



Saint Paul's School

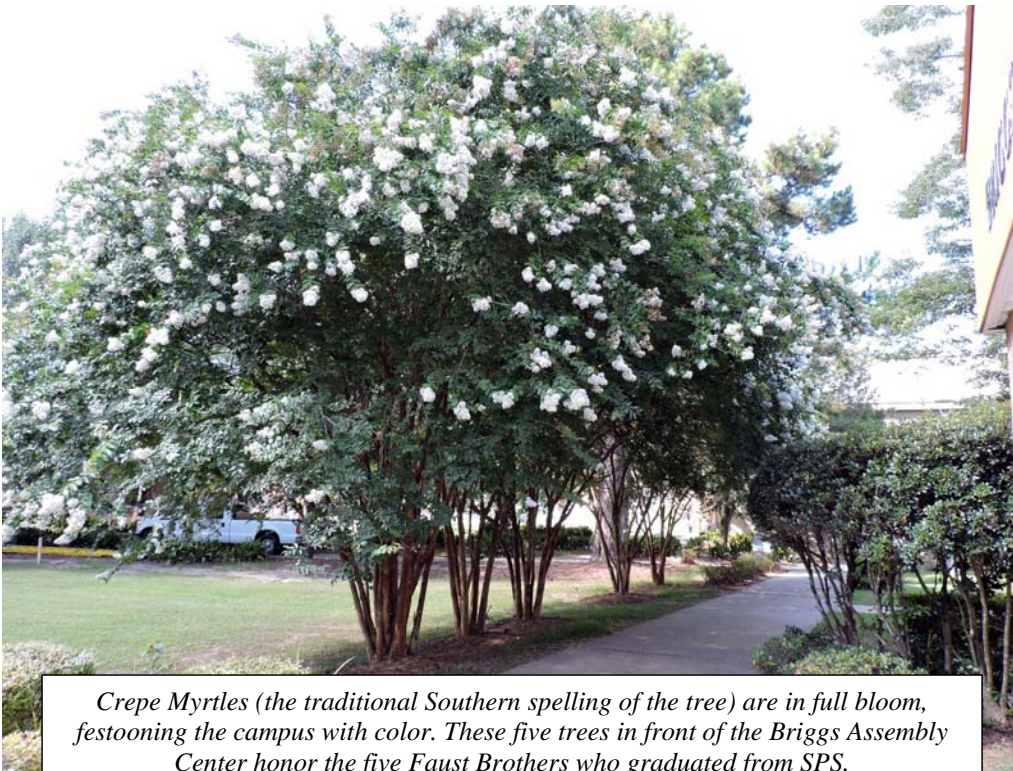
*The President's **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*

July 2018

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Christian Brothers Ownership of SPS

"Wholly direct your thoughts to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, and worthy of praise. Then will the God of peace be with you."

--Saint Paul to the Philippians



Crepe Myrtles (the traditional Southern spelling of the tree) are in full bloom, festooning the campus with color. These five trees in front of the Briggs Assembly Center honor the five Faust Brothers who graduated from SPS.

Welcome to July – the seventh month of the year, named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth. And Happy Fourth of July! As we celebrate our wonderful country's 242nd birthday, I thought it appropriate that I communicate briefly with you.

July has something for almost everyone. Did you know that July is *Air-Conditioning Appreciation Month* (Amen!), *Bioterrorism/Disaster Education & Awareness Month*, *Cell Phone Courtesy*

Month (and boy, do we need this!), *Family Reunion Month*, *Family Golf Month*, *Freedom From Fear of Speaking Month*, *Independent Retailer Month* (let's support our local businesses!), *International Zine Month* (I had to look this one up to find out what a zine was!), *National Blueberries Month* (love 'em!), *National Grilling Month*, *National Ice Cream Month*, *National Horseradish Month*, *National Hot Dog Month*, *National Make A Difference to Children Month* (we do this every month at SPS!), *National Recreation & Parks Month*, *National Share A Sunset With Your Lover Month*, *National Wheelchair Beautification Month*, *Nectarine and Garlic Month*, *Sandwich Generation Month*, *Smart Irrigation Month*, *Social Wellness Month*, *Tour de France Month*, & *Women's Motorcycle Month* (be careful, ladies!) So enjoy July!

And here are some individual celebrations you may want to observe in July:

- July 4th – National Country Music Day – listen to your favorites when you celebrate the 4th!
- July 6th -- International Kissing Day – kiss the ones you love!
- July 6th – National Fried Chicken Day – enjoy, if your health allows fried food!
- July 7th – Chocolate Day – again, indulge if your health allows!

- July 8th – Blueberry Day – almost everyone enjoys these healthy berries!
- July 11th – Cheer Up the Lonely Day!
- July 12th – Pecan Pie Day – indulge in this Southern classic!
- July 14th – Bastille Day – think French today! Hum *La Marseillaise!*
- July 15th – Cow Appreciation Day! Thanks to our bovine friends!
- July 17th – Hug Your Kids Day! Your teenagers will resist, but hug them anyway!
- July 23rd – Vanilla Ice Cream Day and National Hot Dog Day! Enjoy!
- July 28th – National Milk Chocolate Day
- July 29th – National Lasagna Day
- July 30th – National Cheesecake Day

As I write each year at this time, I hope summer is proving to be a renewing one for your family. Too often, summers become hectic and chaotic with plans and projects – such as celebrating all those things in the paragraph above. With so much happening, it is easy to lose focus about important things. May the above words of Saint Paul – which I use each year -- help us to refocus! And even though we might be enjoying blueberries or horseradish, we need to "direct [our] thoughts to all that is true!" By doing so, the "God of peace" will be with us. Such is my prayer for you.

I hope, too, that you are preparing for the opening of the 2018 - 19 school year – a year that continues the unbroken chain of educational quality that began at Saint Paul's back in 1911 and continues the Lasallian Catholic transformational educational experience that began in 1680. August 9th will soon be here! We are doing much work to prepare. In the meantime, enjoy July and pray for the safety of our students.

Please note the following (which I have printed in alphabetical order, not order of importance):

ACT Prep: Is your son doing ANY ACT prep this summer? Now is the time to increase those skills! Much prep material is available on the web! Even 15 minutes a day will help tremendously!



Anniversary: July 4 is the eight-year anniversary of the death of Coach Gene Bennett, iconic SPS Lasallian educator who faithfully served Saint Paul's School for 48 years. Today we remember Gene and give thanks for his Lasallian vocation to our school. We continue to offer our prayer and support to his family as they continue to adjust to life without his earthly presence. **We continue to honor him with the expansion of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex! A couple of naming opportunities remain in the new gym. Let me know if you are interested. And we would love to have a name for the new gym!**

Annual Fund: Thanks to those of you who have contributed. Even during the summer, I continue to get donations. **If you have not contributed and are able to, even to a small degree, please do so now so, as the 2018 Annual Fund Drive ends July 31.** Thanks. So far, we have used the funds to provide continuing education opportunities for faculty members, to upgrade technology, to fund curricula, and to help pay for the Benilde Hall renovations.

Athletics: From the Athletic Director, Coach Craig Ketelsen: *Any student who wishes to play a sport must have his athletic paperwork (including a physical on a school medical history form) turned in to the office BEFORE the start of practices. Football, CC, and Swimming will begin the first week of school for new students.*

Band: The Marching Wolves invite ALL students to consider joining one of the premier band programs in the area. **Even beginners are welcome!** Note the following:

- Full band camp is Mon, July 23 – Fri, July 27, from 9 – 6.
- New members/percussion camp is July 16-18.
- Contact Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, at andrewm@stpauls.com for more info.
- Band is a GREAT way to become involved, become part of a wonderful SPS tradition, and have fun in the process!



Benilde Hall: An extensive renovation of Benilde Hall is in full swing. It will be a challenging summer for us until the project is completed in early August – but the benefits will outweigh the inconvenience. More classrooms, better restrooms, an elevator, improved lighting and HVAC, additional ingress and egress, student services, and more. In case you don't know its history, Benilde Hall was built in 1959 under the principalship/presidency of the

late Brother Cassian Lange. The second and third floors were open dormitories for 6th and 7th grades. The bottom floor contained study halls and recreation rooms. When SPS dropped 6th grade, the first two floors were converted into classrooms. Interesting trivia: Trevor had one of those non-air conditioned classrooms and bought a window unit – making it one of the few air-conditioned classrooms on campus. It was cool but that unit was loud! The third floor remained a dormitory for 7th grade. When we dropped 7th grade, the third floor became the band room! (Imagine lugging all those instruments up three flights of stairs!) The current band room was a rec hall for the boarders. When the number of boarders started dropping, we moved the rec hall into La Salle Hall and converted the third floor to classrooms. And now we begin the latest (and last – at least for me!) incarnation of that storied (pun) building! Saint Benilde! Help us turn that ordinary building into an extraordinary one! Here's the status of naming opportunities:

Media Area (Wolf Den)	SOLD
Retail Area	SOLD
Computer Lab (Br. Ray's Classroom)	SOLD
Video Production Studio (Guerilla Wolves, News Broadcast)	\$50,000

Publishing Room (Paper Wolf, Yearbook)	\$20,000
Campus Minister's Office	SOLD
5 Display Cases	SOLD
Outdoor Covered Patio with Seating	SOLD

2nd Floor

Spanish Classrooms (3 still available)	\$15,000 each
Faculty Office	Sold

3rd Floor

Religion Classrooms (3 still available)	\$15,000 each
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- Contact Danielle in the Development Office or me if you are interested in one of these remaining naming opportunities. I am most grateful to those who have already responded.

Book Store: The Mothers' Club Bookstore will be open on the following days:

- Mon, Aug 6, 2018 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Tue, Aug 7, 2018 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wed, Aug 8, 2018 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Thu, Aug 9, 2018 Bookstore Regular Hours 7:15 am to 8:00 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
- School supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel (except uniform shirts.)

Mothers Club is busy stocking shelves with school supplies and SPS gear in time for school's opening. Thanks, MC!



PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible.

Proceeds not only help fund wonderful activities throughout the year, but the proceeds also help with campus needs. For example, the MC funded over \$20,000 worth of school projects this past year.

Cafeteria and Free / Reduced Lunch Program: If you wish to apply for free / reduced lunch, you can now do so on-line. There is NO stigma in applying and NO ONE knows. Nothing is done to embarrass your son or identify him as a free / reduced student. From the Archdiocesan Food Service:

Applying for your child(ren)'s school meal benefits is now faster, safer & easier than ever. To apply please visit our website at: www.schoolcafe.org and click on the link "Click Here to Apply for Reduced/Free Lunch" on the home page to begin your application. The School Food & Nutrition Services of the Archdiocese of New Orleans provides this service free of charge.

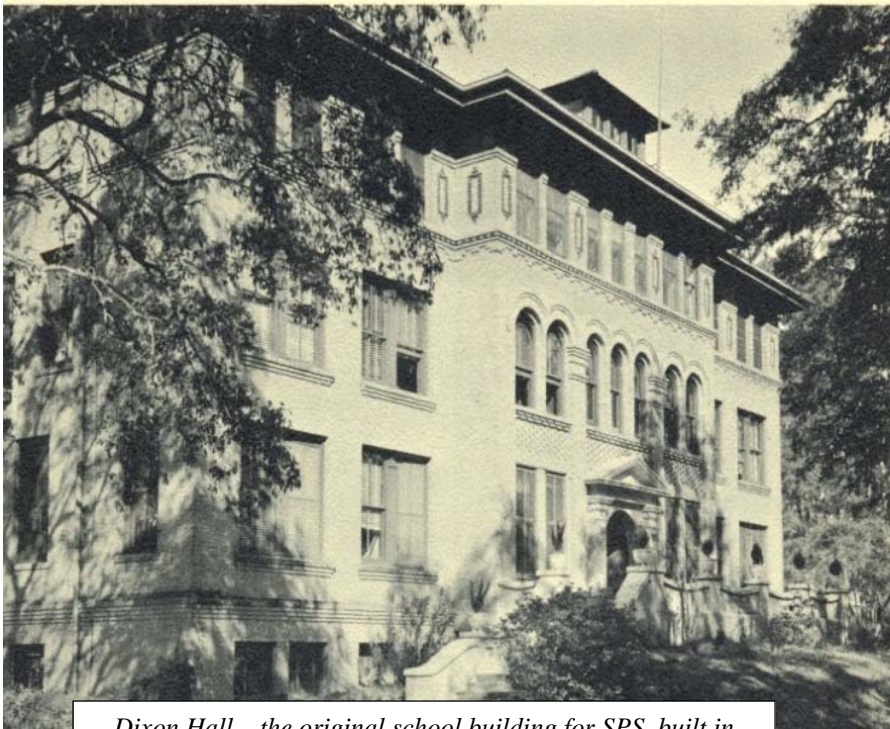
Entering your application online is quicker, easier, and more accurate than filling out a paper application. Our step-by-step process and guided help makes applying for school meals simpler and easier to understand than ever before. Processing times are faster; therefore, benefits are applied quicker too!

Listed below is what you will need to provide during the on-line application process:

- *The school, grade, & birth date of every student in your household*
- *Your social security number and electronic signature*
- *A valid email address and phone number for communication purposes about the status of the application.*

If you have any questions, call the School Food & Nutrition Services office at (504) 596-3434.

Class Schedules: We will email schedules on Friday, July 20, or very shortly thereafter – if tuition payments are current.



Dixon Hall – the original school building for SPS, built in 1906 when Dixon Academy was the school's name. The building stood in what is now Founders' Circle.

Cross Country Runners: Our 2017 District Champion Team welcomes all runners to join us for the summer conditioning program. In preparation for our fall season, we condition as a team on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 6:00 PM- 8:00PM during the summer. We practice 5 days per week once school starts and run competitively in meets on Saturdays. We can send you via email the proposed season schedule, the summer program schedule, uniform ordering information, LHSAA physical forms and requirements, and the information about how to letter in our sport (9th-12th graders). If you would like to join us, please contact Myrle Wiggins, team moderator, at myrlew@stpauls.com or call with your questions, 985-415-0979.

Curriculum: We continue to enhance our curriculum based upon student input. Here are some additional courses we are adding this year due to student requests:

- Drama I, II, & III (we have found an excellent replacement for Denny Charbonnet)
- Civil Engineer and Architecture Engineering

And the following courses will not be offered due to either lack of student requests or unavailable faculty:

- Introduction to Petroleum Engineering
- Criminology

Dads' Club: The Dads' Club will have a campus cleanup day on Saturday, July 21st. All SPS dads are encouraged to participate (especially if you can bring a power washer!) and get involved with the Dads' Club. Their mission is to assist SPS in any way they can – and they do! **If you want to sign up for the Dads' Club or sign up to work on July 21, email spsdadsclub@gmail.com** This year's president is Shea Duet, father of Alex '17 and Carter '21. I am grateful to Dads' Club founder and former president, Mike Sibley, whose last son, Oliver, graduated in 2017.

Dress Code: Here it is again. And I reiterate: the school is the final judge of uniform compliance:

- ONLY SPS sweatshirts/outerwear may be worn in cool / cold weather **EVEN FOR SENIORS.**
- ONLY **regular tan** khaki pants / shorts (NO cargo) may be worn. If the pants are too light or too dark, we will insist that the student buy tan khaki ones. Some students were “pushing the envelope” last year with this rule, so make sure they pants are TAN – otherwise we may have to mandate a specific brand of pants/shorts. We have a supply of slightly used pants/shorts that I am happy to give away. Please approach me if your budget is tight. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way.
- ONLY shirts sold by Bayou Uniform (13488 Seymour Myers Blvd) are allowed. If your son's shirts have shrunk (shirttails **MUST** stay tucked in) or have holes, he **MUST** buy new ones. Uniform shirts are **NOT** available in the Mothers' Club bookstore.
- ONLY **white, blue, gray, or gold T-shirts** may be worn under uniform shirt.
- ONLY **PLAIN** (no metal decorations) **BROWN** belts will be allowed.
- SPS socks will still be required. You can purchase these at Bayou Uniform or in the bookstore.
- **We have slightly used SPS shirts and sweatshirts (in good condition) which I am happy to give away. Approach me if your budget is tight. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way.**
- We will continue to use the “formal” uniform on special occasions (school masses, ceremonies, etc.) This uniform will include a school tie (either regular or bow tie and purchased at Bayou Uniform or the MC Bookstore) and ANY plain, white long-sleeve dress shirt. Long khakis with dark shoes, socks and belt are also part of the uniform which are purchased anywhere by the student.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** As an additional level of safety, students will be **REQUIRED** to **WEAR THEIR ID CARDS** on a daily basis. We will supply them with an SPS lanyard when they received their cards on either Aug 8 or 9. This will also help with the cafeteria, as ID cards are used to check out and also with the attendance office, as ID cards are used to check in. Students who do not have their ID on any day will be subject to detention. Lost ID cards must be replaced for a fee of \$10.



Driver's License Proof of Attendance: If your son is getting his driver's license this summer, state law requires you to provide the DMV with a Proof of Attendance form. **These forms are available here in the Administration Building.** Attendance office is closed right now. If you go to DMV without one, they will turn you away – even if you have sat there for an hour or more! And make sure it's signed in blue ink or they will turn you away, too! And don't blame me for this regulation! It was a legislative act.

Edline – Goodbye: Edline is going out of existence. We have signed up with a new program by which parents can access student grades and lesson plans. Assistant Principal Joe Dickens will soon be sending information on this new program (PlusPortals) – which is actually an improvement on Edline. Stay tuned!

First Day of School on Thursday, August 9:

- **Thursday, August 9, is a FULL DAY OF CLASS INSTRUCTION.** Here's the plan:
 - Books will be in the classrooms and teachers will distribute them directly to students;
 - Pictures and ID cards will be taken and issued during religion classes during the first two days (Aug 9 & 10). You will be sent information for ordering pictures.
 - The cafeteria will be open M - W, Aug 6 - 8, from 7-2:30 for you to place money on deposit if your son will be using the Archdiocesan Food Service. Students must have money on account for them to receive food from the cafeteria. Breakfast is served for \$1.50 and lunch for \$2.50. It's a bargain – unless your son loads up with extra servings! And don't let your son say “the line is too long.” After the first few days last year, all students were served within twenty minutes.
- The complete 2018 - 19 calendar can be found on our web site (www.stpauls.com). NOTE: To comply with the State of Louisiana attendance policy, we are vigilant in insisting that students not miss school. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.
- NOTE: **All students must wear their DRESS UNIFORM on either Aug 7 or 8– the days they will take school pictures.** Students will take pictures during RELIGION CLASSES, so if your son's religion class is during Period A, B C or D, he wears his dress uniform on Mon, Aug 7. If his religion class is during Period E, F, or G, he wears his uniform on Tue, Aug 8. How will you know? The schedule we will email you in mid to late July will indicate the religion period.

Football: Football camp for varsity begins July 24th and concludes on July 27th. Team photos are on Saturday, July 28, at 8 am. **Pre-freshman sign up for football is Tuesday, July 31 (spirit night) at 5 pm in the gym.**

Helping SPS: Don't forget to mention SPS when you shop at Office Depot. OD gives a 5% store credit to SPS on all of your purchases. Also, save those Box Tops for Education and have your son bring them to his math teacher. This is FREE money for SPS. And if you order from Amazon Prime, make sure you designate SPS.

Late Start Dates: Here are late start (9 am) dates and days of no classes. If at all possible, please use these opportunities for your son's off campus appointments. I grow concerned about the amount of class time some students are missing:



SPS Maintenance Crew power washes Hunter Stadium to prepare for 2018 season.

- Sept. 17
- October 22
- October 26
- December 3
- Jan. 28
- Feb. 25
- March 22
- April 8

Orientation for Pre-freshmen and New Freshmen: Our Lasallian Youth Leaders are planning a special **Orientation Session for our incoming pre-freshman (8th graders) and NEW freshmen (9th graders)**. Here is some info:



Congrats to 2018 graduate Parker Edwards! In June, NOLA.com named him as one of the Top 25 All-Metro Male Athletes of the Year! 2018 grad Cole Houser was named as Honorable Mention!

- When? Tuesday, August 7, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Who? Pre-freshmen & NEW freshmen. **This is for students only. We will have a new parent welcoming on Monday, August 13 at 6:30.** I will send more info on this event later, but you may want to put the date on your calendars.
- Where? Check in at Founder’s Circle (by the big oak tree) by 5:30 pm
- What? Meet your teachers, learn about the school, acclimate to the campus, meet each other
- What to wear? Comfortable, appropriate T-shirts, shorts & shoes good for running and ice breakers
- What else? We will provide supper.
- Cost? None!
- **RSVP to Campus Minister Mr. Jeff Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com) by Friday, July 27.** I will send more info later, but we hope you will mark this date on your calendars, RSVP, and plan to be present. Naturally, attendance is strictly optional, but the evening will be a fun and informative introduction to SPS.

Seniors and Senior Parents: Note these important dates:

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| Senior BBQ | Wed, Aug 22, 5 – 7 pm |
| Senior March through Arch: | Thu, Aug 23, 8 am |
| Senior – Parent Breakfast: | Thu, Aug 23, 8:45 am (cafeteria and “al fresco”) |
| Senior Ring Ceremony: | Thu, Aug 23, 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center |
| Senior Ring Holiday: | Fri, Aug 24 |

Summer Activities: We continue to be busy this summer. So far:

- Summer baseball is winding down. Other athletic teams are practicing according to the LHSAA rules.
- Summer camps are in full swing. So far, we have held baseball, football, basketball, wrestling, math and drama camps. Soccer, lacrosse, band, and a speed-strength conditioning camp remain on the schedule. For more information on any of our remaining camps, check our web site or contact Coach Craig Ketelsen at 985-966-1147 or Keren Davis at 985-502-7132 or check out our website at www.stpauls.com

- Lots of cleaning, upgrading, and repairing are going on.
- Seven SPS teachers are at Manhattan College in New York (a Lasallian college) attending a two-week national program on Lasallian education. I am most grateful to them for furthering their commitment to the Lasallian Mission. Thanks to Mr. Jeff Ramon, Mr. Paul Scoriels, Mr. Joe Dickens, Mr. Sam Francis, Mr. Matt Pinero, Mr. Gerald Ancar, and Mrs. Kristin Lagraize
- Trevor Watkins and I spent a week in Napa (roughing it, of course!) with presidents and principals of the 22 schools of the San Francisco New Orleans Provincesharing best practices among our schools.
- A group of SPS Lasallian Youth Leaders is preparing to head to California in two weeks to attend a Lasallian Youth Conference. We look forward to hearing about the trip on their return.
- A number of teachers are studying, attending conferences, and upgrading their skills for next year, especially for our engineering and bio-medical programs.
- Many Wolves are involved in many different activities this summer and are distinguishing themselves. I'll have LOTS of material for my recognition assemblies when school starts!
- The Briggs Center hosted the Covington Kiwanis Club Prayer Breakfast to a large crowd in mid-June. Thanks to Mrs. Shellie Campo, Mrs. Danielle Lavie, Mrs. Mimi Monteiro, and our maintenance crew.
- And many more things are going on.... Stay tuned.



Summer Reading and Virtual Bookstore: From Assistant Principal Joe Dickens:

*Welcome to a new school year. This is a reminder that all students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in an **honors or A.P.** US History or Civics course do as well. Please take note of the following to ensure that your son completes these assignments as efficiently as possible.*

To make obtaining his English reading materials as facile as possible, our virtual bookstore opened for summer reading and for the school year on May 29. Any novel, play, or workbook he will need for English will be listed including new and used editions, and in some cases, eBooks.

Simply go to our website at www.stpauls.com, click the “Order Your Books Here” button on the left, and you’ll be directed to our virtual bookstore. You’ll choose his titles for summer reading and for the school year based on his placement in English. Payment will be handled on-line through MBS Direct, and the books will be shipped by UPS straight to your home.

Next, all summer reading questions for English and social studies (if your son is in honors or AP US History or Civics) are posted on our website. **Please note that your son will independently have to obtain his own summer reading books for social studies if he is in honors or AP.** Click on the link for summer reading at the bottom of our homepage, www.stpauls.com, and find the class(es) applicable to your son.

If you have any questions about your son’s placement in English or social studies, please contact our Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.

Tuition: Please note:

- **Tuition was due on June 1. If you financed tuition with Resource Bank, the first bank payment was also due in June.**
- **Late tuition is subject to a 1% finance charge. Late loan payments will incur bank charges.**
- Call our Business Office at ext. 1005 or me at ext. 1001 for questions.
- **Class schedules will not be sent** to students who owe tuition or who are not current in their bank payments. Tuition bank payments must be current in order for students to begin school on August 7.
- **Please inform me if your son will not be attending Saint Paul's.**

4th of July Humor: OK, I’ve used these before, but how many 4th of July jokes are there? Besides, they still make me smile!

- *Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor? Because she cannot sit down.*
- *Does Europe have a 4th of July? Of course. It comes right after July 3.*
- *What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware? “Get in the boat, men!”*
- *What do you call an American drawing? A Yankee doodle!*
- *Alvin: My great-grandfather fought with Napoleon, my grandfather fought with the French and my father fought with the Americans. Alex: Your relatives could not get along with anyone, could they?*
- *Teacher: More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War. Student: Wow! They must have been pretty strong -- four men defeating a whole army*
- *What was the patriots’ favorite food in the Revolutionary War? Chicken Catch-a-Tory!*
- *Where did the Founding Fathers sign the Declaration of Independence? At the bottom!*
- *What is red, white and blue? A sad candy cane!*
- *Teacher: What are the last words of “The Star-Spangled Banner”? Johnny: “Play ball!”*
- *What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party? Tea-shirts!*

- *If you crossed a vegetable with our first president, what would you get? George Squashington*
- *If you crossed a rooster with the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, what would you get? John Hancock-a-doodle-doo*
- *What would you get if you crossed George Washington with cattle feed? The Fodder of Our Country*



- *If you crossed a Patriot with a curly-haired dog, what would you get? Yankee Poodle*
- *If you crossed the American national bird with Snoopy, what would you get? A bald beagle.*
- *If you crossed a famous Founding Father with a famous monster, what would you get? Benjamin Franklinstein*
- *What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country? Beneduck Arnold*
- *What did Americans do because of the Stamp Act? They licked the British.*
- *Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington? The horse was too heavy to carry.*
- *Why did the British cross the Atlantic? To get to the other tide.*
- *Did you hear the joke about the Liberty Bell? Yes, it cracked me up.*
- *What was the most popular dance in 1776? Indepen-dance.*
- *Who was the biggest jokester in Washington's army? Laughayette*
- *Do flags talk to other flags? No. They just wave.*
- *Who is a fake patriot? Uncle Sham.*
- *Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? At the chopping mall.*
- *What kind of tea did the American colonists want? Liberty.*
- *What was General George Washington's favorite tree? The infantry.*
- *Which colonists told the worst jokes? Punsylvanians*
- *Teacher: "True or False? The Declaration of Independence was written in Philadelphia." Student: "False. It was written in ink."*
- *Why did the British soldiers wear red coats? So they could hide in the tomatoes.*
- *How was the food at the Fourth of July picnic? The hot dogs were bad, but the brats were the wurst!*
- *Why is the Liberty Bell like a dropped Easter egg? They are both cracked.*
- *What is Uncle Sam's favorite snack? Fire-crackers.*
- *What did King George think of the American colonist? He thought they were revolting!*
- *How did American colonists' dogs protest against England? The Boston Flea Party.*
- *Brother Ray, the aging school president, visited an American history class last year and asked the students to name the 50 states. They could only come up with 45. Brother Ray jokingly told them that when he took American history he could name all the states. One student raised his hand and said, "Yes, Brother, but in those days there were only 13 states." Ouch!*
- *OK, I'll stop! Happy Fourth of July!*

A Look Ahead:

- M-T, Aug 6-7 Faculty Meetings
- Tue, Aug 7 New student orientation (5:30 – 7:30; details will be sent as date approaches)
- Wed, Aug 8 Teacher Preparation Day
- Thu, Aug 9 Classes begin; Full Day of Instruction; periods A, B, C, & D meet
- Mon, Aug 13 Mothers Club Welcoming Social for New SPS Moms
- Mon, Aug 20 New Parent Welcoming Reception and Informational Meeting
- Thu, Aug 23 Senior March through the Arch

- Mon, Sep 03 Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 12 End of 1st quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
- Mon, Nov 5 Archdiocesan Retreat Day for all schools; no classes for students
- M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Wed, Dec 19 End of 1st Semester; Christmas holidays begin at 11:45 following last exam
- Mon, Jan 07 Classes resume; second semester begins
- W – F, Jan 9-11 Senior Retreat
- Fri, Mar 1 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- M-F, Mar 4 -8 Mardi Gras /Beginning of Lent holidays
- F-F, Apr 19-26 Easter Holidays (not “spring break”)
- W-F, May 1-3 Senior exams
- M-T, May 13-16 Pre-freshman exams
- Fri, May 17 Pre-freshman promotion ceremony (6:30 pm)
- Sat, May 18 Senior graduation ceremony (4 pm)
- M – T, May 20-23 Semester exams for grades 9 – 11
- Fri., May 24 Conflict exam day
- Mon, May 27 Faculty Records Day
- In case of emergency closings, we will make up days from scheduled holidays. **Note that school begins with all students reporting on Thursday, August 9, for a full instructional day.** Also, please check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school.

Well, I was not brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! But you’ve had a break from my missives during the month of June! Thanks for being part of the 2018-19 edition of Saint Paul’s – the beginning of eighth year of our second century of existence. If the next 92 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul’s will have had an incredible second century of existence.

Weekly newsletters will resume on Sunday, July 29, so enjoy the next three Sundays without my cluttering your email in box! Call if I can be of assistance. **Our July summer office hours (through July 20) are 8 am – noon**, Monday through Friday. While we will usually be in the office during part of the afternoon, your best bet for contacting us is in the mornings. Enjoy the final weeks of summer! May they be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Another Year (yes, the annual rumors of my retirement were, again, just wishful thinking on some people’s part) as the 17th Christian Brother President/CEO of Saint Paul’s School

Continue to have a great Lasallian summer but remember:

The Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care and Vigilance and Faith and Zeal –

Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!