



**The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter**  
***Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***340 years of Lasallian excellence throughout the world***  
**April 20 - 26, 2020**



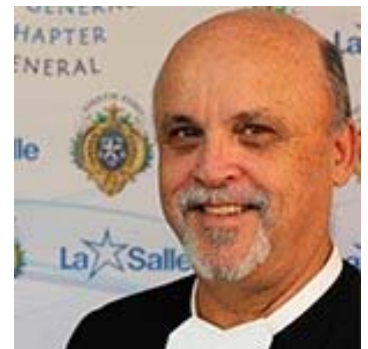
**Welcome to Week Five of the fourth quarter and Week Five of SPS Online!**



Welcome back from the Easter holidays (not spring break!) I pray that your time away from school (even online school!) brought spiritual, physical, and mental refreshment and renewal as we enter into the final stretch of the year. May the grace of the Resurrection be with us!

We are told to have Easter joy – but right now, a lot of us aren't feeling very joyful. So to help move us in the direction I will again offer words, written several years ago, from Brother Robert Schieler, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. His words merit another reading, especially those I boldfaced and especially in these challenging times:

- *Our Easter joy springs from the sure hope that we, too, will live forever.*
- *The resurrection and the promise of eternal life are the clearest signs of God's merciful actions for us.*
- *As ambassadors of Jesus Christ, how can we effectively manifest God's mercy to our sisters and brothers who, with us, live in a world characterized by war, torture, terrorism, epidemics, starving children, rejected refugees, mistreated migrants, relationship-blocking walls and natural disasters?*
- *We must help others to experience God's mercy through our **concrete and personal merciful actions.***
- *Lasallians are called to touch hearts with the mercy of God. We, like Pope Francis, must build bridges of understanding and tear down walls of intolerance and exclusion.*
- *We must be women and men characterized by **tenderness, friendliness, forgiveness, educational excellence and a practical concern for the well-being of our sisters and brothers who suffer from injustice, exclusion, war, anxiety about the future and lack of educational opportunity.***
- *We have to be convinced that all those whom we encounter will experience God's mercy and the joy of Easter when they encounter these qualities through us – **merciful ministers of God.***

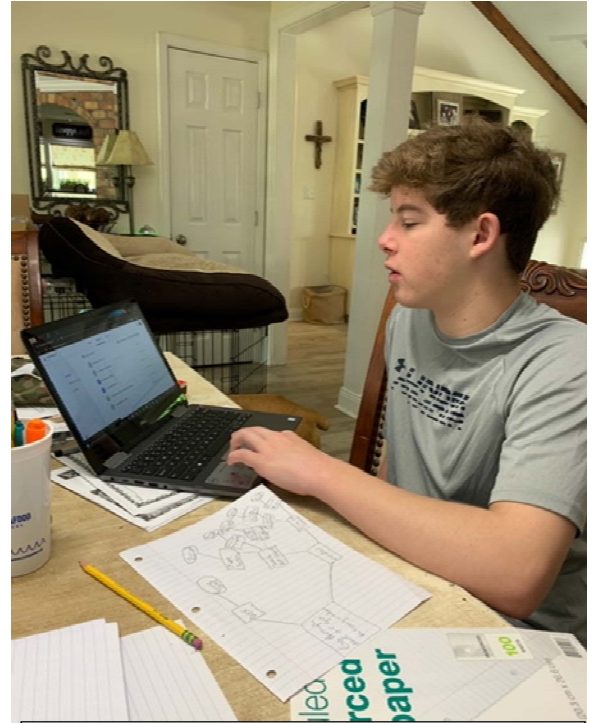


**Let us commit ourselves to accepting Easter's grace to be "merciful ministers of God" – now, more than ever, in these unprecedented times! And if we do, that will indeed be a cause for joy!**

**Alleluia! He is risen!**

**Mon, Apr 20 (SPS Online Resumes; C D E F)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1999, Columbine High School Tragedy occurs. On this anniversary of Columbine, I invite all to pray: **Heavenly Father, fill all schools with Your Holy Spirit. May Your grace and power keep schools safe and eliminate such problems as alcohol, drugs, guns, pornography, violence, depression, and disrespect for life. Turn the hearts of students toward You. Open their eyes, hearts and minds that they may see what is really important in life. Dissipate the anger in all who lash out at others, bullying them or ridiculing them. Touch the hearts of those tempted to solve problems through violence. Make our schools safe harbors, with atmospheres that encourage all to live your Law of Love. Infuse wisdom, vigilance, caring, compassion, and understanding in teachers. Help administrators make just and wise decisions. Help everyone to spread the message that You are with us always and everywhere -- and that only You have the answer to the problems we face. Amen.**
- **TDIH:** In 2010, an oil rig run by British Petroleum (BP) exploded in Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast, resulting in the largest offshore oil spill in US history.



SPS Online resumes Monday! Turn on those computers and prepare to learn!

**Tue, Apr 21 (SPS Online; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1895, Woodville Latham and his sons, Otway and Gray, demonstrate their “Panopticon,” the first movie projector developed in the US.
- **Kindergarten Day:** Today we honor Friedrich Froebel, born April 21, 1782, who started in Germany in 1837 the first Kindergarten -- built upon innovative principles that used children’s innate curiosity and interests to help them see what Froebel believed was “the harmonious, interconnectedness of all things.” Today’s a good day to remember Robert Fulghum’s poem “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”, fulfilling your daily poem reading requirement -- remember April is poetry month!): *All I really need to know about how to live, what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but in the sand pile at Sunday School. I learned:*
  - *Share everything; Play fair; Don't hit people; Put things back where you found them; Clean up your own mess; don't take things that aren't yours; Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.*
  - *Wash your hands before you eat; take a nap every afternoon.*
  - *Flush.*
  - *Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
  - *Live a balanced life – learn, think, draw, paint, sing, dance, play and work some every day.*
  - *When you go out, watch for traffic, hold hands & stick together.*
  - *Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.*
  - *Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.*
  - *And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.*

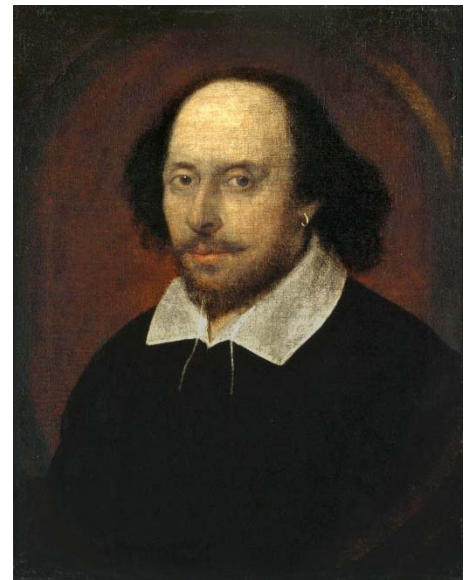
### Wed, April 22 (SPS Online; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** in 1970, the first **Earth Day** is observed to remind us that *all individuals and institutions have a mutual responsibility to act as Trustees of Earth* (Official Earth Day web site). Indeed, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has identified care for the earth as one of the seven major social justice themes of our faith. The US Catholic Bishops have written: *the Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.* Please encourage your students to be Trustees of Earth.
- **National Jelly Bean Day:** Enjoy this iconic Easter treat today
- **Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast:** If school were in session, the Heads of School for the nine high schools in West St. Tammany would gather at TCC with members of the Exchange Club and local dignitaries for the annual Student of the Year Breakfast. Each school head would introduce his or her S of the Y and the student would then give a brief response. The event is very uplifting as some of the best of St. Tammany's youth are represented. It is always a challenge for SPS to choose the recipient of this award as we have so many great students, but the honor this year went to Andrew Lacoste, who BTW was a finalist in the Archdiocese of New Orleans S of the Y competition.

### Thu, Apr 23 (SPS Online; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1564, in Stratford upon Avon, **William Shakespeare** is believed to have been born! We celebrate with the literary world the Bard's believed birthday. We are not certain of the exact day he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn. Shakespeare's date of death is conclusively known, however: it was April 23, 1616. He was 52 years old and had retired to Stratford three years before. Have a great Shakespearean Day! And if you wish to talk like Shakespeare today, here are some simple rules:

- Instead of **you**, say **thou** or **thee** (and instead of **y'all**, say **ye**).
- Rhymed couplets are all the rage. *Welcome to Saint Paul's Online School today! We're here to learn and later to play! Before you rise and log on for school, bring arrange your materials and you'll be cool! Think about what you're going to do and say and make sure both reflect the Lasallian way!* OK, I'll stop!
- Men are addressed as **Sirrah**, ladies as **Mistress**, and friends are all called **Cousin**.
- Somebody annoying you? Instead of cursing at them, call your tormenters **jackanapes** or **canker-blossoms** or **poisonous bunch-back'd toads** – all genuine Shakespearean insults!
- Don't waste time saying "it," just use the letter "t" ('tis, t'will, I'll do't).
- When in doubt, add the letters "eth" to the end of verbs (he **runneth**, he **trippeth**, he **falleth**).
- To add weight to an opinion, try starting them with **methinks**, **mayhaps**, **in sooth** or **wherefore**.
- **For our students: To woo the ladies**, compare her to a summer's day. If you don't get that allusion, read Will's sonnet "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"





### Fri, Apr 24 (SPS Online; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase “such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress,” thus establishing the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, arrived in 1801 and were stored in the U.S. Capitol, the library’s first home. The first library catalog, dated April 1802, listed 964 volumes and nine maps. Twelve years later, the British army invaded the city of Washington and burned the Capitol, including the then 3,000-volume L of C. Today, the collection, housed in three enormous buildings in Washington, contains more than 17 million books, as well as millions of maps, manuscripts, photographs, films, audio and video recordings, prints, and drawings.

### Sat, Apr 25

- **TDIH:** In 1859, At Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, the crew of the U.S. space shuttle *Discovery* places the Hubble Space Telescope, a long-term space-based observatory, into a low orbit around Earth.
- **TDIH:** In 1953, James Watson, Francis Crick, Maurice Wilkins & Rosalind first published papers in the journal *Nature* on the structure of DNA.
- **Hug a Plumber Day:** Well, we may not hug you but we sure do appreciate you! Thanks to all SPS plumbing dads!
- **World Penguin Day:** Celebrate penguins today!



*Senior signs popped up all over during holidays!*

### Sun, Apr 26:

- **TDIH:** 1986, the world's worst nuclear power plant accident occurs at Chernobyl nuclear power station in Russia.
- **Richter Scale Day.** Today celebrates the birth of American seismologist Charles F. Richter (1900–1985) who invented the scale in 1935. Let’s hope we don’t have any earthquakes in his honor!
- **Audubon Day:** John James Audubon was born on this day in 1785. He was America's foremost ornithological illustrator. In 1886 the Audubon Society for the study and protection of birds was formed. Today there are many branches of the Audubon Society, and it remains dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources. Let’s take care of the flora and fauna on our campus in Audubon’s honor today!
- **National Pretzel Day:** Eat pretzels today! Pretzels are believed to be the world's oldest snack. Pretzels date back to 610AD in Southern France. Monks baked thin strips of dough into the shape of a child's arms folded in prayer. Add a little salt, and Voila! ...the pretzel industry was born.

# Rise Up, O Men of God

**APOLOGY:** In a recent newsletter listing the MANY SPS students who achieved perfect ACT scores in various subject matter areas, I inadvertently omitted the name of senior **Miles Lindsey** who scored a PERFECT score of 36 in ACT Science! Sorry, Miles! Please forgive me!

**ATHLETICS:** By now, I am sure you have heard that the LHSAA has officially cancelled the spring sports season. Hence, there will be no more high school athletics for the rest of the academic year. We pray that this important segment of high school can resume in the fall. And we pray for our spring athletes, who awaited all year for the start of their seasons, especially seniors, which will not happen.

**CARE AND VIGILANCE:** We must stay focused in these days as we return from Easter Holidays (not spring break) and help our students to their online jobs well. Let us know if any of them seem to be floundering in the midst of these unprecedented times.

**ENGINEERING AND DESIGN:** From SPS Engineering teacher John Carambat: *I just finished the review of this year's Engineering Design and Development projects and I am so proud and impressed by how amazing these seniors have been this year. The projects are outstanding and finished on time in spite of the COVID inconvenience. These guys didn't let anything stop them and they kept pushing themselves to a higher standard. Look at the finished project PowerPoints and testing videos at [www.clearidea.org/edd/large.html](http://www.clearidea.org/edd/large.html). I have my group of engineer friends looking over them and they will vote today to award the STEAM prize of \$300 for the best work. Sal Guarino of Guarino and Associates (lead engineer of a shipbuilding company) has already checked in and expressed how impressed he is with these student engineers. Huzzah for them! The projects are indeed great and worth a look by all. Thanks, John, for your work with this group of aspiring engineers!*



**LEADERSHIP WEEK:** If we were in school, this would be Leadership Week. We would be having Challenge Night with SSA, the Leadership Breakfast, a Leadership Guest Speaker, Student Council Elections for next year, and the always popular Student Council Year in Review. President Paxton Ballard would complete his year in office and turn over the gavel of leadership to the new president. I know the current student council is quite distressed at not being able to complete their year of service in their customary exemplary manner. I want to publically commend Student Council President Paxton Ballard, Vice Present Luke Vargas, Secretary Ben Schwing, and Treasurer Davis Lagarde for their outstanding year. They have every reason to be proud of the 2019-20 Student Council!





### LOOKING AHEAD:

- SPS Online will continue through the end of the school closing mandate. Governor John Bel Edwards has closed the public schools through year's end. Archbishop Aymond and Catholic Schools Superintendent Dr. RaeNell Houston issued this statement on 4/17: *In light of Governor Edwards' closure of all public schools for the remainder of the school year, the Office of Catholic Schools, in consultation with Archbishop Aymond and Catholic School leaders, is evaluating all options to bring the school year to a close. While it is highly unlikely, we will have the ability to return to normal session, we are hopeful that we will be able to work with school communities to bring closure to their school year, particularly for our graduating seniors and 7th graders.*
- Senior activities are in the planning stages to be done virtually.
- Awards ceremonies for grades 8 – 11 will be conducted in August when we return to school.

**OFFICE HOURS:** At present, someone (usually Jo Sutherlin, Karen Hebert or me) is in our administration building office from 8 - 12. Call on us if we can help.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:** The parents of an incoming pre-freshman both work for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. They informed us of the LDWF's Louisiana Rivers Photography Contest. The purpose of the contest is to promote the beauty of Louisiana's designated natural and scenic rivers. I know some of our students are great photographers and may be looking for something to do. Here is a link to the contest: <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/PAGE/MYSCENICRIVER>

**RETIRED BROTHERS COMMUNITY:** While the Retired Brothers are doing well, the nursing staff has instituted some preventive measures. Until further notice, our evening mass is not open to the public. We are indebted to the Benedictine Fathers of Saint Joseph Abbey who continue to provide Eucharist for the Retired Brothers Community. In addition, visitors are discouraged and at the very least must submit to a temperature check by one of the nursing staff. A number of people have offered to help the Brothers in any way needed. We are grateful!

**SCHEDULING ONLINE ASSEMBLIES FOR 2020-2021:** We started scheduling last week. Only registered students scheduled. Many thanks to Mike Holmes, Jo Sutherlin, and counselors for their hard work in doing the scheduling online. If your son is not registered but plans to return, please let us know.

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES:** Please know we are committed to salvaging as many senior events as we possibly can, when it is safe and legal to do so. Until we know when schools will be allowed to resume normal activities, however, we are unable to finalize any plans. We feel for our seniors and their families at the joys that this time of year should be bringing. But no one knows right now (and we have asked a lot of authorities!) when the Stay at Home orders will be lifted and social distancing guidelines relaxed. Currently, the mandate extends through April 30. But we are told that it could well be extended, so the situation right now is very fluid. I regret that I can't be more specific. Again, we want to do as much as we can, when we are allowed to do so. In the meantime, we pray.

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS:** Mimi Monteiro continues to post seniors on our Facebook page. They will reflect on their SPS experience. They are excellent. Check it out. Thanks, Mimi!

**SENSITIVITY:** We are hearing from a number of our families who are involved in health care or first responder occupations that this is a very stressful time. Please call on us if we can help! Know that we are praying for all, especially our health care workers, first responders, and those involved in essential services.



**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.”**

**And know that traffic tickets are being written by Covington PD! And obey crosswalks laws!**

**SPS ONLINE:** To summarize again:

- Classes will continue online through 30 April – at least.
- Students need email access and their SPS email address ([firstname.lastname.gradyear@stpauls.com](mailto:firstname.lastname.gradyear@stpauls.com))
- Monday’s rotation is C D E F and the rotation will continue as usual until we return to campus.
- Daily schedule is as follows:
  - 8:45 – text and email are sent. They include link to Morning Prayer and Pledge video.
  - 9:00-10:00 – First Period Meets
  - 10:15 -11:30 SSR/ Second Period Meets
  - 11:30 -12:15 – Lunch Break
  - 12:15-1:15 – Third Period Meets
  - 1:30 – 2:30 – Fourth Period Meets
- The following are expected of students:, Punctuality, Attendance (Checked Daily by assignments turned in.), Participation, Good faith effort, Communication with teacher, Completion of assignments on time – there will be assessments

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Student Council Executive Board Elections for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be held virtually Monday, May 4- Thursday, May 7. Any student interested in running for office should contact Dr. d'Hemecourt by email ([s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com](mailto:s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com)) for information. Students must complete the qualifying form, email parental permission, and turn in teacher recommendations by Thursday, April 30.

**STUFF THE BUS:** As we will not be in school on the scheduled annual Stuff the Bus date, please consider the needs of the Northshore Food Bank during this difficult time. The Northshore Food Bank has an online tool to donate food as well as an online registry to make a monetary donation. The Food Bank is in dire need of help as many children are typically fed both breakfast and lunch at school.

The Registry: <https://northshorefoodbank.org/our-wish-list>

Online Donation: <https://northshorefoodbank.org/online-donations>





*Senior Miles recycles his no longer needed SPS uniform shirt into a protective coronavirus mask!*

**TREASURE HUNT:** “Discover the Treasures of Covington” is an interactive treasure hunt designed to provide adventure, entertainment, and education for young and old alike. You can hunt for treasure from the safety and comfort of your very own home. Using your map and some pirate stealth, you'll search for the "treasure" at each location, record what you've discovered and submit your entry so you can be part of a drawing for cash and prizes. You can participate in the virtual hunt between now and May 27, 2020. For the map and the instructions, click here [Mardi Paws Online Treasure Hunt](#)

**TUITION INVOICES:** We traditionally send our tuition invoices for the next school on April 1, as tuition is due on June 1. That gives families two months to pay in full or arrange for bank financing via Resource Bank. The Office of Catholic School has directed schools to follow their normal procedures for invoicing tuition. Thus, if your son is returning next year, you have received his tuition invoice. Please know we are sensitive to families in these uncertain times. The reality, however, is that SPS is a tuition-operated school, and without tuition, we cannot exist. Thus, while every effort has been made to keep tuition as low as possible (just compare our tuition to other comparable schools), we must ask for tuition payments for next year in order to hire the best teachers, provide the most extensive curriculum, and offer the facilities in which our students can thrive. Thank you for your understanding. Naturally, call me if extraordinary circumstances are causing problems.



**VAPING:** I am not sure what effect sheltering in place and social distancing are having on this growing problem among young people, but last week the National Institute of Drug Abuse released their final 2019 survey results about vaping among high school students. Suffice it to say that the results are alarming. If you wish to see all the stats, here is the link: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/monitoring-future-2019-survey-results-vaping>



**WEEKLY HUMOR:** Some penguin jokes in honor of World Penguin Day on Sat:

- *Where do penguins go to dance? (The snow ball!)*
- *Where does a penguin keep its money? (In a snow bank!)*
- *Why did the penguin cross the road? (To go with the floe!)*
- *Where do penguins go to the movies? (At the dive-in!)*
- *What's a penguin's favorite salad? (Iceberg lettuce!)*
- *What do penguins have for lunch? (Icebergers!)*
- *How does a penguin make pancakes? (With its flippers!)*
- *Who's the penguin's favorite Aunt? (Aunt-Arctica!)*
- *Why do penguins carry fish in their beaks? (Because they don't have any pockets!)*
- *What do penguins sing at a birthday party? (Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!)*
- *What do penguins wear on their heads? (Ice caps!)*
- *What's black and white, black and white, and black and white? (A penguin rolling down a hill!)*
- *Why are penguins good race drivers? (Because they're always in the pole position!)*
- *How does a penguin build its house? (Igloos it together!)*
- *What do you call fifty penguins at the North Pole? (Lost, because penguins live in Southern Hemisphere!)*
- *Which side of a penguin has the most feathers? (The outside!)*
- *What's black, white and red all over? (A penguin with a sunburn!)*
- *Why don't you see penguins in Britain? (Because they're afraid of Wales!)*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**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

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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.

**April 20 – May 22: SPS ONLINE CLASSES. NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AT THIS TIME.**

- 20 – C D E F – SPS online resumes
- 21 – G A B C – President’s Assembly cancelled
- 22 – D E F G – Leadership Breakfast cancelled
- 23 – A B C D – Assembly Schedule cancelled
- 24 – E F G A – Year in Review cancelled
- 27 – B C D E
- 28 – F G A B – Pack Time cancelled
- 29 – C D E F -
- 30 – G A B C -

**May**

- 1 – D E F G – Last day for seniors
- 4 – A B C D
- 5 – E F G A – President’s Assembly cancelled
- 6 – B C D E
- 7 – F G A B – Athletic Awards cancelled
- 8 – C D E F – Academic Awards cancelled
- 11 – G A B C –
- 12 – D E F G –
- 13 – A B C D –
- 14 – E F G A –



*The irises are still blooming, celebrating spring!  
I just wish the boys were here to see them!*

- 15 – B C D E
- 16 – Senior Graduation
- 18 – E F G
- 19 – 22 -- Exam Schedule

Whew! Enough for now. But you had a break last week when the newsletter went on Easter Holiday (not spring break.) Even though it's the last days of April of 2020 and we are operating SPS ONLINE for the next few weeks, 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 the second half of the fourth quarter! Again, thanks for being part of the 2019 - 20 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's April 20, We Are Still Teaching ONLINE Only, and I'm Still the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Now, let's close the newsletter with another prayer written by students.

**Junior Kyle Ogea** is our prayer leader:

Let us remember, that we are in the Holy presence of God!

*Dear God, we are in a time of need and crisis. I believe you always have a plan for us to make a comeback and thrive when tough times are over. When Jesus was praying before his passion, he didn't ask for you to excuse him from the pain but instead asked you to give him the strength to make it through the pain. That is what we need right now for all the workers in the hospitals trying to save lives and the victims of the virus. Give society the power to turn to you during this time. I have faith you have a plan for us so give us strength to make it through and come back stronger. Amen.*

Saint Paul our Patron, pray for us! Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Pray for us!

Saint Benilde, help us do ordinary things extraordinary well! Blessed Brother James, Help is live courageously!

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever!



***Lady of Prompt Succor!  
Hasten to help us!***

*The Hadskey Family, owners of Sign Gypsies, had their son, Jack '23, install this greeting to cheer up the Retired Brothers!*





*COVID-19 does not disrupt life in the campus pond, teeming with ducks, turtles, fish, geese, and irises! The ducks miss the students – a steady source of food after breakfast and lunch!*



*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.*



