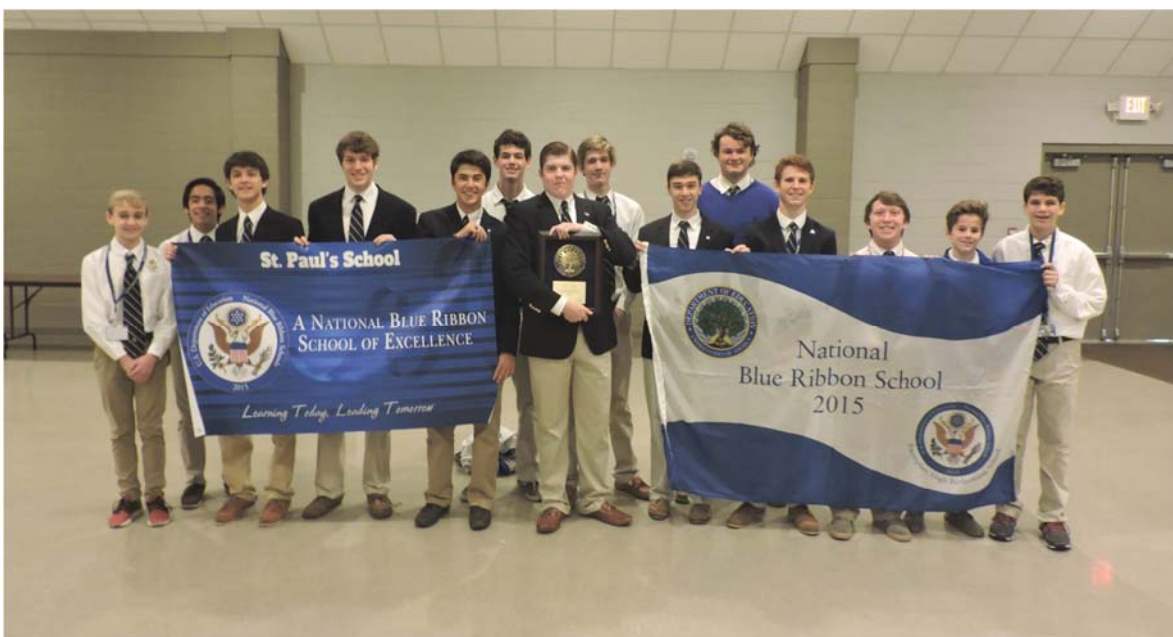


Warning about the Newsletter: This is a LONG newsletter, but there is a lot to cover as we begin school. So pour another cup of coffee, relax, and read. Feel free to take breaks!



The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter
Opening of the 2019 - 20 School Year Edition
Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington
339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
July 28 – August 11, 2019



Welcome to the 2019 - 20 school year – the ninth year of our second century -- a year in which we will strive to keep the best of our 339+ year Christian Brother tradition with our 108 year Saint Paul's tradition while adding the quality of the present.

By popular demand (OK, one mom asked!), the President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter is back. I am sure your summer Sundays were vaguely unsettling without my weekly missive. As in the past, I plan to email the newsletter on Sunday mornings. If you have suggestions as to how I can make the newsletter more helpful & informative, let me know. Just email me a question or suggestion or topic to be addressed.

And welcome to August. According to *The Miriam-Webster* website, *August comes from the Latin word augustus, meaning "consecrated" or "venerable."* ... In 8 B.C., the Roman Senate honored Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, by changing the name of their month "Sextilis" to "Augustus." Middle English speakers inherited the name of the month of August. August is Admit You're Happy Month, Family Fun Month, National Catfish Month, National Eye Exam Month, National Golf Month, Peace Month, Romance Awareness Month, Water Quality Month and National Picnic Month. Something for everyone.

**At SPS, it's the "Opening of School Month." I'm excited, and I hope you are, too.
Thanks for being with us!**

Mon, July 29 (Memorial of St. Martha)

- **This Day in History:** In 1958, the US Congress authorized The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Just 11 years later, the US will put men on the moon in July of 1969 (Apollo 11)
- **TDIH:** In 1914, the first transcontinental telephone service was inaugurated when two people held a conversation between New York, NY and San Francisco, CA.
- **National Lasagna Day:** Enjoy this Italian favorite today!
- **Cross Country Camp of Champions (through Thursday) at Solomon Episcopal Center in Robert**



HOSA senior Ben Klein instructs biomed campers in dissection technique.

Tue, July 30

- **TDIH:** In 1956, two years after pushing to have the phrase “under God” inserted into the pledge of allegiance, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a law officially declaring “In God We Trust” to be the nation’s official motto. Last summer, the Louisiana Legislature passed a law mandating that our national motto be placed in each public school.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Medicare, a health insurance program for elderly Americans, into law.
- **Cheesecake Day:** Enjoy this iconic dessert today – if your health permits!
- **8th Grade Football Sign Up & Football Spirit Night: 5 pm in Gym; Team BBQ 6 pm**

Wed, July 31 (Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola)

- **TDIH:** In 1556, Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order of Roman Catholic missionaries and educators, dies in Rome. We wish all of our Jesuit fathers and brothers a blessed feast day.
- **National Mutt Day:** Today is all about embracing, saving, and celebrating mixed breed dogs.

Thu, Aug 1 (Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church)

- **TDIH: In 1914, World War I erupts in Europe.** The so-called “Great War” that ensued would be one of unprecedented destruction and loss of life, resulting in the deaths of some 20 million soldiers and civilians and the physical devastation of much of the European continent. We pray – never again!
- **TDIH: 1943, PT-109 sinks;** Lieutenant John F. Kennedy, later to become President Kennedy, is instrumental in saving crew. If you are unfamiliar with this inspiring story, I encourage you to read it today.
- **New SPS Teachers Intro to the Lasallian World Meeting:** Today, our new teachers will join the new faculty of Lasallian schools in New Orleans and learn the rich tradition of Lasallian education, which has been transforming lives since 1680.
- **Schedule Change Day:** Counselors will be available today to handle schedule changes between 10 and noon -- which we make for serious reasons only and charge a fee. We hired teachers and built the master schedule based upon student requests in the spring and re-affirmed in June. We will not overload classes just because a student has changed his mind.

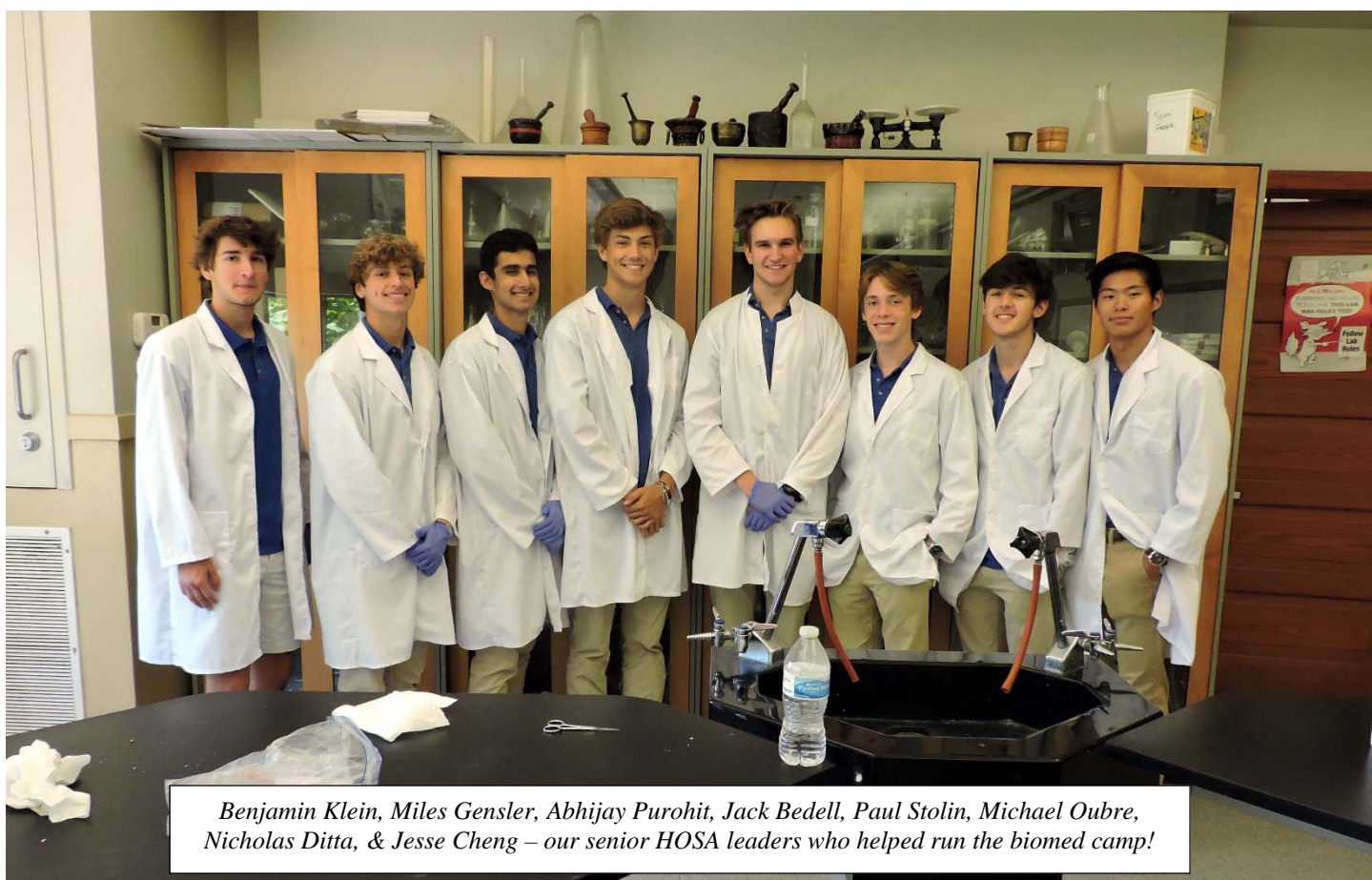


Fri, Aug 2

- **TDIH: In 1990, Iraq invades Kuwait,** which would ultimately lead the US into the First Gulf War.
- **National Ice Cream Sandwich Day:** Enjoy this iconic treat!
- **New Faculty Meeting**
- **Student Council Retreat.** Thanks, SC, for ALL you do for SPS!

Sat, Aug 3

- **TDIH:** 1958, the U.S. nuclear submarine *Nautilus* accomplishes first undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole.
- **TDIH:** In 1923, Calvin Coolidge takes oath of office as the 30th president of the US, hours after the death of President Warren G. Harding.
- **TDIH: In 1861**, the last entry of the serialized novel *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens is published. The novel tells the story of young Pip, a poor orphan who comes to believe he will inherit a fortune – and is one of my favorite novels and a part of my English class curriculum.
- **TDIH:** In 1492, from the Spanish port of Palos, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sets sail in command of three ships. Can you name the three ships and the day he landed? Answer at newsletter end.
- **National Watermelon Day:** Enjoy this iconic summer treat! And it's healthy for you, too!
- **National Mustard Day (always first Sat of Aug):** Spread this tasty condiment treat on your food today. Or visit the National Mustard Museum (who knew?) web site at <http://mustardmuseum.com/>



Sun Aug 4

- If today were not a Sunday, the Catholic Church would be celebrating the memorial of **St. John Vianney (1786-1859)**, whose most remarkable accomplishment was his work as a confessor. In winter months, he spent 11 to 12 hours daily hearing confessions. In summer, time increased to 16 hours. As his fame spread, more hours were spent serving God's people. Even the few hours he allowed himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil. Here are wonderful words from St. John: *We do not have to talk very much in order to pray well. We know that God is there... Let us open our hearts to him. Let us rejoice in his presence. This is the best prayer.*

- **TDIH:** In 1944, acting on a Dutch informer tip, Nazi Gestapo captures 15-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank and her family in a sealed-off area of an Amsterdam warehouse. Her father was the only family member to survive the Nazi death camps. After the war, he returned to Amsterdam via Russia, and was reunited with one of his former employees who had helped shelter him. She handed him Anne's diary, which she had found undisturbed after the Nazi raid. In 1947, Anne's diary was published by Otto in its original Dutch as *Diary of a Young Girl*. An instant best-seller and eventually translated into more than 50 languages, *The Diary of Anne Frank* has served as a literary testament to the nearly six million Jews, including Anne herself, who were silenced in the Holocaust.
- **National Chocolate Chip Day:** Enjoy this iconic treat!
- **International Assistance Dog Day** recognizes all the devoted, hardworking assistance dogs helping individuals mitigate their disability related limitations.
- **Coast Guard Day: on August 4, 1790, the Congress created the Revenue Cutter Service.** Congress authorized the construction of ten cutters. These ships enforced U.S. tariff laws. The Revenue Cutter Service was the predecessor the U.S. Coast Guard, a term first used in 1915. We salute and thank our Coast Guard!
- **International Forgiveness Day** (always first Sun in Aug): Let us all make an effort to forgive.

Mon, Aug 5 – Faculty Meetings

- **TDIH:** In 1914, the world's first electric traffic signal is put into place on the corner of Euclid Ave and East 105th Street in Cleveland. Little did they know what they started!
- **TDIH:** In 1850, French writer Guy de Maupassant, who probably had the greatest impact upon short story development as a literary genre in Europe, is born. Clever plots, clear style and surprise endings characterize his works. Read de Maupassant today! "The Necklace" & "Piece of String" are classic!
- **National Underwear Day:** I will let you "briefly" (sorry!) decide if you are going to celebrate this – or not! DYK that some Wall Street execs use sales of men's underwear - a discretionary purchase - to measure how people feel financially. When sales decline, it usually indicates the economy is headed for a fall. Who knew? So go out there and buy underwear, thus keeping our economy strong!
- **Oyster Day:** Indulge in this LA favorite – if you can find them with the algae bloom! Some facts:
 - There are over 100 species of true oysters traditionally named after body of water where found.
 - The largest oyster-producing body of water is Chesapeake Bay.
 - Oyster farming and cultivation traces back to Roman times in France and England.
 - Two billion pounds are eaten annually and only 1 out of 10,000 will have a pearl

Tue, Aug 6 – Faculty Meetings

- **Feast of the Transfiguration:** *In a resplendent cloud, the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him. May we listen to the Lord on every day throughout the new school year!*
- **TDIH:** In 1945, at 8:16 am Japanese time, an American B-29 bomber, the *Enola Gay*, drops world's first atom bomb over city of Hiroshima. Approximately 80,000 people die directly from the blast, and another 35,000 are injured. At least another 60,000 would die by end of year from fallout. We pray that no nation will ever again use atomic or nuclear weapons.



- **National Fresh Breath Day:** Floss, brush, rinse with mouthwash, and carry mints! ‘Nuff said!
- **National Root Beer Float Day:** Celebrate the opening of school with this iconic summer treat!
- **Senior Portraits (refer to email or see below for more information)**
- **8th & New 9th Grade Orientation (5:30 – 7:30):** Our Lasallian Young Leaders have a great program planned for our newest wolves. Thanks to Campus Minister Jeff Ramon and all who will be helping.



Wed, Aug 7 – Teacher/Staff Preparation Day

- **Purple Heart Day:** Today in 1782, in Newburgh, NY, General George Washington created the "Badge for Military Merit," a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk, edged with a narrow binding of silver, with the word Merit across the face. The badge was presented to soldiers for "any singularly meritorious action" and permitted its wearer to pass guards and sentinels without challenge. After the war, the decoration was largely forgotten until 1927, when the US Army Chief of Staff sent an unsuccessful draft bill to Congress to "revive the Badge of Military Merit." On February 22, 1932, Washington's 200th birthday, the U.S. War Department created the "Order of the Purple Heart." We remember all American soldiers who have been wounded and thus earned The Purple Heart.
- **TDIH:** The US Congress overwhelmingly approves the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Lyndon Johnson nearly unlimited powers to oppose "communist aggression" in Southeast Asia. The resolution marked the beginning of an expanded military role for the United States in Vietnam.
- **Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day** -- Buy anything lately that was particularly hard to get out of the box or plastic wrap? What do we older people do when even mainstream society cannot open a simple bottle of aspirin, let alone a milk carton?
- **Senior Portraits (refer to email or see below for more info)**

Thu, Aug 8 (Memorial of St. Dominic; Full Day of School; Orientation Assembly; periods A B C D only)

- On this feast day of St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order, we wish our Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests and most blessed and happy feast day!
- **TDIH:** In 1786, US Congress unanimously chooses the dollar as the money unit for the United States.
- **Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day – self-explanatory!**
- **This is a FULL DAY OF CLASS INSTRUCTION.** Students must be in their A Block class by 8:00 am. **Traffic has not gotten any better of late, so please allow plenty of time for prompt arrival.**
- **Important Info about Uniforms for Thursday, August 8:** On Thu, August 8, students who have religion class in Periods A, B, C or D must wear DRESS UNIFORM for school pictures. Students who have religion in periods E, F or G wear regular uniforms on Thu, Aug 09. How will you know? Refer to class schedule that you should have received by now. If you have not received a schedule, contact me.
- Students only need to bring materials for periods A B C & D on August 8. Books will be in the classrooms and teachers will distribute them directly to students.
- **Yearbook Distribution for Class of 2019 – 6 pm in cafeteria. We look forward to welcoming back the Class of 2019 before they leave for the next phase of their lives!**

Fri, Aug 9 (Orientation Assembly schedule; periods E F G A only meet today)

- **TDIH:** In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon resigned at noon as the 37th president of the United States. He is the only president ever to resign. Vice-President Gerald Ford became the 38th president. Ford, the first president who came to the office through appointment rather than election, had replaced Spiro Agnew as vice president only eight months before. In a political scandal independent of the Nixon administration's wrongdoings in the Watergate affair, Agnew had been forced to resign in disgrace after he was charged with income tax evasion and political corruption.
- **Book Lover's Day:** What a great day at the beginning of the school year!
- **Important Info about Uniforms for Friday, August 9:** On Fri, August 9, students with religion class in periods E, F or G wear DRESS UNIFORM for pictures. Students who had their pictures taken on Thu wear regular uniforms.
- Students only need to bring materials for periods E F G & A on August 9. Books will be in the classrooms and teachers will distribute them directly to students.

Rise Up, O Men of God

I draw the following to your attention (in alphabetical order, not order of importance):

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: Help your son develop proper attitudes and habits for success. Show confidence in his ability; work with him to set realistic academic goals. Help him develop an orderly study environment. Teens enjoy chaos, so the trick is to help your son create enough order in his chaos for proper study to occur. Designate a place and time to study. **Require 1-2 hours of study per night. Do not accept the "I have no homework" excuse.** He always has homework -- review, study, and advanced preparation. At the end of his study session, have him organize books, assignments, PE clothes, etc. for the next day. **Students who do not arrive to class with their homework are sent to assignment hall.**

ATTENDANCE OFFICE: Please following all SPS attendance regulations as found in the Student-Parent Handbook and make Suzanne's job as easy as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. The State of Louisiana limits the number of days a student may miss and still receive credit. Saint Paul's adheres to these regulations. **Please do not allow your sons to miss school for less than very serious reasons.**

BOOK STORE: The Mothers' Club Bookstore opens on:

Aug 5, 2018	Bookstore Opens	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Aug 6, 2018	Bookstore Opens	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Aug 7, 2018	Bookstore Opens	9:00 am to 3:00 pm

All required school supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel. Our regular bookstore hours of operation will start on Monday, August 7.

- M – F: 7:15 am - 8:15 am
- M – F: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- By appointment. Email spsbookstore16@gmail.com



New lighting was installed in Alumni Theater thanks to generous donors on iGiveNOLA Day in May!

PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore. Proceeds help fund wonderful activities throughout the year and campus needs. For example, the MC funded over \$40,000 worth of school projects this past year.

CAFETERIA: Cafeteria School Lunch / Breakfast Programs:

- SPS participates in the federal school lunch/breakfast program managed by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Saint Paul's does not directly manage the food service program; we follow the directives of the Archdiocese, which employs the cafeteria workers, not Saint Paul's.
- Breakfast (\$2) is served from 7:15-7:45 am. This is a GREAT program and many students use it.
- Students may buy a basic lunch (\$3.) They will be charged for extra servings – so make sure your son is aware and knows how much he can spend. On most days, there is a choice of hot lunch or sandwich lunch.

- **Students may not “order out”, e.g. pizza, or have lunches delivered. WE CANNOT DELIVER LUNCHESES TO STUDENTS. Please do not ask us to do so. Please do not bring lunch to your son.**
- **Students participating in the cafeteria program must make an initial payment before school opens. This may be done on Aug 1-2 & 5-7 between 7 and 2:30. A separate check will be needed. Students may NOT "charge" a meal if no money is on account.**
- **Students MUST use their ID cards for check out in the cafeteria. A temporary ID will be issued them on Thu, Aug 8, for use at lunch that day.**
- Parents may sign up for ON-LINE payments that will also allow them to see a complete record of everything their son is buying. Go to <http://www.schoolcafe.org/> and follow directions.
- **FREE or REDUCED LUNCH/BREAKFAST: There is no stigma to apply for free / reduced lunch. NO ONE knows but the cafe manager. Request forms from the cafeteria manager or me. NEW: You may also apply online for free / reduced lunch by following these steps:**
 - ✓ Go to www.Applyforlunch.com (or access the link from our website www.schoolcafe.org)
 - ✓ Click on “Start your Online Application”
 - ✓ Enter your Zip Code or State and select “Archdiocese of New Orleans” as the district.
 - ✓ Follow the wizard and use the guided help along the way
 - ✓ Continue to select “next” at the bottom of the page and “submit” when completed.

Should you list an email address, you receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted. If you have any questions regarding Online Applications, please contact (504)596-3440 or (504)596-3434. Meal eligibility applications should be received prior to the 30th day of school or current meal benefits may change.

It is NOT embarrassing for a family to request free or reduced cafeteria meals if you have financial need. Nothing is done to identify which students are on free or reduced lunch.

CALENDAR for 2019 – 20: Here is the basic calendar. NOTE: since the State of Louisiana has tightened the attendance policy, we will be even more insistent that students not miss school for less than serious reasons. PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.

Mon - Tues, Aug 5 & 6	Teacher Meetings
Wed, Aug 7	Teacher Prep Day
Thurs, Aug 8	School Opens with full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 19	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 22	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 23	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 26	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Aug 30	Lasallian Formation Day for Faculty (no classes for students)
Mon, Sep 02	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 11	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 11	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)

Mon, Oct 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Nov 02	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon, Nov 04	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Nov 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Dec 02	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon - Thu, Dec 16-19	Semester Exams
Thu, Dec 19	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Mon, Jan 06	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Jan 09 - 10	Senior Retreat
Mon, Jan 20	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 03	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 21	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 24 -28	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Mar 02	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri Apr 10 – 17	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 20	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 29 – May 01	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 14	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 16	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Tues – Fri, May 19 - 22	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Mon, May 25	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Tues, May 26	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, we will take student make-up days from scheduled holidays. **Note that school begins with all students reporting on Thursday, August 8 for a full instructional day.** Also, please check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school.



Stalwart BB players acted as counselors in the two basketball camps!

CAR LINES There is no designated drop off spot. Be patient as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder’s Circle as a departure point, **cars must drop off students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – do not block traffic in the right lane to discharge the occupants. Dropping off at La Salle Hall or by the BAC is OK. Traffic will be heavy heading into Covington as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

DADS' CLUB: Dads were terrific on Sat, helping with MANY projects! If you would like to be included on the SPS Dads' Club email list to keep informed about upcoming meetings and events, please email spdadsclub@gmail.com or shea.duet@gmail.com. Also, if you would like to subscribe to the Dads' Club calendar or Facebook page, please see: Join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/169835833172361/> Subscribe to our calendar at <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=spdadsclub%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

DANCES:

- **Back to School:** Save the date: **SPS/SSA Back to School Dances is Friday, August 16.** Stay tuned for theme and costume details.
 - **8th and 9th Grades:** St. Paul's Briggs Assembly Center. 8th arrive at 7 PM for a Social, 9th arrive at 7:30 PM. Dance lasts from 7:30-9PM
 - **10th, 11th, and 12th Grades:** St. Scholastica Academy Gym. Dance lasts from 7-9PM.
- **Homecoming Dances:** The Junior High Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, September 21. The Senior High (grades 10 – 12) Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, September 28.

DRESS CODE: Students must comply with the dress code beginning Aug 8. WE INTEND TO INCREASE OUR ENFORCEMENT OF THE DRESS CODE THIS YEAR. Refer to previous newsletters or the student handbook on our website for particulars if you are still unsure. **Note: We have a number of clean, pre-owned SPS uniform shirts in good condition. If the family budget is tight, feel free to ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student and no one will know. Thanks to those families who supply us with their outgrown uniforms.**

DRIVING POLICY: The driving habits of some students (speeding, horn blowing; engine revving, tire screeching, etc.) cause grief for the neighbors. I have spoken at length with some neighbors and with the Covington Police. As our handbook states, driving to school and parking on our campus is a privilege, not a right. Accordingly:

- Covington Police will increase their presence and issue tickets;
- Neighbors have been instructed to take pictures or get license plates of speeding or unsafe drivers and send the information to us;
- SPS has increased the number of faculty supervisors after school;
- SPS has a series of monetary fines (beginning at \$50 for a first offense) against students violating traffic laws around school;
- SPS reserves the right to revoke the driving to school privilege – which we did with one student who enraged the neighborhood on the last day of school a year ago.
- **It's against LA law to use a cell phone (except hands free) during school zone times. Don't drop your son off while using a cell phone – it's against the law and sets a bad example.**
- Parents of students who drive to school – please stress safe driving with your sons.



Judging from smiles (and enrollment and comments), basketball camp was a smashing success!

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS: The St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's Elections Department is seeking to recruit and train high school seniors as certified election commissioners. Students can earn between \$100 and \$300 per election. With elections scheduled in St. Tammany in October and November, **commissioner certification classes will begin in August! For that reason, we must reach this year's senior class when the school year begins.** For more information about serving as an Election Commissioner, contact the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's Election Department at (985) 809-8700 or www.StTammanyClerk.org
Seniors can also get more information from their Civics teacher this year, Mr. Moser or Mr. Scoriels.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: An SPS email address (printed on the schedules) is issued to all students. The format is Firstname.Lastname.gradyr@stpauls.com, e.g. John.Smith.2020@stpauls.com. This will allow us to communicate better with students. The student may keep this email forever, thus allowing us to continue contact with him as an alumnus. Naturally, we will delete the email upon graduation at the student's request. Your son's email will be printed on the schedule that you receive. **Since 95% of our communication with you is via email, please let us know if you change your email address.** And check your spam filter.



ENROLLMENT: We open with a healthy enrollment. I am humbled and proud that so many parents are willing to entrust their sons to us and make the sacrifices necessary to do so. **Stress with your son that he is being given a gift – a gift that others want. He must use this gift wisely and make good choices.**

EXTRACURRICULARS: New parents often ask how their sons find out about our extracurricular program. Shortly after school opens, we will introduce students to our offerings.

FOOTBALL: Calling all 8th graders interested in playing football for the Wolves! Come sign up for 8th grade football on Tuesday, July 30 at 5pm in the new gym. Information will be given regarding the upcoming season, practices, games, etc. You will also have a chance to meet the coaches. You are also invited to come out early and watch the end of Varsity practice prior to the meeting. Don't worry if you can't make it! You can sign up when school starts! No problem! Practices will begin the week of August 12.

HELPING SPS: Don't forget – If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase! We also collect Box Tops for Education (have your son bring them to his math teacher) and we receive a portion of sales from Amazon Prime. These are painless ways to help SPS.

JAZZ ‘N ROLL: J n R XXVIII is Sat evening, Nov 02. If you have questions, auction items and/or would like to work at J n R, call Shellie Campo at 892-3200, ext. 1273. More info to come, but mark your calendars!

LATE STARTS: We will have 9 am starts on the following days for faculty meetings. I hope this helps you schedule doctor appointments, etc., which minimize missed class time. Here are the 9:00 am start dates:

- Sept 16
- Oct 21
- Oct 25
- Dec 2
- Feb 3
- Mar 9
- Apr 20

Also, note that there are no classes for students on Friday, August 30 and Monday, November 4. Please use these days, too, for appointments, etc.

LOST & FOUND: At the end of last year, we “rounded up” dozens of sweatshirts, uniform shirts, pants, socks, books, lunch boxes and numerous other items that were left behind by students. We washed and dried everything. Most of the items had NO IDENTIFYING INFO and the ones that did had info that was illegible. Again, PLEASE stress with your son the need for personal responsibility of his items. **Please clearly label all clothing.** The items collected at the end of May represent hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars.



A solicitous counselor helps a soccer camper with his sunscreen.

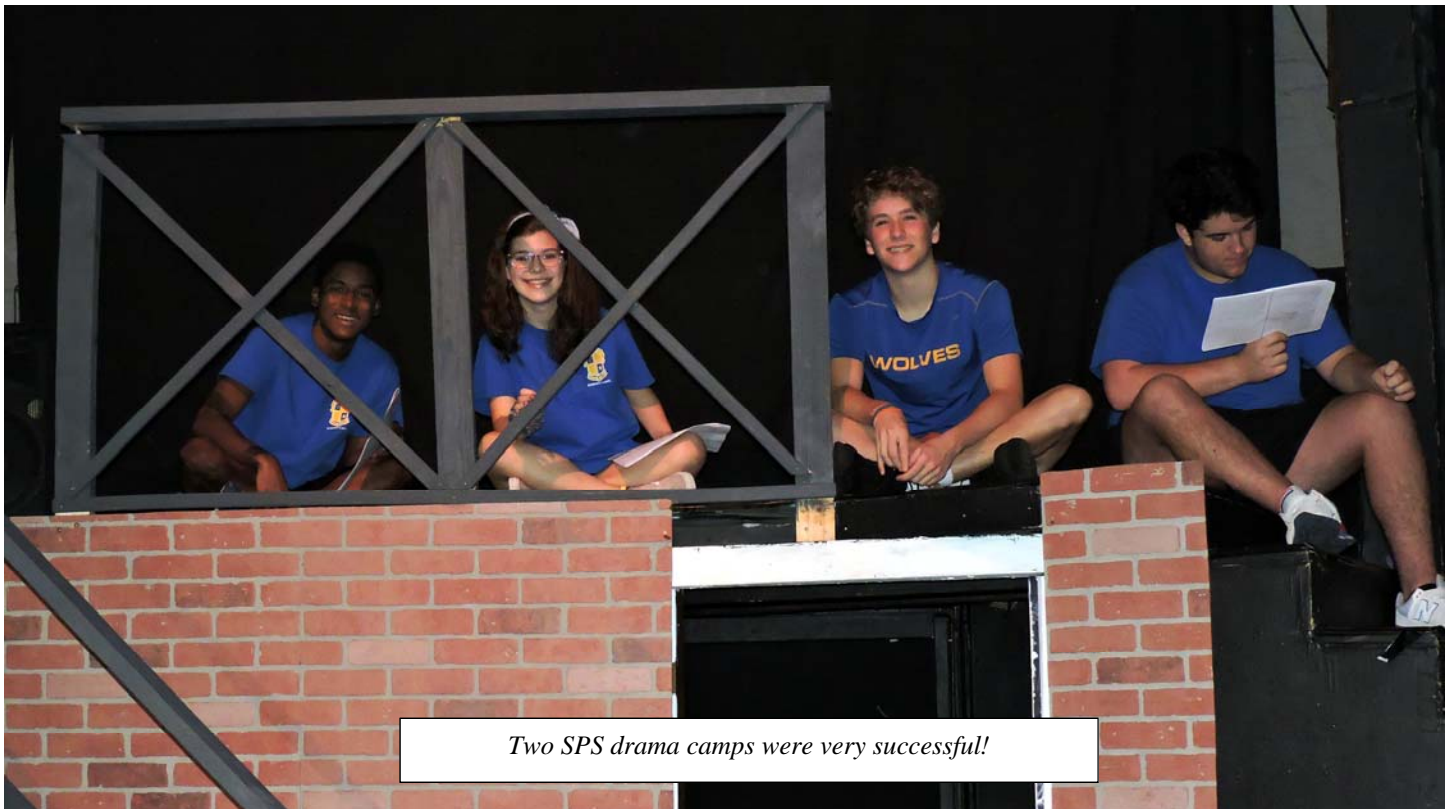
MINI-SCHEDULE NIGHT: We will hold our annual mini-schedule for parents on Monday, August 26, beginning at 6:30. Come follow your son’s schedule with ten-minute classes and meet his teachers. This is always a popular event, so place it on your calendars. Thanks!

MUSINGS ON RECENT EVENTS:

- **Dads’ Club:** The SPS Dads Club spent Saturday, July 27, on a number of campus projects, from power washing to tree trimming to minor repairs. Their work has made quite a difference! Thanks, SPS Dads Club! The campus is looking GREAT!
- **Football Team** left for Camp on 7/24 at Nicholls & returned Fri; LOTS of FB guys this year!
- **Cross Country** leaves this week as they prepare to defend their season.
- **Band Camp:** Lots of Marching Wolves showed for camp. Fantastic – looks like we will have 100+! And the MWs did a great Meet the Band evening on Fri evening. Many thanks to Band Boosters for ALL of their help! Y’all are the best!
- **Mothers Club:** The Bookstore Crew was VERY busy preparing for sale this week.
- **Strength & Conditioning & Basketball Camps:** The final camps of the season were very successful. Overall, camp enrollment was UP this summer and feedback was very positive. I am very grateful to Athletic Director and Camp Director Craig Ketelsen, his assistant Keren Davis, and all the coaches, staff, and students who made our camps great.

NEED MOR INFO? For academic issues, **contact teachers first**, then counselors, then Curriculum Coordinator Lee Pierre, then Assistant Principal Joe Dickens and, finally, Principal Trevor Watkins. For discipline, attendance, or dress code questions, call Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin or me. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Mr. Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director. Naturally, call me if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1901 & my cell phone is 985/966-1138, my email is broray@stpauls.com or hit “reply” to this email!**

NEW PARENTS: We will host a **welcome reception and information** meeting for **new parents** on Monday, August 19, at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. We will email more information in August, but the welcoming reception will be from 6:30 – 7:00 and the information meeting from 7:00 – 8:00. We hope you have this on your calendar and that you will be with us!



Two SPS drama camps were very successful!

New 8TH & 9TH GRADE STUDENTS: Our Lasallian Student Leaders are planning an Orientation Session for our incoming 8th graders and NEW 9th graders on Tue, August 6, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. An invitation was sent to you, and we hope you have marked this date on your calendars and plan to be present. **BRING A COPY OF YOUR SCHEDULE.** Naturally, attendance is optional, but the evening will be a fun and informative introduction to SPS. Do not worry, however, if you cannot make it. We will “orient” you when school begins. Please RSVP by emailing our Lasallian Youth Leader moderator, Mr. Jeff Ramon, at j.ramon@stpauls.com so we can plan supper accordingly.

NEWS WORTH NOTING: I published this last year, but it bears repeating. Parents, please stress responsible social media use with your sons and monitor his accounts.


- **Harvard Rescinded Admission of 10 Students Over Obscene Facebook Messages:** A definite lesson for our students. Here’s the National Public Radio article:
<http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/06/06/531591202/harvard-rescinds-admission-of-10-students-over->

[obscene-facebook-messages?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20170611&utm_campaign=&utm_term=](https://www.facebook.com/obscene-facebook-messages/?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20170611&utm_campaign=&utm_term=)

OFFICE DEPOT: If you shop at Office Depot, give SPS school code (70041640) and we receive 5% of purchase!

PHYSICALS: No student may participate in our athletic program or our band program without the necessary paperwork having been completed, including an LHSAA official physical form.

**ST PAUL'S
MOTHER'S CLUB BOOKSTORE**



**Back to School "Book Week"
at the Bookstore:**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Saturday, August 3rd
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Monday - Wednesday, August 5th - 7th
7:00 am - 12:30 pm	Thursday & Friday, August 8th & 9th

School Supplies Packs will be available for pick up starting Saturday, August 3rd!

Regular Bookstore Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 8:15 am, 11:00 am -12:30 pm

Friday of a Home Football Game - 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

PE Uniforms, Outerwear,
Sack Packs, New and Old
St. Paul's Apparel, Ladies
Apparel, Socks, Used
Uniforms, School Supplies
and Much More...

**Your one stop
shop for just
about everything
you need!**

*Thank you, Mothers' Club!
Please support the MC Bookstore!*

PLUSPORTALS: Our PlusPortal platform will give you access to teacher lesson plans, homework, and grades. PlusPortal **activation codes were sent to you last week. Please activate your account.** Mr. Mike Holmes is the PlusPortal administrator. Contact him for help at 892-3200, ext 1944 or mikeh@stpauls.com. **WE NEED EVERYONE TO ACTIVATE A PlusPoral ACCOUNT.** (Sorry – I’m not shouting, just emphasizing.)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: all individuals planning to volunteer with St. Paul's must complete safe environment training as mandated by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.



Last year's Marching Wolves senior drum major Ross Hightower (R) congratulates this year's drum majors Deuce Montiero (L) and Thomas Bitterwolf (center).

SCHEDULES: Class schedules were emailed on Friday, July 26 – if tuition or bank payments were current. Let me know if you did not receive a student's schedule.

SCHOOL PICTURES: Ordering pictures is optional; an order form was mailed to you and will soon be posted on our web site. If you wish to order pictures, please have your son bring the order form and check with him on the day he is scheduled to take his picture (see above) – either Aug 8 or 9.

SCHOOL SCHEDULES: **Class schedules were emailed last week if tuition payments were current.** If you request a change, read info on the schedule sent and follow directions. Changes will be made for only serious reasons. A change fee will be charged.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: All needed school supplies are posted on our school web site (www.stpauls.com). Just click on the link at the bottom of the homepage. Supplies are listed by TEACHER, so check your son's class schedule that was emailed last week. While we encourage you to shop at the Mothers Club bookstore, if **you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!**

SENIOR PARENTS: Note the following **upcoming special senior events in Senior Week, Aug 19 - 23:**

- **Senior Class BBQ, Tue, Aug 20, 5 – 7 pm.** Appropriate casual attire required.
- **March through the Arch, Thu, Aug 22, at 8 a.m.** Senior parents are encouraged to attend this traditional "rite of passage" ceremony for our seniors. SPS dress uniform required.
- **Senior-Parent Continental Breakfast** following the March. The breakfast will be in the cafeteria and "al fresco" (from the Italian meaning "in the fresh" -- in this case, fresh air! We will have some outdoor seating.) Following breakfast, seniors will participate in **Senior Unity Day**, followed by complimentary lunch and then Ring Ceremony practice. I will dismiss them following practice – usually around 2 pm (or earlier if they cooperate!) Seniors may remain in dress uniform or change to regular school uniform after the breakfast.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony at 6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center. Senior parents are strongly encouraged to attend this traditional ceremony, a highlight of the senior year. ALL seniors are required to attend the ceremony whether they are receiving a ring or not. And, yes, family rings can be used. **Seniors' dress for the ceremony is ANY dress shirt, tie, slacks, shoes and socks.**
- **Fri, Aug 23, is the Senior Ring Holiday. Seniors do not need to come to school.**

SENIOR PORTRAITS: Expressions Photography will be at St. Paul's School to photograph the senior class of 2020 on **Tuesday, August 6** and **Wednesday, August 7**. Each senior will be photographed in cap and gown and tuxedo (both will be provided by Expressions). Here are the details:

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- **When:** Seniors/parents will receive an email with the designated date (either 8/6 or 8/7) and time. It is important to arrive promptly so your scheduled group can be photographed in a timely manner.
 - **Where:** Lobby area of New Gym
 - **What to wear:** Plain white tee-shirt and shorts (any kind is fine as long as they are in good repair). Seniors should be **clean-shaven** and have an **appropriate school-length haircut**. Facial hair will show if not properly shaved. (Moms are welcomed to attend)
 - **Portraits:** Senior proofs/order form will be mailed to your home address within the next three weeks. An email will be sent to notify families when proofs are mailed. If you do NOT receive proofs within a reasonable amount of time, please call the studio.
 - **Return** completed order form and proofs to Expressions.
 - **Select tux pose** that will be used for the yearbook (even if you DO NOT order portraits, a tux pose MUST be selected).

STUDENT HOSTS: Student Hosts will recruit and enroll new and returning members during the first few weeks of school in preparation for service at Jazz N Roll, Open House, Drama productions, Celebrity Waiters and other events. Students should see one of the people in the Development Office for information.



Campus butterflies are ready for school to begin!

STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK SIGNATURE CARD: The Student-Parent Handbook is posted on the Student Life page of our website. All students and parents must be familiar with our policies and agree to follow them. As evidence of that agreement, **students and parents must sign a form attesting that they have read the Handbook, understand the rules contained within the document, and intend to follow them. Print out the signature card (posted on the website under “recent news” and which is also the last page of the handbook) and bring it on August 8.**

SUMMER READING: All students should be finishing their summer reading.

SWIM TEAM: If you are interested in joining the Aqua Wolves as we defend our District and Regional Championships for the fourth year in a row, please email Swim Team Moderator Mrs. Rachel Peak (rachelp@stpauls.com). All new and returning members need to have their completed physical on file in the Athletic Office by the start of school!

TELEPHONES: We are installing a new telephone system – which is taking longer than expected! It’s been a challenge at times to reach us by phone. We still have a couple of days before full service is restored. Please be patient if you call. Voice mail has not yet been completely installed. Emails are best at this point. Thanks for your patience. Also, extensions will change, so we will publish new ones as soon as available.

UNIFORMS: Reminders:

- Uniform shirts, ties, and socks are sold by Bayou Uniform (13488 Seymour Myers Blvd) in Covington. Only white SPS socks are allowed.
- Sweatshirts, fleeces, PE uniforms, etc. are sold by the Mothers Club bookstore.
- Khaki pants/shorts may come from any vendor as long as they are NOT cargo pants and are standard tan khaki color, not green or brown.
- There is no uniform shoe but no sandals, etc. are allowed. The more conservative the better.
- We now have a “dress uniform” which will be worn on special occasions: LONG khaki pants, dress white shirt (any brand is OK even if it has a small logo), dress socks, belt, SCHOOL TIE, and any shoe that is not a tennis/athletic shoe.
- ID cards must be worn DAILY. This is a safety measure.

WEEKLY HUMOR: Since you have read this far, you deserve the traditional “Weekly Humor”:

- *Q: Which school supply is always tired? A: A knapsack.*
- *Teacher: I see you missed the first day of school. Student: Yes, but I didn’t miss it that much.*
- *Q: Why did the girl wear glasses during math class? A: To improve her di-vision.*
- *Q: Why did the math book look so sad when school started? A: Because it had so many problems..*
- *Q. Why was the obtuse angle so upset at school? A: Because it was never right.*
- *Q. What did the algebra book say to the science book? A: Boy, do I have problems!*
- *Q. What did the math book say to the history book? A: You know you can count on me.*
- *Q: What is a math teacher’s favorite season? A: Sum-mer.*
- *Q. Why wouldn’t the teacher allow her students to say 288 in class? A: Because it’s two gross. (Get it?)*
- *Q. Why was the geometry book so adorable? A: Because it had acute angles.*
- *Q. What did the calculator say to the girl on the first day of school? A: I’ll solve all your problems!*
- *Q: What do you get when you add 4 apples and 2 apples? A: A 2nd grade math problem!*
- *Q. What did the girl say to her math book? A: You’re going to have to solve your own problems.*
- *Q. Why is glue bad at Math? A: It always gets stuck on the problems.*
- *Q. What tool did the boy bring to his first math class? A: Multi-plyers.*
- *Q. What do you get when you cross a teacher with a calculator? A: Someone you can always count on.*
- *Q: Why did the boy enjoy Sunday school? A: Because of all the ice cream!*
- *Q. Why did Echo get detention on the first day of school? A: He kept answering back.*
- *Teacher: Pay a little attention, please! Student: But I’m paying as little attention as I can!*
- *Q: How can you make the first day of school fly by? A: Throw a clock!*
- *Q: Where did the sheep say they went for summer vacation? A: The Baa-hamas*
- *Q. Who was in charge of the school during summer vacation? A. The rulers.*
- *Q: What did the lobster do when the first day of school ended? A: It shellabrated.*
- *Q: What do they do on the first day of sheep school? A: Have a baa-baa-cue.*

- *Q: Why was the school cafeteria clock behind on the first day of school? A: It went back four seconds.*
- *Q: Why was the snake upset when math class ended? A: He was an Adder!*
- *Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses in school? A: Her students were bright.*
- *Q: What should elves know before the first day of 1st grade? A: The elf-abet.*
- *And I'll end with two Knock Knock jokes:*
- Knock, knock Who's there?
Justin. Justin who?
Just in time for the first day of school.
- Knock Knock. Who's there?
Noah. Noah who?
Noah more summer – it's time for school!
- *OK, I'll stop!*

I will again close with the passage that I like to use at the beginning of each new school year. I've been using it now for 32 years, but it still makes sense today! I wish I could take credit for the quotation, but it was written in the 1960's by the headmaster of St. Alban's School in New York. It provides food for thought for all of us as we begin another school year:

The raising of children is a lot of fun and a lot of pain, whether it has to do with cars, books, the opposite sex, parties, or drinking, but it is also the greatest privilege we can have in life. We shall do it well or poorly, depending upon the quality of life we ourselves have been able to develop, the way we are able to learn, the humility of heart that is ours, which helps us to recognize that we do not have all the answers and that we can learn from each other, occasionally from our children, through whom God has been known to speak even to parents, and especially from that teacher who we recognize as The Teacher, Jesus the Lord.

Whew! That was a lot of information! Hope I have not scared you off! I am sure I've forgotten something but that's enough for now. Email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I will close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which is now officially off the air but which I still listen to on its website): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings. Pray that we have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC
Anticipating a Great 2019-20 as the 17th Christian Brother
President/CEO (yes, I'm still here!) of Saint Paul's School



Answer to Aug 3 Trivia Question: Columbus's three ships were the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria, and he landed on Oct 12, 1492.