



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
**November 11 - 17, 2019**



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

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 of the young what you wish them to accept.”  
 (SJBDLS)**



of the American colonies.

- **National Young Readers Day:** READ today – both the young and the young at heart!
- **Veterans Day Assembly:** Thanks to Kim et al who have planned this morning's event.
  - **Basketball Meet the Team (BAC)**
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*Ashton and his mom share some quality time before the junior Honor Roll breakfast.*

**Mon, Nov 11 (Veterans Day Assembly; B C D E)** We salute and honor all who have served the US!

- **This Day in History:** At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, WW I ended, leaving 9 million soldiers & 5 million civilians dead and 21 million wounded. The “War to End All Wars” didn’t. We pray for all who have served our country, especially those who made "the ultimate sacrifice." And we pray for an end to war.
- **TDIH:** 1620, The Mayflower Compact was signed which would become the basis of government for all

**Tue, Nov 12 (President’s Assembly; Shadow Day; special A B F G – that is not a mistake)**

- **TDIH:** In 2015, we celebrated Trevor and Joe's return from Washington with our Blue Ribbon award with a special school assembly and treats from the Mothers' Club. It was a magical day for us!
- **TDIH:** In 1954, Ellis Island closes; more than 12 million immigrants landed there since 1892.
- **TDIH:** In 1920, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected the first commissioner of baseball.
- **Pizza with the Works except Anchovies Day:** Enjoy, but hold the anchovies.
- **Catholic Secondary Principals Association:** Trevor will host the CSPA of the Archdiocese, beginning at noon in Benilde Hall first floor. We welcome them. Let's make sure they see SPS quality!

### Wed, Nov 13 (Senior HR Breakfast; 7:15 mass; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1805, Johann Lehner, a Viennese butcher, invents the "frankfurter." Enjoy a hot dog today!
- **TDIH:** In 1956, The US Supreme Court rules that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.
- **TDIH: In 1789, Ben Franklin wrote this famous phrase: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."** The words were the second half of a sentence he'd written in a letter his friend Jean-Baptiste Leroy. It was shortly after the United States Constitution had been ratified, and his entire sentence was this: "Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency, but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.
- **World Kindness Day:** perform an act of kindness today!
- **Food Drive Ends with delivery to Northshore Food Bank**
- **Wrestling:** JV & Varsity v. Jesuit in dual meet in wrestling gym
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophs participates.
- **LPO will use the BAC for a concert for local schools; they will perform for us in January**

### Thu, Nov 14 (Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** 1968, Yale University announced it was going co-ed. SPS has no plans to imitate Yale – although I do get a request every now and then!
- **TDIH:** Herman Melville's Moby Dick is published. Can you recite the opening line? Answer at end.
- **TDIH:** French painter Claude Monet was born in 1840 He pioneered the impressionist style in his landscapes. See some Monet's works at <http://www.claudemonetgallery.org/the-complete-works.html>
- **National Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day:** loosen up today!
- **National American Teddy Bear Day:** I keep one in my office for those really tough days!

- **National Pickle Day:** If you like pickles, you're in luck: they're low in calories, have no fat and have probiotic benefits. Cucumbers were probably first pickled 4,500 years ago in Mesopotamia, and spread around the world across trade routes. Today, there are thousands of different types of pickles. Asia consumes more pickles per capita than any other region. Enjoy your favorite pickle today – but don't be one and stay out of 'em. (get it?) Interesting etymological fact: William Shakespeare actually coined the term “in a pickle” in his play, *The Tempest*. In Act V, King Alonso asks his jester, Trinculo, “How camest thou in this pickle?” What Alonso actually meant was “how did you get so drunk?” Shakespeare's original intent makes sense since many pickling processes used alcohol. Since Trinculos' drinking does cause trouble for him, the phrase morphed into meaning “being in trouble.” Now you know!
- **National Spicy Guacamole Day:** Ole! Mix up a batch of spicy guacamole and have a “Guac 'n Roll” party with lots of rock and roll music and play games such as “Guac 'n Bowl” by using plastic water bottles as pins and clean, dried, avocado seeds as bowling balls! [Who thinks of these things?]
- **Soccer Meet the Team (6:30 in the BAC)**
- **Basketball Hall of Fame v. Lakeshore (7:30)**
- **Sophomore Service Day / World War II Museum Field Trip:** half to service; half to museum



*Juniors, hungry for both vocabulary and Chick-fil-A, await start of HR breakfast!*

### **Fri, Nov 15 (Regular; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1859, Charles Dickens' serialized novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, comes to a close, as the final chapter is published. Can you quote the famous opening line? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **TDIH:** In 1864, during the Civil War, Union troops under Gen William T. Sherman burn Atlanta.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, the largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 persona marched in Washington, DC to protest the Vietnam War.
- **TDIH: In 1887,** American artist Georgia O'Keeffe (a fav) was born. She favored flowers and desert landscapes. View some of Georgia's works at [https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB\\_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE\\_Kf8rMrzM%253A%253BcWz\\_u8](https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE_Kf8rMrzM%253A%253BcWz_u8)

<http://www.georgiaok.com/exhibitions/2015/2015-2016-Georgia-OK-exhibitions.html>

- **National “I Love to Write” Day:** Write today – a poem, email, journal entry, newsletter... Enjoy!
- **National Recycling Day – pretty self-explanatory! Think globally; act locally**
- **Sophomore Service Day / World War II Museum:** Yesterday’s groups swap venues

### Sat, Nov 16

- **UN International Day for Tolerance:** let’s practice tolerance today – everywhere.
- **Take A Hike Day** is either about going for an exhilarating walk, or telling somebody to get lost – I’ll leave the interpretation up to you!
- **Great American Smokeout Day:** The American Cancer Society marks the 38th GAS Day today by encouraging smokers to use today to plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life – one that can lead to reducing cancer risk. And let’s extend this to vaping, too! Remember to remain vigilant on “pen sucking.”
- **Feast of the Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Almeria:** Brothers José Cecilio, Aurelio María, Amalio, Valerio Bernardo, Edmigio Primo, Evencio Ricardo, & Teodomiro Joaquin. *Shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, the Popular Front in the Province of Almería gave orders to arrest...priests and religious. Five Brothers were arrested at school; two were taken in the street while on their way to mail letters to their families. The Brothers were condemned to death without trial for the crime of professing and teaching the Catholic faith.* (from the Christian Brothers Website) May the Blessed Brothers of Almeria bless SPS!
- **Lacrosse Intrasquad Scrimmage**
- **Wrestling: JV in Lakeshore Open**
- **Basketball in Covington Area Jamboree at Peter Atkins Park**



### Sun, Nov 17

- **TDIH:** In 1553, the Elizabethan Age begins when Queen Mary I dies and is succeeded by her 25-year-old half-sister, Elizabeth. William Shakespeare will be born eleven years later in 1564.
- Pope Francis has designated today as World Day for the Poor. In observance of this day that calls each of us to remember and to pray for the poor and vulnerable among us. As we, the Church, celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Poor, we pray for those who suffer from the

various types of poverty, and for our willingness to seek ways to bring hope to the poor, and to alleviate their suffering.

- **Homemade Bread Day:** Bake bread today! A great family activity!

# 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! And it's full!
- **Open House:** If a family missed OH, I am happy to give them a private tour. 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.

**ASSEMBLIES LAST WEEK:** I hope your son told you about:

- The assembly with SPS faculty member Mrs. Jan Gardner, who recounted the story of her brother who was killed by a drunk driver.
- The assembly with Dean of Students Ken Sears who red-enforced our respect for all policy with a strong anti-bullying message.
- The assembly with Dr. David Oubre of Ponchartrain Cancer Center who presented the latest scientific evidence on the dangers of vaping.
- My thanks to all three!



*Seniors Sam, Scott, and Landon chill in Ben's Den before the start of school.*

**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.

**CARE & VIGILANCE:** As we approach holidays, please stress with your sons that we will teach and enforce all rules until the end. Please encourage them to adhere to all policies so they can begin the holidays with no problems. But we will hold them accountable if they chose not to follow policy. Saint La Salle called this care & vigilance – our mantras for the next two weeks – and always.

**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:** 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. Our phone system goes dark in 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!



**ID CARDS:** Students must wear their ID cards on their lanyard DAILY. **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](mailto:broray@stpauls.com)!**



## LAST WEEK:

- **ACT:** The re-scheduled test from Olga took place Sat. Thanks to staff for being flexible!
- **Advancement Brochure:** Many thanks to our Development Team for publication of an excellent Year in Review from the Development perspective. You should have received one in the mail by now. I hope you have perused it. It's a tribute to the faith that people have placed in us – and the hard work that won that faith. I hope you will consider helping us in our appeal this year.
- **Archdiocesan Faith Development Day:** I hope the students enjoyed the day off!
- **Assemblies:** Many thanks to Jan Gardner for sharing her story, to Ken Sears for re-enforcing our principle of respect for all, and to Dr. David Oubre for re-enforcing our anti-vaping stance during level assemblies. See above for more info.
- **Basketball:** Teams have been finalized; let the games begin!
- **Cross Country:** **SECOND** Place in Regionals! Fantastic! I hear Rossini!
- **Football:** Big win Fri over F'bleau gives Wolves playoff momentum.
- **HR Breakfasts** went well with LARGE (and hungry!) crowds in the cafeteria. BTW, my vocabulary words for this quarter were *indomitable (adj)* meaning incapable of being overcome, subdued, or vanquished; *otiose (adj)* meaning serving no purpose; functionless; lazy; *altruist (noun)* meaning a person unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others.; and *solipsist (noun)* meaning one with extreme preoccupation with one's own feelings, desires, pleasure, etc. I encouraged the boys to be indomitable altruists at all times and in all that they do and to never be otiose solipsists. Naturally, they rolled their eyes but I had fun! But I want more students at HRBs! Help your son to set honor roll as a goal!
- **Louisiana Scholastic Press Association Conference:** Thanks to journalism, yearbook, and broadcast production students who represented us well last Thursday. And they returned with LOTS of awards. Details to follow in future newsletters.
- **Pre-freshman Retreat:** We have an active bunch but other than that, the day went well. Thanks, Campus Ministry.
- **Quiz Bowl Wolves** headed out Sat morning for a tourney at Lusher. Pic at end of newsletter.
- **Religion Dept:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thu & Fri went well..
- **Student Council Food Drive:** I appreciate all that the SC and you are doing.
- **Swimming:** ANOTHER N'shore Championship – our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive title! I hear Handel!



- **Wrestling:** Congrats to Matt Pinero and Varsity on a big win, beating Mandeville 78 - 3. Wow! And junior high and Varsity B were off to tournaments early Sat morning. Varsity B won first place and a number of junior high wrestlers placed. Congrats to all!

**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. Many thanks to Expressions Photography for providing these pics free of charge.



**PAPER WOLF:** Please read The Paper Wolf! ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) I do! We've got an outstanding, AWARD WINNING digital newspaper! Compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe! Support the future of journalism! Geaux Paper Wolves!

**PLUS PORTALS:** Please activate your account and check PP regularly for info about your son's grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, PP 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 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%. Remember that 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 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 stop sign running.
- 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."**

**SSA:** Congratulations to SSA on the opening and dedication of Angelus Hall – a \$3.2 million structure dedication 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. I am always saddened when I hear someone question SSA's STEM education commitment for their students. **Those people need to explore SSA and see the great opportunities that SSA offers the girls. SPS promotes and supports SSA!**

**STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL:** Ben's Den (aka the library) opens every afternoon (Monday-Thursday) until 4:30. Students are free to come and go by signing in and out. 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 and that they are quiet. The space will be supervised by faculty. We will offer this service as long as there is a demand.

**SUNDAY ACTIVITIES:** I remind you of the policy of Archbishop Gregory Aymond 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!**

**VAPING:** We were privileged to have Doctors David Oubre and Rob Peltier address our parents last Wednesday. The message is clear: there are too many unknowns in vaping for it to be considered safe – especially for the young (who, unfortunately, are ignoring the warnings of science.) Please stress this with your sons. We are ramping up enforcement on our ban of this latest insidious treat to health. 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.

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** Some math jokes:

1. *Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.*
2. *There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of you will get this.*

3. *A farmer told his dog to find the sheep and round them up. When the dog came back he asked how many sheep there were and the dog said "50". The farmer said "Hmm, that's funny. There were only forty-seven this morning." The dog replied: "You said round them up."*
4. *Why do teenagers always travel in groups of three? Because they can't even.*
5. *Why is the corner always the hottest part of the room? Because it's 90 degrees*
6. *Do you know what's odd? Numbers that can't be divided by 2.*
7. *Why was the fraction skeptical about marrying the decimal? Because he would have to convert.*
8. *Why is the obtuse triangle upset? Because he's never right.*
9. *What do you call an empty parrot cage? A polygon.*
10. *What do you call a group of friends who love math? AlgeBROS.*
11. *OK, I'll stop!*



*A fourpeat – Geaux Aqua Wolves!*

**Words of Encouragement:** At this point in the school year, I re-read 2016 graduate John Cresson's talk that he gave at our Blue Ribbon assembly four years ago this week. I re-read it in honor of the four-year anniversary of our Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award. John's words are still outstanding and worth a reread. Enjoy—and thank you, John, who is now a senior at Notre Dame!

*Today we mark a milestone in our storied 104-year history. Today, we celebrate an award that was not made to us as individuals, but, rather, to us as a community. It is not something we have, like presidential scholar, or a national merit finalist, but something we are. We are a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. It is something that we can all take pride in, because we all contributed to it, students and faculty alike.*

*This award serves to memorialize our past, celebrate the present, and propel us into the future.*

*This blue ribbon remembers all the hard work of the Christian Brothers and lay teachers of the past who established the foundation of this school, a foundation that all those who have followed have only solidified and built upon. It remembers the thousands of students, now proud alumni, who have walked these beautiful grounds and have helped make St. Paul's what it is today. They set academic precedents, created new clubs and sports, and established the traditions that we now hold dear to our hearts.*

*This accolade celebrates where we stand today. It celebrates the hard work of Brother Ray and the administrators whose drive and vision have grown and transformed St. Paul's into the exemplary school that we have come to experience. It celebrates the dedication of our current teachers who help us students to grow not only academically, but also, and more importantly, as men of God. I believe that it is due to the hard work and caring attitudes of the teachers that we have reason to celebrate in this assembly center. Lastly, this award celebrates us, the current students of St. Paul's whose different passions and talents and characteristics have created a diverse, intellectual, friendly, encouraging, and brotherly environment. I have no doubt that this environment contributed greatly to us receiving this award.*

*Finally, this award propels us into the future. We do not stop to celebrate, but celebrate as we begin because with this achievement we turn the page and begin to pen a new chapter in St. Paul's history. A chapter in which years from now the halls will be crowded with students, where teachers push their students to work harder and to go further and to continue to reach for the stars, and where students are state champions in math and football alike. The possibilities are endless, but amidst this change, amidst this progress, the mission of St. Paul's endures.*

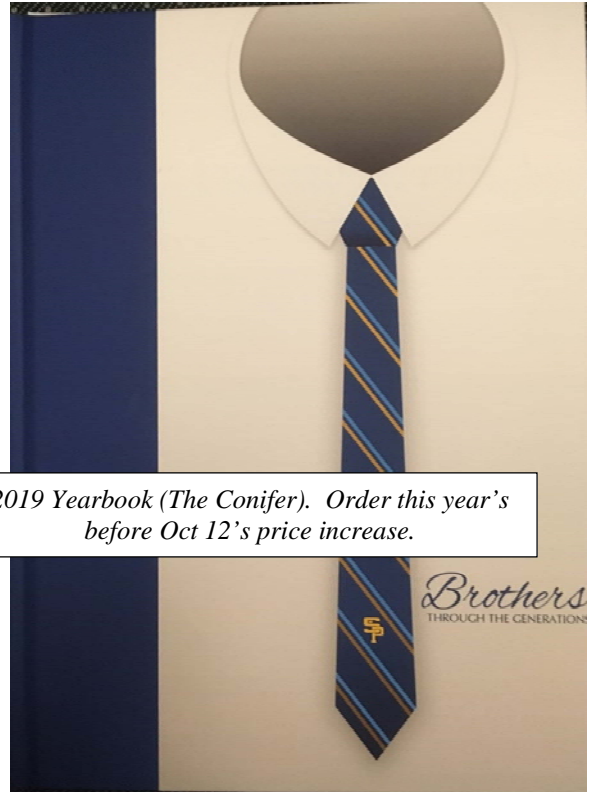
*As a student (and faculty member I'm sure) it is truly an exciting time to be at St. Paul's. It is exciting to remember and glorify the past. It is exciting to celebrate and live in the present. And it is exciting to consider the future. It is truly exciting to say with pride and passion to say that we are a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.*

**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, 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?
  - \$65 until 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



## **A LOOK AHEAD**

### **November**

- 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

### **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



**Friday, December 13 – DEFG(A)**

- Regular classes in periods DEFG - Review for Period A Exam
- **SPECIAL EXAM REVIEW SCHEDULE (76 min. classes With CNN&SSR)**
- 8:00 – 9:31           Period D/CNN
- 9:38 – 11:09        Period E/SSR
- 11:09– 11:54       Lunch
- 11:50 – 1:15         Period F
- 1:20 – 2:26         Period G (Last class period of semester)
- 2:31 - 3:15         Period A Exam Review



### **Monday, December 16**

- **SPECIAL EXAM/MASS/PRESIDENT'S ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE**
- 8:00 -8:15 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:15 – 9:45       Period A Exam
- 9:50-10:50 Advent Mass
- 10:55- 11:40     Period B Review
- 11:40-12:25     Lunch
- 12:30-1:05       President's Assembly (Gym)
- 1:05-1:15 Break
- 1:20 – 2:05       Period C Review
- 2:10               Dismissal

### **Tuesday, December 17**

- 8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 -10:00       Period B Exam
- 10:00-10:10     Break
- 10:10-11:40     Period C Exam
- 11:40-12:25     Lunch
- 12:30-1:15 Period D Review
- 1:20-2:05 Period E Review
- 2:10               Dismissal

### **Wednesday, December 18**

- 8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 -10:00       Period D Exam
- 10:00-10:10     Break
- 10:10-11:40     Period E Exam
- 11:40-12:25     Lunch
- 12:30-1:15 Period F Review
- 1:20-2:05 Period G Review
- 2:10               Dismissal

### **Thursday, December 19**

- 8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 -10:00       Period F Exam
- 10:00-10:10     Break
- 10:10-11:40     Period G Exam
- 11:45             Dismissal
- 12:00             Faculty Christmas lunch

**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.

**Cross Country Christmas Run With the Wolves Race:** Come have some fun and Run with the Wolves on Saturday, December 7. This is the only fundraiser for our District Champion Cross Country Wolves. An application form is attached. Geaux CC Wolves!

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are into the fifth 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 Mid-November 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.*

*As teachers, you have no greater responsibility than to give your students good example.*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers, c.1705 Meditations for Sundays



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





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

