



# The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



## March 18 – 24, 2019 – *Second Week of Lent*

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

Lent is a time to feast and fast. *Fast* from judging others. *Feast* on the God within them. *Fast* from emphasis on differences. *Feast* on the unity of all life. *Fast* from apparent darkness. *Feast* on the reality of light. *Fast* from thoughts of illness. *Feast* on the healing power of God. *Fast* from discontent. *Feast* on gratitude. *Fast* from anger. *Feast* on patience. *Fast* from pessimism. *Feast* on optimism. *Fast* from worry.

*Feast* on God's love for you.  
(Sister Margaret Murray, CSJ)



### Mon, Mar 18 (9 am start; St. Joseph Altar Schedule A through G)

- **St. Joseph Altar:** Once again, Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo will erect a beautiful St. Joseph Altar in the BAC, assisted by many, many volunteers, thus fulfilling a promise to St. Joseph that Ann Kay made many years ago. I believe this is her 21<sup>st</sup> altar, and the 15<sup>th</sup> that SPS has been blessed to host. ALL students will view the altar during their religion class (hence, an all-period day). **This year, however, there is no lunch.** Thank you, Ann Kay, for your devotion to Saint Joseph, who showers down his foster Son's graces upon SPS and our families!
- **This Day in History:** In 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with other investors to launch their namesake banking and shipping business.
- **Awkward Moments Day:** Celebrate our common humanity – we've all made awkward mistakes



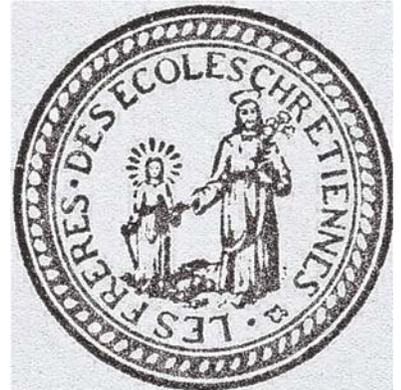
### Tue, Mar 19 (President's Assembly; E F G A)

- **Today is the Feast of Saint Joseph!** This feast was special to Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The morning and night prayers of the first Brothers included a special prayer to Joseph and in the Brothers' Rule of 1705, the Brothers were instructed to gather at 1 pm (before afternoon classes) to recite the litany of Saint Joseph, the "patron and protector of the Institute." And a holiday was given in those early days on the feast of Saint

Joseph! (Oh, for the good old days!) In his meditation for the feast of Saint Joseph, Saint La Salle says: *You have been charged, like Saint Joseph, with a holy work very similar to his and requiring that your piety and your virtue be more than ordinary. You have been made responsible for your students just as Saint Joseph was made responsible for the Savior of the world. Take Saint Joseph as your model to make yourself worthy of your ministry.*

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1719, John Baptist de La Salle was gravely ill. Brother Luke Salm writes in his book "This Work Is Yours": *As the Feast of St. Joseph drew near, de La Salle expressed a great desire to celebrate Mass in honor of this patron and protector of the Brothers. So weak was his condition and so intense the pain, that any such idea seemed out of the question. However, on the eve of the feast, he felt that the pain was subsiding and his strength had returned. In the morning, he was well enough to celebrate mass for the Brothers. They were overjoyed. But immediately thereafter, he*

*The original seal of the Institute created by St. La Salle shows St. Joseph and the boy Jesus: Joseph, the teacher caring for and raising the boy Jesus; the Lasallian teacher caring for and raising students entrusted to him/her.*



*relapsed. The end was near and that it was in honor of Saint Joseph that he had celebrated Mass for the last time. De La Salle died less than a month later, on April 7th.*

- **TDIH:** In 1918, Congress approved Daylight Saving Time. Thanks a lot, Congress!
- **Poultry Day:** Enjoy your favorite chicken, turkey, or other fowl dish today.
- **Alumni on Campus:** Alums will be on campus today. They will breakfast at 7 in the cafeteria, attend the President's Assembly, and then tour the campus. Please welcome them.
- **Drama:** *Newsies* begins its second week tonight at 7. Outstanding!
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity at Northshore
- **Golf Meet the Team**

### Wed, Mar 20 (7:15 mass; Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1980, President Jimmy Carter announces that the U.S. will boycott the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Moscow that summer to protest Russia's invasion of Afghanistan.
- The **Vernal Equinox** (the arrival of spring), arrives today at 4:58 pm (CDT) when the Sun crosses directly



Students took last week's fire drill seriously.

over the Earth's equator. Easter is fixed as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Day and night grow equal; more wonderfully, day grows longer than night. Winter is over. Ancient Jewish & Christian poets saw the equinox as the anniversary of creation, with spring equinox as lovelier and richer of the two because it's followed by light winning over dark, an image of paschal mystery. Our redemption is nigh!

- **Purim:** The Jewish Feast of Purim begins today at sundown and lasts until sundown tomorrow. Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day," as recorded in book of Esther.
- **Track:** JV at Slidell meet
- **Golf:** Wolves in Northshore league play in Slidell
- **Drama:** *Newsies* (7)

### Thu, Mar 21 (Special Five Period Day; F G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1765, the British government passes the Stamp Act, which levied a direct tax on all materials printed for commercial and legal use in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and dice, which stirred a storm of protest in the colonies leading to the slogan "No taxation without representation."
- **National Goof Off Day:** SPS will not celebrate this day!

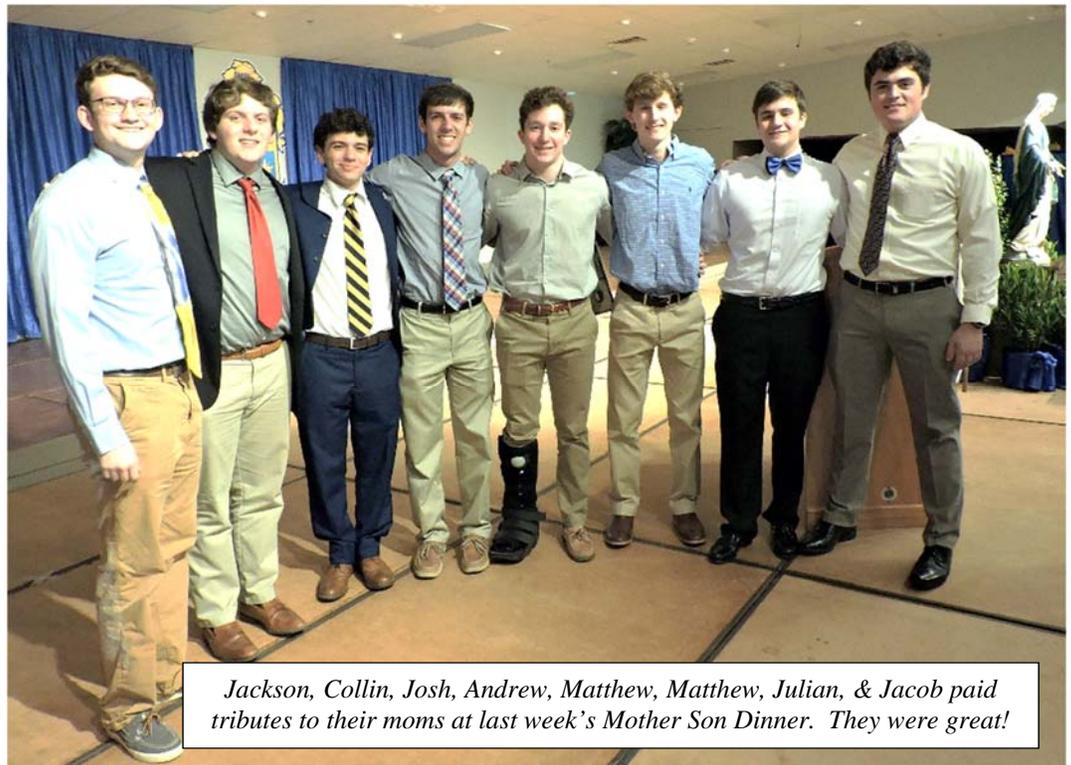
- **Celebrity Dinner:** Thanks to the Development Team for their hard work in making this special event so successful. Proceeds from CD fund The Renaissance Program, which does so much for our school.
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity v. Anderson, TX (7)
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. N'shore
- **Track:** Jr Hi at Covington
- **Tennis:** SPS v. F'bleau (PAC)

**Fri, Mar 22 (9 am start; Special Three Period Day; Dress Uniform Day; D E F)**

- + **Brother Jeffrey Calligan Funeral Service (1:30 in the new gym) See below for details**
- **HOSA leaves for state convention**
- **Drama:** *Newsies* (7)

**Sat, Mar 23**

- **TDIH:** In 1775, Patrick Henry declares his memorable line: "Give me liberty or give me death!"
- **Near Miss Day** commemorates Mar 23, 1989, when a huge asteroid came within 500,000 miles of hitting Earth. In interstellar terms, it was a near miss. Had it collided, its effect would have been catastrophic.
- **Chip & Dip Day: Enjoy!**
- **Abbey Youth Fest** on the grounds of St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. This annual gathering of literally thousands of young people from around the state is quite an event, as the students gather to proclaim their Faith.
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity in "Lacrosse the Nations" in Memphis
- **Baseball:** 9<sup>th</sup> at Cov High; JV & Varsity v. Hammond (11 & 1:30)
- **Rugby at BR**
- **Drama:** Two performances of *Newsies* (2 & 7) close out the run of the show.



*Jackson, Collin, Josh, Andrew, Matthew, Matthew, Julian, & Jacob paid tributes to their moms at last week's Mother Son Dinner. They were great!*

**Sun, Mar 24**

- **TDIH:** In 1954, RCA manufactured its first color TV set and began mass production. We've come a long way! Today's students probably can't imagine a black and white TV set!
- **Chocolate Covered Raisin Day: Enjoy!**
- **Pecan Day:** Name the only nut tree native to North America. ... You guessed it..... Pecan trees. Celebrate Pecan Day by cracking open and eating a few pecan nuts. Or have some pecan pie.
- **Vaffeldagen (Waffle Day):** While primarily a Swedish celebration, it's a good excuse to eat a waffle today! And you can add pecans to the batter for a double celebration!

**I offer the following for your consideration 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!**

**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!



*Freshman Physical Science mousetrap car project is always a hit.*

**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**

**Book Drive:** Have books in almost-new condition that your son has out-grown and hardly reads anymore? In support of the Covington Boys and Girls Club and on behalf of The Mayor's Covington Youth Leadership Council, Saint Paul's seniors Andrew Norlin and Ross Hightower are coordinating a Book Drive on our campus! The drive will take place from March 11th-29th in celebration of National Reading Month. Donations should be new or like new condition. **Nonfiction** books of all reading levels are requested, while any donation is appreciated. Books will be collected in the clear bin outside Mrs. Suzy's Office in the Main School Building. Feel free to share, as books will be collected at all Covington high schools.



***Dress Uniform Day on Friday!***

+ **Brother Jeffrey Calligan, FSC Funeral:** On Friday afternoon, we will bid an earthly farewell to Brother Jeff, who was the 16<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother president/principal of Saint Paul's School. The service will take place in the new gym. All students will attend IN DRESS UNIFORM. I am indebted to Jeff's assistant principal, Merle Dooley, and his longtime Lasallian friend and partner, Gina Hall, for coordinating the service and to Brother Ken for arranging the music that Jeff requested. We expect a large number of guests to attend, and there will be an adult reception in the cafeteria following the service (thanks, Shellie). And I am grateful to Don Pressley and the maintenance staff for the physical arrangements needed. **Dress uniform day for students.**

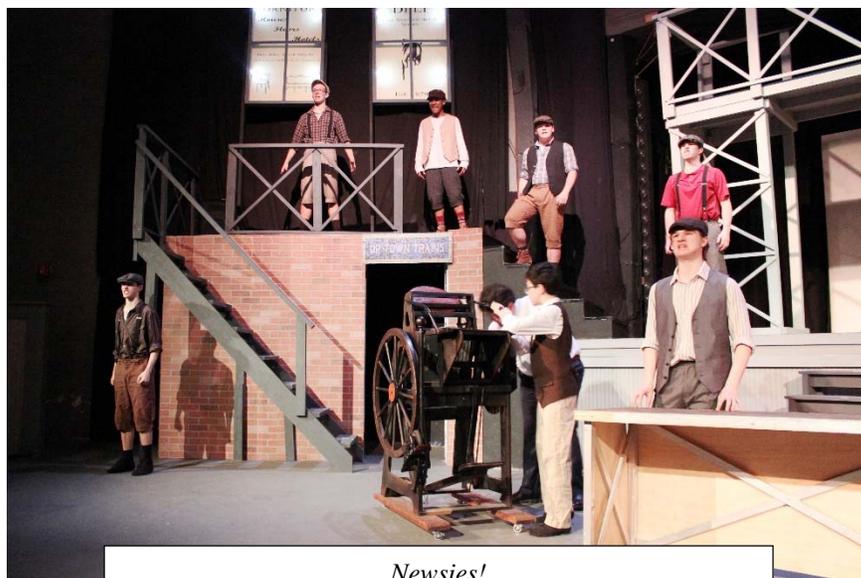
**Students will be dismissed at the conclusion of the service.**

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

- M-W, Aug 05 – 07 Faculty meetings/prep days
- Thu, Aug 08 Full day of class instruction for SPS (public schools open on Aug 09)
- Thu, Aug 22 March through the Arch; Senior Unity Day; Senior Ring Ceremony
- Fri, Aug 30 Lasallian Formation Day for the four Lasallian schools in ARNO (no classes)
- Mon, Sep 02 Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 11 1<sup>st</sup> Q ends; Grandparent Day
- Mon, Nov 04 Archdiocesan Formation Day
- Mon-Fri, Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Mon-Thurs, Dec 16-19 Semester Exams
- Mon, Jan 06: Classes resume & Second Semester begins
- Mon, Jan 20 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Fri, Feb 21 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- Mon-Fri, Feb 24-28 Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
- Fri, Mar 13 End of Third Quarter
- Fri – Fri Apr 10 - Apr 17 Easter Holidays
- Wed-Fri, Apr 29 – May 1 Senior Final Exams
- Fri, May 15 Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6 pm)
- Sat, May 16 Senior Graduation (4 pm)
- Tues – Fri, May 19 - 22 Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11

**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



*Newsies!*

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..



*Cast of Newsies!*

**Father-Son BBQ:** Reservations for F-S BBQ on Mar 23 at 5 pm are now due! 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!**

**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**. Sincere congratulation, NM Finalist Wolves!



*Freshmen prepare to race their mousetrap cars!*

**Greater Lasallian World:** The Board of Trustees of De La Salle High School in New Orleans announced last week that that Mr. Paul Kelly, De La Salle class of 1983, has accepted the position of president of De La Salle on a full-time basis. He succeeds Mr. Michael Giambelluca, who resigned earlier this month for health reasons. Ms. Perry Rogers, currently serving as academic assistant principal, has accepted the position of principal, succeeding Mr. Kelly. We wish Paul and Perry the very best!

**Greater Lasallian World II:** The Board of Trustees of Mullen High School, the Lasallian school in Denver, announced appointment of Raul Cardenas, PhD, as President/CEO. Prior experience in his near-30 year educational leadership career includes founder/principal of two charter schools for disadvantaged students in Phoenix, as well as tenure at several colleges. We wish Dr. Cardenas the best!

#### **Last Week:**

- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade wolves won two against Slidell; Varsity won big over Newman
- **Bowling:** On to the playoffs! Geaux Wolf Bowlers!
- **Dads' Club:** Many thanks to the dads who worked on campus Sat, making lots of improvements!
- **Drama:** *Newsies* was GREAT! I can't say enough about the play. Thanks, Gordon and Congrats, Marian Players! Tickets are going fast.
- **Fire Drill:** Thanks to student body for its cooperation! Covington FD was impressed!
- **Golf:** I'm told they did well but I don't have results.
- **Habitat Wolves** were up at at 'em Sat morning, doing their part for social justice!
- **Jazz Wolves** represented us exemplarily at Loyola Jazz Festival on Friday. Thanks!
- **Lacrosse** won big Fri & Sat: JVA beat STM 95 & Ocean Springs 8-2. Varsity beat Ocean Springs 19-1 and state champion St. Thomas 24-10! Geaux LAX Wolves!
- **Marching Wolves in St. Patrick's Day Parade in Covington** were a hit – as always.
- **Math Tournament:** 70+ FMWs boarded two busses on a dark (DST), chilly Sat morning, excited about going to Bro. Martin for math competition. It was quite the sight. Wonderful! The result? **FIRST PLACE!**
- **Mother-Son Dinner:** Another memorable evening! Thanks, MC, especially co-chairs Lori Kilgore, Nicole Leahy, Amanda Rushing, & Letha Tepper. The senior tributes were especially moving. Congratulations to **Julian Contreras, Collin Cottrell, Jackson Gold, Jacob Lauterbach, Andrew Moore, Josh Rovira, Matthew Vicknair, & Matt Weimer.**
- **Pack Time:** Great discussion on Lent with my Wolf Pack. Hope you sons told you about it.
- **Pep Rally:** Thanks, Student Council, for raising awareness of our spring sports.
- **Powerlifting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> in State! -- with three individual state champions: Josh Kellum, Jason Toups, and Philip Nicaud. Fantastic! Congrats, Iron Wolves! Check our Facebook page for pic!
- **Scheduling Assemblies:** Lots of work by counselors, Joe, & Trevor. Many thanks! Our work now begins. Only registered students were allowed to receive scheduling information.
- **Tennis:** A win over Salmen last week has the Wolves doing very well!
- **Track:** I heard we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the F'Bleau meet. Great! Congrats!

**Lenten Prayer:** *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.*

**Louisiana Youth Seminar:** Just a reminder that Louisiana Youth Seminar Registration is currently open and accepting students! We have welcomed students from your school over the past years and look forward to them attending LYS 2019 - 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](#)

**LPO:** Just an FYI -- 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=)

**Mothers' Club Day of Recollection, hosted by SPS's Mothers' Club, is [Tuesday, March 26th, 2019](#)**  
Registration info will be emailed.

**National Athletic Training Month: March is NATM.** The mission and drive of an AT is best summed up by this year's National Athletic Training Month (NATM) slogan, "ATs Are Health Care." The National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA), and Louisiana Athletic Trainer's Association (LATA) sponsor NATM, both not-for-profit organizations, are focused on improving the healthcare of athletes through injury prevention, rehabilitation of injuries, and protection of athletes through awareness. LATA's overall goal is to have athletic trainers (AT) at every High School in the State. Here at SPS, we are blessed to have nationally certified Chris Stipe as our main Athletic Trainer. He is assisted by trainers from local medical facilities on a regular basis.

***Dress Uniform Day on Friday!***



*Jacob, Christopher, and Adam enjoy Mother-Son Dinner – eat your healthy salads, guys!*

**Newsies:** The Mother-Son Dinner closes on Sat, March 23. Tickets are available from Ms. Andrea in the Admin Office. Here are the remaining performances:

- Mar. 19- 7pm
- Mar. 20- 7pm
- Mar. 21 - no show- Celebrity Waiters
- Mar. 22- 7pm
- Mar. 23- Two shows, 2pm and 7pm

**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.**

**Product of the Week (new feature):** An SPS dad with obviously too much time on his hands (LOL) sent me interesting data about common household products/businesses. I'll include snippets from time to time. Today's product? Chapstick! Did you know that the Egyptians used beeswax on their lips? And a 19th-century book suggested earwax! But in the 1890s, Charles Fleet combined wax with petroleum jelly, camphor, and aromatic oils, and his ChapStick is still with us today. (As is Fleet's other famous health aid: the Fleet enema – but we will leave that one alone for now.) ChapStick's packaging is almost as ingenious as its ingredients. The signature tube, largely unchanged after more than 100 years, can slip into any pocket or purse. (It was so inconspicuous that E. Howard Hunt hid mini microphones in hollowed-out ChapStick tubes during Watergate. Anybody remember Watergate?) Convenient, but not addictive, as some Internet rumors insist. But don't lick your lips before applying it—saliva is made to break down food, not moisturize.

**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!

***Dress Uniform Day on Friday!***



*Lee Pierre speak to juniors at their scheduling assembly.*

**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:** The SPS St. Joseph Altar will be held on Monday, March 18, in Briggs Assembly Center. 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.

**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.

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**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!

**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.

**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 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 all the TDIH entries, some history jokes:

- *Q: Why were the early days of history called the dark ages? A: Because there were so many knights!*
- *Q: Why is England the wettest country?: Because the queen has reigned there for years!*
- *Q: How did the Vikings send secret messages? A: By norse code!*
- *Q: Who invented fractions? A: Henry the 1/4th!*
- *Q: What kind of lighting did Noah use for the ark? A: Floodlights!*
- *Q: What did they do at the Boston Tea Party? A: I don't know, I wasn't invited!*
- *Q: What's purple and 5000 miles long? A: The grape wall of China.*
- *Q: What did Mason say to Dixon? A: We've got to draw the line here!*
- *Q: Who made King Arthur's round table? A: Sir-Cumference*
- *Q: Who built the ark? A: I have Noah idea!*
- *Q: What did Caesar say to Cleopatra? A: Toga-ether we can rule the world!*
- *Q: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? A: At the bottom!*
- *Q: What do Alexander the Great and Kermit the Frog have in common? A: The same middle name!*
- *Q: What is the fruitiest subject at school? A: History, because it's full of dates!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

***Dress Uniform Day on Friday!***

## **A Look Ahead** *(note changes in italics)*

- 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, 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**

- 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



*Student-run PJ's in library is a hit with students!*

## May

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

- 23 – Exam Schedule
- 24 – Exam Schedule

Whew! Enough for now.

Even though it's 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 the fourth quarter! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018 - 19 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's the Fourth Quarter and I'm Still the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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**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!***

***Dress Uniform Day on Friday!***