

St. Paul's 3, Jesuit 0: SPS wins the D-I State Soccer Championship!



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



February 25 – March 10, 2019

Welcome to the eighth week of the third quarter and the week before Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent Holidays!



Adam lights prayer candle at last week's assembly – the next time we assemble, candle will be Lenten purple.

Two years ago, Brother Tim Coldwell, (former SPS teacher, state championship soccer coach and athletic director and currently General Councilor to our Superior General in Rome), sent me the following quotation from Saint La Salle's Conduct of Schools – the faculty handbook for the first Brothers and an incredible guide for us even today: *Holidays may not be given on the Monday and Tuesday immediately preceding the first day of Lent. Furthermore, students will even be required to be more exact in their attendance at school on these days than on any other day in the year.* Tim speculated that things were wild in France in the two days preceding Ash Wed, and our Founder wanted the students even more protected from the evil temptations and near occasions of sin of his day.

Well, I hate to ignore our Founder, but I do not think I could get away with having school on two days prior to Ash Wed in our south Louisiana culture today! I'd be sitting here by myself! But the very temptations that the Founder wanted to protect the students from still abound – and, perhaps, are magnified – in our current Mardi Gras culture.

And while I feel pretty helpless to do much about it, I still played YoYo Ma's "Ecstasy of Gold" from The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly at Tuesday's assembly. I still exhorted the students to embrace

the good, shun the bad, and eschew the ugly of Mardi Gras. I still encouraged them to attend Ash Wednesday services. I'll still praise the Marching Wolves and encourage families to take precautions. I'll still support families who leave town over Mardi Gras. And I'll still pray for the safety of all of our students. I hope you will join me in that. And then I'll enjoy Mardi Gras day with a good ratiocinative (look it up!) book in the quiet of the SPS Brothers' Residence and prepare for the beginning of Lent. I wish you a safe and enjoyable Mardi Gras and a significant beginning of Lent.

Mon, Feb 25 (9 am start for faculty meeting; D E F G)

- Trevor and I are in Houston today through Wednesday evening. Houston is the site of this year's Lasallian Secondary Schools Chief Administrators Conference, the annual gathering of almost 200 leaders from over 50 Lasallian schools throughout the United States and Canada. Over the next three days, Trevor and I will join our Lasallian colleagues and participate in professional development, spiritual enrichment, collegial

sharing and a little bit of fun – all within the context of our common heritage of the Lasallian Mission. The time will be well spent. This annual Conference is one of many regional programs that forcefully reminds us that we are not alone; we are part of a 339 year old educational tradition that has spread throughout the world. In the United States, Lasallian education is alive and well – in large part to the ever-increasing number of caring and dedicated lay partners, who are “stepping up” to keep the Mission alive as the number of Christian Brothers continues to decline – as Brother Jeffrey’s passing last week hit home forcefully. Together, we are fulfilling the mandate of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, who told the first Brothers: *To touch the hearts of the students entrusted to your care is the greatest miracle you can perform – and one which God expects of you.* We must do nothing less today. God willing and Southwest Airlines cooperating, Trevor and I will return late Wednesday afternoon and will be in school on Thursday. I know you will take good care of things in our absence. Joe, Ken, Craig, and Lee will be in charge in our absence. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

- **This Day in History:** On this day in 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dances through the streets of New Orleans marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.
- **TDIH II:** In 1862, The U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing paper notes to pay the government's bills. This ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions; it allowed government to finance the enormously costly Civil War long after it depleted its metal reserves.
- **TDIH III:** In 1807, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is born. Longfellow was an American literary giant of the 19th Century. Who can forget his immortal poem “Evangeline” or the opening lines of “Paul Revere’s Ride”: *Listen my children and you shall hear / Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere....*
- **Life Skills Day:** Thanks to the Development Team for this important day, sponsored by The SPS Renaissance Board, for our seniors. The following topics will be covered: Debt Management; Cash Management; State Police presentation on Actions and Consequences; Basic Auto Mechanics; Living out the Faith; Basic Household Skills (washing clothes, cooking, etc.)
- **Baseball:** SPS at John Curtis (Mike Miley park)



*Hungry Wolves attack Mothers' Club King Cake Day!
Did you ever see so much King Cake in one location?*

Tue, Feb 26 (Wolf Packs; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1993, a bomb explodes in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people died and 1,000 were injured by the powerful blast, a precursor to the 9-11 attack.
- **National For Pete’s Sake Day:** Who is Pete and why do we do or not do things for his sake?
- **National Pistachio Day:** Crack a handful of these addictive nuts today and enjoy! Some pistachio facts:

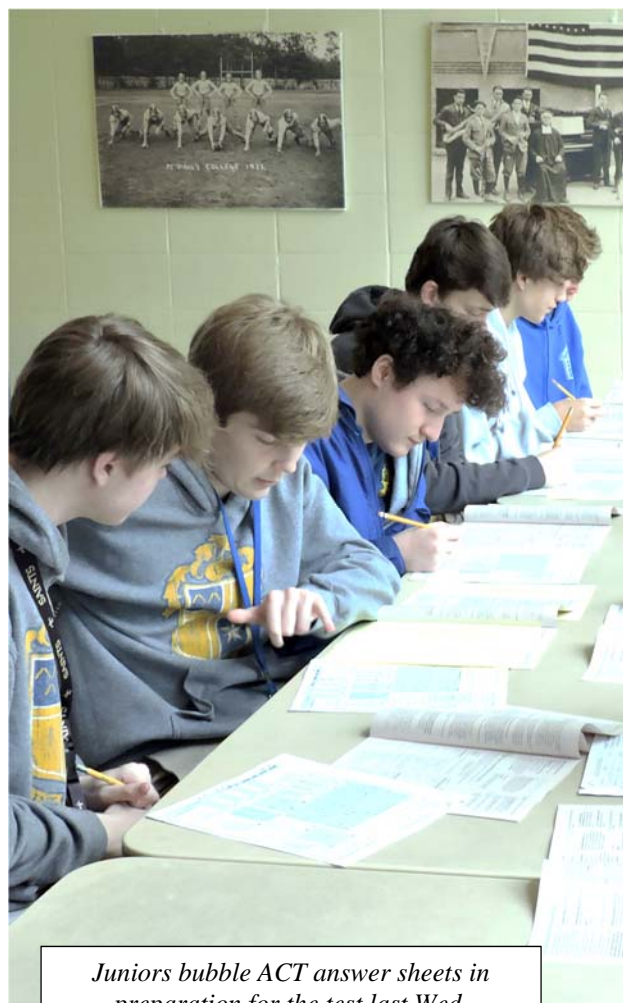
- Pistachios grow on trees. A pistachio tree takes 7-10 years to mature and produce nuts.
- While native to the Middle East, California is the major producer in the US
- Pistachios are harvested in Sept by machines that shake the trees
- Red pistachios are dyed due to consumer demand for the color
- Its open hull is unique. The nut is ripe when the hull splits open
- In the Middle East, they are called “smiling nuts” and in China they are called “happy nuts.”
- Pistachios are nutritious so eat ‘em up today!
- **Basketball:** Wolves v. Shaw in playoff game (7 pm)
- **Tennis v. Covington** at PAC

Wed, Feb 27 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1827, masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras. And we're still reeling from the effects!
- **International Polar Bear Day:** Polar Bear Day celebrates the world's largest carnivore that can grow up to 9 feet tall (when standing) and 1400 pounds. Polar bears live at the North Pole region, and are native to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia. Celebrate the polar bear today! Visit the international website at <http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/bear-facts/>
- **National Chili Day:** Enjoy a bowl of your favorite chili today! (Mine is New Mexican green chili!)
- **Athletic Signings:** At 10:00 am in the lobby of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, Saint Paul's will hold a signing celebration for seniors Chase May, who will play golf at Loyola University in New Orleans and Kyle McLaughlin, who will play baseball at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. Thanks to Karen for organizing this signing ceremony and to Kyle and Chase!
- **Junior Retreat (half to Angola; half on retreat)**
- **Bowling v. St. Thomas**
- **Golf:** SPS in Northshore league at Pinewood in Slidell (9 holes)
- **Baseball:** 8th v. Franklinton (5 & 6:45)

Thu, Feb 28 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1953, Cambridge U scientists James Watson and Frances Crick announce they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes.
- **TDIH:** In 2013, Pope Benedict XVI resigned as pope. He was the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415 and the first to resign voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294.
- **National Public Sleeping Day:** SPS will not celebrate this day – at least not until 3.16 pm.
- **Junior Retreat (half to Angola; half on retreat)**
- **Baseball v. Live Oak in St. Tammany Invitational**
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Trafton Invitational at Covington High



- **Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays** begin for students at 3:15 pm. Please honor this and do not check students out early. Thank you for respecting the importance of class time.

Fri, Mar 01 (Faculty Retreat Day; no classes for students)

- **TDIH: In 1872**, President Ulysses S. Grant signed legislation making Yellowstone the country's first national park.
- **National Pig Day:** Honor our porcine friends today!
- **Basketball:** If Wolves won on Tue, they travel to St. Aug for playoff game tonight at 7
- **Marching Wolves:** MWs in Krewe of Hermes
- **Baseball:** SPS v. Destrehan in St. Tammany Invitational
- **Track:** JV & Varsity in Ponchatoula Meet

Sat, Mar 02

- **TDIH: In 1872**, President Ulysses S. Grant signed legislation making Yellowstone the country's first national park.
- **Marching Wolves:** MWs in Krewe of Endymion
- **Baseball:** SPS v. Dutchtown & Denham in St. Tammany Invitational; 9th v. Slidell & Covington at Slidell

Sun, Mar 03

- **I Want You To Be Happy Day:** I want this every day
- **Marching Wolves:** MWs in Krewe of Bacchus

Mon, Mar 04 – Sun, Mar 10 – Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays – you are own your own for TDIH, National Whatever Day, and athletic activities. The newsletter is tired and is taking a vacation. Next newsletter will be sent on Sun, Mar 10.



The Marching Wolves hit the streets, marching in seven Mardi Gras parades!

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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 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!**

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!

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!



*The Canada geese have returned!
Can spring be far behind?*

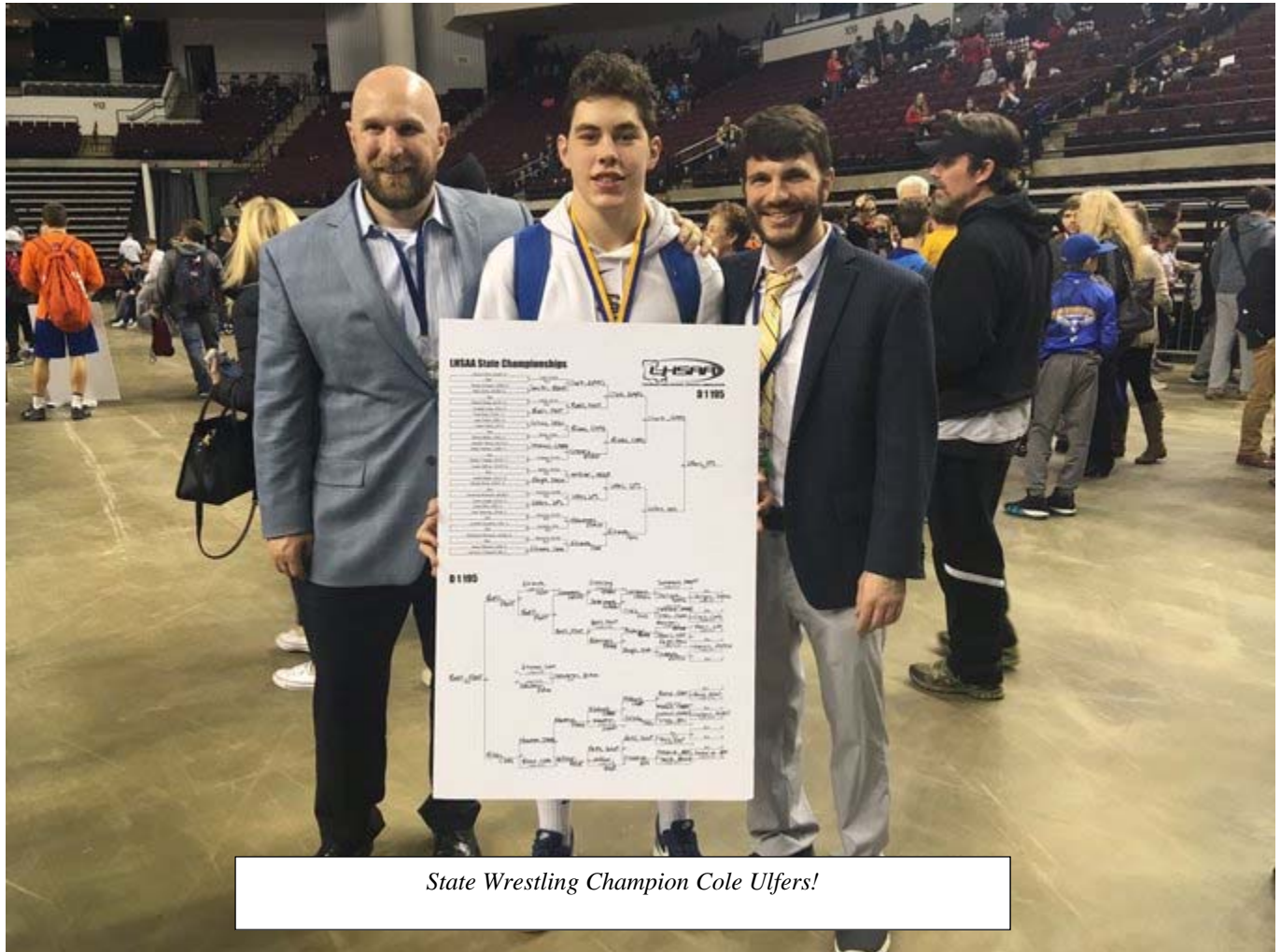
Assembly on February 19: I hope the students enjoyed my Assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym to the music of world-famous cellist Yo Yo Ma playing "Ecstasy of Gold", a song from the 1960's classic spaghetti - Western film, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." I explained that I chose Yo Yo Ma's version because, in addition to being outstanding, Ma's life is dedicated to promoting world peace and human rights. Several years ago, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor an American President can bestow. And I told them I use the song at the assembly before Mardi Gras, because that holiday, while having so much good, is also sometimes filled with the bad and the ugly. I beseeched the students to choose only the good this Mardi Gras season and to avoid the bad and the ugly. As the prayer candle was lit by junior, Adam Janney, we prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: ***Mr. Alden Reine, Sr, grandfather of Justin McCleskey '19; Mr. Charlie Wieland, grandfather of Brady Billiot '20; and, of course, Brother Jeffrey Calligan, FSC***
- I welcomed the students to the seventh week of the third quarter and exhorted them to make the most of our remaining time this school year.



Undefeated, District Champion Bowling Wolves!

- Recognized Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, and the almost 100 Marching Wolves who will begin their Mardi Gras season, marching in eight parades: Wal-Mart special needs parade, Krewes of Cleopatra, Olympia, Carrollton, Hermes, Endymion, Bacchus, and Zulu.
- **Recognized and congratulated the 8th Grade Soccer Team for winning the SPS Tournament. They had a great season, finishing 12-1-1. Their only loss and only goals allowed was to St. Paul's ninth grade team!**
- Recognized and congratulated the 9th Grade Soccer Team for their outstanding season, ending with a 1st Place finish in the **Champions League Bracket of the GHS Tournament**



State Wrestling Champion Cole Ulfers!

- Recognized and congratulated the JV Soccer Team for its outstanding season, ending with a 1st Place finish in the Covington High Tournament.
- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Soccer Team for its District Championship and ninth consecutive appearance in the state championship game!
- Projected the following Facebook post to the student body **from the St. Amant parent that films St. Amant soccer games live on Facebook for Duckroot SportsNetwork. After the game, he posted the following on LaPrepSoccer.**

St. Paul is a classy bunch and did a fantastic job hosting St. Amant. They took great care of me and they were better than the Gators in the second half and deserve the win. They're the best team for several reasons and I envy the enthusiasm of their students and community around their program. It matters more to them and if you want a great program it first has to matter to more than just a few. Coach Moser is my kind of man and say what you want about him but never question what he's accomplished.

It's the game played in perfect form for High school level soccer. I had a nice chat with him after the game and he was very gracious. I hope he wins his next game because I believe they're the best team. The weaknesses are not noticeable and trust me every team before ast. Paul was uncomfortable vs St. Amant's speed and grit. They absorbed it in some ways used it to their advantage. Man for man St. Amant was more athletic than them but the game is about more than just physical gifts. I love their team and their fans and their program. It's what I hope to have someday in the future as a St. Amant contributor.

- Recognized and congratulated the basketball teams for their seasons. Special congrats went to the 9th grade team for its 1st place finish in the SPS Tournament.
- Recognized and congratulated the Bowling Wolves for their league leading, undefeated performance.
- Recognized and congratulated the Wrestling Teams for their outstanding seasons, especially the Varisty, who remain District and Parish Champs. Special recognition when to junior Cole Ulfers for winning the state championship in his weight classification.
- Ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions, so they will "roll over" until the next assembly. I reminded the students about the LPO performance later that morning and encouraged them to enjoy the experience.
- To get them in the mood for classical music, we ended by singing Ode to Joy – which is set to the music of the final movement of Beethoven's 9th Symphony. They were great! It was a moving moment!
- We then ended with junior Tyler Tran 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 "Ecstasy of Gold" from

"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

- It was a great assembly -- at least I thought so!

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!

+ Brother Jeffrey: Funeral services for Brother Jeffrey will be held at an all-mass on Friday, March 22, at 1:30 pm in our new gym. Scheduling the service was an arduous task, and I am grateful to all who helped pull the service together, especially Gina Hall, Merle Dooley & Bro. Ken to whom Jeffrey communicated his wishes.



Students stand to sing the third verse of "O God Beyond All Praising" at Fri's mass.

Care & Vigilance: We have four weeks before Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent holidays. We will insist on full adherence to all school rules. Please speak with your son so that they can begin the holiday with no problem.

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 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..



Physics students made musical instruments out of plastic straws and water to create different notes. They then played Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

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.

Uncontrolled bleeding is the most preventable cause of death. 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.

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.



Students attend to LPO's concert last week.

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 for executing the work.

Good News Dept: 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.** Heartiest congratulations, NM Finalist Wolves!

Last Week:

- **Acceptance Letters for 2019-10** were mailed on Thursday; new moms were already shopping in the book store for gifts for our newest wolves. Thanks to the MC for opening the book store with extra hours. And many thanks to media teacher Josh Pereira and the Development staff for the wonderful welcoming video we sent to our newest wolves. Wanna’ see it? Here’s the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WquPlgnE78&feature=em-share_video_user
- **ACT Testing:** Thanks to counseling staff who worked into Tue night to prepare for the testing on Wed morning. The results will be worth it. Yes, it’s inconvenient to offer the ACT during the school day, but it’s in the best interest of our students – and ultimately the school. **I am very disappointed with the 20 juniors who checked out of school following the test – and with their parents who allowed them to do this in opposition to school policy.**
- **Baseball:** Big win over state ranked Catholic High!
- **Bowling:** Big wins last week have Wolves capturing our first District title! Geaux 11-0 Bowling Wolves!
- **CPR / Stop the Bleed:** Thanks to Lakeview Regional Medical Center, Ponchartrain Cancer Center and local EMTs for the first series of CPR and Stop the Bleed training sessions.

- **Debate:** Our debaters were at it again in the Christ Episcopal Tournament. Last week, they participated in the Baton Rouge Magnet on Feb 15 & 16. They competed until 11 pm Friday and were back at it 7:30 am Saturday morning, and stayed at it through the day. In the end, Hal Fox won second in Senior Extemporaneous Speaking and Tyler Beard and Ian Kramer won second in Public Forum Debate. Jack Hanks and John Bergeron also participated in PF Debate. Thanks, Kim, for working with Debating Wolves!
- **Golf: first match cancelled!**
- **Lacrosse:** Big wins on Fri night!
- **Literary Rally:** Wolves made a great showing Sat in SLU! Thanks to all for prepping them so well.
- **LHSAA Audit:** I echo the congratulations of Craig and Trevor to Claire and Carol for 100% passing of the LHSAA paperwork audit!
- **Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra:** I thoroughly enjoyed the concert! Hope you did, too! OK, a few parts were “hokey” and meant for elementary schools, but the music was sublime. I guess our guys were “too cool” to participate in *Oye!* Too bad. Thanks, Andrew, for arranging this. Special thanks to physical plant crew who had to re-set the BAC for the ACT testing the following morning! And congratulations to Andrew Moran on the birth of your daughter last week!
- **Marching Wolves:** Walmart Special Needs Parade was quite a hit! Thanks to Ken & Craig for driving the MWs to Wal Mart. And Krewes of Cleopatra and Olympia loved the MWs! Carrollton rolls today (Sunday) and I am confident the crowds will love the MWs, too.
- **Mass:** Our all school mass on Friday was spiritually uplifting for me. Thanks to all who participated.
- **Mothers’ Club:** Thanks, MC, for an incredible King Cake Snack Day (you have never seen so much KC in one location!) and a more than delicious TA lunch for staff. We continue to be indebted to the MC!
- **Powerlifting:** Iron Wolves were in the South Regional Championship. I don’t have results, but I’m sure they did admirably!
- **Soccer:**



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.

Re-Registration of Current Students for 2019 - 20:

- All registration for next year is now OVERDUE. If your son is returning next year, please register him. If your son is not returning, please give me the courtesy of notification of that fact.



Support campus re-cycling of aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

Recycling Initiative: Our Env Science Wolves encourage student to participate in their recycling efforts. They recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Please encourage your son to support this initiative.

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 Mon, March 18, in the BAC. 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 Mar 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.



Andrew reads at last Friday's mass.

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: With Mardi Gras looming, the temptations for alcohol use by students remain. 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!



Thanks, LPO, for visiting SPS last week! Y'all were great!

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.

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.**

Tuxedoes: Tuxedoes 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.



More King Cake

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>

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 (*note changes in italics*)

March 11 – Classes resume from Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays

March 12 – Pack Time

March 15 – End of Third Quarter

March 18 – St. Joseph's Altar (all periods meet) (Late Start – 40 minute classes)

March 19 – President's Assembly

March 22 – Late start

March 27 – 12th HR Breakfast/11th Holocaust Talk/ 10th at Mass

March 28 – 9th Grade Retreat/Trip – 11th HR Breakfast/12th Holocaust Talk/ 8th at Mass

March 29 – 9th Grade Retreat/Trip

April 1 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast/ 9th Grade Holocaust Talk/ 12th at Mass

April 2 – President's Assembly

April 3 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast/ 8th Holocaust Talk/11th at Mass

April 4 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast/ 10th Holocaust Talk/ 9th at Mass

April 8 – Late Start

April 9 – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation/Snack Day

April 10 – Leadership Breakfast

April 11 – Guest Speaker

April 12 – Year in Review/Alumni Assemblies

April 15 – ~~Mass Schedule~~ – Regular Schedule

April 16 – President's Assembly

April 17 – Passion Play Schedule

April 18 – Mandatum Assembly

April 19 – Good Friday Holiday

April 29 - Mass

April 30 – President’s Assembly

May 1-3 – Senior Exams

May 7 – Pack Time

May 9 – Athletic Awards

May 10 – Academic Awards

May 14-16 – Pre-Freshmen Exams

May 21-24 – Final Exams 9th-11th

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

25 – DEFG

26 – ABCD

27 – EFGA – Junior Retreat

28 – BCDE – Junior Retreat

March

1 – Faculty Retreat Day – no classes for students

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 – 24 Exam schedules

Whew! Enough for now. But you get a break next week as the newsletter goes on Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent holiday! Enjoy next Sunday without the newsletter cluttering up your email! Next newsletter will be sent on Sunday, March 10.

Even though it’s the end of February 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

**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 _____

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