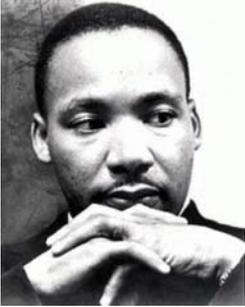




***The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter***  
***Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***  
***January 20 - 26, 2020***



I hope your three-day weekend is a pleasant one. Here's my annual Martin Luther King message:



In thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King, I annually remember one of his statements that has become a favorite of mine: *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed or Shakespeare wrote. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle wrote a similar thought to the first Brothers - and thus to us today. In his last *Meditation for the Time of Retreat*, Saint La Salle tells the brothers: *Oh! What glory there will be for those persons who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving! Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself!*



**I told the faculty that these insightful questions from this educational giant are as equally relevant today as they were 330+ years ago. I invited them to take time to examine our consciences this week, both our professional conscience and our personal one and to take corrective measures where needed. I invite parents to do the same.**

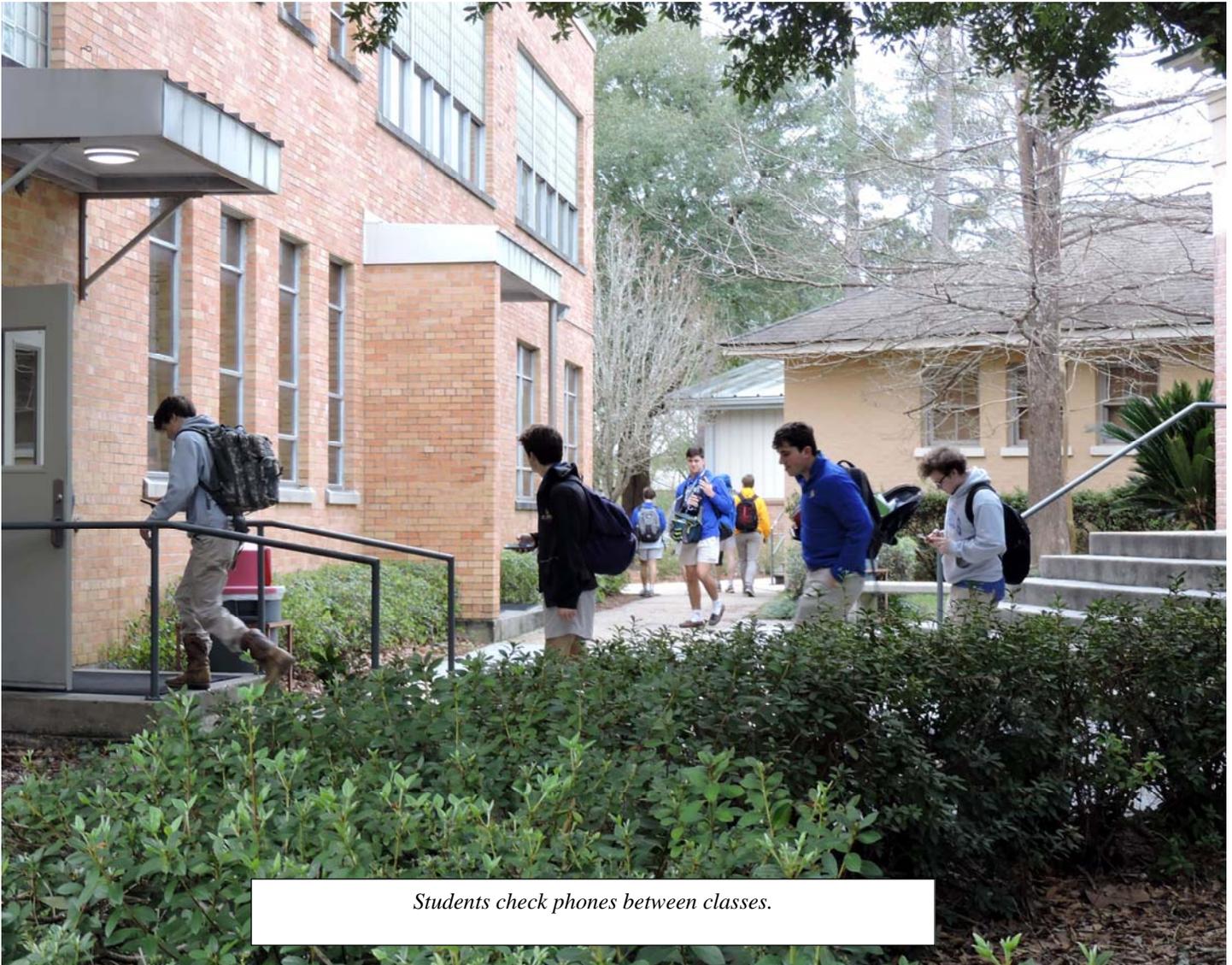
**Mon, Jan 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no classes)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated for his second term. It was the first time presidents were inaugurated on Jan 20. Previously, Inauguration Day was on March 4. This amount of time was needed in the past for the winner to travel to Washington since modern communication and travel were not invented.
- **TDIH II:** In 1961, John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President and utters famous "Ask not..." Poet Robert Frost read. Blinded by the sun reflecting off the newly fallen snow, Frost discarded his notes and recited the poem from memory. In a veiled imitation of this event, what post-Kennedy president had a famous poet recite an original poem at his inauguration? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **Penguin Awareness Day:** Today we give serious consideration to our tuxedo-wearing waddling friends. Did you know penguins mate for life? Or that the word penguin means 'fat winged' one in Portuguese?
- **Cheese Lovers Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **Soccer:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Brother Martin (11:30)

**Tue, Jan 21 (Special LPO schedule; HR Breakfast for Grade 8; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** 1793, King Louis XVI is executed. The people eat cake.
- **National Hugging Day:** No whining today! Hug someone you love!

- **Squirrel Appreciation Day:** We have enough squirrels on our campus, so enjoy them today. Of course, the day could also apply to the human variety of squirrel!
- **Honor Roll Breakfast for Grade 8**
- **LPO Concert for whole school**
- **March for Life:** A number of Wolves leave this evening for the annual M for L in Washington, DC. They carry with them our prayer and support for safe travel and successful mission.
- **Basketball:** \_JV & Varsity at Mandeville
- **Soccer:** \_Varsity at Northshore



*Students check phones between classes.*

**Wed, Jan 22 (7:15 mass; HR Breakfast for grade 9 in cafeteria; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** in 1973, the Supreme Court of the US legalizes abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. As we observe this anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, it's most appropriate to remember the Church social teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. From the US Catholic Bishops Web Site: *In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and*

*assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.*

- **TDIH II: On this day in 2013**, Justin Dakota Addison, a wonderful Saint Paul's Junior, died from injuries sustained in a biking accident on Tammany Trace. Today we remember Justin and all the good he represented. We continue to miss him. We pray for his still grieving family and friends. We regularly read some of his final written words, engraved on the bench in front of the chapel: *"What is evident at St. Paul's is our sense of brotherhood, both with our St. Paul's classmates and the Lasallian community across the globe. The presence of God drifts about our campus like a thick perfume, One can feel it, One can smell it."*
- **Day of Penance & Prayer:** The Bishops of the US have declared today, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a Day of Penance and Prayer: penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life. We join our penance and prayer today to those of all who are concerned with the dignity of life.
- **Wrestling:** SPS v. Covington in dual meet
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Rummel at Bro. martin

**Thu, Jan 23 (HR Breakfast for Grade 10; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Wham-O Toy Company rolls out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--known as the Frisbee. Toss a Frisbee today in honor of its birth!
- **Pie Day:** Indulge!
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Hammond

**Fri, Jan 24 (All School Mass; Dress Uniform; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1965, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, dies in London at the age of 90. Churchill was a brilliant orator and writer and the source of some wonderful Churchillian quotations such as: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Google Churchill quotations for a real treat today!
- **Belly Laugh Day:** Celebrate the gift of laughter today!
- **Compliment Day:** Let's all give each other compliments today – deserved or not!
- **Peanut Butter Day:** Indulge!
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Ponchatoula
- **Soccer:** SPS v. Mandeville



### Sat, Jan 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul)

- **Today's feast** recalls the wonderful story of Saul of Tarsus being struck down and hearing the words "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" May we all continue our daily conversions away from sin and toward God!
- **Math Tournament:** FMWs in Catholic High Tournament
- **Rugby v. Houma Hurricanes**
- **Soccer: SPS 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament**
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Bro Martin & Curtis at Curtis; 9<sup>th</sup> in F'bleau Tournament
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi in Bro Martin Tournament

### Sun, Jan 26

- **TDIH:** In 1725, Pope Benedict XIII recognized the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools as an official Religious Congregation of the Church. De La Salle had died five years earlier and the Brothers' future was unsure. Church approval, therefore, provided them with legitimacy, purpose, & promise. We continue that work here at SPS.
- **Second Collection in Catholic Churches Today in Support of Catholic Education:** In January of 2015, the Office of Catholic Schools had the first-ever second collection to kick off Catholic Schools Week. The collection supports the *Champions of Catholic Education Fund*, which is dedicated to helping more families afford the cost of Catholic education. Our Catholic schools are committed to educating the whole child by providing programs and services to enrich the academic platform and support the spiritual development of the student in family life, friendships, and as a member of society. Our goal is to make our academically excellent, Catholic education accessible to all students. The funds collected during the second collection today, for the *Champions of Catholic Education Fund*, will help provide tuition support to families who are unable to afford tuition, but are committed to keeping their children in a Catholic school.



Rise Up, O Men of God

**I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.**

**ANNUAL APPEAL:** Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high-pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym, the \$4 million renovation of Benilde Hall.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we don't send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son's grandparents**



of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I'll personally appeal. I'll send them a nice "thank you" note, too! Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.

- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small.** What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

## *Dress Uniform Day on Friday, January 24!*

### **ANNUAL APPEAL AND**

**GRANDPARENTS:** We are blessed with many supportive grandparents. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. Again, I do it differently than other schools that directly solicit grandparents. I ask that you inform your son's grandparents or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the information

directly if you wish. Just provide me with the information. **I do not want to ask grandparents without your consent but we need their support.** I have already received a number of grandparent gifts. Again, no gift is too small – and, of course, no gift is too large.

**APPLICATION DAY MAKEUP TEST ON JAN 25:** Due to the weather postponement of the test on Jan 11, we administered it on Jan 18. Some families had already made alternate plans for that day, so we will hold a makeup test this Saturday, Jan 25, beginning at 8 am. I pray for another successful day. By policy of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, priority in being admitted will be given to those who attend testing. **If you know of any new student considering attending SPS for 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade next year, strongly encourage them to attend testing. This is not a commitment on anyone's part, but merely keeps the option open. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS.**

**APPLICATION LETTERS:** More unedited comments:

- *Just to walk around the school is like taking a stroll in the park. Sometimes the outside beauty leads you to the inside beauty. [This guy has the soul of a poet! He's in!]*
- *I like the legends of St. Paul's, like the one where someone was shot under the theater. [OMG!]*
- *St. Paul's students have a reputation for being very respectful. I remember some young men holding the door for my mom one night when my family was leaving a restaurant. She was so excited by their manner and asked them where they went to school. They responded "St. Paul's."*
- *During Shadow Day, St. Paul's teachers seemed very approachable and relaxed. They seem like people you can talk to, rather than be afraid of. Some were even funny and got a laugh out of me.*
- *St. Paul's is a milestone in the lives of those who enter as boys and graduate as men. It is a sanctuary of learning, development and growth.*

**ARCHIVAL RECORDS:** The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Archives and Records has a new website. The office is the official repository for records of Catholic institutions in the archdiocese. From genealogy to sacramental records to transcripts of closed schools, the office is a wealth of info. Here is the new website: <https://nolacatholic.org/archives-and-records> And the site has some nice virtual tours in interesting history, including 100 years of service of the Christian Brothers in Louisiana: <https://nolacatholic.org/100-years-of-service-christian-brothers-service-in-louisiana>

**CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR -- 2020-21: Here is our tentative calendar for next year:**

**THIS IS NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR, NOT THIS YEAR'S CALENDAR!**

Thurs, Aug 6	School Opens <b>with full day of instruction (same day as public schools)</b>
Thu, Aug 20	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 21	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 24	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 7	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 2	In-service for faculty (no classes for students)
Fri, Oct 9	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 9	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:30)
Mon, Oct 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 31	Open House for Prospective Students (1 – 3 pm)
Tues, Nov 3	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Nov 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 30	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon - Thu, Dec 14-17	Semester Exams
Thu, Dec 17	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams

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Mon, Jan 4	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Jan 6-8	Senior Retreat
Mon, Jan 18	Martin Luther King Holiday

Mon, Feb 1	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 12	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 15-19	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 22	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 12	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri Apr 2-9	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 12	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 28-30	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 13	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 15	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Tues – Fri, May 18-21	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Mon, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Tues, May 25	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

Remember that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.

**CASH BACK PROGRAMS:** Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Amazon Smile: This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul’s School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- Office Depot: We receive store credit from customers who give SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul’s will do. This will help a lot.
- Box Tops for Education: Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..

## ***Dress Uniform Day on Friday, January 24!***

**FATHER-SON BBQ:** Time to start making reservation’s for the March 7 Father-Son BBQ. Details and reservation form at end of newsletter. Thanks to the Dads’ Club for organizing this special event.

### **GRADES, EXAMS, REPORT CARDS, HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS, ETC.**

- **Report Cards** were emailed on Jan 02, although grades had been accessible on PlusPortals for a while. **Let me know if you did not receive a report card. There are no parent-teacher conferences until Feb, so email any concerns to teachers.**
- **Semester Exams** DID NOT lower most student averages. The overwhelming number of students earned the same grade on exams that they had going into exams. There were a few exceptions – on BOTH ends of the spectrum (students who did worse and students who did better.) **What the semester exams did accomplish is give your son college preparatory experience – which will pay dividends in the future.**
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** HR Breakfast invites were emailed on Jan 09. Remember that second quarter grades determine honor roll, not semester or exam grades. Here’s the schedule:

- Jan 21 – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 22 – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 23 --10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 27 – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Jan 29 – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

All breakfasts last from 7:50-8:30. Note: HR is determined by **second QUARTER, not semester grades.**

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



#### **LAST WEEK:**

- **Admissions Testing:** A large group of future wolves showed Sat morning to take the re-scheduled placement test. Another makeup will be given next Saturday.
- **Basketball:** Tough loss to Covington was offset by strong win v. N'shore on Friday.
- **Bowling:** The Bowling Wolves participated in their season opener vs. Archbishop Hannan on Monday January 13. The Wolves , with only 5 bowlers took on Hannan with a full squad of 6. Even though the team bowled shorthanded they still convincingly defeated Hannan with a score of 23-4. The team was lead by Sophomore Jack Bertucci who threw a 625 Series with scores of 237, 169, and 219. Other contributors were sophomore Kasey Gottschalk 171 and Trystan Melerine 149. Two first year bowlers, Matthew Barber

and Kaiden Klebba bowled personal best scores helping the wolves win. Matthew bowled a 181 and Kaiden a 175. Jared Harmon contributed on the bench cheering on the Wolves to victory.

- **Dads' Club** helped with tree planting on Sat. Many thanks!
- **Powerlifting:** The Iron Wolves competed but I don't have any results yet. I am sure they did well!
- **Rugby:** Wolves were in action on Sat and defeated Jesuit 14-0! Geaux Rugby Wolves!
- **Soccer:** Wolves continue winning ways with 9-1 district win over Hammond. Great NOLA.com article last week on senior Michael Dufour and SPS soccer. It's worth the read:  
[https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st\\_tammany/article\\_4c704dda-3257-11ea-9f4f-2f62fadb33b4.html](https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st_tammany/article_4c704dda-3257-11ea-9f4f-2f62fadb33b4.html)
- **Student Council:** SC is in Pineville this weekend at state conference. Good luck, SC Wolves!
- **Wolf Packs:** My guys enjoyed recalling their favorite childhood books. Good discussion! Hope your son told you about it!
- **Wrestling:** GREAT showing in the tri-meet with Lakeshore & Grace King!

**MARDI GRAS PARADE SCHEDULE:** Our Marching Wolves have a full season ahead:

- Fri, Feb 14 Cleopatra
- Sat, Feb 15 Olympia
- Sun, Feb 16 Carrollton
- Fri, Feb 21 Hermes
- Sat, Feb 22 Endymion
- Sun, Feb 23 Bacchus
- Tue, Feb 25 Rex

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**RE-REGISTRATION OF CURRENT STUDENTS FOR 2020-21:** Here's the process:

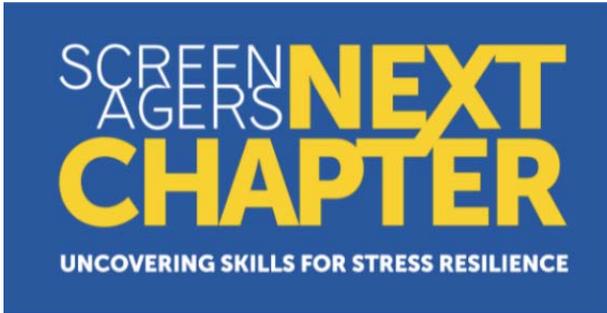
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be mailed registration materials on Tue, Jan 21. Deadline for returning materials is Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. We need to know if any current 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9<sup>th</sup> graders we can accept.
- Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12<sup>th</sup> graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2020-21, a \$300 registration fee will be due.
- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning, please let me know.**

**ROSARY:** a group of students recite one decade of the rosary each morning in the chapel, beginning at 7:40 on M, T, Th, and F and following mass on W. They would love to have your son join them.

**SAFE DRIVING:** Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, NO CELL PHONE USE DURING SCHOOL ZONE TIMES, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

**SCHOOL ZONE CELL PHONE BAN:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

**SCREENAGERS:** Scientific studies have demonstrated that more than two hours a day on social media correlates with a higher chance of experiencing unhappy feelings. In fact, there has been a 59 percent increase in teens reporting symptoms of depression since 2011. St. Paul's students are certainly not immune to this trend, which is why we would like to invite you to a special screening of *Screenagers Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience* on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Briggs Assembly Center.



In *Screenagers Next Chapter*, Stanford-trained physician Dr. Delaney Ruston examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and most important, what can be done in schools and homes to help teens build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age. The film follows Dr. Ruston as she finds herself at a loss on how to help her own teens as they struggle with their emotional wellbeing. She sets out to understand these challenges in our current screen-filled society, and how we, as

parents and educators, can empower teens to overcome mental health challenges and build emotional agility, communication savvy, and stress resilience.

You can watch the movie trailer here: <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/nc-trailer>.

The film highlights surprising insights from leading brain researchers and psychologists revealing evidence-based ways to support mental wellness among our youth. Saint Paul's School is committed to helping our students learn coping skills to lead happy and successful lives. Like you, we are always looking for concrete solutions to help students deal with stress (other than turning to a screen). Students will watch the film during the school day, so this event is only for parents.

**I sincerely hope you are able to join us for this special event. Tickets are free, but seating is limited so please register here:** <https://www.eventcombo.com/e/screenagers-next-chapter-presented-by-st-pauls-school-37368>.

**SENIOR GRADUATION INFO:** Senior graduation is Sat, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors will open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only**. Each senior will be given eight tickets. **Due to the large number of seniors, EXTRA TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**



**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.**"

**SOCIAL HOSTING:** Even with the holiday season behind us, the temptations for alcohol use by students remains. One issue facing parents is hosting parties where teens are exposed to or even given alcohol. This is known as "social hosting." Here is a brochure on this activity, which may have legal consequences. Mr. Hal Fox, owner of Fox Litho of Mandeville and father of Hal, provided the brochure. Here's the link:

<http://fb.mediarelay.com/pbda246>

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**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Want up-to-date news on all of the good things happening at Saint Paul's School? Get event and classroom pictures, latest scores, calendar reminders, and spiritual uplifting by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/> or following us on Twitter @SPSWolfpack. The strength of the Wolf is in the pack! Many thanks to Mimi Montiero for maintaining our social media information.

**STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL:** the library is open 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. A faculty member supervises the space.

**TEEN LIFE COUNTS PROGRAM:** All of our sophomores will participate in this important suicide prevention program which began last week and which is conducted by Jewish Family Services. Suicide remains a problem for St. Tammany Parish. For your information, our protocol for any student who voices possible harm to self is very clear and non-negotiable: we will not allow that students to attend classes until a note from a mental health professional clears the student as not being a threat to himself or others. Unfortunately, we have had to invoke this policy, which is a caring one and not a punitive one, several times already in this school year. I am grateful to Christine Woodard in the counseling department for spearheading this important program. Join me in praying that the message takes root.

**THANKS:** We thank Covington Mayor Mark Johnson (SPS alum, Class of 1976) and Covington Department of Public Works for the improvements made to the shoulders on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The added gravel will help eliminate ponding after rains, thus insuring more parking. SPS has agreed to add some limestone over the next couple of months to make the improvement more permanent. To help thank Mayor Mark, remember to Slow Your Roll!

**TUTORING:** National Honor Society tutoring takes place in the library at lunch. 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. Math XL help and essay proofreading services are available.**

**UNIFORM SHIRTS:** We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have a number of khaki pants available – all for the taking.

**YEARBOOKS** for 2019-20 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 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

**VIRTUAL TOUR OF SPS:** If you haven't seen the campus virtual tour that two of our seniors did, it's worth a look – and words of congratulations to the boys. Click [HERE](#) for the virtual campus tour produced by Blake Inzinnia '20 and Jay Reich '20 as a project in Saint Paul's STEM Engineering Design & Development Class.

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** In honor of Belly Laugh Day on Tuesday, here are some science jokes:

- *Why did the student major in geology? Because 'Geology Rocks!'*
- *What does a thermometer say to a cylinder? "You may have graduated, but I sure have more degrees.."*
- *What do you do with a sick chemist? If you can't helium and you can't curium then you'd better barium*
- *What do you call an acid with an attitude? A-mean-oh acid.*
- *Why do geographers find mountains so funny? Because they're hill areas. [Get it? Hilarious? LOL!]*
- *A photon walks into a hotel and asks if he needs any help with his luggage. The photon responds: "No thanks, I'm traveling light."*
- *Never trust an atom.. they make up everything.*
- *Chemists are always great at solving problems because they have all the solutions.*
- *Reading a book on antigravity at the moment... I just can't put it down.*
- *A neutron walks into a bar, and asks for a drink. The bartender responds: "For you, no charge."*
- *How do astronomers organize a party? They planet!*

**CLOSING QUOTATIONS:** It's appropriate to close with a few additional MLK quotes:

- *A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.*
- *Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*
- *In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*
- *He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.*
- *We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*
- *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*
- *The time is always right to do what is right.*
- And Trevor's favorite, which is worth repeating: *Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

***Dress Uniform Day on Friday, January 24!***



*Morning fog complicated driving last week but made for serene campus scenes.*

**LOOK AHEAD AND SECOND SEMESTER PERIOD ROTATION:** For those who plan, here is the second semester period rotation. Use when making unavoidable doctor appointments, etc. so your son will know what classes he will miss.

### **January**

- 21 – FGAB – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/LPO Concert in BAC
- 22 – CDEF – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 23 – GABC – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 24 – DEFG – Mass
- 27 – ABCD – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 28 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 29 – BCDE - 12<sup>th</sup> in HR Breakfast
- 30 – FGAB
- 31 – CDEF

### **February**

- 3 – GABC – Late Start
- 4 – DEFG - Pack Time
- 5 – ABCD
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – *Life Skills for Seniors*
- 10 – FGAB
- 11 – CDEF – President’s Assembly – 8<sup>th</sup> in Pre-ACT
- 12 – GABC – 9<sup>th</sup> in PLAN
- 13 – DEFG – 10<sup>th</sup> in Pre ACT
- 14 – ABCD
- 17 – EFGA
- 18 – BCDE - Pack Time
- 19 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 21 – Faculty Retreat Day

### **March**

- 2 – ABCDEFG – St. Joseph Altar
- 3 – GABC – President’s Assembly
- 4 – DEFG
- 5 – ABCD – *Juniors on retreat/Angola*
- 6 – EFGA – *Juniors on retreat/Angola*
- 9 – BCDE – Late Start
- 10 – FGAB – Pack Time – Juniors in ACT
- 11 – CDEF
- 12 – GABC
- 13 – DEFG – End of Third Quarter
- 16 - ABCD

- 17 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 18 – BCDE
- 19 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 23 – GABC
- 24 – DEFG – Pack Time
- 25 – ABCD
- 26 – EFGA – 9<sup>th</sup> Retreat/Field Trip
- 27 – BCDE – 9<sup>th</sup> Retreat/Field Trip
- 30 – FGAB – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in Café
- 31 – CDEF – President’s Assembly



### April

- 1 – GABC - 8/9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in BAC
- 2 – DEFG – 10/11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in BAC
- 3 – ABCD – Jubilarian Assembly
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – Pack Time
- 8 – FGAB – Passion Play Schedule
- 9 – CDEF – Mandatum Schedule
- 20 – GABC – Late Start

- 21 – DEFG – President’s Assembly
- 22 – ABCD – Leadership Breakfast
- 23 – EFGA – Assembly Schedule
- 24 – BCDE – Assembly Schedule
- 27 – FGAB
- 28 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 29 – GABC - Senior Exams
- 30 – DEFG - Senior Exams

### May

- 1 – ABCD – Senior Exams
- 4 – EFGA
- 5 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
- 6 – FGAB
- 7 – CDEF – Athletic Awards
- 8 – GABC – Academic Awards
- 11 – DEFG – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
- 12 – ABCD – President’s Assembly – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 13 – EFGA – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 14 – BCDE – 8<sup>th</sup> Exams
- 15 – FGABC
- 16 – Senior Graduation (4 pm; admission by ticket only)
- 18 – DEFG (Review for Period A Exam)
- 19 – Exam Schedule
- 20 – Exam Schedule
- 21 – Exam Schedule
- 22 – Exam Schedule

Whew! Enough for now. Even though it’s a New Year, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can’t listen to anymore since it stopped broadcasting but I still remember it and LOL): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we begin the New Year! Again, thanks for being part of the 2019-20 edition of Saint Paul’s! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Doing OK So Far in 2020 as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

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Trivia Question for Jan 20: President Bill Clinton invited poet Maya Angelou to write and recite an original poem at his inauguration in January of 1993. The poem was called “On the Pulse of Morning”

*Did I mention we have a Dress Uniform Day on Friday, January 24?*



Please join us for supper in honor of dads.

# FATHER-SON SUPPER

The Dads' Club would like to invite all students  
and dads to the Briggs Assembly Center on

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM**

Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. Return form below with  
a check for \$20 per person to Mrs. Claire by March 2nd!

Can also be mailed to:

St. Paul's School, Attn: Mrs. Claire, PO Box 928, Covington, LA 70434

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Name of father: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of son(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total of check payable to: St. Paul School \_\_\_\_\_

*Each senior receives a coveted retreat cross – which they often wear long after their graduation from SPS. Non-Christian students receive a symbol of their religion. It's a moving moment as seniors move toward culmination of the SPS careers.*

