



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



Nov 27 – Dec 03, 2017

Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat! Christus Imperat!
Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ commands!



Mural of Christ in apse of St. Joseph Abbey Church

On Nov 26, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, Ruler of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe. At the time, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence.

Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian (or nominally Christian) dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. These dictators often attempted to assert authority over the Church. The Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most.

The Gospel of Matthew for the feast, reminds us of our obligation to our King: *Jesus said to his disciples:*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Let's make sure we are part of the sheep!

Mon, Nov 27 (Classes resume with a regular schedule; E F G A)

- **Cyber Monday:** If you shop on-line today, consider using AmazonSmile & help SPS! See below for info.
- **Baseball:** Evaluations for grades 9 – 12 on Heap Field this afternoon.

Tue, Nov 28 (Assembly; B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** In 1520, after sailing through the dangerous straits below South America that now bear his name, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan enters the Pacific Ocean with three ships, becoming the first European explorer to reach the Pacific from the Atlantic. He had left Europe over one year earlier.
- **TDIH:** In 1582, William Shakespeare marries Anne Hathaway. Trivia Question: how many children did they have? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **French Toast Day:** Enjoy this iconic breakfast item.
- **Red Planet Day:** The date of the unofficial holiday commemorates the day in 1964 when Mariner 4, a robotic interplanetary probe was launched by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) In the 8 months it was on its mission, the Mariner 4 became the first spacecraft to successfully fly by Mars. It also gave the world the first close-up images of Mars. Since then several exploratory missions have been sent to Mars to gather data about the planet. Today, 5 spacecraft orbit Mars and 2 spacecraft - the Curiosity Rover and the Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity - are on the planet's surface. All 7 send incredible amount of data about the planet back to astronomers on Earth
- **I Give Catholic Day.** Please consider a gift to SPS at <https://igivecatholic.org/#npo/st.-pauls-school>. Many thanks to the students and teachers who recorded videos for this campaign!
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapel during lunch**
- **Sudden Impact for another group of Sophomores**
- **Baseball:** Evaluations continue
- **Soccer:** 8th v. MJH at CYSA (5) & Varsity v. Mandeville (7)

Wed, Nov 29 (Regular; 7 am mass; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1963, President Lyndon Johnson issued Executive Order No. 11130, appointing the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy—commonly referred to as the Warren Commission, after its leader, Chief Justice Earl Warren – to investigate the assassination of President John Kennedy, which had occurred one week earlier. The Commission ultimately concluded that a lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald, killed Kennedy. Controversy over that conclusion continues to this day.



Jackson opines in AP English as Nicholas and Matt enjoy the comment.

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapel during lunch**

- **Wrestling** in Mandeville Duals
- **Basketball:** Varsity in CYO Tournament

Thu, Nov 30 (Regular; Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle; C D E F)

- **Happy Feast Day to the 32 students and faculty who have Andrew as first or middle name**
- **TDIH:** In 1782, a provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of the Revolutionary War. The final treaty was signed in Paris the following Sept. It declared the US “to be free, sovereign and independent states” and that the British Crown “relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same.”
- **TDIH:** In 1835, Samuel Clemens is born. He wrote books under the name Mark Twain including *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.
- **TDIH:** In 1874, Winston Churchill was born. In May 1940, he became Prime Minister of England, stating “I have nothing to offer but blood, tears, toil, and sweat.”
- **Sudden Impact for another group of Sophomores**
- **BBall:** 8th at F’Bleau & Varsity in CYO tournament
- **Soccer:** JV v. Mandeville (5:30)
- **Wrestling:** Team leaves for Ft. Walton today
- **Marian Players:** Auditions for the Spring Musical, God Spell, will be Thursday, November 30 from 7:00-9:00 in the Theatre. If you have any questions see Mr. Baumgartner, Bro Ken or Mr. Boudreaux

Fri, Dec 1 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Word to Begin December:** After you gormandized on Thanksgiving, beware of oniomania (the uncontrollable desire to buy things) in Dec! Let’s not become oniomaniacs this month! For you etymology lovers, the word comes from the Greek “onios” meaning “for sale” and the Latin “mania” meaning “excessive desire.”
- **TDIH:** In 1955, Rosa Parks is jailed in Montgomery, AL, for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man in violation of the city’s racial segregation laws. This sparks the Montgomery Bus Boycott and earns her the moniker “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement.”



HOSA members view brain injury art exhibit

- **Eat a Red Apple Day:** Delicious – and healthy, too! Enjoy!
- **Blood Drive in Campus today.**
- **BBall:** 8th in Rummel Tournament & Varsity in CYO Tournament
- **Soccer:** JV/V v. John Ehret (5:30)

Sat, Dec 2

- **National Fritters Day:** Indulge with a fritter, a fried cake with fruit or meat.
- **National Mutt Day:** For those of you with one of these, celebrate today
- **TDIH:** In 1823, during his annual address to Congress, President James Monroe proclaims a new U.S. foreign policy initiative that becomes known as the "Monroe Doctrine" which forbade European interference in the American hemisphere but also asserted U.S. neutrality in regard to European conflicts.
- **BBall:** Var in CYO tournament; 8th in Rummel Tournament
- **Wrestling:** Varsity in Ft. Walton, FL Tournament; JV in Trygg Tournament
- **Soccer:** 8th at Newman (10); JV at Jesuit (12)
- **Ultimate in NO League games**
- **Cross Country Christmas Fun Run**

Sun, Dec 3 – First Sunday of Advent

- **TDIH:** In 1947, Marlon Brando's famous "STELLA!" first booms on a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience during the debut of Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Since Vic's AP English class is studying this iconic play, they recently did their "Stella Yelling Contest" a la the yearly one in the French Quarter.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, a 53 year old named Lewis Washansky received the first human heart transplant.
- **International Day of People with Disability** promotes support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. As Lasallians, we aim to build an inclusive community that respects all. We celebrate this day.



Mrs. Duplantier tutors Max "al fresco"

I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.

Admissions for 2018 - 19: It looks like we can stay open next year as we received a gratifying number of applicants! Both quality and quantity look very good. Thank you for recommending Saint Paul's to your friends and neighbors.

Adopt-a-Family: This school year, we will partner with St. Tammany Project Christmas. We have "adopted" 35 children from [16 families in St. Tammany Parish](#). Each of these children have three wish list items that have

been shared with the religion classes. As in the past, we will ask for monetary donations that will be collected through your son's religion classes to fund the purchase of the wish list items. In lieu of a monetary donation, if your family would like to purchase any of the wish list items, please reach out to Mr. Ramon for those details. In lieu of the above items, the sacrifice of time by helping shop for gifts and gift delivery to Project Christmas is always needed and appreciated. For any questions, please contact Mr. Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com)

Here's the schedule:

- Monday, November 13-17, November 27 - December 1 (monetary collections)
- Monday December 4 - Thursday, December 7 (shopping)
- Monday, December 8 (Blessing of gifts at Immaculate Conception liturgy)
- Monday/Tuesday, December 11/12 (delivery to St. Tammany Project Christmas HQ)

After School Issues: Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed.



Student Council & Key Club members worked at food bank on Nov 21 sorting our almost 13,000 lbs of donated goods. Well done!

Annual Fund: Last week, I officially launched our Annual Fund Drive – just like almost every other private school. You should have received in the mail a brochure explaining the drive and a response card. I'm humbled by those of you who anticipated the drive and sent in your donations in advance. The success of this drive is critical to Saint Paul's continuing to move forward. Please keep us in mind as you plan your end of year giving. Again, thanks to all who have already contributed. We need everyone, to at least some degree, to follow suit.

Application Letters: I annually publish memorable lines from next year's application letters. Here's the first batch:

- *Friends have told me that Saint Paul's is like one big family helping each other. [We like big, happy families!]*
- *Saint Paul's is a great school and I would be mortified if I could not attend. [Well, we don't want him mortified!]*
- *The greatest reason I would like to attend is so that I can stay close to God and live with him and him in me always.*
- *When you make a friend at St. Paul's, it is for life.*

- *I want to attend St. Paul's to become friends with many people and hopefully make other people's life more exhilarating. [We do need more exhilaration in life!]*



Coach Smith congratulations State Champion swimmer Myers Morgan!

Attendance: Our Attendance Office is being taxed to the max. Under ordinary circumstances, it is difficult enough to keep track of the students. When you call Suzy and request “immediate” dismissal for a student, it places an unfair burden on her. If a student must leave school early (which should be a RARE thing) please send a written note with your student and have him check in with the attendance office when he comes to school to get a dismissal slip for the time requested. This is the policy in our handbook – which you pledged to uphold at the beginning of the year when you signed. And we just can’t stop everything to deliver an assignment, a lunch, a message – we just don’t have the personnel. Thanks for understanding

Blood Drive: Our annual blood Drive will be Friday, December 1st. Permission slips will be needed for 16 and 17 year old students. Students must weigh at least 110 pounds, and not be in an active sports season. Each pint saves lives. And parents who wish

to give are invited to stop by and donate. The set up will be in the gym lobby.

Bookstore: The Mothers’ Club Christmas Bookstore Sale will be Saturday, December 16th: 9:30am to 12:30pm; Monday, December 18th: 11:00am to 3:00pm; and Tuesday, December 19th: 7:15am to 12:30pm. Shop the MC’s Bookstore and help SPS!

Cash Back Programs: Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- AmazonSmile: Last week, we received **\$141.08 from Amazon Smile**. This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul’s School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- Office Depot: Last week we received a \$390 store credit from customers who gave SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul’s will do. And with all we buy at OD, this will help a lot.
- Box Tops for Education: Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks Math Department!.

Christmas Dance: St. Paul’s Student Council announces its annual Christmas dance open to SSA and SPS 8th, 9th, and 10th graders on Fri, Dec 15 from 7-9 PM in Briggs Assembly Center. Attire is appropriate casual attire reflecting the theme “Christmas Movies.” Admission is \$10. DJ music, cookies, and water will be provided. #

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Cold Weather Clothing: Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** Remember that ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.

The Development Office: Our Development team of Danielle, Shellie, Mimi, Karen and Al continue to work hard. I meet with them regularly. Appreciate and support of their work. Recent events include:

- Launch of the Annual Fund on Nov 10. This appeal is critical to us moving forward. We published an Advancement Review. I have posted one in the Faculty Lounge. Pray for the success of the drive.
- Along with other Catholic organizations in the Archdiocese, we will participate in the I Give Catholic Campaign on Tue, Nov 28. This is an initiative by Archbishop Aymond to get the entire Community to support Catholic works. Videos by yours truly, Brother Ken, and several other faculty and students were produced (thanks, Mimi!) and emailed to constituents and posted on our social media sites. We pray for the success of this day.
- Alumni Decathlon on 11/25 saw alums in varying stages of "shape" but passing a good time.

Exams: Semester exams begin on Dec 12. Remember that exams are SEMESTER exams which will cover the entire semester. The **semester grade** (the only grade that counts in GPA and the only grade on the transcript) will be averaged in the following manner: 40% for Quarter 1; 40% for Quarter 2; 20 % for the semester exam. Encourage your son, therefore, to take his exams seriously. **It's time to start reviewing.** A good review lasts several weeks and avoids last minute cramming. Learning how to study for semester exams will aid your son considerably in college. The complete exam schedule is printed at the end of this newsletter and is on Edline.

Fall Seasons: Many fall seasons ended over the holidays. Special recognition and thanks to:

- **Aqua Wolves:** I can't say enough great things about this incredible group of young men and their coaching staff. Day after day throughout the fall, these guys collectively swam many miles in practice and they receive very little acclaim. A small (only 9 qualified for state) but determined group of swimmers represented us in an exemplary manner and finished fourth in state! They deserve kudos.
- **Cross Country Wolves:** Ditto the above for our CC Wolves. Week after week, very early on fall Sat mornings, these guys gather in Guiteau Plaza at 5:30 am to travel to their race site. And while they fell short in retaining the state title, they acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner.
- **Football Wolves:** Ditto the above. Our Gridiron Wolves fought hard against Curtis in an exciting, quarterfinal playoff game. While the outcome wasn't what we hoped for, we are proud of their season of success. They provided many moments of Friday night excitement. Kudos to the Football Wolves!
- **Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, Cheerleaders & Color Guard:** Ditto the above for these wonderful groups! The MWs were spectacular at every game and certainly aided in the generation of spirit. Well done, Mr. Moran, and Drum Majors Alvey & Ross! And thank you, Band Boosters, for all you did!

ID Cards: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their SPS issued lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he receives a detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

#iGiveCatholic Day: *To celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic is the first-ever giving day created to rally the Catholic community on #GivingTuesday, November 28th – a global day of giving. We are inviting donors make secure, tax-deductible ONLINE donations to St. Paul's School. Prize money will also be awarded to organizations with the most number of donors, so every donation helps. Donations will be accepted on <https://igivecatholic.org/designee/st-pauls-school-covington> from midnight to midnight, and gifts may be made in advance beginning Friday, November 10th. Contact Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions.*



Jazz ‘n Roll: Whether you attended J n R or not, please take a moment and complete the brief survey on J n R: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8PDK223> Thanks for helping us. Contact the Development Office 985-892-3200, ext 1270, with questions.

Lasallian World: Imagine if Lake Ponchartrain was a border, with the south and north shores being two different countries with different languages (no snarky comments about it already feels like that!) Imagine, further, if south shore students wanted to cross the “border” to attend our great Lasallian school in Covington. Well, that’s pretty much the case for Cathedral High School in El Paso, where students from Juarez, Mexico daily cross the border to attend “La Cate.” A new advertisement from Nike features a glimpse of cross-border life through the eyes of a student athlete from Cathedral High School in El Paso, Texas. “Football Has No Borders”, a three-an-a-half minute commercial from the athletic retailer, is currently showing on its [usnikefootball](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDO3M0qe-7M) YouTube channel, and began appearing during NFL telecasts this past weekend. In it, Eduardo Reaza, who lives in Juarez, Mexico and attends Cathedral High, talks about his experience as a member of its football team and student body. The ad also features various scenes with the team and head coach Hampton Hurt as they prepare for their final regular season game of 2017. **It’s worth the 3 minute view.** Here’s the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDO3M0qe-7M> God bless Cathedral High School of El Paso!

Last Two Weeks:

- **Art:** SPS was well represented in the Three Rivers Art Festival. Thanks, art department.
- **Basketball:** Basketball wolves take fifth place in the prestigious Rumble on the Ridge in Forrest City, Arkansas. The Wolves opened the tournament with a tough loss against two-time defending Rumble champions, El Dorado (AR), then closed out the competition with impressive victories over Sidney-Lanier (AL) and Humboldt High School (TN). In the game against El Dorado, senior Devonte Allen scored his 1,000th career point and at the conclusion of the tournament, Parker Edwards was named First-Team All-Tournament.
- **C & V:** Due to pre-holiday care and vigilance, we began the holiday with few problems. But we won’t let up! These next three weeks can be challenging! Parents – speak with your sons to keep them focused.
- **Feed the Needy Luncheon:** Kudos to Shellie Campo for successfully accommodating the Rotary Club’s Feed the Needy luncheon last Tuesday.
- **Food Drive:** Congrats to LYLs for a very successful food drive. Almost 7 tons of canned goods were delivered to Northshore Food Bank. And members of our Student Council and Key Club spent Tue, Nov 21, volunteering at the FB to sort, stack, and box our donations. Thanks!
- **Habitat:** Great start to Thanksgiving Week with a Habitat workday. Thanks, Richard and Habitat Wolves!

- **Pack Time:** I hope your son told you about our Thanksgiving Pack Time. My pack was excellent in articulating those things for which they are grateful.
- **Soccer:** Practices and games – too numerous to list!



Aqua Wolves placed 4th in State!

- **Wrestling:** Wolves were active and brought home many medals.

Lost and Found: The accumulation continues. Sweatshirts, pants, belts, uniform shirts, many, many lunch boxes, books, art supplies, pencil cases, folders, flash drives, you name, it's probably in our lost and found. Parents, please put your son's name on things and stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.

Mercy: On Nov 20, we observed the one year anniversary of the end of **The Jubilee Year of Mercy**. But while the Jubilee Year may have ended, the importance of mercy in our lives can never end. That applies to us at SPS, too.

Let's continue to stress mercy with our students. We will continue to sing "Mercy" at assemblies. May

the grace of the Jubilee Year inspire us to practice ever more ways to be merciful...As Archbishop Aymond wrote: *We live in a time of revenge, judgmentalism and name calling. Mercy is every day and forever!*

Mission Collections, Adopt a Family Projects, and Other Worthy Causes: We encourage our students to be generous with these causes. However, I again want to reassure parents that we DO NOT want to cause an economic hardship for our families. Please speak with your son about charitable giving. Perhaps you can reread as a family the parable of the Widow's Mite. Our teachers are aware that not every student can give a lot – or even give at all. Let me know if your son is feeling uncomfortable with our appeals. And that goes for you, too. Let's face it – tuition does NOT cover the cost of running Saint Paul's. Hence, we have fundraisers. As stated above, I've launched our Annual Fund Drive, and if you can give, that's great. If not, I understand but ask that you pray for Saint Paul's. In turn, we pray for financial health for all.

News Worth Knowing Dept:

- **Smartphones are linked to unprecedented sleep deprivation in teens.** An analysis of two large national surveys finds the number of U.S. teens who reported sleeping less than seven hours a night jumped 22 percent between 2012 and 2015, by which time 43 percent of teens reported sleeping less than seven hours most nights, though sleep experts agree adolescents need at least nine hours. Contributing factors in the smartphone effect are the portable nature of these electronics and the sleep disruption their blue light causes. See [the abstract](#) and [more on this story](#).

- **Alcohol use disorder in parents correlates with dating violence risk for teens.** New research finds that children exposed to a parent's alcohol use and its effects on the family are more likely to become involved in abusive dating relationships as adolescents. [See more on this story.](#)

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to students during lunch period on Mon and Tue. This is a great way to prepare for Advent and observe the anniversary of the end the Year of Mercy. We are grateful to the local priests who will be giving of their valuable time to assist our students on their spiritual journey.

Re-Registration of Current Students for 2018 - 19: For those of you who plan ahead, here's the process:

- Current 8th graders will be asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8th graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9th graders we can accept.
- Current 9th – 11th grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12th graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2018 - 19, a \$300 registration fee will be due.
- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning for the second semester of this year, please let me know ASAP. We are getting inquiries about January admissions.**



Luke presents a donation from St Paul's Student Council to Food Bank as part of a Leadership Award he won at the end of his 9th grade year.

Safe Driving: Parents – set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

Senior Parents: Senior Retreat is just around the corner. You should have received an email with all the details from Renee Miller and Lee Pierre, retreat coordinators. If you didn't receive this email, please email Renee at reneep@stpauls.com or Lee at leep@stpauls.com. Also, we still have a number of March Through the Arch photos. If you don't want it, that's fine – just let me know.

Service Hours: As a Lasallian Catholic institution, we are called to demonstrate "Concern for the Poor and Social Justice." Our school wide response to this calling is our Serve Ten program. Every St. Paul's student is required to complete a minimum of ten (10) service hours during the school year. Service hours must be completed and submitted by May 1st, 2018 Acceptable service is that in which you

volunteer with a charitable organization (like the Covington Food Bank and local churches), assist the elderly, help someone less fortunate in the community, or assist at fundraisers for charitable organizations. Assisting parents is admirable, but does not count towards the service hour goal. Service hour forms can be found on the St. Paul's Edline homepage under "Links". Completed forms should be signed and turned in to the drop-off box

in the library. Electronic submission of the forms as well as any questions relating to service hours can also be sent to Mr. Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com)

Thanksgiving to Christmas: This period of the school year can be a real challenge. While it should be a time of good will and cheer, often we find ourselves handling a crisis. The best way to prevent any difficulty is through the Lasallian virtues of caring and vigilance – which will be in full force. Teachers will teach until the very end.

Parents, please remind your students to adhere to ALL procedures & policies. We will show care to the students, but we will be vigilant.

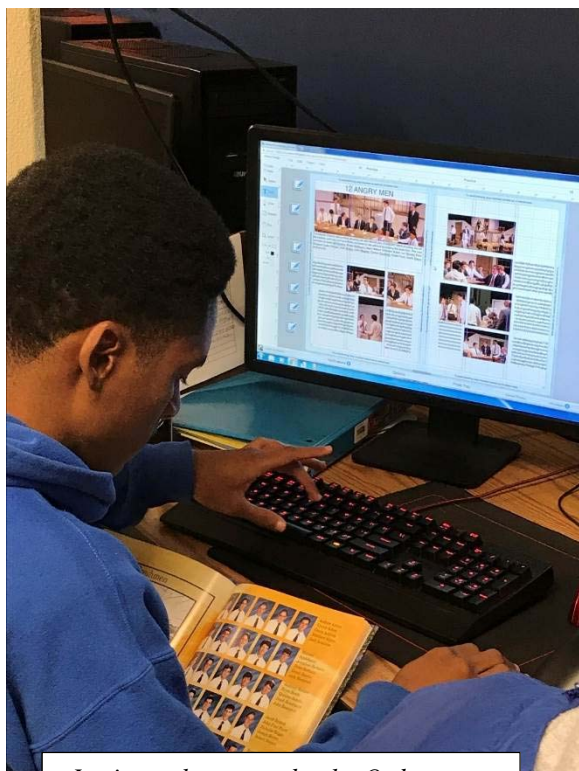
Tutoring: National Honor Society tutoring begins Tue, Sep 5, according to the following schedule:

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 7:15 in La Salle 207
- Monday and Thursday at lunch in LaSalle 207.
- Essay proofreading services also provided.
- Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so.**

Vaping: I'm sorry I have to mention this, but please speak to your son about the dangers involved in this latest fad. We are hearing anecdotal reports of vaping by our students and have even taken disciplinary action against several of them who vaped at school events. We will continue to be vigilant and take strong measures against violators. At last month's regular meeting with the Covington Police Department, we were informed that it is AGAINST THE LAW for minors to purchase vaping equipment. Please make sure your son knows this – and complies with your wishes, the rules of the school – and the law.

Weekly Humor: In honor of National Mutt Day on Dec 2, here are some doggy jokes:

- *How did the little Scottish dog feel when he saw a monster? A: Terrier-fied!*
- *Q: Why did the dog cross the road? A: To get to the "barking" lot!*
- *Q: What is it called when a cat wins a dog show? A: A CAT-HAS-TROPHY!*
- *Q: What kind of dog does Dracula have? A: A bloodhound!*
- *Q: What happened when the dog went to the flea circus? A: He stole the show!*
- *Q: What do you get if you cross a gold dog with a telephone? A: A golden receiver!*
- *Q: What does my dog and my phone have in common? A: They both have collar I.D.*
- *Q: What do you get if you cross a Beatle and an Australian dog? A: Dingo Starr!*
- *Q: What do you call a dog magician? A: A labracadabrador.*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a race dog with a bumble bee? A: a Greyhound Buzz.*
- *Q: What do you call a frozen dog? A: A pupsicle.*
- *Q: What did the skeleton say to the puppy? A: bonappetite*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator? A: A friend you can count on.*
- *What do you call a cold dog? A: A Chilli Dog.*
- *Q: How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? A: One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.*



Justin works on yearbook. Order yours now.

- *Q: What do you get if you cross a dog with a frog? A: A dog that can lick you from the other side of the road!*
- *Q: When does a dog go "moo"? A: When it is learning a new language!*
- *Q: Why do dogs bury bones in the ground? A: Because you can't bury them in trees!*
- *Q: Why did the poor dog chase his own tail? A: He was trying to make both ends meet!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Yearbook sales are now open for the 2017-2018 Conifer, which will be distributed at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. You can also purchase senior ads now. Senior parents should have received an email last weekend and senior students received a form with instructions during their period A class last week. **ALL SALES ARE ONLINE** at www.yearbookforever.com. The price of the yearbook is

discounted to \$60 through Dec 31, at which time the price will increase to \$65. The deadline is May 14 to place senior ads and May 25 to purchase a yearbook. Please contact Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions.

- Anyone wishing to buy previous year yearbooks should go to the Development Office, to be sold on a first-come-first serve basis.

Period Rotation 2017-2018

November

- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF

December

- 1 – GABC – *Blood Drive in New Gym Lobby*
- 4 – DEFG
- 5 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – *Snack Day*
- 8 – FGAB – Mass I. Conception
- 11 – CDEF
- 12 – GABC – President's Assembly
- 13 – DEFG(A)

14 – Exams
15 – Exams
18 – Exams
19 – Exams – *Teacher
Christmas Luncheon
Cafeteria 11:30*

January

3 – ABCD – Seniors on
Retreat
4 – EFGA – Seniors on
Retreat
5 – BCDE – Seniors on
Retreat
8 – FGAB
9 – CDEF – Pack Time –
Snack Day
10 – GABC
11 – DEFG
12 – ABCD
16 – EFGA – President's
Assembly
17 – BCDE
18 – FGAB
19 – CDEF
22 – GABC – 8/9 *HR Breakfast in BAC*
23 – DEFG – Pack Time 10/11 *HR Breakfast in BAC*
24 – ABCD – 12th *HR Breakfast in Cafeteria / Junior Career Day*
25 – EFGA – Mass Conversion of St. Paul
26 – BCDE – Possible LPO Concert
29 – FGAB
30 – CDEF – President's Assembly
31 – GABC

February

1 – DEFG
2 – ABCD
5 – EFGA- 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In Service – *Parent/Teacher meetings in BAC 5-7*
6 – BCDE – Pack Time
7 – FGAB
8 – CDEF
9 - Faculty Retreat
19 – GABC
20 – DEFG – President's Assembly / Pre-Freshmen in Explore (BAC)
21 – ABCD – Freshmen in PLAN (BAC)
22 – EFGA – Sophomores in Pre ACT (BAC) – Freshmen on Retreat
23 – BCDE – Freshmen on Retreat



- 26 – FGAB
- 27 – CDEF – Juniors in ACT
- 28 – GABC – Pack Time

March

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 5 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 7 – FGAB
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC – End of Third Quarter
- 12 – DEFG - 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-Service
- 13 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 14 – EFGA
- 15 – BCDE - Junior Retreat/Angola
- 16 – FGAB – Junior Retreat/Angola
- 19 – ABCDEFG- St. Joseph Altar
- 20 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 21 – GABC
- 22 – DEFG
- 23 – ABCD
- 26 – EFGA
- 27 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 28 – FGAB
- 29 – CDEF

April

- 9 – GABC
- 10 – DEFG – Pack Time – 8/9 HR Breakfast in BAC
- 11 – ABCD – 10/11 HR Breakfast in BAC
- 12 – EFGA – 12th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- 13 – BCDE
- 16 – FGAB – 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-Service
- 17 – CDEF – President's Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Snack Day
- 18 – GABC
- 19 – DEFG
- 20 – ABCD
- 23 – EFGA
- 24 – BCDE – Pack Time (last with seniors)
- 25 – FGAB
- 26 – CDEF
- 27 – GABC
- 30 – DEFG

May

- 1 – ABCD – President's Assembly
- 2 – EFGA – Senior Exams
- 3 – BCDE – Senior Exams
- 4 – FGAB – Senior Exams



Rhett & Emerson prepare to deliver food to the Northshore Food Bank

- 7 – CDEF
- 8 – GABC - Pack Time
- 9 – DEFG – Level Awards Assemblies
- 10 – ABCD – Athletic Awards Assembly BAC
- 11 – EFGA – Major Academic Awards Assembly BAC
- 14 – BCDE
- 15 – FGAB –President’s Assembly - Pre freshmen Exams
- 16 – CDEF - Pre freshmen Exams
- 17 – Pre freshmen Exams /9-11 Exams
- 18 – 9-11 Exams /Pre freshmen Promotion in Evening
- 21 – Exams
- 22 – Exams
- 23 – Exam make up day

First Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday, December 13 – DEFG(A)

- Regular classes in periods DEFG
- Review for Period A Exam
- **Special Exam Review Schedule (76 min. classes With SSR)**
- 7:45 – 9:16 Period D/CNN
- 9:23 – 10:54 Period E
- 10:54– 11:39 Lunch
- 11:35 – 1:00 Period F
- 1:05 – 2:11 Period G (Last class period of semester)
- 2:16 - 3:00 Period A Exam Review

Thursday, December 14

- **Special Exam/Prayer Service/President’s Assembly/Snack Schedule**
- 8:15 -8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 – 10:00 Period A Exam
- 10:05-10:45 Advent Prayer Service (Gym)
- 10:55- 11:40 Period B Review
- 11:40-12:25 Lunch
- 12:30-1:00 President’s Assembly (Gym)
- 1:00-1:15 Break
- 1:15 – 2:00 Period C Review
- 2:10 Dismissal

Friday, December 15

- 8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 -10:00 Period B Exam
- 10:00-10:10 Break
- 10:10-11:40 Period C Exam



Lots of green beans for the food drive!

- 11:40-12:25 Lunch
- 12:30-1:15 Period D Review
- 1:20-2:05 Period E Review 2:10 Dismissal

Monday, December 18

- 8:15 – 8:30 Prayer, Roll, Announcements
- 8:30 – 10:00 Period D Exam
- 10:00 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:40 Period E Exam
- 11:40 – 12:25 Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:15 Period F Review
- 1:20 – 2:05 Period G Review 2:10 Dismissal

Tuesday, December 19

- 8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 -10:00 Period F Exam
- 10:00-10:10 Break
- 10:10-11:40 Period G Exam 11:45 Dismissal

Whew! I've taxed your patience this week, but you got a break last Sunday as the newsletter went on holiday! As usual, I'll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to as I write and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Pray that things go well! We're already reached the seventh week of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May the final weeks of 2017 (can you believe it?) be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's – our 107th year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Renewed from Thanksgiving Holiday and Ready for the Final Weeks of the Semester as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

"Young people are not bad because they have bad hearts. They are bad because of bad example. As teachers, you have no greater responsibility than to give your students good example."

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers, c.1705 Meditations for Sundays

Let's do ordinary things extraordinarily well, make courageous choices, do God's will, remain faithful and be guided to God in these final weeks of 2017– and always!