



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter
108 years of educational excellence in Covington
339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
September 30 – October 06, 2019



Welcome to the 8th week of the 2019-20 school year! On Wednesday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Guardian Angels**. This feast was a favorite of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The school year in France began on October 2 at that time, and the function of guardian angels became a metaphor that La Salle used often in exhorting the Brothers to take seriously their work of Christian education of youth. In honor of this feast, I again offer these words from Saint La Salle. We need our angels!

- *Children need good teachers, like **angels**, to help them learn Christian truth.*
- *Like **angels**, teachers help students understand the truths in the gospel and guide them in such a manner that they will be led to put these truths into practice.*
- *It is your duty to act towards the students in the manner in which your guardian **angel** acts toward you. Your angel inspires you and helps you keep clear of whatever obstacle you might encounter.*
- *It is your duty, like the **angels**, to go up to God every day in prayer so that you can learn all you can about how and what to teach the students; and then come back down to their level to teach them what God taught you..*
- *You share in the ministry of guardian **angels**, helping students know the truth, and practice it. To do this, though, you must have great zeal for your work.*
- *As **angels**, you must cheer the faint-hearted, support the weak and be patient toward all. Is this what you have been doing? Has your zeal been ardent enough?*
- *Ask God for grace to watch so well over students confided to you that you take every possible care to shield them from fault. This must be your main concern.*



I exhorted the faculty to view themselves as guardian angels to their students. I exhort you, too!

Mon, Sep 30 (Regular; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** In 1938, British and French prime ministers sign the Munich Pact with Nazi leader Adolf Hitler. The pact averted war but gave Czechoslovakia to Germany. The Munich Pact has become a metaphor for capitulation.
- **National Mud Pack Day** (who knew?): Ladies, this is your day! Mud packs were once the rage. They are still popular, but the “mud” has been replaced with a variety of other ingredients to keep the skin young, soft and supple. A real mud pack, though, is a quick treatment for bee stings. Guys -- make this a special day & buy a facial gift certificate for your special lady. Tell her it's not that she needs it, but because it is a comforting, feel-good thing.

- **Rosh Hashanah began last night at sundown and ends at sundown tomorrow, Oct 01.** The late Saint Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to learn more about our Jewish heritage and form closer ties with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Thus, we recognize the great feast of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year. It is the year 5780 in the Jewish calendar. The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur. One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are penance, prayer, & good deeds – great practices for people of all faiths. These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the greeting during this time: "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*" (May you be written [in the book of life] for a good year! We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed Rosh Hashanah! "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*"



Tue, Oct 1 (Regular; No wolf packs; D E F G) Welcome to October! 75% of 2019 is over! Unbelievable!

- **Feast of St. Theresa. Happy Feast Day to Carmelite & Teresian Sisters** – those incredible religious women here in Covington and elsewhere throughout the world. May God bless them abundantly!
- **TDIH:** In 1890, Congress creates Yosemite Park
- **TDIH II:** In 1908, the first Model T Ford is completed at the company's Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford would build some 15 million Model T cars. It was the longest production run of any automobile model in history until the Volkswagen Beetle surpassed it in 1972.
- **CD Player Day:** Digital downloads, MP3s, smart phones and integrated media have made the humble CD player a thing of the past. Get low-tech and celebrate today by enjoying music from a CD player. I still use mine at assemblies, even though my student helpers are urging me to go digital!

- **Prayers:** We raise our voices to heaven today for the success of Robert Simpson's surgery today. I am indebted to his colleagues who will cover his classes during recovery: Fred Escher, Jonathan Eubanks, Roger Bacon, and Catherine Tonry.
- **ACT on campus for seniors. Yes, this is a REAL ACT! Seniors – I want more perfect scores!**

Wed, Oct 2 (Regular; A B C D; Feast of the Guardian Angels; 7:15 am mass)

- **TDIH:** In 1919, at the White House in President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke that leaves him partially paralyzed and effectively ends his presidential career. Miraculously, government continues to run.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as first African-American Justice of the US Supreme Court. Trivia Question: how many other African Americans have served or are serving on the Court? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **TDIH:** In 1968, California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of trees, growing up to 400 feet during a lifetime that can span 2000. Scientists are currently concerned that the CA drought is stressing these incredible natural wonders.
- **Phileas Fogg's Wager Day:** from Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*, of the famous wager upon which the book is based: *I will bet twenty thousand pounds... that I will make the tour of the world in eighty days or less.* Then, consulting an almanac, Phileas Fogg said: *As today is Wednesday, the second of October, I shall be due in London, in this very room of the Reform Club, on Saturday, the twenty-first of December, at a quarter before nine PM; or else the twenty thousand pounds . . . will belong to you.*
- **Custodial Workers Day:** Today honors those who clean our buildings. SPS is VERY fortunate to have an excellent custodial staff. I'm saddened, however, about how difficult we make their jobs by the amount of trash that is left in the classrooms and especially outside. Encourage your son not to litter.
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Hammond

Thu, Oct 3 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1990, less than a year after destruction of Berlin Wall, East and West Germany unite on what is known as "Unity Day."
- **Swimming:** SPS Invitational at PAC

Oldest known portrait in of St. Francis, dating to his retreat to Subiaco (1223–1224)

Fri, Oct 4 (Mass Schedule; Dress Uniform Day; B C D E)

- **Today** is Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, a venerated religious figure and founder of the Franciscan Order. It's most appropriate that we remember this iconic saint by reciting the prayer attributed to him (but probably not his words): *Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*



- **TDIH:** In 1957, the Soviet Union launches the first artificial satellite. The US is shocked. Trivia question: what was the name of this satellite that launched a space race between the US and USSR?
- **Ten-Four Day:** The 4th day of the 10th month is a day of recognition for radio operators, whose code words, “Ten-Four,” signal an affirmative reply.
- **Cinnamon Roll Day:** Indulge and enjoy – if your health permits!
- **National Taco Day:** Enjoy! From the NTD web site: *The history of the taco is unknown. According to some taco experts [a job I wouldn’t mind having!], the word originates from the 18th C. silver mines in Mexico, when taco referred to little explosives workers used to extract ore. These were pieces of paper wrapped around gunpowder and placed in holes carved in rock. “A chicken taquito with a good hot sauce is really a lot like a stick of dynamite,” says taco expert Jeffrey Pilcher [and I thought I had the best job!] “The first references [to the taco] come from the end of the 19th C. One of the first tacos described is called tacos de minero—miner’s tacos. Others claim tacos predate the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico in the 16th century. Anthropologists say there is evidence suggesting inhabitants of the lake region of the Valley of Mexico ate tacos filled with small fish. The fish were replaced by small live insects and ants in the states of Morelos and Guerrero, while locusts and snails were favorite fillings in Puebla and Oaxaca. Taco Bell is believed to have pushed widespread popularity of Mexican food in the U.S.... The hard-shell taco was invented long before Taco Bell. The U-shaped version is first noted in 1949 in a cookbook.*
- **World Smile Day (First Fri in Oct):** The original ‘smiley face’ (☺) was created by commercial artist Harvey Ball in 1963. Concerned about the commercialization of the quickly iconic graphic, Harvey established **Smile Day**, which encourages us to participate in acts of kindness and friendliness, and to smile and make others smile. I’ll do my part! I promise to get Coach Sears to do to so, too – although his smile may have to wait until after we win tonight.
- **Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament:** Good luck, alumni!
- **F’Ball:** Varsity at Hammond (7)

Sat, Oct 5

- **Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos:** Father Seelos is a favorite in our area. He was assigned in 1866 to the Redemptorist community in New Orleans. As pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption, he was known as one who was joyously available to his faithful and singularly concerned for the poorest and the most abandoned. In God’s plan, however, his ministry in NO was destined to be brief. In the month of Sep, exhausted from visiting and caring for the victims of yellow fever, he contracted the dreaded disease. After several weeks of patiently enduring his illness, he passed on to eternal life on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48 years and 9 months. Saint Pope John Paul II beatified him in 2000. Father Seelos, pray for us!



Students enjoy playing jenga during Homecoming.

- **TDIH:** In 1892, The Dalton gang attempts to rob two banks simultaneously in Coffeyville, Kansas, but meets resistance from townspeople, who wind up killing four of the five bandits. Emmett Dalton, the sole survivor, returned to the site of the crime nearly 40 years later and offered a caution to would-be thieves: “The biggest fool on earth is the one who thinks he can beat the law, that crime can be made to pay. It never paid and it never will and that was the one big lesson of the Coffeyville raid.”
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Harry Truman (1884-1972) makes the first-ever televised presidential address from the White House, asking Americans to cut back on their use of grain in order to help starving Europeans. At the time of Truman’s food-conservation speech, Europe was still recovering from WW II.
- **Do Something Nice Day:** Go ahead, do something nice – anything. It won’t hurt; I promise!
- **Frugal Fun Day** (first Sat in Oct): Do something fun today that doesn’t cost anything! It’s possible!
- **SAT on campus**
- **Cross Country:** Wolves travel to St. Joseph Invitational in BR

Sun, Oct 6 ---- We encourage all to worship today, especially for Catholics to attend mass as a family

- **TIDH:** in 2015, SPS students entered the new gym for the first time, to the resounding strains of George Fredrick Handel’s Halleluiahs Chorus! It was a magnificent moment! We thank all those who made this campus jewel possible!
- **TDIH:** In 1927, the first “talkie” opened in New York. *The Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.
- **TDIH:** In 1979, President Jimmy Carter receives Pope John Paul II, the first Pope to visit the White House.
- **Mad Hatter Day:** Today refers to the character from Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland, where the Mad Hatter is always seen wearing a hat bearing a slip of paper with the notation “In this style 10/6” – an invitation to behave in the style of the Mad Hatter on 10/6. Mad Hatter Day began in Boulder, CO, in 1986, among computer folk who had nothing better to do. In 1988, it was recognized as an official holiday by an area business and received its first national press coverage by news services. What do people do on Mad Hatter Day? In general, people celebrate silliness!

Dress uniform day on Friday!

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.



Hastings and Mi on Twin Day!

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. Most 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.**
- **I especially need our families who came from public school to spread the word among other public school families to come take a look at SPS!**

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.

ASSEMBLY ON SEP 26: I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 26 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- In honor of Homecoming Week, the students entered the gym listening to a song called "I Feel Home" by O.A.R. This song was sung at an assembly in our gym fifteen years ago by then student council president **Kramer Johnson**, brother of SPS alums **Nick and Evan** and son of alumnus and Covington Mayor **Mark Johnson**, to express how he felt about Saint Paul's. It's become a ritual ever since at homecoming as alums return to the "SPS Home" to reconnect with the brotherhood of SPS. Four years ago, magically, Kramer appeared in the gym complete with his guitar. Unbeknownst to me, he had arranged to come in from Georgia to sing the song again for the then current student body – which he did to the obvious delight of everyone present. At the conclusion of the song, the student body burst into a rousing, spontaneous, standing ovation! It was a magical moment! BTW, Kramer graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in marketing and works for the marketing department of Chick-fil-A. He is married with two children. He's a fantastic young man!
- Prayed in a special way, as junior **Jack LaNasa** lit the prayer candle for all of our intentions.
- Reminded the students that September is almost over and asked them to reflect how their year has been so far. Have they "polished that Baroque pearl" that each of them were metaphorically given on the first day of school. Are they closer to God? To their families? To their friends? To humanity in general?

- Welcomed 30+ young men from various local elementary schools who were spending the morning with us as they explored their choice for school next year. A large group of their parents also attended. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome!
- Recognized and congratulated SPS Religion Teacher Mr. Jonathan Eubanks on the birth of son, Philip. Student Council President Paxton Ballard presented Mr. Eubanks with a gift for Philip.
- Recognized and congratulated the student body for their spirited participation in our 108th birthday celebration two weeks ago.
- Projected the following quotation on the screen:
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.
- Recognized and congratulated the Key Club for their continuing volunteer efforts in projects all around campus and the community.



Jack lights prayer candle at assembly.

Dress uniform day on Friday!

- Recognized and congratulated those students who volunteered in the recently held Special Olympics at SLU in Hammond: **Donald Garvey, Spencer Slaton, Kyle Ogea, Al Nastasi, Grant Nastasi, Jack Bedell, Sam Bedell, Jude Barcelona, Trey Faherty, BraydenTurni, Cameron Ocman, Will McGehee, Grant Vicknair, Jack Grace, Adam Cazayoux, William Blossman, Michael Rader, Jacob Frolich, Ryan Hill, Joseph Cresson, Thomas Bourgeois, Michael Valliant, Brady Billiot, Nick Raspino, Auggie Roppolo, Jacob Harris, Jason Higgs, Graydon Hall, Alex Schlottman, Anthony Elwell, Connor Simon, Alexi Sotiropoulos, Brady Talley, Ben Salvant, Caleb Frost, Ian McCarthy, Brady Loisel, Paxton Ballard, Corbin Chitwood, Cole Piazza, Jesse Cheng, Blake DiSalvo, Ben Klein, Miles Gensler, Max Salvant, Owen Crombie, Brandon Nolan, & Carter Elie**
- Recognized and congratulated our nationally recognized AP scholars from the Class of 2019: **Jonathan Bertucci, John Paul Bourgeois, Brennen Calato, Cole Chitwood, Joshua Devier, Beau Franklin, Jackson Gold, Ross Hightower, Stephen Millet, Andrew Norlin, Michael Philippe, Blake Ramsey, Jack Schwartz, Waleed Sultan, Ian Varney, & Daniel Wieseneck.**

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- Reminded all of our eight National Merit Semi-Finalists from last year: **Max Gold, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Stephen Millet, David Needles, Andrew Norlin, & Christopher Wilson** – the largest number of semi-finalists from any school in St. Tammany. And recognized and congratulated the five National Merit Semi-Finalists from this year – again, the largest number from one school in St. Tammany: **Brenden Dauterive, Cameron Dougherty, Reece Grimley, Ben Klein, and Ian Kramer.**



- Then, as if by magic, The William Tell Overture by Rossini started playing! And if Rossini is playing, the Cross Country Wolves must be running – and they are having an excellent season. I projected the following

results: **2nd place (out of 42 teams) in the prestigious Episcopal Round Table Run with two Wolves (Evan Pardo & Patrick Elliot) in the top ten (out of almost 400 runners!)**

- Recognized and congratulated the cast and crew of The Marian Players, whose fall production of “A Few Good Men” opens soon. I encourage the students who wish to attend to get their tickets early as the play is sure to sell out.
- As I was running out of time, a whole bunch of items will be pushed to the next assembly.
- I then had the boys sing “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”. They were magnificent. It was a moving moment.
- As junior **Hunter Ingram** 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 O.A.R.’s “I Feel Home”
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

Dress uniform day on Friday!

ASSIGNMENT HALL: AH is in full swing. Students attend AH if they come 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.

BOOKSTORE: Come see the new and improved Bookstore.

And here are the regular hours:

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am
- M – F: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Also by appointment. Email spsbookstore@gmail.com.
- **PLEASE patronize the MC’s Bookstore.** Proceeds not help fund wonderful activities throughout the year and campus needs. For example, the MC funded over \$40,000 worth of school projects this past year.

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 contact your son, do so during lunchtime. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for policy violations. 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

DRIVING: Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action against students as well. And remember: **cell phone use in a school zone is against the law and can be ticketed by police!**

DRUG TESTING: We have begun drug testing, choosing students both randomly and “for cause.” Over 1/3 of the student body will be tested 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.

Dress uniform day on Friday!



Class of 2020 AP Scholars are recognized at last week's assembly!

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: As we pass 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. 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.

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 was Tue, Sep17 at 7 am. Next will be Tue, Oct 1 at 7 am.

GRANDPARENT DAY: Last Friday, you should have received an email on GP, which is on October 11. Here's the info:

- Grandparents arrive on campus on Fri, Oct 11 and report to the Briggs Assembly Center to meet grandsons. School dismisses at 11:00 for the students, and the Grandparent Day Program begins at 11:30. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will be attending. If a student has no grandparent attending, he is free to leave at 11.
- SPS moms will volunteer to take pics at various pic stations in the BAC
- A prayer service will begin shortly after everyone has been seated;
- A "President's Assembly" will follow;
- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program (a little over an hour or so.)

Past programs have been very successful, and we receive many compliments from the grandparents who attend. Thank you for helping us make this annual event so successful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In order to adequately prepare, we ask that you RSVP with the TOTAL number (students plus grandparents) who will be attending. Reply to reception@stpauls.com or just reply directly to me. Please indicate if handicap accommodations will be necessary. Please RSVP by Friday, October 04. I know that some of you have suffered a loss lately; know that I am sensitive to these situations and offer our prayers for you. **Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms!**

HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST DATES: We have set the first quarter HR breakfast dates – which will be in November. See below for the exact schedule in "A Look Ahead."

Dress uniform day on Friday!

ID CARDS: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he must purchase a temporary ID from Sgt. Pressley. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

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

JAZZ ‘N ROLL: Saint Paul’s School will celebrate the **30th anniversary of Jazz ‘N Roll** on **Saturday, November 2, 2019** from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

Original art by local artists, collectable sports memorabilia, a second line by our Marching Wolves Brass band, laughter and libations fill the night air at the thirtieth Jazz ‘N Roll. Profits from this party-with-a-purpose are used to support a number of programs vital to the quality education of students and faculty, including VEX Robotics, Habitat for Humanity, Wolves on Wheels, and continuing education for faculty to name a few. Capital improvements, such as the newly renovated Benilde Hall, receive funding from this signature event, providing students with a college-style union area and the religion, Spanish, and media departments with state-of-the-art classrooms. Will you join us?

Click here for tickets: <https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/> Contact the Development Office (892-3200, ext 1970, for more info.

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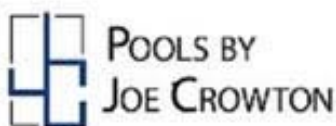
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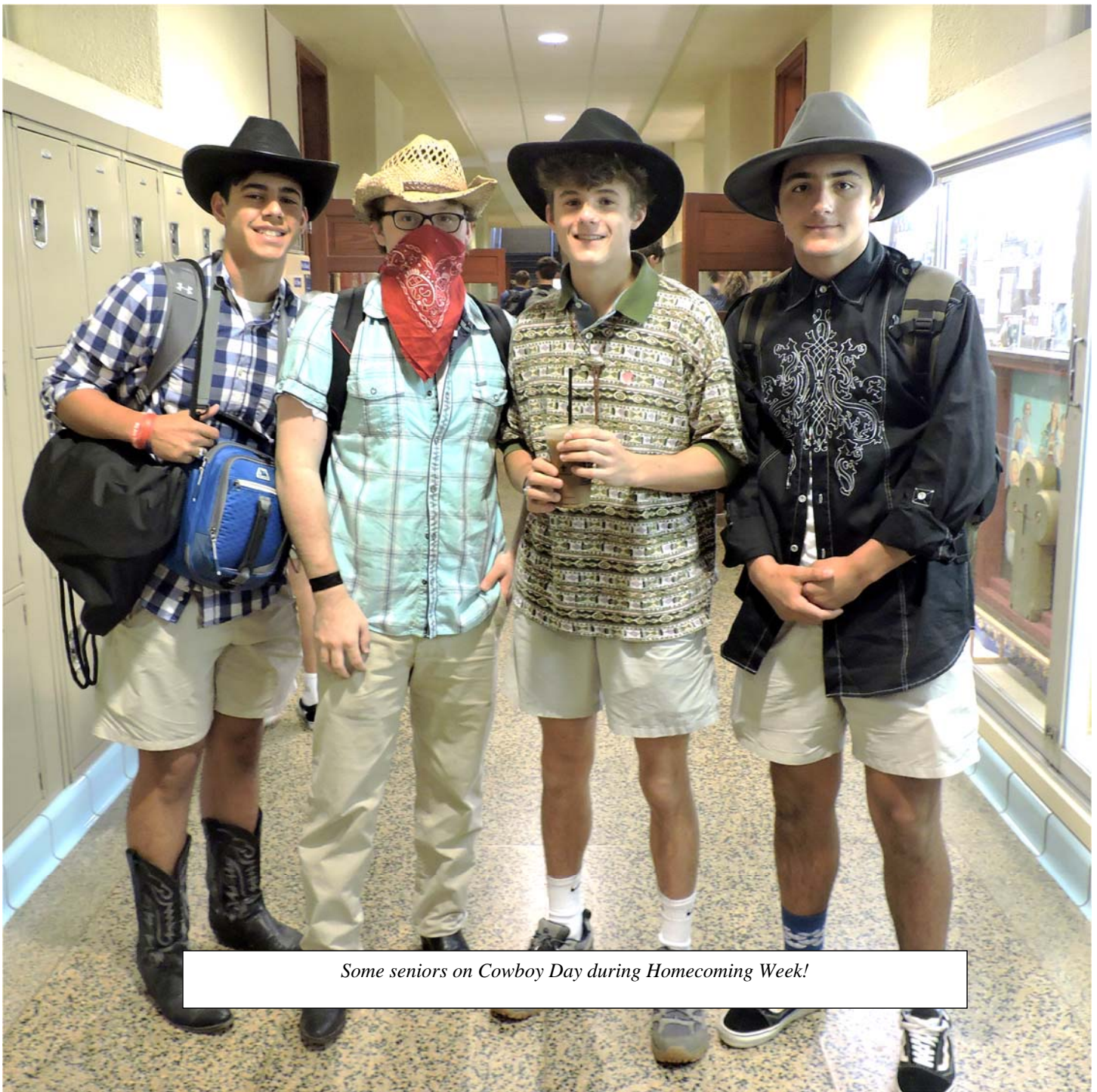
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LAST WEEK IN REVIEW:

- **Cross Country:** Christian Brothers Invitational was a success. Wolves earned 2nd place (out of 17 teams)
- **Football:** Tough week for the Wolves, but we will bounce back!
- **Homecoming:** An all-around great week! Thanks, Student Council et al.
- **Marching Wolves:** Again, a great show! Thanks!
- **Media Classes:** An informative field trip to Loyola U by our three media classes (can you name them?) and the boys returned with many awards! Congrats, Media Wolves!
- **Legacy Lunch:** Development Team organized a very nice legacy lunch on Fri with over 100 present: alums with sons or grandsons currently attending SPS. Thanks Development Team!
- **Shadow Day:** Another successful day! Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!

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.



Some seniors on Cowboy Day during Homecoming Week!

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:

- All school mass this Friday, Oct 4! Dress uniform! Parents are invited. Mass begins at 9:30 in the BAC
- We will continue our weekly Wednesday masses this Wednesday at 7:15 am in the chapel. Students are encouraged to partake of this wonderful sacrament!

OCTOBER: Welcome to October – the tenth month of the year, even though “octo” means eight. I hope you know why this discrepancy exists! I draw the following to your attention as we begin Oct:

- **The Rosary:** The Catholic Church dedicates Oct to Mary, our Blessed Mother, especially via the rosary. **A group of moms and retired brothers recite the rosary each Mon morn at 8 in the Brothers Residence chapel for the intentions of the school.** They would be thrilled if you joined them.
- **Respect Life Month:** The Catholic Church designates October as Respect Life Month. In addition to the unborn, the Church also reminds us of our obligations toward other life issues: Children, Marriage/Family Life, Women, The Aging, and Death/Dying. We offer prayers that all will respect life, from conception to natural death. We pray that our students learn by our word and example.
- **October** is also *Country Music Month, Family History Month, Computer Learning Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, National Book Fair Month, National Car Care Month, Gourmet Adventures Month, National Cosmetology Month, Polish American Heritage Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Stamp Collecting Month, National AIDS Awareness Month, National Cyber Security Awareness Month, National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Month* and *National Depression Education and Awareness Month* – something for everyone!

Dress uniform day on Friday!

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!**



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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>

MY SAN DIEGO VACATI....UH, CONFERENCE: Here's a brief summary of what the presidents & principals of the 22 schools in the San Francisco New Orleans Province did last week, along with members of the Provincial Staff. Western hospitality was in overdrive as our province hosted guests from WA, OR, CA, AZ, TX, CO and LA. They treated us very well!

- Mon Morning: Boarded a plane for San Diego, with a stop in Houston. The plane was late leaving NO and I almost missed the connection in Houston. We landed at Gate 1 and the connecting flight was at Gate 50. Yours truly hoofed it through Hobby – while his name was being broadcast over the PA system to board or be left behind! How embarrassing for someone who prides himself on being early! I HATE flying! Trevor and his wife, Candace, had flown up early to visit with grandchild in San Diego.

- Mon Afternoon – Arrived in San Diego and checked into hotel: The Marriott Gaslight Hotel. Very nice! The Gaslight district seems to be the equivalent of a more respectable French Quarter!
- Mon Evening: Prayed, welcomed and reunited with one another; ate a wonderful meal, had a nice post-meal social and then called it an early evening due to the fatigue of travel.
- Tue Morning: The focus of the meeting was Catholic approach to immigration. As Trevor wrote you last week: *During our time in SD we were asked to consider Catholic social teaching surrounding the issue of immigration and migration. The San Diego/ Tia Juana area presented a live backdrop to these issues. Various groups of principals and presidents went on "field trips" to agencies on the front lines of border issues. Some of us met with border agents at the Mexico/USA wall. Some of us visited nonprofits that assist migrants on their dangerous journey through the desert. Some of us visited with day laborers seeking any jobs available. Still others visited a nonprofit youth detention center that houses unaccompanied minors. Our various experiences led to much discussion.*
- Tue late afternoon and evening: we traveled to a wonderful local restaurant where we had a wonderful social and delicious meal. We then walked to Petco Stadium and watched a Padres v. Dodgers pro baseball game! I only lasted a couple of innings and then walked back to the hotel! Beautiful stadium, though.
- Wed Morn: We listened to several of our colleagues discuss initiatives that they are implementing in their schools. Nice, but SPS is doing just fine. At 10 am, we adjourned. Trevor and I, along with the other NO administrators, headed to the airport – where we met a 1979 SPS grad and his wife! Small world! And while I gave a prayer of thanks for my time with my Lasallian colleagues, I also said a prayer of thanks when I again entered the holy ground of Saint Paul's School.



Alumnus Louis Ross '51 enjoys Legacy Lunch with grandsons Christian '20 and Aiden '21

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

WOLF PACKS: I hope your son told you about our Wolf Pack last week – on procrastination! We showed part of a TED talk and then had a discussion. Wanna' see the video? Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arj7oStGLkU>

Dress uniform day on Friday!

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.
- 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.

WEEKLY HUMOR: The Nobel Prizes will be awarded this week for prodigious accomplishments in academic fields. The Ig-Nobel Prizes (sponsored by Harvard) were awarded in mid-Sep. These prizes honor real achievements that make people laugh, then think. The prizes, given by Nobel winners, celebrate the unusual. Some will make you laugh (others will make you cringe), so this is H of the W. Here are 2019 Ig-nobel Prizes:

- **MEDICINE PRIZE** for collecting evidence that pizza might protect against illness and death, if the pizza is made and eaten in Italy.
- **MEDICAL EDUCATION PRIZE** [USA] -- for using a simple animal-training technique— called “clicker training” —to train surgeons to perform orthopedic surgery.
- **BIOLOGY PRIZE** -- for discovering that dead magnetized cockroaches behave differently than living magnetized cockroaches.
- **CHEMISTRY PRIZE** for estimating the total saliva volume produced per day by a typical 5 year-old child

- **ENGINEERING PRIZE** for inventing a diaper-changing machine for use on human infants.
- **ECONOMICS PRIZE** for testing which country's paper money is best at transmitting dangerous bacteria.
- **PEACE PRIZE** for trying to measure the pleasurability of scratching an itch.
- **PSYCHOLOGY PRIZE** for discovering that holding a pen in one's mouth makes one smile, which makes one happier — and for then discovering that it does not.
- **PHYSICS PRIZE** for studying how, and why, wombats make cube-shaped poo.
- And there were others best left out of the family-friendly newsletter!
- I wish SPS could get some of this research money!

A LOOK AHEAD

September

- 30 – GABC

October

- 1 – DEFG - 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



Dress uniform day on Friday!

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 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

Can't Believe It's October 2019 and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's

Did I mention we have a dress uniform day on Friday?

Answer to Oct 2 Trivia Question: Justice Clarence Thomas is the only other African-American on the Supreme Court.
Answer to Oct 4 Trivia Question: Sputnik I was the Russian satellite. It weighed just 184 lbs and transmitted a beeping radio signal for 21 days.



*Hunter Stadium at sunset.
Photo taken by sophomore journalism student Colin Garvey.*