



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



March 11 – 17, 2019 – First Week of Lent

Remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return!

Welcome to the final week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter & the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent! To begin Lent, here are some quick facts:

- Lent is the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays. The word comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten” meaning spring. The symbolism of 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry and being tempted by Satan.
- Purple is typically associated with Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity. Purple is full of symbolism. Its deep dark richness invites us to slow down and consider the sacrifices Jesus did for us.
- In most Christian denominations, Lent starts on Ash Wed, derived from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance to God. The ashes are made from blessed palms from previous Palm Sunday.
- The practices of Lent involve prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- Lent originated in the first three centuries A.D. and, over the centuries, developed from a one- or two-day observance to forty days.
- In Eastern traditions, there is no Ash Wednesday. Rather, the Orthodox Church observes Clean Monday, a time to purify the soul of sinful, selfish attitudes. Indeed, the entire first week of Lent is often dubbed “Clean Week,” a time of confession, abstinence and spring-cleaning.
- McDonald’s Filet-O-Fish sandwich was inspired by Good Friday. Lou Groen, a McDonald’s franchise owner in a Catholic section of Cincinnati, noticed that his burger sales were dropping off on Fridays. His solution, in 1962, was to come up with the now-famous fish sandwich.



Here's a prayer appropriate for Lent:

*Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs filling. Fill it, Lord. I am weak in faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times, I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you, I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.*

**Mon, Mar 11 (Regular; F G A B) Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time began at 2:00 am yesterday. Hope you sprang forward!**

- **This Day in History:** In 1818, Mary Shelley publishes *Frankenstein*, called the first science fiction novel. BTW, Frankenstein is NOT the name of the creature! It’s the name of the scientist who created the creature.

- **Brain Awareness Week:** Let's celebrate our brains and encourage the students to use their brains! Here's a website with activities about the brain: <http://www.dana.org/resources/brainykids/>
- **Johnny Appleseed Day:** Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was a real person, a settler captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree planted, the legend grew. Eat an apple today in honor of Johnny.
- **World Plumbing Day:** Appreciate plumbing today, something we all too often take for granted. And I guess we should give a shout out to plumbers, too! Where would we be without them?
- **National Napping Day** (day after DST to help us adjust): SPS will not observe this day – until 3:15 pm!
- **Baseball:** 8th v. Slidell (4:15 & 6:15)

### Tue, Mar 12 (Pack Time; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1622, Pope Gregory XV canonized an extraordinary group of men and women, making them saints in the Roman Catholic Church: Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, & Ignatius Loyola. May these saints pray for us in our work at SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first "fireside chat" radio address. Today he would probably have sent out a tweet!
- **Genealogy Day:** Spend time today researching your ancestors or at least giving thanks for them!
- **Drama:** Preview night for *Newsies*

### Wed, Mar 13 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Mass:** We will resume Wed AM mass this morning and continue as long as there is interest. I cannot keep asking a priest to celebrate mass when only one or two students show. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this spiritual gift, especially during the season of lent.
- **TDIH:** In 2013, Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, becoming Francis I.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, US Army begins training dogs for War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps."
- **Mother-Son Dinner (6)**
- **Track:** Jr Hi at Slidell
- **Tennis v. Salmen at PAC**
- **Golf:** SPS in Northshore league play at Abita



*Deuce & Ross lead the MWs in 7 MG parades!*

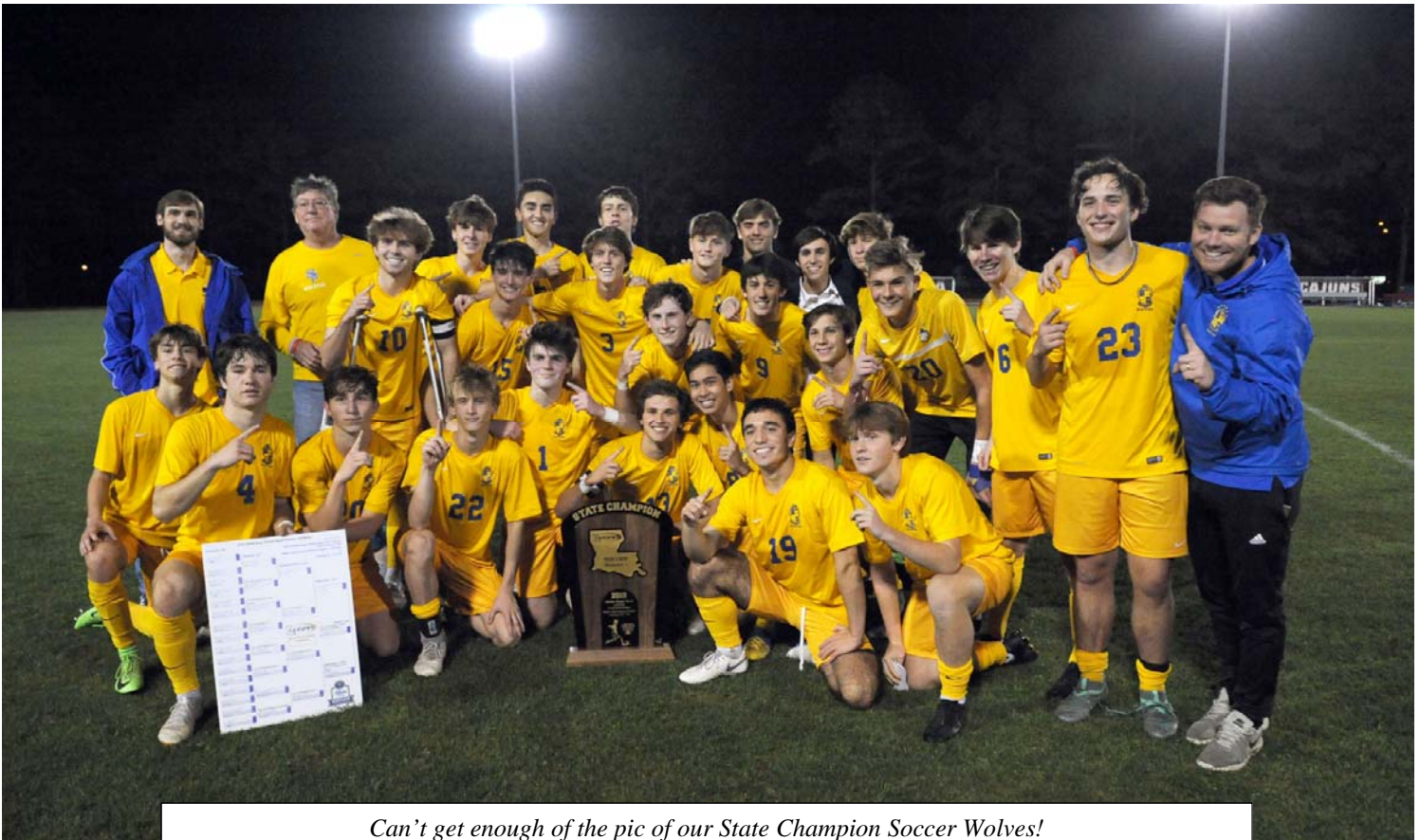
### Thu, Mar 14 (Scheduling Assembly; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1879, Albert Einstein is born, the son of a Jewish electrical engineer in Ulm, Germany. Einstein's theories of special and general relativity drastically altered man's view of the universe, and his work in particle and energy theory helped make possible quantum mechanics and, ultimately, the atomic bomb.

- **Pi Day:** Pi, Greek letter ( $\pi$ ), is the symbol for ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Math enthusiasts celebrate Pi Day on March 14<sup>th</sup> (3/14) since  $\pi = 3.1415926535\dots$  Get it?
- **Learn About Butterflies Day:** Some scientists think that the health of the butterfly population has implications for the health of the rest of the earth. Learn about the beautiful, helpful butterfly today!
- **National Potato Chip Day:** Snack away!
- **International Ask A Question Day:** Ask questions today!
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> in N'shore Tournament
- **Track:** SPS Jr Hi Tournament
- **Drama:** *Newsies* (7) Tickets are selling quickly. Encourage your students to attend. The show will be well worth their time. Good luck, Gordon and Marian Players!

**Fri, Mar 15 (Scheduling Assembly; End of Third Quarter; A B C D)**

- **TDIH: Beware the Ides of March!** Julius Caesar was assassinated on this day in 44 BC. According to Shakespeare, when stabbed by close friend, Marcus Brutus, Caesar uttered *Et tu, Brute!*
- **Incredible Kids Day:** Celebrate by letting your kids know how good they are.
- **Corn Dog Day:** You can't celebrate this day – it's Lent! No meat on Friday!
- **Jazz Band & Combo participate in the Loyola Jazz Festival today.**
- **Drama:** *Newsies* (7)
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Var v. St. Thomas More (7)
- **Track:** SPS in Andy Thiel Invitational at Ponchy
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> in N'shore tourney; Varsity at Newman
- **Powerlifting:** SPS in state meet in Alexandria



*Can't get enough of the pic of our State Champion Soccer Wolves!*

**Sat, Mar 16**

- **TDIH:** In 1802, the US Congress establishes the United States Military Academy at West Point.
- **Lips Appreciation Day:** Do something nice for your lips today – like using lip balm and civil language!
- **Lacrosse:** JV & Varsity v. Ocean Springs (7:30)
- **Math:** Fighting Math Wolves in Brother Martin tournament
- **Habitat Work Day**
- **Baseball:** Varsity in double header v. Newman
- **Rugby in Marconi Pitch in City Park**
- **Drama:** *Newsies* (2 & 7 pm)

**Sun, Mar 17 -- 2nd Sunday of Lent -- I encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass today and our non-Catholic families to attend the church, synagogue, or mosque of choice.**

- **TDIH:** In 461 A.D., Saint Patrick, Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland, dies in Ireland. Happy Feast Day to all Irish and Irish wanna-bees!

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

**I have increased the font size to indicate new items – and those that really need repeating. Hope this helps!**

**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 have saved some places for late applicants. 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:** This is a painless fundraiser for SPS. Please remember to choose SPS when ordering from AS. Every dollar 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!

**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’!



*Students stand to sing the third verse of “O God Beyond All Praising” at Feb’s mass.*

+ **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.

**Human Trafficking:** Sent last week by Catholic Schools Superintendent Dr. RaeNell Houston: *Recently, I had the opportunity to learn more about the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the US and in Louisiana...human trafficking. Did you know that in 2017, 52% of human trafficking victims in Louisiana were minors? Research from the Louisiana Child Trafficking Collaborative demonstrates a need for training to increase awareness of and the ability to recognize risk factors for children. I would like to encourage you to reach out to **Debbie Shinskie in the Respect Life Office** ([respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org)) to inquire about or schedule Human Trafficking Awareness training for your faculty and staff AND for your high school students.*

## 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 4 Lasallian schools in ARNO (no classes)
- Mon, Sep 02 Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 11 1<sup>st</sup> Q ends; Grandparent Day
- Mon, Nov 04 Archdiocesan Formation Day
- Mon-Fri, Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Mon-Thurs, Dec 16-19 Semester Exams
- Mon, Jan 06: Classes resume & Second Semester begins
- Mon, Jan 20 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Fri, Feb 21 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- Mon-Fri, Feb 24-28 Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
- Fri, Mar 13 End of Third Quarter
- Fri – Fri Apr 10 - Apr 17 Easter Holidays
- Wed-Fri, Apr 29 – May 1 Senior Final Exams
- Fri, May 15 Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6 pm)
- Sat, May 16 Senior Graduation (4 pm)
- Tues – Fri, May 19 - 22 Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11

## Camp Abbey Summer Camp

- Camp Abbey Summer Camp is a one-week sleepover 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](http://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](mailto: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..



**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](mailto:development@stpauls.com) or check out the website at: [Celebrity Dinner!](#)

**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.



*PE classes enjoy an outside day during February.*

**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 mail reservation 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/fornite-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 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!

*Lakeview Regional Medical Center,  
Ponchartrain Cancer Center and St.  
Tammany EMTs provide CPR/Stop the  
Bleed training to all SPS students and staff.*

**Greater Lasallian World:** On March 16, The San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) District will celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the arrival of the Christian Brothers in CA.

On Aug 10, 1868, the first Brothers sailed into San Francisco Bay and made the five-mile trip to Saint Mary's College. At the time, Brothers had been teaching in the United States for only eleven years and numbered about 200. Their arrival led to the establishment of the District of San Francisco, which by 1901 boasted 94 Brothers teaching in 13 schools with a total enrollment of 2,306. Current Lasallian schools in California include: Cathedral HS, Los Angeles; Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento; Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School, Oakland; De La Salle Academy, Concord; De La Salle HS, Concord; De Marillac Academy, San Fran; Justin-Siena High School, Napa; La Salle High School, Pasadena; Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, San Francisco; Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga; & Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley.

The SF event is one of three 2018-2019 Lasallian anniversary observances by the SFNO District. In July 2018, a District marked the 100th anniversary of Christian Brothers' continuous presence in LA. Throughout 2019, the we commemorate the 300th year since the death of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Founder of Brothers of the Christian Schools and Patron Saint of Teachers of Youth.

**Greater Lasallian World II:** San Miguel High School, the Lasallian School in Tucson, announced that Principal Armando Valenzuela has resigned, effectively immediately. The school and the San Francisco New Orleans District of Christian Brothers thank Armando for his contributions to the school over the past two years and wish him well. Let us keep President Dave Mason and the entire San Miguel community in our thoughts and prayers throughout this time of transition. San Miguel is a Christo Rey model school, where low-income students attend class four days a week and work at an internship one day a week that pays their tuition.

**Greater Lasallian World III:** A Message from Brother Donald Johanson, Provincial: *Superior General, Brother Robert Schieler, FSC, informed the Institute that a medical check-up revealed cancer on part of his liver. According to Brother Robert, the cancer is in a confined area and, given the early diagnosis and his general good health, the prognosis for his recovery is good. He is moving forward with treatment and is in excellent spirits. I ask that we join the members of the worldwide Lasallian family in offering our prayers for Brother Robert's healing, and that God will continue to strengthen him in his journey back to full health.*



SPS alum Sgt. Stephen Hammonds '01 of LA State Police speaks to seniors on legal issues during Life Skills Day. Pay attention to the Trooper, Matthew!

**My Houston Vacat...uh, Conference:** Trevor and I spent three productive days in Houston with over 150 Lasallian colleagues, mostly from the 52 US Lasallian schools. A brief recap:

- Sun night: checked into JW Marriott Galleria Hotel (nice!) We opened with a brief business meeting (yawn) but were energized by a Wine and Wisdom Session -- small groups “break the ice” and discuss some common issues. We then closed the evening with a very nice social (great chardonnay!) to reacquaint ourselves with our colleagues and relax from our day’s travel. And like Las Vegas, what goes on at the social, stays at the social!
- Mon AM: We heard a keynote address by Dr. Karen Eifler, Education Professor at the University of Portland and national speaker/author. Her talk was titled “Oui, Whee, & We” – which sounds hokey but was actually very good! Simply put: Oui – we must say “yes” to our Mission of Lasallian education; Whee – we must exude and spread joy in our work; and We – we must do so together and by association.
- After table discussion and a break, we met by Districts: The District of Eastern North America (DENA), the Midwest District, and the San Francisco New Orleans District (SFNO). Our District leadership team led us through a number of issues specific to our schools.
- After lunch, I met with the Presidents of Lasallian schools while Trevor met with principals. We discussed many common problems such as finances, faculty formation, safety, and marketing.
- On Mon night, the San Francisco New Orleans contingent met for dinner at Café Annie – very nice! We “passed a good time” – I’ll leave it at that! After an exhausting day, we retired for the night!
- On Tue, Mr. Mark Freund, Executive Director, Office of Lasallian Education of the Christian Brothers Conference, gave regional stats. Overall, Catholic school enrollment is down – including Lasallian schools (although not as severe.) The number of Brothers continues to decline, too. The future challenges are great.
- Mr. Tom Gartland, former CEO of Avis and now a noted author and speaker, then addressed us on *Lead with Heart*. Again, interesting and challenging! His main message? Reduce the “professional distance” that leaders too often have between themselves and those who report to them. I picked up some tips.
- In late morning, we had a sobering session: *Detecting and Disrupting Insider and Outsider Perpetrated Threats* by Dr. John Nicoletti, Police Psychologist and CEO of Nicoletti-Flater Associates. He presented best practices for schools to use to prevent an attack. The key? Detection before the person becomes so disaffected that they feel the need to disrupt. I took comfort in knowing that we have implemented at SPS most of what he recommended. We pray for the safety of all in schools!
- In the afternoon, I attended a session on “Ramping Up the Annual Fund” and another one on “Online Faculty Lasallian Formation”. Both were excellent. Trevor attended ones on

“Threat Detection” and “Social and Emotional Learning in Schools”. He said they were very informative.

- The day ended with a Mardi Gras-themed social (our northern/western colleagues had no idea what to do with the beads) that ended about 7. Some younger, more robust attendees kept the fun going, but yours truly retired for the night! Again, what went on at social, stays at social!
- On Wed morn, Bro. Robert Schaefer, Secretary for Formation, addressed us on the new Lasallian formation handbook for Mission. He stressed the need to form our faculties in the one Mission of the Church (the message of Jesus) in a Lasallian way. He was excellent but challenging. We then headed for the airport.
- Well, that’s more than you wanted to know, but know that I was not on vacation! Kudos to Southwest Airlines for flights that didn’t tax my nervous system too much – except for a few minutes each way when it was WAY TOO bumpy and my rosary was put to good use! As always, I said a prayer of thanks as SW Flight 19 touched ground only fifteen minutes late at Louis Armstrong Airport at 2:50 PM Wed and an hour and fifteen minutes later as I re-entered the holy ground of Saint Paul’s School.
- Thanks for keeping things going in the absence of Trevor and me! Some said it was smoother than usual!



*Seniors get advice on basic car maintenance during Life Skills Day!  
Thanks, SPS Renaissance and Development Office!*

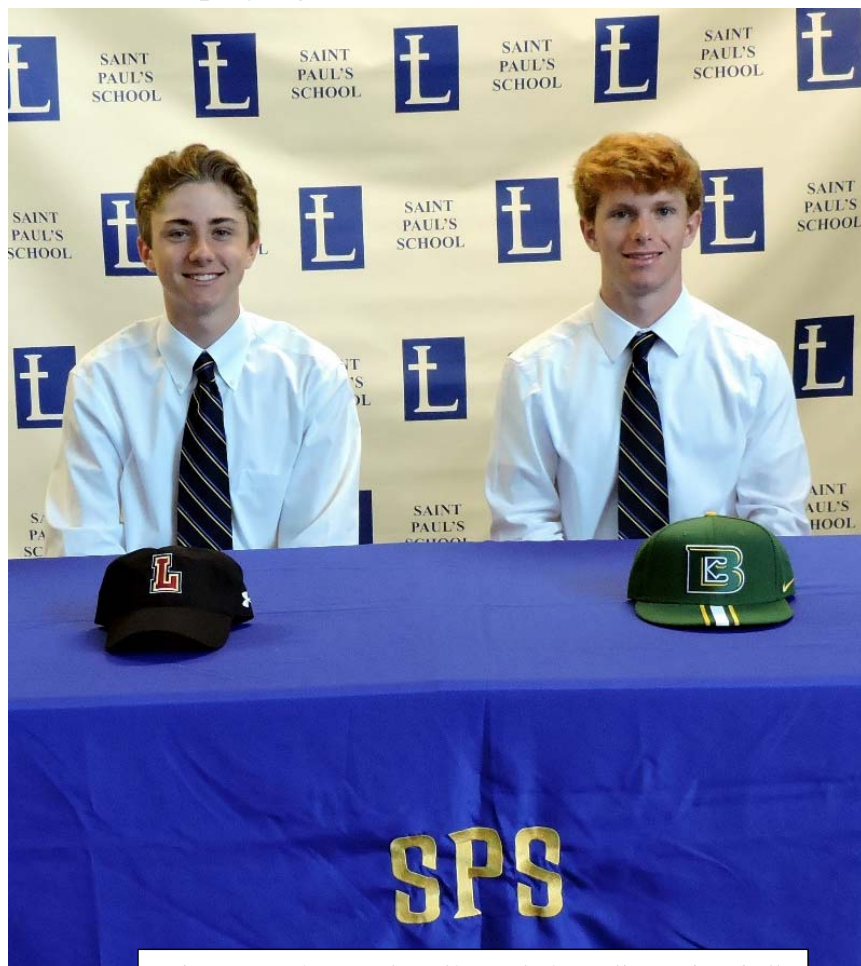
## Last Two Weeks in Review:

- **Baseball:** I know we played but I don't have results. I'm sure we did well, however.
- **Basketball:** Thanks for a strong season. We are proud of you. Here's to '19 -20!
- **Bowling:** An undefeated season and a district championship! Wow! Congrats!
- **Faculty Retreat Day:** Thanks to all who cooperated with Jeff's reflection morning.
- **Golf:** I think they had the week off! Great!
- **Junior Retreat / Angola Trip:** Thanks to Lee Pierre and Luke Barwick for a well-organized retreat/Angola trips for our juniors.
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & JVB beat Bro. Martin, 16-2 & 18-1! Wow!
- **Life Skills:** Thanks to Development and Renaissance for a successful day for our seniors.
- **Marching Wolves:** Our MWs were incredible, playing to rave reviews in seven Mardi Gras parades! I am incredibly grateful to Andrew and the Band Boosters who make our band.
- **Saint Joseph Altar Cookie Making Day:** Lots of cookies. We look forward to Mar 18<sup>th</sup>!
- **Track:** Wolves won P'toula Invitational!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks, Danielle, for another excellent WT issue.

## Louisiana Youth Seminar:

LYS is one of the premier leadership programs for youth in LA. SPS is always well represented. Registration is currently open and accepting students! This year's dates are July 14-19. If 2019 is like the last

5 years, we expect LYS to "sell out" in the next 3-4 weeks, and we want our loyal schools to be aware of this. We look hope you can assist your students in registering early. [Registration details can be found here](#)



*Chase signs for Loyola golf & Kyle for Belhaven baseball.  
Congrats to them!*

**LPO:** I've gotten positive response from the LPO concert held recently at SPS. This is just an FYI that LPO has a \$25 all season pass for students. With this pass they can go to all the shows. Here is the link:

[https://www.lpomusic.com/Online/default.asp?BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=student-passport&BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::context\\_id=](https://www.lpomusic.com/Online/default.asp?BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=student-passport&BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::context_id=)

**March:** Welcome to March, originally the first month of the year in old versions of Roman calendar because of association with the first day of spring. The vernal equinox occurs during this month, falling on the 19th, 20th, or 21st day. March also was a time when war would resume after the winter months and thus is named after Mars, the Roman god of war. March's birth flower is the daffodil and its birthstones for are aquamarine and bloodstone, which symbolize courage. March is Music in Our Schools Month, Celery Month (I can sense your excitement!), Frozen Food Month, Irish American Heritage Month, Nutrition Month, Peanut Month, Women's History Month, Red Cross Month, & Social Workers Month – something for all!

**Mothers' Club Day of Recollection** is Tuesday, March 26. **The Speaker is Stephanie de la Houssaye, LP-S: God Underneath Does Excellent work to build strength and healthy boundaries in our lives.** Registration form will be sent via email. Contact: Shawn Klein ([sklein1534@gmail.com](mailto:sklein1534@gmail.com)) for more info.

**Mother-Son Dinner: We are full and cannot accept any more reservation! Many thanks to the MC for sponsoring an event that so many want to attend!**

**Newsies:** The Marian Players production of "Newsies" opens this week on March 14. Shows run over two weeks, closing on Sat, March 23. Tickets are available from Ms. Andrea in the Admin Office. Here are the performances (9 of them):

Mar. 14- Opening Night, 7pm

Mar. 15- 7pm

Mar. 16- Two shows, 2pm and 7pm

Mar. 19- 7pm

Mar. 20- 7pm

Mar. 21 - no show- Celebrity Waiters

Mar. 22- 7pm

Mar. 23- Two shows, 2pm and 7pm



*The Marian Players open this week with “Newsies”! It’s great!*

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

**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 too frequently.

**Pornography/Safe Haven Sunday:** No, this is not a pleasant topic or an easy one to discuss – but it’s a problem. March 10 was Safe Haven Sunday in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, which is designed to continue the vital effort to address the harmfulness of pornography in marriages, families, and our culture – including students in our school. This year, the archdiocese has once again partnered with Covenant Eyes to bring a resource to the homes of all Catholics. For

more info, click here: <https://nolacatholic.org/safe-haven-sunday>. Also, a new website with resources has been established: [cleanheart.online/nola](http://cleanheart.online/nola)

**An excellent resource is a talk by internationally known pornography speaker Matt Fradd. He will speak at Our Lady of the Lake in Mandeville on Thursday, March 26 from 6:30 – 8:00 in the Chotin Center.**

**Matt spoke to the students of SPS last year and was well received. He will give excellent advice as to how to speak with your sons – which needs to be done.**



*Seniors pose for camera following Life Skills Day  
Thanks, SPS Renaissance and Development Team!*

**Prom:** Student Council is pleased to announce that the Junior/Senior Prom 2019 will be held on Saturday, March 30 in the Briggs Assembly Center. Registration forms and guidelines including dress code and lock in times may be found on Plus Portals or in room 107. Students must pay and be registered no later than Wednesday, March 27 in order to attend Prom.

**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.

**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. This is a great Lenten devotion!

**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:

- 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.

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](mailto:alogarbo@charter.net) for any questions.**

As always, monetary donations are graciously accepted.

In Joseph's name,  
Ann Kay Logarbo

**Scheduling Assemblies for 2019-20:** On Thursday and Friday of this week, students who are registered for next year will begin requesting their course selections for next year. Students who are NOT registered will NOT be allowed to request classes. If your son is not registered and you wish him to return for next year, please register him by Tuesday, otherwise he will not be able to request classes. Thank you for understanding. If your son is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know.

**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:** 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:** Mimi Montiero is posting a weekly feature of a senior on our Facebook page. They will reflect on their SPS time. Check it out. Thanks, Mimi!



*SPS Powerlifters (aka Iron Wolves) ready for State Meet!*

**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.**

**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 19, at 3 pm in the bookstore. Tuxedo, shirt, and tie -- \$159 plus tax.

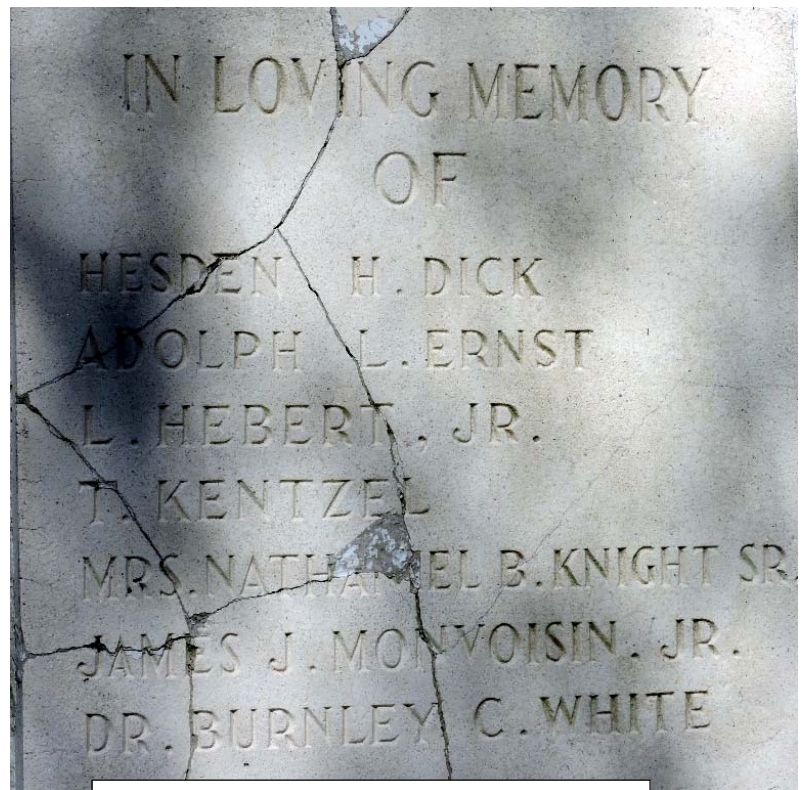
**Uniform Shirts:** We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have a number of khaki pants available – all for the taking.

**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>

**Weekly Humor:** In honor of Ask a Question Day on Thu:

- Do vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- Why are there no 'B' batteries?
- Are partly cloudy and partly sunny the same?
- If kids refuses to sleep during naptime, are they guilty of resisting a rest?



*Mystery location of the week: do you know where this memorial plaque is? And last week's Guiteau Plaza is located in front of the old gym!*

- *If God sneezes, what should you say?*
- *If cats jump on each other, is it still called a dog pile?*
- *If a mime is arrested, does he have a right to talk?*
- *Can you daydream at night?*
- *Can crop circles be square?*
- *Why does quicksand work slowly?*
- *Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawnshop?*
- *In the song Yankee Doodle, is the horse or feather "macaroni"? [Yes, you will have to sing the song to yourself!]*
- *If vampires can't see their reflections, why is their hair so neat?*
- *Since bread is square, why is sandwich meat round?*
- *Why do we call everyone driving faster than us an idiot and everyone driving slower than us is a moron?*
- *Why do they call the little candy bars "fun sizes"? Wouldn't it be more fun to eat a big one?*
- *What is a picture of a thousand words worth?*
- *Why is vanilla ice cream white, & vanilla extract brown?*
- *If glassblowers inhale, do they get a pane in the stomach?*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

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

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



*Michael Dufour receives MVP award from LHSAA Executive Director  
Eddie Bonine!*

## **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 – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/11<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Talk/ 10<sup>th</sup> at Mass*

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

March 29 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat/Trip

April 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast/ *9<sup>th</sup> Grade Holocaust Talk/ 12<sup>th</sup> at Mass*

April 2 – President's Assembly

April 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast/ *8<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Talk/11<sup>th</sup> at Mass*

April 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast/ *10<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Talk/ 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **March**

11 – FGAB

12 – CDEF – Pack Time

13 – GABC

14 – DEFG

15 – ABCD –End of Third Quarter

18 – ABCDEFG – St. Joseph Altar

- 19 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 20 – BCDE
- 21 – FGAB
- 22 – CDEF – Late Start
- 25 – GABC
- 26 – DEFG – Pack Time
- 27 – ABCD
- 28 – EFGA – 9<sup>th</sup> Retreat/Trip
- 29 – BCDE – 9<sup>th</sup> Retreat/Trip

### **April**

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



*CPR training for our students continues once we return from holiday.*

### **May**

- 1 – GABC - Senior Exams
- 2 – DEFG - Senior Exams
- 3 – ABCD – Senior Exams
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – Pack Time
- 8 – FGAB – Level Awards
- 9 – CDEF – Athletic Awards
- 10 – GABC – Academic Awards
- 13 – DEFG
- 14 – ABCD – President’s Assembly – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 15 – EFGA – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 16 – BCDE – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 17 – FGABC (8<sup>th</sup> Promotion 6:00 PM)
- 18 – Senior Graduation (4 pm–ticket only)

- 20 – DEFG (Review for Period A Exam)
- 21 – Exam Schedule
- 22 – Exam Schedule
- 23 – Exam Schedule
- 24 – Exam Schedule

Whew! Enough for now, but you got a break last Sunday!

Even though it's mid-March of 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

Grateful to Have Survived Mardi Gras and Praying for a Blessed Lent For All as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making  
courageous choices, doing God's will, remaining faithful, letting  
Our Lady of the Star guide us to God and asking our holy founding  
Brothers to help us continue our Lasallian Mission!

And have your son start singing our Lenten favorite:

*Oh that shame! Now ended in his glory! O that pain, now lost in joy unknown! Tell it out with praise, the  
whole glad story, human nature at the Father's throne!*

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## **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**