



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



February 11 – 17, 2019



I shall always consider the work of my salvation and that of establishing and directing our Community as God's work. Hence, I shall commit to him the care of all this, so as to do nothing of what concerns me without his orders. I shall often consult him on all I shall have to do.... often saying to him those words of the prophet Habakkuk: 'Lord, the work is yours.'—St. John Baptist de La Salle

Mon, Feb 11 (Regular; F G A B)

- **Today** we commemorate Our Lady's appearance in 1858 in Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old farmer's daughter. Today, 2-3 million pilgrims annually visit Lourdes. While this apparition occurred after the time of Saint La Salle, we know the Founder's great devotion to Mary: *"Beg the Most Blessed Virgin to obtain grace for you."* I encourage you to do so this week – and always.
- **This Day in History:** In 1809, Robert Fulton patents the steamboat.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, The Yalta agreement is signed by Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin. The aim of the conference was to shape a post-WWI peace that represented not just a collective security order but a plan to give self-determination to the liberated peoples of post-Nazi Europe. The meeting was intended mainly to discuss the re-establishment of the nations of war-torn Europe. However, within a few short years, with the Cold War dividing the continent, Yalta became a subject of intense controversy.
- **Be Electrific Day:** Today honors the birth of Thomas Alva Edison and recognizes his electrical inventions, including the light bulb. Where would we be today without TAE!
- **Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day:** Today recognizes that everyone spills a little milk now and then. It's a day to be optimistic, think positive, look on the bright side, and to find something good in everything that happens. As the song says: *Don't Worry, be Happy!* Try to smile all day today!
- **Bowling:** District-leading Wolves v. Albany at Tangi

Tue, Feb 12 (Regular; C D E F; Explore Test for all 8th graders in the BAC)

- **Oglethorpe Day:** General James Edward Oglethorpe, along with 100 other Englishmen, landed at what is now Savannah, GA, on this day in 1733 and named the new colony Georgia for England's King George II.
- **Lost Penny Day:** Seek out lost pennies today, of which there are probably quite a few in your home. An individual penny may not have a lot of monetary value these days. However, finding a penny is a sign of good luck. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin designed the first U.S. penny, and it was minted in 1787? Since then, billions of pennies have been minted and put into circulation. In 1909, the penny became the first coin to bear a president's image. It was released on February 12, 1909, to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's 100th birthday. Things to do on National Lost Penny Day:
 - Seek out lost pennies. Make a game of it.
 - Flip a coin (a penny) to help you make decisions today.
 - Donate your pennies to a good cause.
 - Roll up and cash in your horde of pennies.
 - Start a penny collection.

- Throw pennies in a fountain and make a wish.
- Give others a penny for their thoughts.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Mandeville
- **Soccer:** SPS v. Catholic (BR) in Hunter Stadium in Quarterfinal Round of State Playoffs (7)
- **Wed, Feb 13 (Regular; G A B C; PLAN Testing for all 9th graders in the BAC)**



• Today, the Lasallian World remembers the 37th anniversary of the death of a Christian Brother by the name of Brother James Miller, who the Catholic Church will soon name “Blessed”— the last step before official sainthood. Here’s some info on Brother James as we prepare to remember this ordinary man who did the extraordinary. I quote from the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul:

• *Brother James Miller was a Christian Brother who could have stayed comfortable teaching at a private Catholic school in St. Paul. Instead, his story reflects a timeless Christian obligation: to reach out to those who cannot reach, to provide services to those who cannot afford it, and to change unjust systems through giving the poor a human and Christian education.*

• *At his request, Brother James began serving in Guatemala, in 1981. There he gave young men a practical and academic*

curriculum, and maintained buildings and grounds. As Guatemala was in a civil war, many young men were “drafted”, i.e., literally taken off the streets to be soldiers. (If they refused, their families would be tortured and killed.) Upon hearing of these “drafts,” the brothers would go and retrieve their students from the military station.

- *Extreme tensions arose between military and the brothers. Death threats toward the brothers, as well as all religious in Guatemala, were common. Such threats did not deter religious from walking with the people who lived in fear and oppression. On a Sat afternoon, Feb. 13, 1982, while Brother James was repairing the wall of the school, men in plain clothes approached and unloaded their guns into him, killing him.*
- *Brother James’ mission did not die with him. We are called to reach out to the dear neighbor, to make education accessible to all, and to call into question the systems that continue to oppress and deny the dignity of every person.*



Cymbals prepare to play for Pep Rally on Fri!

- **TDIH:** In 1945, a series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing as many as 135,000 people. It was the single most destructive bombing of the war—including Hiroshima and Nagasaki—and all the more horrendous because little, if anything, was accomplished strategically, since the Germans were already on the verge of surrender. It inspires novelist Kurt Vonnegut to write his classic novel, *Slaughterhouse Five*.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson authorizes Operation Rolling Thunder, a sustained bombing of North Vietnam that he and his advisers had been contemplating for a year.
- **Covington PD** will train 3 officers in the area of hand-to-hand combat in the old gym this morning. While this type of training is usually done at the Police Academy in BR, they only do sessions in Jan and May. This type of training is required before the recruits can work the streets. CPD wants to add these 3 recruits to the force before May. If the recruits are outfitted as police officers, their weapons will be rubber. I am always willing to help CPD and their presence on campus is a plus for us. I appreciate Craig's help in this matter.
- **Bowling: Wolves v. St. Thomas at Tangi**



Ryan tweaks a robot at tournament last week.

Thu, Feb 14 (Regular; D E F G)

- **Happy Valentine's Day!** Today we honor St. Valentine – a saint shrouded in mystery. The Church recognizes at least Valentines, all of whom were martyred. One legend says that Valentine was a priest in 3rd century Rome. When Emperor Claudius decided single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage. Valentine, realizing this injustice, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages in secret. When Claudius discovered this, he ordered Valentine killed. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape Roman prisons. According to legend, Valentine sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, some believe that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, signed 'From your

Valentine,' an expression still used today. Although the truth is murky, the stories emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. In any event, celebrate those who you love today!

- **National Donor Day:** Today raises awareness of the need for organ and blood donations. For more info, go to organdonor.gov or resolve to donate blood at the local blood bank.
- **Ferris Wheel Day:** Ferris Wheel Day commemorates the birthday of George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr., a civil engineer and the creator of the first Ferris Wheel, which was created for the World's Colombian Exhibition in Chicago in 1893.
- **Pre-ACT Testing for all 10th graders in the BAC**

Fri, Feb 15 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1898, the American battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor in Havana Harbor, at 9:40 PM. The ship sank quickly, and 260 members of its crew were lost. Inflamed public opinion in the US ignored the lack of evidence to establish responsibility for the explosion. “Remember the *Maine*” became the war cry, and a formal declaration of war against Spain followed on April 25.
- **World Whale Day:** Celebrate the whale today!
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at F’Bleau

Sat, Feb 16

- **TDIH:** In 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler, King Tutankhamen. Anybody remember when the Tut Exhibit came to New Orleans?
- **Innovation Day:** Spot a problem, think of a solution, and before you know it you’re innovating! **Innovation Day** is all about imagining new, better ways of doing things. And you’re never too young to innovate: lollipops, earmuffs, trampolines, Braille and countless smart phone apps have all been invented by children.
- **Do A Grouch A Favor Day:** Do something nice for your favorite grouch!
- **National Almond Day:** Celebrate the almond today! They are packed with vitamin E, magnesium and fiber and are considered a heart-healthy food.
- **Lacrosse:** JVB in Crawfish Shootout in Lafayette; Varsity at Jesuit
- **Indoor Track State Meet (BR)**
- **Basketball:** 8th v. John Curtis & St. Charles; JV & Varsity at Dunham
- **Rugby at Highland Park**
- **Habitat Club Work Day**



The Paper Wolf staff receives Best Online School Newspaper award at last week's journalism conference at Loyola.

Sun, Feb 17

- **TDIH:** The House of Representatives breaks the electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr and elects Jefferson president.
- **Random Acts of Kindness Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! Spread some kindness today!
- **My Way Day:** Celebrate today, but if you're at SPS, make sure your way is our way.
- **TDIH:** In 1972, Volkswagen Beetle overtakes iconic Model T Ford as world's bestselling car.

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

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!**

Alum News:

- An email last week from Justin DiCharia '11, Senior Associate, Louisiana Law Review, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, J.D./D.C.L. Candidate, 2019: *As always, I hope all is well. I'm a research assistant for a professor this semester, and I am currently researching and writing part of an academic on regulations regarding the labeling of wine in the U.S. I just came across an article that discusses the Christian Brothers' role in the ATF's line-drawing decision for the Napa Valley Wine regions. A certain Brother Timothy is directly quoted in one of the books I am looking at for source material. I'll include the relevant portion below in case you are interested. Brother Timothy, with his forty-four years of growing and making wines, said it best: 'I hereby declare that there is a common thread of character in Napa Valley grapes and the wines of those grapes that is apparent to a well-qualified wine taster and which distinguishes those grapes and wine from the grapes and wines of most other areas. We at the Christian Brothers Winery are active members of Napa Valley Vintners and support the position expressed by all Napa Valley Vintners' representatives during this hearing, namely that the Napa Valley is the watershed area of the Napa River; however, I make no objection to the use of the name Napa Valley for grapes and wines that originate in the eastern valleys of Napa County.'* Just wanted to share the find with you! Yes, Justin discovered Brother Timothy Diener, FSC, who helped transform the wine industry of California's Napa Valley, ravaged by Prohibition, into a global player. Over his 54-year career, Diener became both the public face of the Christian Brothers wine and brandy operations and a trusted friend and adviser to many of Napa's top winemakers. Wanna' read more about Brother Timothy? Here's a relatively recent article from The Chicago Tribune: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/dining/ct-xpm-2014-04-15-sc-food-0411-giants-brother-timothy-20140412-story.html>



- Many of you may remember the basketball and academic prowess of Harrison Prieto '16, and I know some of you follow his basketball and academic career at Florida State U. Did you know Harrison majors in meteorology and aspires to a career in TV weather? Wanna' see him in action? He's the "chief student meteorologist" at FSU. Here's a recent broadcast – I'm very proud:



<https://www.facebook.com/fsuweather/videos/2025906124194125/UzpfSTExNTIyNzc1NDgxNzk3MTQ6MjM3MTY5OTc2MjkwNDE0Nw/>

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
- 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.
- **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 increase participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

Assembly Anniversaries: We recently marked the one-year anniversary of the following two assemblies:

- **Matt Fradd.** Matt speaks to over 50,000 people every year on the topic of pornography – which has become a particular concern of Archbishop Aymond, who asked the schools to address this growing problem. In particular, Matt addressed pornography in light of human trafficking and social justice. As we learned on the Archdiocese Faculty Formation Day in 2017, pornography is a major plague impacting our youth. Matt's expertise was a great small step to battling this epidemic. Please have a talk with your son about pornography. I'm convinced some of our students still struggle with this issue, which is easier than ever to access.
- **Thomas Awiapo.** Raised in Ghana, Thomas benefitted from Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl initiative. He shared his story about growing up in poverty and *survived* only with the support of those who have the means to help. Thomas' story was a great opportunity to shed a light on life in Africa and particular to paint a clearer picture of those at our twin school, St. Paul's in Marsabit, Kenya.



Wolves acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner at Regional Science Fair!

Assembly on Jan 29: I hope the students enjoyed my assembly on Jan 29. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to selections from the student body singing songs from the 2011 Feast of St. Paul Mass (which we had just celebrated) which began the school's centennial celebration. I reminded the students that we have inherited a tremendous educational legacy – how many institutions today last 100+ years? We must treasure and protect it.
- Reminded the students that we were celebrating the Feast of Saint Brother Mutien Marie, who was raised to official Catholic church sainthood by virtue of doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well. If you would like to view the two minute video on Brother Mutien that the boys saw in religion class, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc6lKsMfo60&feature=youtu.be>
- Reminded the boys that we were celebrating Catholic Schools Week and that SPS was not just a private school or just a Lasallian school but that we are a Catholic school.
- We then prayed, as junior **Drew Icamina** lit the prayer candle, for the following: *Mrs. Rosemary Cazalot Mura, great-grandmother of Robert Buquoi '19 & Lain Scobel '18; Mr. Roy Cartier, great-grandfather of Cole Cartier '22; Mrs. Lynn Berrill Schmitt, mother-in-law of Mrs. Jeaneen Schmitt and grandmother of Brian '13, Adam '16 and Kyle '18 Schmitt; and the family of Graham Thomas Jordan as Jan 29 was the two year anniversary of his entering into eternal life.*

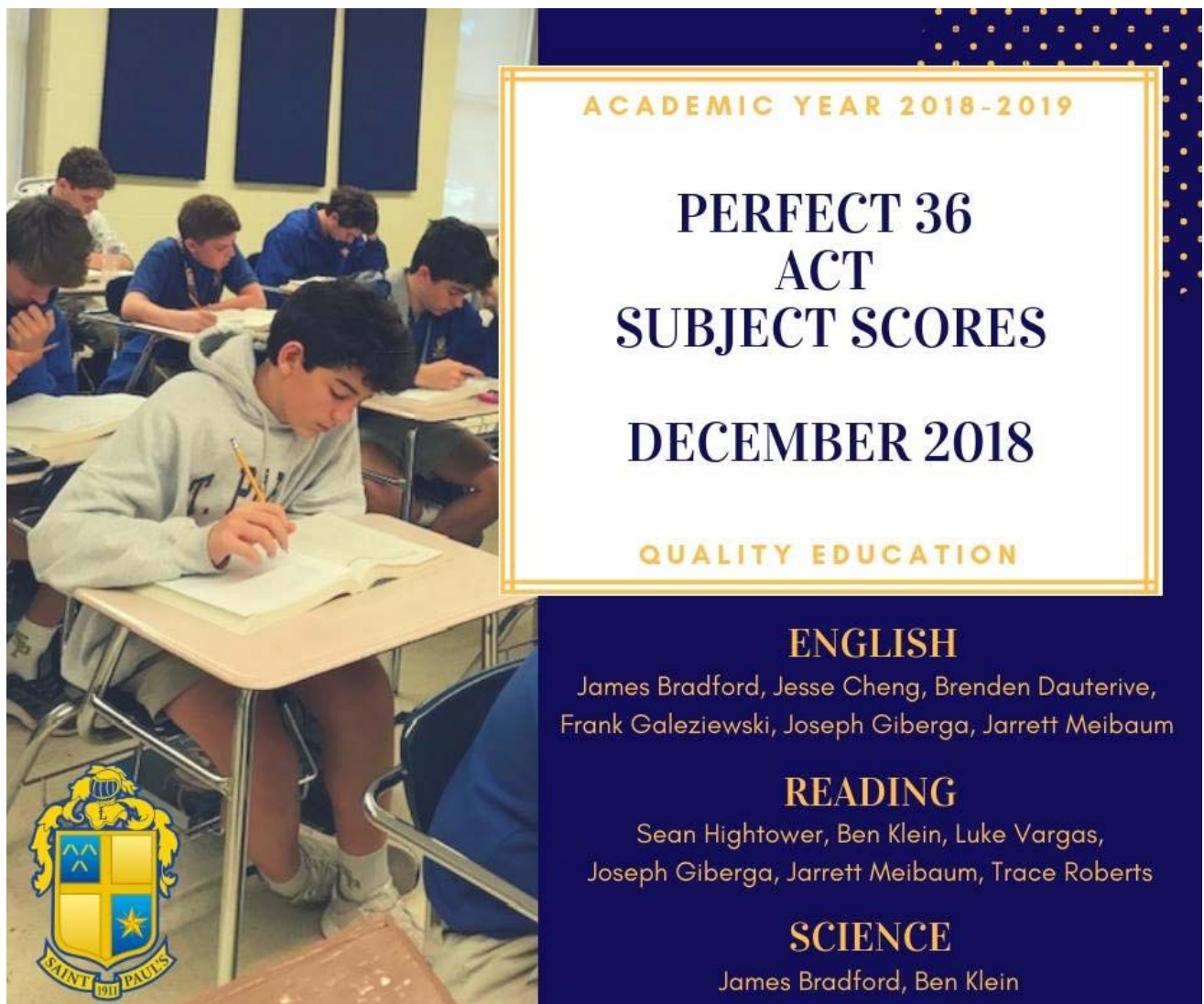
- Reminded the boys that our Mission Statement calls us *to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe, disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus.*
- Recognized and congratulated the students who participated in the March for Life in Washington, DC: **Andrew Aceves, Ben Barousse, Connor Braswell, Robert Buquoi, Christian Cowley, Callan Danenhowe, Emerson duPassage, Christopher Flood, Trevor Flood, Sean Hightower, Mason Impastato, Jared Kreeger, David McWilliams, Michael Oubre, Bryce Parchman, Michael Philippe, Augie Roppolo, Ryan Schaffer, Evan Texada, Avan Walters, Scott Montreuil, Mr. Bacon & Mr. Scoriels**
- Recognized and congratulated the Class of 2019 for an excellent senior retreat. The staff was most impressed and pleased with the level of seriousness and cooperation demonstrated by the seniors.



- Recognized and congratulated the Habitat for Humanity Club for their monthly work. Because of rain on 1/19, the Habitat club worked at the Habitat "ReStore". 25 students showed. After 2 1/2 hours, they had straightened and cleaned the store and helped put many things in the cars of customers. The store manager was very grateful for the help.
- Recognized and congratulated the Fighting Math Wolves for their showing at the Ben Franklin High School Tournament. **360 Students from 15 Schools participated, with SPS supplying 38 Fighting Math Wolves. Calculators were not allowed and there were no divisions –magnet, private, & public schools were all teamed against each other. In Individual Events Preston Orgeron finished**

2nd in Geometry and William Ditta finished 4th. In Team Events, the Algebra 1 team of Ethan Wilson, Ben Salvant, Patten Lane, and Grisham Hall finished 3rd, and the Geometry Team of William Ditta, Christian Kramer, Preston Orgeron, & Brian Lea finished second.

- Recognized and congratulated senior **Josh Devier** for being invited to present his original research (“Analysis of Antimicrobial Efficacy of Usnic Acid and Lichen Extracts) to the **Louisiana Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at LSU – quite an honor!**
- Recognized and congratulated the students who have made PERFECT subject matter scores on the ACT so far this year: In English: James Bradford, Joseph Giberga (twice!), Brenden Dauterive (twice!), John Paul Bourgeois, Ross Hightower, Frank Galeziewski, Noah Savoie, Ben Klein, Waleed Sultan, & Jarrett Meibaum. In Reading: Eli Applebaum, Brenden Dauterive, Joseph Giberga, Ross Hightower, and Michael Philippe. In Science: James Bradford (twice!), Josh Devier, and Ben Klein! I’ll match our ACT scores against almost any school’s scores!



ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019


**PERFECT 36
ACT
SUBJECT SCORES
DECEMBER 2018**

QUALITY EDUCATION

ENGLISH
James Bradford, Jesse Cheng, Brenden Dauterive,
Frank Galeziewski, Joseph Giberga, Jarrett Meibaum

READING
Sean Hightower, Ben Klein, Luke Vargas,
Joseph Giberga, Jarrett Meibaum, Trace Roberts

SCIENCE
James Bradford, Ben Klein



- Recognized and congratulated those band members who qualified for the Junior High District Honor Band: Walker Lobdell and Kennedy Jackson. Also recognized and congratulated those band members who qualified for the District Honor Jazz Band: Cody Crettet -- tenor sax; Alex Martrain – trumpet; Miguel Seruntine – trombone; and Reed Bachemin – bass

- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly.
- We ended the assembly by singing “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”, which the boys seem to like, for the first time in 2019. It was wonderful.
- We then ended with junior **Sam Glynn** extinguishing the prayer 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 exited to the sounds of the student body of 2011 singing songs from our Centennial Mass.

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: Recently, 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 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) |
| • 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 |



8th Grade Soccer Wolves take FIRST Place in SPS Tournament with a 1-0 win in the finals over Jesuit!

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..

Camp Abbey Summer Camp

- Camp Abbey Summer Camp is a one-week sleep-over camp run by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Campers at Camp Abbey make lifelong friends, great memories and grow in their relationship with Jesus! Activities include: Arts & Crafts, Archery, Swimming, Hiking, Boating, Sports, Camping, Prayer, Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration. Campers must be completing 2nd-8th grades. Boys Camp weeks are June 2-8, June 9-15, June 16-22 and June 23-29. Girls Camp weeks are June 30-July 6, July 7-13, July 14-20 and July 21-27. Registration opens February 25. \$409 per week – all inclusive.

- Applications are now being accepted for Summer Camp staff. Students completing 9th—11th grades may apply to be **JUNIOR COUNSELORS** (two-week positions). Graduating HS Seniors, College Students, and older may apply to be **SENIOR COUNSELORS, EXTENDED STAFF, or ADMINISTRATORS** (one-month positions). Nurse positions are also available (one-week positions). All positions are paid, unless service hours are desired. Room/board and off periods are included. Training, orientation and formation precede the camp sessions. Please log on to our website, www.campabbey.org, to register or apply. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Emmons at (985)327-7240 ext. 100, Kristen Bourgeois ext. 102 or email campabbey@arch-no.org.



Pre-freshman pay attention at Pep Rally on Friday!

Celebrity Dinner: This dinner is the ONLY event that funds our Renaissance Program! Our Renaissance Program helps fund non-athletic activities at Saint Paul's. Students can enjoy activities such as: Pre-freshmen Etiquette Class, Life Skills Class for Seniors, Honor Roll Breakfasts, Robotics competitions and field trips, Wolves on Wheels competitions, Faculty/Staff continuing education, and many more activities. Renaissance also contributes to our Tuition Assistance program for those in need. For more information, contact the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext 1270 or development@stpauls.com or check out the website at: [Celebrity Dinner!](#)

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.

CPR/Stop the Bleed: Local first responders, in conjunction with Pontchartrain Cancer Center and Lakeview Regional Hospital, will provide training *to all of our students and faculty* over the next two months. Training will begin soon. I am very grateful to our first responders, Pontchartrain Cancer Center and Lakeview Regional Hospital.

Driving: I call the following to your attention:

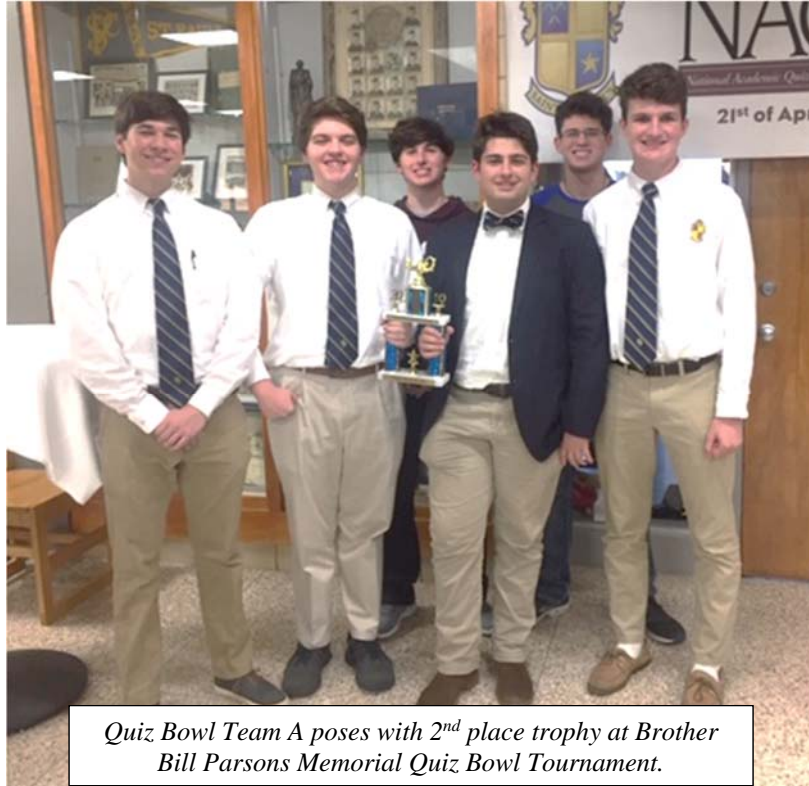
- **Driver's License Requirement:** You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.
- **SAFE DRIVING:** 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.

Father-Son BBQ: Reservations for F-S BBQ on Mar 23 at 5 pm are now being taken! Reservations must be made by March 18. **Return form at end of newsletter with a check for \$20 per person to Mrs. Claire by March 18! You Can also be mailed to: St. Paul's School, Attn: Mrs. Claire, PO Box 928, Covington, LA 70434**

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!

Founders Oak: You may have noticed the dedication of the iconic oak near the chapel as Founders Oak. We did this in honor of the 100 anniversary of Lasallian education coming to campus (the tree was here to greet those first Brothers!) and we also dedicated it to our major donors. The plaques represent those benefactors who have contributed \$100,000 or more to SPS over their lifetimes. We hope to see that number grow in the years ahead, as people invest in keeping the Lasallian dream alive on the campus of Saint Paul's School. I am grateful to Development Team for spearheading this project and to Mark Daigle's signage company (B & D) for executing the work.



Quiz Bowl Team A poses with 2nd place trophy at Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Quiz Bowl Tournament.

Greater Lasallian World: In Aug of 2018, the District of San Francisco New Orleans opened a new Lasallian high school in Oakland, CA: Christo Rey De La Salle East Bay. The school is a Christo Rey school – one that serves the economically poor by having students attend class four days a week and spending the fifth day in a corporate internship, with the salary paying for the tuition. Mr. Mike Anderer was the school's founding president. Last week, Mr. Anderer resigned, effective immediately, and the school's Board of Trustees appointed veteran Lasallian educator Mr. Matt Powell as interim president. Mike and Matt, together with the school's leadership team, are collaborating to facilitate the leadership transition. Our prayers and thoughts of support are with CRDLS, especially Matt, at this crucial time in the school's infancy.

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

- **ACT:** Over 200 test takers on campus Sat. Again, the only problems were on the test. Thanks, Don, et al.
- **Basketball:** Tough losses for the Wolves v. Ponchy & Slidell but a great win over Pearl River propels Wolves into final week of regular season with games against M'ville (Tue) & F'bleau (Fri.) Geaux BBW!

- **Bowling:** Great week for the District-leading Wolves with wins over Albany & Ponchy
- **Journalism Educational Association:** The annual convention at Loyola last week saw our journalism wolves returning with lots of awards, including some prestigious 1st in state proclamations. Wow.
- **Lacrosse:** Great wins over Airline (10-6) & Prestonwood (15-8) augers well for the LAX Wolves!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thanks for your professionalism! I pray that good results from this event.
- **Pep Rally:** Congrats to Student Council for Friday's PR!
- **Regional Science Fair:** Science Wolves did great! Congrats!
- **Rugby:** I don't have results but I'm sure they represented us well!
- **Soccer:** Regional win over M'ville propels Wolves into Quarterfinals on Tue v. Catholic (BR)
- **Wolf Packs:** Excellent material, Kevin! Most of mine want to start at 7:30 and end at 2:30!
- **Wrestling:** A fifth place team finish and an individual **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BY COLE ULFERS** wraps up an outstanding season under first year head coach Matt Pinero! Geaux Wrestling Wolves!



Legal Trivia: Oregon Governor Kate Brown proclaimed February 7, 2019 to be Oregon Private Schools Appreciation Day. The proclamation says that "Oregon private schools are an important part of the tradition of educational excellence in Oregon and an important element in the overall education of Oregon youth." The irony? In 1925, Oregon passed a law requiring all students to attend public schools only. A group of religious sisters running a parochial school sued. In a monumental case that went all the way to the Supreme Court, *Pierce v. Society of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary*, the Supreme Court ruled the law unconstitutional, thus affirming the rights of parents to send their children to private or religious schools.

Paper Wolf Update: TPW won **BEST IN STATE ONLINE NEWSPAPER** at Loyola Conference last week – again! Please encourage your sons to read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future of journalism.

Phones: Please stress with your sons the need to follow school phone rules. Students must turn OFF phones in class and may only use them outside (between classes or at lunch.) A \$10 fine is assessed for violating the rule – which, unfortunately, is happening way too frequently.

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

- Current 8th graders were asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We needed 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 are being asked to register by this Friday, February 15. Let me know if you did not receive your registration materials via email.
- 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.**

Rosary: a group of students recite one decade of the rosary each morning in the chapel, beginning at 7:50 on M - F. 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!



Daffodils are blooming on campus! Can spring be far behind?

St. Joseph Altar: From Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo, who organizes our SJA: *The SPS St. Joseph Altar will be held on Monday, March 18, in Briggs Assembly Center. **After much prayer and consideration, this year, lunch will not be offered.** The students will still visit the Altar during religion class and be offered fruit and cheese during this time. At their lunch period, they can eat off the main Altar with the same assortment of cakes and cookies provided each year, complete with cannoli, of course. They are to provide for their own lunch. **Student service hour** opportunities are below:*

- *Cookie Making in the cafeteria- Saturday, March 2, from 9a-1p *bring rolling pin**
- *Altar set up- Sunday, March 17, from 3-5p*
- *Altar take down- Monday, March 18, from 3-6p*

I will need moms to bring fruit and cheese for the religion periods and several helpers for the Altar, so I have made a sign up at sign up genius here.

*<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A82CA0FF2-stjoseph2>. We always need adult help with the cookies, the setup and take down as well. Once again, rosaries made with last year's blessed altar roses will be created and are available for \$50 each. These are **pre-order** only and orders must be received by March 2. They are lovely and very special. Checks can be written to me and mailed to:*

Ann Kay Logarbo
80700 Teal Loop
Bush, LA 70431

Key rings, charms, etc. made from the roses will also be available on Altar day

Please feel free to contact me at alogarbo@charter.net for any questions.

As always, monetary donations are graciously accepted.

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.

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>

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.

Senior Spotlights: Starting today, Mimi Montiero will weekly feature a senior on our Facebook page. They will reflect on their SPS time. I've seen the first one (Chris Wilson), and it is excellent. Check it out. Thanks, Mimi!

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.

Testing: Grades 8 -10 will take standardized testing this week. Please speak with your son about the importance of these tests and encourage him to take them seriously and to do his best. 11th graders will take a real ACT next week.

Tutoring: National Honor Society tutoring takes place 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.

Vaping: I'm sorry I have to mention this, but please speak to your son about the dangers involved in this latest fad. We are hearing anecdotal reports of vaping by our students and have even taken disciplinary action against several of them who vaped at school events. We will continue to be vigilant and take strong measures against violators. The Covington Police Department informs us that it is AGAINST THE LAW for minors to purchase vaping equipment. Please make sure your son knows this – and complies with your wishes, the rules of the school – and the law. And the latest danger? Click here to learn: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-47136678>

Weekly Humor: Whale jokes in honor of Whale Day on Fri:

- *What do whales eat? Fish and ships.*
- *What do whales like to chew? Blubber gum!*
- *Where are whales weighed? At a whale weigh station.*
- *Did you hear about the flying whale? It's a whale of a story.*
- *What do you call a baby whale? A little squirt!*
- *What did a shark say to a whale? Stop blubbering!*
- *What you cross a cow and a whale, you get a Sha-Moo.*
- *How do you get banned from Sea World? Free Willy.*
- *How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.*
- *Why did the whale cross the road? To get to the other tide!*
- *How do you make a fish laugh? Tell a whale of a tale.*
- *What do you do with a blue whale? Cheer it up!*
- *What was Orca's favorite game show? Whale of Fortune.*
- *Who helps injured whales? Sturgeons.*
- *What time is it when a whale jumps into your boat? Time to get a new boat.*
- *Where do whales sleep at night? In water beds.*
- *What do whales need to stay healthy? Vitamin Sea.*
- *Did you know that whales can squirt ink? Just Squidding!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



Ask your son if he can identify the location of this "cross in a window" on our campus.

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
- We do not order extra books.
- Please contact Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions



A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead

- Tue, Feb 12 Explore Test for 8th Grade
- Wed, Feb 13 PLAN Test for 9th grade
- Thu, Feb 14 Pre-ACT for 10th Grade
- Fro. Feb 15 LPO Concert in the BAC for students

- Wed, Feb 20 On campus ACT for juniors
- Mon, Feb 25 Late start; Life Skills Day for Seniors
- Wed – Thu Feb 27 – 28 Junior retreat days
- Fri, Mar 01 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- M-F, Mar 4 -8 Mardi Gras /Lenten holidays
- Tue, Mar 12 Pack Time
- Wed, Mar 13 Mother-Son Dinner
- Fri, Mar 15 End of 3rd Quarter
- 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
- Wed, Apr 10 LA College & TOPS Night at SPS
- 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

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 if unavoidable conflicts (weather, etc.) occur.

February

- 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

Just a few of our Robo-Wolves at last week’s competition!

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 went off the radio but I still remember 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 move into February! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018 – 19 edition of Saint Paul’!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's Mid-February 2019 and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

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Now let's minister to the students 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 our Lasallian Mission!



Father – Son BBQ Reservation Form: Sat, March 23, 5 pm

Name of father: _____

Name of son(s): _____

Grade Level(s):

Total of check (\$20 per person) payable to: St. Paul's _____

Return to Claire Coutrado in Attendance Office