



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



August 19 - 25, 2019

***Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington
339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***

In the Saint Paul's School Paradigm, composed by the late Brother Jeffrey Calligan a number of years ago, the juniors are the "young adults of the school community" and one of their jobs is to "dream" – to dream about how they might contribute to the school's mission; to dream by assuming leadership roles in the classroom and in activities; to apprentice and to study: to observe and support the leadership of the senior class; to give life to the school which has nurtured them in their younger years; and to begin planning for their year of school leadership and how they intend to achieve their dreams.

At their opening of school prayer service, each junior was invited to write one of his "dreams" on a note card, which was then placed on the altar while the level prayed that God would bless them and help their dreams come true. Afterwards, I read their dreams. While many of the dreams were predictable ("to win a state championship", "to be successful", "to have a good family", etc.), other dreams our juniors wrote moved me deeply. I offer the following from the Class of 2021: *My dream is...*

- *To be a good person* **To get closer to God*
- *To be a missionary* **To be a good father*
- *To lead a fulfilling life* **To change a life*
- *To improve myself* **To help people*
- *To find true happiness* **To find my calling in life*
- *To be the best I can be* **To be a better Christian*
- *To have a loving family* **To save the country*
- *To clean up the environment*
- *To provide comfort to others through my music*
- *To do something that I love doing for a living*
- *To be happy with whatever job I choose*
- *To be a good person and help people*
- *To become a doctor and help people*
- *To help the people of Guatemala*
- *To leave my footprint by benefiting the world*
- *To change the world and save someone's life*
- *To be wealthy enough to help my parents*



Paxton and Luke impart school's blessing to student body at last week's assembly while the Salve Regina played in background.

I could add more to the list, but I think you get the idea.

Our juniors are men of great dreams. I did pause, however, over a few cards that were left blank. **Join me in praying that God will bless those who have no dreams or do not feel love.**

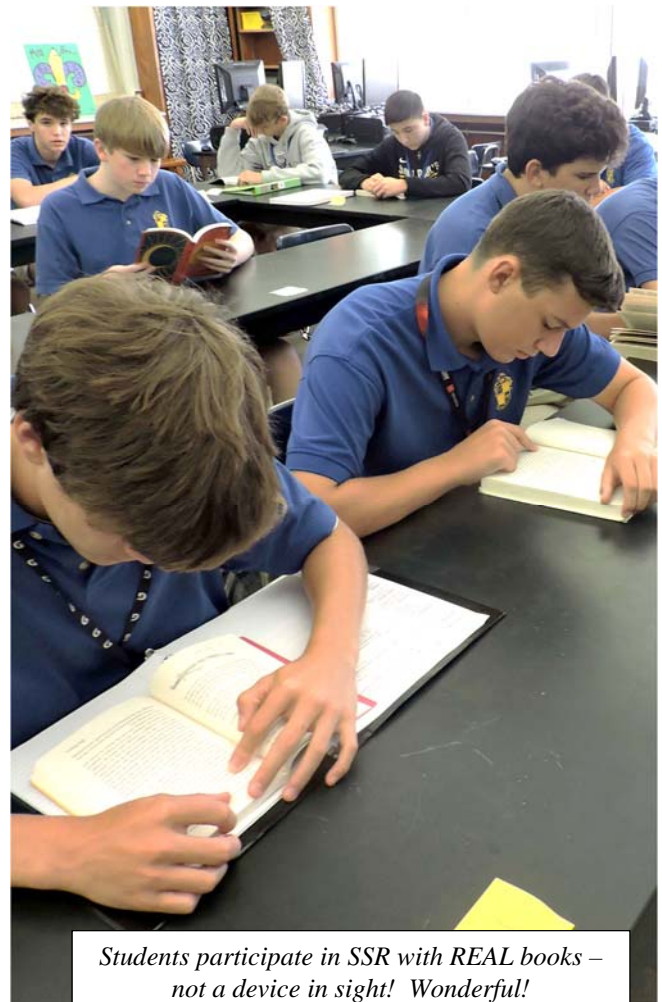
May our year help them to find dreams and realize that they are loved – by Almighty God and the Lasallian world. The Class of 2020 will indeed make the world a better place – as will the SPS classes of 2021, 22, 23 & 24! Saint Paul's Forevermore!

Mon, Aug 19 (Regular schedule; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** *In 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution defeats British frigate Guerrière in a furious engagement off coast of Nova Scotia. Witnesses claim that British shot bounced off the Constitution's sides, as if the ship were made of iron rather than wood. By the war's end, "Old Ironsides" destroyed or captured seven more British ships. The success of the USS Constitution against the supposedly invincible Royal Navy provided a tremendous boost in morale for the young American republic.* (History Channel website)
- **National "Black Cow" Root Beer Float Day:** With vanilla ice cream & root beer, a root beer float is a classic. Root beer was manufactured, bottled, and sold starting in 1880. Legend has it that 13 years later, the root beer float, often referred to as a black cow, was invented when Frank Wisner of Cripple Creek, CO floated vanilla ice cream on top of his root beer. The full moon allowed him to glimpse the snow on top of nearby Cow Mountain. The tasty treat was tremendously popular among the town's children, who called it a "black cow."
- **New Parent Reception/Information Meeting:** We will welcome parents new to SPS and provide them with an overview of the SPS experience. Reception begins at 6:30, info meeting at 7 and over by 8.

Tue Aug 20 (Wolf Pack schedule; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1920, seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful NFL.
- **TDIH:** In 1977, space probe *Voyager 2* launches. It explores to this day, and is now more than 7 billion miles from Earth.
- **National Radio Day:** Listen to the radio today!
- **World Mosquito Day:** In 1897, Sir Ronald Ross, a British doctor in India, made the link that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. Kill all the mosquitoes you can find!
- **World Honey Bee Day:** Where would we be without these incredible creatures? Unlike Mosquito Day, do not kill bees!
- **Wolf Pack Time:** Wolf Packs debut today. See below for more information.
- **Get Involved Day (see below; extended lunch)**
- **Senior BBQ (5:30 – 7:30)**



Students participate in SSR with REAL books – not a device in sight! Wonderful!

Wed, Aug 21 (Regular schedule; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1959, Hawaii enters the Union as the 50th state.
- **TDIH:** In 2017, a rare solar eclipse occurred over Covington; SPS students donned special glasses to view the eclipse in Founders Circle.
- **TDIH:** In 2004, American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his eighth medal of the 2004 Athens Olympics. As we all know by now, Phelps became the most medaled contestant in modern Olympian history.

- **National Spumoni Day:** This Italian dessert is made from layers of ice cream, whipped cream, candied fruit, and nuts. It is typically made with three layers of flavor: chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. Each layer of ice cream is mixed with fruits and nuts. Spumoni **should always be sliced, never scooped.** Enjoy this classic – but slice, don't scoop.
- **Poet's Day:** Celebrate poets today! Write a poem! Read a poem! Hug a poet!
- **Football:** The 2019 edition of SPS Football scrimmages John Curtis beginning at 5:30.



Wolves prep vegetable garden to prepare for growing vegetables for the local food bank.

Thu, Aug 22 (March through the Arch schedule; F G A B; Feast of the Queenship of Mary)

- **TDIH:** In 1989, Texas Ranger Nolan Ryan becomes first major league pitcher in to register 5,000 career Ks.
- **TDIH:** In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt becomes first president to ride in an automobile.
- **Be An Angel Day:** Be like angels today and do one small act of service for someone; be a blessing in someone's life!
- **March through the Arch** commemorates the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian Brothers. Seniors assemble at arch by 7:15 for pictures. **Students will line the road behinds parents.**
- **Senior & Parent Breakfast** following the March. Because they all can't fit in the cafeteria, we will have outdoor tents and seating, thus providing "al fresco" dining (from the Italian meaning "in the fresh" – air, that is.)
- **Senior Unity Day.** After Breakfast until 11:30ish in the theater. In the afternoon, we will practice for ring ceremony. Dismissal follows practice.

- **Senior Ring Ceremony (6:30 pm in the BAC)**

Fri, Aug 23 (Regular schedule; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** Legendary Pete Rose is banned from baseball for betting on the game.
- **TDIH:** In 1814, first lady Dolley (yes, that's the correct spelling) Madison saves a portrait of George Washington from being looted by British troops during the war of 1812.
- **Senior Ring Holiday**
- **Pre-freshman Student Council Elections**

Sat, Aug 24

- **TDIH:** In 79, Mount Vesuvius erupts in southern Italy, devastating the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1814, during the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops enter Washington, D.C. and burn the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1812.
- **Strange Music Day:** Strange Music Day was started by Patrick Grant, a Julliard graduate and professional musician. The purpose of Strange Music Day is to listen to music you have never heard before, just for the heck of it. Have fun today and listen to something different! I think I'll ask some students for suggestions!
- **National Waffle Day:** Today marks the anniversary of the first waffle iron patent in 1869. Eat a waffle today! Or just keep changing your mind about things -- get it? Waffling?
- **Football: Meet the Team (9 am in the BAC)**



The Class of 2024 awaits entry to a thunderous applause at first President's Assembly last week.

Sun, Aug 25 26 (I encourage our Catholic families to attend mass as a family and our non-Catholic families to worship at their place of choice)

- **TDIH:** In 1944, General Jacques LeClerc enters Paris, freeing it from German control during WW II.
- **On this date in 1718, French immigrants founded the city of New Orleans.** Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville named the new settlement for Philippe II, the Duke of Orléans. The duke was the regent of France, ruling for King Louis XV, who was only a boy. The French claimed the Louisiana Territory in 1682, and the location of New Orleans — at the mouth of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers — meant that it was prime real estate for anyone who wanted to control America's large interior waterway. Though the city never lost its French character, it was blended with elements of Native American, African, and Spanish cultures.

- To get things started, France sent a starter population of prisoners, slaves, and bonded servants. They arrived in New Orleans to find a mosquito-ridden swamp that was surrounded by hostile Native Americans, and prone to hurricanes. The new settlers threatened to revolt, so the French government sent 90 female convicts straight from the Paris jails. These ladies of questionable repute were chaperoned by a group of Ursuline nuns until they could be married off to the men who awaited them.
- Two engineers laid out plans for a walled village, which later came to be known as the French Quarter or the *Vieux Carré* — the Old City. Though it's called the French Quarter, the architecture of the area is mostly Spanish in influence, since fire destroyed most of the original buildings in the 18th century. By that time, the city was under the control of the Spanish, who rebuilt the quarter. New Orleans became an American city in 1803, when Napoleon sold Louisiana to the United States government.
- Tom Robbins wrote, in *Jitterbug Perfume* (1984): "Louisiana in September was like an obscene phone call from nature. The air — moist, sultry, secretive, and far from fresh — felt as if it were being exhaled into one's face. Sometimes it even sounded like heavy breathing. Honeysuckle, swamp flowers, magnolia, and the mystery smell of the river scented the atmosphere, amplifying the intrusion of organic sleaze. It was aphrodisiac and repressive, soft and violent at the same time. In New Orleans, in the French Quarter, miles from the barking lungs of alligators, the air maintained this quality of breath, although here it acquired a tinge of metallic halitosis, due to fumes expelled by tourist buses, trucks delivering Dixie beer, and, on Decatur Street, a mass-transit motor coach named Desire.
- **Kiss and Make Up Day.** Today, end a spat, a fight, an argument, or a feud. And it can be fun! The “kiss” is optional, but everyone is encouraged today to “bury the hatchet” over an argument or disagreement.
- **National Banana Split Day** celebrates the invention of this treat in 1904. Splurge ‘n eat a Banana Split!

Rise Up, O Men of God

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

Admissions for 2020-21: No, that’s not a mistake. We, along with all private high schools, have been recruiting for next year. As usual, I count on you for your help in spreading the good news about SPS and inviting your friends and neighbors to come take a look at Lasallian education on the Northshore. The two best avenues are:

- Shadow Days: you can register for one of our SDs on our website. Some have already filled up.
- Open House: We will run a true Open House on Sat, November 2. Families can come anytime between 1 and 3 to tour the campus and speak with students, teachers, and administrators.
- Spread the word, especially to public school families who don’t realize we start this early.

Assembly on Aug 13: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 13 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Assembled in the new gym; it was great having air conditioning!
- Listened to Baroque composer Jean-Joseph Mouret’s “Rondeau” and used this wonderfully stirring baroque piece of music to set the tone for the year. Ask your son to hum it for you! The older students should be

able to do this! I explained how the word “baroque” derives from the Portuguese meaning “rough, irregular pearl” and I used that metaphor for our new school year: a rough pearl for which we must spend the next nine months polishing and shining it through our actions and accomplishments.

- Asked the students, level by level, if they were ready to assume the tasks ahead of them; they responded enthusiastically, “Yes, Saint Paul’s, I’m ready!”
- Welcomed the new Pre-Freshmen as the Class of 2024 and had them enter to a rousing ovation by the rest of the student body and faculty while The Rondeau played loudly in the background.
- As junior **Will Morgan** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for the following relatives of SPS families who have recently died: *Mrs. Audrey Pertuit, great g’mother of David ‘21 and Jude ‘23 Barcelona; Mr. Walter Tomeny, grandfather of Jonathan Hammer ‘22; Mrs. Ellen Nalty Gambel Simon, grandmother of Matthew ‘20 & Sam ‘24 Gros; Mr. William Madary, grandfather of Mr. Josh Pereira*
- Recognized and congratulated Campus Minister Mr. Jeffrey Ramon on his recent marriage and Coach Lee Pierre on the birth of his second child over the summer, a boy named Jackson. Student Council President **Paxton Ballard & Vice President Luke Vargas** then presented Jeff and Lee with small gifts to symbolize our thanks and pride.
- I then welcomed everyone to the 2019 - 20 school year, the beginning of our 109th year of existence and continuing the Lasallian tradition that has been transforming lives since 1680. I projected views of the campus from several decades and pointed out how much has changed. I projected pictures of Father Augustine, OSB, the first president of Saint Paul’s College (as it was called then) from 1911-18 and a picture of Brother Lawrence, FSC, the first Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s – who only lasted two years! I reminded the students that I am the 17th Christian Brother President of SPS – and the 18th overall President.
- Had the faculty commit themselves to their role as Lasallian educators by having senior Lasallian Youth Leader Co-chairs **Brady Bollinger & Caleb Frost** ask the faculty a series of questions about their commitment to the Mission. Faculty responded to each question with a resounding, “I will!”
- Ran out of time before I could do accomplish any more individual recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly!
- I then had the entire student body join in a rousing rendition of Rise Up O Men of God.



Caleb & Blake lead the faculty in their commitment service.

- We ended the assembly with Student Council President **Paxton Ballard** and Vice President **Luke Vargas** who blessed the entire student body and faculty with holy water while the ancient Marian hymn “Salve Regina” in Gregorian chant played in the background.
- As junior **Peter Schwartz** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of Mouret’s Rondeau.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



*Seniors lead the “Rise Up” at assembly last week.
A video on is our Facebook page.*

ASSIGNMENT HALL: AH is in full swing. Students are sent to AH if they report to class without their homework. They will stay in AH after school until they finish the homework. AH is not a punishment but a helping structure. Please stress with your son the need to complete his homework on time and to bring it to class.

ATTENDANCE: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

BOOKSTORE: The bookstore will open on Monday before the new parent orientation beginning at 5:30. Thanks, Mothers' Club!

CAR LINES: There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school 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** – you may 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 this week as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

CELL PHONES:

- State Law: Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- SPS Law: students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect



*Seniors Ben Klein, Brenden Dauterive & James Bradford
Perfect 36 Scores on the ACT*

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: Danielle sent the following last week to the 110 donors from last May's GiveNola day, which targeted theater renovations: *Several months ago, you very generously donated to our #LightTheStage campaign on GiveNola day. With over 110 of you contributing and \$14,000 raised, we were able to make a difference! During the summer break, our electricians were busy with the upgrade. New LEDs were installed on every column, so that the rotunda could be lit for pre-show and show time as well, with a variety of colors. A work light was installed over the stage and two side work lights were replaced with stronger LEDs so the students will have increased visibility during class. In addition, the bulbs over the seats were replaced to give the area a warmer look and feel. We couldn't accomplish this work without your help! THANK YOU for your investment in Saint Paul's School!! I've attached a couple of photos for your review.* <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J3Fp3JqACIPKVHfn4Z4eJ4X7kwm1KgoE?usp=sharing>



Sophomores research history of the Marian grotto for a religion class assignment.

DRESS CODE: Students must be in compliance with the dress code beginning Aug 9. 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.**

DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE: Your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit **and another one** when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act; don't blame me!

EXTRACURRICULARS/GET INVOLVED DAY: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be on Aug 20. Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. will have displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students can talk to representatives from these clubs, etc. and decide if they wish to join. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we've had call outs for football, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.



Sophomores research Evan's St. Francis memorial for religion class project.

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.

HOUSE BILL 184 IS NOW LAW. The law prohibits harassment of referees or officials at, or in proximity to, school and recreation facility athletic events, as well as entering or remaining at an athletic contest after being forbidden. Please make sure all are aware of this newly passed law that law enforcement intends to enforce.

HOMECOMING DANCES:

- 8th and 9th grade Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, September 21 in the BAC from 7-9PM.
- 10th/11th/12th Homecoming Dance will be held in the BAC Saturday, September 28 from 7-9:30PM.
- Any St. Paul's student who wishes to attend must complete a registration form that includes his date's signature and contact information. This form, along with details about the dance and dress code, may be found on the school website or in room 107. Forms and payment are due the Tuesday prior to the dance. Professional photography is available at the dance. Photo order forms will also be available in room 107 so students may arrive at the dance with forms and payment completed.

ID CARDS: Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day. No one has to pay for an ID card unless you want an extra one. We will give one to your son on picture day. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him or if for some reason you want an extra one.

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. 1973. 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.

LAST WEEK:

- **Assignment Hall:** I had my first customers last week! All went well – I think!
- **Dances:** Thanks to Student Council for great back to school dances
- **Drama Open House:** Thanks to Gordon Carmadelle for an exciting evening and a promising program. We look forward to “A Few Good Men” and “Damn Yankees”
- **Mass:** Our first all-school mass was very nice. Thanks to all. The boys were reverent – but not as participatory as I would have liked. Special thanks and congrats to our new Eucharistic Ministers.
- **Founders Oak Lighting:** I was premature last week in announcing that the lighting was complete. It's not! Mark Daigle is securing photocells to automatically turn the lights on and off. It's coming, though!
- **Physicals:** Many thanks to the doctors and staff of Covington Orthopedic for the generous donation of time and talent in giving free physicals to our students who need them for athletics or band.
- **SSR:** Thanks for supporting this important program. Hope your son enjoyed the reading time.

Lost & Found: We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.



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!

NEW PARENT RECEPTION & INFORMATION MEETING: We will hold a welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** on Mon, Aug 19 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and an information meeting starts at 7:00 and will be over by 8:00. We hope you will be with us! I will send out more info this week. The Mothers Club will hold a welcoming reception on Thu, Sep 12, at 6:00 for new moms. Come get involved!

NEWS WORTH NOTING: If you haven't read The Clarion Herald's story on our CORE Program, you owe it to yourself to do so. Here is the link: <https://clarionherald.org/2019/08/02/inclusion-the-hallmark-of-st-pauls-core-pack/>

NEWS WORTH NOTING II: And if you haven't viewed head football coach Ken Sears's interview with NOLA.com's Jim Derry, it's worth a look. Here's the link: https://www.nola.com/sports/high_schools/article_aea656f2-b71e-11e9-b4c1-3f9ec5d5394a.html

PICTURES: School pictures can still be ordered; just bring order form to administration. We have scheduled the photo re-take day for Monday, Sept 16, at the lunch hour in the theater lobby. Even though it's a late start, students should have plenty time at lunch for the re-takes.

PLUSPORTALS: Please activate your account and check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grades and SPS life. Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1944 if you need assistance. And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It's very annoying when we get an Edline email with a question but your setting won't accept our response.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety remains paramount for all of us. Promote safety with your son. In our faculty meetings, we reviewed all safety procedures that we have in place – and they are many. Safety is our priority – and it is EVERYONE’S JOB. Report ANY rumor or threat to safety about which you hear. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a Visitor’s Pass. You may not just wander the campus. Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.



Seniors involved in SSR – stop talking, Jack and Jack, and read!

SENIOR WEEK: SW is HERE! The Senior Class Moms have sent out an email with specifics, but here’s the basic plan:

- Tue, Aug 20 – Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Thu, Aug 22 – March through the Arch at 8 am (seniors must arrive by 7:15 in school dress uniform)
- Thu, Aug 22 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30
- Thu, Aug 22 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:00 (dismissal earlier if we finish)
- Thu, Aug 22 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center (lasts about 90 minutes).
Note: ALL seniors are expected to attend, even if they are not getting a ring – which is perfectly OK. If you wish to use a family ring (father, brother, etc.) or state championship ring, that is perfectly OK, too. You can bring these rings to the Administration Building and we will present on Thursday evening at the ceremony.

- **Note: Saint Paul's DOES NOT approve of any unchaperoned, post-ceremony party where alcohol or other drugs are available to students. Parents – please be vigilant!**
- Fri, Aug 23 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors

SOCIAL MEDIA: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at

Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana

Twitter @SPSWolfpack

STUDENT COUNCIL: Students interested in running for Pre-Freshman Class President and Vice President should see Dr. d'Hemecourt in room L211 to get a qualifying form. Speeches and voting will take place on **Friday, August 23** during a morning 8th grade assembly.

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESSES: We issued each student a unique Saint Paul's email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to his new email, there's a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access**. The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1**.

SILENT SUSTAINED READING: On Monday, we began daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. Students were instructed to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. **Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared every day thereafter.** He should bring a PRINTED READING MATERIAL – not electronic material **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I'll keep you posted as to how things go.

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Twitter @SPSWolfpack

SOCIAL MEDIA II: Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.

TRAFFIC FLOW ON CAMPUS: If you drop off or pick up your son, you will meet road congestion in the morning and afternoon around our campus. We ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety:

- Consider an alternate pick up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13th and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11th Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.
- DO NOT pick up your son using the shoulder of 11th Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.
- If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) car line, please wait to the left so that thru traffic can still move through our campus using the right lane.
- Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.
- Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up.

Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together, we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: At Saint Paul's, we stress community involvement. I encourage our students to volunteer – which research has shown boosts self esteem and helps the community. Here is an excellent opportunity, which relies on SPS students every year:

- ***Volunteer for the Mash!*** The Parenting Center's 31st Annual Monster Mash, **Saturday, October 19th**, Bogue Falaya Park in Covington. Over 150 volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Come alone; bring a friend or the whole gang. Monster Mash is a great opportunity for students to receive their **SERVICE HOURS** To volunteer, contact [Marlise Borelly or Juli Chastaine](mailto:mborelly@stph.org); 985-898-4670; [mborelly@stph.org](https://tinyurl.com/MonsterMash2019); <https://tinyurl.com/MonsterMash2019>
- Benefit Concert being held at Archbishop Hannan High School next Saturday, August 24th in the gym at 7pm. Funds raised from this concert will benefit Hannan Class of 2019 student, Brendan David. Brendan is a graduate of Mary Queen of Peace and a 2019 AHHS grad who suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of an ATV accident a few days after graduation. This concert is an effort to offset the long term care costs his family will incur. Julia Ernst will be singing a concert of selections from various genres of music. Please continue to keep Brendan in your prayers for a full recovery and follow his miraculous journey on the FB page Brendan's Miracle. All are welcome!



Freshmen enjoy real books during SSR!

WOLF PACKS: Our revised advisory program (now known as Wolf Packs) debuts on Tuesday. Here are highlights:

- All students are assigned to a Wolf Pack, which will meet every other Tuesday. The Wolf Pack is a grouping of a single faculty member and a selection of students. Most, but not all, returning students have the same faculty advisor as they did last year. Many factors were involved in forming Packs but any adjustments were done out of necessity. While students will be informed on Mon as to which Wolf Pack they are assigned, the name of his Wolf Pack leader is printed at the top of his schedule, listed as HR.
- A committee of teachers and students plans each Wolf Pack time.

- During Pack Time, we still deal with important topics of discussion when such topics are deemed relevant and necessary (bullying, safety, etc.). We also emphasize DOING things to reinforce the topic of the day as opposed to just talking.
- The success of the program relies upon everyone's openness to the structure. Many people, teachers and students work hard to make this program relevant and enjoyable.
- Senior leadership and mentoring is stressed, especially between seniors and Pre-freshmen. This is Big Brother program.
- I hope your son has positive things to say about our first Wolf Pack time on Tuesday.



Yearbook class gets first look at new yearbooks – which they will distribute Tue.

YEARBOOKS: The Conifer 2019 will be distributed during pack time on Tuesday, August 20, to students who purchased yearbooks. A limited supply of yearbooks will be available for \$75 starting Monday, August 26. Please email yearbook adviser Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com to add your name to the waiting list. The Yearbook Staff did a fantastic job documenting a spectacular year at St. Paul's School.

A LOOK AHEAD

AUGUST

- 19 – ABCD
- 20 – EFGA – Pack Time – Get Involved Day (Extended Lunch)
- 21 – BCDE
- 22 – FGAB – Seniors March Through the Arch (8); Ring Ceremony (6:30)
- 23 – CDEF – Senior Ring Holiday
- 26 – GABC
- 27 – DEFG – President’s Assembly
- 28 – ABCD
- 29 – EFGA
- 30 – Lasallian Faculty Formation Day – students do not report to school

SEPTEMBER

- 3 – BCDE – Pack Time
- 4 - FGAB
- 5 – CDEF
- 6 – GABC
- 9 – DEFG
- 10 – ABCD – President’s Assembly/ Appreciation Lunch
- 11 – EFGA
- 12 – BCDE
- 13 – FGAB - Special Assembly Schedule/Snack Day
- 16 – CDEF – Late Start (9)
- 17 – GABC – Pack Time
- 18 – DEFG
- 19 – ABCD
- 20 – EFGA
- 23 – BCDE
- 24 – FGAB
- 25 – CDEF
- 26 – GABC – President’s Assembly
- 27 – DEF – Homecoming Activities
- 30 – GABC

OCTOBER

- 1 – DEFG - Pack Time/ seniors in ACT test
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 4 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB
- 8 – CDEF – President’s Assembly

9 – GABC
 10 – DEFG
 11 – AB – End of First Quarter/Grandparents Day
 14 – CDEF – Snack Day
 15 – GABC – Pack Time / Teacher
 Appreciation Lunch
 16 – DEFG – PSAT to Select Students
 17 – ABCD
 18 – EFGA
 21 – BCDE – Late Start (9)
 22 – FGAB – President’s Assembly
 23 – CDEF
 24 – GABC
 25 – DEFG – Late Start for Faculty
 Wellness Day
 28 – ABCD
 29 – EFGA – Pack Time
 30 – BCDE
 31 – FGAB



NOVEMBER

1 – CDEF – Mass Schedule – Dress Uniform Day
 4 – Archdiocese Faculty Formation Day – students do not report to school
 5 – GABC – 8th Grade HR Breakfast
 6 – DEFG – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
 7 – ABCD – 10th HR Breakfast
 8 – EFGA – 11th HR Breakfast
 11 – BCDE – Veterans Day Assembly
 12 – FGAB – President’s Assembly
 13 – CDEF – 12 HR Breakfast
 14 – GABC
 15 – DEFG
 18 – ABCD – Seniors Day with Archbishop Aymond
 19 – EFGA – Pack Time
 20 – BCDE
 21 – FGAB
 22 – CDEF

DECEMBER

2 – GABC – Late Start (9)
 3 – DEFG – Pack Time
 4 – ABCD
 5 – EFGA – Snack Day
 6 – BCDE
 9 – FGABC

10 – DEFG – President’s Assembly
11 – ABCDE
12 – FGABC
13 – DEFG + Period A Exam Review
16 - 19 Exam Schedules

Whew! That’s enough for now! I’m sure I’ve forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I’ll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I miss listening to while writing the newsletter since it no longer broadcasts but I still LOL thinking about it!): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue to 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

Off to a Great Start for 2019 - 20 as the 17th Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul’s School

“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99)



***Have a great Lasallian Opening of School!
...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God’s will,
remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing the Mission, and
living courageously.***

