



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

The Centennial of the Arrival of the Christian Brothers



Aug 20 - 26, 2018

In the Saint Paul's School Paradigm, the juniors are the “young adults of the school community”. One of their jobs is to “dream” – to dream how they might contribute to the school's mission; to dream by assuming leadership roles in the classroom and in activities; to apprentice and to study; to observe and support the leadership of the senior class; to give life to the school which has nurtured them in their younger years; to begin planning for their year of school leadership and how they intend to achieve their dreams. This year, we have the largest junior class ever. I thus am monitoring their progress to ensure we meet our obligations to them.

At their opening of school prayer service, each junior was invited to write one of his “dreams” on a note card, which was then placed on the altar while the level prayed that God would bless them and help their dreams come true. Afterwards, I read their dreams. While many dreams were predictable (“to be successful”, “to win a state championship”, “to have a good family”, etc.), other dreams our juniors wrote moved me greatly:

- *My dream is to be a better person each day. May God be with me and guide me.*
- *My dream is to be the man God made me to be.*
- *I dream of having a close and intimate friend willing to be the rock of my salvation.*
- *My dream is to be the best thoracic surgeon to ever live.*
- *My dream is that all people suffering will be liberated.*
- *My dream is for total peace in the world.*
- *My dream is to follow my mom's footsteps in medical field.*
- *I dream of not selling myself short.*
- *My dream is to help others, specifically ones that have been left behind or abandoned.*
- *I dream of being a great father.*
- *Guide me, Lord, through the rough patch. Lead me, teach me, help me accomplish goals and find a drive succeed.*
- *I dream of changing many lives for the better.*
- *I dream of saving lives.*
- *I dream of having courage and confidence.*
- *I dream of being able to spoil my kids.*
- *My dream is to help others.*
- *I dream of finding the right friends.*
- *I dream of serving my country.*
- *I dream of finding love.*

I could add many more examples, but you get the idea. Our juniors are men of great dreams. I did pause, however, over a few dreams:

- *I have no dreams. I'm still looking for one.*
- *I dream of literally nothing.*



Josh & Chris bless the student body at assembly while the Salve Regina plays in the background.

Join me in praying that God will bless those who have no dreams or do not feel love. May our year help them to find dreams and realize that they are loved – by Almighty God and the Lasallian world. The Class of 2020 will indeed make the world a better place – as will the SPS classes of 2019, 2021, 2022 & 2023!

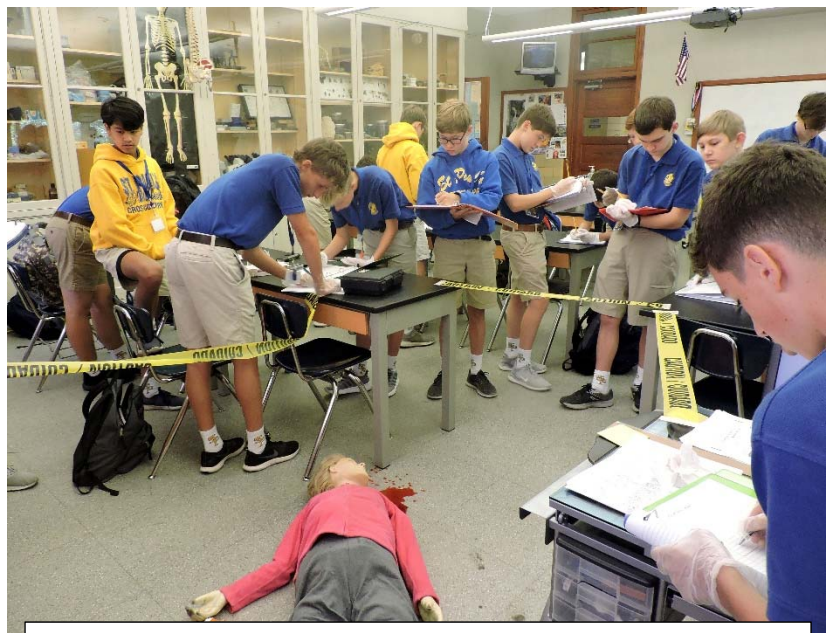
Saint Paul's Forevermore!

Mon Aug 20 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1920, seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful National Football League.
- **TDIH:** In 1977, NASA launches the space probe *Voyager 2*. It continues to explore to this day, and is now more than 7 billion miles from Earth.
- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** The citizens of Covington will long remember September 19, 1947 because that was the day a killer hurricane blew up the Gulf of Mexico and came through Covington. Hurricanes had no names back then. After ten hours, the winds subsided and the Brothers surveyed the. About one foot of debris covered the entire property. It took almost a year of hard work each day after school before the last fallen trees were cut into firewood. The boarding students cut up the logs into firewood after school and on Saturdays, sold it around town, and bought library books with the proceeds.
- **National Radio Day:** Listen to the radio today! My favorite? WWNO & WWNO 2 HD (NPR & Classical!)
- **World Mosquito Day:** On this day in 1897, Sir Ronald Ross, a British doctor working in India, made the link that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. To mark this day, kill all the mosquitoes you can find!
- **World Honey Bee Day:** Where would we be without these incredible creatures? Unlike Mosquito Day, do not kill any honeybees today.
- **New Parent Reception/Information Meeting:** We will welcome parents new to SPS and provide them with an overview of the SPS experience. Reception begins at 6:30, info meeting at 7 and over by 8.

Tue, Aug 21 (Wolf Packs; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1959, Hawaii becomes 50th state.
- **TDIH:** In 2017, a rare solar eclipse occurred over Covington; SPS students donned special glasses to view the eclipse in Founders Circle.
- **TDIH:** In 2004, American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his 8th medal of the '04 Athens Olympics. Phelps became the most medaled contestant in modern Olympian history.
- **DYK:** The Benedictine Fathers who sold Saint Paul's to the Christian Brothers promised they would supply a school



Biomed students act as medical examiners at staged "crime scene".

chaplain. Father Bernard Keating was chaplain for many years. The Brothers and students liked him and he never missed a ball game, though he challenged the patience of everyone by giving 45 minute sermons.

- **National Spumoni Day:** One makes this Italian dessert from layers of ice cream, whipped cream, candied fruit, and nuts. Typically, it is made with three layers of flavor: chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. Each layer mixes ice cream with fruits and nuts. Spumoni **should always be sliced, never scooped.** Enjoy this classic – but slice, don't scoop.
- **Poet's Day:** Celebrate poets today! Write a poem! Read a poem! Hug a poet!
- **Wolf Pack Time:** Wolf Packs debut today. All must cooperate for this to be successful. I am very grateful to all who are helping to infuse life into this program—which consistently is touted in educational literature as a potential powerful force for school spirit, safety, unity, and progress. I thank Kevin who again will lead the Packs this year.
- **Get Involved Day**
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation: The S of R (aka “confession”) will be offered during lunch period every Tuesday. Students are encouraged to avail themselves of this spiritual aid.**

- **Drama:** Auditions for *To Kill A Mockingbird* today from 3:30 – 5:30

Wed, Aug 22 (7:15 mass; Regular; C D E F; Feast of the Queenship of Mary)

- **TDIH:** In 1989, Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers becomes first major league pitcher in to register 5,000 career Ks.
- **TDIH:** In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt becomes first president to ride in an automobile.
- **DYK:** From 1997-2001, SPS athletic programs won twelve state championships in numerous sports.
- **Be An Angel Day:** Be like angels today and do one small act of service for someone; be a blessing in someone's life!
- **Drama:** Auditions for *To Kill A Mockingbird* continue today from 3:30 – 5:30



Juniors listen intently to safety procedures in lab.

- **Mass:** We resume weekly Wed morning mass today at 7:15 (reflect later start time.) Encourage students to attend.

- **Senior BBQ (5:30 – 7:30)**

Thu, Aug 23 (March through Arch; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** Major League Baseball bans legendary Pete Rose from baseball for betting on the game.
- **TDIH:** In 1814, first lady Dolley (yes, that's the correct spelling) Madison saves a portrait of George Washington from being looted by British troops.
- **DYK:** Saint Paul's conducted a six week residential reading camp for many summers in the 60's, 70's and early 80's. Campers took reading instruction in the morning and had camp activities in the afternoons and evenings. The camp was very successful in increasing reading ability. Each morning, campers would assemble by the oak tree to hear day's schedule. At the end of assembly, the Camp Director would shout "He who reads..." and all the campers would shout back "Leads!" As we

begin our Sustained Silent Reading Initiative today, let's remember that Saint Paul's has always been a leader in reading education. Let's remember that "he who reads, leads!" Enjoy your SSR!

- **March through the Arch** commemorates the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian Brothers. Seniors assemble at arch by 7:15 for pictures. **First block classes line road after announcements.** Pre-freshmen assemble by Brothers' Residence, followed by 9th grade, etc. Juniors will be closest to St. La Salle statue.
- **Senior & Parent Breakfast** following the March. Because they all can't fit in the cafeteria, we will have a large outdoor tent and seating, thus providing "al fresco" dining (from the Italian meaning "in the fresh" – air, that is.)
- **Senior Unity Day.** After Breakfast until 11:00ish in the theater. **You are welcome and encouraged to stop by any part of the morning.** In the afternoon, we will practice for ring ceremony. Dismissal follows practice.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony (6:30 pm in the BAC):** You are cordially invited. Reserved seating will be provide.

Fri, Aug 24 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 79, Mount Vesuvius erupts in southern Italy, devastating the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- **TDIH:** In 1814, during War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops enter Washington, D.C. and burn the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1812.
- **DYK:** Work on our present gym began in 1955 and finished in 1956. Brother Conrad, the then principal, named the building the Saint Jude Center, since everyone had thought that it would be impossible to get a fine gym like this so quickly and at so low a cost of \$40,000. The Brothers and students built much of the gym. Our own Brother Alfred, who lives in the Retired Brothers Community, helped install the gym floor – which is still in use. Today, the Saint Jude Center has become the Gene Bennett Memorial Sports Complex and still serves as a wonderful venue for our athletic endeavors.
- **Strange Music Day:** Patrick Grant, a Julliard graduate and professional musician, started Strange Music Day. The purpose of Strange Music Day is to listen to music you have never heard before, just for the heck of it. Have fun today and listen to something different! I think I'll ask some students for suggestions!
- **National Waffle Day:** Today marks the anniversary of the first waffle iron patent in 1869. Eat a waffle today! Or just keep changing your mind about things -- get it? Waffling?
- **Senior Ring Holiday**
- **Pre-freshman Student Council Elections**
- **Football Jamboree:** Rummel JV v. SPS JV; Rummel Varsity v. SPS Varsity (6)



Pre-freshmen prepare to enter gym to thunderous applause.



Mothers' Club offers welcome to new SPS Moms gather in the BAC last week. School administration will welcome all new parents on Mon, Aug 20 at 6:30 in the BAC.

Sat, Aug 25

- **TDIH:** In 1944, French General Jacques LeClerc enters Paris, freeing it from German control during WW II.
- **On this date in 1718, French immigrants founded city of New Orleans** . Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville named the new settlement for Philippe II, the Duke of Orléans, regent of France, ruling in place of King Louis XV, who was only a boy. The French claimed the Louisiana Territory in 1682, and the location of New Orleans meant that it was prime real estate for anyone who wanted to control America's large interior waterway. Though the city never lost its French character, elements of Native American, African, and Spanish cultures blended in.
- France sent a starter population of prisoners, slaves, and bonded servants. They arrived in New Orleans to find a mosquito-ridden swamp surrounded by hostile Native Americans, and prone to hurricanes. The settlers threatened to revolt, so the French government sent 90 female convicts straight from the Paris jails. These ladies of questionable repute were chaperoned by a group of Ursuline nuns until they could be married off to the men who awaited them.
- Two engineers laid out plans for the original walled village, later known as the French Quarter or the *Vieux Carré* — the Old City. Though it's called the French Quarter, the architecture of the area is mostly Spanish, since fire destroyed most of the original buildings in 18th century. By that time, Spain controlled the city. New Orleans became an American city in 1803, when Napoleon sold Louisiana to the United States government.
- Tom Robbins wrote, in *Jitterbug Perfume* (1984): "Louisiana in September was like an obscene phone call from nature. The air — moist, sultry, secretive, and far from fresh — felt as if it were being exhaled into one's face. Sometimes it even sounded like heavy breathing. Honeysuckle, swamp flowers, magnolia, and the mystery smell of the river scented the atmosphere, amplifying the intrusion of organic sleaze. It was aphrodisiac and repressive, soft and violent at the same time. In New Orleans, in the French Quarter, miles from the barking lungs of alligators, the air maintained this quality of breath, although here it acquired a tinge of metallic halitosis, due to fumes expelled by tourist buses, trucks delivering Dixie beer, and, on Decatur Street, a mass-transit motor coach named Desire.

- **Kiss and Make Up Day.** Today is a great day to end a spat, a fight, an argument, or a feud. And it can be fun! The “kiss” is optional, but everyone is encouraged today to “bury the hatchet” over an argument or disagreement.
- **National Banana Split Day:** Splurge ‘n eat a Banana Split (invented in 1904) today!
- **SAT on campus this morning**

Sun, Aug 26 (I encourage Catholic families to attend mass and non-Catholic families to worship at place of choice)

- **TDIH:** In 1974, Charles Lindbergh, the first man to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, dies at age of 72. Trivia Question: What was the name of Lindbergh’s plane in which he first crossed Atlantic? Answer at end.
- **TDIH:** In 1939, the first televised Major League baseball game airs on W2XBS, the station now known as WNBC-TV. Red Barber called the game between Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, NY.
- **National Dog Day:** Give Fideaux an extra treat today and appreciate your pet!
- **National Toilet Paper Day:** Did you know the US spends almost \$10 billion a year on this stuff? And Charmin holds a toilet paper wedding dress contest each year with over a 10,000 ladies participating!

I draw the following to your attention, in alphabetical order, not necessarily in order of importance.

After School Issues: Assignment Hall (see below) and detention will soon be in operation. Parents, stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. If your son does end up in AH or detention, establish a procedure for him to follow so you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We’ll provide a phone if needed.

Assembly on Aug 14: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 14 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Assembled in the new gym; it was great having air conditioning!
- Listened to Baroque composer Jean-Joseph Mouret’s “Rondeau” and used this wonderfully stirring baroque piece of music to set the tone for the year. Ask your son to hum it for you! The older students should be able to do this! I explained how the word “baroque” means “rough, irregular pearl” and used that metaphor for our new school year: a rough pearl for which we must spend the next nine months polishing and shining it through our actions and accomplishments.



Andrew lights prayer candle at first school assembly last week.

- As junior **Andrew Lacoste** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for the following relatives of SPS families who have recently died:
 - *Mr. Joe LuQuet, grandfather of Jacob Porte '20*
 - *Dr. Anthony Martin, Grandfather of Anthony Pennison '19*
 - *Mrs. Beverly Slaton, grandmother of Spencer Slaton '21*
 - *Mr. Carl Francis Orgeron, grandfather of Preston Orgeron '22*
 - *Dr. Alton Mark Parker, grandfather of Raleigh Martin '20*
 - *Mrs. Enid Roberts, great-grandmother of Christopher Pierson '20*
 - *Mr. Donald Monies, father of Mrs. Jeaneen Schmitt*
 - *Mr. Larry Catanzaro, father of Matt Catanzaro '17*
 - *Ms. Kelley Page Covington-Domingue, mother of Logan Domingue, '22*
 - *Mr. Robert Contreras, father of Julian Contreras '19*
 - *Mr. Jack Hodges, father of Hayden Hodges '18*

- Recognized and congratulated Mr. Andrew Dart on the birth of his second child over the summer, a boy named Sawyer Dart. Student Council President Josh Rovira then presented Andrew with a small gift for his new son.

- Asked the students, level by level, if they were ready to assume the tasks ahead of them; they responded enthusiastically, “Yes, Saint Paul’s, I’m ready!”

- Welcomed the new Pre-Freshmen as the Class of 2023 and had them enter to a rousing ovation by the rest of the student body and faculty while The Rondeau played loudly in the background.

- I then welcomed everyone to the 2018 - 19 school year, the beginning of our 108th year of existence and continuing the Lasallian tradition that has been transforming lives since 1680. I projected views of the campus from several decades and pointed out how much has changed. I projected pictures of Father Augustine, OSB, the first president of Saint Paul’s College (as it was called then) from 1911-18 and a picture of Brother Lawrence, FSC, the first Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s – who only last two years! I reminded the students that I am the 17th Christian Brother President of SPS – and the 18th overall President.

- Had the faculty commit themselves to their role as Lasallian educators by having senior Lasallian Youth Leader Co-chairs **Cullen Irwin** and **Andrew Moore** ask the faculty a series of questions about their commitment to the Mission. Faculty responded to each question with a resounding “I will!”

- Ran out of time before I could do accomplish any more individual recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly!

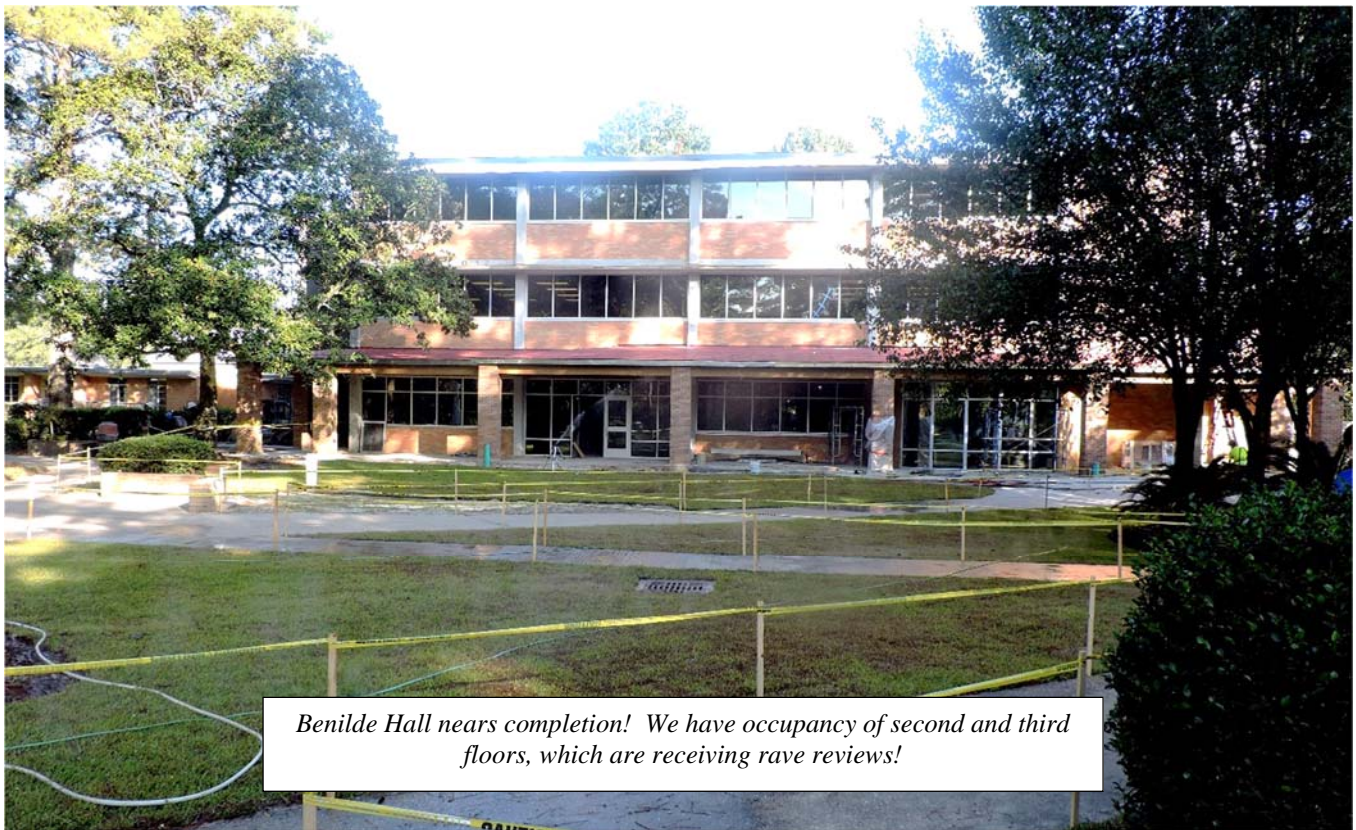
- I then had the entire student body join in a rousing rendition of Mercy.

- We ended the assembly with Student Council President **Josh Rovira** and Vice President **Christopher Wilson** who blessed the entire student body and faculty with holy water while the ancient Marian hymn “Salve Regina” in Gregorian chant played in the background.

- As junior **Michael Crockett** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of Mouret's Rondeau.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

Assignment Hall: AH is in full swing this wee. Students go to AH if they report to class without homework. They will stay in AH until they finish the homework. AH is not a punishment but a helping structure. Stress with your son the need to complete his homework on time and to bring it to class.

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook, which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.



Benilde Hall: We received a certificate of occupancy for the second and third floors from the State Fire Marshall and the City of Covington last week – after extensive renovation of Benilde Hall. The first floor and outside areas will need a few more weeks. The wait was well worth it. 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!

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	All sold
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- Contact Danielle in the Development Office or me if you are interested in one of these naming opportunities. I am most grateful to those who have already responded.

Bookstore: The bookstore will open on Monday before the new parent orientation from 5:00 - 6:15. The new supply of PE shorts has arrived. Thanks, Mothers' Club! And here are the regular hours:

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am
- M – F: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Also by appointment. Email spsbookstore@gmail.com.
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore.** Proceeds not help fund wonderful activities throughout the year and campus needs. For example, the MC funded over \$40,000 worth of school projects this past year.



Our newly commissioned senior Eucharistic Ministers

Cell Phones:

- **State Law:** Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- **SPS Law:** students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed.

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Centennial Celebration: On Saturday, July 28th, hundreds of people filled St. Louis Cathedral to celebrate with the Christian Brothers of the San Francisco New Orleans District on the 100th anniversary of the Brothers’ continuous service in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The assembled included three archbishops, numerous priests, over 30 Brothers (including General Counselor Brother Tim Coldwell, all the way from Rome), affiliated members, students from the four Lasallian schools in the Archdiocese, and many, many alumni and parents of students, past and present. Following a very moving mass, guests were invited to visit a special centennial collection at the Old Ursuline Convent, tracing the last 100 years. Following that, guests were invited to a special celebration on the Steamboat Natchez, which cruised the Mississippi River – showing our Brothers from the West what Southern hospitality and celebration is all about. It was a magical day. Special thanks for former SPS Vice President for

Development, Brother Gale Condit, who was responsible for organizing the events of the day, and to the many generous benefactors who underwrote the celebration. Ad multos annos, Lasallian education in the Archdiocese of NO! BTW, the Ursuline Convent display will remain for the entire month of Aug.

Centennial Tidbit: In honor of our centennial in 2011, then-SPS faculty member Francoise Butchart translated many of the original letters of the French Christian Brothers who bought Saint Paul's in 1918 from the Benedictine Fathers of St. Joseph Abbey. Here are some excerpts. Enjoy this peek into history via primary source documents. The first entry is from Brother Alton Pierre, dated Feb 14, 1918, as he searched for a school for himself and the French refugees. The French brothers had been exiled from France in 1904 and gone to Mexico where revolutionaries chased them out in 1916. They were in various parts of the US, anxious to reunite in a school. Brother Alton writes to his superiors in Europe:

The Benedictines propose we buy a small college that they have. By the brochure I have sent you, you will be able to form an opinion what this college (a high school) is like. The college is doing well. It is full—even too full. The students are less numerous this year because of the war – a few were drafted. Covington is my preferred place for health – healthy, as you can read in the leaflet. Soon it will be a place of recreation for New Orleans – each day of rest, trains arrive here with thousands of walkers. The property, with time, will acquire considerable value. Conditions of sale: they are asking \$60,000 of which a part would have to be paid immediately, that is to say \$3000 to \$5000 and the remainder would be covered by mortgage bonds for which we will have to pay 4 ½% redeemable at will and not due for 25 years. The Reverend Father Abbot only requests for the first year one-half of the interest....Note that few students pay the full \$300 per year tuition. The Creoles are not rich and the students get reductions.



Evan gives Holy Communion to his younger brother.

We give thanks that the Brothers finally decided to purchase Saint Paul's – although they would eventually open schools in New Iberia and San Antonio, too! And Brother Alton was right: this area did indeed attract many from New Orleans and property values have certainly risen! Hope you enjoyed this peek into history. Thank you, Francoise, for your work!

Dads' Club: The August SPS Dads' Club meeting is Tuesday, August 21st, 7pm at the Abita Brewery. Please try to bring 2 new dads to join the club. All SPS dads are welcome, so please spread the word. If you would like to get on the group email, please send a message to spsdadsclub@gmail.com.

Drama Auditions: Auditions for "To Kill a Mockingbird" will take place Tue and Wed from 3:30 – 5:50 in the theater. Students are encouraged to become part of our excellent drama program.

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be on Aug 21. . Representatives from all clubs, sports,

organizations etc. will have displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students can talk to representatives from these clubs, etc. and decide if they wish to join. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we've had call outs for football, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.

Homecoming Dances:

- 8th and 9th grade Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, September 22 in the BAC from 7-9PM.
- 10th/11th/12th Homecoming Dance will be held in the BAC Saturday, September 29 from 7-9:30PM.
- Any St. Paul's student who wishes to attend must complete a registration form that includes his date's signature and contact information. This form, along with details about the dance and dress code, may be found on the school website, on Plus Portals in a link on the calendar, or in room 107. Forms and payment are due the Wednesday prior to the dance. Professional photography is available at the dance. Photo order forms will also be available in room 107 so students may arrive at the dance with forms and payment completed.



ID Cards: Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day. No one has to pay for an ID card unless you want an extra one. We will give one to your son on picture day. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him or if for some reason you want an extra one.

Information: Need More Information? For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Trevor Watkins, or Assistant Principal Joe Dickens. For discipline, attendance, or dress code questions, call Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin or me. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Mr. Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director. Naturally, call me if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1001 & my cell phone is 985/966-1138, my email is broray@stpauls.com or hit “reply” to this email!**

Handbook Signature Card: The signed cards are now overdue!

Jazz ‘n Roll: J n R XXVII is Sat evening, Nov 10. If you have questions, auction items and/or would like to work at J n R, call Shellie Campo at 892-3200, ext. 1273. More info to come, but mark your calendars!

Last Week in Review:

- **Back to School Dance, Part II:** 8th & 9th grades enjoyed BTSD at SSA on Fri. All went well.
- **Drama Open House:** Thanks to Gordon Carmadelle for an exciting evening and a promising program. The Open House was well-attended. We look forward to auditions this week for “To Kill A Mockingbird.”
- **Football Meet the Team:** I’m told all went well.
- **Football Scrimmage:** I’m told all went well.
- **LaSTEM Conference:** Congrats to Blake Bollinger, Blake Inzinna, and Andrew Norlin for being invited to speak about SPS engineering at this prestigious conference in Baton Rouge last week.
- **Mass:** Our first all-school mass went well. Thanks to all. The boys were reverent and participatory.
- **New Mom Welcome:** Thanks, Mothers’ Club, for an excellent welcome to our new moms!

Lost & Found: We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.

Mini-Schedule Night is Tuesday, Sept 4 beginning at 6:30. This is a change from the Aug 27 date posted on some calendars. The change was made so as not to ask new families to come to a school event three Mondays in a row. Come meet your son’s teachers by following his schedule with ten-minute classes.

New Parents: We will hold a welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** on Mon, Aug 20 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and an information meeting starts at 7:00 and will be over by 8:00. We hope you will be with us! I will send out more info next week.

Office Depot: Make sure you give SPS’s name whenever you check out at Office Depot.

PlusPortals: Please activate your account and check Edline regularly for important info about your son’s grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.* And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It’s very annoying when we get an Edline email with a question but your setting won’t accept our response.

Senior Week: SW is here! Here is the basic plan:

- Wed, Aug 22 – Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Thu, Aug 23 – March through the Arch at 8 am (seniors must arrive by 7:15 in school dress uniform)
- Thu, Aug 23 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30

- Thu, Aug 23 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:00 (I’ll dismiss earlier if we finish)
- Thu, Aug 23 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center (lasts about 90 minutes). **If you wish to use a family ring (father, brother, etc.) or state championship ring, that is perfectly OK. You can bring these rings to the Administration Building and we will present on Thursday evening at the ceremony.** A student does not need a ring to participate in the ceremony. All seniors are expected.
- Fri, Aug 24 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors



Student Email Addresses: We issued each student a unique Saint Paul’s email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to his new email, there’s a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access**. The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1**.

Silent Sustained Reading: On Tuesday, we began daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) reads silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but for making reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. We instruct students to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared on Monday and every day thereafter. **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I’ll keep you posted as to how things go.

Social Media: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at

Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana

Twitter @SPSWolfpack

Social Media II: Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.

Student Council: Students interested in running for Pre-Freshman Class President and Vice President should see Dr. d'Hemecourt in room L211 to get a qualifying form. Speeches and Forms are due to Dr. d'Hemecourt for approval **no later than 3:30 on Wednesday, August 22**. Speeches and voting will take place on **Friday, August 24** during a morning 8th grade assembly.

Traffic Flow on Campus: If you drop off or pick up your son, you will meet congestion on the roadways in the morning and afternoon around our campus. We ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety:

- Consider an alternate pick up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13th and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11th Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.
- **DO NOT** pick up your son using the shoulder of 11th Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.
- If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) car line, please wait to the left so that thru traffic can still move through our campus using the right lane.
- Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.
- Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up.
- Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together, we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.

Weekly Humor: In honor of Honey Bee Day & Mosquito Day on Monday, here are some bee/mosquito jokes:

- *Who do you call when mosquitoes attack? The SWAT team.*
- *What do you get if you cross the Lone Ranger with an insect? The Masked-quito!*
- *What has antlers and sucks blood? A moose-quito!*
- *What is a mosquito's favorite sport? Skin-diving!*
- *Why are mosquitos religious? They prey on you!*
- *Why did the mosquito go to the dentist? To improve his bite!*
- *How do you know if you have a tough mosquito? You slap him and he slaps you back!*
- *What is the most religious insect? A mosque-ito!*



Michael extinguishes prayer candle at end of assembly.

- *What's the difference between a Mosquito and a fly? A mosquito can fly, but a fly can't mosquito!*
- *Q: What do you call a bee who's had a spell put on him? A: Bee-witched!*
- *Q: Why do bees buzz? A: Because they can't whistle!*
- *Q: What letter makes honey? A: B!*
- *Q: What goes zzub, zzub? A: A bee flying backwards!*
- *Q: What are the cleverest bees? A: Spelling bees!*
- *Q: What bee is good for your health? A: Vitamin bee!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Wolf Pack Time: Our revised advisory program (now known as Wolf Packs) debuts on Tuesday:

- We assign all students to a Wolf Pack, which will meet every other Tuesday. The Wolf Pack is a grouping of a single faculty member and a selection of students. Most, but not all, returning students have the same faculty advisor as they did last year. Many factors were involved in forming Packs but any adjustments were done out of necessity. While students will be informed on Mon as to which Wolf Pack they are assigned, the name of his Wolf Pack leader is printed at the top of his schedule, listed as HR.
- A committee of teachers and students plans each Wolf Pack time.
- During Pack Time, we still deal with important topics of discussion when such topics are deemed relevant and necessary (bullying, safety, etc.). We also emphasize **DOING** things to reinforce the topic of the day as opposed to just talking.
- The success of the program relies upon everyone's openness to the structure. Many people, teachers and students work hard to make this program relevant and enjoyable.
- Senior leadership and mentoring is stressed, especially between seniors and Pre-freshmen. This is Big Brother program.
- I hope your son has positive things to say about our first Wolf Pack time on Tuesday.



Luke, Sam, & Caleb were altar servers at last week's mass.

Yearbook: The 2017 - 18 Yearbooks are hot off the press and we will deliver them next week to the students that pre-ordered one. The Yearbook Staff did a fantastic job documenting a spectacular year at St. Paul's School. Unfortunately, we have no extra ones for sale. Sorry!

A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead:

- Mon, Aug 20 New Parent Welcoming Reception and Informational Meeting (6:30 in the BAC)
- Thu, Aug 23 Senior March through the Arch, Unity Day, Ring Ceremony (6:30)
- Fri, Aug 24 Senior Ring Holiday

- Mon, Sep 03 Labor Day Holiday
 - Tue, Sep 04 Parent Mini-Schedule Night (a change from Aug 27 as printed on some calendars)
 - Thu, Sep 13 All School Mass in honor of the Centennial Arrival of the Christian Brothers to SPS
 - Sat, Sep 15 SPS Math Tournament
 - Sat, Sep 22 Homecoming Dance (grades 8 & 9)
 - Sat, Sep 29 Homecoming Dance (grades 10, 11 & 12)
 - Tue, Oct 02 On-campus ACT for seniors
 - Fri, Oct 05 Fall break holiday; SPS Alumni Golf Tournament
 - Fri, Oct 12 End of 1st quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
 - Mon, Oct 22 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Sat, Oct 27 Open House for Prospective Students
 - Thu, Nov 01 All School Mass (Feast of All Saints)
 - Mon, Nov 5 Archdiocesan Retreat Day for all schools; no classes for students
 - Sat, Nov 10 Jazz 'n Roll
 - M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
 - Thu, Dec 06 Luminarias
 - 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
 - Sat, Jan 12 Application Day for Prospective Students (8 – noon); Football Awards Ceremony
 - Fri, Jan 25 All School Mass (Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul)
 - Wed, Feb 20 On campus ACT for juniors
 - Fri, Mar 01 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
 - M-F, Mar 4 -8 Mardi Gras /Beginning of Lent holidays
 - Wed, Mar 13 Mother-Son Dinner
 - Mon, Mar 18 St. Joseph Altar Day
 - Thu, Mar 21 Celebrity Dinner Event
 - Sat, Mar 23 Father-Son Dinner
 - Sat, Mar 30 Junior-Senior Prom
 - Sat, Apr 13 Alumni Crawfish Cook-Off
 - 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 9th at 8:00 am for a full instructional day.** Also, please check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I'll close with a 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 we continue to have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Off to a Great Start for 2018 - 19 as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

