



***The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter***  
***Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***  
***November 4 - 10, 2019***



Welcome to the fourth week (can you believe it?) of the second quarter!  
 Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.



*Grant lights prayer candle at last week's assembly.*

Our annual Open House for prospective students for 2020 - 21 occurred yesterday, Sat, Nov 02. I had no idea as to how many people (if any) would attend. While much of our preparation was what we did in the past, we also made some substantive changes, most notably making it a true Open House so families could come anytime between 1 and 3. We thus eliminated the general meeting and began tours immediately upon a family's arrival. As always, though, maintenance cleaned and polished, student hosts attended briefings, and faculty had presentations ready – and PJ's served samples. Thanks to my faithful administrators, department chairs, publicity and development team, Mothers Club, PJ's staff, faithful parents, and maintenance for all the hard work. The results were very gratifying!

And SPECIAL thanks to the dads who showed up at 6:30 AM on Sat morning to help us do some last minute cleaning! And SPS Key Club helped Sat morning as well!

The "mood" among private schools in our area (on both shores) is guarded about enrollment as evidenced by an inordinate amount of private school advertising. Everyone is concerned. The rising cost to attend private school, charter schools, & the amount of students vs. the number of schools are all daunting challenges. And here on the Northshore, we compete against an excellent public school system.

So how will SPS ultimately fare? If we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle's directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and ultimately in the next life.

***Domine, Opus Tuum – no better message for us to remember as we prepare for 2020 - 21 – our 110<sup>th</sup> year!***  
**Thanks for all you are doing to make the Founder proud of our work at SPS.**

**Mon, Nov 04 – (Archdiocesan Formation Day at OLL; no classes for students)**

- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.

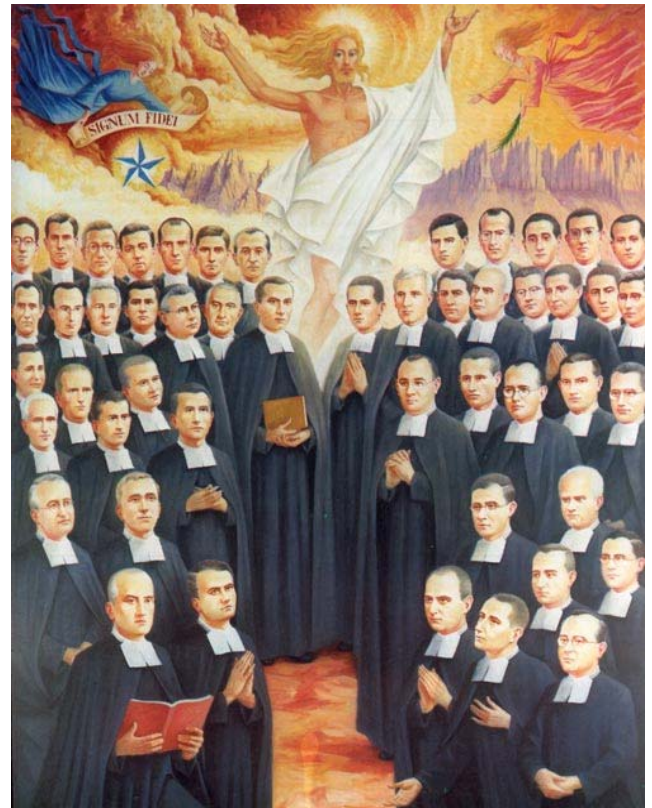
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history.
- **Use Your Common Sense Day:** While we should use CS EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **Archdiocesan Formation Day at OLL – refer to Joe's email. Again – we strongly encourage carpooling as parking will be tight at OLL.**

#### Tue, Nov 05 (8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast; G A B C)

- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. In England, bonfires and fireworks help celebrate this day. Only the British!
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts begin this morning at 7:50.** Today, we honor our pre-freshmen HR students.

#### Wed, Nov 06 (9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast; mass at 7:15; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers confessed their state as believers and as religious. Before their death, they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.
- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of basketball, was born. Play basketball today! Or in my case, watch others play!
- **National Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today! Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass, TX) who reportedly first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the cafe after it closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!
- **Saxophone Day:** Adophe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. I wish you could have the Marching Wolves sax section play for us today!
- **Pre-freshman Retreat**
- **Wrestling:** JV & Varsity in dual meet v. Mandeville
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Salmen
- **Vaping 101:** Tonight begins a series of periodic talks for parents about pertinent issues. Tonight's topic is vaping. Two prominent physicians will make the presentation. The talk begins at 7 in the theater.



### Thu, Nov 7 (10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected to an unprecedented fourth term as president.
- **National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day:** Indulge!
- **Men Make Dinner Day (1<sup>st</sup> Thu of Nov):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight!
- **Louisiana Scholastic Press Association Convention:** Our award-winning journalists travel to Baton Rouge today to participate in this competition.

### Fri, Nov 8 (11<sup>th</sup> grade HR Breakfast; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1793, the revolutionary French government opens the Louvre as a public museum. Today, the Louvre's collection is one of the richest in the world, with artwork and artifacts representative of 11,000 years of civilization and culture. Spend time on The Louvre's website ([www.louvre.fr/en](http://www.louvre.fr/en)) to absorb some culture.
- **TDIH:** In 1892, Former president Grover Cleveland beat incumbent Benjamin Harrison and became the only president to win nonconsecutive terms in the White House.
- **National Abet and Aid Punsters Day:** a day to make dreadful puns. See H of the W for my contributions!
- **Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day:** Here in SE Louisiana, that's easy to do! Enjoy!
- **Cross Country:** Our top seven runners compete in regional meet today in BR
- **Football:** Wolves v. F'Bleau (7)



### Sat, Nov 9

- **TDIH:** In 1938, in a Holocaust foreshadowing, German Nazis terrorized Jewish people and destroyed their homes & businesses in Germany & Austria. The violence continued through Nov 10 and was later dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," after the many smashed windows of Jewish-owned businesses.
- **TDIH:** In 1989, the Berlin Wall was opened after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War.
- **Chaos Never Dies Day:** Get used to it – life is always going to be chaotic!
- **ACT on campus** – rescheduled from the postponed test on Oct 26 due to Olga
- **Wrestling:** JH in Bro. Martin tournament; JV in Rummel tournament
- **Fighting Math Wolves travel to BR for Episcopal High tournament.** Geaux FMWs!

### Sun, Nov 10

- **TDIH:** In 1969, "Sesame Street," a TV show that would teach generations of children the alphabet and how to count, makes its debut with its memorable theme song ("Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street"), SS is the most widely viewed children's program in the world, airing in more than 120 countries.

- **TDIH:** In 1942, following the British victory at El Alamein in North Africa during WW II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated “This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”
- **TDIH:** In 1951, the first long distance phone call without operator assistance took place.
- **Tongue Twister Day:** Peter Piper and the girl selling sea shells by the seashore are child’s play in comparison to what is considered, according to Guinness Book of World Records, the most difficult tongue twister in English: “The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick.” Practice it!
- **USMC Day** celebrates the United States Marine Corps, created by the Continental Congress on Nov 10, 1775. We give thanks to the Marines for all of their sacrifices so that we can enjoy freedom.

# Rise Up, O Men of God

**I offer the following 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: Only ONE left – Nov 12! Spread the word!
- Private tours with me are also available. Just call.
- **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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN FORMATION DAY ON NOV 4:** All Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will close on Monday, Nov 4 for a morning of faith formation. The nine northshore Catholic schools (can you name them?) will meet at OLL's Chotin Center. Since all teachers attend, **NO CLASSES TODAY FOR STUDENTS.**



*Congrats to Director Carmadelle, cast, and crew of "A Few Good Men" – outstanding!*

**Assembly on Oct 22:** I hope the students enjoyed our assembly last week. Here's some of what we did:

- The students entered the gym listening to the first movement of "Autumn", part of "The Four Seasons Suite" by Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi. This perennial favorite musically mimics the harvesters going into the field to reap the crops that have been cared for during the summer. And as it's autumn here in south Louisiana, it's only appropriate that we listen to Vivaldi!
- Prayed as junior **Grant Vicknair** lit the prayer candle.
- Welcomed a group of elementary grade students and 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 the students who attended Louisiana Youth Seminar this past summer – one of the premier programs in LA. SPS regularly sends some of our best. This year, junior **Trey Paine** was elected as president of LYS. Congrats to Trey!

- Recognized and congratulated the students who attended Grandparent Day. I projected pics of the day, especially the heartwarming one of the student warmly embracing his grandfather – and the look of peace on the face of the grandfather! I asked the student to come identify himself after the assembly – and he did!
- Recognized and congratulated (finally!) the students who attended the Louisiana Youth Seminar. LYS is one of the premier leadership programs in the state. We gave a special shout out to Trey Paine, a junior at Saint Paul's, on being elected President of LYS 2019, as well. Lead on, Trey!
- Recognized and congratulated the cast and crew of The Marian Players' production of "A Few Good Men", directed by SPS drama instructor Gordon Carmadelle. The play is EXCELLENT! I ALSO projected an email from a 1999 alumnus who reflected on the positive experience that being a Marian player was for him – and how it led to his being a high school drama and English teacher. It was very moving as he reminisced about the "sacred space" that the theater is! I concur!

- Recognized and congratulated the debate wolves for their showing at the first tournament of the year at Holy Cross: **Ian Kramer, Cameron Dougherty, Johnathon Sheffield, and Hal Fox.** Well done, Lupine Interlocutors!

- Reminded the students that the World Series would begin that evening – and why should they care? Because for the very first time, an SPS alumnus was pitching in a World Series -- Class of 2011 alum Tanner Rainey – a Mid-relief pitcher for the Washington Nationals! Geaux Tanner!

- Then, as if by magic, George Frideric Handel's "Water Music" started playing – which means that the **Aqua Wolves** were swimming – and very impressively, too! I projected the accomplishments of the Aqua Wolves:

- **MHS Invitational Meet Results** The AquaWolves came in 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **SSA Cluster Meet (6 schools):** The AquaWolves came in 1<sup>st</sup>
- **FHS Invitational Meet (9 schools):** The AquaWolves came in 1<sup>st</sup>

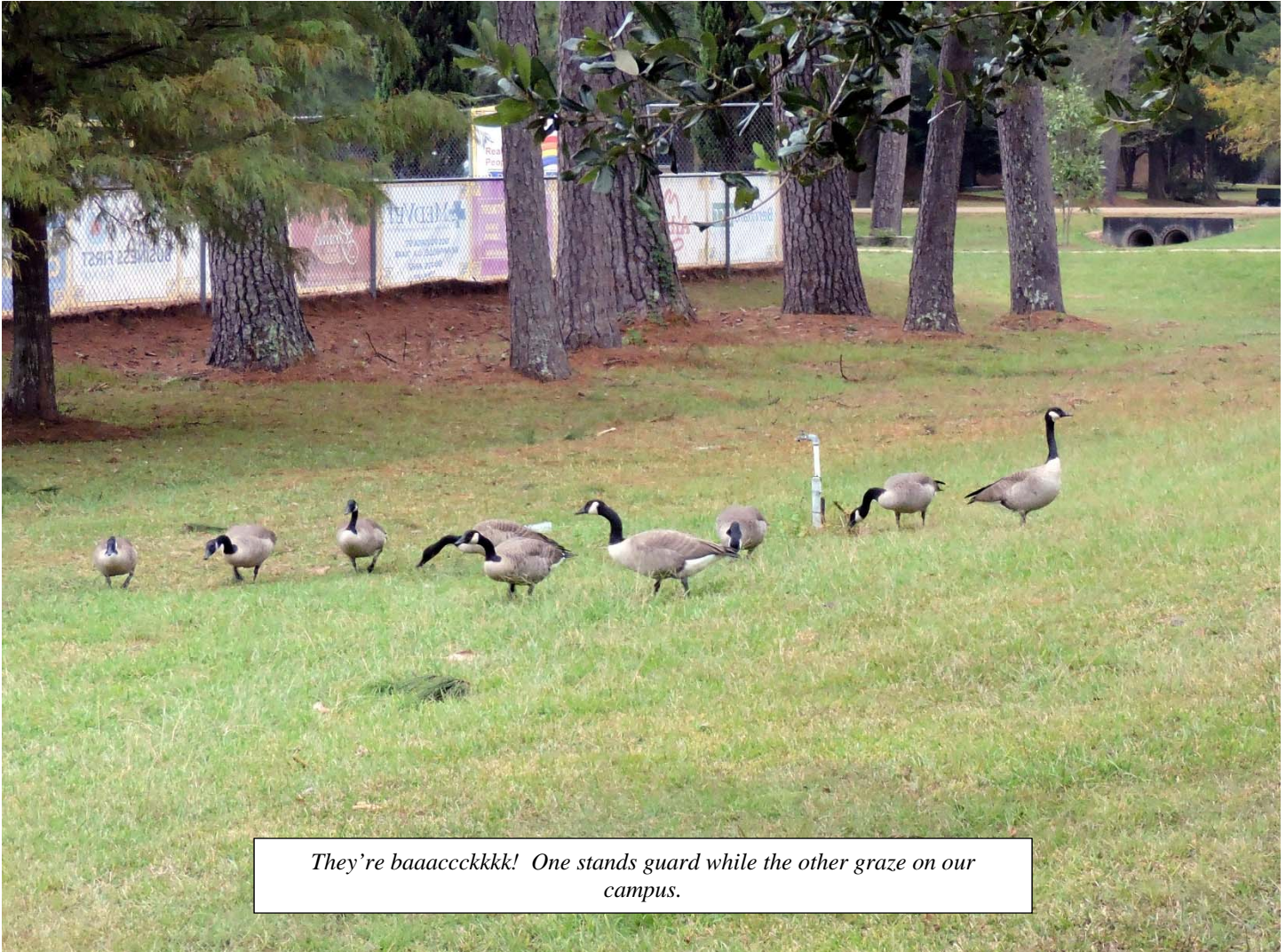
- At this point I was out of time, so my many other recognitions will roll over to the next assembly. I closed by reminding the students of 7:15 am mass on Wed mornings, the one decade rosary recitation at 7:40 in the mornings, Eucharistic Adoration at 7:40 on Thursday, and that the new library is staying open until 4:30 – as long as students are using it.
- I reminded the boys, too, about Mayor Mark Johnson's Slow Your Roll campaign – which will soon begin enforcing traffic laws with consequences.



*Our varsity debate team: Cameron, Ian, Johnathan, & Hal!*

- Since we are still in October, a month dedication to our Blessed Mother, we closed with the boys singing Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above – it was wonderful.
- As junior **Mitchell Schruoff** 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 “Autumn” by Vivaldi.
- 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.



## **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](mailto: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.

**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.

**FALL FOOD DRIVE:** Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins Tuesday, Nov 5 and runs through Wednesday, November 13. SPS is one of the largest supporters of the Northshore Food Bank. Let’s keep that trend going. Here is the link to their most needed items:

<https://northshorefoodbank.org/sites/default/files/Most%20Needed%20Items%202019.pdf>

**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!

**HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS:** We emailed invitations a while back. Students and parents are invited. We begin at 7:50 sharp and it’s over by 8:30. Here’s the format: a nice Chick-fil-A breakfast is served, students are recognized individually, and yours truly makes some congratulatory remarks. Here’s the schedule:

- Tuesday, November 5 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Wednesday, November 6 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Thursday, November 7 for 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Friday, November 8 for 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Monday, November 13 for 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria.

**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 celebrated the **30th Jazz 'N Roll** on **Saturday, November 2**. Many, many thanks to the Development Team of Danielle, Shellie, Mimi, and Al along with their many, many volunteers. We are grateful. Thanks to you who volunteered to help. And we couldn't do it without the student hosts – they were fantastic!

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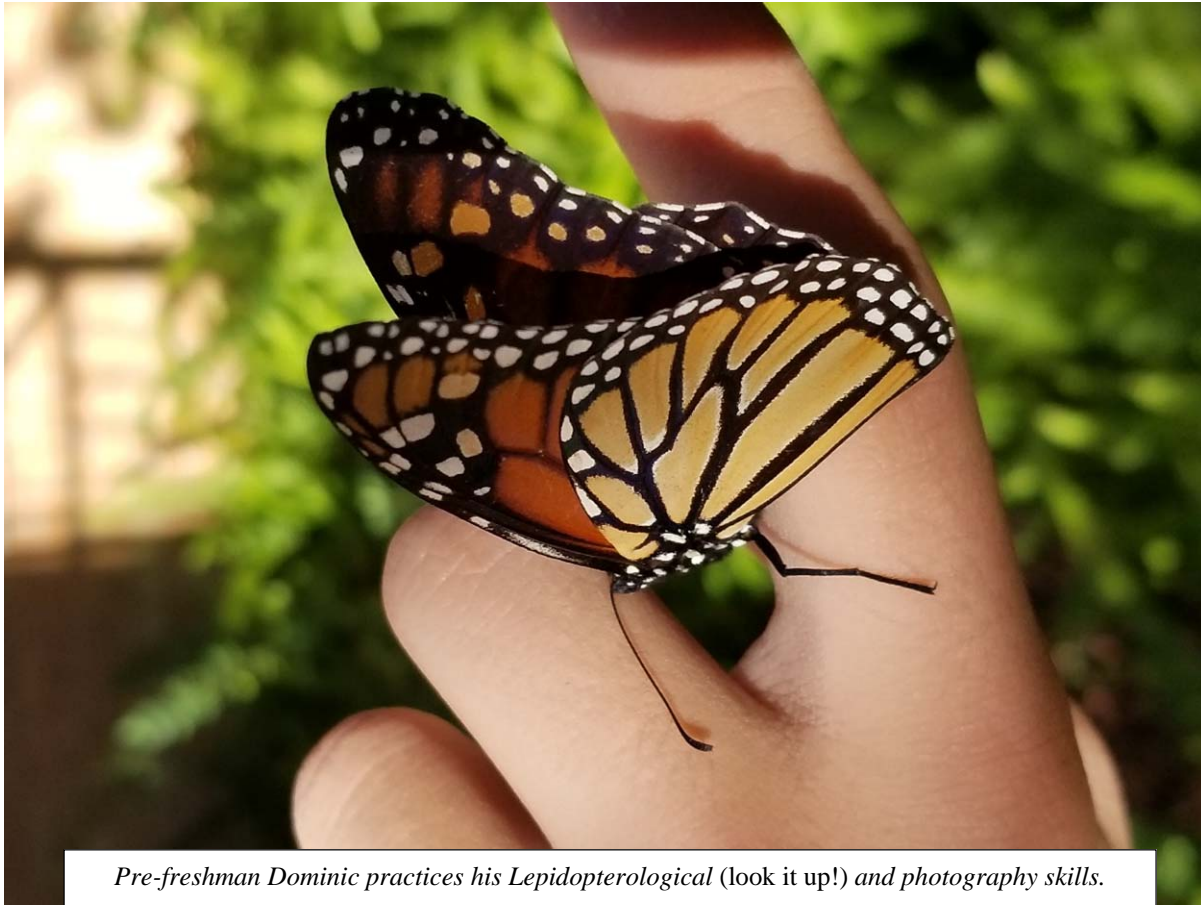
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*Pre-freshman Dominic practices his Lepidopterological (look it up!) and photography skills.*

**The Last Three Weeks (since I did not include two weeks ago and didn't send last week):**

- **All Saints Day Mass:** All the saints were smiling on Fri. Thanks. I thought the boys were well behaved and participated. Thanks to all who helped.
- **Basketball:** scrimmages have the Wolves ready for the season.
- **Christian Brothers School Falcon Day:** Our delegation teamed with the other Lasallian area high schools to help Christian Brothers School in City Park have a great Falcon Day. Thanks to Jarrett Meibaum, Reece Grimley, Joey Keller, and Deuce Monteiro **and Mrs. Kristin Lagraize for representing us so well as we celebrate our shared Lasallian Mission.**
- **Cross Country:** District Champions – again! Well done, CC Wolves! I hear Rossini playing at assembly!
- **Dia de los Muertos:** Meaningful, as usual. Thanks to the Spanish Department. I hope your son told you about this assembly.
- **Drama:** *AFGM's* second week was a success. We are very proud of Director Gordon Carmadelle and The Marian Players.
- **Engineering Field Trip:** The LSU Engineering Department is very pleased with the quality and preparation of our students. We received many compliments!
- **Five Guys Burgers and Fries Community Day** benefitted SPS. Thanks, FGB&F!
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & JV seasons have ended. And Varsity lost a tough one to Ponchatoula on Friday. **CLs/MWs/GBs** continue to support the Wolves and represent SPS in an exemplary manner.
- **Living Rosary at OLL:** I again had the privilege on Friday, Oct 18, of being “The Apostle’s Creed” – my 32<sup>nd</sup> appearance at this spiritually uplifting event! Thanks, OLL, for continuing this wonderful rosary and inviting me to participate.



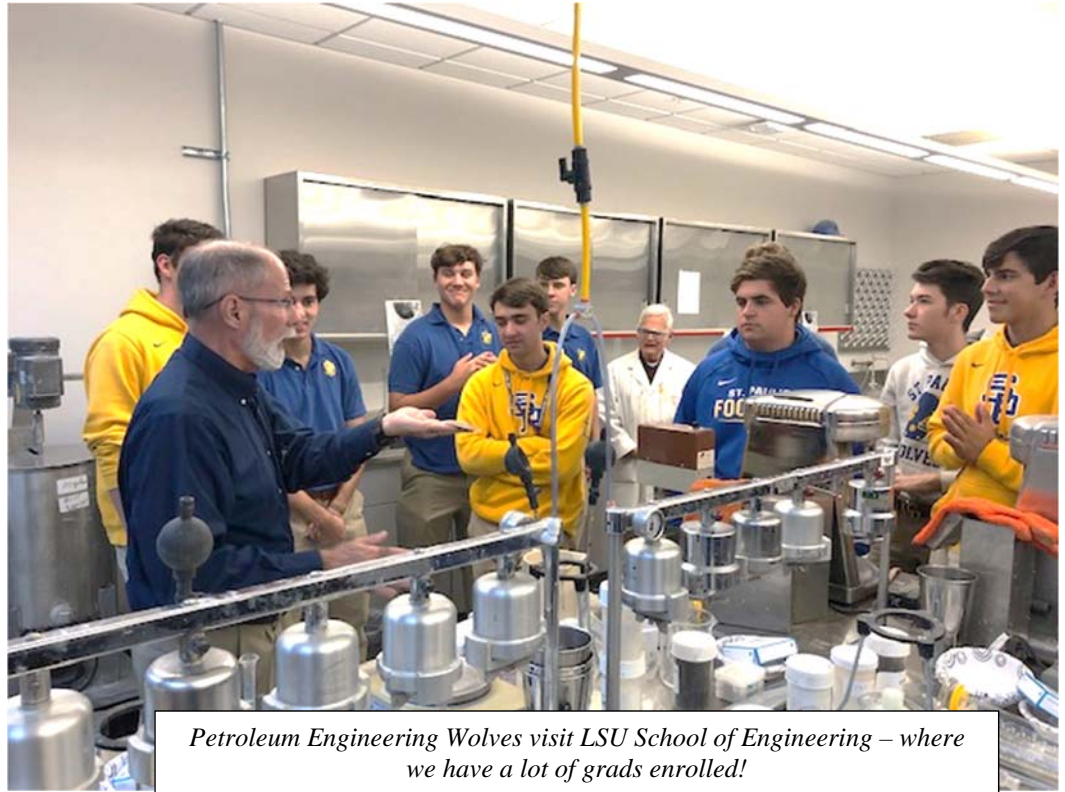
- **Manresa:** A group of junior Wolves experienced the power of a 24 silent, non-connected retreat. They reported it was a positive experience. We are grateful to Manresa for allowing us this experience. They usually do not allow high school retreats but have been impressed with the seriousness of SPS students.
- **MAT/NHS Induction Ceremony:** Thanks to the moderators for an excellently organized MAT/NHS Induction Ceremony last Monday evening.

- **Mothers' Club:** Snack Day/TA lunch were GREAT! Thanks, MC! Y'all are the best!

- **PSAT:** A flawless administration! Thanks, Counselors!

- **Olga:** No one predicted this named storm would wreak havoc on our campus and area as it did!

- **Shadow Day:** Another large group shadowed. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS! One more shadow day to go – Nov 12.



*Petroleum Engineering Wolves visit LSU School of Engineering – where we have a lot of grads enrolled!*

- **Sudden Impact:**

Another group of sophs benefitted from this program.

- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves are having a splashing season!

- **Winter Sports:** And our wrestling, basketball and soccer seasons are starting with tryouts, practices and Meet the Teams. We try to be sensitive to those students in basketball and soccer who do not make the team. We encourage them to become involved in another sport that can accommodate them. Or try something new, like the Marching Wolves, Paper Wolf, Lasallian Young Leaders, Marian Players, Eco Car, Env Science, etc., etc. etc. (Yes, I know that's redundant.)

- **Wolf Packs:** We had GREAT activities on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> I hope your sons told you about them. Ask him about "shaking and folding" when washing hands!

- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle Lavie, on another excellent issue!

**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.

**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!

**NOVEMBER:** In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!



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**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** will be held on Monday, October 28, 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 AND SEMESTER GRADES:** We emailed first quarter report cards last week. Check your spam folder if you didn't receive it. If it's not there, let me know and I'll send you another copy. **Remember that the first quarter accounts for 40% of the semester grade, with the second quarter accounting for 40% and the semester exam accounting for 20%. The only grade that really counts is the SEMESTER grade – that's the one that goes on transcripts and is used to calculate grade point average.**

**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 your son join them. **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 we must set a good example 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.”**



*Michael strolls the bucolic grounds of Manresa, getting closer to God.*

**SSA:** Congratulations to SSA on the opening and dedication of Angelus Hall – a \$3.2 million structure dedicated to religion and STEM classes, which will allow our older sister school to provide even more educational opportunities to the young women entrusted to their care. I had the privilege of representing SPS at the dedication ceremony last Monday. I am always saddened when I hear someone question SSA’s STEM education commitment for their students. Those people need to attend SSA’s Open House on November 7 and see the great opportunities that SSA offers the girls. Promote SSA!

**STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL:** Ben’s Den (aka the library) opens every afternoon (Mon - Thu) until 4:30. You are encouraged to mention this service to your sons who are on campus after school with nothing to do or who may be waiting for a late ride or a practice to begin. All we ask is that they treat the facility with respect. The space is supervised.

**SUNDAY ACTIVITIES:** I remind you of Archbishop Gregory Aymond’s policy that Catholic schools are not to schedule any activity on a Sunday. Recently, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. RaeNell Houston sent out the following clarification on participation of Catholic school students in events hosted or sponsored by an outside agency: *Schools may participate in activities on Sundays that are hosted or sponsored by an outside entity only if certain conditions are met. The participation of students on Sunday may only be voluntary. Never is an event to be mandatory on Sunday. The voluntary status of each event must be formally communicated to students and their families. Under no circumstance may punitive action take place, including any type of sarcasm, shame, or disgrace, as a result of the decision of the family for a student not to participate in a Sunday event. Anytime our school groups participate in a Sunday activity, it is up the moderator of the group to see that the Sunday obligation of Mass is fulfilled.* Naturally, we will comply with this policy of Archbishop Aymond and the Office of Catholic Schools.

**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!**



*Eucharistic Ministers prepare to distribute Holy Communion at All Saints Day mass.*

**VAPING 101:** We will hold a parent information session this Wednesday, November 6, at 7 pm in our theater. Doctors David Oubre and Rob Peltier will explain the current vaping crisis and describe ways to help your child make good, healthy decisions.

**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK, NOV 3 - 9:** National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual weeklong celebration of the Catholic Church in the US dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. *The Lasallian family is especially invited to participate in National Vocation Awareness Week. As the Rule of the Brothers states, "The entire People of God is responsible for awakening vocations in the Church." For those seeking their path in life, Brother Superior General Robert Schieler, FSC, wrote in a 2017 letter on Founder's Day, as Lasallians, we need to invite young people to, "come and tell us where they find community, what gives the deepest meaning to their lives, what causes and concerns move them to action, and where they meet God in their lives?"* Here is the Brothers' Vocation Website: <https://brothersvocation.org/>

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** In honor of Aid & Abet a Punster Day on Nov 8:

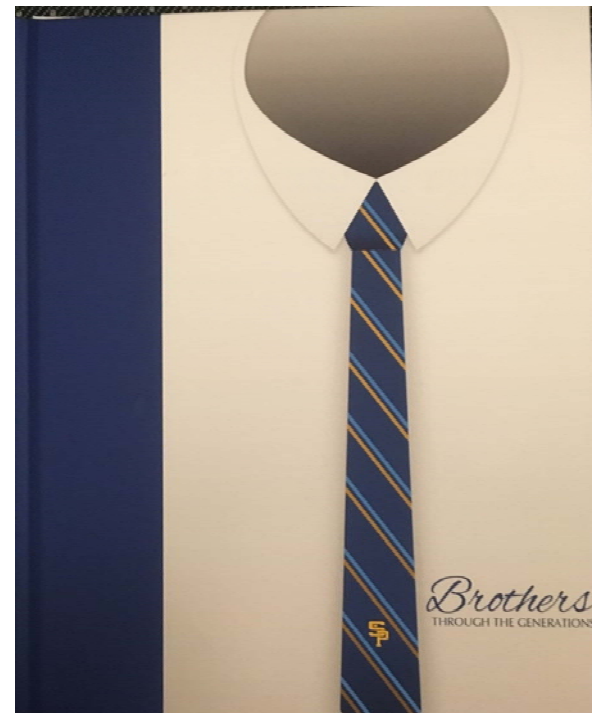
- *I asked my French friend if she likes to play video games. She said, "Wii.*
- *Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!*
- *Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.*
- *Did you hear about the auto body shop that just opened? It comes highly wreck-a-mended.*
- *When an escaped prisoner was caught camping out in the woods it was a clear case of criminal in tent*
- *I started a business breeding chickens, but I'm struggling to make hens meet*
- *Traveling on a flying carpet is a rugged experience*
- *Never make fun of a Scotsman's traditional garb. You could get kilt that way.*
- *Exit signs? They're on the way out!*
- *I sent my baby off to the army. They put him in the infantry.*
- *Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy who has one.*
- *The one who invented the door knocker got a No-bell prize..*
- *I know a lot of jokes about bad pole-vaulters, but none of them seem to go over very well*
- *If you commit a crime at the carnival, do you get a fair trial?*
- *A hungry traveler stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchens. A brother is frying chips. 'Are you the friar?' he asks. 'No. I'm the chip monk,' he replies.*
- *Why did the can crusher quit his job? Because it was soda pressing.*
- *I suffer from kleptomania, but when it gets really bad, I take something for it.*
- *Why is peter pan always flying? He never lands.*
- *What about the math major who was afraid of negative numbers? He'd stop at nothing to avoid them.*
- *What did the librarian say when the books were in a mess? We ought to be ashamed of ourshelves!*
- *Did you hear about the two silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!*
- *Someone stole my toilet and the police have nothing to go on*
- *Last time I got caught stealing a calendar I got 12 months.*
- *What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A Yamahahaha.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**YEARBOOKS for** 2019-2020 school year are now available.

- Order online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). This is the only option for ordering a yearbook. We do not order extras.
- Remember to spell out the word Saint when searching for Saint Paul's School on the website.
- Price
  - \$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](http://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](mailto:m.monteiro@stpauls.com) if you have any questions about yearbooks or senior



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



## A LOOK AHEAD

### November

- 4 – Archdiocese Faculty Formation Day – students do not report to school
- 5 – GABC – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 6 – DEFG – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 7 – ABCD – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 8 – EFGA – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 11 – BCDE – Veterans Day Assembly
- 12 – FGAB – President’s Assembly
- 13 – CDEF – 12 HR Breakfast
- 14 – GABC
- 15 – DEFG
- 18 – ABCD – Senior Day with Archbishop
- 19 – EFGA – Pack Time
- 20 – BCDE
- 21 – FGAB
- 22 – CDEF



*Wesley leads us in prayer at All Saints Day mass.*

## 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

**ROBERT SIMPSON BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL:** I think most of you know that long time SPS faculty member Robert Simpson has pancreatic cancer. A group of his family and friends has organized this event to help defray the costs of his medical care. The event will be on Dec 11 at TCC. Here's the info:

- Golf tournament, auction, and event link: [www.birdeasepro.com/simpson](http://www.birdeasepro.com/simpson)
- To donate to silent auction, contact Jackie Crochet at [jackiecrochet@yourmd.com](mailto:jackiecrochet@yourmd.com) or 985/590-2560
- To become a sponsor, contact Tommy Ruli at [truli@wcdefense.com](mailto:truli@wcdefense.com)
- To join the team and help, contact Mary Landry at [mland511@aol.com](mailto:mland511@aol.com) or call 985/630-6240
- And, naturally, we ask you to join us in prayer for Robert.

Whew! Enough for now!

I can't believe we are into the fourth week of 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 and so did their website but I'm still LOLing!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! 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

Can't Believe It's November of 2019 and I'm Still the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul

***Young people are not bad because they have bad hearts. They are bad because of bad example. You have no greater responsibility than to give young people good example.***

--Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers.



*Jazz Band jazzes it up at end of All Saints Day mass with a rousing rendition of When the Saints to Marching In!*