



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington
339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
February 03 – 09, 2020



Welcome to first full week of February & fifth week of third quarter! January 2020 is history! Wow!

IF YOU ARE NOT A BETTER PERSON IN FEBRUARY THAN YOU WERE IN JANUARY, WHAT NEED HAVE YOU FOR A FEBRUARY?

--a modification of words by *Rebbe Nachman, an Hasidic rabbi who lived and taught in Ukraine from 1802 to 1810.*

I BEG YOUR PARDON FOR MY OFFENSES AND OMISSIONS OF TODAY, AND I RESOLVE TO MAKE TOMORROW A BETTER DAY.

--SPS End of Day Prayer

Mon, Feb 3 (9 am start; Feast of St. Blaise; G A B C)

- **St. Blaise:** Today we Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Blaise. Catholic practice calls for “Blessing of Throats” today in honor of Blaise, who according to legend saved a young boy from choking as Blaise was being hauled off to prison for his Christianity. He was martyred in 316. **Traditional Blessing of the Throat Prayer:** *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil.*
- **This Day in History:** In 1959, a small plane crashed and killed three American rock and roll legends: Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and JP "The Big Bopper" Richardson. Singer songwriter Don McLean wrote a song about the event, "American Pie," in which he dubbed Feb 3, 1959 **the day the music died.** (*So bye, bye, Miss American Pie, drove my Chevy....*)
- **TDIH:** Four Chaplains Memorial Day. On this day in 1943, four US Army Chaplains gave their lives to save other soldiers when their troop ship, the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed in WW II. The chaplains gave up their life jackets when the supply ran out, joined hands, said prayers and sang hymns as the ship sank.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (5 – 7 in the BAC)**
- **Bowling v. Hammond**



Jacob lights prayer candle at last week's President's Assembly.

Tue, Feb 4 (Wolf Packs; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Premier Joseph Stalin meet at city in Yalta in the Crimea to discuss and plan the postwar world--namely, to address the redistribution of power and influence. Many believe this to be the birth of the Cold War.
- **Thank Your Mailman (or postal carrier to be gender correct!) Day:** Some fun postal facts:

- In 1775, the Second Continental Congress established the first organized mail service in America.
- Benjamin Franklin was first Postmaster General.
- Postage stamps were invented in 1847.
- On April 3, 1860 the famous Pony Express officially took off.
- In 1863, free city delivery started and in 1896, free rural delivery began.
- In 1963, the ZIP Code began. What does ZIP stand for? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Hammond



The SPS delegation to Catholic School Week mass at St. Catherine in Metairie.

Wed, Feb 5 (Regular – remember those?; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1971, Apollo 14, the 3rd US manned Moon expedition, lands and Alan Shepard & Edward Mitchell walk on Moon for 4 hrs. Alan Shepard was USA’s first man in space in 1961 in a sub-orbital flight in a space capsule called Friendship 7. This was part of the Mercury Program, which had Americans just orbiting the earth. Mercury gave way to the Gemini and Apollo programs.
- **Basketball:** 8th v. Holy Cross at Rummel **Bowling v. Ponchatoula**

Thu, Feb 6 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1952, after a long illness, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him, was in Kenya at the time of her father's death; she was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27 – and remains queen today.

Fri, Feb 7 (Regular; Life Skills Day for Seniors; B C D E)

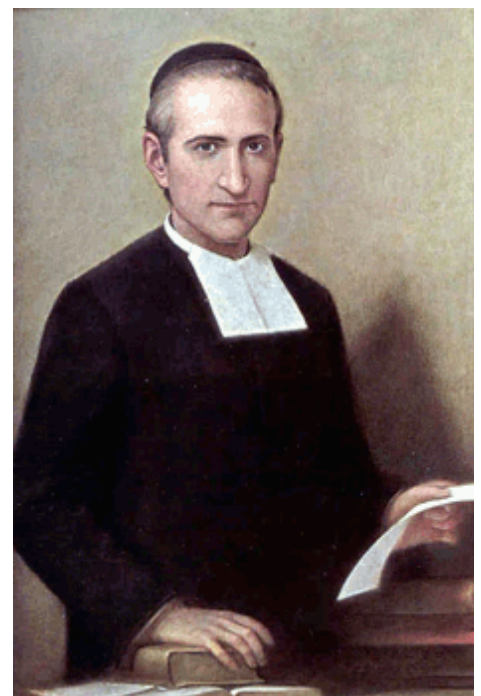
- **TDIH:** In 2009, the New Orleans Saints defy the odds and win the Super Bowl. Pigs reportedly fly as city celebrates with holidays and parades.
- **TDIH II:** On this day in 1812, Charles John Huffam Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. Celebrate the birth of this incredible writer! Read some Dickens today. Who can forget some of his immortal lines such as the opening of *A Tale of Two Cities*? *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way.*
- **Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day:** Greet your neighbors today with a big wave, but to show respect and appreciation, you must wave with all of your fingers, not just a particular one.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Covington

Sat, Feb 8

- **Boy Scout Day:** Today celebrates the birthday of Scouting in US. On Feb 8, 1910, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create BSA. SPS is proud to have so many students still actively involved in scouting and reaching Eagle
- **ACT on campus today**
- **Baseball:** Varsity scrimmage v. Lakeshore
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi & JV State Meet at Bro. Martin
- **Lacrosse:** JVA, JVB, & Varsity v. Catholic High
- **Rugby v. Jesuit (City Park)**
- **Indoor Track:** Last Chance Meet in Baton Rouge

Sun, Feb 9 (Feast of St. Brother Miguel Febres Cordero)

- **TDIH:** In 1825, the U.S. House of Representatives votes to elect John Quincy Adams, who won fewer votes than Andrew Jackson in the popular **vote**.
- **National Pizza Day**
- Today, Lasallians observe the feast of **Saint Brother Miguel Febres Cordero** (1854-1910.) Born into a prominent Ecuadorian family, and **crippled from birth**, Miguel became the **first native Ecuadorian Christian Brother**. He had such a reputation as scholar, teacher, & saint that **Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1984**. **Teaching remained Brother Miguel's priority, and his students admired his simplicity, concern for them, directness, and piety.** Miguel excelled as a teacher and looked "for every possible way to make the **lessons and work agreeable and pleasant** for students." After Brother Miguel had taught the same material for twenty years, a confrere asked him why he **spent so much time with lesson plans**. Brother replied: ***I can find a better way of presenting it every year. If I teach this material for another 20 years, I will find newer and better ways of explaining it.*** His lessons were prepared, organized, clear and relevant -- even if he used student "lingo" to do it. **Miguel insisted on student mastery of material. How can we make this feast meaningful for us? Here are some reflection questions:**



- **Do I prepare** lessons that are clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- From year to year, **do I look for ways to present it in a better way?**
- How do I improve my teaching? Through continuing education? Professional organizations? Collaboration with colleagues? Caring?
- Can **I say along with Brother Miguel**, "*I must engage in all the works that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls*"?

Brother Miguel is an Ecuadorian hero with stamps issued and public monuments in his honor. Even though our likeness may never be on a stamp or monument, **our dedication, preparation, patience, and masterful lessons will make us heroes in the lives of our students.** Saint Brother Miguel! Pray for us! Note: Saint Miguel is the Patron of San Miguel High School, the Lasallian School in Tucson. We wish our colleagues a most holy and happy feast day.

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:

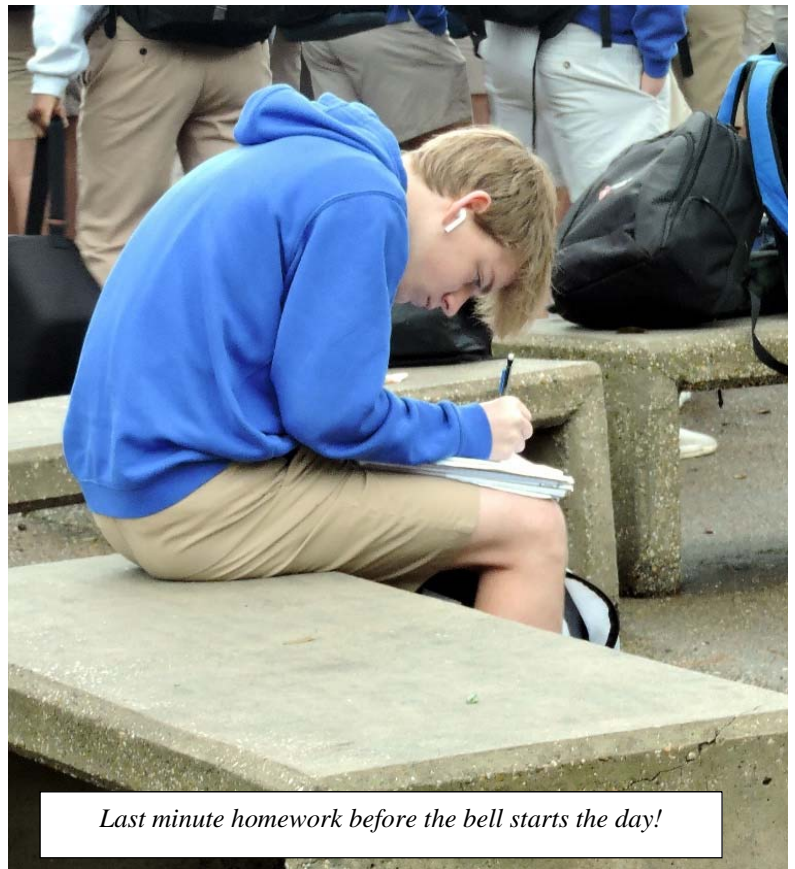
- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high-pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure 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!

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 LETTERS: More excerpts:

- *I cannot wait to attend your wonderful school.*
- *I can benefit from St. Paul's because I don't know what I want to do when I get older.*
- *My brother attends St. Paul's and I see how the school has had a positive impact on him. I want to follow in his footsteps.*
- *Why do I want to go to St. Paul's? It's the feeling I get like I belong there.*
- *I like how there is a lot of seating at lunch and nice walkways to get from building to building.*
- *I can't wait to be able to say "Go Wolves!" and "Can I please order a large frozen hot chocolate?"*



Last minute homework before the bell starts the day!

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>

ASSEMBLY ANNIVERSARIES: Last week marked the two-year anniversary of the following two assemblies:

- **Matt Fradd.** Matt speaks to over 50,000 people every year on the topic of pornography – which has become a particular concern of Archbishop Aymond, who asked the schools to address this growing problem. In particular, Matt addressed pornography in light of human trafficking and social justice. As we learned on the Archdiocese Faculty Formation Day in 2017, pornography is a major plague impacting our youth. Matt's expertise was a great small step to battling this epidemic. Parents, please speak with your sons about this topic. Yes, it's tough and awkward, but needs to be done.

- **Thomas Awiapo.** Growing up in Ghana, Thomas was a beneficiary of Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl initiative. He shared his story about growing up in poverty and *survived* only with the support of those who have the means to help. Thomas' story was a great opportunity to shed a light on life in Africa and to paint a clearer picture of those at our twin school, St. Paul's in Marsabit, Kenya.



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ACT 36 SUBJECT SCORES

SAINT PAUL'S
SCHOOL

John Aertker (English)
 Brady Billiot (Science, Reading)
 Thomas Bitterwolf (English)
 James Bradford (36 composite)
 Adam Cazayoux (English)
 Jesse Cheng (English)
 Brenden Dauterive (36 composite, Science, English)
 Ben Davidson (English)
 Cameron Dougherty (English, Reading)
 Frank Galeziewski (English)
 Miles Gensler (English, Science)
 Joseph Giberga (English)
 Gabe Gros (Reading)
 Jake Holincheck (Reading, Science)
 Adam Janney (Science, Reading)
 Hunter Kergosien (Reading)
 Benjamin Klein (36 composite)
 Ian Kramer (36 composite, Math, Reading)
 Andrew Lacoste (English, Math)
 Davis Lagarde (English, Reading)
 Darrin Lea (Math, English)
 James Lee (Science)
 Josh McLain (Reading)
 Thomas Miller (Science)
 Scott Montreuil (English)
 Aiden Plauché (Science)
 Abhijay Purohit (English)
 Nicholas Reardon (English)
 Adam Smith (Math, English, Science)
 Scott Sonnier (Reading)
 Scott Woodard (Reading)
 Luke Vargas (Reading)

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ASSEMBLY ON JAN 28: I hope the students enjoyed my assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to selections from the student body singing songs from the 2011 Feast of St. Paul Mass (which we had just celebrated) which began the school's centennial celebration. I reminded the students that we have inherited a tremendous educational legacy – how many institutions today last 100+ years? We must treasure and protect it.
- Reminded the students that we were celebrating the Feast of Saint Brother Mutien Marie this week, who was raised to official Catholic church sainthood by virtue of doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well. If you would like to view a two minute video on Brother Mutien, click here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc6lKsMfo60&feature=youtu.be>
- Reminded the boys that we were celebrating Catholic Schools Week and that SPS was not just a private school or just a Lasallian school but that we are a Catholic school.
- We then prayed, as junior **Jacob Pichon lit the prayer candle**, for the following: *Mrs. Andree Planche, grandmother of Nico '18 & Avan Walters '21, and Mrs. Gardner Morrow Kole, great-grandmother of Brayden Cornette '20; and the family of Graham Thomas Jordan, '14 as Jan 29 was the three year anniversary of his entering into eternal life.*
- We also prayed for the almost six million victims of the WW II Holocaust, as the day before was Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- Reminded the boys 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 Saint Paul's Soccer. Here are season highlights:
 - 8th Grade finished their season with a 10-2 record, including a thrilling win in the SPS tournament by defeating Mandeville Junior High
 - 9th Grade finished their season with a 9 – 0 – 3 record, including a thrilling win in the SPS tournament by defeating Catholic High of Baton Rouge
 - Varsity is currently 24 – 0, **ranked #1 in the state, and #1 in Max Preps, #1 in US Soccer Coaches Association poll and #3 in Top Drawers Winter Fab 50 poll** which all comprise the 9 winter playing states. Varsity won the COPA Acadiana tourney back in December going 5-0 , scoring 18 goals and giving up 1 and they won the Tampa Bay Invitational tourney with a 3-0 record , scoring 12 goals while allowing 3
 - All three teams presented trophies to AD Craig Ketelsen
 - Recognized and congratulated Coach Sean Moser, who was named, by the United Soccer Coaches, the *2019 Boys Winter Region Private/Parochial Coach of the Year. In his 11th season as SPS head coach, Coach Moser has competed in nine state finals, won six State Titles, two Sectional Coach of Year titles, District, Metro, and State Coach of the Year Awards and has a record at SPS of 290-23-17*
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- Recognized and congratulated the participants in the December Blood Drive: **Alex Rawls, Andrew Lacoste, Mason Byrne, Landon Rees, Fisher Ryan, Callan Danenhower, Jacques Mason, Zach Ingram, Michael Oubre, Miles Biggs, Adam Janney, Grant Harrison, Owen Crombie, Auggie Roppolo, Brock Zornes, Cole Cartier, Trey Harkins, Jaxon Beck, Paxton Ballard, Ben Huval, Connor Charles, Gabe Gros, Jacob Organ, Adam Cazayoux, Danny Whalen, Luke Vargas, Evan**



Abraham, Grant Burger, Mrs. Schmitt, Mr. Arbo, Mr. Zimmer, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Pool, Mr. Heap, Mrs. Achee, Mr. Barcelona, and Mr. Boyce



Wolves for Life in Washington, DC!

- Recognized and congratulated the students who participated in the March for Life in Washington, DC: **Rhett Barker, Beau Booth, Connor Braswell, Connor Camp, Christian Cowley, Callan Danenhowe, Cameron Darr, Max del Rio, Anthony Elwell, Phillip Garcia, Jacob Harris Christian Kramer, Garrett Lauterbach, Cole Leyrer, Ian McCarthy, Michael McWilliams, Trey Paine, Devin Power, Sergio Romero, Mason Schwall, Adam Seiden, Daniel Wayert, Gavin Sabbathier, Corbin Chitwood, Caden Chitwood, Sebastian Sequeria, Adam Philippe, Scott Montreuil, Tyler Tran, Justin Baham, Trey Smith, Andrew Lacoste, Caleb Frost, Blake Bollinger, Charles Hoy, Patrick Kilgore, Mr. Jeff Ramon, and Mrs. Catherine Tonry.** SPS was WELL-represented!
- Reminded the student body that the Christian Brothers are the only religious congregation in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to operate four schools: Saint Paul's, De La Salle, Archbishop Rummel, and Christian Brothers School. I then recognized and congratulated **Deuce Monteiro, Joey Keller, Reece Grimley, and Jarrett Meibaum** for being part of CBS's **Falcon Day** – where they received **very high compliments.**
- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly.

- We ended the assembly by singing “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”, which the boys seem to like, for the first time in 2020. It was wonderful.
- We then ended with junior **Michael Slimming** extinguishing the prayer candle and my reminding the students what the candle represents – the presence of God among us. I exhorted them to leave the gym and spread God’s love to all whom they meet. The students exited to the sounds of the student body of 2011 singing songs from our Centennial Mass.
- It was a great assembly. At least I thought so!

CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR--2020-21: Here is tentative calendar for next year (for those who plan!)

THIS IS NEXT YEAR’S CALENDAR, NOT THIS YEAR’S CALENDAR!

Thurs, Aug 6	School Opens with full day of instruction (same day as public schools)
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.

Senior Spotlight



HAL FOX

Class of 2020

* THE PAPER WOLF
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

* COLUMNIST

THE ADVOCATE-FARMER

*STATE LIT RALLY WINNER

* SPEECH AND DEBATE

FOUNDING MEMBER AND CAPTAIN

* YOUTH ADVOCACY TEAM SE REGIONAL
DIRECTOR



"SAINT PAUL'S HAS GIVEN ME A PLACE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MYSELF AND EXCEL IN WHAT I WANT TO DO. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF AMAZING TEACHERS AND FRIENDS I'VE MET OVER THE YEARS, I WOULD NO DOUBT BE A MUCH DIFFERENT (AND I'D, ARGUE) WORSE PERSON. MY EXPERIENCES AT THIS SCHOOL HAVE SHAPED ME TO THE PERSON THAT I AM, AND I WILL NEVER FORGET THE MEMORIES AND TIME I HAVE SPENT HERE. I CONSTANTLY WONDER HOW LUCKY I AM TO ATTEND SAINT PAUL'S."

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..

DRAMA: Tickets are now on sale for "Damn Yankees"- all shows at 7pm, except one matinee at 2pm on 3/14

- Opens: Thurs, March 5
- Fri, March 6
- Sat, March 7
- Wed, March 11
- Thurs, March 12
- No show Friday, 3/13
- Sat., March 14 (2pm and 7pm)
- Click here for tickets: <https://ticketpeak.co/stpauls/events>

FATHER-SON BBQ: Reservations for F-S BBQ on Saturday, Mar 7 at 5 pm are now being taken! **Return form at end of newsletter with a check for \$20 per person to Mrs. Claire by March 2! You Can also be mailed to: St. Paul's School, Attn: Mrs. Claire, PO Box 928, Covington, LA 70434**

A reservation form is at the end of the newsletter.

FEBRUARY: Can you believe we are in February? How are those New Year resolutions coming along? So far, I'm not doing well! And here's a listing of some of the celebrations for Feb: Adopt A Rescued Rabbit Month, American Heart Month, Avocado and Banana Month, Bake for Family Fun Month, Beans Month, Dog Training Month, Exotic Vegetables and Star Fruit Month, Grapefruit Month, Boost Self-Esteem Month, Expect Success Month, Library Lovers Month, Bird Feeding Month, Black History Month, Care About Your Indoor Air Month, Cherry Month, Children's Dental Health Month, Haiku Writing Month, Hot Breakfast Month, Mend A Broken Heart Month, Parent Leadership Month, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, Time Management Month, Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month, Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month, & Youth Leadership Month – something for almost everyone!

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.

LHSAA: Things will remain the same.



Juniors pay attention to CPA Michael Sciortino '03 at Alumni Career Day!

LAST WEEK:

- **Band:** A group of our students presented to Loyola's School of Music on Monday. Well done, Wolves!
- **Basketball:** Thrilling JV & Varsity wins over F'Bleau but tough OT defeat on Friday v. Slidell.
- **Bowling:** I know we competed but I didn't get results. I'm sure we did well!
- **Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Quiz Bowl Tournament:** 12 teams gave honor to Bill's memory by engaging in spirited academic competition.
- **Career Day:** Thanks to Al and the Alumni Board for a successful Career Day. The following careers and alums participated: Accounting /CPA - Michael Sciortino 2003, Sciortino Financial, LLC; Engineer- Phil Nuss 1972, Gulf Coast Shipyard Group, Inc./Trinity Yachts; Attorney- Chad Danenhower 1992, Danenhower Law Firm, LLC; Veterinarian- Dr. Jason Farrell 1993, Hickory Small Animal Hospital; Vocation/Lasallian Volunteer- Brother James Joost, FSC, San Francisco New Orleans District Auxiliary Provincial, Education -- Mr. Jeff Ramon, Saint Paul's School Campus Minister; Architect- Justin Greenleaf 2004, Greenleaf Lawson Architects; Dentist- Dr. Joel Burvant 1999, Burvant Family Dentistry; Construction- Adam Martin 2006, Faith Division Manager, Kent Design Build, Inc. I am told the juniors were exceptionally attentive. In fact, Alumni Director Al Nastasi wrote: *From the perspective of our veteran presenters as well as my own, the consensus rated this group as one of the most, if not the most well behaved and attentive one we have had to date*
- **Catholic Schools Mass on Fri:** Wolves joined students from all the Catholic schools in ARNO to celebrate our Catholic identify via liturgy at St. Catherine of Sienna Church on Friday.
- **Debate** Wolves represented us well at Ben Franklin.

- **Ethics Bowl:** Wolves were in Houston in our inaugural foray into this endeavor.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Thanks for your cooperation. The return to the cafeteria enhanced the experience, although I know it meant more special schedules. These are very positive and affirming events. As usual, I gave a vocabulary lesson. I encouraged the boys to be: *indefatigable lodestars (shining guides who never tire of doing right)* and never to be *languid snollygosters (sluggish, listless people without moral principles)* At the senior breakfast, Mr. John Dubreuil, SPS Renaissance Board member and father of Jack '16 and Walker '22) gave wonderful, real world advice to our seniors, encouraging them to develop their relationship with God, thank their parents for all they have been given, and remember that to whom much has been given, much is expected. He also had some humorous words about “fast cars and beautiful women”! I am grateful to Shellie and Physical Plan crew for logistics and Hwy 190 Chick-fil-A manager Rick Gonzales for excellent food service. And I’m grateful to Joe Dickens for reading the names!
- **Math:** Fighting Math Wolves were up and at ‘em early Sat morning, heading to BR for competition.
- **OLL Pep Rally:** Marching Wolves celebrated with OLL in style – always a hit!
- **Quiz Bowl:** The Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Tournament went off without a hitch. Our guys represented SPS in an exemplary manner!
- **Rugby:** Wolves beat Brother Martin! Great!
- **Screenagers:** about 130 parents attended the showing of the film Screenagers: Next Chapter, which dealt with the impact of cell phones on mental health and resiliency. After, a Q&A with Brian Osborn, LCSW, a specialist in adolescent mental health, took place. Kudos and thanks to Kim and Brian for organizing this worthwhile parental education program.
- **Soccer:** Mercy rule against Ponchy on Tue!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats to Danielle for another great issue
- **Wrestling: PARISH CHAMPS – AGAIN (Yes, I’m shouting with joy!)**

MARDI GRAS PARADE SCHEDULE: Our Marching Wolves have a full season ahead. Look for the MWs in the following parades:

- 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

NOLA CATHOLIC MEN: The archdiocese has coordinated a men’s’ conference on March 7, 2020. It is a going to be a great event for men and young men alike (18 and up). Registration is open. More information and sign-ups can be had at www.NOLACatholicMen.com. The event is from 8 am to 2:30 pm at St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie on Saturday, 3/7. There are some great speakers lined up along with mass with Archbishop Aymond and the opportunity for confession and adoration. A light breakfast along with lunch will be included with the \$45 registration fee for the event (and a t-shirt, I believe!). There will also be booths for men to learn more about ways to be active in their faith life following the conference.

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held Monday, Feb 3, between 5 – 7 pm. The format is the same we used in November: teachers will be in the BAC and parents can visit with some or all of their son's teachers.

PHONES: Please stress with your sons the need to follow school phone rules. Students must turn OFF phones in class and may only use them outside (between classes or at lunch.) A \$10 fine is assessed for violating the rule – which, unfortunately, is happening way too frequently.

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

- Current 8th graders have registered.
- Current 9th – 11th grade students will be asked to register this week. Materials will be emailed on Monday. **Again, if your son is not returning, please let me know.**
- Current 12th 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!

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR INFO: The SPS St. Joseph Altar is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020, which leaves only 6 weeks for preparation. The IMPORTANT DATES are below:

- COOKIE MAKING DAY IN THE CAFETERIA SATURDAY 2/15 from 9a-1p (BRING ROLLING PINS)
- ALTAR SET UP SUNDAY, MARCH 1 FROM 3-5 PM
- ALTAR DAY in BRIGGS MONDAY , MARCH 2
- ALTAR TAKE DOWN MARCH 2 FROM 3-5 PM
- We are in need of food and monetary donations.
- The signup sheet is at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A82CA0FF2-stjoseph2>
- PLEASE MAIL ANY MONETARY DONATIONS MADE PAYABLE TO ST. PAUL SCHOOL ST JOSEPH ALTAR

C/O Ann Kay Logarbo, MD
80700 Teal Loop
BUSH, LA 70431

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.

SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION: Senior graduation is Sat, May 16 at 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors will open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only**. Each senior will receive 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.”**

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. The space will be supervised by faculty. We will offer this **service as long as there is a demand for it.**



8th Grade soccer captains present First Place Tournament Trophy to AD Craig Ketelsen!

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 14th 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, 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.

VAPING: Please speak with your son and make it clear that both you, the medical community, the school and the law completely disapprove of this insidious practice.

YEARBOOKS for 2019-20 school year are now available.

- Order online at www.yearbookforever.com. This is the only option for ordering a yearbook, cash or checks are not accepted at school for pre-orders. We do not order 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.



*2019 Yearbook (The Conifer).
Order this year's before Mar 14's price increase.*

Senior parents, grandparents, and family members can purchase a senior ad at www.yearbookforever.com. The deadline to purchase a senior ad is Friday, Feb 21, 2020. All senior ads are created online. Email Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions about yearbooks or senior

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: Some terrific puns and some pizza jokes in honor of Pizza Day

- *Q: What does an aardvark like on its pizza? A: Ant-chovies*
- *Q: What do you call a sleeping pizza? A: a piZZZZZZa*
- *Q: What is a dog's favorite pizza? A: PUPAronni!*
- *Q: How do you fix a broken pizza? A: With tomato paste.*

- *Q: Why are jokes about Pizza not funny? A: Because they are too cheesy.*
- *Q: Why did Johnny go into the pizza business? A: He wanted to make some dough.*
- *Q: When can a pizza marry a hot dog? A: After they have a very frank relationship!*
- *Q: Where do pepperonis go on vacation? A: The Leaning Tower of Pizza.*
- *Q: What does a pizza wear to smell good? A: Calzogne*
- *Q: Why does the mushroom always get invited to pizza parties? A: Because he's such a fungi*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A 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.

February

- 3 – GABC – Late Start – Parent-Teacher Conferences (5-7 in the BAC)
- 4 – DEFG - Pack Time
- 5 – ABCD
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – *Life Skills for Seniors*
- 10 – FGAB
- 11 – CDEF – President's Assembly – 8th in PreACT
- 12 – GABC – 9th in PLAN
- 13 – DEFG – 10th in Pre ACT
- 14 – ABCD
- 17 – EFGA
- 18 – BCDE - Pack Time
- 19 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 21 – Faculty Retreat Day



Varsity Soccer Captains present some of their many trophies to AD Craig Ketelsen! Wolves are currently 25 – 0!

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 – *9th Retreat/Field Trip*
- 27 – BCDE – *9th Retreat/Field Trip*
- 30 – FGAB – 12th HR Breakfast in Café
- 31 – CDEF – President’s Assembly

April

- 1 – GABC - 8/9th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 2 – DEFG – 10/11th 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 Assesmbly
- 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



Seniors Cole and Evan await start of Honor Roll Breakfast!

May

- 1 – ABCD – Senior Exams
- 4 – EFGA
- 5 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
- 6 – FGAB
- 7 – CDEF – Athletic Awards
- 8 – GABC – Academic Awards
- 11 – DEFG – 8th Grade Exams
- 12 – ABCD – President’s Assembly – 8th Exams
- 13 – EFGA – 8th Exams
- 14 – BCDE – 8th 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

Even though it’s a new month in 2020, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can’t listen to any more since it went off the air but I still LOL thinking about it): 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 move into February! Again, thanks for being part of the 2019 - 20 edition of Saint Paul’s! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can’t Believe It’s February 2020 and I’m Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School





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 7TH 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

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 senior move toward culmination of the SPS careers.