



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

## *Celebrating 108 Years of Lasallian Excellence in Covington*

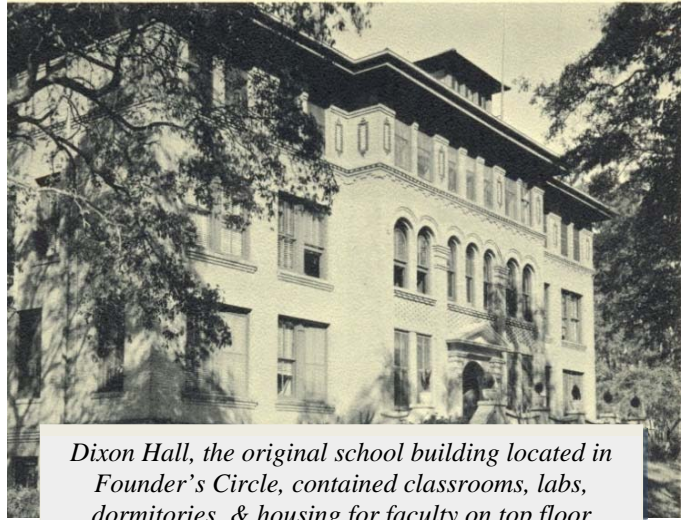
### *September 02 - 08, 2019*



## **Happy 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Saint Paul's!**

Sat, Sep 14, is the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of St. Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictines (Frs Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, & Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, & Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, 70 boarders & 30 students had enrolled. The rest, as they say, is history.

And seven years later, those same Benedictines transferred ownership to the Christian Brothers. And so week will be a week of remembrance:



*Dixon Hall, the original school building located in Founder's Circle, contained classrooms, labs, dormitories, & housing for faculty on top floor*

- We will remember the commitment and faithfulness of the Benedictines in founding Saint Paul's school, making it as a place of learning, growth, and the Spirit of God.
- We will remember the courageous Christian Brothers who assumed ownership of Saint Paul's in the summer of 1918 against incredible odds, after being exiled from France and barely escaping with their lives from Mexico. We will thank them for bringing the 330+ year Lasallian dream here.
- We will remember all the Christian Brothers and their Partners who have worked to make the Lasallian dream alive here in Covington -- a dream incarnate in this year's student body. It is a dream that says that at Saint Paul's, we are all brothers and sisters, no one is insignificant, everyone is important, we are ministers of God's grace to one another, and we must announce the message of the gospels, thus bringing salvation to all.
- We will remember alumni and former students and the contribution that each made -- those who no longer walk on this earth, but remain important to our lives.



*Saint Paul's College Faculty in 1921 Brother Charles Crouzet is on the right of the middle row.*

As we enter into the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our second century, we again remember and paraphrase Nobel Laureate William Faulkner, that we will "not merely endure, we will prevail" because we have "souls capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." Indeed, Saint Paul's will prevail as long as we remember, in the words of William Faulkner, the "courage and honor and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of the past" and which we are now called upon to replicate.

And now I present to you Saint Paul's School – 108 years young! And as I tell the students all the time: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the

edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age. As we thank God for our past, we pause and remember that we are still walking on holy ground -- for God is here, and where God is -- is holy. Happy Birthday Saint Paul's School! *Ad multos annos!*

### Mon, Sep 09 (Regular; D E F G)

- **This Day in History:** In 1776, the Continental Congress formally declares the name of the new nation to be the “United States” of America. This replaced the term “United Colonies,” which had been in general use. In the Congressional declaration dated September 9, 1776, the delegates wrote, “That in all continental commissions, and other instruments, where, heretofore, the words ‘United Colonies’ have been used, the stile be altered for the future to the “United States.”
- **TDIH:** In 1942, a Japanese floatplane drops incendiary bombs on an Oregon forest-the only air attack on U.S. mainland in the war.
- **Swimming:** SPS in a meet with NCS, Hannan, & F’Bleau

### Tue, Sep 10 (President’s Assembly; Shadow Day; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1940, in light of the destruction inflicted on London by German bombing raids, aka "the Blitz," British Cabinet instructs British bombers over Germany to drop their bombs "anywhere" if unable to reach targets.
- **Swap Ideas Day:** Swap your good ideas with others! I’m always in need of good ideas, so feel free to send ‘em here
- **World Suicide Prevention Day:** I list many ridiculous observances in my newsletters, but this one is very serious. St. Tammany Parish has a high suicide rate – which has gone up since the suicide of Robin Williams. Unfortunately, each year we deal with students who feel that suicide is the answer to the problems of life. In October, we will hold an annual suicide prevention program for all sophomores. Please speak to your students about this issue if the occasion arises. Pray for all who think that it is a solution. We ask God’s help. And we are in compliance with a new LA Law that mandates the publication of suicide prevention hotlines on our ID cards.
- **Shadow Day:** Again, this is very important. Cooperate with Karen and welcome our guests.
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> travels to Ponchatoula Jr Hi



*Hays proudly displays his edible cell in biology class.*

### Wed, Sep 11 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** Today we remember the terrorist attack on our country in 2001. We pray for families of all of who lost loved ones. We pray for an end to terrorism of all kinds, foreign and domestic. We pray for men and women who defend our freedom in all parts of the world. We pray for all people of peace, regardless of race or creed.
- **Make Your Bed Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! I make mine every!
- **Sacrament of Penance:** Confessions will be available in ALL Catholic churches in the Archdiocese this evening from 5 – 6:30 pm. From Archbishop Aymond: *“Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Francis has reminded us that God never tires of forgiving us. Perhaps we grow tired of asking for forgiveness. He reminds us instead that we must humbly ask for God’s mercy knowing that he gives it in abundance. Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>”*
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Franklinton (5:30)



**Thu, Sep 12 (Regular; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 2013, the **Catholic Lasallian Assessment Process** Team began its visitation. SPS passed glowingly!
- **TDIH:** In 1940, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings are discovered by four teenagers who stumbled upon the ancient artwork after following their dog down a narrow entrance into a cavern. The 15,000- to 17,000-year-old paintings, consisting mostly of animal representations, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period. What to see them? Click here: [http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02\\_00.xml](http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02_00.xml)
- **Chocolate Milkshake Day!** Enjoy – if your health allows, of course!
- **Banana Day:** Eat this healthy snack today! Wash it down with a Chocolate Shake!
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophs participates in this important program.
- **Mothers' Club Wine & Cheese Social for ALL SPS moms – 6:30 – 8:30 in the BAC**



*Pre-freshmen enjoy etiquette training, knowing a great lunch awaits them.*

**Fri, Sep 13 (Special schedule; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens words, later set to music, that in 1931 becomes USA's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written when Key saw Fort McHenry in MD bombarded by British in the War of 1812 & was inspired by a U.S. flag flying at dawn.

- **National Peanut Day** is the peanuttiest of days. Native to South

America, the locals there couldn't keep this great nut to themselves. Actually, peanuts are not nuts. They are "legumes", like peas, beans, and lentils. Who knew?

- **Blame Someone Else Day:** self-explanatory! Feel free to blame me!
- **National Hollerin' Day!** Feel free to holler today – but not at school!
- **Iguana Day:** Celebrate the lowly iguana today! I may re-read *Night of the Iguana* by Tennessee Williams
- **Afternoon Assembly** will celebrate the SPS birthday. We will again re-create the entrance of the Christian Brothers in 1918 by parading from the new gym through the arch. If you were here last year or in 2011, you will remember this march. I like it so much that I've made it part of our annual birthday celebration. **At the end, we will be treated to snacks, courtesy of the Mothers' Club.**
- **Football:** Varsity v. Jesuit (7)

### Sat, Sep 14 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross & SPS Birthday)

- **TDIH:** In 1911, 48 students, 5 Benedictine priests, and 4 lay teachers opened Saint Paul's College and began classes, beginning an educational tradition of excellence that continues today. Happy B-Day, SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1741, George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* (not "The Messiah") after working on it nonstop for 23 days. It's one of my favorite pieces of music – absolutely incredible!
- **TDIH:** In 1975, Pope Paul VI canonizes Elizabeth Ann Seton, making her the first American saint.
- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** This feast was begun in 629 AD by Emperor Heracles who brought the cross discovered by Saint Helena in 320 AD (and purported to be the True Cross) to Jerusalem, placing it on the believed spot of Jesus' crucifixion. I do not know whether the Benedictines opened SP on this feast by coincidence or plan, but establishing Saint Paul's was a triumph by them and, later, by the Christian Brothers. Today, it remains a triumph. With your help, it will triumph far into the future, a triumph of the Lasallian dream and God's work in Covington.
- **National Hug Your Hound Day:** Give Fideaux a great big hug.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Go ahead and indulge today!
- **ACT on campus today**
- **Cross Country** opens its season in BR at the Episcopal High Meet. Geaux CC Wolves!

### Sun, Sep 15

- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics from the past. I know of at least one SPS teacher who still uses them!
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, "Ballad of Birmingham." Click here to read the poem (which we study in my English class):  
<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **TDIH:** In 1916, tanks are first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of Somme in WW I.



Rise Up, O Men of God

**I offer the following in alphabetical order (with one exception), not necessarily order of importance:**

**VAPING:** Yes, this is not in alphabetical order but it's important. Almost every day, new advisories and warnings are issued against the terribly toxic trend (as one mom alliteratively expressed it.) We have made our position very clear – it is prohibited and strong consequences are imposed if it is discovered. But we can't police outside of school – parents, PLEASE insist with your sons that the dangers of this trend are not worth the risk. Do not allow him to become addicted. We have made too much progress in this area to go backwards.

**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.

**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 PlusPortals. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

#### **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

**AFTER SCHOOL ISSUES:** Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed.

**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS:** As we reach the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of NO:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public school system following Hurricane Katrina.



*Seniors conduct experiment in physics class.*



- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure.
- **Consult** PlusPortals and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be on Aug 21. . 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.

**FATHER-SON BIBLE STUDY:** Several fathers and sons conduct Bible Study every other Tuesday morning at 7 am in the admin building conference room. All are welcome. If size outgrows space, we will re-locate to another part of campus. First session is Tuesday, September 17 at 7 am.



*Physical Science Wolves experiment in the lab.*

**FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS:** Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the retired Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do **NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free. And SSA students do not get in free.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – if they leave, they must leave campus.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, **ALL** are to be **ABSOLUTELY QUIET**. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he **MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS** (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is never permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that **ALL** of us can unite around our very successful program by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship. The LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.



*Pre-freshmen chill during lunch.*

**FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR ADULTS:** With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.** Use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs around by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, & sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise
- LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

**GRANDPARENT DAY:** Our annual 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.

**HIGH SCHOOL COTILLION PROGRAM:** I have been asked to publicize this new program. The first class is September 15 from 6:30pm to 8pm at Tchefuncta Country Club. Classes are held once a month.

# High School Cotillion Program

The High School Cotillion Program is a licensed program of NLJC® designed specifically for high school students. New etiquette and character development topics which are pertinent to the high school years, such interviewing for scholarships and jobs, positive self-esteem, and handling peer-pressure will be presented and discussed at each class. This program will bridge the gap for today's high schooler between their education and the real world in a meaningful way.

Did you know the average high school student will graduate without knowing how to perform these basic "real life" skills?

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| • Pay income taxes | • Buy a car              |
| • Register to vote | • Pay utilities          |
| • Pay a bill       | • Make a budget          |
| • Apply for loans  | • Dress for an interview |

Interested in enrolling your student? For more information and to enroll, please visit our website at [www.nljc.com/chapter/northshore](http://www.nljc.com/chapter/northshore) or contact the Director, Catherine Lagarde at [catherine.lagarde@nljc.com](mailto:catherine.lagarde@nljc.com) or (504-) 844-6575.



**HOMEWORK FAIR:** The St. Tammany Parish Library will hold a special Back to School Homework Fair to help students discover what their library card can do for them. And it's free! Sep 10, 5:30 – 7:30 at Madisonville Branch and Sep 25,, 5:30-7:30 at the Slidell branch. **For more information, check the online events calendar [www.sttammanylibrary.org](http://www.sttammanylibrary.org)**



*PJ's is busy before school!*

#### **LAST WEEK:**

- **Etiquette Classes:** The pre-freshmen were at their best last week as they received instruction in fine dining and enjoyed a delicious meal. Thank you, Renaissance Board, for sponsoring this event. St. La Salle wrote a book entitled Rules of Christian Decorum and Civility in which he addressed some of the very things our guys were instructed in last week: how to eat soup, what to do with the napkin, etc.

- **First Friday:** Eucharistic adoration went well last week. Thanks to religion department
- **Football:** Congrats to Varsity on big win over McMain; JV also beat F'bleau but 9<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> fell short. Special congrats to all who helped make this year's media guide another spectacular success.
- **Marching Wolves & Golden Blues:** Thanks for a great halftime show Friday.
- **Safety Drills:** I hope your son told you about last week's drills: fire, intruder, and evacuation drills. Covington FD and PD were on hand and complimented our procedures. We found a few areas for improvement and have adjusted our procedures in those places. We pray they are never needed, but we must be prepared
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophs benefitted from this powerful program.
- **Swimming:** Congrats to Aqua Wolves on an outstanding first meet. I hear Water Music playing!
- **Wolf Packs:** I hope your son enjoyed last week's Wolf Pack and told you about the wonderful video we showed on the life of Brother James Miller, who will be beatified on Dec 7 – one step away from sainthood.

**LASALLIAN YOUTH:** Calling all students interested in Lasallian Youth:

# Lasallian Youth

Is Lasallian Youth meant for me? Why come to a Lasallian Youth gathering?

- ❖ Are you a student at Saint Paul's?
- ❖ Do you want to deepen your prayer life?
- ❖ Are you interested in service opportunities?
- ❖ Do you want to grow in brotherhood with others?
- ❖ Do you like card games, Spikeball, Jenga, cornhole, or chess?
- ❖ Do you like FOOD?
- ❖ ... If you answered "yes" to even just one of those questions, Lasallian Youth is for YOU!!!



**Fall Semester:** Unless noted differently, all gatherings begin with a light dinner in Ben's Den (PJ's) at 5:30pm and conclude with prayer at 7:30pm

September 12

October 10

October 24

\*\*\*November 14

~~December 5

December 12

\*\*\*Subject to change due to Project Christmas shopping

~~Immediately after school to help set up Luminarias





**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.

**MASS:** We will begin our weekly Wednesday masses this Wednesday, Sept 11, at 7:15 am in the chapel. Students are encouraged to partake of this wonderful sacrament!

**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](http://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!

#### PICTURES:

- If you ordered school pictures, they were given to your sons last week. Check with him if he did not bring them home.
- Re-takes will be at 11:00 am on Monday, September 16 in the lobby of the theater. Pictures will be taken through lunch.

**PLUS PORTALS:** 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.

**POLITICAL ACTIVITY:** Elections are only a few weeks away and the political season is heating up faster than cyclone activity in the tropics. As usual, several SPS alums are vying for office. I remind all of the policy on the Archdiocese: we may NOT publically endorse or favor any candidate. We also are prohibited from allowing campaigning on our campus. We have already had to deny several candidates their wish to distribute campaign material at our football games. If you have interest in the full Archdiocesan policy, here is the link:



*Seniors Thomas & Mica'h proudly wear their varsity jerseys before game.*

**TUTORING:** Tutoring offered by National Honor Society members began Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will be held every day at lunch in the library for the remainder of the school year. All students are welcome to utilize this free tutoring service. Essay proofreading services also provided. Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so!**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Monster Mash, **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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**; 985-898-4670; [mborelly@stph.org](mailto:mborelly@stph.org); <https://tinyurl.com/MonsterMash2019>

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** In honor of Banana Day on Thursday:

- *Q: Why do bananas wear suntan lotion? A: Because they peel!*
- *Q: What is Beethoven's favorite fruit? A: (sing to the tune of 5th symphony): Banana..na....! Banana..na....!*  
*Q: What do you call two banana skins? A: A pair of slippers*
- *Q: When banana growers are heart broken, what do they sing? A: What else but Peelings?*
- *Q: Why did the banana go to see the doctor? A: The banana was not peeling very well.*
- *I am going bananas. That's what I say to my bananas before I leave the house*
- *Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune? A: Because he couldn't find a date.*
- *Q: What is the easiest way to make a banana split? A: Cut it in half.*
- *Q: If a crocodile makes shoes, what does a banana make? A: Slippers !*
- *Q: Why did the banana go to the hairdressers? A: Because it had split ends!*
- *Q: Why did the banana fail his driving test? A: He kept peeling out.*
- *Q: How did the Mother Banana spoil the Baby Banana? A: She left him out in the sun too long.*
- *Q: Why don't bananas snore? A: Because they don't want to wake up the rest of the bunch.*
- *Q: What do you do if you see a blue banana? A: Try to cheer it up.*
- *Q: What's yellow and writes? A: A ball-point banana.*
- *Q: What's worse than a monkey eating bananas? A: A monkey going bananas.*
- *Q: What's yellow and always points to the north? A: A magnetic banana.*
- *Q: What is yellow and goes bzzzzzz? A: An electric banana.*
- *Q: How do monkeys get down the stairs? A: They slide down the banana-ster!*
- *Q: What did the banana say to the monkey? A: Nothing, bananas can't talk!*
- *Q: What kind of a key opens a banana? A: A monkey!*
- ***OK, I'll stop!***

**YEARBOOKS:** Yearbooks for the 2019-2020 school year are now available for purchase.



- Order online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). This is the only option for ordering a yearbook, cash or checks are not accepted at school for pre-orders. We do not order extra yearbooks and overruns are not guaranteed.
- Remember to spell out the word Saint when searching for Saint Paul's School on the website.
- Price
  - \$60 through Oct 12
  - \$65 Oct 13 - Mar 13
  - \$75 Mar 14 - May 29
- Seniors ***do not*** need to order a yearbook, it is included in senior fees.

Senior parents, grandparents, and family members can purchase a senior ad at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). The deadline to purchase a senior ad is Friday, Feb 21, 2020. All senior ads are created online.

Please email Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at [m.monteiro@stpauls.com](mailto:m.monteiro@stpauls.com) if you have any questions about yearbooks or senior ads.



*Runners submit attendance during Evacuation Drill.*

## **A Look Ahead**

### **September**

9 – DEFG

10 – ABCD – President's Assembly/ Appreciation Lunch / Shadow Day

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 / Shadow Day
- 27 – DEF – Homecoming Activities
- 30 – GABC



*Pre-freshman at Etiquette Training, thanks to SPS Renaissance!*

## **October**

- 1 – DEFG - Pack Time/ seniors in ACT test
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 4 – BCDE – all school mass; dress uniform day
- 7 – FGAB
- 8 – CDEF – President’s Assembly / Shadow Day



- 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



*Sophomores love the edible cell project!*

## **November**

- 1 – CDEF – Mass Schedule – Dress Uniform Day
- 4 – Archdiocese Faculty Formation Day – students do not report to school
- 5 – GABC – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 6 – DEFG – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 7 – ABCD – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

8 – EFGA – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
11 – BCDE – Veterans Day Assembly  
12 – FGAB – President’s Assembly  
13 – CDEF – 12 HR Breakfast  
14 – GABC  
15 – DEFG  
18 – ABCD – Senior 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 this week. 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 it went off the air): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time (on Labor Day weekend, no less) reading my ramblings! Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2019 - 20 edition of Saint Paul’s – our 109<sup>th</sup> year of existence!

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Blessed To Celebrate Another SPS Birthday as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President 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 99.2)



