



Our School, Our Children, Our Future

2017 MARCH SPA FOUNDATION FORUM NEWSLETTER

March 30, 2017

Mission Statement



The mission of the St. Paul the Apostle School Foundation is to provide leadership and funding for projects, programs, equipment, materials and services which will have a direct impact on the development of the whole child and that are outside of the annual school budget. The Foundation will raise money from the school community and friends with the intent to spend these funds on current projects.

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SPA Foundation Board President Update:



The SPA Foundation President, Dean Catalano

Dear St. Paul the Apostle families,

The SPA Foundation has been busy the past several months with many important initiatives. Most recently, we concluded this year's in-class internet workshops for 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades, and the feedback has been very positive. Continuing with the theme of digital citizenship, the Foundation hosted a very special event in February at the Landmark Theater, providing a private viewing of the movie *Screenagers*. Turnout was tremendous, the movie was informative and thought provoking, and a good time was had by all.

The Foundation continues to invest in our school's student technology as well. Now, the entire 5th grade has new 1:1 devices where previously the two classes were sharing a single 32-device cart with computers more than 7 years old. In addition, the Foundation's investments allowed the accelerated upgrade of iPad Minis in grades K-2.

Several years ago, the Foundation incubated our school's robotics program and now also invests in our STEAM program. This year, our students are enjoying building and programming robotics devices through the

Foundation's Lego Mindstorm purchase last year and doing it all in their new (Foundation funded) Makerspace environment, which has absolutely transformed the science lab. Our STEAM program is continuing to expand and the Foundation is very pleased to support this vital department.

Lastly, our students enjoyed their annual overnight field trip experiences to AstroCamp, Outdoor School, and Catalina Island. They witnessed an exciting celebration of Chinese culture during the Chinese New Year celebration in the gym, and this week will participate in an engaging hands-on program brought to us by Trash for Teaching. Many are enjoying yoga for the first time, picking up new books to read in the Media Center, and continuing to play on the Mormon Field. And our 8th grade class will soon embark on a project to memorialize their years at St. Paul's and beautify our campus. All of these resources and programs have been funded by the Foundation.

Current Parents
Randa Soudah
Melinda Tamkin



Donor Spotlight: The Prunier Herman Family



Steve Herman and Danielle Prunier
3rd and 5th grade parents

This month, the SPA Foundation would like to spotlight the Prunier Herman family and thank them for their generous donations to the SPA Foundation. The Prunier Herman Family shared their thoughts on why they donate to the SPA Foundation:

"As a new SPA school family, we are blessed to be in an environment that offers our children the importance of a rigorous education along with a strong community and faith-based values. Contributing to the Foundation was an opportunity for our family to help support all the great programs that are not funded through tuition. It is a pleasure to support the Foundation and its efforts to bring supplemental programs that help enrich the SPA school and its students."

Our sincere thanks to the many wonderful families, like the Prunier Herman family, who have donated to the SPA Foundation. If your family is

With that, I want to thank all of our donors who help make St. Paul's an amazing school for *all* of our children.

Warm regards,
Dean Catalano
President

NCAA Championship Game Viewing Party
CALLING ALL PARENTS

The SPA Foundation Board Members will be hosting a viewing of the NCAA Championship Game.

Please join us Monday, April 3rd at Rocco's Tavern in Westwood. It is sure to be a fun and memorable night!

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Rocco's Tavern
1000 Gayley Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90024
****Private Room (downstairs)**

Phone: (424) 248-3145

Please contact Bobby Thomason (bobbythomason@me.com) if you have any questions.

The Foundation Cup Is Coming:



Save The Date

When: Friday, May 19th (during Campout weekend)

Where: Glen Annie Golf Club

Time: 8:30am shotgun start

Cost: \$175 (includes green fees with cart)

interested in donating to the SPA Foundation, online donations can be made [here](#).

Thank You

The Foundation is funded through voluntary donations. Your generosity allows us to enhance the lives of all the students of St. Paul the Apostle School. Thank you for your support.



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Donations can be made [here](#).

For additional questions regarding donations, please contact Jamie Farnham at farnhamjam@gmail.com

Building Technology Education At SPA:

Thank you to the Foundation for giving me the opportunity to attend FETC (Future of Education Technology Conference) in Florida this year! I worked with other tech leaders and administrators from around the nation and learned about the cutting edge of technology in the classroom. Things like Makerspace, design thinking, and virtual reality are all becoming big-ticket items in schools as they let students get hands-on with their learning. The things I've learned will help in building the technology vision at St. Paul's in order to push us to the top tier of K-8 schools in the nation.

Thank you,
Daniel Chung
IT Director

8th Grade Mural Project Planned!:

In keeping with the Foundation's commitment to providing legacy projects for departing 8th graders, muralist Robert Milling will be leading the class in designing and creating a mural to beautify the campus for years to come. In a collaboration between the artist and students, a team of 8th graders will create a theme and a design that elicits 100% participation from the class. The mural will be a culmination of the class's spiritual and intellectual journey at St. Paul's and each student will create their own element for the final piece. The project will involve brief art lessons and instruction on mural techniques as well as installation of the mural

along the wall north of the KA classroom. There is plenty of space for future 8th graders to create their own class mural and the hope is that this area of the campus will soon be referred to as "Legacy Lane."

Kathryn Oliver
Teacher Representative



Internet Safety Workshops for Parents & Students:

During the month of January, the Foundation hosted its annual Internet Safety Workshops in the Media Center for all parents and students in 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades. These three grade-specific workshops were led by internet expert Lori Getz, and designed to facilitate meaningful conversations between students and parents on internet safety and awareness. This is the second year the workshops have taken place and the Foundation looks forward to continuing to support this effort to educate SPA families on internet safety.

Foundation Funds Trash For Teacher Events March 28

& March 29:

The students absolutely loved creating in a creative and mindful way. Be sure to ask your child(ren) about it!



Screenagers Documentary and Q&A:

On February 16th, the Foundation hosted a screening of the award-winning documentary *Screenagers* at the Landmark Theatre in West LA. The film probes vulnerable corners of family life, depicting struggles over social media, video games, and internet addiction while offering solutions on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. Over 200 parents, students, and teachers attended the screening. The Q&A panel that followed included Principal Billups, SPA Educational Technology Director Wilma Plucinski, SPA IT Director Daniel Chung, and Sarah Bowman, LA Regional Director for Common Sense Media. It was an enlightening evening, and initiated important conversations between parents and children—and within our community—about digital media and devices.

If you attended the screening, the Foundation would appreciate your feedback. Click [here](#) to complete a brief survey. If you missed the event, click [here](#) for a list of other screenings in the Los Angeles area.



Fundraising Update:

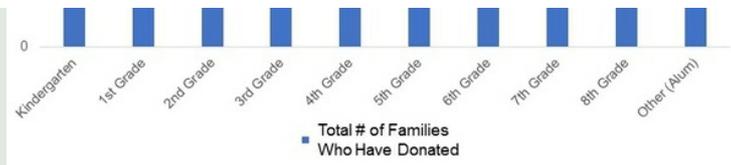
We have raised **\$97,805** fiscal YTD, which represents approximately **65%** of our financial goal of \$150,000.



Participation Goal:

Contributions have been received from approximately **32%** of school families. Our participation goal is 100%.





Thank you to ALL who have donated and/or are considering donating to the Foundation this year.

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Thank You,
The Fundraising Committee

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