



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter ***Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington***



339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
October 14 – 20, 2019 – the first week of the second quarter!

Welcome to the 10th week of the 2019 - 20 school year and the start of the second quarter!

We start our 10th week rejoicing with the whole Lasallian world and the Catholic Church. Wednesday, October 16, is the three-year anniversary of Pope Francis canonizing Brother Solomon Leclercq, FSC, which made him an official saint of the Church.

I hope everyone remembers the story of Saint Solomon, but just in case, here is a summary from “Seven De La Salle Brothers”: *Once the monarchy was overthrown early in the French Revolution, the next target was the Church. In 1790 the Civil Constitution of the Clergy gave the state complete control over the Church in France. In order to continue to function, priests and religious were forced to take an oath to support the constitution. Most of the Brothers refused and so were forced gradually to abandon their schools and communities. Eventually the Christian Brothers were deprived altogether of legal status in France.*

On 15 August 1792, Brother Solomon sat alone in his Paris school. He had been asked to mind the house while other Brothers left the turbulent city for the safety of the suburb. A loud knock on the door was the first sound of warning. Soldiers demanded to search the house. It was a thorough search for incriminating documents, and, though they found nothing, Brother Solomon was ordered to collect his belongings and follow them.

Under escort, he walked a short distance to where a sort of tribunal had been set up, and where his arrival seemed to be expected. The interrogation was formal, ending with the question: 'have you taken the oath?' The answer was: 'No'. That was all.... It was all pre-arranged. A massacre gang was assembled at the Champ de Mars 'to give effect to the will of the people'. They had been commissioned to do the deed in return for money and the clothes of the victims.

Brother Solomon was martyred on September 2, 1792. He was the first Brother of the Christian Schools to be martyred, and the first to be beatified – the step before sainthood is conferred. Brother Solomon chose his religious vocation and Catholic faith over obedience to the anti-clerical French government.

So let us pray: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for the gift of St. Brother Solomon to our Institute. We pray that his example of humble service and fidelity inspire us to live our own commitments in the same manner. Show us the ones who are in need of our talents and presence. Grant us the generosity, wisdom, and courage to respond accordingly.*

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Brother Solomon! Help us remain faithful!

The Christian Brothers have posted many resources on the canonization and Brother Solomon, including details on the miracles that were needed for sainthood, on our website:

<https://www.lasallian.info/brothers-today/the-canonization-of-blessed-brother-solomon-le-clercq-fsc/>.





Mon, Oct 14 (Regular; C D E F)

- **This Day in History:** In 1912, a fanatic shot former President Theodore Roosevelt while he was campaigning in Milwaukee. Roosevelt's thick overcoat, a glasses case and a folded speech in his breast pocket saved him by slowing the bullet. Although wounded, he insisted on making the speech with the bullet lodged in his chest and did not go to the hospital until the speech was over. A rugged outdoorsman, he fully recovered in two weeks
- **TDIH:** In 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis begins, bringing the US & Russia to the brink of nuclear war. I remember our "Nuclear bomb drills" in grammar school! We really thought we'd survive by hiding under desks!
- **National Dessert Day!** Who knew? Treat yourself to some special dessert tonight!
- **Columbus Day or Indigenous People Day (in some states) Observed today**
- **The Jewish Feast of Sukkot** began last night at sundown and ends at sundown of Sunday, October 20. Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles is one of the three biblically based pilgrimage holidays. It is an agricultural festival that originally was considered a thanksgiving for the fruit harvest.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in SSA Invitational (TCC)

Tue, Oct 15 (Wolf Packs; G A B C)

- **Saint Teresa of Ávila.** Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Teresa of Avila, a prominent 16th century Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun, writer, and theologian. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered to be, along with John of the Cross, a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. Happy Feast Day to the Carmelite Sisters on River Road in Covington!
- **National Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity:** we pray in a special way today for an end to abortion.
- **Global Hand Washing Day:** Today stresses good hygiene. Wash hands often – it's one of the best disease defenses.
- **National Grouch Day:** You have permission to be a grouch today but you must go back to being nice tomorrow!

Wed, Oct 16 (Regular; D E F G)

- **Dictionary Day:** In 1758, Noah Webster, considered the Father of the American Dictionary, was born. In his honor, read a dictionary today; learn a new word!
- **Drama: “A Few Good Men” Preview Night (7)**
- **PSAT administered**
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Northshore (5:30)

Thu, Oct 17 (Regular; Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; A B C D)

- **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** was a 17th Century French Roman Catholic nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart in its modern form. We wish St. Margaret Mary Parish in Slidell a happy feast day!
- **Wear Something Gaudy Day:** "gaudy" refers to something bright, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste. SPS will not celebrate this day!
- **National Pasta Day:** Enjoy one of more than 600 varieties of pasta today! Ciao!
- **Drama: “A Few Good Men” (7)** The “Carmadelle Era” begins its second season this evening. Please encourage your son to attend. Because of the popularity of the show, Gordon has increased the number of performances. And since the Office of Catholic Schools has revoked its permission for us to have a Sunday matinee, the Marian Players are going to do two productions on Saturdays. Thank you, Marian Players! Tickets are on sale ONLINE via our website.



Chandler lights prayer candle at Grandparent Day Assembly

Fri, Oct 18 (Regular; Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist; E F G A)

- **Happy Feast Day to the 16 SPS Students & Teacher who have first or middle name of Luke or a variant!**
- **TDIH:** In 1790, John Baptist de La Salle entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, beginning his journey toward priesthood. By answering God’s call, he opened himself up to future calls which allowed him to found the Brothers of the Christian Schools. May we, too, be open to the call of God in our lives!
- **National Evaluate Your Life Day:** We reflect today upon our life -- where it's been, and where it's going. What do I need, or want, to change? I'll be evaluating!
- **National Chocolate Cupcake Day:** Splurge! Enjoy.
- **Football:** Varsity at Northshore (7)
- **Drama: “A Few Good Men” (7)**



Joey & Michael read intercessions at Grandparent Day as Brady and Blake wait to resume their MC duties.

Sat, Oct 19

- Memorial of St. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions
- **TDIH:** In 1781, as their band played *The World Turned Upside Down* (ya' gotta love the British!), the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7000 British & Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington, effectively ending the war between Britain and its American colonies. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris in 1783.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves run in All State Sugar Bowl Classic
- **Wrestling: Fall Kickoff Classic**
- **Football:** 8th v. CBS in NO
- **Drama: "A Few Good Men" (2 & 7)**

Sun, Oct 20

- **TDIH:** In 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France to purchase Louisiana Territory, doubling size of US.
- **TDIH:** In 1944, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, thus fulfilling his promise, "I shall return!"
- **TDIH:** Today is the birthday of John Dewey, born in Burlington, Vermont (1859). Regarded as the father of progressive education, his best-known innovation was what he called "learning by directed living," which combined learning with concrete activity. He wrote *Democracy and Education* (1916), and he founded the New School for Social Research. He was a shy, scholarly youth; a friend said that ideas were like living objects to him, and the only things he was really interested in. When he was hired to teach at the University of Michigan at the age of 25, he constituted the entire philosophy department. He spent most of his career

thinking and writing about education. He said that schools were useless unless they taught students how to live as members of a community; that they wouldn't succeed in teaching children anything unless they were receptive to what children were ready to learn; and that they wouldn't get anywhere unless they treated children as individuals. He once gave a speech at Michigan in which he said there was so much knowledge at universities because the freshmen brought everything they knew to college with them, and the seniors never took anything away.

- **National Day of Writing:** Today celebrates writers and writing. Celebrate by writing something: email, poem, text message, short story, blog entry, grocery list, weekly newsletter, etc. Just write!
- **Teresian Family Day:** All are invited to celebrate with the Teresian Sisters today at their Provincial grounds in Covington (19080 St. Joseph Way). Outdoor mass at 11, lunch will be provided, games for children, Teresian boutique. Service hours available for students interested in volunteering to help.

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 marathon, 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. 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:

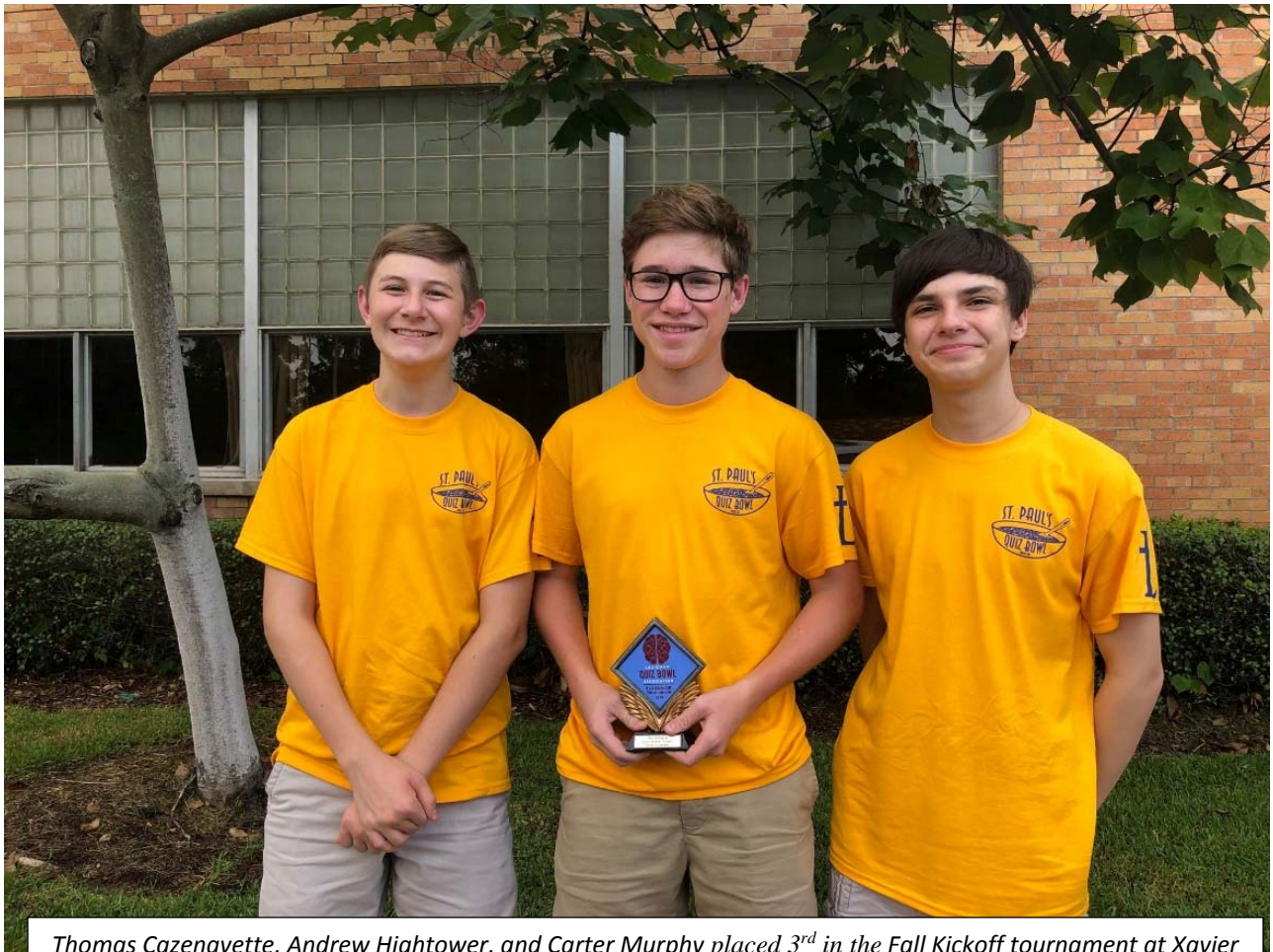
- **Shadow Days:** you can register for one of our SDs on our website. Most have already filled up.
- **Open House:** We will run a true Open House on Sat, November 2. Families can come anytime between 1 and 3 to tour the campus and speak with students, teachers, and administrators.
- **I especially 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.

ASSEMBLY ON OCT 8: I hope students enjoyed our assembly last week. Here's what we did:

- Students entered the new gym to the strains of "Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above", from a CD made several years ago by the Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry. I explained that the Catholic Church dedicates October to Mary and that this song is one of the oldest and most beloved of Marian hymns. I further explained that October is the month of the Rosary and that once again, a dedicated SPS mom who had five sons graduate from SPS donated hundreds of rosaries for the students – as she does each year. I encouraged the students to get one of these rosaries from their religion teachers, keep it in their pockets, and the rosary whenever they have the time. They don't need to say the whole thing if they don't have time, but just a decade or even one Hail Mary as they wait at a traffic signal or walk from building to building.
- Prayed in a special way, as junior **Shep Schaumburg** lit the prayer candle, for all the intentions that we brought into the gym that morning.
- Prayed, too, to the Christian Brother Saintly Martyrs of Turin – whose feast day we were celebrating. I explained to the students the story of how his brave group of Brothers were summarily executed by the anti-clerical forces of the Spanish government during the Spanish Civil War in 1934. I projected some of the final words by one of the Brothers, Jaima Hilario – who could have saved himself by claiming to be gardener but refused to do so, thus choosing martyrdom with his Brothers. His final words were: ***The day you learn to surrender yourself totally to God, you will discover a new world, just as I am experiencing. You will enjoy a peace and a calm unknown, surpassing even the happiest days of your life.***
- Prayed, too, for your Jewish brothers and sisters who would begin the great celebration of Yom Kippur that evening – the Day of Atonement, holiest day of the Jewish year.
- Welcomed a group of 30+ 7th and 8th grade students and a number of their parents who were visiting SPS on a Shadow Day.
- Reminded all that our **Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus**
- Recognized and congratulated a group of faculty members who are participating in a three-year program of intensive Lasallian studies called the Buttimer Institute. I thanked these teachers for giving of their time to become masters of Lasallian education: **Mr. Gerald Ancar, Mr. Stephen Dale, Mr. Joe Dickens, Mr. Sam Francis, Mrs. Kristin Lagraize, Mr. Matt Pinero, & Mr. Ryan Spencer. Mrs. Gina Hall is a staff member for the program and was also in attendance.**
- Recognized and congratulated the entire student body for their participation at our all-school mass on Oct 04.
- Recognized and congratulated the Student Council for an excellent Homecoming Week, from the dress down days, to the snacks, to the games on Friday, to the dances. Well done, Student Council Wolves!
- Recognized and congratulated the pre-freshman class for the excellent response to etiquette training! I hope they are continuing to practice what they learned!

- Recognized and congratulated again our eight National Merit Semi-finalists from last year: **Jackson Gold, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Stephen Millet, David Needles, Andrew Norlin, and Christopher Wilson** and our ones from this year: **Brenden Dauterive, Cameron Dougherty, Reece Grimley, Ben Klein, and Ian Kramer.**
- Recognized and congratulated the five newly named National Merit Commended Students, who barely missed (by as little as one point!) being named Semi-Finalists: **James Bradford, Miles Gensler, Joseph Giberga, Darrin Lea and Adam Smith.**
- Recognized and congratulated the Quiz Bowl Wolves. The JV placed 3rd in the Xavier University Fall Kickoff Tournament. The team consists of **Thomas Cazenavette, Andrew Hightower, and Carter Murphy.** In individual competition, Thomas placed 6th and Andrew placed 4th.
- Recognized and congratulated The Marian Players who open their production of “A Few Good Men” next week. I encouraged students to purchase tickets early, as seats will be in demand.
- I again reminded the students of the jewel we have in Benilde Hall and urged them to treat it respectfully. I thanked the student hosts who worked the reception.



Thomas Cazenavette, Andrew Hightower, and Carter Murphy placed 3rd in the Fall Kickoff tournament at Xavier University on Sep 23. Thomas placed (6th) and Andrew (4th) in the individual category.

- We closed with the boys singing Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above – it was wonderful.

- As junior **Tyler Guice** 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 “Hail Holy Queen” by Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry.
- 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.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM: Nine years ago, Saint Paul's inaugurated a biomedical sciences program via Project Lead the Way's nationally recognized curriculum. This was made possible by a sponsorship from the Harry T. Howard Foundation. The five-year agreement with the Foundation ended four years ago and while we will always be grateful to the Foundation for launching our program, we needed to find a new sponsor. Three years ago, Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Oubre of Ponchartrain Cancer Center generously offered to sponsor the program for the four years. Last week, SPS received the fourth installment on their sponsorship. The Cancer Center and their personnel have been resources for the students involved in the program. The PLTW Biomedical Sciences Program is aligned with national learning standards, following a proven hands-on, real world problem solving approach to learning. The students explore the concepts of human medicine, and are introduced to a variety of topics including: physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health. Kathy Oubre, Pontchartrain Cancer Center's Chief Operating Officer stated, "David and I are blessed and honored to be able to give back to Saint Paul's School, a community that has meant so much to our family over the years. Moreover, this sponsorship allows us the opportunity to be a part of further educating those Saint Paul's students who have an interest in biomedical science." Dr. & Mrs. Oubre are the parents of SPS alumnus Nicholas, Class of 2016, and Michael, Class of 2020. We are EXTREMELY grateful.

BOOKSTORE:

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.

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:



Ian reflects on his grandparents – he was wonderful – and so are they!

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!

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 bring 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.

FINANCE OFFICE JOB OPENING: We are seeking a full time person with a background in bookkeeping and business procedures for our business office. This person will be an assistant to CFO Jo Sutherlin. If you know of someone interested in the position, please have him or her submit a resume to Jo or me. Thanks.

GOOD NEWS: We received our quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification: \$218.53. While not a large amount, every \$ helps! To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$2,978.29 to SPS through their cash back program. Remember to designate SPS as your charity when you shop on AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com.

HELPING SAINT PAUL'S: Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SBox Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.
- And, of course, there's AmazonSmile! (see above!)



Gabe, Gavin, Jaden, & Matthew prepare to post the colors at Grandparent Day.

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.

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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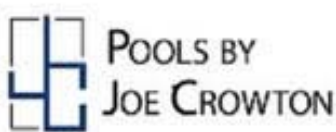
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LAST WEEK:

- **Cross Country:** Wolves were up and at 'em again early Sat morning and returned with second place!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen fought hard against Jesuit and game ended in a tie. 9th beat Covington and JV lost; Weather delays played havoc with Varsity game – which was a tough lost, but we will bounce back Friday!
- **Grandparent Day:** Wow. Over 800 grandparents and grandsons filled the BAC for the annual celebration. Mothers' Club once again outdid themselves. Thanks to physical plant department, MC, Liturgical Band, and Campus Ministry for a GREAT day! And special thanks to Sign Gypsies for their decorations!
- **Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, & Cheerleaders:** As always, the MWs, GBs & CLs performed great but were stymied by the weather. And I think they were a hit at City Park's Scream Park event on Sat, but I didn't get to speak with them upon their return on Sat. night.
- **Shadow Day:** Another "full house" of shadowers! Only two left! Spread the word, especially about Open House. Special thanks to entrepreneurship class for serving PJ's samples!
- **Theater Work:** Painting, rehearsals, and set construction made for an interesting week in the theater! And the play opens this week! The show must go on

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.

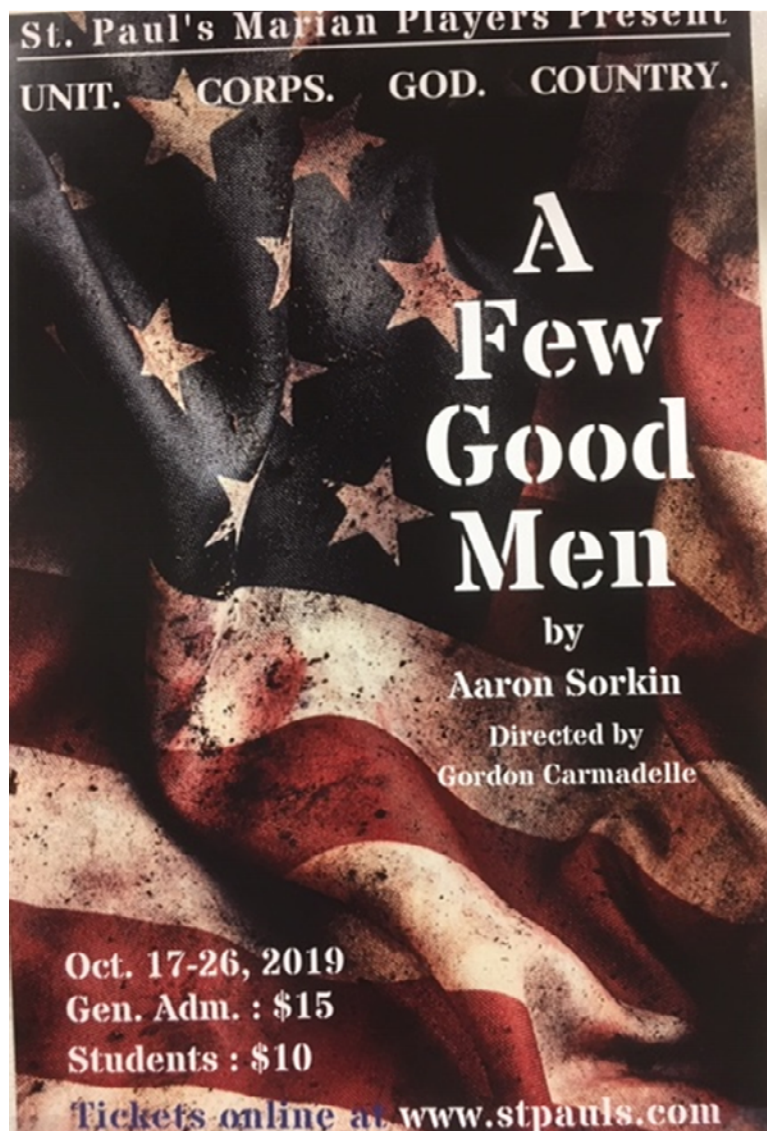
MARIAN PLAYERS: Our drama department is proud to present "A Few Good Men." The play opens Thurs, Oct 17, 7pm. Additional performances on Fri, 10/18, 7pm, Sat, 10/19, 2 and 7, Wed, 10/23, 7pm, Thurs, 10/24, 7pm, and Sat, 10/26, 2 and 7. Tickets are available online on our website.

MARCH THROUGH THE ARCH PICTURES ARE IN: Senior parents, the MTTA pics are here! You may pick up your son's pic in the admin building or you may send a note with him requesting that we give the pic directly to him. We are reluctant just to hand the pics to the seniors, as we know that a number of them will end up in the back seat of a car or bottom of his book bag – and you will never see it! Many thanks to Expressions Photography for providing these pics free of charge!

NEWS WE CAN USE:

- **Juul Labs will stop advertising e-cigs in the U.S.,** and its CEO has stepped down as regulators examine hundreds of cases of people who are sick from what appears to be [a vaping-related lung disease](#). One mom who testified before Congress compared the disease to a food poisoning outbreak, stating: "If this was romaine lettuce, the shelves would be empty."
- A study by the National Institutes of Health and published in Lancet Child and Adolescent Health shows that children who get less screen time think better. To read the results, click here: [Children Who Get Less Screen Time Think Better, Study Finds](#)

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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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held on Monday, October 21, from 5 – 7 in the BAC. You may visit with one or all of your son's teachers.

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.

REPORT CARDS: We will issue an official report card at the end of this week. We will send report cards for grades 8 – 10 on Thursday and for grades 11-12 on Friday. While grades are visible on PlusPortals, the report card will make them official.

ROSARY: 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! And on Thursday, we will have ten minutes of Eucharistic Adoration before the rosary. This begins at 7:40.



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. Reinforce this with students whenever possible. I will do so with parents. And please set a good example yourself, as in the words of Saint La Salle: **"Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."**



TUTORING: Tutoring offered by National Honor Society members is underway and occurs 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
- **Teresian Sisters Family Day on Sunday, October 20, needs student volunteers! Contact campus minister Jeff Ramon for info!**

WEEKLY HUMOR: History & Geography jokes

1. *I like Geography. You know where you are with Geography.*
2. *A Roman walks into a bar. He holds up two fingers and says, "Five cokes"*
3. *Why were the early days of history called the dark ages? Because there were so many knights.*
4. *Who invented fractions? Henry the 1/4th.*
5. *What did they do at the Boston Tea Party? I don't know, I wasn't invited!*
6. *What did Mason say to Dixon? We've got to draw the line here!*
7. *Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? At the bottom.*
8. *How was the Roman Empire cut in half? With a pair of Caesars!*
9. *Why was WW1 so quick? Because they were Russian. Why was WW2 so slow? Because they were Stalin.*
10. *On a scale of one to invading Russia in winter how bad was your idea?*
11. *Where did Nicholas Romanov II get his coffee? Tsarbucks.*
12. *A globe means the world to a Geography teacher.*
13. *April showers bring May flowers and Mayflowers bring pilgrims.*
14. *How did I get from Iraq to Pakistan at record speed? I-ran*
15. *A man knocks on the door of the Kremlin. "Is Lenin?"*

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

A LOOK AHEAD

October

- 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
- 19 – EFGA – Pack Time
- 20 – BCDE
- 21 – FGAB
- 22 – CDEF



And the reason we do Grandparent Day...

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

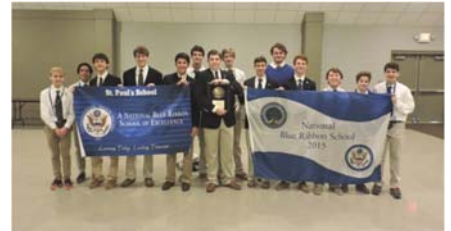
Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the second quarter of the school year! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to any more since WWNO stopped broadcasting the show but I'm still LOLing over past shows on its website!): well, 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!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

It's the Second Quarter and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing our Lasallian Mission, and living courageously!



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



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