



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 100 Years of Christian Brothers at SPS
September 17 – 23, 2018



Christian Brothers Week in Covington was a sensational success. From Mayor Mike Cooper's proclamation on Monday, to Tuesday's Shadow Day, to the parade on Wednesday, to the incredible liturgy, celebrated by Abbot Justin Brown, OSB of Saint Joseph Abbey, on Thursday to the welcomed holiday on Friday – everything came together to make it a memorable week. Even the weather cooperated. The only day it did not rain in the afternoon was Wednesday – the parade day! A coincidence? I think not. Our Holy Founding Brothers were doing their part in helping our celebration!

Now, we go forward. Given the declining number and aging of the Christian Brothers in the United States, whether the next century will see Brothers at Saint Paul's remains to be seen. But the Lasallian Dream is firmly planted on our campus, and will be nurtured carefully by the ever-growing number of committed Lasallian Partners. We must look upon the future with, in the words of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, "the eyes of faith."

As I said in the Call to Worship last Thursday, welcome to the Saint Paul's of 2018 – 100 years strong in the Lasallian vision. In the words of Saint Peter, we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in our age. And as we go about our work, we remember that we are standing on holy ground – for God is here, and where God is is holy.

Ad multos annos, Saint Paul's School – a Lasallian Catholic school in the finest tradition of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

Holy Founding Brothers! Help us continue the Lasallian Mission



Wed Mission Collection to help St. Paul's School in Marsabit, Kenya

Mon, Sep 17 (Regular; C D E F G; we will have two five period days to make up for Fri)

- **This Day in History:** In 1862, the bloodiest day in US military history occurred as General George B. McClellan stopped General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate armies at Antietam, MD. By nightfall, 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.

- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, contractors, our physical plant crew, students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.

- **TDIH: In 2017,** SPS alum **Mike McMurray '63** who is suffering from ALS, gave a stirring talk to the student body. His message was moving and inspirational. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/y-EUxWdcXeM>
- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** Brother James, principal of Saint Paul's in 1942, registered so many boarding students that he lost track of how many he had accepted. When the boarders arrived for school on Labor Day in 1942, there were not enough beds. Brother James had to ask some of the Brothers to give up their beds in their private rooms and bring them to the dormitory for the students. At six in the evening, when the Brothers were going to the dining room for their evening meal, a large car arrived with the Cronan Family from Baton Rouge. Mr. Cronan was bringing his four sons to Saint Paul's, but there were no beds left for them. They lived in the infirmary until more beds could be rounded up. Today, Saint Paul's still is blessed to have more students than we have place for!
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and with which we should become more familiar.
- **National Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge and enjoy

Tue, Sep 18 (Wolf Pack; sacrament of reconciliation offered during lunch; A B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs the National Security Act which establishes a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air Force.
- **TDIH: in 1870, the "Old Faithful" geyser in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming was discovered by the Washburn-Langford-Doane Expedition .** The geyser was the first in the park to receive a name; when the men discovered it, they were astonished by its frequent eruptions, hence the cheeky name, courtesy of Henry Washburn. A geyser is a natural spring that intermittently spews hot water and steam. Geysers are extremely rare; only a thousand have been identified worldwide and half of those are in Yellowstone National Park.

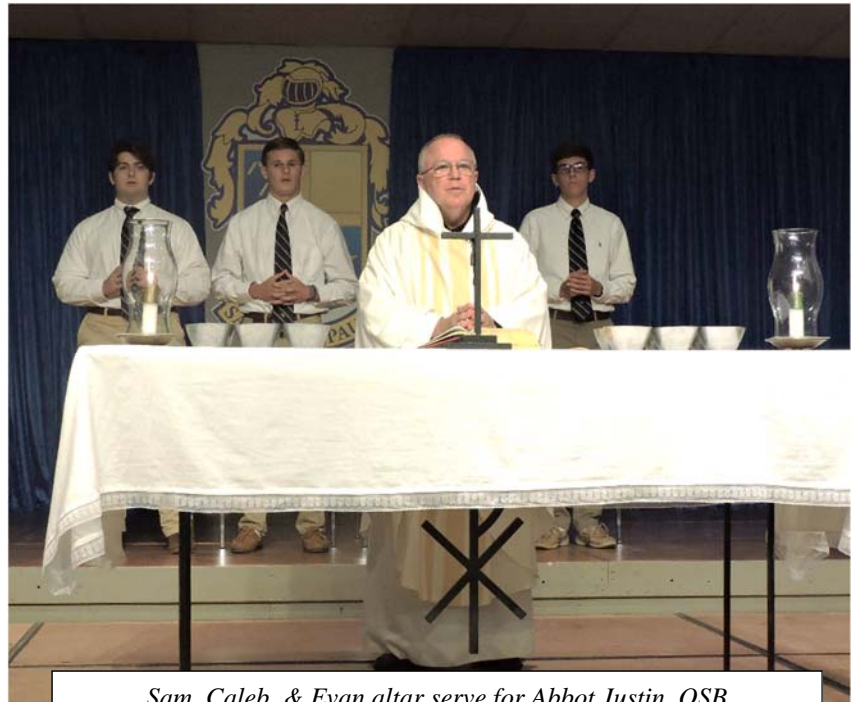
- **DYK:** The present day arch was donated by the Class of 1995 and constructed by the Larry Jacobs Family, whose son Jeff was in the Class of 1995. It is dedicated to Coach Gene Bennett with a small plaque at the bottom right hand side of the arch. The arch replicated the old arch that had to be removed when modern day delivery trucks became too big to fit under the arch.
- **National Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal!
- **Etiquette Training for the final group of pre-freshmen**

Wed, Sep 19 (Regular; F G A B) – mass offered at 7:15

- **DYK:** The present Capital One Bank on Boston Street in Covington is where Covington's only movie theater was located in 1936. This was before The Star Theater opened a few blocks away. On Sunday afternoons, students would walk (yes, walk!) into town to see a movie. One boarder would be given a bunch of nickels to pay for the group, since admission was only five cents.
- **International Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy all pirate wanna bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrr!
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Northshore (beginning at 5:30)

Thu, Sep 20 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sets sail, leading the first exploration to circumnavigate the world. Magellan dies before the journey is completed.
- **DYK:** In the early days of Saint Paul's, the boarding students who passed all their subjects that week could return home for the weekend if they lived close enough. The Brothers sympathized, however, with those who had to stay on weekends and took those boarders on hikes along the Bogue Falaya and Little Tchefuncta Rivers. They would also play games such as Kick the Can, King of the Mountain, and Football. The boys who remained generally had more fun than those who went home and more and more students wanted to stay on the weekend.
- **Punch Day:** Have a glass of punch today! The word *punch* means *five*, originating from the Hindustani word *panch*. It celebrates a base recipe of 5 key ingredients, which most punches still use - alcohol (usually spirits), lemon (or other fruits), sugar, water, and tea (or other spices, e.g., cinnamon). For our students, though, use only four of the five ingredients – I think you can figure out the one I'm not recommending for students!
- **International Eat an Apple Day:** No explanation needed! Enjoy & wash it down with punch
- **Senior Portraits during Civics Class (today and tomorrow)**
- **Swimming: Northshore Cluster Meet**



Sam, Caleb, & Evan altar serve for Abbot Justin, OSB

Fri, Sep 21 (Regular; Feast of St. Matthew; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1779, the Louisiana governor Bernardo de Galvez, aided by American troops and militia, captures the British post at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.
- **World Gratitude Day:** We should be grateful EVERY day, but be extra grateful today!



- **The 12th Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDP)** begin today and run until Oct 21. The theme this year is *Ignite Our Hearts of Peace*. The month-long observance encourages study, reflection, prayer, and action. As former Superior General Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria said concerning ILDP: *Peace is possible if each of us gets involved. It is possible when we place persons above things. It is possible if we make God's plan for humankind our own plan. May this event bring peace and love, especially to families who need it most!* I invite you to join the Retired Brothers who daily pray the following, official Lasallian Prayer for Peace: *We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope! Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance and for the children and young*

people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!

- **Football:** Varsity at N'shore

Sat, Sep 22

- **DYK:** During Katrina, over 50 faculty members and their families took refuge in La Salle Hall. At the height of the storm, with trees crashing around us, Father Beau Charbonnet, son of drama teacher Denny Charbonnet, celebrated Holy Mass for us in La Salle Hall. Following the storm, the school closed for 3 weeks but was one of the first to re-open. During recovery, La Salle Hall housed telephone, FEMA, and Corps of Engineers workers. They were all instrumental in



Our 8 National Merit Semi-Finalists and PSAT Coordinator Christine!

getting repairs done to our campus in order for us to reopen. We are grateful to God.

- **National Hobbit Day** and the celebration of two of JRR Tolkien's most beloved characters – Bilbo and Frodo Baggins. The Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings series is well known and loved by many. Here is a fun fact to remember: The Fellowship of the Rings, first in the Lord of the Rings series opens with Bilbo Baggins announcing his *eleventy-first* birthday. Instead of saying "one hundred and one" they say "eleventy first" and that with every other three plus digit number.
- **TDIH:** The ice cream cone debuted today in 1903 & the band-aid in 1920!
- **TDIH:** In 1776, during American Revolution, the British execute Nathan Hale without trial after caught spying. His famous last words? "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."
- **TDIH:** In 2015, Pope Francis began a six-day visit to the US. The Pope visited DC, NY and Philly. He became the first Pope to address a joint session of Congress, and he also addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, after having re-opened from Katrina, we closed school to brace for Hurricane Rita. While spared Rita's brunt, many in our area suffered additional damage, while the southwest part of LA took a major hit. We continue to pray for those healing from Rita's wrath.
- **The Autumnal Equinox**, when the sun crosses the equator from North to South, occurs today at 8:54 pm., CDT. Fall officially begins! In the Southern Hemisphere, spring officially begins. Play Antonio Vivaldi's incredible "Autumn" from his *Four Seasons Suite*! In Japan, the Autumnal Equinox is a holiday to mark the new season and to pay respects to deceased parents and relatives. How meaningful! Marvel at God's wonderful creation today, anticipate the cool coming months, and remember deceased loved ones.
- **White Chocolate Day:** Go ahead and indulge!
- **Elephant Appreciation Day:** Celebrate the elephant today and learn something about these Endearing, Loyal, Elegant, Powerful, Heavy, Amusing, Noble, and Talented creatures (get it?)
- **Football:** 8th v. John Curtis (10:30)
- **Homecoming Dance for Grades 8 & 9**



Cross-Country Wolves are off to a great start!

Sun, Sep 23

- **Checkers Day:** This day, begun on the anniversary of former Vice President Richard Nixon's "Checkers Speech" (look it up, history buffs!), has morphed into a celebration of the game of checkers. Enjoy a game or two today!
- **Innergize Day:** Today is the day to set time aside for yourself to do anything you want to do. OK to observe, but don't let it interfere with any of your obligations, especially students to their classes!
- **Habitat Club work day**
- **Cross Country Race in Pensacola, FL**
- **Senior High (10-12) Homecoming Dance in the BAC**

I offer the following for your consideration, in alphabetic order, not necessarily order of importance.

Admissions for 2017 - 19: 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 – all slots are filled in the regular shadow days so we added an additional one in November;
- Encourage them to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 28 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

Apology: In last week's newsletter, I omitted the following Aqua Wolves who qualified for Metro Championships: **Evan Abraham, Bradford Day, Jack McNamara, and Alex Rawls. Well done, Aqua Wolves!**

Assembly on Sep 11: I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 11 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to the 4th movement of Ludwig von Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, more commonly known as "Ode to Joy" – one of the most beloved pieces of music in the world. I explained that Beethoven (1770-1827) was a "post Baroque" composer, ushering in the Romantic Period, with its equally powerful music. Romantic does not refer to mushy love music but powerful music inspired by nature.

The Ninth Symphony and its "Ode" premiered in 1824, just three years before Beethoven's death. It was one of the first instances of combining symphonic music with vocal accompaniment. Amazing fact: Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed this piece; he did it all in his head. The story has it that while he conducted the premier, he kept conducting even when the piece was finished – it kept playing in his head! The audience went wild with approval! I encouraged the students to learn from Beethoven and not let their challenges defeat them or prevent them from achievement.

And why did I choose Ode to Joy for the assembly? Because we were celebrating the 107th birthday of Saint Paul's School – and that's a cause for joy! And while the music played, a montage of pictures from our past was projected on the screen. We've come a long way in 107 years!

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Patrick Kilgore**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: **Mr. Frank Isolani, grandfather of Lucas Isolani '21, Dr. Norman Ott, father of Weston Ott '23, Mr. Jackie Parchman, uncle of Bryce Parchman '19, and Mr.**

Peyton Halley, a young man who spent his 8th grade year at SPS and would have been a member of the Class of 2019. We also prayer for our Jewish brothers and sisters who were completing their celebration of Rosh Hashana that day.

- Reminded the students that we are in Christian Brothers Week in Covington, as proclaimed by Covington Mayor Mike Cooper, himself a 1971 graduate of SPS. Christian Brothers Week is in honor of the coming of the Christian Brothers to Saint Paul's in 1918. I projected some slides of the past 100 years which dramatically show the changes that have taken place on our campus.
- Welcomed 30 young men from various local elementary schools who were spending the morning with us as they explored their choice for school next year. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome!
- Recognized and congratulated winners for the Southeastern Louisiana University Foreign Language Festival from last April: **Camden Cantrelle (2nd place) - Spanish 2 Prose; Rhett Barker (3rd place) - Spanish 2 Poetry; Trey Smith (2nd place) - Spanish 3 Poetry; Briggs Cooper (2nd place) - Spanish 1 Extemporaneous Speaking; Cooper Brennan (2nd place) - Spanish 3 Extemporaneous Speaking; Joshua Díaz (2nd place) - Native Speaker - Extemporaneous Speaking; Joshua Rovira, Luke Vargas and Adrian Millan (2nd place) Spanish Music; and Christopher Wilson – who received a special gift of an international cookbook for doing well in his Spanish interview.** Our other participants in the festival were: Zachary Nichols, Ben Broussard, Isaiah Ayo, Bronson May, and Alvin Marks



Foreign Language Festival Winners were recognized at last week's assembly.

- Recognized and congratulated senior **Jacob Scherer** for being named to the 2018 NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune All-Metro Baseball Team. Recognized and congratulated 2018 graduate Grant Grosch and senior Beau Neelis and sophomore Connor Simon for earning honorable mention status in this prestigious group.
- Recognized and congratulated **Saint Paul's Pre-freshman, Kade Anderson**, who was invited to the USA Baseball National Team-Identification Series in Cary, NC in August.
- Recognized and congratulated junior **Raleigh Martin** who was named to the NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune All Metro Tennis Team. 2018 SPS grads **Jordan Edney** and **Kent Schiell** were also named. Of the 8 tennis players so honored, SPS had 3 of them! Geaux Tennis Wolves!
- Freshman **Zachary Nichols** then spoke to the student body about Venture Crew. To get in contact with the venture crew that was spoken about on Tuesday, either email Zachary at Zachary.Nichols.2022@stpauls.com, or call or text Zachary at (985) 327-4165. The crew would be delighted to see you and your siblings aged 14-21 at one of its meetings!
- As I was running out of time, a whole bunch of items will be pushed to the next assembly.



- I then reminded the student that today was the 17th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center towers in New York City. To commemorate the victims of Sep 11, 2001, I played a song composed by local musician and former SPS faculty member, Mr. Gene Lipps, entitled “Hold On” while scenes of that tragic day were projected on the screen. It was a moving moment.
- I then had the boys sing “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” – which is Beethoven’s Ode to Joy set to religious lyrics. I used a recording from a student body mass in 2011 when we sang it robustly. So the student body of 201 joined the student body of 2011 in singing this magnificent hymn of praise and job in honor of our 106th birthday. It was magnificent. As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Brady Billiot**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy.”
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

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/>

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

Centennial Celebration: Our celebration of the coming of the CBs was wonderful:

- On Mon, Sep 10, Covington Mayor Mike Cooper '71 proclaimed last week as Christian Brothers Week in Covington at an assembly.
- On Tue, Sep 11, My bi-weekly assembly focused on our centennial as we greeted our next group of shadows.
- On Wed, Sep 12, the whole school, led by The Marching Wolves, re-created the entrance of the Christian Brothers in 1918 by parading from the new gym through the arch. At the end, we were treated to snacks, courtesy of the Mothers' Club.
- On Thu, Sep 13, Abbot Justin Brown, OSB of Saint Joseph Abbey celebrated 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 and alumni attended, including administrators from all of the local schools, members of the school's Board of Trustees, former faculty members and many more.

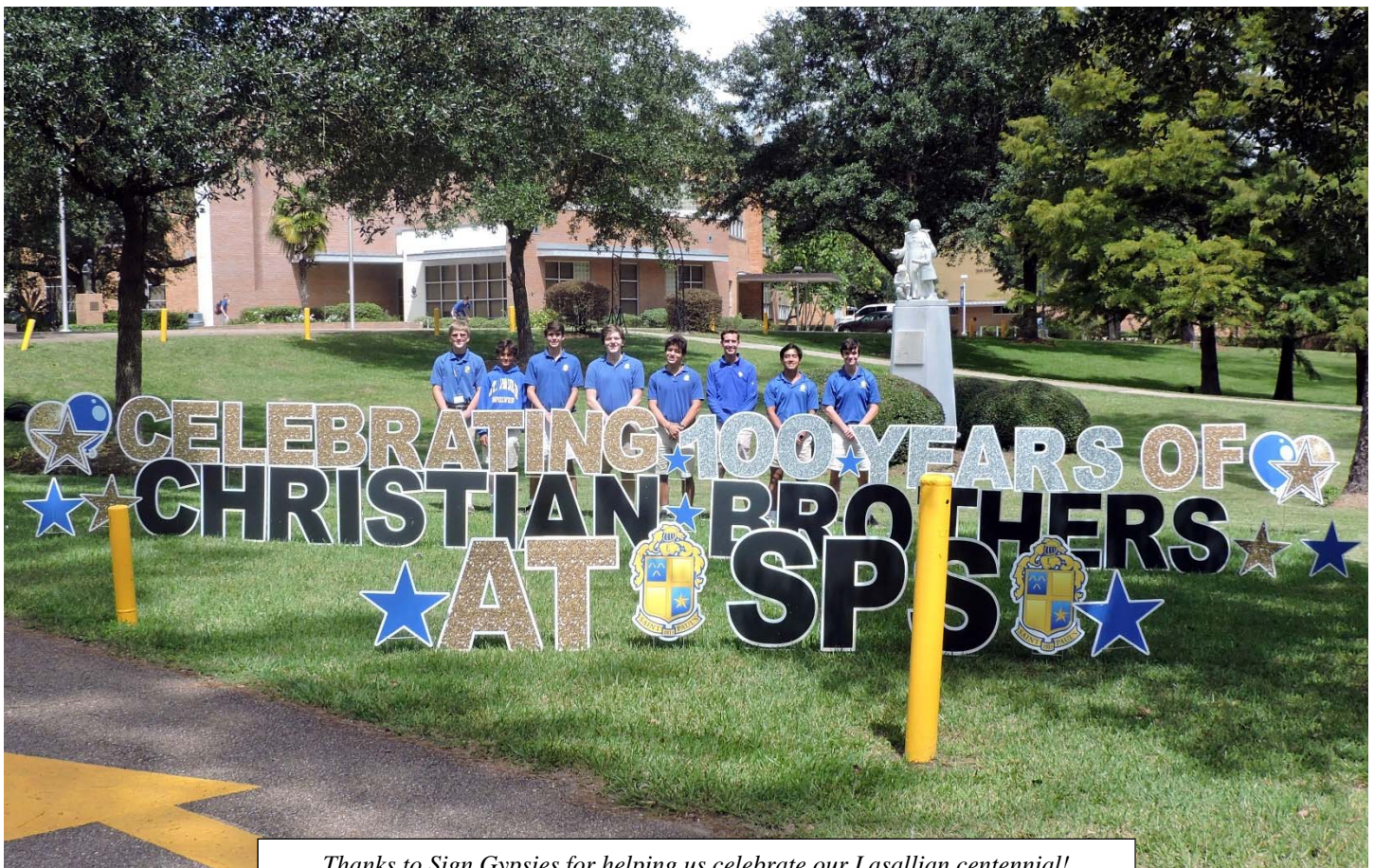


Pre-freshmen help move furniture into renovated Benilde Hall!

- On Fri, Sep 14, we celebrated with a centennial holiday, and we bid safe travel to our football team as they headed to Memphis to play Christian Brothers School.
- It was a great week!
- Thank you for your cooperation with last week and to all who organized the events: Development Team (Danielle, Mimi, Shellie, Karen, & Al), Jeff Ramon, Joe & Trevor, Bro. Ken, Retired Brothers, Andrew Moran, Don Pressley and Physical Plan Crew, Mothers' Club, and all of you!
- **Special thanks to SPS parent Leslie Hadskey, co-owner of Sign Gypsies, for the beautiful signage celebrating Christian Brothers Week!**

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:

- **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 have a new notification system which we used for the Aug 12 closing. Let me know if you did not receive that notification.
- **Consult** Edline and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.



Thanks to Sign Gypsies for helping us celebrate our Lasallian centennial!

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.

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. Thanks!

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 Court: Congratulations to the 2018 St. Paul's Homecoming Court: Junior Maids: Ellie McHale and Mary Ellla White and Senior Maids: Savannah Carr, Katie Collura, Sarah d'Hemecourt, Ella Jourdan, and Molly Manale



We practice singing for our Lasallian Centennial Mass. The boys sang GREAT at mass on Thu, especially Joyful, Joyful We Adore You! Have your son sing it for you – or at least hum the famous melody!

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!**

Handbook Signature Cards are 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!

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.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Burgers to Benefit SPS:** Thanks, Five Guys!
- **Cross Country:** Christian Brothers Invitational went well. Congrats, CC Wolves for hosting a great meet!
- **Dad's Club:** Thanks, DC, for your work assembling furniture for Benilde Hall!
- **Football:** 8th lost a tough one to Ponchy, 9th & JV played Franklinton and Varsity played hard against a strong Christian Brothers High School of Memphis team. On to District next week!
- **Math Tournament:** **SPS 24th Annual Math Tournament** was a huuugggeeee success with over 400 students on campus – working math problems! We know the jr hi division will help in admission
- **Mini-Schedule Night:** Thanks to those of you who attended. I hope you found the evening worthwhile.
- **Mothers' Club Appreciation Lunch / Snack Day:** Thanks, MC, for helping us celebrate our Christian Brothers Week and our 107th birthday! I appreciate their scheduling of these events with the school's birthday celebration
- **Shadow Day:** Again, thanks for your cooperation! All seemed to go well.



Student Council President Josh presents Mayor Mike Cooper '71 with a token of appreciation!

- **Swim Team:** Aqua Wolves swam strong this week. I hear Handel's Water Music playing! Geaux Aqua Wolves!

News We Can Use: In an unusually candid letter, the Food and Drug Administration chief, Scott Gottlieb, announced last week that the agency could intensify its crackdown on e-cigarettes in the face of an "epidemic" of teen use — a trend that's caught the agency off guard. "I use the word epidemic with great care," Gottlieb wrote. "E-cigs have become an almost ubiquitous — and dangerous — trend among teens." To read a summary of the letter, click here: <https://www.vox.com/2018/9/12/17850598/fda-juul-vaping>. The stats are pretty amazing — and scary. Worth the read.

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 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.

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>

Shadow Days: Our second Shadow Day on Tuesday, Sep 11 was a success. A bumper crop of prospective students spend the morning with us. The rest of the days are rapidly filling up. The next is Thu, Sep 27. Please call Mrs. Karen Hebert at 985-892-3200 ext 1003 to make reservation. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!

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 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**.

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.

Vaping: Please read this: Schools across the country (including SPS) continue to battle this latest fad. In an [unusually candid letter](#), the Food and Drug Administration chief, Scott Gottlieb, announced last week that the agency could intensify its crackdown on e-cigarettes in the face of an "epidemic" of teen use — a trend that's caught the agency off guard. "I use the word epidemic with great care," Gottlieb wrote. "E-cigs have become an almost ubiquitous — and dangerous — trend among teens." To read a summary of the letter, click here: <https://www.vox.com/2018/9/12/17850598/fda-juul-vaping>. The stats are pretty amazing – and scary. Worth the read. **Please speak with your sons about this issue.**

Weekly Humor: Books never written (you may have to think on some of these!)

- *Where's My Stuff* by I. Ben Robbed
- *Desert Crossing* by I. Rhoda Kamel
- *I Wrote a Book* by Talmee Moar
- *Talking to Dentists* by Phil McCavity
- *Car Rental* by Nomo R. Woking
- *Not Going To Do It* by Ida Wanna
- *I Know What You're Thinking* by Clair Voyant
- *Over the Cliff* by Hugo Furst

- *Making Jugs by Clay Potter*
- *The Bartender's Manual by Phyllis Glass*
- *Knocked in the Head by I. C. Starrs*
- *The First Thanksgiving by Ima Pilgrim*
- *Saving Peaches by Mason Jar*
- *Looking Out Windows by Seymour Treese*
- *Lullaby by Sarah Nade*
- *How To Be a Butler by Ansel Theodore*
- *Walking Tall by G. Raffe*
- *Never Forget by L. E. Phunt*
- *Uninteresting Tales by I. M. Yawning*
- *All About Fences by Barb Dwyer*
- *Big Waves by Sue Nami*
- *Out the Window by Hugo Furst*
- *Meeting in France by Ron DeVous*
- *A Trip to the Dentist by Lord Howard Hurts*
- *So Thirsty by Phillip A. Jug*
- *Carnival Rides by Ivana Herl*
- *Swimming in the Ocean by C. Lyons*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

CJ directs a parent on Mini-schedule night!



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.

Please contact Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you require further assistance.

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas.... Beginning in 1680, educational institutions in more than eighty countries have been influenced by the vision and spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools; and

Whereas.... de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers, founded the Christian Brothers and throughout the centuries has transformed education by emphasizing academic excellence, respect, faith formation, inclusion, and spiritual development; and

Whereas.... in 1918, the Christian Brothers purchased the St. Paul School in Covington, Louisiana, and began the quest to touch hearts, stimulate minds, and cultivate leadership; and

Whereas.... for 100 years, St. Paul's School under the direction of the Christian Brothers has provided quality, Catholic education to young men and continues to strive to dedicate itself to living the five core principles of Lasallian education; and

Whereas.... as the students, families, alumni, and community gather this week to celebrate Christian Brothers Week and to support the faculty, staff, and brothers who are dedicated to the inspiration of St. John Baptist de La Salle, let us remember to be grateful to the first heroic group of nineteen Christian Brothers who established St. Paul's School in Covington.

Now Therefore, I, Michael B. Cooper, Mayor

**of the City of Covington, Louisiana, and Proud Alum of St. Paul's School,
Class of 1971, do hereby proclaim September 10 - 16, 2018, as**

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS WEEK

in the City of Covington and urge all citizens to rejoice, celebrate, and participate.

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 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! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the sixth 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 for the last time as the show is going off the air 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 SPS!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Grateful to God for Christian Brothers Week as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



...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)



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