



The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter
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October 07 - 13, 2019 – the final week of the first quarter!

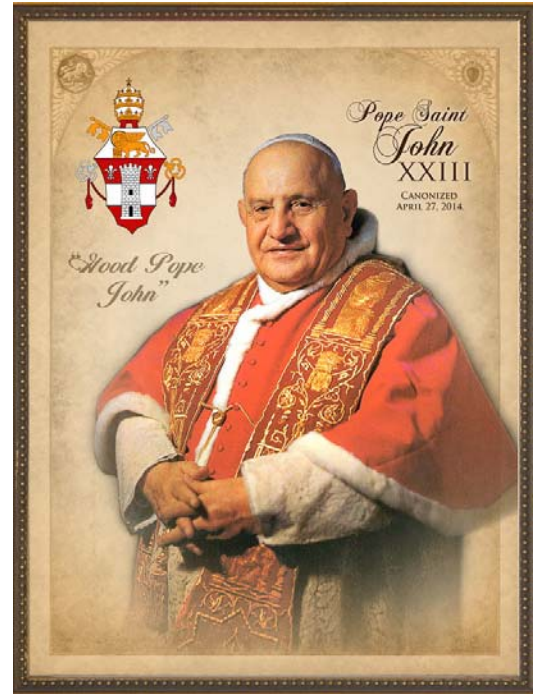


This Friday, October 11, we observe the memorial of Saint Pope John XXIII (1881 – 1963) -- one of the most influential popes in recent history, who changed the Catholic Church forever.

As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the culture in the Vatican. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners. He apologized for episodes of anti-Semitism within the Church.

Most expected John XXIII to only serve a short time and make no significant changes. However, he did many things that created sensation in the streets and pews. His most influential decision was the call for an ecumenical council, known as Vatican II. This council altered many practices of the classic Church with new emphasis on ecumenism and a new liturgy.

In his last months, he offered to negotiate peace between the Soviet Union and the US, then at the height of the Cold War. The offer, although declined, was popular in both countries. In the wake of the news, John XXIII was the first pope to be honored as the Time Magazine Man of the Year.



At his death in June of 1963, the world mourned John XXIII and President Lyndon Johnson posthumously awarded him a Presidential Medal of Freedom. His feast day is Oct 11, which commemorates the opening of the Second Vatican Council on Oct 11, 1962. Here are some memorable quotations from good Saint Pope John:

- *Consult not fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do*
- *The family is the first essential cell of human society.*
- *Peace on Earth can never be established except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order.*
- *Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.*
- *Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.*
- *See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little.*
- *Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less*

Pope Saint John XXIII! Pray for us!

Mon, Oct 7 (Regular; F G A B)

- **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray the rosary today – and often! If you are available, you are always welcome to join the retired Brothers on Monday mornings at 8 in their chapel for rosary.**
- **This Day in History:** In 1913, for the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park, MI automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line. We've come a long way, Henry!

- **You Matter To Me Day:** Four simple words, one single phrase, that makes a profound difference to all who hear it and share it. Tell people who matter to you that they do.
- **Rugby:** first practice today (6)



Deuce gives Holy Communion to Thomas at last week's mass.

Tue, Oct 8 – (President's Assembly; Shadow Day; C D E F)

- **Alvin C. York Day:** Sgt. York is the most decorated American soldier in WW I. From Sgt. York website: *On Oct 8, 1918, York and 16 soldiers... were given the task of silencing machine guns that halted the advance. It was a cold, wet morning. Rain mixed with sleet added to the gloom of the fog that draped the landscape. As the soldiers worked their way around the hill, the men on the left flank stood exposed in the creek bottom. German machine gunners opened fire, wounding or killing nine Americans, including York's best friend. York was on the right flank beneath the crest of the hill in a natural depression, which he used to kill nine of the men who operated the guns. In the meantime, his comrades opened fire on Germans, and 25 were dead. The Germans surrendered to what they thought was a superior force, and York and the American survivors escorted 132 prisoners to American forces some 10 miles away. Sergeant York was the Medal of Honor, for his actions.*

- **Face Your Fears Day:** Consider what life might be

like if you conquered some of your greatest fears. Today gives you the chance to stand up to your fears, overcome them, and to seize the day.

- **National Walk to School Day:** Give it a try if you're in walking distance!
- **National Poetry Day:** OK, I'm fudging a bit here as this NPD is in Great Britain – but we can still celebrate! The theme this year is “messages” so read a poem that has a message.
- **Yom Kippur** begins this evening at sundown and lasts through Wed at sundown. This is the most important holiday of the Jewish year, which means "Day of Atonement". It is a day to atone for the sins of the past year. This day is a last appeal, a last chance to change the judgment, to expiate for sin. Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. For the latter, one must first reconcile with that person, righting the wrongs if possible.

We pray that our Jewish brothers and sisters have a holy and blessed Yom Kippur!

- **Football:** 8th at Oak Grove (in Amite)

Wed, Oct 9 (Regular; 7:15 am mass in chapel; G A B C)

- **National Leif Erikson Day:** Congress, by joint resolution, has authorized the President to proclaim October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day" who over sailed from Iceland and explored present-day Greenland and Canada.

- **TDIH:** Today is the feast of the Christian Brother Martyrs of Turon, canonized by Pope John Paul II: **Saint Brothers Cirilo Bertrán, Marciano José, Julián Alfredo, Victoriano Pío, Benito de Jesus, Benjamin Julián, Augusto Andrés, Aniceto Adolfo and Saint Father Inocencio.** From the Brothers' website: *In 1934, Turón was the center of anticlerical hostility. The Brothers' school was an irritant to radicals in charge because of the religious influence it exerted. The Brothers defied the ban on teaching religion & openly escorted students to Mass. On the First Fri of Oct, authorities broke into the Brothers' house on the pretext that arms were hidden there. They and their chaplain were arrested and marched to the cemetery where they were shot. Brother Cirilo, the Director, was 46 and Brother Marciano was 39. Brother Julián was 32 and all the rest were in their twenties. They were arrested, detained, and executed as a community. Victims of the hatred and violence against the Church, they witnessed by their death to the faith they so courageously professed and so effectively communicated to their students.*



Saintly Brother Martyrs of Turon! Pray for us!

- **Football:** 9th & JV at Covington (5:30)

Thu, Oct 10 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1973, US Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns in ignominious disgrace.
- **World Egg Day:** Celebrate by fixing your favorite egg dish and eating it; do not celebrate by throwing!
- **National Angel Food Cake Day:** Enjoy this classic dessert after you eat an egg!
- **Football:** 8th at Jesuit



The ubiquitous checking of phones....

Fri, Oct 11 (Grandparent Day Schedule; A B followed by dismissal at 11 and Grandparent Day)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, Pope John XXIII convenes Vatican II —the first council in 92 years -- to bring spiritual rebirth to Catholicism and cultivate greater unity with other religions.
- **Southern Food Heritage Day:** Eat your favorite southern food.
- **Grandparent Day beginning at 11:30 in the BAC**
- **Football:** Wolves v. Covington (7)

Sat, Oct 12

- **TDIH:** In 1492, after a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land he saw San Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met “Indians.”

- **Moment of Frustration Day:** To celebrate, everyone is supposed to go outside at noon GMT (6 AM CST) and SCREAM away frustrations! You may not scream AT someone (sorry!), just scream in general! We should all end the first quarter with a good scream, thus chasing away any 1st quarter frustration! Enjoy!
- **National Gumbo Day:** After you've screamed away your frustration, enjoy this iconic south Louisiana treat! BTW, did you know that "gumbo" is the African word for okra? Well, now you do.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves run in Catholic High Meet in BR
- **Marching Wolves perform at City Park's Scout Island Scream Park**

Sun, Oct 13

- **TDIH:** In 1792, the cornerstone of the White House is laid and in 1775, the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force—the precursor to the US Navy.
- **National Yorkshire Pudding Day:** Calling all Brits! Celebrate this iconic British dish that dates to 1700. It is made with flour, eggs, butter, milk, and pan drippings from roast beef & most often served with beef or chicken, and gravy. A traditional staple of the British Sunday lunch, Yorkshire Pudding is still common.
- **International Music Day:** Enjoy music today in all of its forms, and share your favorite music with others. I'll be happy to lend some classical selections! Or even better, why not make some music of your own?

Rise Up, O Men of God

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

ACT Prep: SPS is very proud of our ACT scores – but we want to do even better. And ACT Prep is a marthon, not a sprint – it can't be done a week or two before the test. The time to start is years ahead. AP Joe Dickens promotes the following two sites which provide a free ACT question of the day. Encourage your son to use these resources. Better yet, make it a family activity! Have fun with the competition! Here are the links:

- <https://academy.act.org/> (a lot like Khan Academy regarding its prep work and video tutorials)
- <https://www.varsitytutors.com/act-questions-of-the-day> (a lot like Khan Academy regarding its prep work and video tutorials)

ADMISSIONS FOR 2020-21: We, along with all private high schools, have started 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.
- 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!
- **We don't produce yard signs in order not to "clutter" people's lawns and neighborhoods – that is why we need YOU to spread the word!**

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.

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.



Students enjoyed a popsicle treat last week in honor of Brother Alfred's 97th birthday!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: I have been remiss in mentioning this and it's certainly more important than National Dessert Day or Frustration Day. As an all-boys school, we must not overlook the teachable moments concerning issues pertaining primarily to women, and our boys need to know about this insidious disease, which can strike their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and future wives and daughters. And we have current parents and friends battling this medical scourge. I encourage enlightened, appropriate discussion of this important health issue with our students when possible. We reach out in prayerful support to any family struggling with this issue. I invite you to pray the following:

We pray for those who are now ill. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

For those who are affected by illness, anguish and pain. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

Grant courage to those whose bodies, holy proof of Your creative goodness, are violated by illness.

O God, Source of Life, encourage them!

Grant strength and compassion to those who give loving care, support and help to overcome despair.

O God, Source of Life, strengthen them!

Grant wisdom to those who labor in the search for treatment and cures.

O God, Source of Life, inspire them!

Grant clarity of vision and strength of purpose to the leaders of our institutions and our government.

May they be moved to act with justice and compassion and find the courage to overcome fear and hatred!

O God, Source of Life, guide them and bless us all!

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.

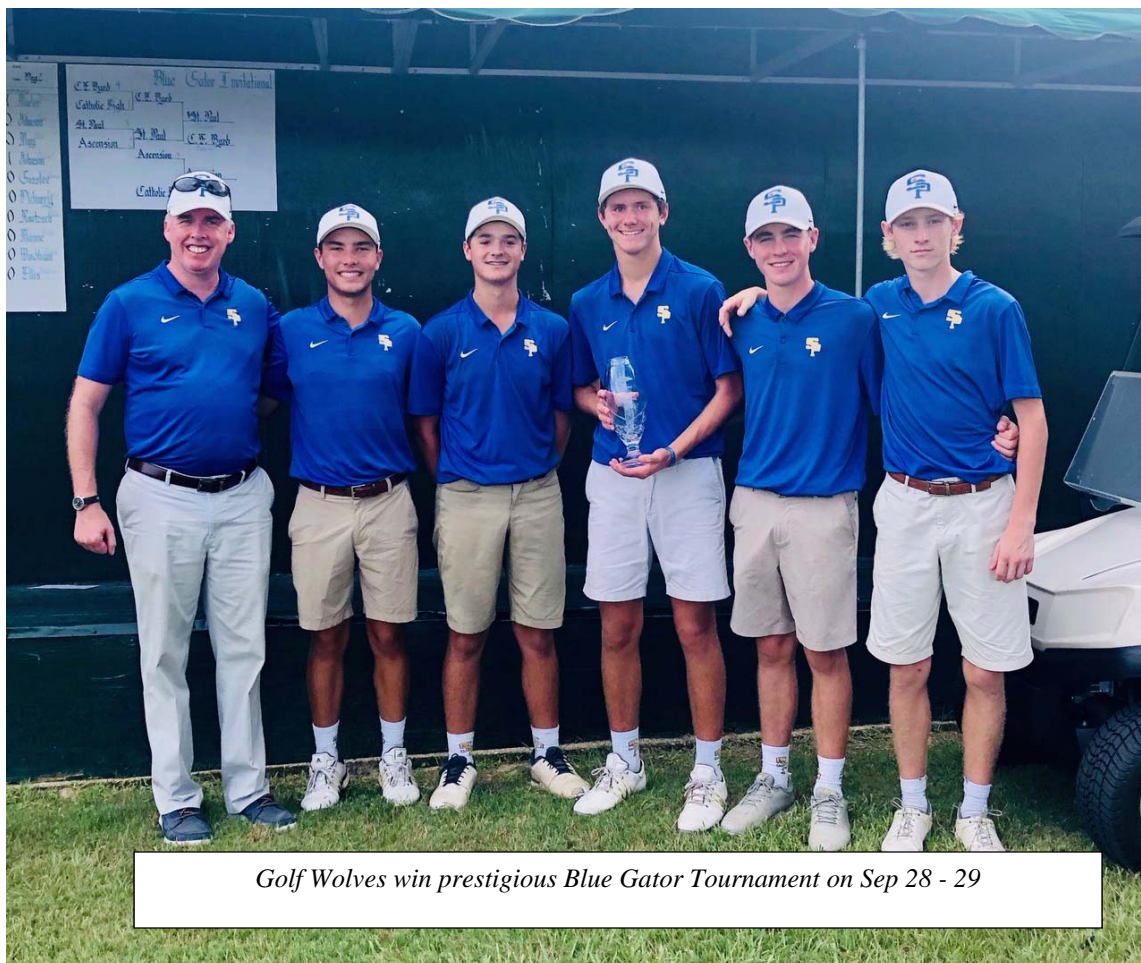
EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: As we pass the height of the tropical season (Sep 10) and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of NO:

- **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.

ETHICS BOWL: This new extracurricular activity is seeking more members. In Ethics Bowl students discuss real-life ethical issues. In each round of competition, teams take turns analyzing cases about complex ethical dilemmas and responding to questions and comments from the other team and from a panel of judges. Cases this year include:

- 1) Do citizens in a democracy have an obligation to remain informed of current events?
- 3) Should teachers be able to go on strike?

The Ethical Wolves are Saint Paul's first state champions for this school year. They claimed this title by virtue of the fact that there are no other schools in LA who compete. On February 1, the team will be bringing its ethical knowledge to Houston for the regional competition. If anyone is interested in joining, it is not too late. They can text @spset to 81010.



Golf Wolves win prestigious Blue Gator Tournament on Sep 28 - 29

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Encourage your son to get involved. So far we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research correlates academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

FINANCE OFFICE JOB OPENING: The Finance Office is looking for additional help. If you know of someone who has an accounting degree and/or accounting experience and would like to work at St. Paul's, please give CFO Jo Sutherlin a call or email her at jsutherlin@stpauls.com. This is a full time, salaried job.

HOMECOMING CLOTHING MIXUPS: We have three sports coats and a tie in Ms. Claire's office from homecoming and we have some students missing jackets from homecoming. Parents: make sure your son has the correct jacket and if missing one to check with Claire.

GRANDPARENT DAY is this Friday, 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.

If you have not yet sent an RSVP if attending, please do so by Monday morning! 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 should wear their dress uniforms!

GYM: Oct 6 last week marked the four-year anniversary of occupancy of our new gym. If you were here, I hope you remember the excitement as the boys entered for the first time. We even got TV coverage! Here's the link to relive WGNO's take on the ceremony. <http://wgno.com/2015/10/06/so-what-does-the-new-gym-at-st-pauls-school-smell-like/> And while I am grateful to all who made the gym possible, I am especially grateful for the major, named sponsorships:

- The anonymous alumnus who donated \$150,000 to the gym
- Bleachers: The Dr. Joseph Lacoste Family
- Courtyard Plaza: The Dr. John Thompson Family
- Classroom: Saint Paul's Mothers' Club
- Coaches Office: The Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament
- Lobby: Saint Paul's Class of 1982
- North Scoreboard: E. Tourelle's Northpark Nissan-Hyunda in honor of SPS alums Tyler '11 and Josh '17
- South Scoreboard: B & K Construction Company and The Wayne Mediamolle Family
- Concession Room: The Judge Adrian Duplantier Family
- Locker Room 1: The Dr. Anthony Albright Family
- Locker Room 2: The Dr. Kevin Darr Family
- Three naming opportunities remain: Sound System, Main Court and the Building itself. Would you like to have the gym named after you or your family? If you know of anyone interested, please let them know.

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.”



ID CARDS: Students must wear their ID cards on their lanyard DAILY. **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 Info? 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, AD. 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!**

JAZZ ‘N ROLL: Saint Paul’s School will celebrate the **30th 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. [Click here for tickets:](https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/)

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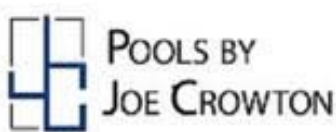
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LAST WEEK:

- **ACT Testing:** Let's hope our seniors took the test seriously! Thanks to counselors for organizing.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves headed to BR on Sat; results pending.
- **Fire Drill:** The boys were very cooperative – if a bit chatty, which we are working on.
- **Football:** 9th won big against Hammond – and so did Varsity. Congrats, Wolves!
- **Golf Tournament:** A sold-out cadre of SPS supporters invaded Tchefuncta CC on Fri for a day for golf and fun. Thanks to Alumni Director Al Nastasi and his dedicated volunteers for once again conducting an outstanding tournament in memory of Coach Gene Bennett and Mr. Mickey Champagne.
- **LHSAA:** A “random audit” (yeah, right!) by the LHSAA last week to inspect our records found NO violations – again! And believe me, the paperwork is prodigious. Each of our over 500 athletes athlete must have 7 pages of info completed, signed, and on file. Our fall sports were 100% in compliance. Congrats and thanks to the athletic administrative assistants! And AD Craig Ketelsen deserves some kudos, too!
- **Marching Wolves** were great!
- **Mass:** St. Francis was smiling as we remembered his feast with a Eucharistic celebration.
- **SAT Testing:** Again, the only problems were on the test. Thanks SAT testing staff!
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves continue to garner attention. I hear Handel!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle Lavie, on another great issue.

LHSAA: Last week, the LHSAA sent out a SIX PAGE directive on sportsmanship! A new directive is a mandate for team football captains to shake hands before the coin toss – with a penalty imposed if the captains refuse to shake hands! This is what some sports programs have devolved into. Very sad that we have to mandate hand shaking!



Liturgical band prepares to lead us in song at last week's mass.

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.

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



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

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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>

ROSARY: As you heard at assembly, a group of students recites one decade of the rosary each morning, beginning at 7:50 on M, T, Th, and F and following mass on W. They would love to have you join them. And since Oct is the month of the rosary – what a great witness!



SLOW YOUR ROLL is Mayor Mark Johnson’s initiative to improve driving within Covington. Did you know:

- Two of the most often repeated complaints to the Mayor are speeding and the running of stop signs.
- On any given weekday, over 15,000 people drive into and out of Covington.
- Many of our streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of the automobile, thus not designed for traffic.

Mayor Mark’s goal is “to change driving habits in our city...to have each of us understand that speeds over 25 MPH are not safe on most of our streets” The Mayor is asking everyone to “*relax, take a deep breath and slow down. In October, we will be stating more firmly the need to slow down. In November, there will likely be consequences.*” I applaud the Mayor’s initiative and pledge to him our support.

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



Morning crew hangs out in lobby before school.

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!**

VAPING: 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.

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 recent Wolf Pack – 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>

YEARBOOKS for 2019-2020 school year are now available.

- 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** 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 Email Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions about yearbooks or senior ads.



2019 Yearbook (*The Conifer*). Order this year's before Oct 12's price increase.



Weekly Humor: In honor of World Egg Day on Thu, here are some chicken and egg jokes!

- *How was the chicken able to get home from work so fast? It used the eggs-press lane.*
- *Why did the egg cross the internet? To get to the other site.*
- *What do eggs do for fun at parties? Sing kari-yolkie.*
- *Why did the scrambled egg lose the baseball game? The boiled eggs were hard to beat.*
- *What did the egg say to the clown? You crack me up.*
- *What track event to chickens compete in? Relay race.*
- *What do chickens serve at their birthday parties? Coop cakes.*
- *Why did the egg cross the playground? To get to the other slide.*
- *Where do eggs go to college? Yokelahomia State.*
- *What do you call a scrambled egg wearing a cowboy hat? A western omelet.*
- *Where can you find the most information about eggs? In the hencyclopedia.*
- *How do you make an egg roll? Give it a little push down a hill.*
- *How many eggs does it take to screw in a light bulb? None, silly! Eggs don't have hands.*
- *What do you say to an omelet who gets a good grade? Eggcellent!*
- *Why did the egg cross the playground? To get to the other slide.*
- *What did the chicken order at Starbucks? An Eggspresso.*
- *How can you drop an egg 5 feet without breaking? Drop it 6 feet – it won't break the first 5.*
- *What did the Spanish egg farmer say to his hens every night? Oh lay.*
- *Where are chickens born? On eggplants.*

- *Why did the egg cross the beach? To get to the other tide.*
- *Who tells the best egg jokes? Comedi-hens.*
- *What do chicken families do on nice afternoons? They go on peck-nics.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A LOOK AHEAD

October

- 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

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 – Assembly
- 11 – ABCDE
- 12 – FGABC
- 13 – DEFG + Per A Exam Review
- 16 - 19 Exam Schedules



Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the ninth week of the school year – the last

week of the first quarter! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to any more since WWNO stopped broadcasting the show but I'm still LOLing over past shows on its website!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Pray that we end the first quarter on a positive note! 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!

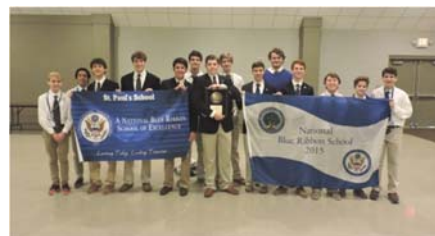
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**“Preach by example and practice before the eyes of the young
what you wish them to accept.”**

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



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