



*President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 100 Years of Christian Brothers at SPS



September 10 – 16, 2018

Happy 107th Birthday, Saint Paul's!



Dixon Hall, the original school building located in Founder's Circle, contained classrooms, labs, dormitories, & housing for faculty on top floor

Friday, Sep 14, is the 107th anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of St. Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictine priests (Fathers Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, & Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, & Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, 70 boarders & 30 day students had enrolled.

Seven years later, those same Benedictines transferred ownership to the Christian Brothers. And the rest, as they say, is history. And so this week will be a week of remembrance:

- We will remember the commitment and faithfulness of the Benedictines in founding Saint Paul's school, making it as a place of learning, growth, and the Spirit of God.
- We will remember the courageous Christian Brothers who assumed ownership of Saint Paul's in the summer of 1918 against incredible odds, after being exiled from France and barely escaping with their lives from Mexico. We will thank them for bringing the 330+ year Lasallian dream here.
- We will remember all the Christian Brothers and their Partners who have worked to make the Lasallian dream alive here in Covington -- a dream incarnate in this year's student body. It is a dream that says that at Saint Paul's, we are all brothers and sisters, no one is insignificant, everyone is important, we are ministers of God's grace to one another, and we must announce the message of the gospels, thus bringing salvation to all.
- We will remember alumni and former students and the contribution that each made -- those who no longer walk on this earth, but remain important to our lives.

As we enter into the 8th year of our second century, we again remember and paraphrase Nobel Laureate William Faulkner, that we will "not merely endure, we will prevail" because we have "souls capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." Indeed, Saint Paul's will prevail as long as we remember, in the words of William Faulkner, the "courage and honor and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of the past" and which we are now called upon to replicate.



Saint Paul's College Faculty in 1921 Brother Charles Crouzet is on the right of the middle row.

And now, I present to you Saint Paul's School – 107 years young! And as I tell the students all the time: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age. As we thank God for our past, we pause and remember that we are still walking on holy ground -- for God is here, and where God is -- is holy. Happy Birthday Saint Paul's School! *Ad multos annos!*

Mon, Sep 10 (Morning Centennial Assembly; A B C D)

- **This Day in History:** In 1940, due to the destruction inflicted on London by German bombing, aka "the Blitz," British Cabinet instructs its bombers over Germany to drop their bombs "anywhere" if unable to reach targets.
- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** Graduation exercises in May of 1941 saw the end of the long standing practice. For the first time, no "Commercial Diplomas" were awarded. From that time on, all of the high school diplomas given would be standard academic diplomas, whereas before a student could opt for the commercial or the academic track. The commercial track prepared him for immediate employment. The academic track prepared students for college entrance.
- **Swap Ideas Day:** Swap your good ideas with others! I'm always in need of good ideas, so send 'em here
- **World Suicide Prevention Day:** I list many ridiculous observances, but this one is serious. St. Tammany Parish has a high suicide rate – which has gone up since the suicide of Robin Williams. Unfortunately, each year we deal with students who question the value of living. Later this year, we will hold our annual suicide prevention program for all sophomores. Please speak to your children about this issue if the occasion arises. Pray for all who think that it is a solution. We ask God's help.
- **Swim Meet at TCC**
- **Parent-Teacher Night (6:30)**



Senior Counselor Renee Miller reviews important college information with seniors.

Tue, Sep 11(Assembly; Shadow Day; E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** Today we remember the terrorist attack on our country in 2001. We pray for families of all of who lost loved ones. We pray for an end to terrorism of all kinds, foreign and domestic. We pray for men and women who defend our freedom in all parts of the world. We pray for all people of peace, regardless of race or creed.
- **DYK:** In 1950, the Saint Paul's school newspaper was known as "The Conifer." It received the highest award given a high school newspaper by the Catholic School Press Association. A board of judges graded the newspaper on appearance, layout, design, and news coverage. All sections were rated as excellent.
- **Make Your Bed Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! I make mine every!
- **President's Assembly:** Keep recognitions coming! I'll get to them – eventually!
- **Football:** 8th v. Ponchatoula (6)

Wed, Sep 12 (7 am mass; Afternoon Centennial Assembly; Snack Day; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 2013, the **Lasallian Assessment Process** Team began its visitation. SPS passed glowingly!
- **TDIH:** In 1940, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings are discovered by four teenagers who stumbled upon the ancient artwork after following their dog down a narrow entrance into a cavern. The 15,000- to 17,000-year-old paintings, consisting mostly of animal representations, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period. What to see them? Click here: http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02_00.xml

- **DYK:** Eugene “Scrap Iron” Young, former athletic trainer at the University of Notre Dame, opened summer camp at Saint Paul’s on June 15, 1942. Mr. Young endeavored to impress on all the boys the importance of sports in the world. In 1923, Scrap Iron Young had entered Notre Dame, went out for football, and quickly broke his leg. He was encouraged by this coach, the immortal Knute Rockne, to take up track. Taking the advice, Scrap Iron made quite a name for himself, breaking the school’s mile and two mile records. He was encouraged by Coach Rockne to take a course in physiotherapy. He graduated and became licensed. In his later years, he showed interest in caring for varsity athletes. He helped train many famous All Americans such as Marty Brill, half back in 1930 and the brilliant Creighton Miller, sensational quarterback of the unbeaten 1943 Notre Dame Team.
- **Chocolate Milkshake Day! Enjoy** – if your health allows, of course!
- **Snack Day:** The MC will provide a snack to students this afternoon in honor of SPS birthday on Fri
- **Banana Day:** Eat this healthy snack today! Wash it down with a Chocolate Shake!
- **Sacrament of Penance:** Confessions will be available in ALL Catholic churches in the Archdiocese this evening from 5 – 6:30 pm. From Archbishop Aymond: *“Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Francis has reminded us that God never tires of forgiving us. Perhaps we grow tired of asking for forgiveness. He reminds us instead that we must humbly ask for God’s mercy knowing that he gives it in abundance. Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 12th”*
- **Football:** JV v. Franklinton (5:30)



Patrick designs a home in Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering Program at SPS

Dress Uniform Day on Thu, Sep 13 for Centennial Mass at 9:30!

Thu, Sep 13 (All School Mass; Dress Uniform; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens words, later set to music, that in 1931 becomes USA’s national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written when Key saw Fort McHenry in Maryland bombarded by British in the War of 1812 & was inspired by a lone U.S. flag flying at daybreak.
- **DYK:** In 1919, only 10 members comprised the senior class. In 1920, there were only seven. Today, we have 152 seniors.
- **National Peanut Day** is the peanuttiest of days. Native to South America, the locals there couldn't keep this great nut to themselves. Actually, peanuts are not nuts. They are "legumes", like peas, beans, and lentils. Who knew?
- **Blame Someone Else Day:** self-explanatory! Blame me!
- **National Hollerin’ Day!** Feel free to holler– but not at me!
- **National Iguana Day:** Celebrate the lowly iguana today! I may re-read *Night of the Iguana* by Tennessee Williams
- **Alumni Breakfast Meeting (8:30)**
- **All School Mass celebrating the Centennial of the Coming of the Christian Brothers (9:30)** Abbot Justin Brown of Saint Joseph Abbey will celebrate mass in honor the transfer of ownership of Saint Paul’s from the Benedictines of Saint Joseph Abbey to the Christian Brothers in 1918. **Parents are welcome to attend this special mass. Boys must wear their dress uniforms.**

Fri, Sep 14 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross & SPS BD; Half Day Centennial schedule; C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1911, 48 students, 5 Benedictine priests, and 4 lay teachers opened Saint Paul's College and began classes, beginning an educational tradition of excellence that continues today. Happy B-Day, SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1741, George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* (not "The Messiah") after working on it nonstop for 23 days. It's one of my favorite pieces of music – absolutely incredible!
- **TDIH:** In 1975, Pope Paul VI canonizes Elizabeth Ann Seton, making her the first American saint.
- **DYK:** On this day in 1911, 48 students, 3 Benedictine priests opened Saint Paul's College and began classes. They began an educational tradition of excellence that continues today. Happy birthday, SPS!
- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** This feast was begun in 629 AD by Emperor Heracles who brought the cross discovered by Saint Helena in 320 AD (and purported to be the True Cross) to Jerusalem, placing it on the believed spot of Jesus' crucifixion. I do not know whether the Benedictines opened SP on this feast by coincidence or plan, but establishing Saint Paul's was a triumph by them and, later, by the Christian Brothers. Today, it remains a triumph. With your help, it will triumph far into the future, a triumph of the Lasallian dream and God's work in Covington.
- **National Hug Your Hound Day:** Give Fideaux a great big hug.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Go ahead and indulge today!
- **Football:** Varsity at Christian Brothers High School in Memphis (7). This is a second time these two Lasallian powerhouse schools will meet on the gridiron, the first having been last year with CBHS traveled to SPS. CBHS is a wonderful, all boy high school in Memphis, dating back to 1871. Just like the persecution in France and Mexico led the Brothers to Covington, the great Chicago fire of 1871 destroyed several of the Brothers' schools in that city, leading four Brothers to re-locate to Memphis and open a school. Today, CBHS is a modern, school of first choice for 880 students in grades 9-12. We welcome this opportunity to interact with our Lasallian brothers. May our common heritage provide great competition and sportsmanship.



Ashton, Wesley, Trent, Jack, and Jack mug for the camera during lunch.

Sat, Sep 15

- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics.
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, "Ballad of Birmingham." Click here to read the poem (which we study in my English class): <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **TDIH:** In 1916, tanks are first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of Somme in WW I.
- **24th Annual Math SPS Tournament:** Geaux Fighting Math Wolves.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves host Christian Brothers Invitational at Money Hill. Geaux CC Wolves!

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Sun, Sep 16

- **TDIH:** In 1620, *The Mayflower* ship departed from England bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. Trivia Question: what is the site where the pilgrims disembarked on Dec 26? Answer at end.
- **Mexican Independence Day:** The **Grito de Dolores** ("*Cry of Dolores*") was uttered from the small town of Dolores, near Guanajuato in Mexico, on September 16, 1810. It is the event that marks the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. The "grito" was the *pronunciamiento* of the Mexican War of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Roman Catholic priest. Since October 1825, the anniversary of the event is celebrated as **Mexican Independence Day**, not Cinco de Mayo, of Mexico's Independence from Spain. Viva la independencia!
- **The Trail of Tears Commemoration Day:** this day, also called the Cherokee Removal Day, refers to the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from their lands in GA, TN, AL, and NC to the Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma) in the Western United States from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our nation's history.
- **National Guacamole Day:** Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole! I love guacamole!
- **American Legion Day:** Congress granted the AL its federal charter on this day in 1919 to support and assist veterans returning from WW I. Since then, it has grown and supported all veterans.



Mr. Josh Pereira and his Media I Class prepare to learn about and practice videography.

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

Admissions for 2019 - 20: Yes, we are already looking ahead to next year. Here's how you can help: If you know any family who might be interested in SPS, encourage them to

- Consider a shadow day (but hurry as space is filling up fast;
- Encourage them to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 27 at 1 pm. Send us their email address or physical address and we'll send them an invitation.
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you

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.

Alum News: Dr. Tom Anzalone (an SPS alum from the Class of 1980 and father of Chris '09, Nick'13, & Jack'19) sent me an email recently: *SPS alums Will Fleming (2010), Josué Breaux (2011), & Nicholas Anzalone (2013) began Tulane Medical School last week. Tulane had a record 12,501 applicants for 191 positions this past year. Only 28 applicants from Louisiana were accepted. I'm so proud of our new medical wolves! Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever!* I'm proud, too, Doctor! These guys will make great docs!

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on our website. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day. Here's the link to our handbook: <https://www.stpauls.com/student-life/student-parent-handbook1-pdf/>



New Mothers' Club Bookstore nears completion in Benilde Hall!

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.

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. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

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Centennial Celebration This Week: Our celebration of the coming of the CBs peaks this week with activities each day:

- Mon, Sep 10: Covington Mayor Mike Cooper '71 will proclaim this week as Christian Brothers Week in Covington at a special morning assembly.
- Tue, Sep 11: My bi-weekly assembly will focus on our centennial as we greet our next group of shadowers.
- Wed, Sep 12: The whole school will re-create the entrance of the Christian Brothers in 1918 by parading from the new gym through the arch. If you were here in 2011, you will remember this march. At the end, we will be treated to snacks, courtesy of the Mothers' Club.
- Thu, Sep 13: Abbot Justin Brown, OSB of Saint Joseph Abbey will celebrate holy mass for the student body, in honor of the transfer of ownership from the Abbey Benedictines to the Christian Brothers in 1918. A special group of guests has been invited and alumni are invited to a special breakfast meeting at 8:30 and encouraged to stay for mass.
- Fri, Sep 14: We will bid safe travel to our football team as they head to Memphis to play Christian Brothers School.
- It will be a great week!

Driving: Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action against students as well. And remember: **cell phone use in a school zone is against the law and can be ticketed by police!**

Emergency Closing: As we reach the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans – which we followed last week with Tropical Storm Gordon:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public school system following Hurricane Katrina.

- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure. We used our notification system last week. Let me know if you did not receive text and email messages about our closings.
- **Consult** PlusPortals and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.



Pre-freshmen receive etiquette instruction before enjoying a delicious lunch.

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. 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.

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Grandparent Day: Our annual Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 12, beginning at 11:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. If your son's grandparents are interested, please inform them of the date and time.

ID Cards and Lanyards: Students **MUST** wear their ID cards on their lanyards **EVERY DAY**. This is part of our enhanced safety plan to insure that only SPS students are on campus during the school day. Parents – please stress this with your sons and insist that they comply. If your son loses his ID, he may purchase a new one for \$10 by seeing Sgt. Pressley in the Book/Snack Room.

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 Wed 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.

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!**



Pre-freshmen prepare to demonstrate their newly acquired etiquette skills!

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:

- **ACT:** Well done, staff! Again, the only problems were on the test.
- **Cross Country:** Harriers were up & at ‘em early Sat, heading for Baton Rouge
- **Etiquette Classes:** TS Gordon postponed the first group of pre-freshman etiquette training. But the other two groups were great. The pre-freshmen were at their best last week as they received instruction in fine dining and enjoyed a delicious meal. Thank you, Renaissance Board, for sponsoring this event. St. La Salle wrote a book entitled Rules of Christian Decorum and Civility in which he addressed some of the very things our guys were instructed in last week: how to eat soup, what to do with the napkin, etc.
- **First Friday:** Eucharistic adoration went well last week. Thanks to religion department.
- **FB:** Varsity fought hard against Jesuit, 9th was postponed due to Gordon & 8th beat Rummel on Sat! Great!
- **TS Gordon:** Tropical Storm Gordon wreaked havoc with our schedule but left our school unscathed. I’ll take that.
- **Marching Wolves & Golden Blues:** Thanks for a great halftime show Friday.
- **Mini Schedule Night:** Has been rescheduled to Mon, Sept 10
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves won their first meet last week! I hear Handle’s Water Music playing at assembly! Seven swimmers qualified for the New Orleans Metro Championships: David Barcelona, Jesse Cheng, Harrison Juneau, Scott Messa, Austin Peak, Drew Putfark, Cameron Smith and three swimmers qualified for the LHSAA State Championship: Jesse Cheng, Austin Peak, and Drew Putfark

Letters from the Past: Another excerpt from the letters of the first Christian Brothers who purchased Saint Paul’s in 1918. In this excerpt, dated Jun 8, 1918 and translated by our Madame Françoise Butchart, Brother Alton Pierre is in Covington has gone to the Archbishop of New Orleans to tell him of the lease/purchase agreement with the Benedictines. As written last week, the Archbishop rebuffs Brother Alton’s news and demands a meeting with the Christian Brother Superior. Brother Alton felt that “*everything was over in Covington.*” Here’s what happens:

When I came out of the meeting with the Archbishop, I was not proud and I thought that everything was over for Covington. The Archbishop told me to come back the next day with the Abbott. So I returned to Covington to attend the academic awards and right after the ceremony we took the first train for the city. The Archbishop received us at 6 in the evening. He first had a long conference with the Abbott and then he made me enter. He asked me several questions on my negotiations with the Abbott, about our congregation, and then he added: you now have to make a formal request for admission to the archdiocese. The archbishop implied he had concerns about admitting a new congregation which was a foreign one. As it was time for supper, we were invited to stay. The next day, the Abbott visited his clerical friends to ask for their help in admitting the Christian Brothers. The Archbishop ultimately gave his permission.

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Lost & Found: Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

Mini-Schedule Night for Parents (Monday at 6:30): Beginning at 6:30 PM Monday, Sep 10, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that. Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening.

Open House for Prospective Students will take place on Saturday, Oct 27, at 1 pm starting in the Briggs Assembly Center. Spread the word! Parents and students are our best publicity! People would much rather listen to you than to me!



The Paper Wolf: Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe.

If not, support our guys and do so. It's free. Here's the link: <http://thepaperwolf.com>

PlusPortals: Please activate your account and check PlusPortals regularly for important info about your son's grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, PlusPortals 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 email with a question but your setting won't accept our response.

Service Opportunities:

- The Junior League of Greater Covington hosts "Polo with a Purpose" each year. This event goes to support the League's grant programs. Support for the Polo Classic allows the JLGC to impact our community through many projects. Shifts are 9:30-2:30 or 2:00-7:00 pm for the day of polo (Sunday, October 21st). You will help assist/serve food, help with ice and drinks, essentials needs, trash pick up, bus tables, set up, and break down. Students can sign up and receive more information by visiting this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45aeaf28a2fc1-junior>
- The Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center, assisted by the Benjamin Blanchard Memorial Foundation, will conduct free cancer screenings on Sat, Sep 15 from 10 – 2. Free cancer screenings for breast, colorectal, oral, prostate and skin. Blood pressure and glucose checks, food, music and fun activities for the entire family. Student volunteers are needed. Sign up in Ms. Claire's office.
- Madisonville Beach Sweep, Sat, Sep 15 from 10 – noon. Meet at Madisonville Playground at 10.
- Bogue Falaya River Sweep, Sat, Sep 15 from 9-noon. Meet at Menetre and 4th Ave in Covington.

Shadow Days: Our second Shadow Day is this Tue, Sep 12. It is almost full. And our other Shadow Days are filling up, too: Tuesday, September 19th; Tuesday, October 10th; Tuesday, October 24th. Please call Ms. Karen Hebert at 985-892-3200 ext 1003 to make reservation. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!

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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.



Quiz Bowl Team practices regularly before school.

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**.

Suite Special

\$159

Suit, Shirt, Tie

Free Alterations for Life

Tuxedos to Geaux will be at St. Paul's in the
Lobby of Briggs

for anyone interested in buying a suit for
Homecoming

Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 11

choose from BLACK, NAVY, CHARCOAL or INDIGO Two
piece suit, white shirt and a selection of ties

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.

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WH: In honor of Hug A Hound Day:

- *Why are dogs like phones? They have collar ID!*
- *Why do dogs run in circles? B/c it's hard to run in squares!*
- *What do you get when you cross a sheepdog with a rose? Collie-flower!*
- *What do you get when you cross a racing dog with a bumblebee? A greyhound buzz!*
- *Why did the snowman name his dog "Frost"? B/c Frost bites!*
- *What dog keeps the best time? A watch dog!*
- *Which dog breed loves living in a big city? A New Yorkie!*
- *Why is a tree like a big dog? They both have a lot of bark!*
- *What do you get when you cross a dog with a phone? A golden receiver!*
- *What did one flea say to the other? Should we walk or take the dog?*
- *Why should you be careful when it's raining cats and dogs? You might step in a poodle!*
- *How are a dog and a marine biologist alike? One wags a tail and the other tags a whale!*
- *What did the waiter say to the dog when he brought her food? Bone-appetite!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



Collaboration area nears completion in Benilde Hall!

Yearbook:

- All prepaid yearbooks for 2017-2018 were distributed in pack time 2 weeks ago. If you ordered one and your son did not receive his copy, please contact Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com.
- We have a *very limited quantity* of 2017-2018 yearbooks available for \$65 on a first come first served basis. Contact Mrs. Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com to arrange a pick-up time.
- **The 2018-2019 Conifer Yearbook**
 - Online orders only at www.yearbookforever.com. Search for Saint Paul's School in Covington, La. You must spell out the word Saint.
 - **\$60 early bird discounted price available through October 12, 2018.**
 - Seniors do not need to order a yearbook, it is included in your senior fee.
 - Senior ads can be placed at www.yearbookforever.com. Choose the option to "buy a personal ad" and follow the online directions.

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Dress Uniform Day on Thu, Sep 13 for Centennial Mass at 9:30!

A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead:

- Mon, Sep 10 Parent Mini-Schedule Night (re-scheduled from Sep 04)
- Thu, Sep 13 All School Mass in honor of the Centennial Arrival of the Christian Brothers to SPS
- Fri, Sep 14 Two period day in honor of Centennial Celebration
- 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 may have to make up days from scheduled holidays. 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! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the fifth week of the school year! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now as I finish the newsletter and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018 - 19 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Celebrating Christian Brothers Week and SPS's 107th Birthday as the 17th Christian Brother President of SPS

Answer to Sep 16 Trivia: Tradition has it that the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, MA – although there are no contemporaneous references to landing on a rock!



...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, and continuing our Lasallian Mission!

“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)

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Seniors surround statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle to sing Fight Song following March through the Arch.