



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

January 14 - 21, 2019



Thanks to all who made the return to school and the start of the second semester such a success!

Can you believe we have completed two full weeks of 2019? Strains of “Auld Lang Syne” are still ringing in my ears! And my quickly fading New Year’s resolutions remind me that January is a good time for self-review and mid-year correction.



St. John Baptist de La Salle, however, wanted the first Brothers to do regular self-examination and correction. Accordingly, he instructed the first brothers to have a “fixed day for the weekly account of conscience” in which the Brother would “take time to examine [himself]” in all areas of his conduct. I offered the following “examination” points from St. La Salle to our faculty as we begin the second semester – points that are equally applicable to us as educators today and, I humbly suggest, to parents as well. Just substitute “children” for “students” and “home” for “school.”

- *Are you ardent and zealous for the salvation of your students [children] and in the performance of your duties?*

- *How do you do your work in school [home]? Do you observe the [rules]?*
- *Have you wasted time?*
- *Do you follow everything carefully during the lessons? Are you assiduous in correcting your students [children]?*
- *Do you leave class? [Even La Salle knew teachers should not leave classroom unattended!]*
- ***Do you talk too much? (the boldface is mine)***
- *Do you take care that your students [children] make progress?*
- *Are you equally careful that they advance in piety?*
- *How do you act toward your pupils [children]? Too strict? Too easygoing? Too familiar?*
- *Have you been impatient? In what frame of mind have you corrected them?*

I told the faculty that these insightful questions from this educational giant are as equally relevant today as they were 330+ years ago. I invited them to take time to examine our consciences this week, both our professional conscience and our personal one and to take corrective measures where needed. I invite parents to do the same.

Mon, Jan 14 (Regular; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** 1973, Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins 14-7 at the Los Angeles Coliseum in Super Bowl VII, becoming the first team in National Football League (NFL) history to finish with an undefeated season.
- **National Clean Off Your Desk Day (always 2nd Mon):** This will take me more than a day!
- **National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day:** Created as a way to preserve meat before modern refrigeration, pastrami is beef that is brined, dried, seasoned, smoked and then steamed. It was first served in New York City delis in 1887
- **National Dress Up Your Pet Day:** Today you have the opportunity to show off your pet’s fashion sense – or not.
- **National Rubber Duckie Day**
- **Bowling v. Hannan**

Tue, Jan 15 (Wolf Packs; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** in 1967, the Super Bowl I is played. Green Bay defeats Kansas City 35-10, led by Bart Starr.
- **National Strawberry Ice Cream Day:** Enjoy gold ole' strawberry today.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Slidell
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Ponchatoula

Wed, Jan 16 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1991, Operation Desert Storm was launched. US and coalition forces invaded Kuwait to liberate it from Iraqi takeover. The war lasted until Feb 28th.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, Adolf Hitler hides in his underground bunker, where he stays for 105 days until committing suicide.
- **TDIH:** In 1919, the 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, prohibiting the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," is ratified and becomes the law of the land.
- **National Fig Newton Day:** Enjoy this classic cookie!
- **National Do Nothing Day:** We will NOT observe this day today!
- **TDIH:** 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time.
- **Wrestling:** Varsity at Covington (dual meet)
- **Bowling v. Holden**

Thu, Jan 17 – (Regular; E F G A)

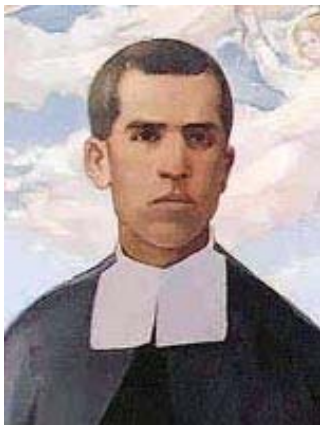
- **TDIH:** In 1953, the Chevrolet Corvette sports car makes its debut at General Motors' (GM) Motorama auto show at in New York. The Corvette, named for a fast type of naval warship, would eventually become an iconic American muscle car and remains in production today – but is certainly out of my price range and comfort zone!
- **Kid Inventors Day:** We celebrate the youthful spirit of invention every year on January 17th, the birthday of Ben Franklin, who invented the first swim flippers at age 12.

Fri, Jan 18 – (Regular; B C D E)

- **Thesaurus Day:** Other words for thesaurus: glossary, lexicon, onomasticon, reference book, sourcebook, storehouse of words, terminology, vocabulary, word list. Other words for day: astronomical day, bright, dawn-to-dark, daylight, daytime, diurnal course, early bright, sidereal day, sunlight, sunrise-to-sunset, sunshine, working day. So a happy Onomasticon Diurnal Course to you!



Grant lights prayer candle at first assembly of 2019.



St. Brother Jaime

- **TDIH:** In 1937, revolutionaries in the Spanish Civil War murdered Brother Jaime Hilario, FSC. From the Christian Brothers Website: *Born in 1898 in northern Spain, Jaime was only 12 years old when, with the blessing of his parents, he entered the minor seminary. He soon developed hearing problems and was advised to return home. Convinced that God was calling him, he was overjoyed in 1917 to learn that the Institute of the Brothers would accept him. After sixteen years in various teaching assignments, his hearing problems forced him to abandon the classroom to work in the garden at one of the schools. In July of 1936, he was on his way to visit his family when the civil war broke out. Recognized as a Brother, he was arrested and jailed. In December, he was transferred to Tarragona and confined in a prison ship with several other brothers. On 15 January 1937, he was given a summary trial.*

Though he could have been freed by claiming to be only a gardener, he insisted on his identity as a religious and thereby sealed his doom. He was brought to the cemetery known as the Mount of Olives on 18 January to face execution. His last words to his assailants were "To die for Christ, my young friends, is to live." When two volleys failed to meet their mark, the soldiers dropped their rifles and fled in panic. The commander, shouting a gross insult, fired five shots at close range and the victim fell at his feet. Pope John Paul II canonized Brother Jaime in 1999.

- **Pooh Day:** Enjoy your favorite bear and his friends today. This day was created to celebrate the birth of A. A. Milne in 1882. He was an author of children's storybooks, and created Winnie the Pooh and friends. Winnie's pals include Christopher Robin, Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet, and Roo. Read some Pooh today!
- **Wrestling:** Varsity in Louisiana Classic (Gonzales)
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV, & Varsity v. Mandeville
- **Soccer at Slidell**

Sat, Jan 19

- **TDIH:** In 1809, Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. Read a Poe story or poem today in his honor! And eat some popcorn while reading in honor of National Popcorn Day!
- **National Popcorn Day:** Enjoy this favorite snack today – especially while reading Poe!
- **Wrestling in Louisiana Classic**
- **Basketball:** 8th v. Rummel & DLS
- **Soccer:** SPS 9th Grade Tournament
- **Indoor Track Qualifying at LSU**
- **Powerlifting:** SPS in PJP Meet

Sun, Jan 20

- **TDIH:** In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated for his second term. It was the first time presidents were inaugurated on Jan 20. Previously, Inauguration Day was on March 4. This amount of time was needed in the past for the winner to travel to Washington since modern communication and travel were not invented.
- **TDIH II:** In 1961, John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President and utters famous "Ask not..." Poet Robert Frost read.
- **Penguin Awareness Day:** Today we give serious consideration to our tuxedo-wearing waddling friends. Did you know penguins mate for life? Or that the word penguin means 'fat winged' one in Portuguese?
- **National Cheese Lovers Day:** Indulge and enjoy!

Mon, Jan 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no classes)

- **TDIH:** 1793, King Louis XVI is executed. The people eat cake.
- **National Hugging Day:** No whining today! Hug someone you love!
- **Squirrel Appreciation Day:** We have enough squirrels on our campus, so enjoy them today. Of course, the day could also apply to the human variety of squirrel!

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

ACT Prep: SPS is very proud of our ACT scores – but we want to do even better. And ACT Prep is a marathon, not a sprint – it can't be done a week or two before the test. The time to start is years ahead. AP Joe Dickens promotes the following two sites that provide a free ACT question of the day. Encourage your son to use these resources. Make it a family activity! Have fun with competition! Here are the links:

- <https://academy.act.org/> (a lot like Khan Academy regarding its prep work and video tutorials)
- <https://www.varsitytutors.com/act-questions-of-the-day> (a lot like Khan Academy regarding its prep work and video tutorials)

Admissions for 2019 - 20: We need your help:

- **If you know a family interested in SPS, please encourage them to apply – even if they missed Application Day testing. We are committed to helping any family who wants to belong to the SPS family.**
- **We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you!**

Annual Fund: Many thanks to those who have responded to my request.

For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we don't send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son's grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I'll personally appeal. I'll send them a nice “thank you” note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.



On behalf of the student body, student council president Josh congratulates Coach Drivon on his marriage over the holidays.

- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

Application Letter Excerpts: More unedited excerpts from the Class of 2024:

- *My reasons for wanting to go to St. Paul's are connected. They are like a tree. Involvement is the trunk, and off that grows academics and social opportunity, while the environment boosts the tree's growth.* [he uses metaphors! He's in!]
- *St. Paul's is my dream school.* [and we aim to make dreams come true!]
- *St. Paul's teachers seem passionate about the jobs.* [Now let's live up to this student's belief!]
- *At first I was skeptical of an all boy school. During shadow day, my whole perspective changed.* [Good for him!]
- *Brother Ray's morning assembly was inspiring.* [Flagrant flattery will get this guy admitted!]

Assembly on January 08: I hope the students enjoyed our first assembly of 2019! Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a contemporary version of "Rise Up O Men of God" sung by Christian rock singer Phil Keaggy. I play it at the first assembly of a new year in order to set the tone for the year – that we must view 2019 as a new opportunity for the students to rise up as men of God. It's a powerful song that means so much to our school. I reminded the students that today was the feasts of Our Lady of Prompt Succor ('swift help'), the official Patroness of New Orleans and Louisiana. I told the boys the history of OLPS, including her miraculous intervention during the great fire of NO in 1812 and the more famous "Battle of New Orleans" story with then General Andrew Jackson. While the music was playing, **junior Grant Burger** lit the prayer candle to remind us of God's presence among us and we prayed. And we prayed for those who have left earthly life for God's Kingdom: **Mr. Eugene Luke "Gene" Croxton, grandfather of Jack Mashburn '19; Mrs. JoAnn (JoJo) Feigler, grandmother of Jacob Harris '21; Ms. Robin Wright, sister of Mrs. Ann Pressley; Mrs. Claire Montelepre Cresson, grandmother of John '15 & Joseph Cresson '22; Mrs. Rosemary Fournet Waters, great grandmother of Hayden '21 and Christian '23 Waguespack & Mrs. Madalena DeSalvo Zuppardo, gmother of Cameron '17 & Mason '20 Bryne.**



Kameron Loppreore '11 & Andrew Aceves '19 were in Puccini's opera "Turandot".

- Reminded the pre-freshman that they now have an official high school grade point average, since several of their classes (World Geography, Spanish, Health & PE, and Algebra I) carry high school credit. I reminded the other levels

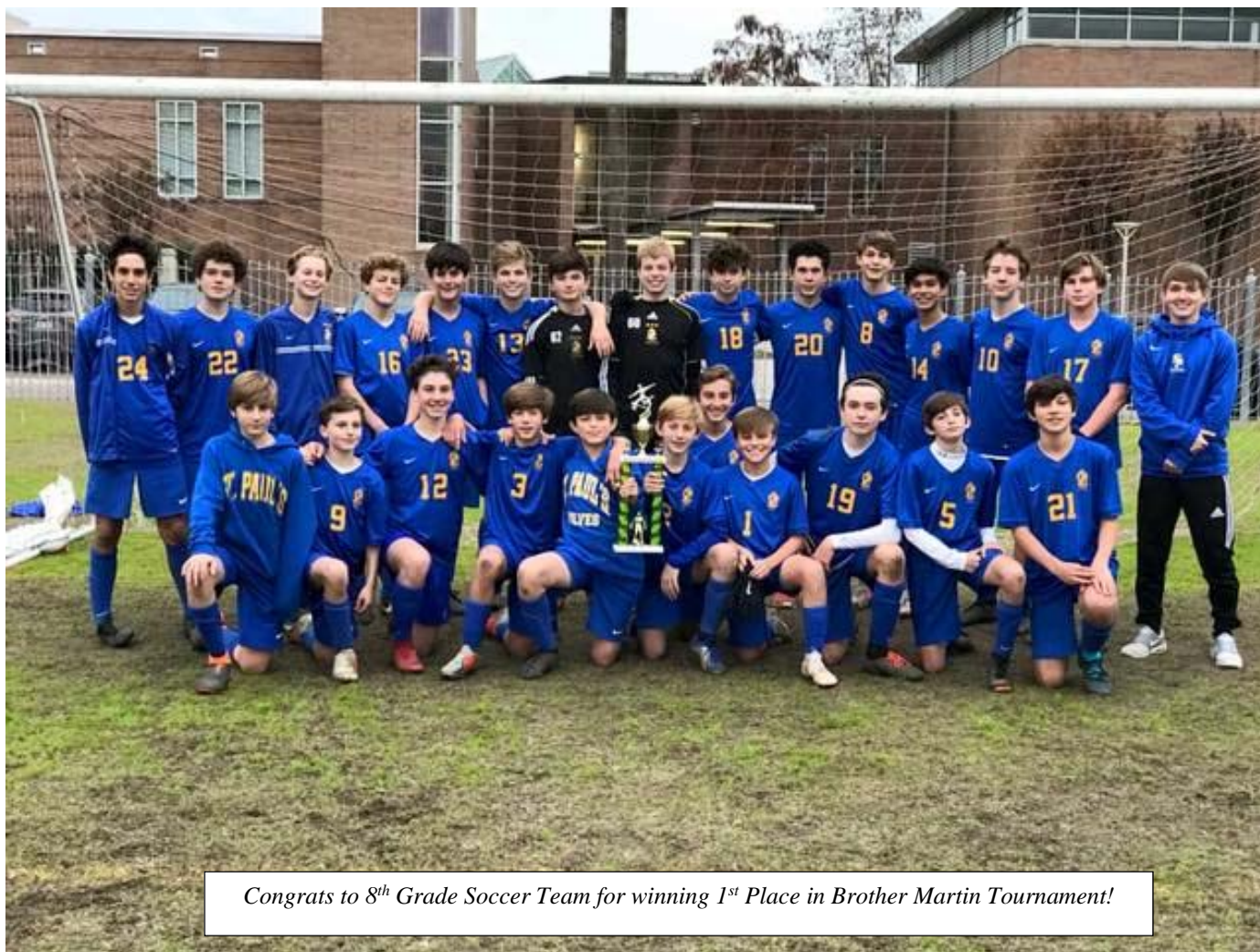
that their GPAs have changed, since GPA is calculated on semester grades and to make the most of the remaining academic opportunities to raise their GPAs if needed.

- Recognized and congratulated Coach Jeff Drivon on his marriage to Aimee during the Christmas holidays. Student Council President Josh Rovira presented Jeff with a small token of the school's appreciation of him and his wife.
- Recognized and congratulated senior Andrew Aceves who performed in *Turandot* with the New Orleans Opera. I projected a picture of Andrew in costume with Kameron Lopreore SPS grad of 2011 who was also in the opera. Andrew was a peasant in the chorus and Kameron had the solo role of the Prince of Persia. Kameron has earned his Bachelor and Masters degrees in Voice Performance at Loyola and just completed his residency in the Shreveport Opera's Young Artists program.
- Recognized and congratulated sophomore **Owen Hayden** on winning the Money Hill Club Championship – quite an accomplishment, according to Gold Coach Luke Barwick.
- Recognized and congratulated the 8th grade soccer team for winning the recent Brother Martin soccer tournament. The future of SPS soccer looks bright!
- Recognized and congratulated the Swim Team for its impressive 4th place finish in the Division I State Meet: Jacob Eilers, Jesse Cheng, Drew Putfark, Alex Rawls, Christian Kramer, Scott Messa, Austin Peak, Evan Abraham, Cameron Smith, Coach Emmet Smith, and Moderator Rachael Peak
- Recognized and congratulated the SPS Quiddich Club for its annual Christmas Tournament on a muddy, muddy field! I played a video (on our Facebook Page) – to the great delight of the students.
- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly!
- We then turned to the seniors, who would leave on retreat the next day. The entire school extended a blessing on the seniors while Pre-Freshman Class President and Vice President, **Ben Barousse and Jack Vincent**, sprinkled the senior class with holy water. It was a moving moment.
- The student body then ended the assembly by singing Rise Up O Men of God, followed by junior **Deuce Montiero** extinguishing the candle and my reminding the students what the candle represents – the presence of God among us. I exhorted them to leave the gym and spread God's love to all whom they meet. The students then exited to the sounds of “Rise Up O Men of God!”
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



Owen wins Money Hill Golf Tournament!

Attendance: Please make the following part of your New Year Resolutions: If your son is absent, phone Suzy in the Attendance Office before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1280, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns**



Box Tops for Education: Last week we received a check for **\$328.40**. Many thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS. Keep those box tops a'comin'!

Calendar for 2019 - 20: Here is our tentative calendar for next year (for those who really plan!)

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| • M-W, Aug 05 – 07 | Faculty meetings/prep days |
| • Thu, Aug 08 | Full day of class instruction for SPS (public schools open on Aug 09) |
| • Thu, Aug 22 | March through the Arch; Senior Unity Day; Senior Ring Ceremony |
| • Fri, Aug 30 | Lasallian Formation Day for the four Lasallian schools in ARNO (no |
| classes) | |
| • Mon, Sep 02 | Labor Day Holiday |
| • Fri, Oct 11 | 1 st Q ends; Grandparent Day |
| • Mon, Nov 04 | Archdiocesan Formation Day |
| • Mon-Fri, Nov 25-29 | Thanksgiving Holidays |
| • Mon-Thurs, Dec 16-19 | Semester Exams |
| • Mon, Jan 06: | Classes resume & Second Semester begins |
| • Mon, Jan 20 | Martin Luther King Holiday |
| • Fri, Feb 21 | Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students) |

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| • Mon-Fri, Feb 24-28 | Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays |
| • Fri, Mar 13 | End of Third Quarter |
| • Fri – Fri Apr 10 - Apr 17 | Easter Holidays |
| • Wed-Fri, Apr 29 – May 1 | Senior Final Exams |
| • Fri, May 15 | Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6 pm) |
| • Sat, May 16 | Senior Graduation (4 pm) |
| • Tues – Fri, May 19 - 22 | Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11 |

Remember that St. Tammany only has to schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools must schedule 177. So in the second semester, we will have two extra days.

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

- **Amazon Smile:** This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul’s School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.



Art Wolves begin 2019 by working on two-point perspective.

- **Office Depot:** We receive store credit from customers who give SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul’s will do. This will help a lot.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..

Cold Weather: ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. On VERY cold days, students may wear a non-SPS coat (but not-camo) but they must wear it OVER an SPS sweatshirt. If you cannot afford one, contact me and I will take care of it confidentially.

Driving: I call the following to your attention:

- **Driver’s License Requirement:** You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner’s permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don’t blame me! This is a legislative action.
- **SAFE DRIVING:** Parents –let’s start 2019 with a resolution for safe driving! Set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!
- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

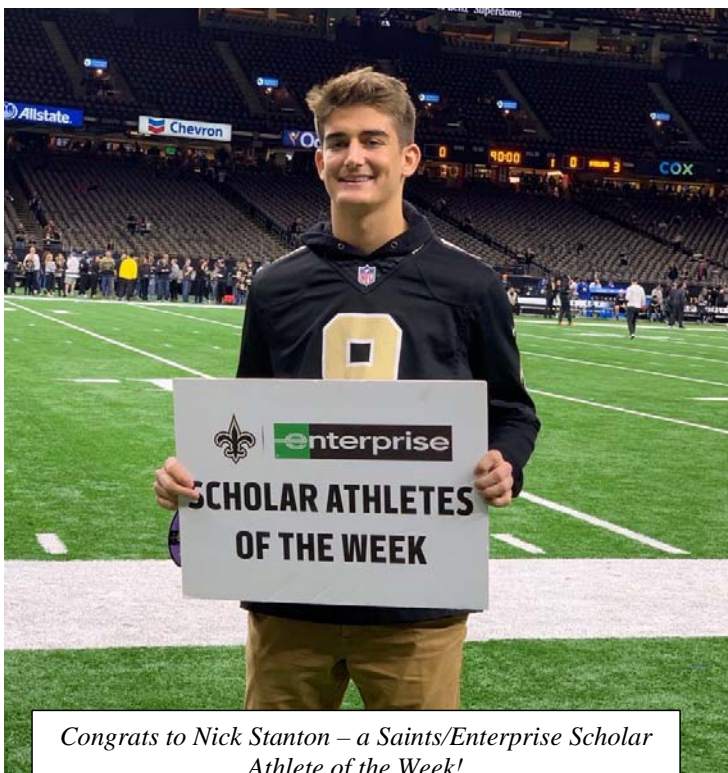
Drug Testing: We have begun drug testing, choosing students both randomly and “for cause.” Just because a student is tested does not mean we suspect him. Naturally, you may confidentially request that we add your son to the test list. We have committed more resources this year to increase the number of students tested. Know our policy by reviewing the handbook. A second positive result jeopardizes a student’s place at SPS. Pray that students resist the allure of temporary pleasure over finding true meaning in life.

Fortnite Addiction: Several reputable journals ran stories last week on a growing phenomenon: addiction to Fortnite. Here’s an article from The Denver Post: <https://www.denverpost.com/2018/12/02/fortnite-addiction-video-game-rehab/> Some parents have even sent their kids to Fortnite rehab! I definitely am concerned for some of our students!

Grades, Exams, Report Cards, Honor Roll Breakfasts, etc.

- **Report Cards** were emailed on Dec 28, although grades had been accessible on PlusPortals for a while. **Let me know if you did not receive a report card. There are no parent-teacher conferences until Feb, so email any concerns to teachers.**
- **Semester Exams** DID NOT lower most student averages. The overwhelming number of students earned the same grade on exams that they had going into exams. There were a few exceptions – on BOTH ends of the spectrum (students who did worse and students who did better.) **What the semester exams did accomplish is give your son college preparatory experience – which will pay dividends in the future.**
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Here’s the schedule for the second quarter HR breakfast schedule:
 - Jan 22 – 8th HR Breakfast
 - Jan 23 – 9th HR Breakfast
 - Jan 24 --10th HR Breakfast
 - Jan 30 – 12th HR Breakfast
 - Jan 31 – 11th “HR Breakfast

All breakfasts last from 7:50-8:30. Note: HR is determined by **second QUARTER grades, not semester grades.**



Congrats to Nick Stanton – a Saints/Enterprise Scholar Athlete of the Week!

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

Last Week:

- **Application Day:** A respectable number of future Wolves arrived on Sat morning to take a placement test for next year. We wish them all success!
- **Baseball:** Dedicated parents are working hard in getting Heap Field ready for the season.
- **Basketball:** Tough, close loss to Covington
- **Bowling:** The season started with the Jamboree last Wed. Geaux Bowling Wolves!

- **Math Tournament:** Fighting Math Wolves traveled to Catholic High for competition. It's really a treat to see 30-40 students eager to enter math competition – on a Saturday morning, no less!
- **Mark Montz' 80 Memorial Service:** A group of alums gathered in our chapel on Sat morning for a service in honor of their classmate, Mark, who died of cancer shortly before Christmas. I am always touched when alums want to return to campus to remember and memorialize their classmates. I remember Mark – he was a wonderful young man!
- **Soccer:** District wins over Northshore, Hammond & Covington have the Wolves leading the district. 8th grade soccer tournament was postponed due to weather on Saturday.
- **Wrestling:** Wolves acquitted themselves exemplarily!

Paper Wolf Update: Please encourage your students to read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future of journalism.

Re-Registration of Current Students for 2019 - 20: For those of you who plan, here's the process:

- Current 8th graders will be asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8th graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9th graders we can accept.
- Current 9th – 11th grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12th graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2019 - 20, a \$300 registration fee will be due.
- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning, please let me know.**



Pre-freshman Class President Ben Barousse and VP Jack Vincent bless the seniors as they prepare to leave for retreat.



Coach Pierre speaks to seniors before they board the busses for retreat.

Rosary: a group of students recite one decade of the rosary each morning in the chapel, beginning at 7:40 on M, T, Th, and F and following mass on W. They would love to have your son join them.

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Senior Retreat: Kudos to the staff and Class of 2019 for a successful senior retreat. All returned safely.

Social Hosting: Even with the holiday season behind us, the temptations for alcohol use by students remains. One issue facing parents is hosting parties where teens are exposed to or even given alcohol. This is known as “social hosting.” Here is a brochure on this activity, which may have legal consequences. Mr. Hal Fox, owner of Fox Litho of Mandeville and father of Hal, provided the brochure. Here’s the link:

<http://fb.mediarelay.com/pbda246>

Social Media: Want up-to-date news on all of the good things happening at Saint Paul's School? Get event and classroom pictures, latest scores, calendar reminders, and spiritual uplifting by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/> or following us on Twitter @SPSWolfpack. The strength of the Wolf is in the pack! Many thanks to Mimi Montiero for maintaining our social media information.

Spanish Cooking Club is looking for new members! Come join and enjoy some delicioso cuisine!

Study Hall after School: the library is open every afternoon (Monday-Thursday) until 4:30. Students are free to come and go by signing in and out. You are encouraged to mention this service to your sons who are on campus after school with nothing to do or who may be waiting for a late ride or a practice to begin. All we ask is that they treat the facility with respect and that they are quiet. Faculty will supervise. We will offer this **service as long as there is a demand for it.**

St. Peter Concert: As part of St. Peter Parish's 175th anniversary celebration, our own musician-in-residence & St. Peter's Music Minister, Brother Ken Boesch, will give a special concert this Thursday at 7:00 pm at St. Peter Church. Anne Koerner Simpson and Kitty Cleveland will be vocalists. All are invited.

Teen Life Counts Program: All of our sophomores will participate in this important suicide prevention program which begins this week and which is conducted by Jewish Family Services. Suicide remains a problem for St. Tammany Parish. For your information, our protocol for any student who voices possible harm to self is very clear and non-negotiable: we will not allow that students to attend classes until a note from a mental health professional clears the student as not being a threat to himself or others. Unfortunately, we have had to invoke this policy, which is a caring one and not a punitive one, several times already in this school year. I am grateful to Christine Woodard in the counseling department for spearheading this important program. Join me in praying that the message takes root.

Tutoring: National Honor Society tutoring takes place in the library:

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

Uniform Shirts: We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have a number of khaki pants available – all for the taking.

Weekly Humor: In honor of Penguin Day on Sunday:

- *What's a penguins favorite relative? Aunt Arctica!*
- *What do penguins eat for lunch? Ice-burgers!*
- *What do you call a penguin in the desert? Lost!*
- *Where do penguins go swimming? At the South Pool!*
- *How do Penguins drink their cola? On the rocks.*
- *What's black and white and goes round and around? A Penguin in a revolving door.*
- *What do penguins wear on their heads? Ice caps.*

- *What do Penguins like to eat? Brrrrrrrrritos.*
- *What's black, white, black, white, black, white, black, white? A penguin rolling down a hill*
- *What kind of fish do Penguins catch at night? Starfish.*
- *Where do penguins keep their money? In a snow bank!*
- *Why don't Penguins like rock music? They only like sole.*
- *What did one penguin say to the other? Nothing, he just gave him the cold shoulder.*
- *Why do Penguins carry fish in their beaks? Because they haven't got any pockets.*
- *What do Penguins sing on a birthday? Freeze a jolly good fellow.*
- *What is black and white and red all over? A sunburned penguin!*
- *How does a penguin build its house?.. Igloos it together!*
- *What do you call fifty penguins at the North Pole?...Lost! Penguins live in the Southern Hemisphere!*
- *Why did the penguin cross the road?... To go with the floe!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead

- Fri, Jan 25 All School Mass (Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul); Dress Uniform Day
- 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 /Lenten holidays
- Wed, Mar 13 Mother-Son Dinner
- Mon, Mar 18 St. Joseph Altar
- Thu, Mar 21 Celebrity Dinner
- Sat, Mar 23 Father-Son Din
- Sat, Mar 30 Jr-Sr 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 (6:30)
- Sat, May 18 Senior graduation (4 pm)
- M – T, May 20-23 Semester exams grades 9 – 11
- Fri., May 24 Conflict exams
- Mon, May 27 Faculty Records

Second Semester Period Rotation:

Here is period rotation for the second semester. Please use this when making unavoidable doctor appointments, etc. so your son will know what classes he is missing. Naturally, there is subject to change is unavoidable conflicts (weather, etc.) occur.

January

- 14 – GABC
- 15 – DEFG – Pack Time
- 16 – ABCD
- 17 – EFGA
- 18 – BCDE
- 22 – FGAB – 8th HR Breakfast/Seniors in Mental Health Talk
- 23 – CDEF – 9th HR Breakfast/Juniors in MH Talk
- 24 – GABC – 10th HR Breakfast/Freshmen in MH Talk
- 25 – DEFG – Mass
- 28 – ABCD – Late Start
- 29 – EFGA – President's Assembly
- 30 – BCDE - 12th in HR /10th in MH Talk/Career Day for Juniors
- 31 – FGAB – 11th in HR /8th in MH Talk



Seniors anticipate a great retreat!

February

- 1 - CDEF
- 4 – GABC – Parent/Teacher meetings in BAC 5-7:00 PM
- 5 – DEFG - Pack Time
- 6 – ABCD
- 7 – EFGA
- 8 – BCDE
- 11 – FGAB
- 12 – CDEF – President's Assembly - EXPLORE Testing 8th grade
- 13 – GABC - PLAN Testing 9th grade
- 14 – DEFG - PRE-ACT Testing 10th grade
- 15 – ABCD
- 18 – EFGA
- 19 – BCDE Pack Time
- 20 – FGAB – Juniors in ACT
- 21 – CDEF
- 22 – GABC – Late Start
- 25 – DEFG
- 26 – ABCD – President's Assembly
- 27 – EFGA – Junior Retreat
- 28 – BCDE – Junior Retreat

March

- 1 – Faculty Retreat Day
- 11 – FGAB
- 12 – CDEF – Pack Time

13 – GABC
14 – DEFG
15 – ABCD –End of Third Quarter
18 – ABCDEFG – St. Joseph Altar
19 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
20 – BCDE
21 – FGAB
22 – CDEF – Late Start
25 – GABC
26 – DEFG – Pack Time
27 – ABCD
28 – EFGA – 9th Retreat/Trip
29 – BCDE – 9th Retreat/Trip

April

1 – FGAB
2 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
3 – GABC
4 – DEFG
5 – ABCD
8 – EFGA – Late Start
9 – BCDE – Pack Time
10 – FGAB – Leadership Breakfast
11 – CDEF – Special Schedule for Speaker
12 – GABC – Special Schedule of Year in Review
15 – DEFG – Mass
16 – ABCD – President’s Assembly
17 – EFGA – Passion Play Schedule
18 – BCDE – Mandatum Schedule
29 – FGAB
30 – CDEF – President’s Assembly

May

1 – GABC - Senior Exams
2 – DEFG - Senior Exams
3 – ABCD – Senior Exams
6 – EFGA
7 – BCDE – Pack Time
8 – FGAB – Level Awards
9 – CDEF – Athletic Awards
10 – GABC – Academic Awards
13 – DEFG
14 – ABCD – President’s Assembly – 8th Exams
15 – EFGA – 8th Exams
16 – BCDE – 8th Exams
17 – FGABC (8th Promotion 6:00 PM)
18 – Senior Graduation (4 pm–ticket only)
20 – DEFG (Review for Period A Exam)
21 – Exam Schedule
22 – Exam Schedule
23 – Exam Schedule
24 – Exam Schedule

Whew! Enough for now. Even though it's a New Year, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to anymore since it stopped broadcasting but I still remember it and LOL): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we begin the New Year! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018-19 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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