



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*339 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
*February 17 – March 01, 2020*



Tuesday, February 18, is the death anniversary, in 1564, of Michelangelo -- artist, architect, and sculptor. Commissioned by Pope Julius III to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, Michelangelo was also architect of part of the massive church of St. Peter in Rome, and he designed its great dome.

Michelangelo, however, thought of himself mainly as a sculptor. Two of his most famous sculptures are "David" in Florence and the "Pieta" in St. Peter. Michelangelo often saw potential in things other people did not see. On one occasion, he was seen studying carefully what others saw as simply a large block of marble. Someone asked him what he was doing. He said, "I can see an angel imprisoned in this marble and I must set it free." He then began the long and skilled job of carving a beautiful angel out of that marble.



Although Michelangelo lived 100 years before St. John Baptist de La Salle, our Founder also saw potential in things that others did not see. He saw the children of the "artisans and the poor" who were "far from salvation." While others did not care about these children, he knew they had potential. He founded the Christian school to develop that potential and change those "blocks of marble" into "beautiful angels." As Lasallians, we are called to do this work, to adopt the eye of Michelangelo in looking at our students. Who knows what potential is "imprisoned" in each of them?

**In a Lasallian school, everyone is important; no one is insignificant. May we be the sculptors who, with God's help, release the beauty and potential of the young men of Saint Paul's School!**

**Mon, Feb 17 (Regular; E F G A)**

- **This Day in History:** The House of Representatives breaks the electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president.
- **Random Acts of Kindness Day:** Self-explanatory! Spread some kindness today!
- **My Way Day:** Feel free to celebrate today, but if you are at SPS, make sure your way is our way.
- **TDIH:** In 1972, the Volkswagen Beetle overtakes iconic Model T Ford as world's bestselling car.
- **Presidents' Day: Presidents Day:** We honor the 44 men who have had the incredible privilege of serving as President of the US. Question: if President Trump is the 45th president, why there are only 44 names? Grover Cleveland served two non-consecutive terms, becoming the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> president. From The History Channel: *Presidents' Day is celebrated on the third Monday in Feb. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states*

still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

- **Bowling:** SPS v. Hammond at Tangi



**Tue, Feb 18 (Wolf Packs; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1885, Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- **National Battery Day:** This day honors Italian physicist Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the battery, who was born on this day in 1745. Without batteries, where would that pink bunny with the drums be today?
- **Wine Day:** Responsibly enjoy!
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Franklinton
- **Soccer:** Quarterfinal round at Lafayette High (6)

**Wed, Feb 19 (Regular; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** In 2013, we formally dedicated the **Briggs Assembly Center** – which has been a blessing to SPS. We remain grateful to the family of David Briggs for making the transformation of this facility a reality. In particular, David wanted credit given to his mom, Dorothy Briggs, for her sacrifices to afford Catholic education for her children. Thank you, Mrs. Briggs!
  - **TDIH:** In 1878, the technology that made the modern music business possible came into existence in the New Jersey lab where Thomas Alva Edison created the first device to both record sound and play it back. He was awarded U.S. Patent No. 200,521 for his invention--the phonograph. We've come a LONG way!
  - **TDIH:** In 1968, *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* debuted on PBS. *It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood....*
  - **Chocolate Mint Day:** Enjoy!
  - **Bowling:** SPS v. Holden at Tangi Lanes
  - **Golf:** SPS at Oak Knoll
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**Thu, Feb 20 (Regular; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1962, NASA successfully launches John Hershel Glenn Jr. into space aboard the *Friendship 7* spacecraft on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut.
- **Cherry Pie Day:** Did you know cherry pie is the second most popular pie in US, second only to apple? Enjoy today!
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. F'bleau in the final regular season district game. Again, the game is on Thursday night because of the Mandeville parade. . A special feature of tonight's game is "Faculty & Staff Appreciation Night." All faculty and staff are welcome to partake of pre-game hospitality and at 6:50. Before tip off, each senior BB player will recognize someone who has been significant in his SPS career. Congrats to Gerald Ancar, Stephen Dale, Andrew Dart, Kristian Gibbe, Kristin LaGraize, Mike Stant, and Chris Stipe for being special influences in the life of one of our senior basketball players.
- **Track: Meet the Team (5 pm in Cafeteria)**
- **Marching Wolves in Wal-Mart Special Needs Parade**

**Fri, Feb 21 (Faculty Retreat Day; no classes for students; start of Mardi Gras/Lenten Holidays)**

- **TDIH:** In 1972, President Richard Nixon becomes first sitting US President to visit The People's Republic of China. Arriving in Beijing, the president announced his breakthrough visit to China is "The week that changed the world."
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Hermes in NO**



*Wrestling Wolves prepare to depart for State Tournament.*

**Sat, Feb 22 (Regular; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** George Washington was born in Virginia on Feb 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar, which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.
- **TDIH:** In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered first presidential radio broadcast from White House.
- **TDIH:** In 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York.
- **Single Tasking Day:** Concentrate on one task at a time today without feeling guilty about wasting time!
- **Be Humble Day:** Today's the day to practice humility! And we've all got things to be humble about.
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Endymion**
- **Indoor Track and Field State Meet in BR**

*The Canada geese have returned!  
Can spring be far behind?*



**Sun, Feb 23**

- **TDIH:** In 1896 - The Tootsie Roll was introduced.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, U.S. flag was raised on Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal's photo, showing 5 Marines & 1 Navy man struggling to hoist the flag pole, became the most reproduced photo in history and won a Pulitzer Prize.
- **National Inconvenience Yourself Day:** Often, we think that our lives and schedules are more important than others are. We inconvenience other people to make our lives easier and forget the impact of our actions on others. Concentrate today on making someone else's life easier and happier rather than focusing on ourselves – I know what you're saying: if he wanted to make our lives more convenient, he wouldn't write these newsletters!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Bacchus**

**Mon, Feb 24 – Sun, Mar 01 – Mardi Gras/Lenten Holidays. You are on your own for daily events, TDIHs, National Whatever Days, etc. The newsletter is going on vacation, too!**

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**Rise Up, O Men of God**

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

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**ABBEY LECTURE SERIES:** This March, Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College welcomes Matt Rousso, Director of the Maryknoll Affiliate Gulf South Chapter, who will once again present “Laudato Si Confronts Climate Change 2020.” The three-week lecture series will closely examine the challenging Environmental Encyclical of Pope Francis, known as “Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home.” Laudato Si is an appeal from Pope Francis for an inclusive dialogue about how they can best shape the future of this world. The lectures take place on consecutive Tuesdays – March 3, March 10, and March 17, 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center on Seminary campus. The series is free to attend and open to the public, including seminarians and teachers/catechists. The Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education is offering CEU’s for those catechists needing renewal credit. You can register at <https://www.saintjosephabbey.com/laudato>

**ADMISSIONS:** This Thursday, we will mail acceptance letters to the Class of 2025 – and the quantity and quality look excellent, thanks in no small part to all of you who are spreading the good news about Lasallian education at Saint Paul’s School! Thank you! Congratulate our newest Wolves if you know any!

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**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.

**APPLICANT LETTER EXCERPTS:** Some more unedited lines from applicants’ letters:

- *I know St. Paul’s will nurture my “out of the box” thinking and passionate nature.*
  - *In any decision I make, I always consider God.*
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- *I went to shadow day and loved it. I was sad that I couldn't go back the next day.*
  - *At Shadow Day, I heard that St. Paul has a golf team – a great one. That was just the cherry on top.*
  - *I recently had a tour of the school with Brother Ray and as soon as I got back in the car with my parents, I told them that I did not need to look at any other school as I WAS going to St. Paul! I knew from the moment I stepped on campus that I wanted to come here.*
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**ASSEMBLY ON FEBRUARY 11:** I hope the students enjoyed my President's Assembly. Here's some of what we did:



*Max lights prayer candle at President's Assembly last Tuesday.*

- Entered the gym to the music of world-famous cellist Yo Yo Ma playing "Ecstasy of Gold", a song from the 1960's classic spaghetti - Western film, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." I explained that I chose YoYo Ma's version because, in addition to being outstanding, Ma's life is dedicated to promoting world peace and human rights. Several years ago, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor an American President can bestow. And I told them I use the song at the assembly before Mardi Gras, because that holiday, while having so much good, is also sometimes filled with the bad and the ugly. I beseeched the students to choose only the good this Mardi Gras season and to avoid the bad and the ugly. As the prayer candle was lit by junior **Max Anderson**, we prayed in a special way for the following:

- Saint Scholastica Academy. Since the day before was the feast of St. Scholastica, it was only appropriate that we pray for our older sister school, which was founded in 1903 and has been providing quality Catholic education for young women since that time. I told the students that we were blessed to have SSA alumnae on our staff: Joanna Case, Claire Coutrado, Jan Gardner, Karen Hebert, Kelly Hightower, Suzie Slade, Christine Woodward
- And we prayed for those who have entered God's kingdom since our last assembly: **Mrs. Carol Hinrichs Braud, grandmother of Gerard Cuber '23; Mrs. Yvette**

**Rotolo Eitmann, grandmother of Hayden Lala '20, Mrs. Mary Barwick, mother of Mr. Luke and Ms. Carla Barwick, Mr. Richard Dupre', grandfather of Andrew Lacoste '20, and Mrs. Pat Brister, grandmother of Beck '19 & Davis '20 Heebe**

- I welcomed the students to the sixth week of the third quarter and exhorted them to make the most of our remaining time this school year.

- Recognized Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, and the almost 100 Marching Wolves who will begin their Mardi Gras season, marching in eight parades: Wal-Mart special needs parade, Krews of Cleopatra, Olympia, Carrollton, Hermes, Endymion, Bacchus, and Rex.
- Then, as if by magic, the “Ride of the Valkyries” from Richard Wagner’s opera **Die Walkure** started playing, which meant it was time to recognize our Wrestling Wolves. While the music played, results of our undefeated dual meet season were projected on the screen, along with results from major tournaments and culminating in our 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish Championship! It was great. We wished the team well as they head to state this weekend. Below is list of Parish Champs:



- Recognized and congratulated the Saint Paul’s Student Council, whose members attended the Louisiana Association of Student Councils convention recently. For the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, the Council returned with the coveted Gold Council Award – the highest ranking possible. In addition, we congratulated **Isaiah Ayo who was elected Secretary of District II and Luke Vargas outgoing State Vice-President, who won the prestigious Dale Hawley award.**
- Then, as if by magic, Hedwig’s Theme from The Harry Potter movies started playing, which means that SPS Quiddich was playing. I recognized and congratulated the SPS Quiddich Wolves for again partnering with LSU’s Quiddich team for our recent annual tournament. Who says we don’t have something for everyone.

- Recognized and congratulated the sophomore class on an excellent sophomore service day. I projected several letters and social media posts that recognized our guys and the work that they did. Well done, Class of 2022!
- Gave the students a Latin grammar lesson concerning alumni v. alumnus and alumna v. alumnae. Ask your son to explain the difference! I then projected slides of some of our recent alums: Jack Mashburn (currently at LSU), Jaelen McCleskey (currently at Tulane), Noah Seiden (currently at Tulane and Robbie Ferrante (currently at US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD)
- Ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions, so they will “roll over” until the next assembly.
- We ended by singing Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, which is set to the music of Ode to Joy – the final movement of Beethoven’s 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony. They were great! It was a moving moment!
- We then ended with junior Caden Chitwood 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 “Ecstasy of Gold” from “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.”
- It was a great assembly, at least I thought so!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** One of our African-American students politely brought to my attention that I had not mentioned BHM in my newsletters and wanted me to know that the month was important to him. I thanked him for this and told him I would rectify the situation. I applaud Jeff Ramon for using Pack Time to address BHM with an informative video and discussion. Let’s all use this month to celebrate the contribution of African-Americans to our great country and reinforce our American and Christian ideals of equality of all, praying with Archbishop Aymond for an end to racism in every way, shape, or form.

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**BALL FOR ALL:** Our Key Club is joining other area Key Clubs for this special event. See below for more information. Very Lasallian, as Key Club builds inclusive community.



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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.  
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## saturday, february 29

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



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TO RSVP, TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING, OR FOR  
MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT!



2019 - 2020

# 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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*Hunter writes his "courage" resolution while Matthew ponders his during Blessed Brother James Prayer service last week.*

**THE CLARION HERALD:** On Feb 12, the Clarion Herald launched its new website at [www.clarionherald.org](http://www.clarionherald.org). As part of the Archdiocese of New Orleans' "2020 Vision" for communications, the new site has been designed using the latest trends in web design with the ease of use for readers as a priority. Check it out or ask your son to bring home a hard copy from school. We will be happy to give him one.

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**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 <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



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

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.

**CAMP ABBEY SUMMER CAMP:** 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 -8 th 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.

Camp Abbey is now accepting 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](http://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](mailto:campabbey@arch-no.org).

**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.**

**GOOD NEWS DEPT:** The National Merit Corporation has named four of our five National Merit Semi-Finalists as National Merit Finalists! Wow! That's great. Special congrats to Brenden Dauterive, Reece Grimley, Ben Klein, and Ian Kramer for being named National Merit Finalists! While our other semi-finalist, Cameron Dougherty, didn't make the final cut, we are very proud of his status as a semi-finalist!

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**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.

**LASSCA:** Trevor and I leave Sunday, Feb 23, for the annual Lasallian Secondary Schools Chief Administrators conference, which brings together the presidents and principals from the 50+ secondary Lasallian schools in the Region of North America. This year's conference is in Houston. We will be gone through Wednesday. God willing and SW Airlines cooperating, we will be back in Covington on Thu.

#### **LAST WEEK:**

- **Basketball:** Great district wins over Northshore and Mandeville! Geaux Wolves!
  - **Bowling:** I know we competed but didn't get results. Geaux Bowling Wolves!
  - **Lacrosse:** I know we competed but didn't get results. I'm sure our boys fought hard.
  - **LHSAA:** We were "audited" AGAIN by the LHSAA for paperwork compliance. The result? The auditor checked over 200 student athletes' folders, each containing at least six forms – and not even a signature was missing! Wow. Incredible. Congrats to Claire, Carol, Suzie and Craig. Take that, LHSAA!
  - **Marching Wolves:** GREAT performances in parades on Fri and Sat! Good luck with rest of schedule.
  - **Math Tournament:** FMWs were up and at 'em on Sat morning heading to Bro. Martin for competition! And they returned home with SECOND PLACE SWEEPSTAKES trophy – and many individual ones, too!
  - **Mole Day:** Chemistry classes celebrated this annual event with fun and games.
  - **Soccer:** Great regional win over Sulphur! Geaux Wolves in the quarterfinals this Tuesday!
  - **Teacher Appreciation/Snack Day:** Thanks, MC, for a delicious Italian meal last Tue & King Cake on Fri!
  - **Testing:** Thanks, counseling department, for administering standardized testing to our students!
  - **Wrestling:** SECOND in State! Wow! Impressive, Wolves! Special congrats to STATE CHAMPION PEYTON WARD!
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**MARDI GRAS PARADE SCHEDULE:** Our Marching Wolves have a full season ahead. Look for the MWs in the following parades:, Fri, Feb 21 Hermes; Sat, Feb 22 Endymion; Sun, Feb 23 Bacchus; Tue, Feb 25 Rex

**MOTHER SON DINNER:** It's time to make reservations, as seating is limited for this very popular event which will be on March 18.



# Mother/Son Dinner

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

6:30 pm

Briggs Assembly Center

\$23 per person

Dinner provided by Keith Young's Steakhouse

Check-in time begins at 5:30 pm

Photos may be taken from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm and after dinner

Please arrive on time to be seated before  
the prayer service begins at 6:30 pm

\*Sunday dress attire is recommended

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Dinner is for currently enrolled students and their Mothers. **Registration deadline is February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

We have limited capacity and may not be able to accommodate late registrations.

Questions regarding reservations can be emailed to [tracishaw@charter.net](mailto:tracishaw@charter.net).

You may return this portion with a check payable to **SPS Mothers Club**  
either by mail to: St Paul's Mother/Son Dinner - P.O. Box 822, Madisonville, LA 70447  
or to drop off locations: Administration Office, Counseling, or Bookstore

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Son: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Son: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Son: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number in party x \$23 each = \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed



**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](http://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.

**OFFICES:** All school offices will close next week. Anticipate your needs before Friday!

**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:** ALL registrations for next year are now overdue. If your son is returning, please register him. If he is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know. We will soon begin scheduling classes, and non-registered students will not be allowed to choose classes. Thanks for your understanding.

**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!



*Cookie making last Saturday in preparation for St. Joseph Altar on March 2!  
The students are in for a treat!*

**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.**

**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 it 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.**

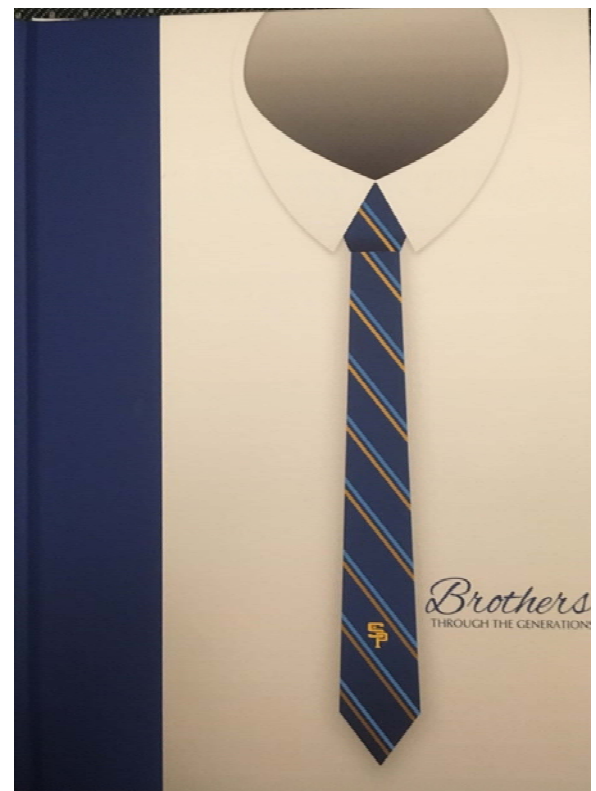
**TUTORING:** National Honor Society tutoring takes place in the library at lunch. Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so. Math XL help and essay proofreading services are available.**

**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](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 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](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 ads.**

**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:** *More church bulletin bloopers! Hilarious!*
  - *Sunday's sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.*
  - *A songfest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.*
  - *Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*
  - *Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.*
  - *Announcement: The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.*
  - *The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.*
  - *Ushers will eat latecomers.*
  - *We are grateful to those who cleaned up the grounds around the church building and the rector.*
  - *A worm welcome to all who have come today.*
  - *Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.*
  - *The eighth-graders will present Shakespeare's Hamlet on Friday. All are invited to attend this tragedy.*
  - *Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.*
  - *Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.*
  - *Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.*
  - *Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheet.*
  - *Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.*
  - *The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.*
  - *The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people not afflicted with any church.*
  - *Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30p.m. Please use the back door.*
  - *OK, I'll stop!*
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**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**

- 17 – EFGA
- 18 – BCDE - Pack Time
- 19 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 21 – Faculty Retreat Day – no classes for students

### **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 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 – 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 2020, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which is no longer on 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!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Safe, Enjoyable Mardi Gras for All as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



*Thanks to the efficiency of the Counseling Department, three full levels were administered the Pre-ACT last week as part of our comprehensive testing program. Thanks, Counseling Staff!*



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 senior move toward culmination of the SPS careers.*