

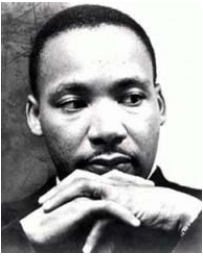


## The SPS President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter

### January 21 – 27, 2019



I hope your three-day weekend is a pleasant one. Here's my annual Martin Luther King message:



In thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King, I annually remember one of his statements that has become a favorite of mine: *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed or Shakespeare wrote. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle wrote a similar thought to the first Brothers -- and thus to us today. In his last *Meditation for the Time of Retreat*, Saint La Salle tells the brothers: *Oh! What glory there will be for those persons who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving! Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself!*



**Just think if we did our job so well that *all the hosts of heaven and earth* paused to recognize our efforts! This must be our daily goal! I wish you a great week!**

**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!



Wesley, Luke, & Grant collaborate before school in Ben Blanchard Library.

**Tue, Jan 22** (HR Breakfast for grade 8 in cafeteria; assembly for 9<sup>th</sup>; F G A B)

- **This Day in History:** in 1973, the Supreme Court of the US legalizes abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. As we observe this anniversary of Roe v. Wade, it's appropriate to review Church social teaching on Life & Dignity of the Human Person. From US Catholic Bishops: *In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is*

*undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. Every person is precious,*

*that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.*

**TDIH II: On this day in 2013**, Justin Dakota Addison, a wonderful Saint Paul's Junior, died from injuries sustained in a biking accident on Tammany Trace. Today we remember Justin and all the good he represented. We continue to miss him. We pray for his still grieving family and friends. We regularly read some of his final written words, engraved on the bench in front of the chapel: *"What is evident at St. Paul's is our sense of brotherhood, both with our St. Paul's classmates and the Lasallian community across the globe. The presence of God drifts about our campus like a thick perfume, One can feel it, One can smell it."*

- **Day of Penance & Prayer:** The Bishops of the US have declared today, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a Day of Penance and Prayer -- penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life. We join our penance and prayer today to those of all who are concerned with the dignity of life.
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity v. F'Bleau
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Mandeville

**Wed, Jan 23 (7:15 am mass; HR Breakfast for Grade 9; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Wham-O Toy Company rolls out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--known as the Frisbee. Toss a Frisbee today in honor of its birth!
- **National Pie Day:** Indulge!
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Holy Cross at Bro. Martin; Varsity at Kennedy
- **Wrestling:** Varsity in DLS, Hahnville Tri-Meet at DLS
- **Bowling:** SPS v. Ponchatoula

**Thu, Jan 24 (HRB - 10; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1965, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, dies in London at the age of 90. Churchill was a brilliant orator and writer and the source of some wonderful Churchillian quotations such as: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Google Winston Churchill quotations for a real treat today!
- **National Belly Laugh Day:** Celebrate the gift of laughter today!
- **National Compliment Day:** Let's all give each other compliments today – deserved or not!
- **National Peanut Butter Day:** Indulge!



Ben presents on Hindu Temples in World History Class

**Fri, Jan 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; all-school mass; DRESS UNIFORM; D E F G)**

- **Today's feast** recalls the story of Saul of Tarsus being struck down and hearing the words "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" May we all continue our daily conversions away from sin and toward God!
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV, & Var v. Northshore. A special feature of tonight's game is "Faculty & Staff Appreciation Night." Faculty/staff are welcome to partake of pre-game hospitality and at 6:50, each senior BB player will recognize someone significant in his SPS career. Congrats to Brother Jeffrey (who will receive award in absentia due to illness), Mrs. Susan Jordan, Mrs. Ann Pressley & Coach Luke Barwick.
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Fontainebleau
- **Swim Team Awards Banquet (cafeteria)**

### Sat, Jan 26

- **TDIH:** In 1725, Pope Benedict XIII recognized the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools as an official Religious Congregation of the Church. De La Salle died five years earlier & the future was unsure. Church approval provided legitimacy, purpose, & promise. We continue that work here at SPS.
- **Math Tournament:** FMWs in Baton Rouge Magnet Tournament
- **Lacrosse:** JV A & B & Var in All State Sugar Bowl Tournament in Hammond
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. John Curtis & Shaw at Shaw; **9<sup>th</sup> in F'Bleau Tournament**
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi in Holy Cross Tournament; JV & Varsity in Parish Tournament at Covington
- **Soccer:** 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, JV at Jesuit; 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament (re-scheduled from 1/12)
- **Rugby:** Wolves v. Woodlands, TX in City Park



Luke & Christopher collaborate on a Chemistry II problem.

### Sun, Jan 27

- **TDIH:** In 1973, the US, South Vietnam, Viet Cong, and North Vietnam formally sign "An Agreement Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam" in Paris bringing America's most unpopular war to an end.
- **TDIH II:** In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart** was born. Listen to some Mozart today!
- **Chocolate Cake Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **UN International Commemoration of Holocaust Victims:** Each Jan 27, the UN remembers the Holocaust of WW II. The day commemorates when Soviet troops liberated Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland on Jan 27, 1945. From the website: *This year's observance is centered "Journeys through the Holocaust". This theme recalls journeys taken during this dark period, from deportation to incarceration to freedom, and how this experience transformed the lives of those who endured it. These are stories of pain and suffering, yet ultimately also of triumph and renewal, serving as a guiding force for future generations. Each person who becomes aware of this history will no doubt reflect upon his or her own capacity to turn compassion for others into decisive and heroic action in their time of need.* We must use these teachable moments to remind students

of this horrible stain on world history – and to pray such hatred never again occurs.



- **Second Collection in Catholic Churches Today in Support of Catholic Education:** In January of 2015, the Office of Catholic Schools had the first-ever second collection to kick off Catholic Schools Week. The collection supports the *Champions of Catholic Education Fund*, which is dedicated to helping more families afford the cost of Catholic education. Our Catholic schools are committed to educating the whole child by providing programs and services to enrich the academic platform and support the spiritual development of the student in family life, friendships, and as a member of society. Our goal is to make our academically excellent, Catholic education accessible to all students. The funds collected during the second collection today, for the *Champions of Catholic Education Fund*, will help provide tuition support to families who are unable to afford tuition, but are committed to keeping their children in a Catholic school. Thank you for your generosity.



*Professional photographer Joey Michel instructs Journalism Wolves on photography – as Wolves chow down on pizza!*

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**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 to do so.**
- **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!

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- **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 Letters:** More unedited comments:

- *The teachers all look happy to be at St. Paul's!*
- *St. Paul's creates an international brotherhood unmatched in the New Orleans area.*
- *My uncle tells me that St. Paul's turns young boys into men.*
- *St. Paul's is an all boy school. I have enough girls in my life with my sisters and no brothers.*
- *I am hoping to attend with my big brother and experience all the cool things he has shared with me.*
- *From the moment students step foot on campus, St. Paul's will be there to guide them as much or as little as they need.*

**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'!

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*A common sight around campus!*



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

- 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<sup>st</sup> 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)

- 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>.
- 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, a non-SPS coat (but not-camo) can be worn OVER an SPS sweatshirt. If you cannot afford one, contact me and I will take care of it confidentially.

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**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 2018 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 he is suspected. 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!



*Faithful Moms tally weekly Mission Collection!*

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#### **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 – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 23 – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 24 --10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 30 – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 31 – 11<sup>th</sup> “HR Breakfast

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

**Greater Catholic Education World Dept:** Dr. RaeNell Houston, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, announced significant changes last week. Quotes are from Dr. Houston.

- St. Peter Claver School will close at end of current academic year. The school has operated in the Tremé area since 1921.
- Our Lady of Divine Providence Elementary School in Metairie will close. Opened in 1967, it has offered a conventional elementary curriculum and in recent years added individual instruction for children with learning differences.
- Holy Rosary High School in uptown will also close. Holy Rosary has existed as a school in various configurations since 1908. It added a middle school serving students with learning differences in the 1990s and added high school grades in 2004.
- St. Thérèse Academy for Exceptional Learners will open this fall at site of Our Lady of Divine Providence School. St. Thérèse will serve elementary and high school students *with mild to moderate exceptionalities through a 21st century program of personalized learning*. The new school will maintain a *low student-teacher ratio to allow for learning to be tailored to the students’ unique abilities and learning styles*.
- The schools being closed *have experienced challenges in terms of enrollment and finances*.
- As Dr. Houston wrote, *Please keep all affected school communities lifted in prayer during this most difficult time*. We will, Dr. Houston. The closing of any Catholic school is a loss to the educational world. As John Donne wrote: *Ask not for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee*.

**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.

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### **Last Week:**

- **Band:** Auditions for District Honor Jazz Band were held Sat & four Wolves made the cut! Congrats to Cody Crettet (tenor sax). Alex Martrain (trumpet), Miguel Seruntine (trombone) and Reed Bachemin (Jr Hi bass). Congrats to Director of Bands Andrew Moran, too!
- **Basketball:** A tough overtime loss to Slidell but three great wins (9<sup>th</sup>, JV, & Varsity) v. M’ville on Fri! And 8<sup>th</sup> grade beat Rummel on Sat!
- **Bowling:** Wolves beat Hannan 26 – 1 and Holden 17-10. Two school records were set v. Hannan: HIGH GAME SCORE 1205 and HIGH TOTAL PINS 3437. Geaux Bowling Wolves!
- **Habitat Club:** Thanks to Richard and the Habitat Wolves for their work day on Sat

- **March for Life:** Our Wolves represented us well in Washington last week. We welcome them back to school. Thanks to Roger and Paul for chaperoning our 20 Wolves.
- **PJ's:** Grand opening is getting closer – we think! Thanks to Brian and Business Wolves and, of course, the Ballard Brothers, owners of PJ's!
- **Powerlifting:** Iron Wolves competed in PJP Invite. I have no results but I'm sure they did well.
- **Soccer:** Wins against Covington, & Ponchy keep Wolves on top of the District. And 9<sup>th</sup> grade Tournament
- **Student Council:** Our SC Wolves traveled to Sulphur for the state convention.
- **Track (Indoor):** LSU HS Qualifier Meet on Sat: 4x800 Relay – 2<sup>nd</sup> (Evan Hendry, Jonathan Bertucci, Luke Paille & Patrick Elliott); 1600 M Run – 3<sup>rd</sup> (Patrick Elliott); 3200 Meter Run – 6<sup>th</sup> (Evan Pardo). Congrats!
- **Wolf Packs:** Thanks, Kevin, for the important follow up to our war on vaping. The info you provided was clear and powerful. Let's hope the message took hold in the brains of our students.
- **Wrestling:** Another District Championship – our 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive and Coach Pinero's first, but certainly not his last! Geaux Wrestling Wolves!



*Journalism Wolves learn photography skills from professional photographer Joey Michel.*

**LHSAA:** The Louisiana High School Athletic Association holds its annual convention beginning on Wed, and for the fourth time in 34 years, I am not allowed to attend -- since it's only for principals, not presidents! So Trevor gets the fun of listening to various principals harangue the group into voting for proposals to "level the field" and "put the kids first." And more

drama with the "private v. public" split. Stay tuned!

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*Chemistry II Wolves “collaborating” or “mugging” for the camera?*

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

**Re-Registration of Current Students for 2019 - 20:** It’s registration time. Here’s the schedule:

- Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be sent registration info this week and will have until Feb 1 to register. We need to know if any current 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9<sup>th</sup> graders we can accept.
- Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.



- Current 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Rosary:** a group of students recites 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.

**SAFE DRIVING:** Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, NO CELL PHONE USE DURING SCHOOL ZONE TIMES, buckle up, etc. Thank you!



*Typical before school scene....put the phones away, Wolves, and talk to each other!*

**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.

**Senior Parents:** January 25 is deadline to order graduation announcements (not invitations – that’s by ticket only) and other senior products from Balfour. After January 25, a late fee will apply – which, unfortunately, occurs every year. Don’t say I didn’t try to get you to order on time! Naturally, ordering of any of the senior products is optional.

**Social Hosting:** Even with the holiday season behind us, the temptations for alcohol use by students reemains. 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>

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**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. The space will be supervised by faculty. We will offer this **service as long as there is a demand for it.**

**Teen Life Counts Program:** All of our sophomores will participate in this important suicide prevention program which began last 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 every day in the library at lunch. 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. Math XL help and essay-proofreading services are available.**



**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 Belly Laugh Day on Tuesday:

- *What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.*
- *Did you hear about the Italian chef that died? He pasta way.*
- *Why couldn't the bicycle stand up? Because it was two tired!*
- *Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.*
- *As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.*
- *How do crazy people go through the forest? They take the psycho path.*
- *What did the traffic light say to the car? Don't look! I'm about to change.*
- *I just wrote a book on reverse psychology. Do \*not\* read it!*
- *What did one hat say to the other? You stay here. I'll go on ahead.*
- *Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure? Because he was a little shellfish.*
- *My friend says to me: "What rhymes with orange" I said: "No it doesn't"*
- *What do you call a guy with a rubber toe? Roberto.*
- *What did the pirate say when he turned 80 years old? Aye matey.*
- *My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.*
- *I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.*
- *I ate a clock yesterday, it was very time consuming.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**Yearbook:** Please make note of approaching deadlines for The Conifer, Saint Paul's award-winning yearbook.

- Deadline to order a yearbook is March 15, 2019. Seniors do not need to order a yearbook.
- Deadline to place a Senior Ad is March 15, 2019.
- All orders and ads must be placed online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)
- We do not order extra books.
- Please contact Mimi Monteiro at [m.monteiro@stpauls.com](mailto:m.monteiro@stpauls.com) if you have any questions.

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**Closing Quotations:** It's appropriate to close with a few additional MLK quotes:

- *A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.*
- *Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*
- *In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*
- *He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.*
- *We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*
- *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*
- *The time is always right to do what is right.*

- And Trevor’s favorite, which is worth repeating: *Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

### **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 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 (6:30)
- Sat, May 18 Senior graduation (4 pm)
- M – T, May 20-23 Semester exams grades 9 – 11
- Fri., May 24 Conflict exam day
- Mon, May 27 Faculty Records Day

***Dress Uniform Day on Friday, January 25!***



*Mothers Club Book Store does brisk business in the mornings!  
Garrett makes a purchase! Thanks!*

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**Second Semester Period Rotation:** For those who really plan ahead, here is the 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:

### **Second Semester Period Rotation**

#### **January**

22 – FGAB – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/Seniors in Mental Health Talk  
23 – CDEF – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/Juniors in MH Talk  
24 – GABC – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/Freshmen in MH Talk  
25 – DEFG – Mass  
28 – ABCD – Late Start  
29 – EFGA – President’s Assembly  
30 – BCDE - 12<sup>th</sup> in HR /10<sup>th</sup> in MH Talk/Career Day for Juniors  
31 – FGAB – 11<sup>th</sup> in HR /8<sup>th</sup> in MH Talk

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
13 – GABC - PLAN Testing 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
14 – DEFG - PRE-ACT Testing 10<sup>th</sup> 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 – 9<sup>th</sup> Retreat/Trip
- 29 – BCDE – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 15 – EFGA – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 16 – BCDE – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 17 – FGABC (8<sup>th</sup> 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 2019, 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! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It Past Mid-January as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



*Now let's go out there to be light and love to the young entrusted to our care by doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God's will, remaining faithful, letting Our Lady of the Star guide us to God, and beseeching our Holy Founding Brothers to help us continue the Lasallian Mission – both at school and at home!*



***Did I mention we have a Dress Uniform Day on Friday, January 25?***