

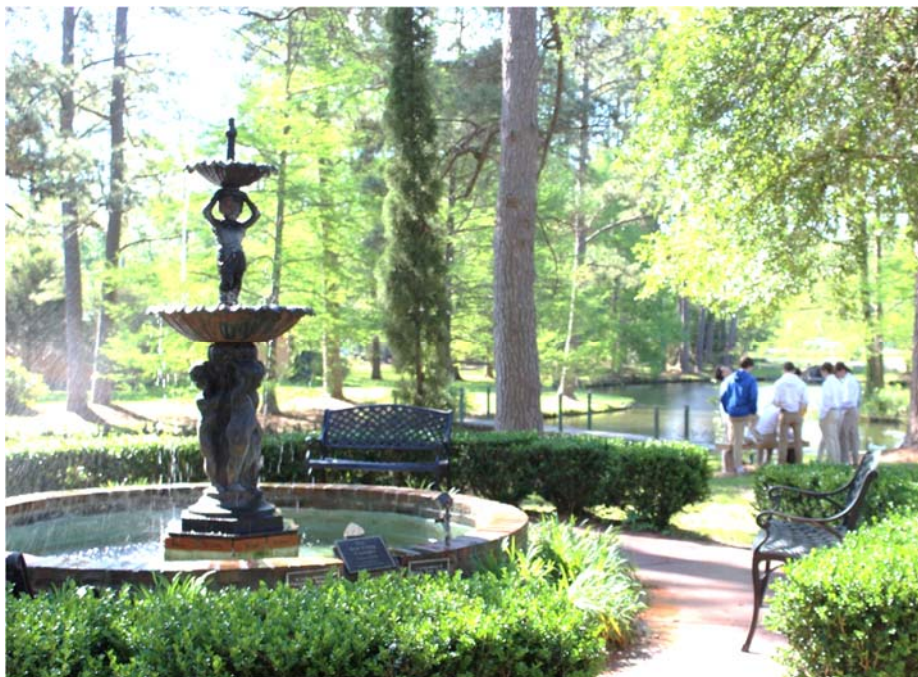


President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



April 15 – 28, 2019 – *Holy Week*

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



Welcome to Holy Week!

I'm a word nerd. I love the power of individual words. This week, we focus on The Passion of Jesus – who loved us enough to die for us in order that we might gain eternal life. The etymology of “passion” is from the Latin *passio* meaning *to suffer* –and Christ certainly suffered. But His suffering led to our salvation – good triumphed over evil, life triumphed over death, love triumphed over hate.

We are called, as Lasallian educators, to have passion for our vocation. Saint

La Salle used the word “zeal” (from the Greek *zelos* meaning *ardor*) but the two are similar. What exactly does this mean? We must love what we do even if it involves suffering – as that will lead to success, love, and happiness. Let's face it: our jobs are not for the faint of heart. The same is true of parenting: your job as parent is not often easy and not for the faint of heart. You parent because you love!

As we remember The Passion this week, let us ask for grace to be *passionate* about our work – both whether as educators or as parents. And as I wrote the faculty, if we are not, we need to go pursue something else. May the grace of Holy Week fill our lives and the lives of our students and children -- always! As St. La Salle wrote for the early Brothers during Holy Week: *You must, says Saint Paul, be girded with the belt of truth, and put on the breastplate of justice. You must take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the devil. Hope of salvation should serve as your helmet and the word of God as your sword.*

Now let's go out there, girded with the belt of truth, the breastplate of justice and the shield of faith and be passionate!

I wish you a blessed Holy Week and abundance of Easter grace!

Mon, Apr 15 (Afternoon assembly; D E F G)

- **This Day in History:** In 1912, the “unsinkable” RMS Titanic sinks after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage, killing 1,517 people.
- **World Art Day:** Celebrate the arts today!
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. F'bleau (4:40 & 6:30)
- **Golf:** Wolves in District in NO
- **Tennis:** Wolves in Regionals through Tuesday. **Geaux Wolves!**
- **State Championship Assembly (2:45)**

Tue, Apr 16 (President's Assembly; A B C D)

- **National Librarian Day:** Be nice to a librarian today!
- **National Healthcare Decisions Day:** Today promotes the importance of advance care planning, educating all to express health care wishes through the use of advance directives and health care power of attorney documents, and to encourage health care providers and facilities to honor those wishes. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has worked very closely with LAPost (the Louisiana Physicians Order for Scope of Treatment) on developing information for Catholics on end of life care issues. These are not always easy discussions, but important ones. I've done my "end of life" planning – although I hope my wishes won't be heeded anytime soon.
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity v. N'shore (7)
- **Scheduling Session for New Students** (3:30 – 5:30)

Wed, Apr 17 (Passion Play Schedule; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1970, with the world anxiously watching, *Apollo 13*, a U.S. lunar spacecraft that suffered a severe malfunction on its journey to the moon, safely returns to Earth.
- **TDIH:** Ford Motor Company officially unveils the Ford Mustang automobile.
- **Blah, Blah, Blah Day:** The intent of this day is to do things that people have been nagging you to do.
- **National Haiku Poetry Day** is a celebration of the genre of haiku, poetic form whose origins date back a millennium in Japan. Write some haiku today – a 17-syllable poem divided into 3 lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables, and employing highly evocative allusions and comparisons, often on the subject of nature or one of the seasons. Some examples:

Five syllables here	Let's speak only in	The cool wind blowing
Seven more syllables there	Haikus for the entire day.	Immersed in nature's beauty
Are you happy now?	That's ridiculous.	Calming my wild soul
- **TDIH:** Ford Motor Company officially unveils the Ford Mustang automobile.
- **Stuff the Bus:** Once again, the six Catholic school of Western St. Tammany have joined forces to "stuff a school bus" (guess whose?) with non-perishable items for the Northshore Food Bank. Thanks to our intrepid Joe Dickens for again "volunteering" to drive the bus – which will be stuffed.
- **Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast:** The Exchange Club of West St. Tammany will honor a S of the Y from each local high school (nine in all – can you name them all?) this morning at TCC. Andrew Norlin has been chosen as the SPS Student of the Year. Congratulate him when you see him.
- **Passion Play:** I am very grateful to Denny Charbonnet who will again direct our annual Passion Play with the Marian Players. Denny started this moving Holy Week devotion many years ago. Thank you, Denny, and welcome back!
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity at F'Bleau (4:30 & 7:30)
- **Track:** District Meet at Hammond
- **Soccer:** Championship Team recognized at state legislature in Baton Rouge
- **Football Parent Meeting** (7 pm in the BAC)



Josh thanks Holocaust Survivor Mrs. Anne Levy for her talk to the student body. Her ultimate message to us? Be kind to everyone!

Thu, Apr 18 (Holy Thursday; Mandatum Ceremony Schedule; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1775, Paul Revere makes his famous ride to warn of British military movement, “one if by land; two if by sea” (one & two being the lanterns hung in steeple of Old North Church – but you knew that.)
- **TDIH:** Albert Einstein, one of the world’s most brilliant scientists, died on this day in 1955. Two worthwhile quotes from Albert: *When I see the Cosmos, I can’t help but believe that there is a Divine Hand behind it all.* And *“Only a life lived for others is worthwhile.”*
- **TDIH:** In 1906, the great San Francisco earthquake occurs, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale. 3000 die and more than 300,000 are left homeless.
- **National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day.** SPS will NOT observe this day!
- **National Poem in Your Pocket Day:** Select a poem you love during National Poetry Month then carry it with you to share with co-workers, family, and friends.
- **Spring Blood Drive:** Give the gift of life! Very appropriate during Holy Week!
- **Mandatum Ceremony (Washing of the Feet) this morning**



Trevor snags a chocolate chip cookie on Snack Day!

Fri, Apr 19 (Good Friday; no classes)

- **I encourage us all to observe this holy day.**
- **TDIH:** in 1775, the American Revolution begins with the Battle of Lexington. It’s also **John Parker Day** who gave the order, “Stand your ground. Don’t fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.
- **National Garlic Day:** Spice up your food with this heart healthy herb! BTW, did you know that fear of garlic is called *alliumphobia*!
- **Passover:** Our Jewish brothers and sisters begin an 8-day observance of Passover this evening at sundown. Passover (Pesach) commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Pesach is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus. In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (which means “to pass over”), because G-d passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve. Passover ends at sundown on April 27. We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed celebration of Passover!

Sat, Apr 20 – Holy Saturday

- **TDIH:** In 1999, **Columbine High School Tragedy occurs.** Remain vigilant and reinforce the need for students to report any threat immediately. **On this anniversary of Columbine,** I invite all to pray: **Heavenly Father, fill all schools with Your Holy Spirit. May Your grace and power keep schools safe and eliminate such problems as alcohol, drugs, guns, pornography, violence, depression, and disrespect for life. Turn the hearts of students toward You. Open their eyes, hearts and minds that they may see what is really important in life. Dissipate the anger in all who lash out at others, bullying them or ridiculing them. Touch the hearts of those tempted to solve problems through violence.**

Make our schools safe harbors, with atmospheres that encourage all to live your Law of Love. Infuse wisdom, vigilance, caring, compassion, and understanding in teachers. Help administrators make just and wise decisions. Help everyone to spread the message that You are with us always and everywhere -- and that only You have the answer to the problems we face. Amen.

- **TDIH:** On this day in 2010, an oil rig run by British Petroleum (BP) exploded in the Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast, resulting in the largest offshore oil spill in US history.

Sun, Apr 21 – Easter Sunday! Alleluia! He is risen!

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1895, Woodville Latham and his sons, Otway and Gray, demonstrate their “Panopticon,” the first movie projector developed in the US.
- **Kindergarten Day:** Even though it’s Easter Sunday, today we honor Friedrich Froebel, born April 21, 1782, who started in Germany in 1837 the first Kindergarten -- built upon innovative principles that used children’s innate curiosity and interests to help them see what Froebel believed was “the harmonious, interconnectedness of all things.” Today’s a good day to remember Robert Fulghum’s poem “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”, fulfilling your daily poem reading requirement -- remember April is poetry month!): *All I really need to know about how to live, what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but in the sand pile at Sunday School. I learned:*
 - *Share everything; Play fair; Don't hit people; Put things back where you found them; Clean up your own mess; don't take things that aren't yours; Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.*
 - *Wash your hands before you eat; take a nap every afternoon.*
 - *Flush.*
 - *Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
 - *Live a balanced life – learn, think, draw, paint, sing, dance, play and work some every day.*
 - *When you go out, watch for traffic, hold hands & stick together.*
 - *Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.*
 - *Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.*
 - *And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.*

Mon, Apr 22 – Sun, Apr 28: EASTER HOLIDAYS (NOT SPRING BREAK): We give these holidays in honor of Easter, not in honor of spring. Please **AVOID** using the terminology of “spring break” as we must stress the religious nature of these holidays. **You are on your own for TDIH, school events and National Whatever Days!**



Pre-freshmen enjoy Snack Day, courtesy of SPS Mothers' Club!

I draw the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.

Admissions: We still have some openings in next year's 8th grade. Please tell interested families to contact me. I'll be happy to speak with them, answer any questions, and give them a tour. I count on you to spread the good word about SPS Thank you!

Annual Fund: Our 2019 Annual Fund is underway – just like almost every other private school. You should have received in the mail a brochure explaining the drive and a response card. I'm humbled by the number of you who have already sent in your donations. The success of this drive is critical to Saint Paul's. Please keep us in mind as you plan your end of year giving. Again, thanks to all who have already contributed. We need everyone, to at least some degree, to follow suit. **And we need GRANDPARENT support, too!** And, yes, gifts of stock are welcome.

Blood Drive: Saint Paul's will hold its annual spring blood drive on Thursday, April 18th. One pint of blood saves three lives. You must be 16 years old and weight 110 pounds. Students in active sports may not donate. Our blood drive will be dedicated to Mr. Robert Simpson, SPS Religion Teacher who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Robert will soon begin treatment. We pray for him and his family.

Calendar for 2019 - 20: Here is our tentative calendar for next year:

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

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, 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.



Fighting Math Wolves prepare to leave for State Convention for three days of all things math! Wonderful!

Care & Vigilance: We must stay focused in these days before Easter Holidays (not spring break), especially with seniors. We will do our jobs competently, and we expect the students to do theirs. Please stress this with your sons – especially seniors.

Cash Back Programs: Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- 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.

- 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>.
- Box Tops for Education: Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS.

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 –I'm starting to get neighbor complaints again! Please drive carefully and insist that your sons do so, too!** 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.



Juniors prepare for Eucharistic Ministry training!

Easter Holidays (not spring break): These holidays begin on Good Friday, April 19. Classes don't resume until Monday, April 29 when seniors will return to final exams! Please stress with your sons that we give these holidays in honor of Easter, not in honor of spring. Please avoid using the terminology of "spring break" as we must stress the religious nature of these holidays. Note: **School offices will be CLOSED during the holidays.** Please anticipate any needs prior to Friday, April 19, especially those pesky form for a driver's license.

Last Week:

- **ACT:** Over 200 students took the ACT on our campus Sat – with the only problems being on the test.
- **Band: Our musicians were busy last week!**
 - **Marching Wolves** performed at MQP's final pep rally of the year. They were great – as usual.
 - **Jazz Band** participated in the SLU Jazz Festival. I have no results but I'm sure they did great.
- **Baseball:** Wins over Slidell and a split with M'ville have The Wolves doing well!
- **Engineering & Development Class** presented their final projects: a virtual reality environment for pain management, a gaming throne simulator, and a virtual tour game of Saint Pauls Campus that has informative hot spots and interactive games if you accidentally fall into the tunnels beneath the school.
- **Eucharistic Ministry Training:** 30 juniors trained to be EMs during the next year at school masses, Sunday masses in our chapel and their home parishes. They begin their year of service in May. The Church is blessed to have them – as is Saint Paul's.
- **Golf:** I'm told the Wolves did great.
- **Jubilarian Assembly:** The Class of 1969 was well impressed with the current state of their alma mater. I hope your son told you about it. The alums enjoyed their time back on campus – which looks a little different than it did 50 years ago! Thanks to the Class of 1969!
- **Lacrosse:** Great win over M'ville last week!
- **Leadership Week:** Many thanks to Student Council and moderators for an excellent Leadership Week!
 - **Challenge Night --** A well-organized night by the student councils of SSA and SPS led to fun by all. And, yes, the Wolves walked away with the trophy!
 - **Leadership Breakfast** – all went well to honor our student leaders
 - **Leadership Speaker:** Mrs. Levy was moving and inspiring. Who among us today could have endured what she and her family did during WW II? The boys were respectful and involved. May we take her words to heart and never allow hate to fill the world again.
 - **Year in Review/Elections.** The year in review was great. Josh's heartfelt "farewell" was moving and appropriate. He has been an excellent president and deserves our thanks. And I have every faith in Paxton's ability and desire to "carry on." And the video was moving with memories of the past nine months. Ending with CNN's Friday musical sign off was a stroke of genius!
- **Mothers' Club:** Great Snack Day for students and delicious Teacher Appreciation Lunch for staff! Thanks, MC!
- **Mu Alpha Theta:** Three days of all things math; heaven on earth! Thanks, Math Department!
- **Rugby:** Wolves defeat Jesuit & Bro. Martin to claim sub-varsity championship! Geaux rugby Wolves!
- **Tennis:** A win over M'ville! On to regional competition this week!
- **TOPS/LA College Night:** Thanks, Counseling Dept, for organizing this informative program.
- **Track:** 1st Place in FHS Bulldog Classic! Wow! And 1st Place in the FHS Bulldog Classic. And Bill Leahy broke a 31 year old record in the 400 m dash set by Trey Babin in 1988. Double Wow!
- **Wolf Packs:** Bittersweet as we bade farewell to our seniors and listed to their advice to the other students during their final WP!

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](#)

Money: Parents, please stress with you son that they should NOT bring large sums of money to school. There is no need for students to have large cash amounts – which they invariable talk about which tempts others.



Student Council members Ben, Davis, & Jack help distribute Stuff the Bus bags to Wolf Packs last week.

News worth Noting: Volunteerism boosts self-esteem. The Journal of Adolescence reported that volunteering to assist strangers yielded more long-term benefits in teens than helping family or friends. In addition to having positive psychological impacts on teens, volunteering can increase physical exercise and prevent loneliness. Helping others does not have to be done on a grand scale, a small act of kindness is a great place to start. [Read more on this story.](#)

News worth Noting II: Wanted: Employees Who Can Shake Hands, Make Small Talk: New jobs require substantially more social skills than the manufacturing and factory jobs that once powered the economy. Robots still can't be friendly, make small talk and calm disgruntled customers, which offers opportunity for people. Turns out a lot of them aren't very good at it, either. That's why we need to continue to teach presentation skills, including how to shake hands, make eye contact, keep the conversation going, etc. And I'm editorializing here, but having their eyes glued to phone screens doesn't help. To read the article, click here: <https://patch.com/rhode-island/middletown/wanted-employees-who-can-shake-hands-make-small-talk>

The Paper Wolf: The Journalism Class updates the DIGITAL Paper Wolf each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. The Scholastic Press Association recently named TPW BEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER in the STATE of LOUISIANA. Wow! We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. Support the staff and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

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.

Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony:

- Our Promotion Ceremony is Friday, May 17, at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Students report to the Wolf Dome at 6:00 pm. The ceremony lasts about 75 minutes. Note that traffic on a Friday afternoon can be problematic. Please plan accordingly.
- Dress code for the ceremony is SPS dress uniform: white shirt, long khaki pants, school tie, dress socks, no athletic shoes. Students do not wear a jacket.
- Pre-freshman awards will also be given at the ceremony.
- Yes, grandparents are welcome to attend. While we do not limit the number of guests who may attend, we hope to average 5-6 guests only per family.
- A reception by the Mother's Club is after the ceremony. Attendance at this is optional.
- In the past, this ceremony has been a very positive and impressive one, and we'll do our best to make it so again on May 17. It takes place within a Catholic Liturgy of the Word, with the boys singing a number of songs.

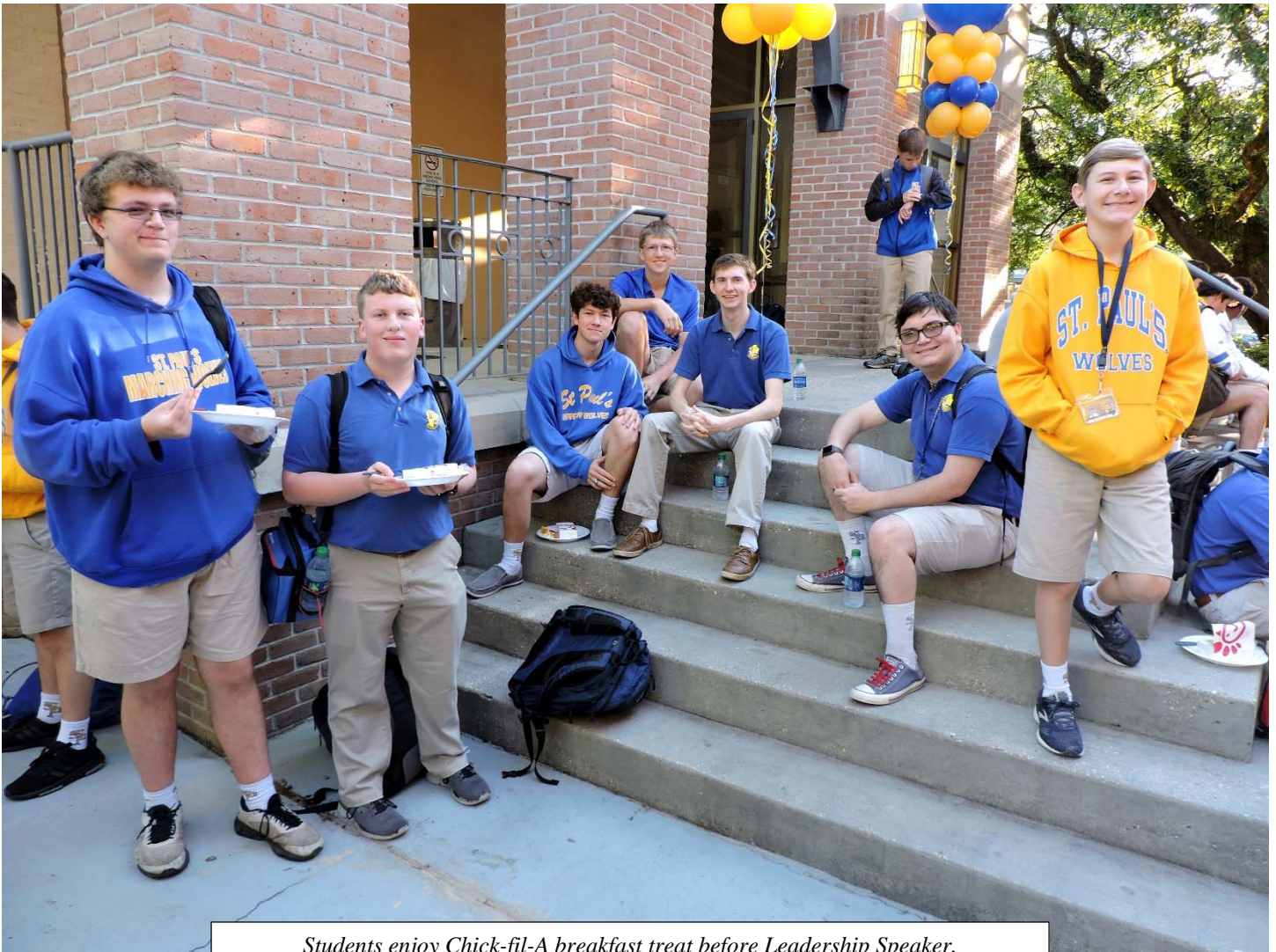
Senior Graduation Information: -- corrected version

- Mon and Tue, Apr 29 & 30: regular schedules for seniors; full days of school; elective exams given
- Wed, May 01: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Thu, May 02: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Fri, May 03: one exam in the morning followed by short graduation practice and distribution of caps, gowns, and graduation ceremony tickets. **Each senior will be issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets are handed directly to the senior on this day. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced.**



Five of our 30 juniors at Eucharistic Ministry training last week.

- **Tickets and caps/gowns will NOT be issued to any student who still has an obligation to the school.**
- Mon – Fri, May 06 - 10: seniors **do not** report to school except for the following:
- Thu, May 09: Academic Awards Ceremony (8 am); only senior receiving awards need attend
- Fri, May 10: Athletic Awards Ceremony (8 am). Only those seniors receiving awards need attend. Final graduation practice (if needed) at 10 am.
- Wed, May 15: Senior Grad Night (5-9) (I mistakenly published May 8 last week; Grad Night is the 15th.)
- Sat, May 18: the 108th Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School; 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors will open at 3 pm and **admission is by ticket only**. The beautiful ceremony, within the context of a Catholic mass, lasts about two hours.
- Note: Everything seniors need to know for graduation will be part of a printed set of instructions given to them on Friday, May 03. I will also email a copy to senior parents.



Students enjoy Chick-fil-A breakfast treat before Leadership Speaker.

Scheduling for Next Year: Students have selected selecting their courses for next year. **Only registered students were allowed to schedule classes.** If you did not register your son, please let me know your intentions as we are getting inquiries from new applicants.

Product of the Week: Tylenol (courtesy of *Readers Digest* and a parent!): *Along with gravity and potato chips, Tylenol is one of history's great accidental discoveries. In 1886, German medical students mistakenly dosed a patient with a chemical cocktail that metabolized into acetaminophen. The patient's fever broke. Acetaminophen became popular across Europe, and in 1955, the Philadelphia family running McNeil Laboratories brought the drug to America as Tylenol Elixir for Children, a prescription-only antipyretic packaged like a tiny red fire truck and marketed "for little hotheads." The marketing, and the medicine, worked.*

Security: "Lock Your Car" Signs are appearing around Covington – including around SPS – courtesy of the Covington PD. Car burglaries are occurring, and almost always in unlocked cars. Parents – please stress with your sons the need to lock his car. And please lock yours when you come to campus for an event, especially an evening event.



Service Projects:

- **St. Peter's Fair** is seeking booth volunteers for the following time slots :
Saturday, May 4th--- 10:00 am – Noon, Noon - 2:00 pm, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, 8:00 - 10:00 pm, 10:00 - 11:00 pm (only 1hr shift - fair closes at 11:00 pm)
Sunday, May 5th--- 10:00 am – Noon, Noon - 2:00 pm, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, 4:00 - 5:30 pm (1.5hr shift - fair closes at 5:00 pm then help w/ cleanup) For more information, please contact Ms. Mariana Martinez: email mzanotti@uno.edu or call/text (305)753-6171.

- **Ochsner Health Center for Children Live Oak:** Our clinic is looking for volunteers to be a part of a program that would help teenage boys with developmental delays by being peer models. For more information, contact Ms. Samantha Anderson at (985)875-2800.
- **Camp Tiger Paw** is a one-week camp for young adults with disabilities located at St Timothy's Church the week of July 8-12 from 9-3pm. Each camper is paired with a counselor and am in need of more male counselors. This camp is lots of fun but also lots of responsibility. This experience is often life changing for my counselors who often come back year after year. For more information, Please contact Ms. Peggy Wales 985-778-1523
- **AgriSafe** is a local nonprofit in Covington and we have service opportunities available for 11th and 12th graders. Students would assist with tasks for upcoming safety and health exhibits and presentations by conducting research, putting together safety kits, brochures, and personal protective equipment (PPE) and helping manage our listserv of member contacts. For more information, contact Ms. Knesha Rose-Davison at 985.327.1627 or by e-mail krose@agrisafe.org

Summer Camps: SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (8-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics (rising 5th – 8th graders)
- Drama (boys and girls 9-13)
- For more information, consult our website: www.stpauls.com

Unplanned: I have gotten info from parents about the movie *Unplanned*. Since it is R rated, I am not “recommending” the movie to students. Last week, however, Archbishop Gregory Aymond issued a statement about the film, which I will use and tell parents to make their decision. Here is statement from Archbishop Gregory Aymond concerning the movie: *I have been told [Unplanned] is a powerful movie that tells the story of the transformation of Abby Johnson from one of the leading abortion activist to one of the leading pro-life activist. It gives a good glimpse of the inner workings of Planned Parenthood. It is a reminder of our need to pray for a greater respect for all human life and to pray for all those who have been affected by abortion. It is rated R due to the topic and has a few bloody scenes.*

Vaping—the latest from the FDA: The FDA has become aware that some people who use [e-cigarettes](#) have experienced seizures, with most reports involving youth or young adult users. Seizures or convulsions are known potential side effects of nicotine toxicity and have been reported in the scientific literature in relation to intentional or accidental swallowing of e-liquid. However, a recent uptick in voluntary reports of adverse experiences with tobacco products that mentioned seizures occurring with e-cigarette use (e.g., vaping) signal a potential emerging safety issue. The FDA continues to monitor all adverse experiences reported to the agency about the use of e-cigarettes and encourages the public to report cases of individuals who use e-cigarettes and have had a seizure via the online [Safety Reporting Portal](#), as further described below.

<https://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/NewsEvents/ucm635133.htm>

A Look Ahead *(note changes in italics)*

- 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.

April

- 15 – DEFG
- 16 – ABCD – President’s Assembly
- 17 – EFGA – Passion Play Schedule
- 18 – BCDE – Mandatum Schedule
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF – President’s Assembly

May

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

Whew! Enough for now. But you get a break next week as the newsletter goes on Easter Holiday (not spring break!) Enjoy your Easter Sunday without my newsletter cluttering up your inbox! Next newsletter will be sent on Sunday, April 28.

Even though it's Holy Week in April 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 past the mid-point of the fourth quarter! Thanks for being part of the 2018 - 19 edition of SPS!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Blessed Holy Week for Our Students as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's!



...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 sing 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!***



May the grace of Holy Week and Easter fill the hearts of our students and protect them during their Easter holidays!