

+ **Brother Jeffrey Calligan, FSC** +

With heavy hearts, we mourn the passing of Brother Jeffrey Calligan, the 16th Christian Brother President/Principal of SPS and current staff member of SPS. Brother Jeffrey was in failing health for many months, and the Brothers are grateful to all who ministered to him during this time. Jeff was an educational giant in the Lasallian world and had an international reputation. Jeffrey's impact on Lasallian education cannot be overstated, and Saint Paul's was blessed to have him with us for so many years.

Services for Brother Jeff are incomplete at this time. Details will follow.

In the words of Saint John Baptist de La Salle: *Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed children, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven.*

**Eternal rest grant unto Brother Jeffrey, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace! Amen!**



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

February 18 – 24, 2019



Monday, February 18, is the anniversary of the death, in 1564, of Michelangelo, artist, architect, and sculptor. Commissioned by Pope Julius III to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, Michelangelo was also architect of part of the massive church of St. Peter in Rome, and he designed its great dome.

Michelangelo, however, thought of himself mainly as a sculptor. Two of his most famous sculptures are "David" in Florence and the "Pieta" in St. Peter. Michelangelo often saw potential in things other people did not see. On one occasion, he was seen studying carefully what others saw as simply a large block of marble. Someone asked him what he was doing. He said, "I can see an angel imprisoned in this marble and I must set it free." He then began the long and skilled job of carving a beautiful angel out of that marble.



Although Michelangelo lived one hundred years before St. John Baptist de La Salle, our Founder also saw potential in things that other people did not see. He saw the children of the "artisans and the poor" who were "far from salvation." While others did not care about these children, he knew they had potential. He founded the Christian school to develop that potential and change those "blocks of marble" into "beautiful angels." As Lasallians, we are called to do this work, to adopt the eye of Michelangelo in looking at our students. Who knows what potential is "imprisoned" in each of them?

In a Lasallian school, everyone is important; no one is insignificant. May we be the sculptors who, with God's help, release the beauty and potential of the young men of Saint Paul's School!

Mon, Feb 18 (Regular; E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** In 1885, Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- **Presidents' Day:** From The History Channel: *Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present. We honor the 44 men who have had the incredible privilege of serving as President of the US. Question: If President Trump is the 45th president, how come there are only 44 names? Grover Cleveland served two non-consecutive terms, becoming the 22nd and the 24th president. But you knew that!*
- **National Battery Day:** This day honors Italian physicist Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the battery, who was born on this day in 1745. Without batteries, where would that pink bunny with the drums be today?
- **National Wine Day:** Responsibly enjoy!
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Catholic (BR) in season opener (5)
- **Bowling:** District-leading Wolves v. Hammond

Tue, Feb 19 (President's Assembly; LPO Assembly; MC TA & Snack Day; Whew! B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 2013, we formally dedicated the **Briggs Assembly Center** – which has been a blessing to SPS. We remain grateful to the family of David Briggs for making the transformation of this facility a reality. In particular, David wanted credit given to his mom, Dorothy Briggs, for her sacrifices to afford Catholic education for her children. Thank you, Mrs. Briggs!
- **TDIH:** In 1878, the technology that made the modern music business possible came into existence in the New Jersey lab where Thomas Alva Edison created the first device to both record sound and play it back. He was awarded U.S. Patent No. 200,521 for his invention--the phonograph. We've come a LONG way!
- **TDIH:** In 1968, *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* debuted on PBS. *It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood....*
- **Chocolate Mint Day:** Enjoy!
- **Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra Concert:** From Trevor's bulletin last week: *In another first, we will host the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra in the BAC for two performances, one for visiting junior high school students from local schools, and another for our students and faculty. The performance for the visiting schools will be at 10:30 so expect many buses and cars on campus mid-morning. The junior high students will be walking through campus during part of our lunch period, so teachers on duty please be extra vigilant and welcoming if you see these visitors (potential future students) walking to and from their buses. We will reserve the tennis court and gravel parking lot behind the BAC for the LPO musicians and*



staging area. Buses will park behind the small gym and along LaSalle Drive. Our students will park on the gym field that morning. The performance for SPS will begin at noon. Please help Andrew and his musicians by promoting this event among your students. It is a unique opportunity for us and a good way to bring many young students to our campus. My hope is that some teachers will take the opportunity to incorporate some of the musical offerings and what they represent, into a lesson.

Wed, Feb 20 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, John Hershel Glenn Jr. is successfully launched into space aboard the *Friendship 7* spacecraft on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut.
- **Cherry Pie Day:** DYK cherry pie is the second most popular pie in US, second only to apple? Enjoy!
- **ACT for Juniors in the BAC.** This is a real ACT! The advantages for our guys is that it's during a school day (instead of Sat morning) and they are taking it surrounded by friends. GEAUX, Juniors!
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Holden
- **Golf:** Wolves in Northshore District Play at Royal Golf Club in Slidell

Thu, Feb 21 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1972, Richard Nixon becomes first sitting US President to visit People's Republic of China. In Beijing, the president announced his breakthrough visit to China is "The week that changed the world."
- **Basketball:** Wolves v. St. Michael's in post-season exhibition
- **Baseball:** Wolves v. Rummel in WGNO Classic at Kirsch Rooney Park in NO

Fri, Feb 22 (Mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM DAY; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.
- **TDIH:** In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered first presidential radio broadcast from White House.
- **TDIH:** In 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York.
- **Single Tasking Day:** Concentrate on one task at a time today without feeling guilty about wasting time!
- **Be Humble Day:** Today's the day to practice humility! And we've all got things to be humble about.
- **Track Meet the Team (3:30 in cafeteria)**
- **Baseball:** Wolves v. Franklinton in WGNO Classic
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Cleopatra in NO**



Students collaborate in new library.

Sat, Feb 23

- **TDIH:** In 1896 - The Tootsie Roll was introduced.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, U.S. flag was raised on Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal's photo, showing 5 Marines & 1 Navy man struggling to hoist the flag pole, became the most reproduced photo in history and won a Pulitzer Prize.
- **National Inconvenience Yourself Day:** Often, we think that our lives and schedules are more important than some else's. We inconvenience other people to make our own lives easier and forget the impact of our actions on others. Concentrate today on trying to make someone else's life easier and happier rather than focusing on ourselves – I know what you're saying: if he wanted to make our lives more convenient, he wouldn't write these newsletters!
- **Lacrosse:** V/JV1 v. Pascagoula (11)
- **Soccer:** State Finals in Lafayette. Geaux Wolves!
- **Powerlifting:** South Regional Championship at PJP
- **Baseball:** Wolves v. Westminster (11) & Jesuit (2) in WGNO Classic; SPS 8th grade tournament
- **Golf & Rugby** are on the calendar with TBD listed so I have no details
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Olympia (Covington)**

Sun, Feb 24

- **TDIH:** In 1803, the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Marshall, decides *Marbury vs. Madison* and confirms the legal principle of judicial review--the ability of the Supreme Court to limit Congressional power by declaring legislation unconstitutional--in the new nation.
- **TDIH:** In 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson, who the Senate later acquitted. Trivia question: who was the only other US President to be impeached? Bill Clinton!
- **National Tortilla Chip Day:** Enjoy your favorite chip today
- **LASSCA:** Trevor and I leave this afternoon for the annual Lasallian Secondary Schools Chief Administrators conference, which brings together the presidents and principals from the 50+ secondary Lasallian school in the Region of North America. This year's conference is being held in Houston. We will be gone through Wednesday. God willing and SW Airlines cooperating, we will be back in school on Thu.
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Carrollton in NO**

Admissions for 2019 - 20: We need your help:

- **This Thu, Feb 21, we will mail letters of acceptance or non-acceptance to applicants for 2019 – 20.**
- **If you know a family interested in SPS but who did not apply, please encourage them to do so. We are committed to helping any family who wants to belong to the SPS family to do so. Have them call me personally to arrange for a visit.**
- **We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you!**

DRESS UNIFORM ON FRI, 2/22!



Juniors concentrate on their class reading.

After School Food Service: Beginning Tuesday, *Rosie's Kitchen* will sell wraps, dill pickles and boiled eggs for students who are staying around for any reason. We hope this service will be useful to students. Tuesday's wrap is shaved turkey breast, cheddar cheese, and bacon with honey mustard dressing.

Applicant Letter Excerpts: Some more unedited lines from applicants' letters

- *Have you ever wanted something more than anything else? Well, I feel this way about what I am trying to make as my greatest accomplishment so far, going to Saint Paul's/.*
- *I only hope that my younger brother will also become a wolf, as well as my children, grandchildren, and nephews.*
- *I strongly believe that like my brother, this school will forever change my life.*
- *If I want to be the best, I have to go to the best.*
- *It's been my dream to play football for St. Paul's since I was five.*

Amazon Smile: Last week we received a check for \$395.87 from Amazon Smile. This is a painless fundraiser for SPS. Please remember to choose SPS when ordering from AS. Every \$395.87 helps!

Senior Jordan Eberts took this great photo of the Quarterfinal playoff win v. Catholic Sophomore Ashton Mouton heads the ball while senior Matthew Weimer looks on in awe!



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.
- **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!

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. H

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!

Care & Vigilance: We have two short weeks before Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent holidays. Please be vigilant during this time. Mardi Gras can bring out strange behaviors in our boys. The best strategy is a well-planned lesson that lasts the entire period and vigilance throughout the school day.

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Sophomores take standardized testing seriously last week.

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 Lasallian schools in ARNO (no classes)
- Mon, Sep 02 Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 11 1st 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

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.

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..

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CPR & Stop the Bleed Program: Continuing our efforts to promote student health and safety, we will be providing Stop-the -Bleed and CPR workshops to all of our students and faculty. These 90-minute workshops will begin this week. Lakeview Regional Medical Center, Pontchartrain Cancer Center, Mandeville Fire and Acadian Ambulance Service have generously donated time and expertise to bring these lifesaving skills to our students and staff.

The greater the number of people who know how to control bleeding in an injured person, the greater the chance of survival of an injury. Help given by an immediate responder can often make the difference between life and death, even before a professional rescuer arrives. With the right training, we all can help save lives!

Below is a brief description of the skills we will learn during the workshop.

Stop the Bleed

The focus of the Program is to:

- Teach immediate response to bleeding

- Recognize life-threatening bleeding
- Learn appropriate ways to stop the bleeding
- Hands on & return demonstration of wound packing & tourniquet application

CPR- Hands only CPR

Students will learn:

- the basics of hands only CPR to save a life.
- how to activate the EMS calling 911
- the steps of Friends and Family CPR
- hands on and return demonstration of CPR and AED use

We are grateful to LRMC and PCC for sponsoring these programs. We will also offer a more extensive class leading to CPR Certification to students/faculty who would like further training.

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.

Did You Know Dept? DYK that pre-freshman **Preston Tate** is a Zulu coconut collector? He has 97! Read the article in The Advocate at https://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/entertainment_life/article_44755e66-2e40-11e9-aa9a-f3fc2f6fef0a.html

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**

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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 for executing the work.

Good News Dept: Last week, the College Board named all eight of our National Merit Semi-Finalists as National Merit FINALISTS. This is quite an achievement! We are EXTREMELY proud of **Jackson Gold, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Stephen Millet, David Needles, Andrew Norlin & Christopher Wilson.** Congratulations, NM Finalist Wolves!

Last Week:

- **Basketball:** Big wins over M'ville & F'Bleau!
- **Bowling:** Wolves are leading the District!
- **Habitat Club:** I think they had a work day on Sat!
- **Lacrosse:** Wolves played Jesuit and won 13 – 5!
- **Mole Day:** Chem classes celebrated Mole Day.
- **Rugby:** Team was scheduled to play but I don't have results.
- **Soccer:** On to the state finals via great wins over M'ville (4-0) & St. Amant (2-1). Geaux Soccer Wolves!
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophomores benefit from this powerful program
- **Testing:** Thanks, counseling department, for administering standardized testing to students!



Our eight (count 'em, eight!) National Merit Finalists!

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LHSAA: The LHSAA sent out a special email concerning sportsmanship, reminding host schools of their responsibility of controlling fans, players, and insuring safety of refs. They then listed the following sportsmanship incidents in recent LHSAA basketball games:

- *A fan assaulted an official on Feb 2 at the conclusion of the contest. Criminal charges were pressed.*
- *Nineteen student-athletes were disqualified for their involvement in a bench-clearing brawl on Jan 23.*
- *Fifteen student-athletes were ejected for participating in a fight during a game on Jan 29.*
- *In past two weeks, four basketball games were terminated because of student and/or spectator misconduct.*

This is a sad commentary on high school sports. Know that we insist on proper fan and spectator behavior at all Saint Paul's School athletic events.

Mother-Son Dinner: The deadline was last week; please submit your reservation form (a copy is printed at the end of the newsletter) if you wish to attend this wonderful event on Mar 13th at 6 pm.

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.

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.

Renaissance Board: Our Renaissance Board does so much for the school and gets little recognition, so I want to start reporting on their meetings. Last week, the RB met. Here are highlights of the funding requests:

- PLTW Team of Quinn Cooney, Jacob Lauterbach, & Zachary Usin are designing a solution for pain/anxiety management using a virtual reality device. The software, labeled Semi-Solace, allows you to experience two environments: a beach solace to help relieve anxiety, and a snow solace for burn victims pain relief. The design will be reliable, cost effective, easy, interactive and safe. The students requested \$1,284.82 to cover the cost of a laptop to run the software. The other materials have already been acquired, (2 free software, a VR headset (\$350), and a music software (\$130)). *The Renaissance Board approved the request.*
- PLTW Student Thomas Miller is working on a "Gaming Throne" - a comfortable, inexpensive, compact, and customizable gamer chair. His chair will use wheelchair motors, controllers, and a joystick. He needs materials to support the base of the chair, totaling \$558.75. *The Board approved the request.*
- PLTW student Andrew Norlin is requesting \$45 from the Board. Andrew's project is to use light therapy to reduce the damage to the skin from skin cancer. Andrew is printing 3' x 4' science fair type boards for his project and is requesting the \$45 for the 2 large poster printouts. *The Board approved the request.*
- Thanks, Renaissance Board, for your support of SPS students!

Re-Registration of Current Students for 2019 - 20: ALL registrations for next year are now overdue. PLEASE let me know your intentions. Curriculum and hiring decisions are being made based upon enrollment. If your son is returning,

please register him. If he is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know. Thanks.



Juniors celebrate Mole Day with fun, games, and learning.

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!

St. Joseph Altar -- Monday, March 18, 2019

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.

In Joseph's name,
 Ann Kay Logarbo

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 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.

Senior Spotlights: Starting today, Mimi Montiero will weekly feature a senior on our Facebook page. They will reflect on their SPS time. 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 is 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.

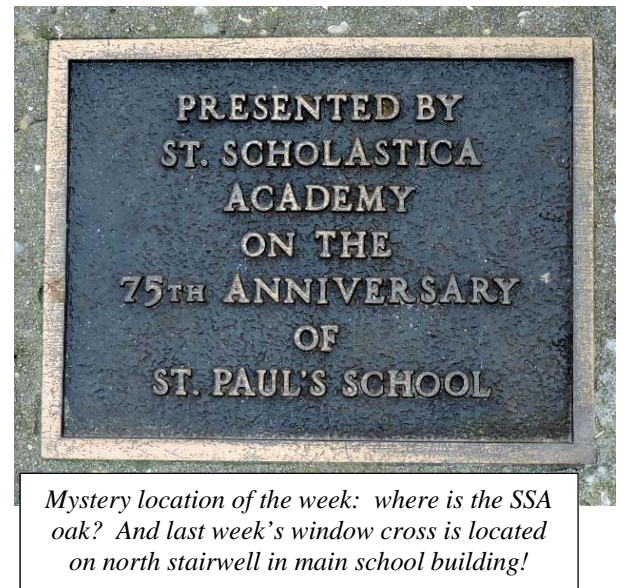
Student Council: *Any rising 9th through 12th grader is welcome to attend the Louisiana Association of Student Councils Summer Workshop June 2-6 at Northwestern State University. An informational meeting will be held Thursday, February 21 during 1st part of lunch in room 107.*

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.**

Tuxedos: Tuxedos to Geaux will be at Saint Paul's on Monday, March 11, at 11 am in the lobby of the BAC and on Tuesday, March 19th, at 3 pm in the bookstore. Tuxedo, shirt, and tie -- \$159 plus tax.

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>



DRESS UNIFORM ON FRI, 2/22

Weekly Humor:

- As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans.
- *What do you get when you wake up and realize you ran out of coffee?* - *A depresso.*
- *Two snails are chatting on the sidewalk. "I'll have to cross the road," says one. - "Well, be careful," says the other one, "there's a bus coming in an hour."*
- *What do you get when you crossbreed a cow and a shark?* - *I don't know, but I wouldn't enjoy milking it*
- *A bull that likes taking a nap is called a bulldozer!*
- *Why do bees hum?* - *They don't remember the words!*
- *A boomerang that doesn't come back is called a stick!*
- *A Buddhist asks the hot dog vendor "make him one with everything."*
- *Why don't you ever see elephants hiding in trees? Because they are really good at it!*
- *Why aren't koalas actual bears? They don't meet the Koalafications!*
- *A bear walks into a restaurant and say's "I want a grilled Cheese." The waiter says "What's with the pause?" The bear replies: "I'm a bear!"*
- *What do you call a bear with no ears?* *B*
- *I went into a pet shop. "Can I buy a goldfish?" The clerk said "Do you want an aquarium?" I said "I don't care what star sign it is."*
- *A pirate walks into a bar with a steering wheel on his pants, a peg leg, and a parrot on his shoulder. The bartender says "You have a steering wheel on your pants." The pirate says "Arrrr.. It's driving me nuts."*
- *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
- 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

- Wed, Feb 19 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
- Wed, Mar 27 Third Quarter HR Breakfast for Seniors
- Thu, Mar 28 Third Quarter HR Breakfast for Juniors
- Sat, Mar 30 Junior-Senior Prom
- Mon, Apr 01 Third Quarter HR Breakfast for Sophomores
- Wed, Apr 03 Third Quarter HR Breakfast for Freshmen
- Thu, Apr 04 Third Quarter HR Breakfast for Pre-freshmen
- 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”)
- Mon, Apr 29 Class resume; all-school mass; dress uniform day
- 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



Another action shot by Jordan Eberts: Michael outruns Catholic High defender in Quarter Final round of Soccer State Playoffs last Tuesday.

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Second Semester Period Rotation: For those who really plan, 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

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 2019, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which is no longer on the air but I still LOL thinking about it): 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 - 91 edition of Saint Paul’s! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Safe, Enjoyable Mardi Gras for All as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



Pray for us as we exhort our students to do ordinary things extraordinarily well, make courageous choices, do God’s will, remain faithful, let Our Lady of the Star guide us to God, and ask our Holy Founding Brothers to help us continue 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

**Mother – Son Dinner Reservation Form:
Wed, March 13, 6 pm**

Name of mother: _____

Email: _____

Name of Son(s): _____

Total of Check (\$23 per person) payable to St. Paul's _____

Return to SPS Administration Building Receptionist