



*The SPS President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington
339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
September 16 - 22, 2019



Our Birthday Week as wonderful. From the many well wishes we received, to the scrumptious Mothers Club lunch on Tuesday, to a full house of Shadow Day participants, to the boys singing Joyful, Joyful We Adore You on Thursday, to the birthday sign (**thanks Sign Gypsies!**) to the parade, snacks and pep rally on Friday to the thrilling football win over Jesuit on Fri night – everything came together to make it a memorable week. Even the weather cooperated.

And now we go forward. Given the declining number and aging of the Christian Brothers in the United States, whether the next century will see Brothers at Saint Paul's remains to be seen. But the Lasallian Dream is firmly planted on our campus, and will be nurtured carefully by the ever-growing number of committed Lasallian Partners. But we look upon the future with, in the words of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, "the eyes of faith."

As I wrote last week, welcome to the Saint Paul's of 2019– 108 years young with 101 years strong in the Lasallian vision. In the words of Saint Peter, we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in our age. And as we go about our work, we remember that we are standing on holy ground – for God is here, and where God is is holy.

Ad multos annos, Saint Paul's School – a Lasallian Catholic school in the finest tradition of the Christian Brothers..

**Holy Founding Brothers! Help us continue the Lasallian Mission! Saint Brother Benilde! Help us do ordinary things in extraordinary ways! Saint Brother Solomon! Help us remain faithful!
Blessed Brother James Miller! Help us live courageously!**

Mon, Sep 16 (Late (9 am) Start; C D E F)

- **This Day in History:** In 1620, *The Mayflower* ship departed England for America with small crew and 102 passengers. Trivia: what is the traditional site where the pilgrims disembarked on Dec 26? Answer at end.
- **Mexican Independence Day:** The **Grito de Dolores** ("*Cry of Dolores*") was uttered from the small town of Dolores in Mexico, on Sep 16, 1810, marking the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. The "grito" was the *pronunciamiento* of the Mexican War of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Roman Catholic priest. Since Oct 1825, this anniversary is celebrated as **Mexican Independence Day**, not Cinco de Mayo, of Mexico's Independence from Spain. Viva la independencia!
- **Trail of Tears Commemoration:** This day, also called Cherokee Removal Day, remembers the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from GA, TN, AL, and NC to Indian Territory (OK) from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our history.
- **National Guacamole Day:** Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole! I love guacamole!
- **American Legion Day:** Congress grants the AL a federal charter on this day in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from WW I. Since then, it has grown and supported all veterans.
- **Picture Retakes during lunch**
- **Football:** 8th at John Curtis (Delta Playground; 5:30)

Tue, Sep 17 (Wolf Packs; G A B C)

Congrats to the Fab Five!

- **TDIH:** In 1862, the bloodiest day in US military history occurred as Gen. Robert E. Lee and Confederate armies were stopped in Antietam, MD by Gen. George B. McClellan. By nightfall, 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – to then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, to contractors, to physical plant crew, to students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and with which we should become more familiar.
- **National Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge and enjoy
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in FHS meet (PAC)

 <p>Brenden Dauterive</p>	 <p>Cameron Dougherty</p>	 <p>Reece Grimley</p>
<h1>Saint Paul's School</h1> <h2>2020 National Merit Semifinalists</h2>		
 <p>Benjamin Klein</p>		 <p>Ian Kramer</p>

Wed, Sep 18 (Regular; D E F G) – mass offered at 7:15

- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs National Security Act, establishing a single Defense Department with Joint Chiefs of Staff. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air F
- **TDIH:** in 1870, an expedition discovers the "**Old Faithful**" geyser in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. The geyser was the first in the park to receive a name; when the men discovered it, they were astonished by its frequent eruptions. A geyser is a natural spring that intermittently spews hot water and steam. Geysers are extremely rare; only a thousand have been identified worldwide and half of those are in Yellowstone National Park.
- **National Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal!
- **Football:** 9th at Rummel
- **Senior Portrait Re-takes**

Thu, Sep 19 (Regular; A B C D)

- **Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy pirate wanna bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrrgh!
- **Rugby Parent Meeting (6)**

Fri, Sep 20 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sets sail, leading the first exploration to circumnavigate the world. Magellan dies before the journey is completed and the ship returns a year later.
- **Punch Day:** Have a glass of punch today! The word *punch* means *five*, originating from the Hindustani word *panch*. It celebrates the traditional punch base recipe of 5 key ingredients, which most punches still use - alcohol (usually spirits), lemon (or other fruits), sugar, water, and tea (or other spices, e.g., cinnamon). For our students, though, use only four of the five ingredients – I think you can figure out the one I'm not recommending for students!
- **International Eat an Apple Day:** No explanation needed! Enjoy & wash it down with punch.
- **Football:** Varsity at Destrehan (7)

Sat, Sep 21 (Feast of St. Matthew – Happy Feast Day to the 40+ faculty & students with Matthew as first, middle or last name!)



- **The 13th Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDLP)** begin this week on Sep 21 and run until Oct 21. The theme this year is *Ignite Our Hearts of Peace*. The month long observance encourages study, reflection, prayer, and action. As former Superior General Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria said concerning ILDP: *Peace is possible if each of us gets involved. It is possible when we place persons above things. It is possible if we make God's plan for humankind our own plan.* **May this event bring peace and love, especially to families who need it most!**

- I invite you to join the Retired Brothers who daily pray the following, official Lasallian Prayer for Peace: *We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope! Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!*
- **TDIH:** In 1779, the Louisiana governor Bernardo de Galvez, aided by American troops and militia, captures the British post at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.
- **International Peace Day.** Let's all do our part by at least keeping peace locally!
- **World Gratitude Day:** We should be grateful EVERY day, but be extra grateful today!
- **Cross Country: Wolves in Holy Cross meet**
- **25th Annual Math SPS Tournament:** Geaux Fighting Math Wolves as you sponsor one of the premier math tournaments in the area.
- **Jr Hi Homecoming Dance**



Marching Wolves entertain at pep rally!

Sun, Sep 22

- **National Hobbit Day** and the celebration of two of JRR Tolkien's most beloved characters – Bilbo Baggins and Frodo Baggins. The Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings series is well known and loved by many. Here is a fun fact to remember: The Fellowship of the Rings, first in the Lord of the Rings series opens with Bilbo Baggins announcing his *eleventy-first* birthday. Instead of saying “one hundred and one” they say “eleventy first” and that with every other three plus digit number.
- **TDIH:** Ice cream cones debuted today in 1903 & the band aid in 1920! Where would we be without these?
- **TDIH:** In 1776, Nathan Hale was executed without trial after caught spying on the British. His famous last words? “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.” Thank you, Nathan!
- **TDIH:** In 2015, Pope Francis began a six-day visit to the US. The Pope visited DC, New York and Philadelphia. He became the first Pope to address a joint session of Congress and he also addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, after having re-opened from Katrina, we closed school to brace for Hurricane Rita. While spared Rita's brunt, many in our area suffered additional damage, while the southwest part of LA took a major hit. We continue to pray for those healing from Rita's wrath.
- **White Chocolate Day:** Go ahead and indulge!
- **Elephant Appreciation Day:** Celebrate the elephant today and learn something about these **E**ndearing, **L**oyal, **E**legant, **P**owerful, **H**eavy, **A**musing, **N**oble, and **T**alented creatures. (get it?)

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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 his 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: We, along with all private high schools, have begun 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.



Sophs visit trauma room at Lakeview Regional Medical Center as part of the Sudden Impact program. Thanks, Lakeview and LA State Police for this important program. We pray that the lessons learned take root in our boys!

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.

ASSIGNMENT HALL: AH is in full swing. Students attend 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.

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Assembly on Sep 12: I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 12 assembly. It was originally scheduled for Sep 10, but technology gremlins forced its postponement. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to the 4th movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, more commonly known as "Ode to Joy" – one of the most beloved pieces of music in the world. I explained that Beethoven (1770-1827) was a "post Baroque" composer, ushering in the Romantic Period, with its equally powerful music. Romantic does not refer to mushy love music but powerful music inspired by nature.

The Ninth Symphony and its "Ode" premiered in 1824, just three years before Beethoven's death. It was one of the first instances of combining symphonic music with vocal accompaniment. Amazing fact: Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed this piece; he did it all in his head. The story has it that while he conducted the premier, he kept conducting even when the piece was finished – it kept playing in his head! The audience went wild with approval! I encouraged the students to learn from Beethoven and not let their challenges defeat them or prevent them from achievement.

And why did I choose Ode to Joy for the assembly? Because we were celebrating the 108th birthday of Saint Paul's School – and that's a cause for joy! And while the music played, a montage of pictures from our past was projected on the screen. We've come a long way in 108 years!

- Prayed in a special way for victims of Hurricanes and our own personal intentions as junior **Spencer Slaton** lit the prayer candle.

- In honor of our 108 years of existence, I projected some slides of the past 108 years, which dramatically show the changes that have taken place on our campus.
- Thanked the students for welcoming over 30 young men from local elementary schools who spent Tuesday morning with us as they explored their choice for school next year.
- Congratulated and thanked the student body for their participation in our recent Safety Drills: fire, intruder, tornado, and evacuation. The boys responded well. We pray we will never need any of these procedures, but we will be ready.
- Projected the following quotation from the Journal of Adolescence in an article entitled: **Volunteerism boosts self-esteem.** *The Journal of Adolescence reported that volunteering to assist strangers yielded more long-term benefits in teens than helping family or friends. In addition to having positive psychological impacts on teens, volunteering can increase physical exercise and prevent loneliness. Helping others does not have to be done on a grand scale, a small act of kindness is a great place to start.* I then encouraged students to practice service to others and random acts of kindness. Toward that end, I recognized and congratulated our Key Club, which has already done three service projects, and our Habitat for Humanity Club, which did a work day in Covington on 9/7.
- As I was running out of time, a whole bunch of items will roll over to the next assembly.
- **I then reminded the student that today was the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center towers in New York City. To commemorate the victims of Sep 11, 2001, I played a song composed by local musician and SPS faculty member, Mr. Gene Lipps, entitled “Hold On” while scenes of that tragic day were projected on the screen. It was a moving moment.**
- I then had the boys sing “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” – which is Beethoven’s Ode to Joy set to religious lyrics. I used a recording from a student body mass in 2011 when we sang it robustly. So the student body of 2019 joined the student body of 2011 in singing this magnificent hymn of praise and joy in honor of our 108th birthday. It was magnificent. As junior **Garrett Lauterbach** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy.”
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

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.

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Students listen intently to college rep from Vanderbilt recently in the counseling center.

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 phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

DEO GRATIAS 2019 -- Saint Joseph Seminary College will host its annual fundraising gala, Deo Gratias, Latin for “Thanks be to God,” on Saturday, Oct. 5 on the beautiful grounds of Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. Proceeds benefit the Seminary College and will go toward the formation and education of the next generation of Church leaders in the Gulf South region. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with Vespers in the Abbey Church with the Benedictine monks and the Seminary Schola Cantorum. The outdoor gala begins at 7 p.m. and will feature local chefs and farm-to-table cuisine. A patron party exclusive to sponsors begins at 5 p.m. in the Monastic Refectory. Patron Party tickets are required. Register at www.saintjosephabbey.com.

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.
- **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, was on Aug 21. . Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. had displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students talked to representatives from these clubs, etc. and decided 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, Lasallian Youth, Wolves on Wheels, Student Hosts, Graphic Design, Robotics, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper – to name just a few.



Wolves on Wheels lead the birthday parade through the Arch on Friday!

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 space runs out, we will re-locate to another part of campus. First session is Tuesday, September 17 at 7 am.

DRUG TESTING: We have begun drug testing, choosing students both randomly and “for cause.” Over 1/3 of the student body will be testing this year. Know our policy. Reinforce with your sons. A second positive result jeopardizes a student’s place at SPS. Pray that students resist the allure of temporary pleasure over finding true meaning in life.

ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURE SERIES at Saint Joseph Abbey: Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College presents “Laudato Si Confronts Climate Change 2020,” a four-week lecture series that will closely examine the challenging Environmental Encyclical of Pope Francis, known as “Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home.” Laudato Si is an appeal from Pope Francis addressed to every person on the planet for an inclusive dialogue about how they can best shape the future of this world. The lectures, presented by Matt Rouso, Director of Maryknoll Mission Center, take place each Tuesday, October 8 through October 29, 2019, at 5:45 PM in the Hospitality Center on the Seminary campus. The series is free to attend and open to the public. The Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education is offering CEU’s for those catechists needing renewal credit. Space is limited. To register, visit <https://www.saintjosephabbey.com/environmental-lecture>

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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 3rd 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.

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Our Habitat for Humanity Wolves on a job site last week.

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 or contact the Director, Catherine Lagarde at catherine.lagarde@nljc.com or (504-) 844-6575.

HOMEcomings DANCES:

- Junior High Dance is this Saturday, Sep 21. : Any 8th or 9th grader who is attending the Homecoming Dance should submit registration form and payment no later than Tuesday, September 17.
- Senior High Dance is next Saturday, Sep 28. Forms and payment for the 10th/11th/12th grade dance are due Tuesday, September 24.
- **PLEASE put your son's name in his Homecoming jackets – every year we experience “jacket confusion and misplacement”**

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Last Week:

- **ACT:** Over 200 test takers but Don Pressley and staff handled things well. The only problems were on the test.
- **Brown Foundation:** Thanks to Mr. Jeff Ramon, Kyle Kersker, Isaiah Ayo, & Jacob Bounds for representing us at the Brown Foundation Awards Day – and returning with a \$1200 check to fund our 9th grade English Reading Buddies Project, which is done in conjunction with Covington Elementary. I am grateful to Karen Hebert for writing the grant and keeping the program going.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves were off and running on Sat at the Episcopal Meet and returned with a strong 2nd out of 42 teams!
- **Football:** Varsity gave the school a GREAT b'day present with a thrilling win over Jesuit!
- **Mothers' Club Appreciation Lunch / Snack Day:** Thanks, MC, for helping us celebrate our 108th b'day with a great lunch on Tue and snack on Fri!
- **Mothers' Club Wine and Cheese Social:** A very nice turnout for a very nice event! Thanks, MC!
- **The Paper Wolf:** Hope you are keeping up with the GREAT stories
- **Pep Rally:** thanks, Student Council for a great event on Fri afternoon.
- **Shadow Day:** Thanks for spreading the word! All seemed to go well – except technology in the gym!
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophs participated in this powerful safety program. Thanks to Lakeview Regional Medical Center and Louisiana State Police.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves were active on Monday but I don't have results. Just listen to The Water Music!



Kyle, Isaiah, & Jacob accept the Brown Foundation grant for freshman service learning project.

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.

MARIAN PLAYERS: Our drama department is proud to present "A Few Good Men." The play opens Thurs, Oct 17, 7pm. Additional performances on Fri, 10/18, 7pm, Sat, 10/19, 2 and 7, Wed, 10/23, 7pm, Thurs, 10/24, 7pm, and Sat, 10/26, 2 and 7. Tickets are available online on our website.

MASS: We will continue 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!

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PICTURES & RE-TAKES:

- If you ordered school pictures, they were given to your sons two weeks ago. 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.
- **Senior Portrait re-takes will be Wednesday, September 18, at the beginning of lunch in the lobby of the theater.**

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: <https://d2wldr9tsuuj1b.cloudfront.net/16596/documents/2019/9/Political%20Activities%20Policy%20Copy%20for%20the%20e-Bulletin.pdf>

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Wolves on the prowl for snacks on Snack Day!

TUTORING: Tutoring offered by National Honor Society members is underway 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 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**; 985-898-4670; mborelly@stph.org; <https://tinyurl.com/MonsterMash2019>
- **Our Lady of the Lake Festival** needs volunteers October 18th, 19th and 20th Please go to festivalofthelake.com for information and volunteering or call Shawn Klein (504)235-9008 with questions

Weekly Humor: Apple jokes in honor of Eat an Apple Day on Thu:

- *What do you get if you cross an apple with a shellfish? A crab apple!*
- *Why did Eve want to leave the garden of Eden and move to New York ? She fell for the Big Apple!*
- *How do you make an apple turnover? Push it down a hill.*
- *What kind of apple isn't an apple? A pineapple. What did the apple say to the apple pie?*
- *What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? Taking a bite and finding half a worm.*
- *If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, what does an onion do? Keeps everyone away.*
- *Where do bugs go to watch the big game? Apple-Bees.*
- *I made an account just to tell this joke. Aren't you going to give me an apple-ause?*
- *What did the apple say to the almond? You're Nuts!*
- *Why didn't the two worms go into Noah's ark in an apple? Because everyone had to go in pairs!*
- *What lives in apples and is an avid reader? A bookworm!*
- *Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road? Because he ran out of juice.*

- *What do you say when a fruit wins the talent show? How about them apples?*
- *Dad, do you like baked apples? Yes son, why? The orchard's on fire.*
- *What kind of apple has a short temper? A crab apple.*
- *What do you get when you cross an apple with a Christmas tree? Pineapple.*
- *How many grams of protein are in an apple pi? 3.14159265*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

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

- Order online at 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. 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 if you have any questions about yearbooks or senior ads.

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A LOOK AHEAD

- **September**
- 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

• **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



Twins Evan and Cole enjoy Friday’s pep rally!

• **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 – 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 109th year of existence!



Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Hard to Believe We Start the Sixth Week of the School Year and I’m Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

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

Answer to Sep 16 Trivia: Tradition has it that the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, MA – although there are no contemporaneous references to landing on a rock!



