond* event. Help set-up Friday 2/10 or Saturday 2/11, work at the high energy and fun event itself, or help clean-up after the dancing. We'd love your help and it's a great, fun way to earn Volunteer Hours while meeting new friends. Questions: Contact Jen 805/816-2608.

SPBS 50TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK:

SPBS is getting ready to celebrate 50 years of *Excellence in Catholic Education* during the 2012-13 school year, including a huge celebration and all-class reunion held here on campus: Saturday, January 26, 2013!

In preparation for our year of celebration, we want to publish a cookbook celebrating our "Fifty Years of Cooking Excellence...Bears Style"! We need your help to do that...Please consider submitting your favorites for our "Bears Family Cookbook". The more recipes the better! The PTO Board is helping create a commemorative cookbook celebrating the upcoming SBPS 50th Anniversary Celebration. However, we would like to have our cookbook ready to sell by this Mother's Day! Families are encouraged to enter as many recipes as they like.

Let alumni friends and relatives know too!! We welcome their recipes as well!

Download recipe submission forms at: www.stpaschalbaylonschool.org under "Forms" to submit your recipe!

You can also email recipes directly to jen@equitymq.com. The PTO Board and Mrs. Duffy appreciate your contributions! Recipe submissions are due by Tuesday, 1/31/2012
Questions? Contact Jen 805/816-2608.

FOOD FOR BOOKS/HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

The "February" series of lunches begins today.

If you have not yet turned in an order for lunches, please download the order form and send it back to the school tomorrow morning along with your payment. NOTE: Remember that THIS Wednesday's lunch is ONLY a fundraiser for the 8th grade - it was a *special order* envelope for "Pick Up Stix" for the Family Picnic.

9TH GR. HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below please find listed below High School Information Nights for the 3 local public high schools, for our 8th grade families:

- Newbury Park High School: Monday, February 13th, 6:00pm - NPHS Performing Arts Center
- Thousand Oaks High School: Wednesday, February 8th, 6:00pm - TOHS Gym
- Westlake High School: Wednesday, March 7th, 5:30pm - WHS Gym

SCRIP ORDERS/THANK YOU:

Thank you to Lisa Pope (Zane, 7th grade) who redesigned the Scrip flyer, to showcase more of the variety of Scrip gift cards that are available for purchase via the SPBS office. Purchasing your gift cards from SPBS allows the school to earn money from your shopping without costing you anything more. It also allows you to earn *Profit Dollars* at the same time too!

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Due to an unfortunate office computer "glitch" some of the *Volunteer Hours* that were posted over the Christmas break were electronically lost. However, these hours have been re-posted, and corrected Statements are again coming home today. If you have any missing hours now, especially from the October Festival, please let me know by emailing me at PHarding@stpaschal.org.

Thank You,

Priscilla Harding, SPBS Accounts Manager

PROFIT DOLLARS:

Invoices for the first half of *Profit Dollars* were sent home earlier this month to each family. Payment for those invoices are due today. If your payment has already been made, we appreciate your promptness. Please return any remaining payments to the school office by tomorrow.

FABULOUS 50's FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE:

Come and join us for a fabulous night of dancing and sweets on Friday, February 3rd from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please see the enclosed flyer for more specifics. If you would like to earn some Volunteer Hours, we would love to have your help with setting up for the event. For questions, please contact Samantha Varela 818/517-2005.

SPBS JOG-A-THON 2012:

This is the final week that the Jog-A-Thon committee is asking for new toy donations (i.e. unused, not needed Christmas presents), that

can be part of Jog-A-Thon prizes won by our students. Note: The toys must be appropriate for students in the age range of Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the SPBS front office labeled, "JOG-A-THON".

Tuesday, February 7th is our prize review assembly. Students will be bringing their Pledge Envelopes home after school that day. Next week, look for more information regarding the Jog-a-thon in your family envelope.

All donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Coordinators: Maiya Hutchinson at (805) 375-7078 or Amy Masino at (805) 241-9927. **Thank You!**

SPRING SING ACTORS AND REHEARSAL:

~**Congratulations to all the actors who auditioned for the SPBS 2012 Spring Sing!** Well done! Our first rehearsal for the Spring Sing major/intermediate characters will be this Wednesday, February 1st, from 2:45-4:15 in the Church community room. Mr. Leslie will escort the actors to and from the church. Note: Please pick you child up promptly at 4:15 PM, as children who have not been picked up at that time will be checked into SPBS Extended Care, and parents will be billed accordingly.

~**The following students have been selected for major/intermediate roles and should attend this first rehearsal:**

Ryan Long, Guillermo Rodriguez Rivas, Megan Sauter, Brianna Biezins, Erin Fabian, Olivia Miele, Rory Brennan, Theresa Dang, James Litiatco, Silverio Luna, Jessica Sauter, Jose Rodriguez Rivas, Bella Chastain, Genevieve Emanuel, Julianna Dunivin, Grace Phillips, Julia Rychlik, Rebekah Leon, Anais Salinas, Allison Devine, Zack Mundwiller, Athena Walls, Scarlett Tunney, Anais Terry, Diana Suarez, Megan Burkett, Isabel Galvin, Bella Phillips, Luke Meyers, Julianna Emanuel, Sophia Sottile, Megan Moran, Victoria Cue, and Ava Miele. **Thank you, Mr. J. Leslie**

IN MEMORIAM ~ John Yerina

- † John Yerina has passed away due to complications from his recent open heart bypass surgery.
- † John was our SPBS Athletic Director Joell Poppen's beloved father, and was a devoted grandfather to our PE Coach Jake Poppen and student Colin Flannery (grade 3). John's wife, Bella, is our long-time Irish Dance teacher and owner of the O'Conner School of Irish Dance.
- † John Yerina's Funeral Mass will be this Thursday, February 2nd, at 10:30am at Saint Paschal Baylon, followed by the interment at Assumption in Simi Valley and then a reception in the Hall for all. The Yerina family has requested that the SPBS 8th Grade class attend John's funeral to represent SPBS, since all three of John's children, all seven of his grandchildren have also attended our school, and he loved Saint Paschal Baylon School. Therefore, the 8th grade will also be attending the funeral Mass on Thursday morning, and need to be in "full dress uniform". Any other SPBS students are welcome to attend WITH a parent. *If you wish to attend the funeral with your children, please check them out from the office, and then sign them back in after the Mass.*
- † In addition, John's Vigil/Rosary will be held at the Griffin Brothers Mortuary on Wilbur Road in Thousand Oaks, on Wednesday evening, February 1st at 7:00pm. All are welcome to come.
- † Please continue to pray for John's wife, Bella; and his children, Joell, Stephanie, and Patrick, along with the entire family, during their time of grief, loss, and adjustment.
- † In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- † *Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord...and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

FINAL CAST FOR "NEMO'S ADVENTURE":

Congratulations to all the students who were chosen for a part in the *Spring Sing*. I believe that everyone who auditioned received a part. However, if you auditioned for a part and did not receive one, please notify **Mr. Leslie** at school, or call him at 805-495-9340, ext 155. **NOTICE:** Actors will receive a required *Spring Sing Actor's Contract* in their Family Envelopes today, which must be returned signed in the Family Envelope on or before, February 7th, or their *Spring Sing* part will be forfeited. Mr. Leslie

	<u>1:00pm</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>		<u>1:00pm</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>
Marlin:	Ryan Long	Guillermo Rivas	Bloat:	Zachary Mundwiller	Athena Walls
Nemo:	Megan Sauter	Brianna Biezins	Deb:	Scarlett Tunney	Anais Terry
Coral:	Olivia Sottile	Rachel Leon	Gurgle:	Diana Suarez	Megan Burkett
Dory:	Erin Fabian	Olivia Miele	Gill:	Isabel Galvin	Isabella Phillips
Betty:	Megan Loper	Natalie Nashed	Nigel:	Luke Meyers	Julianna Emanuel
Sue:	Sarah Iezza	Molly Marini	Crush:	Sophia Sottile	Megan Moran
Phyllis:	Emily McCormick	Angela Biezins	Squirt:	Victoria Cue	Ava Miele
Mr. Ray:	Rory Brennan	Theresa Dang	Dentist:	Mariana Smith	Jack Chastain
Sheldon:	Cole Scott	Kelsey Lindquist	Darla:	Anna Belle Sanders	Brianna Touquet
Pearl:	Francesca Pourvali	Alexandra Carson	Moonfish:	Cassidy Moss	Angela Richards
Tess:	Jessica Sauter	Alexandra Clark	Pelican:	Jack McMillan	Sammy Croasdale
Bruce:	James Litiatco	Silverio Luna	Albatross:	Mitchell Nuesca	Julia Tushla
Anchor:	Audrey Sauter	Jose Rivas	Lobster:	Ella Busch	Mariana Smith
Chum:	Izabella Chastain	Genevieve Emanuel	Angel Fish:	Sean Harmon	Isabella LeChau
Bubbles:	Julianna Dunivin	Grace Phillips	Dolphin:	Jack Sutton	Sophia Brandolino
Peach:	Julia Rychlik	Rebekah Leon	Bernie:	Aaliyah Porter	Samantha Bruno
Jacques:	Anais Salinas	Allison Devine	Baz:	Ashley Lee	Madeline Bruno