



The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter
Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington
339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
February 10 - 16, 2020



Welcome to sixth week of third quarter! Wow! *Tempus Fugit!*



I shall always consider the work of my salvation and that of establishing and directing our Community as God's work. Hence, I shall commit to him the care of all this, so as to do nothing of what concerns me without his orders. I shall often consult him on all I shall have to do.... often saying to him those words of the prophet Habakkuk: 'Lord, the work is yours.'
[Domine, Opus Tuum!]

--Saint John Baptist de La Salle

Saint John Baptist de La Salle told the first Brothers that teaching was “God’s work.” The Latin phrase he used was *Domine, opus tuum – Lord, the work is yours*. Lasallian schools stress this phrase often with our faculties, as teaching is not for the faint of heart and remembering that we do “God’s work” when we enter the classroom gives special purpose, gravity, and meaning to our lives.

I believe the same applies to parenting – your work as parent is God’s work, too, and also not for the faint of heart! May you therefore often “consult” with Almighty God in your incredibly important and meaningful work as parent! Thank you for raising such wonderful sons and entrusting them to Saint Paul’s School!

Mon, Feb 10 (Regular; F G A B)

- **Today is the feast of St. Scholastica** (480-547), who was the twin sister of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictines. We rejoice with SSA on this feast and offer them prayer. The Benedictine nuns no longer serve there, but we remember gratefully their work from St. Scholastica Priory (on Stafford Road) for Catholic education at SSA, St. Peter, & OLL. In remembering the sisters, we recall St. La Salle’s words “*What glory there will be for those 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!*” Celebrate these wonderful women and ask St. Scholastica to bless their legacy -- and our school and work as well.
- **Today is THE wonderful Jewish feast of Tu BiShvat**, which began last night at sundown and ends tonight at sundown. *Tu BiShvat* is the Jewish New Year for Trees Day. This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. Our Jewish brothers and sisters mark the day of Tu Bi’Shvat by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. On this day we remember that “man is a tree of the field” (Deut 20:19), and reflect on the lessons that trees can teach us. Here’s a New Year’s “examination of conscience check list” for trees:

- *Did I grow towards the sun as a tree should, reaching up higher and higher towards that which I can never grasp, but which nurtures me all the same the more I strive towards it?*
- *Did I shelter seedlings that live in my shade -- so they will grow up to be a next generation like myself?*
- *Did I make sure my roots remain firmly planted in the soil that nurtures them, and did I drop my leaves there in the fall to give back life to that which sustains me?*
- *Did I ensure my fruits were sweet and nourished all who enjoy them? Did everyone walk away from me with a smile?*
- *Did I bend gently in the wind, accepting what G-d sends but never breaking or giving up hope?*
- *Did I grow in strength and wisdom with each new ring this year?*
- Come to think of it, not a bad checklist for us humans either!
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Albany at Tangi
- **Lacrosse Picture Retakes (3:30 – 5:00)**



Seniors get practical automotive advice on Life Skills Day. Thanks, SPS Renaissance Board!

Tue, Feb 11 (President's Assembly but without 8th grade as they are testing; C D E F)

- **Today** we commemorate Our Lady's appearance in Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old farmer's daughter. Today, 2-3 million pilgrims annually visit Lourdes. While this apparition occurred after the time of Saint La Salle, we know the Founder's great devotion to Mary: *"Beg the Most Blessed Virgin to obtain grace for you."* I encourage you to do so this week – and always.
- **This Day in History:** In 1809, Robert Fulton patents the steamboat.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Josef Stalin sign The Yalta Agreement. The aim of the agreement was to shape a post-WW II peace that represented not just a collective security order

but a plan to give self-determination to the liberated peoples of post-Nazi Europe. The three leaders called the meeting to discuss the re-establishment of the nations of war-torn Europe. However, within a few short years, with the Cold War dividing the continent, Yalta became a subject of intense controversy.

- **Be Electrific Day:** Today honors the birth of Thomas Alva Edison and recognizes his electrical inventions, including the light bulb. Where would we be today without TAE!
- **Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day:** Today recognizes that everyone spills a little milk now and then. It's a day to be optimistic, think positive, look on the bright side, and to find something good in everything that happens. As the song says: *Don't Worry, be Happy!* Try to smile all day today!
- **Pre-ACT for all Pre-freshmen (8th Grade)**
- **Basketball: JV & Varsity at Northshore**



SPS alum and LA State Police Sergeant Stephen Hammons '01 gives real life legal advice to seniors on Life Skills Day.

Wed, Feb 12 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Oglethorpe Day:** General James Edward Oglethorpe, with some 100 other Englishmen, landed at what is now Savannah, GA, on this day in 1733 and named the new colony Georgia for England's King George II.
- **Lost Penny Day:** Today you can make a few pennies, by seeking out lost pennies, of which there are probably quite a few in the nooks and crannies of your home. An individual penny may not have a lot of monetary value these days. However, finding a penny is a sign of good luck. Go on a hunt for lost pennies today, and pile up some good fortune. Did you know that the first U.S. penny was designed by Benjamin Franklin, and minted in 1787. Since then, the US has minted and circulated billions of pennies. In 1909, the penny became the first coin to bear a president's image. It was first released on February 12, 1909, to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's 100th birthday. Things to do on National Lost Penny Day:
 - Seek out lost pennies. Make a game of it. Be sure to include the kids in this scavenger hunt.
 - Flip a coin (a penny) to help you make decisions today.
 - Donate your pennies to a good cause.

- Roll up and cash in your horde of pennies.
- Start a penny collection.
- Throw pennies in a fountain and make a wish.
- Give others a penny for their thoughts.
- **PLAN Testing for all Freshmen (9th Grade)**
- **Bowling: Wolves v. Loranger**
- **Golf:** Wolves begin league play at Royal Golf Club in Slidell
- **Soccer:** Wolves host Sulphur in Round 2 of the state playoffs! Geaux, Soccer Wolves!

Thu, Feb 13 (Regular; D E F G)



Today, the Lasallian world celebrates the inaugural feast day of newly beatified Blessed Brother James Miller on the 38th anniversary of his martyrdom. Here is some info on Brother James as we prepare to remember this ordinary man who did the extraordinary. I quote from the Catholic newspaper of Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul:

- *Brother James Miller was a Christian Brother who could have stayed comfortable teaching at a private Catholic school in St. Paul. Instead, his story reflects a timeless Christian obligation: to reach out to those who cannot reach, to provide services to those who cannot afford it, and to change unjust systems through giving the poor a human and Christian education.*
- *At his request, Brother James began serving in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, in 1981. There he gave young men practical training and an academic curriculum, and maintained buildings and grounds. As Guatemala was in a civil war, many young men were “drafted”, i.e., literally taken off the streets to be soldiers. (If they refused, their families would be tortured and killed.) Upon hearing of*

these “drafts,” the brothers would go and retrieve their students from the military station.

- *Extreme tensions arose between military and the brothers. Death threats toward the brothers, as well as all religious in Guatemala, were common. Yet, such threats did not deter religious from walking with the people who lived in fear and oppression. On a Sat afternoon, Feb. 13, 1982, while Brother James was repairing the wall of the school, men in plain clothes approached and unloaded their guns into him, killing him.*
- *Brother James’ mission did not die with him. We are called to reach out to the dear neighbor, to make education accessible to all, and to call into question the systems that continue to oppress and deny the dignity of every person.*
- **TDIH:** In 1945, a series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the “Florence of the Elbe” to rubble and flames, and killing as many as 135,000 people. It was the single most destructive bombing of the war—including Hiroshima and Nagasaki—and all the more horrendous because little, if anything, was accomplished strategically, since the Germans were already on the verge of surrender. It inspires novelist Kurt Vonnegut to write his classic novel, *Slaughterhouse Five*.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson authorizes Operation Rolling Thunder, a sustained bombing of North Vietnam that he and his advisers had been contemplating for a year.
- **Pre-ACT for all sophomores (10th grade)**
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Mandeville (yes, this is a day early to accommodate Mandeville’s parade)

Fri, Feb 14 (Regular; A B C D)

- **Happy Valentine’s Day!** Today we honor St. Valentine – a saint shrouded in mystery. The Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine, all of whom were martyred. One legend says that Valentine was a priest



in 3rd century Rome. When Emperor Claudius decided single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage. Valentine, realizing this injustice, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape Roman prisons. According to legend, Valentine sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression still used today. Although the truth is murky, the stories emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. In any event, celebrate those who you love today!

- **Donor Day:** Today raises awareness of the need for organ and blood donations. For more info, go to organdonor.gov or resolve to donate blood at the local blood bank.
- **Ferris Wheel Day:** Ferris Wheel Day commemorates the birthday of George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr., a civil engineer and the creator of the first Ferris Wheel which was created for the World's Colombian Exhibition in Chicago in 1893.
- **Snack Day – thanks Mothers' Club!**
- **State Wrestling in Bossier City: Good luck, Parish & District Champion Wolves! (through Sat)**
- **Lacrosse at St. Thomas More in Lafayette**
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Hermes Parade in New Orleans**

Sat, Feb 15

- **TDIH:** In 2019, Brother Jeffrey Calligan, FSC – the 16th Christian Brother Principal/President of Saint Paul's School – died in Covington after an extended illness.
- **TDIH:** In 1898, the American battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor in Havana Harbor, at 9:40 PM. The ship sank quickly, and 260 members of its crew were lost. Inflamed public opinion in the US ignored the lack of evidence to establish responsibility for the explosion. "Remember the *Maine*" became the war cry, and a formal declaration of war against Spain followed on April 25.
- **World Whale Day:** Celebrate the whale today!
- **Baseball:** Meet the Team and Varsity at John Curtis
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Varsity v. Dutchdown
- **Rugby:** Wolves v. Germantown at City Park
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Olympia Parade in Covington**
- **Math Tournament: FMWs in Brother Martin Tournament**

Sun, Feb 16

- **TDIH:** In 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler, King Tutankhamen. Anybody remember when the Tut Exhibit came to New Orleans?
- **Innovation Day:** Spot a problem, think of a solution, and before you know it you're innovating! **Innovation Day** is all about imagining new, better ways of doing things. And you're never too young to innovate: lollipops, earmuffs, trampolines, Braille and countless smart phone apps have all been invented by children.
- **Do A Grouch A Favor Day:** Do something nice for your favorite grouch!

- **Almond Day:** Celebrate the almond today! They are packed with vitamin E, magnesium and fiber and are considered a heart-healthy food.
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Carrollton Parade in New Orleans**

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!**
- **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 LETTER EXCERPTS: A few more unedited comments:

- *I realize that no girls may not be such a bad thing.*
- *Brother Ray was one of the nicest people I have ever seen and talked to.*
- *During shadow day, we walked past the chapel and I realized that this is something I have never seen in my school environments. This made me question why. Why is God not mentioned in my school? How nice would it be to become part of a school where God was not a secret? At Saint Paul’s, God is celebrated and His presence is felt throughout the campus as well as among the students.*

- *The uniforms at SPS seem to be the best in the area.*
- *As a student who has never switched schools, I was very nervous about attending a different school. However, after my shadow day, I realized there is nothing to worry about.*

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>



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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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FOR ALL: Our Key Club is joining with other Covington school Key Clubs in sponsoring the 4th annual Ball for All – an inclusive Mardi Gras ball. Here's the info:

JOIN THE LOCAL COVINGTON KEY CLUBS FOR
OUR FOURTH ANNUAL

mardi gras ball for all

CELEBRATING ALL THAT MAKES US UNIQUE!

THE EVENT IS OPEN AND FREE OF COST TO ANYONE OVER 13! COME
OUT FOR FELLOWSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT, AND REFRESHMENTS.
FORMAL ATTIRE OR "SUNDAY BEST" IS ENCOURAGED!

saturday, february 29

FROM 6PM-8PM AT THE WEST ST. TAMMANY YMCA
71256 FRANCIS ROAD, COVINGTON 70433



VENMO @KC-MARDIGRASBALL TO MAKE A DONATION

**VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL KCMARDIGRASBALL@GMAIL.COM
TO RSVP, TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING, OR FOR
MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT!**

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.

ABBEY: Camp Abbey Summer Camp is a one-week sleep-over camp run by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Campers at Camp Abbey make lifelong friends, great memories and grow in their relationship with Jesus! Activities include: Arts & Crafts, Archery, Swimming, Hiking, Boating, Sports, Camping, Prayer, Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration. Campers must be completing 2nd -8th grades. Boys Camp weeks are May 31- June 6, June 7-13, June 14-20 and June 21-27. Girls Camp weeks are June 28-July 4, July 5- 11, July 12-18 and July 19-25. Registration opens February 17. \$409 per week - all inclusive.

Applications are now being accepted for Summer Camp staff. Students completing 9th-11th grades may apply to be JUNIOR COUNSELORS (two-week positions). Graduating HS Seniors, College Students, and older may apply to be SENIOR COUNSELORS, EXTENDED STAFF, or ADMINISTRATORS (one-month positions). Nurse positions are also available (one-week positions). All positions are paid, unless service hours are desired. Room/board and off periods are included. Training, orientation and formation precede the camp sessions. Please log on to our website, www.campabbey.org, to register or apply. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Emmons at (985)327-7240 ext. 100 or email campabbey@arch-no.org.



The state champion Ethical Wolves, known by their scientific name lupus ethicam, traveled to Houston on Feb. 1 to compete in the Ethics Bowl regional competition hosted by the School of Humanities at Rice University. While it was their first year in existence, the team made a strong showing finishing in the top eight. The team had to articulate arguments about topics such as whether or not it is okay to punch a Nazi and whether or not an underaged cancer patient should be forced to undergo chemotherapy. Beyond the competition, some team members met with Dr. Kathleen Canning, Dean of the School of Humanities, to discuss the value of ethics in the modern world and were interviewed by the School to discuss their Ethics Bowl experience. The Ethical Wolves are very grateful to Drs. Beata and David Silvestri, parents of Michael Silvestri '21, for their willingness to help the team travel to Houston.

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.

GOOD NEWS DEPT: We recently received a check for \$2,637 from the Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation from the November 2019 Brother Timothy Cabernet & Chardonnay online wine sale, which is designated exclusively for financial aid for students who have demonstrated great financial need – and

Saint Paul's has a number of these. The wines from which these funds derive are created by the Hess Collection and donated in memory of the legendary Napa Valley winemaker, Brother Timothy Diener, FSC (1910-2004). We are very grateful to Hess Winery, the Foundation, and benefactors who purchased the wine.

LAST WEEK

- **ACT:** Another flawless administration to almost 200 students thanks to Don et al.
- **Basketball:** A District win over Hammond (JV, too) and a thrilling win over Covington (JV, too) made the arrival of Coach Dale's first child, Maggie, this week extra special!
- **Bowling:** I know we competed but didn't get any results but I sure we were exemplary.
- **Debate Wolves:** Wow. What an experience! SPS Tournament was a grand success. Thanks, Shawn and SPS Debate Wolves! Your truly genuinely enjoyed being a judge!
- **Indoor Track:** Patrick Elliot placed 1st Place-1600 m run LSU High School Last Chance Qualifier while Evan Pardo placed 4th Place-3200 m run LSU High School Last Chance Qualifier
- **Lacrosse:** A meaningful jersey ceremony (complete with Holy Mass) preceded three games v. Catholic of BR: JVB lost 8-4, JVA lost 5-2 but Varsity won 10-8. Geaux, LAX Wolves.
- **Life Skills Day:** Seniors were exposed to a host of skills needed for the real world (ranging from interest/checking accounts to basic car maintenance) – and were treated to a very nice lunch! Thanks, SPS Renaissance Board for sponsoring this annual event.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thanks to those who showed. And we found a silver bracelet on the floor after the event. Call the office to claim it.
- **Wolf Packs:** We had a very relevant topic this week.
- **Wrestling:** 45 Wolves competed in JH/JV State tournament and both finished SECOND IN STAT! Wow!
- **WW II Quiz Bowl:** Great experience for our Wolves at the WW II Museum!

Evan and Christian at SLU's photography workshop last week.



LEGAL IRONY DEPARTMENT:

Oregon Governor Kate Brown proclaimed February 6, 2020 to be Oregon Private Schools Appreciation Day. The proclamation says that “Oregon private schools are an important part of the tradition of educational excellence in Oregon and an important element in the overall education of Oregon youth.” The irony? In 1925, Oregon passed a law requiring all students to attend public schools only. A group of religious sisters running a parochial school sued. In a monumental case that went all the way to the Supreme Court, *Pierce v. Society of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary*, the Court ruled the law unconstitutional, thus affirming the right of parents to send their child to private/religious schools.

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

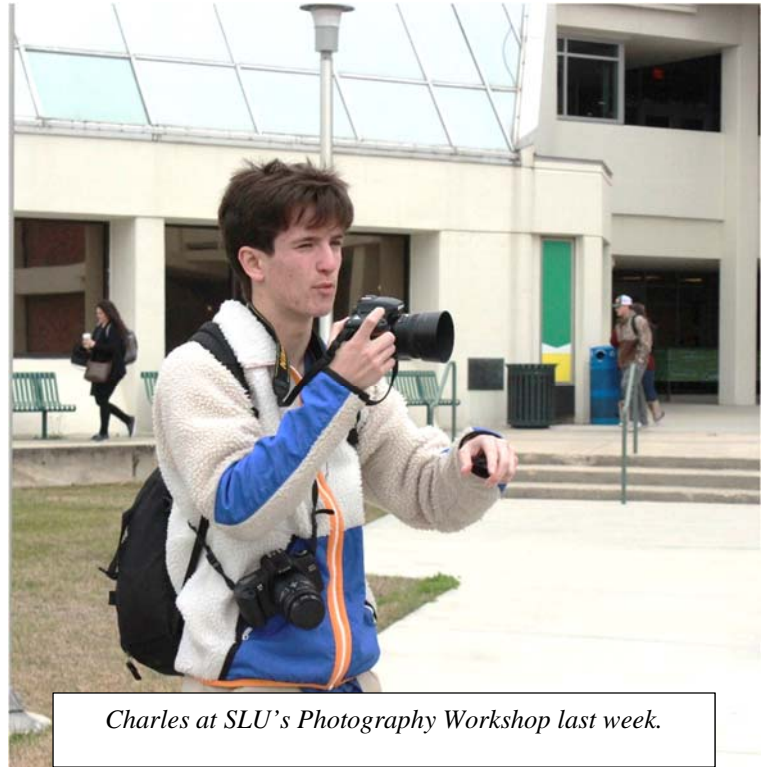
NOLA CATHOLIC MEN: The archdiocese has coordinated a men's' conference on March 7, 2020. It is a going to be a great event for men and young men alike (18 and up – although I'm told "mature" younger students are accepted). Registration is open. More information and sign-ups can be had at www.NOLACatholicMen.com. 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.

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 have been sent registration info, which is due back on Feb 10. **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.
- **Again, if your son does not plan on returning, please let me know. Curriculum and hiring decisions are based on enrollment – as well as knowing how many transfer students (who are applying!) we can accept.**



Charles at SLU's Photography Workshop last week.

RIP: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of former St. Tammany Parish President Pat Brister, who passed from this life into eternal life last week. President Brister had an international reputation and led St. Tammany competently for the past eight years. Her two sons, Marcus and Matt Beck are SPS alums, as is her grandson Beck Heebe '19 and Davis Heebe '20. She was a wonderful friend of SPS, whom I last saw at this year's Jazz n' Roll – even while in the midst of her re-election campaign. Rest in peace, Madam President!

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 Monday, March 2, 2020, which leaves only 4 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



St. Joseph Altar last year! Thanks, Dr. Logarbo!

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.**

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS: Mimi has started posting seniors on our Facebook page. They will reflect on their SPS experience. The first two (Hal Fox and Sam Glynn) are excellent. Check them out. Thanks, Mimi!



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.**

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!

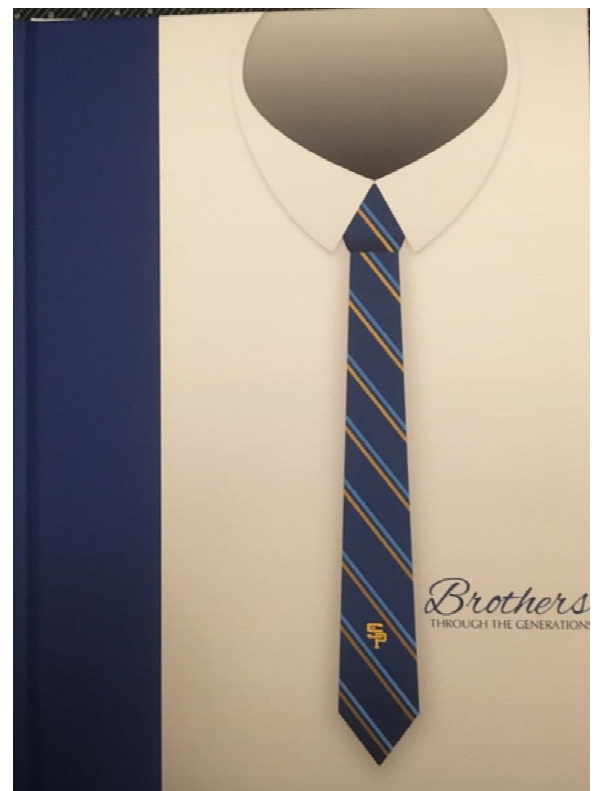
TUTORING: National Honor Society tutoring takes place in the library at lunch. Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so. Math XL help and essay proofreading services are available.**

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:

- *My coworkers voted my "most secretive guy in the office." I can't tell you how much this means to me.*
- *My kids gave me a globe for my birthday. It means the world to me.*
- *What starts with E, ends with E, and has only one letter in it? Envelope!*
- *Did you see that milk go flying past? No? Oh, it must have gotten pasteurized!*
- *What did the buffalo say to his son when he dropped him off at school? Bison!*
- *What does an island have in common with the letter T? They are both in the middle of water!*
- *My family just celebrated 200 years of owning a buffalo farm. It's our bison-ennial.*
- *How do birds communicate? They tweet.*
- *"My son told me he didn't understand cloning. I told him, 'That makes two of us.'"*
- *"I just saw my wife trip while carrying a basket full of ironed clothes. I watched it all unfold."*
- *"I have a Russian friend who's a sound engineer. And a Czech one too, and a Czech one too."*
- *"My wife screamed in pain during labor so I asked, 'What's wrong?' She screamed, 'These contractions are so painful!' 'I am sorry, honey,' I replied. 'What is wrong?'"*
- *When the pandas escaped from the zoo, there was complete pandemonium!*
- *I had to quit my job at the muffler center because the work was too exhausting!*
- *What word in the dictionary is spelled wrong? Wrong.*
- *My friend made a bad joke about gravity, but I still fell for it.*
- *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

- 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

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

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 mid-February 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



Soccer Senior Night! Thanks, seniors!



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.