

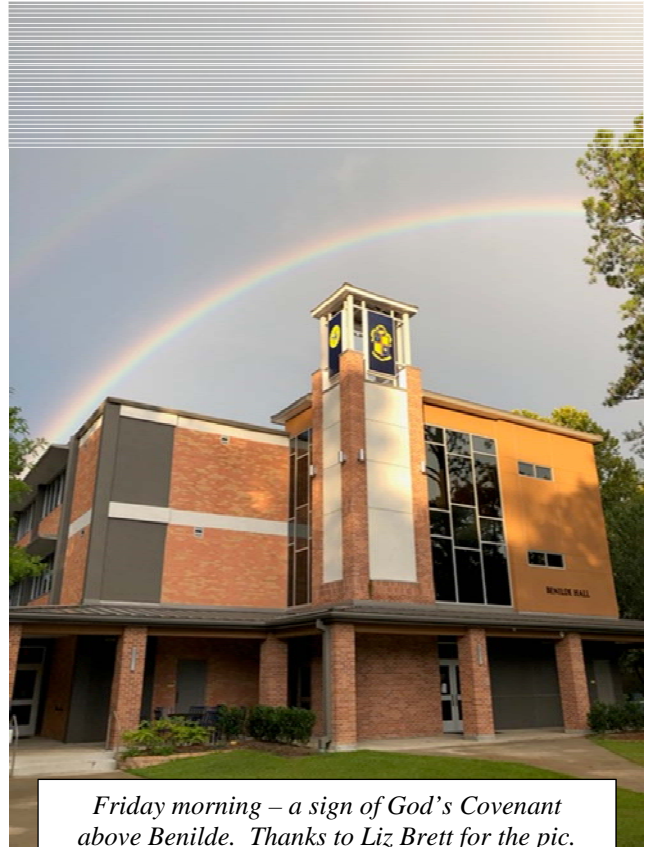


The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter
Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington
339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
August 26 – September 02, 2019



On Wednesday, we celebrate the feast of St. Augustine -- a most influential scholar saint. His story offers much inspiration. From Catholic Online: *Augustine is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a life of loose living, parties, and worldly ambitions. His turnaround and conversion have inspired many who struggle with a particular vice they long to break.*

This son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent years in wicked living. One of the most intelligent men who ever lived and brought up Christian, his sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind. Through prayers of his mother and St. Ambrose's preaching, Augustine became convinced that Christianity was the true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day he heard about two men who had converted, and he felt terribly ashamed. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"



Friday morning – a sign of God's Covenant above Benilde. Thanks to Liz Brett for the pic.

Augustine flung himself out to the garden and cried, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Then he heard a child singing, "Take and read!" He then picked up the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage. It was just what he needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, bishop, famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and a great saint. On the wall of his room he had the following written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." Augustine overcame heresies, practiced poverty, supported the poor, preached often and prayed with great fervor. The following prayer by Augustine is beautiful:

Late have I loved You, O Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved You! For behold, you were within me and I outside, and I sought you outside. In my unloveliness, I fell upon these lovely things that you had made. Thou wert with me and I was not with You. I was kept from You by those things, yet had they not been from You, they would not have been at all. You did call and cry to me to break open my deafness. I tasted You, and now hunger and thirst for You; You touched me, and I burn for Your peace.

Saint Augustine! Pray for us!

Mon, Aug 26 (Regular; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** In 1974, Charles Lindbergh, the first man to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, dies at age of 72. Trivia Question: What was the name of Lindbergh's plane in which he first crossed Atlantic?
- **TDIH:** On this day in 1939, the first televised Major League baseball game is broadcast on station W2XBS, the station that was to become WNBC-TV. Announcer Red Barber called the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York.
- **National Dog Day:** Give Fideaux an extra treat today and appreciate your pet!
- **National Toilet Paper Day:** The US spends almost \$10 billion a year on this stuff. And Charmin holds a toilet paper wedding dress contest each year with over a 10,000 ladies participating!
- **Parent-Teacher Mini-Schedule Night (6:30)**

Tue, Aug 27 (President's Assembly; D E F G).

- Memorial of **St. Monica** – Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Monica -- a special one for all moms, as Monica prayed for years for the conversion of her son, Augustine, who strayed far from the path of righteousness. Her persistent prayer paid off and Augustine became a great saint in the church. Thanks, St. Monica!
- **TDIH:** Brother Ralph Baltz, a member of our retired Christian Brothers Community celebrates his 99th birthday today. Brother has had to slow down a bit of late due to health issues, but he's working hard to return to full activity. We offer him our prayer and best wishes on this special day. We thank him for his life as a Christian Brother in the cause of Lasallian education. *Ad multos annos*, Brother Ralph! **In Brother's honor, the retired Bros will give popsicles to all at lunch in front of the residence.**
- **TDIH:** In 1910, Mother Teresa is born. In honor of her birth, coincidentally on the same day as Brother Ralph's birth, I reprint a famous prayer that is purported to be hers. It's always worth re-reading:
*People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.
Give the best you have and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.*
- **Shadow Day** – see below
- **Alumni Meeting (6 pm in cafeteria)** All alums are invited. Al will give a tour at 5:15.
- **SPS Day at Five Guys (11 am – 9 pm):** A portion of all sales goes to SPS so mention us!





Join us

August 27, 2019 from **11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.** at
Covington Five Guys
70415 Highway 21, Covington, LA 70433

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Benefiting St Paul's School

Wed, Aug 28 (Regular; A B C D) -- Memorial of St. Augustine

- **TDIH:** In 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech – one of the best known in US History, second only to Lincoln's 1863 "Gettysburg Address" – on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to about 250,000 people attending the March on Washington. He ended his stirring 16-minute speech with his vision of the fruit of racial harmony: *"When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"* The speech is worth a Youtube view.
- **President's Annual Fund Dinner:** Tonight we thank our \$1000 and over donors with a dinner in the BAC. Talks by Student Hosts are always a hit with the guests. We are humbled by our generous donors.
- **Cross Country Time Trials/Meet the Team**

Thu, Aug 29 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastates south Louisiana and floods New Orleans. Some would prefer to erase memory of this dark time in our history, I think it important that we remember how far we have come in the past 14 years – and celebrate the tenacity and drive of those who helped make recovery possible. We remain grateful to the incredible support from so many people who helped in the aftermath of the storm to welcome displaced students, care for our own students, and keep hope alive on our campus -- all while dealing with their own issues and challenges. Their work at that difficult time was in the finest tradition of heroic Lasallian education. Post-storm, Computer Applications II Class, under the direction of long time SPS computer whiz Weese Petersen, published a book about what the boys learned from the storm – some funny, some insightful, some poignant. Here are some excerpts: *I learned:*

- *that my brother gets aggravated after 10 hours of riding in a car.*
- *that relatives get annoying and they bring friends when they stay with you.*
- *that relatives eat a lot when depressed.*
- *that family is more important than you.*
- *that having my family and friends is the only real thing that matters in my life.*
- *that I should be thankful*
- *that I take many things for granite [sic]*
- *that everything can be survived.*
- *that if you think you have it bad, someone somewhere has it worse.*
- *that chainsaws are dangerous.*
- *that rakes are not my friend.*
- *that Gatlinburg doesn't have many girls.*
- *that pine trees fall easily.*
- *that my parents are incredible motivators.*
- *that my father likes martial law.*
- *that my uncle is mechanically incompetent*
- *that there are a lot of good looking girls at Texas A & M.*
- *that you don't realize the value of what you have until you lose it.*
- *that the poor people are less fortunate than us in a situation like this.*
- *to watch your head when climbing through fallen trees.*
- *that my grandparents are not as bad as I thought they were.*
- *that my family turned out to be pretty cool.*



The Wolf Dome the afternoon of Katrina.

**May our remembrance of Katrina on Thursday elicit prayers for all those affected by storms.
And may Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to keep us safe from the ravages of storms.**

- **TDIH:** In 2012, Tropical Storm Isaac bashes south LA; SPS closes for four days!
- **More Herbs, Less Salt Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! Stay healthy!
- **Football:** 8th v. Holy Cross (5:30)
- **Swimming:** SPS & SSA Inter Squad Fun Meet at PAC



Louis, Andrew, & Carter recruit for Quiddich on Get Involved Day.

Fri, Aug 30 (NOLAsallian Day; no classes for students)

- **TDIH:** In 1893, Huey Pierce Long (“The Kingfish”) was born in Winnfield, LA.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, the Senate confirmed Thurgood Marshall as first African-American Supreme Court justice.
- **National Marshmallow Toasting Day:** OK, you were healthy yesterday with less salt, so you can splurge today and toast a marshmallow. Or make some ‘smares for the family!
- **Slinky Day:** The humble Slinky was invented in the 1940’s by Navy engineer Richard James. It proved an immediate hit, quickly became one of our favorite toys. **Slinky Day** should be spent doing slinky tricks, watching Slinkies race down staircases, or untangling the things as they inevitably knot, twist and spiral! Dig out your Slinky!
- **Frankenstein Day:** This day is in honor of author Mary Wollenstone Shelley who was born on August 30, 1797. She wrote the novel Frankenstein in 1818.
- **NOLAsallian Day:** We join our fellow Lasallians from De La Salle, Rummel, & Christian Brothers School in our biennial celebration of our common heritage. This year, we meet in the BAC.
- **Christian Brothers Jamboree (6):** SPS v. Rummel. We look forward to competing against our fellow Lasallians while celebrating our heritage!

Sat, Aug 31

- Wales, dies in a car crash in Paris.
- **Love Litigating Lawyers Day.** Give your favorite litigator a big ‘ol hug today – and hope you aren’t sued!
- **Trail Mix Day:** Trail mix is a high energy snack comprised of dried fruits, nuts and energy snacks, designed to keep you alert and energized when walking, hiking, and partaking in similar endurance and intense activities. **Trail Mix Day** is all about creating good trail mix and testing it out. After yesterday’s marshmallows, go back to healthy today!
- **National Bacon Day (Sat before Labor Day):** Go ahead and spurge with the favorite!

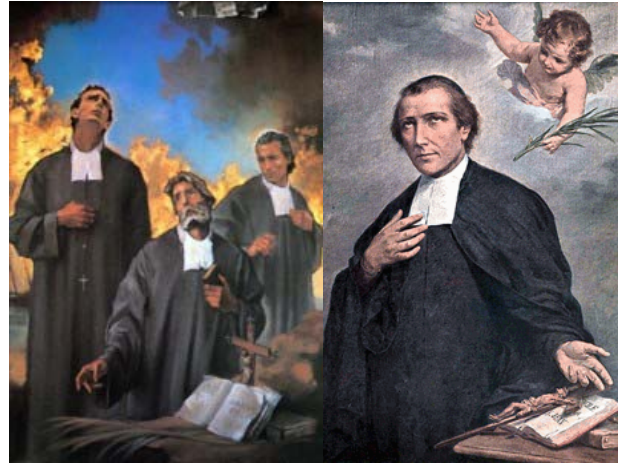
Sun, Sep 1 Attend church today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today.

We encourage non-Catholic families to worship at place of choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1830, “Mary Had a Little Lamb” was first published. Can you recite it from memory?
- **TDIH:** In 1939, 1.5 million German soldiers invade Poland, thus beginning WW II
- **Cherry Popover Day:** Enjoy!

Mon, Sep 2 Labor Day Holiday

- **TDIH:** In 1790, Brother Solomon, FSC, is martyred by French authorities bent on Church suppression. The Christian Brothers Website says once Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette were overthrown, the next target was the Church. In 1790, the state took over the French Church. To function, priests & religious had to swear support. Most Christian Brothers refused and had to abandon schools and disband. Eventually, the Institute was deprived of legal status – ironic since the Institute began in France. Brothers Solomon, Roger, Leon & Uldaric were imprisoned for refusing to take the oath. Solomon was executed on Sep 2. Roger, Leon & Uldaric later died while confined in prison ships. Because of such heroism, Brother Solomon was made a saint and the others are beatified – one-step away from official sainthood. May their heroic lives give us strength in times of difficulty! May their devotion to Christian education inspire all of us!
- **TDIH:** In 1945, The Empire of Japan officially signs the Instrument of Surrender at 9:04 am aboard the USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. Although Emperor Hirohito had announced on Aug 15 Japan's intention to unconditionally surrender following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the official surrender ceremony did not occur until over two weeks later, and thus President Truman marked 2nd September as the official **V-J Day**. It is estimated that anywhere from 60 to 80 million people died during World War II, on all sides of the conflict. **V-J Day** should thus be seen as not only the celebration of the defeat of the tyrannical Japanese government of the time, but also the remembrance of those who lost their lives.
- **National Blueberry Popsicle Day:** Enjoy a Popsicle today! Popsicles were invented in 1905 by 11 year-old Frank Epperson. He accidentally left a stirring stick in a fruit-flavored drink on his porch one winter night. In the morning, it was frozen into an icy treat. He first named this delight the "Epsicle." This name was changed 18 years later.



Rise Up, O Men of God

I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily 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.



Following March through the Arch, seniors circle statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and sing Rise Up O Men of God.

ASSIGNMENT HALL: Students are sent to AH if they report to class without 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.

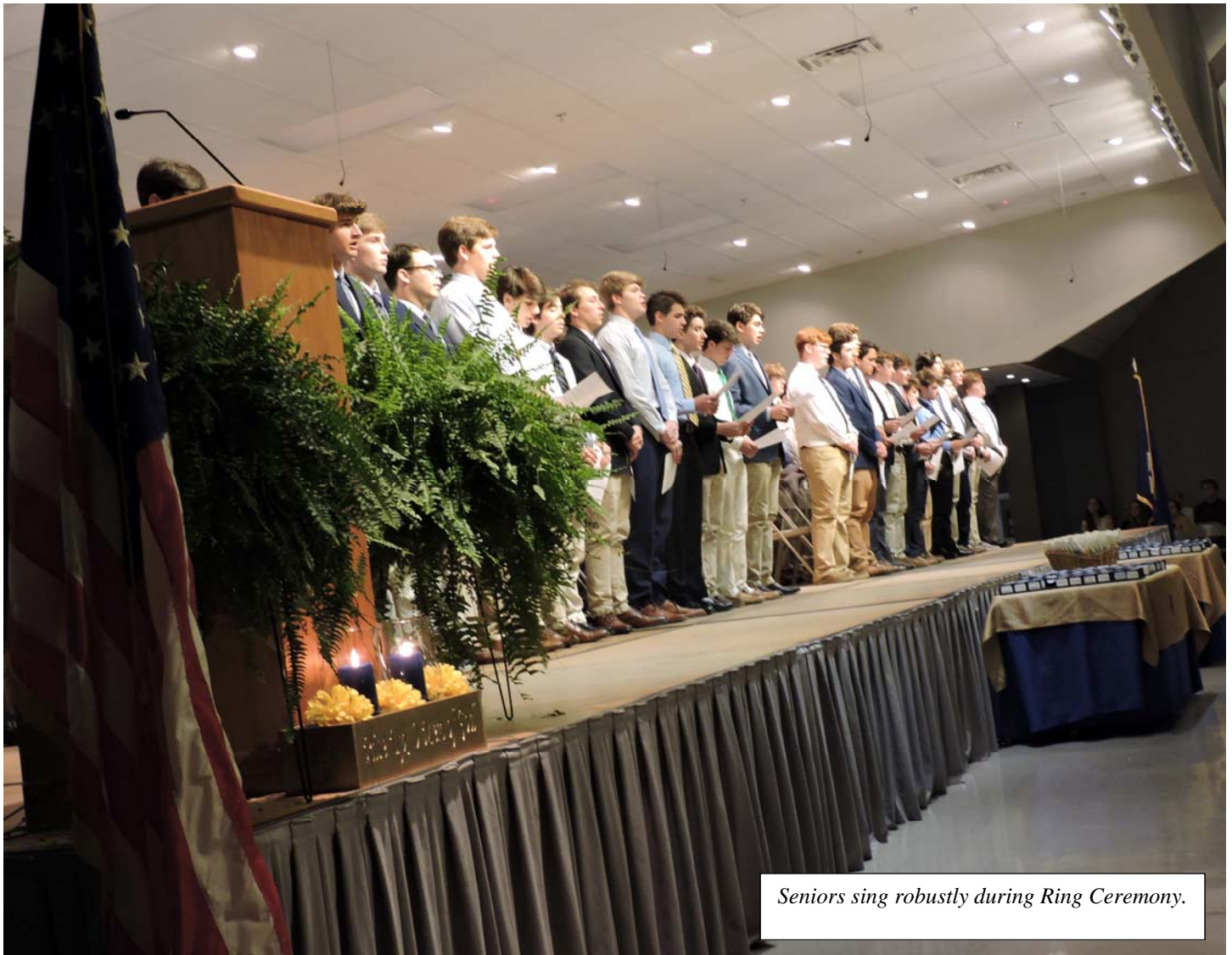
BOOKSTORE: The bookstore is operating on normal hours: 7:15 – 8:30 and 11:30 – 12:12, M – F.

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 sing robustly during Ring Ceremony.

DRESS CODE: Students must comply with the dress code. 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.**

EDLINE: What are you reading this for? Edline is history! Scroll below and read about PlusPortals that has taken Edline's place in the life of our school.

EXTRACURRICULARS/GET INVOLVED DAY: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, was 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.



Student Council President Paxton Ballard acts as Master of Ceremonies at New Parent Reception/Meeting.

GRANDPARENT DAY: Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 11, beginning at 11:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. If your son's grandparents are interested, please inform them of the date and time. Thanks! Ill send more info soon.

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

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.



HOSA recruits new members on Get Involved Day!

Last Week Musings:

- **Drama Auditions** went very well, with a large number of students auditioning. The Marian Players are in good hands with Gordon Carmadelle.
- **Fire Marshal Inspection:** The annual inspection took place last week. The marshal searches diligently for violations. I am most pleased to report that **NO DEFICIENCIES** were noted at the time of inspection. This is a tribute to Don Pressley and the physical plant crew for being true to our Mission Statement about SPS being a safe environment! Congrats, Don!
- **Get Involved Day:** Thanks to all who participated. Lots and lots of involvement! Hope your son told you about it and got involved in an activity.
- **Key Club** worked Saturday sprucing up front of Brothers Residence. Many thanks!
- **New Parent Reception:** Last Monday's reception/info meeting was well attended and received. Thanks to the Development Team who coordinated the evening.

- **The Paper Wolf:** Articles are starting to appear! Congrats to the award winning TPW. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe. If not, support our guys and do so. It's free.
- **Scrimmage:** Thanks to Football Coaches and players and all who helped Wed evening preview the 2019 Wolves. In a very unfortunate accident, however, senior Jason Hipps seriously broke his leg. We pray for his swift and complete healing and return to school.
- **Senior Week:** Thanks to all who helped make Senior Week so successful. Shout outs to the Mothers Club, Don Pressley, the maintenance staff, Paul Scoriels, senior parents and Shellie Campo. Special thanks to Mr. Rick Gonzalez, manager of Chick-fil-A at the HWY 190 location, for donating the sandwiches for the Unity Day lunch. Support his business if you can.
- **Student Council:** Pre-freshman elections went well. GREAT candidates! **Congrats to Pre-freshman President Jacob Strecker and Vice-President Peyton Kilgore!**
- **Wolf Packs:** I enjoyed meeting my Wolf Pack and hope your son enjoyed his. My seniors are ready to run the Wolf Pack and I'm happy to turn it over to them.

LOST & FOUND: Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside Attendance Office.

MINI-SCHEDULE NIGHT FOR PARENTS (6:30 on August 26): Beginning at 6:30 PM on Aug 26, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that. Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening.

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

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS will take place on Saturday, Nov 02, from 1- 3 in the Briggs Assembly Center. The format is new – it will be a true open house to better accommodate family schedules. People may come anytime between 1 and 3. We will begin in the new gym lobby. **Spread the word! Parents and students are our best publicity! People would much rather listen to you than to me.**

PAPER WOLF: Please read The Paper Wolf! (www.thepaperwolf.com) I do! We've got an outstanding, AWARD WINNING digital newspaper!

Compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe! Support the future of journalism! Geaux Paper Wolves!





Marian Players were recruiting on Gen Involved Day!

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 prepare to March through the Arch!

SENIOR GRADUATION SUPPLIES: Seniors received ordering packets last Thursday from Balfour, the school's vendor for these supplies (graduation announcements, name cards, etc.) Senior parents, please note:

- You do not have to order anything; this is strictly optional.
- Graduation announcements are exactly that – announcements. They are NOT invitations to the ceremony. **On the last day of your son's senior year, he will be given EIGHT (8) tickets to the ceremony. No ticket – no admission.** If you will need more, start seeking out those who do not need the full 8.
- You do not order caps and gowns. These are provided by the school.
- Order forms and deposit are due this Thursday, Aug 29, as Balfour reps will be on campus during lunch.

SENIOR RINGS: Josten's will be on campus on Thu, Aug 29 during lunch to address any senior ring problem

SENIOR SHIRTS are on sale for \$30. Last day to order is Monday, August 26. Seniors should see class president Blake Bollinger.

SHADOW DAYS: Our first Shadow Day is this Tuesday, Aug 27. It is almost full. And our other Shadow Days are filling up, too. Encourage anyone you know who may be interested to call for a reservation at 892-3200. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!



Tim and Michelle celebrate their fourth March through the Arch with their youngest son, David!

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

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.

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**.



Our Habitat Club recruits on Get Involved Day!

SUSTAINED SILENT READING: We continue 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.



Marching Wolves entertain and recruit on Get Involved Day!

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.
- A “dress uniform” is worn on special occasions: LONG khaki pants, dress white shirt (any brand is OK), 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.

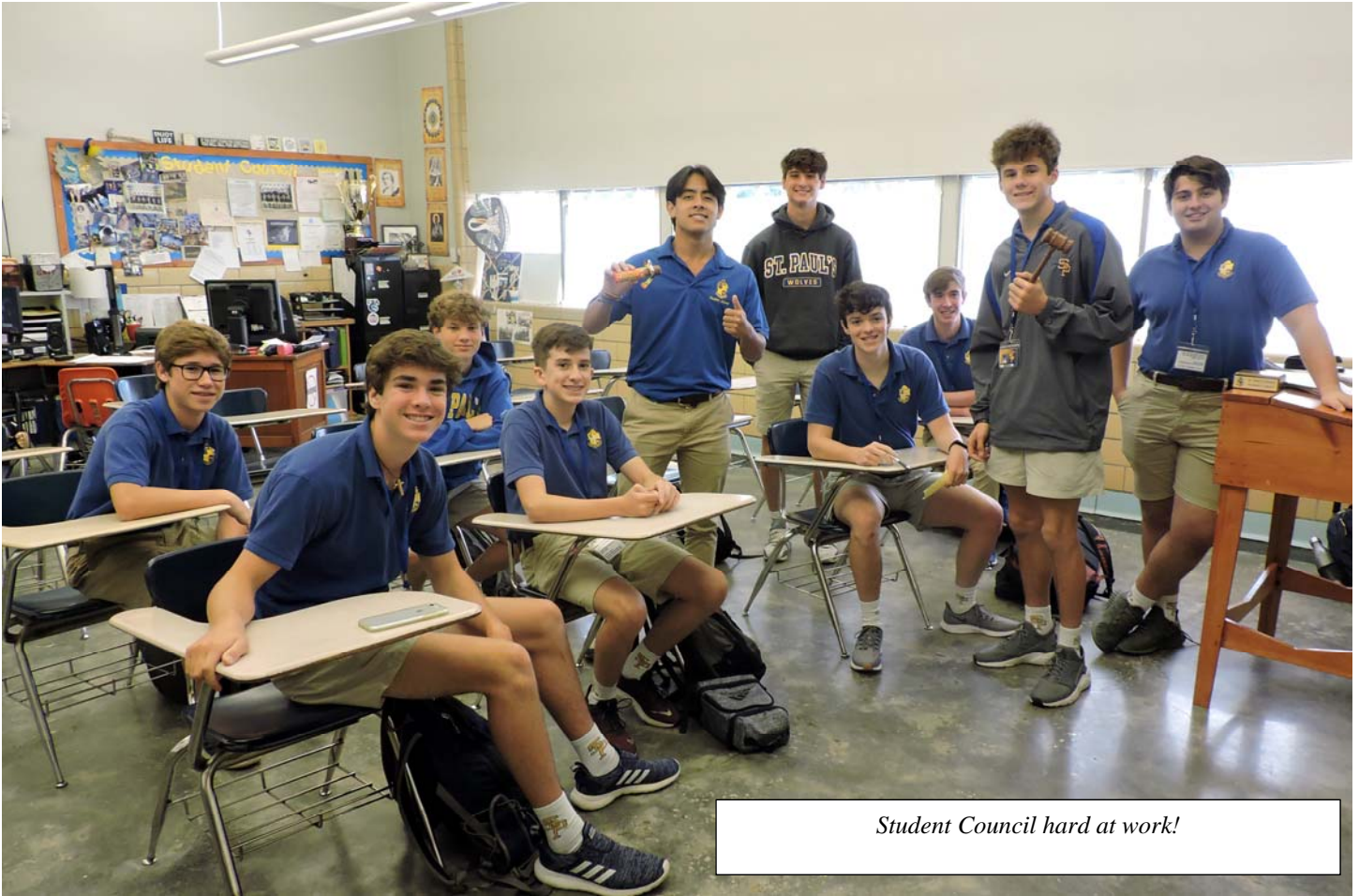
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: At Saint Paul’s, we stress community involvement. I encourage our students to volunteer – which research has shown boosts self esteem and helps the community. Here is an excellent opportunity, which relies on SPS students every year:

- ***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>

WEEKLY HUMOR: In honor of National Dog Day on Monday, some dog jokes:

- **Q:** Which dog breed chases anything that's red? **A:** A bull dog!
- **Q:** What did the dog say when he sat on some sandpaper? **A:** That's ruffffffff!!
- **Q:** What's a dog's favorite instrument? **A:** A trombone!
- **Q:** What did the hungry Dalmatian say after his meal? **A:** “That hit the spots!”
- **Q:** What type of market should you NEVER take your dog? **A:** A flea market!
- **Q:** What do you call it when a cat wins a dog show? **A:** A CAT-tastrophe!
- **Q:** What do you call a dog that's been out in the cold? **A:** A pupsicle!
- **Q:** What do you do if a dog chews your dictionary? **A:** Take the words right out of his mouth!
- **Q:** Which breed of dog is the quietest? **A:** A hush puppy!
- **Q:** Which dog breed just LOVES bubble baths? **A:** A shampooodle!
- **Q:** What did the dog say to the flea? **A:** Quit bugging me!
- **Q:** What's a dog's favorite breakfast food? **A:** Pooched eggs!\
- **Q:** Why did the Dalmatian go to the eye doctor? **A:** He kept seeing spots!
- **Q:** Which dog breed is guaranteed to laugh at all of your jokes? **A:** A Chi-ha-ha!
- **Q:** What does a dog get when she finishes obedience school? **A:** Her pet-degree!
- **Q:** How do fleas travel from place to place? **A:** By itch-hiking!
- **Q:** Which dog breed does Dracula love the most? **A:** Blood hounds!
- **Q:** What's a dog's favorite dessert? **A:** Pupcakes!
- **Q:** What kinds of stores do dogs love the most? **A:** Re-tail stores!
- **Q:** What's a dog's favorite kind of pizza? **A:** Pupperoni!
- **OK, I'll stop**

YEARBOOKS: The Conifer 2019 were distributed during pack time on Tuesday, August 20, to students who purchased yearbooks. A limited supply of yearbooks is available for \$75 starting Monday, Aug 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.



Student Council hard at work!

A LOOK AHEAD

AUGUST

- 26 – GABC – Mini-schedule night for parents (6:30)
- 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 – Sophomore Service Day or WWII Museum Trip
- 15 – DEFG – Sophomore Service Day or WWII Museum Trip
- 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 can’t listen to anymore and LOL since they stopped broadcasting, even on the website): 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

Can’t Believe It’s the Last Week of August and I’m Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s

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

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

