

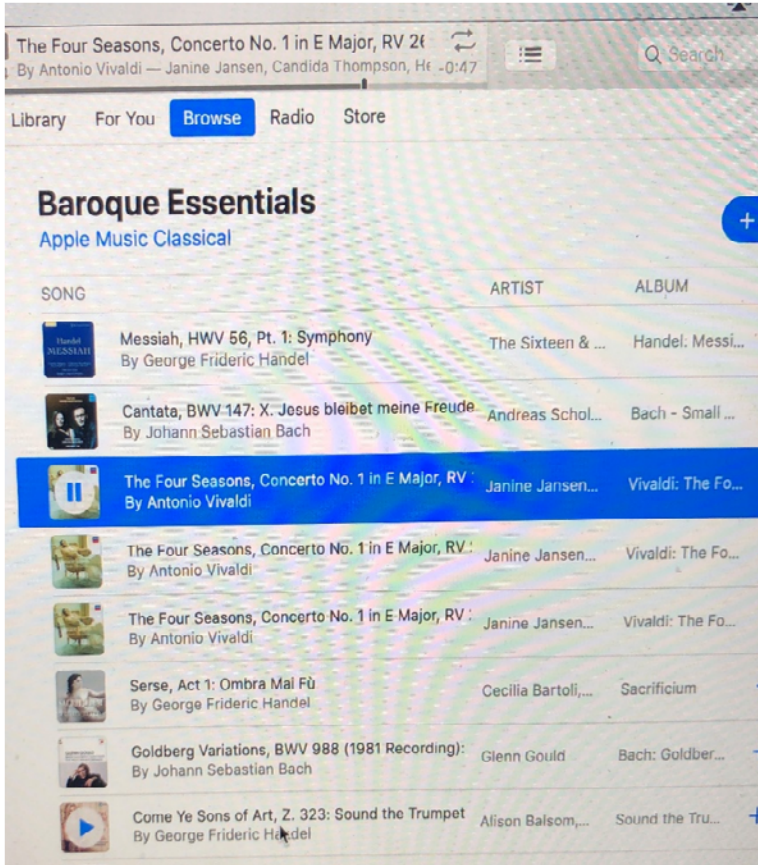


**The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter**  
***Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***340 years of Lasallian excellence throughout the world***  
**April 27 – May 03, 2020**



**Alleluia! He is risen!**

**Welcome to Week Six of the Fourth Quarter and Week Six of SPS Online!**



I was moved by an email I received last week from a student. Here are his exact words (I have resisted my impulse to correct the spelling!): *I hope you are doing well. I never thought i'd say this, but right now i'm missing school so much that i have started playing baroque composers while i do my online school. For some reason, I thought I should tell you.*

Now, you will have to ask your son to explain the Baroque composers' reference, but I was honored! He even included this pic of his playlist, with the Baroque barons of Bach, Handel, Rossini – all of whom I use in assemblies, including the one he was listening to at the time, Vivaldi's *Four Seasons!*

Now this student is a wonderful, no-nonsense, high achieving student and athlete – but I had no idea my Baroque music was registering in his talented brain! Wonderful! He made my day! His email also reminded me of a quotation from Pope Francis, which I have used before, but which is worth repeating. It explains why this student is “missing school so much.” Here is what Francis said – and it

is very Lasallian, even though Francis is a Jesuit!

*In a society that struggles to find reference points, young people must find a positive reference in the school. It can become so if it has within itself teachers that are capable of giving meaning to school, study and culture, without reducing everything only to the transmission of technical knowledge, but aiming to build an educational relation with students, who must feel accepted and loved for who he is, with all his limitations and potentiality....**You must teach not only subject content, but also the values of life and habits of life. ...To learn the content, a computer is sufficient, but to understand how one loves, to understand what the values and habits are that create harmony in society, a good teacher is necessary.***



I miss our students. I miss everything that should be going on right now. I am extremely sensitive to the sense of loss that so many are feeling. And it is because Lasallian education is based on relationship of brother (or sister) to younger brother. We don't just teach subject content – but values and habits of life.

And to my student who sent the email, I offer profound thanks – and pledge you that we will return one day!

**Saint Paul's Forevermore!**

**Mon, Apr 27 (SPS Online; B C D E)**

- **This Day in History:** On this day in 1941, the German army enters the Greek capital, signaling the end of Greek resistance.
- **National Teach Children to Save Day:** Teach Children to Save is a national campaign that raises awareness about the important role that banks and bankers play in helping young people develop lifelong savings habits.
- **National Sense of Smell Day:** Spend some time today appreciating the sense that most people feel they could most live without. Smell the flowers, the coffee, the Cajun spices, the cooking – all those freebies that add to life

**Tue, Apr 28 (SPS Online; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** 1916, Ferruccio Lamborghini, the founder of the company that bears his name and is known for stylish, high-performance cars, is born in Italy.
- **Great Poetry Reading Day:** Don't just read any poem today; read a classic.

**Wed, Apr 29 (SPS Online; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1862, Union troops take possession of New Orleans after Confederate General Mansfield Lovell surveyed his tiny force and realized that resistance was futile. If he resisted, Lovell told Mayor John Monroe, the city would be bombed, causing damage and casualties.
- **National Zipper Day:** Have you ever thought about what your life would be like without zippers? Backpacks, blue jeans, gym bags ... the list is endless. On April 29, 1913, Swedish-born scientist Gideon Sundback was issued a

patent for his "Hookless Fastener." The rest is history. To commemorate this feat of genius, here are some fun zipper facts: The U.S. Army was one of the first users of the zipper, applying them to a variety of uniform parts and gear. Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibibaisha is the world's largest zipper manufacturer. You are likely to see "YKK" engraved on many of your own zippers. The world's longest zipper can be found at the hotel in Fort Lauderdale's Executive Airport. It measures 6,000 feet long and was commissioned as a publicity stunt for the hotel's nightclub, "Zippers."

- **National Shrimp Scampi Day:** Take a little pasta, a few plump, juicy shrimp, throw in a bit of butter, garlic and white wine, and what do you get? The elegance that is shrimp scampi, of course!



### Thu, Apr 30 (SPS Online; G A B C)

- Today is the feast of Pope Saint Pius V. During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the crushing responsibility of getting a battered Church on its feet after being shaken by corruption, the Reformation, the threat of Turkish invasion and the bloody bickering of young nation-states. The Church's response was the Council of Trent, and Pius implemented the mandated reforms. No easy task.
- **TDIH:** In 1789, in New York City, George Washington, the great military leader of the American Revolution, is inaugurated as the first US president.
- **Honesty Day:** Celebrate National Honesty Day in a completely open and honest way. There are few rules for this special day...just be honest.
- **Bugs Bunny Day:** The first time audiences saw the wascally wabbit was on April 30, 1938, in a short cartoon called "Porky's Hare Hunt." In that first appearance, he was called "Happy Rabbit." Bugs did not utter his famous catch phrase, "What's up, Doc?" until he came face to face with Elmer Fudd in "A Wild Hare" in 1940.
- **Happy Birthday Saint La Salle!** In 1651, John Baptist de La Salle was born. Let us pause a moment today to give thanks for the birth of this extraordinary saint and educator whose work we continue today!
- **Happy Birthday Louisiana!** From the official Louisiana Website: *On April 30, 1812, the United States admitted Louisiana as the 18th state into the Union. Louisiana was the first state to have a majority Catholic French- and Spanish-speaking population, reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1699-1763 and Spain from 1763-1803. Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Louisiana's road to statehood was not all smooth. Federal law required citizens of a newly admitted territory to apply to congress for statehood, and the admission of the Orleans Territory as the 18th state followed years of lobbying efforts by prominent citizens—both American and Creole (French-speaking Catholics). Finally, in 1811, Democratic President James Madison signed the bill allowing the people of Louisiana to form a state constitution. Following the state constitutional convention in New Orleans, on April 14, 1812, President Madison signed the bill approving statehood. The bill designated April 30, 1812, as the day of formal admission.* Join me in praying for our state on its b-day!

### Fri, May 1 (SPS Online; D E F G)

- **Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.** In response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. Today honors all workers, reminding us that we all have a responsibility to build the Kingdom of God on Earth through our labor. Here at SPS, that takes on special meaning, as Saint La Salle said we are doing "God's work" by conducting Christian schools!
- **TDIH:** In 1933, the legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting makes local news.
- **Mother Goose Day:** Read childhood nursery favorites and feel the warmth of Mother Goose's embrace once again!



Alex enjoys his sign!

- **Great American Grump Out Day:** Calling all grumps! For one whole day, there is to be no grumping, no frowning, no grouching, or complaining! I'll try to do my part.

### Sat, May 2

- **TDIH:** In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea begins between Japan and the US. Lasting four days, it is considered the first modern naval engagement, resulting in 70 Japanese and 66 American warplanes destroyed. This was the first air-naval battle, as carriers did not fire at each other; planes did the battling. The US carrier *Lexington* was a casualty; "the Blue Ghost" (so-called because it was not camouflaged like other carriers) suffered extensive damage and was sunk by its crew. 216 *Lexington* crewmembers died. Japan would go on to occupy all the Solomon Islands, but its victory was a Pyrrhic one: the cost in experienced pilots and aircraft carriers was so great that Japan had to cancel its expedition to other South Pacific targets.
- **Two Different Color Shoes Day** celebrates the uniqueness and diversity of humanity. If this were a school day and we were in session, I would have allowed students to observe this day if they wish.
- **No Pants Day:** Well, it is a Saturday and you are at home so do what you want! Just be assured that I will not be observing it!

### Sun, May 3

- **If today were not a Sunday, the Catholic Church would be celebrating the Catholic feast of Saints Philip and James, apostles. Happy Feast Day to all SPS students and Staff named Philip or James!**
- **TDIH:** SF Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's HR record.
- **Hug Your Cat Day – good luck with that!**



# Rise Up, O Men of God

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

**CHAPEL ONLINE:** Thanks to Jeff Ramon for online chapel before school during Holy Week. Enough people viewed that he wants to continue this week at 8:30. Wonderful! Here is the plan:

- Monday: Jesus Prayer
  - Wednesday: Meditation
  - Friday: Adoration
  - Tuesday: Lectio Divina
  - Thursday: Rosary
- Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/rsj-carx-cec>

## OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DIRECTIVE:

From Superintendent Dr. RaeNell Houston: *ALL gatherings for seniors MUST be in compliance with gathering guidelines/restrictions, social distancing requirements, and recommendations for face coverings from civil authorities.*

So what is Saint Paul's doing? Here is the letter Trevor Watkins sent to seniors last week:

*After prayerful discussion with St. Paul's Administration, and in consultation with Archdiocese Office of Catholic Schools and fellow Catholic school administrators, we have decided the following. These decisions were made with information currently available and are subject to change and adjustments as we continue to monitor national, state, local, and Archdiocesan directives on social distancing and group gatherings.*

- *4<sup>th</sup> Quarter assessments will proceed as planned according to the schedule SENT Second semester averages will not include an exam and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters will count for 50% of second semester grade.*
- *All outstanding accounts must be settled, books and athletic uniforms and equipment turned in, and outstanding academic work complete before you can pick up your cap and gown. See the previously sent schedule of drop off and pick up of materials.*



Sean enjoys his sign!

- *Graduation is rescheduled for July 25 at 4:00 PM in the Briggs Assembly Center. Presentation of major academic awards will be incorporated into the Commencement Ceremony.*

*In the midst of ongoing uncertainty, we are trying to close the school year in a meaningful way for our seniors. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we try to keep alive as many closing rituals and ceremonies as we can under the present limitations.*

**CLARION HERALD:** Please know that the Clarion Herald can be found on line either by clicking [here](#) or using the url: <http://clarionherald-la.newsmemory.com/>

**LAST WEEK -- would have been a great week.** Had we been in school, the following would have occurred:

- Coach Sam Francis would have traveled to CA to participate in a Lasallian Formation program entitled “Discerning Leaders.” This is a multi-year program, and I have received positive feedback about Sam’s contribution to this group.
- Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast would have been held, and I would have had the honor of presenting Andrew Lacoste and extolling his accomplishments.
- SSA’s prom would have occurred on Friday evening – and many of our boys would have participated in this event.
- The SPS Concert Band would have presented its annual concert. No doubt, it would have been impressive as Andrew and Lacy have steadily increased our music program both in quality and quantity.
- State Rally: nineteen Wolves would have traveled to Baton Rouge for academic competition in State Literary Rally. These Wolves earned the right to be their showing in the District Literary Rally in late February.
- Spring football would have started.
- Baseball, track, tennis, golf, and lacrosse would have had competitions, undoubtedly bound for playoffs and state tournaments.
- Leadership Week: The Student Council would have had
  - A Leadership Breakfast
  - A Leadership Guest Speaker
  - Student Council Executive Committee Elections
  - Student Council President Paxton Ballard would have presented The Year in Review at assembly.
  - I again 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!
- It would have been a great week!

**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.

**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 FOR 2020-2021:** Scheduling for next year is moving ahead and classes are filling up. 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 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.

**SIGNS OF SPRING:** The campus pond population increased last week with the hatching of five baby Canada Geese. Mother, father, and babies are doing fine. If tradition holds, however, the family will soon re-locate. We will miss them. In the meantime, they have become campus celebrities with lots of neighbors visiting the pond to view them.



*A proud, but protective, mother Canada goose watches over her new brood of goslings last week in the campus pond. The cycle of life continues!*

**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 as long as stay at home orders are in effect – through May 22, if needed.
- 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 will be held virtually Monday, May 4 – Thursday, May 7. Current 9th-11th grade students may run for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. Current sophomores and juniors who have been an active member of the council for the past year are eligible to run for the offices of Vice President and President. Any student interested in running 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.



*Evan smiles during SPS Online!*

**STUFF THE BUS:** We were not be in school for our annual Stuff the Bus, so please consider the needs of the Northshore Food Bank during this difficult time. The NFB 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>

**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 cat jokes, in honor of Hug Your Cat day on Sunday:

1. *What do cats like to eat on a hot day? A **mice-cream cone!***
2. *Why do cats always get their way? They are very **purr-suasive!***
3. *How do two cats end a fight? They **hiss and make up!***
4. *What should you use to comb a cat? A **catacomb!***
5. *What is a cat's favorite movie? **The Sound of Mewsic!***
6. *How do you know a cat is agitated? He's having a **hissy fit!***
7. *What's a cat's favorite magazine? **Good Mousekeeping!***
8. *Why did the cat wear a fancy dress? She was **feline fine!***
9. *What's a cat's favorite color? **Purr-ple!***
10. *Why was the cat afraid of the tree? Because of its **bark!***
11. *What did the cat say when it was confused? "**I'm purr-plexed!**"*
12. *What's a cat's favorite dessert? **Chocolate mouse!***
13. *Where does a cat go when it loses its tail? The **re-tail** store!*
14. *What do you call a cat who lives in an igloo? An **eskimew!***
15. *How do cats stop crimes? They call **claw enforcement!***
16. *Why was the cat so agitated? Because he was in a bad **mewd!***
17. *What do you call a cat who loves to bowl? An **alley cat!***
18. *What do cats love to do in the morning? Read the **mewspaper!***
19. *How is cat food sold? Usually, **purr the can!***
20. *What do baby cats always wear? **Diapurrs!***
21. *OK, I'll stop!*

**YEARBOOK:** From yearbook moderator Mimi Monteiro:

*We are fortunate that The Conifer 2020 staff has been hard at work all year covering events and adding content to the yearbook. They are still working remotely to make sure that the year will be documented and the story of SPS 2019-2020 will be told from cover to cover.*

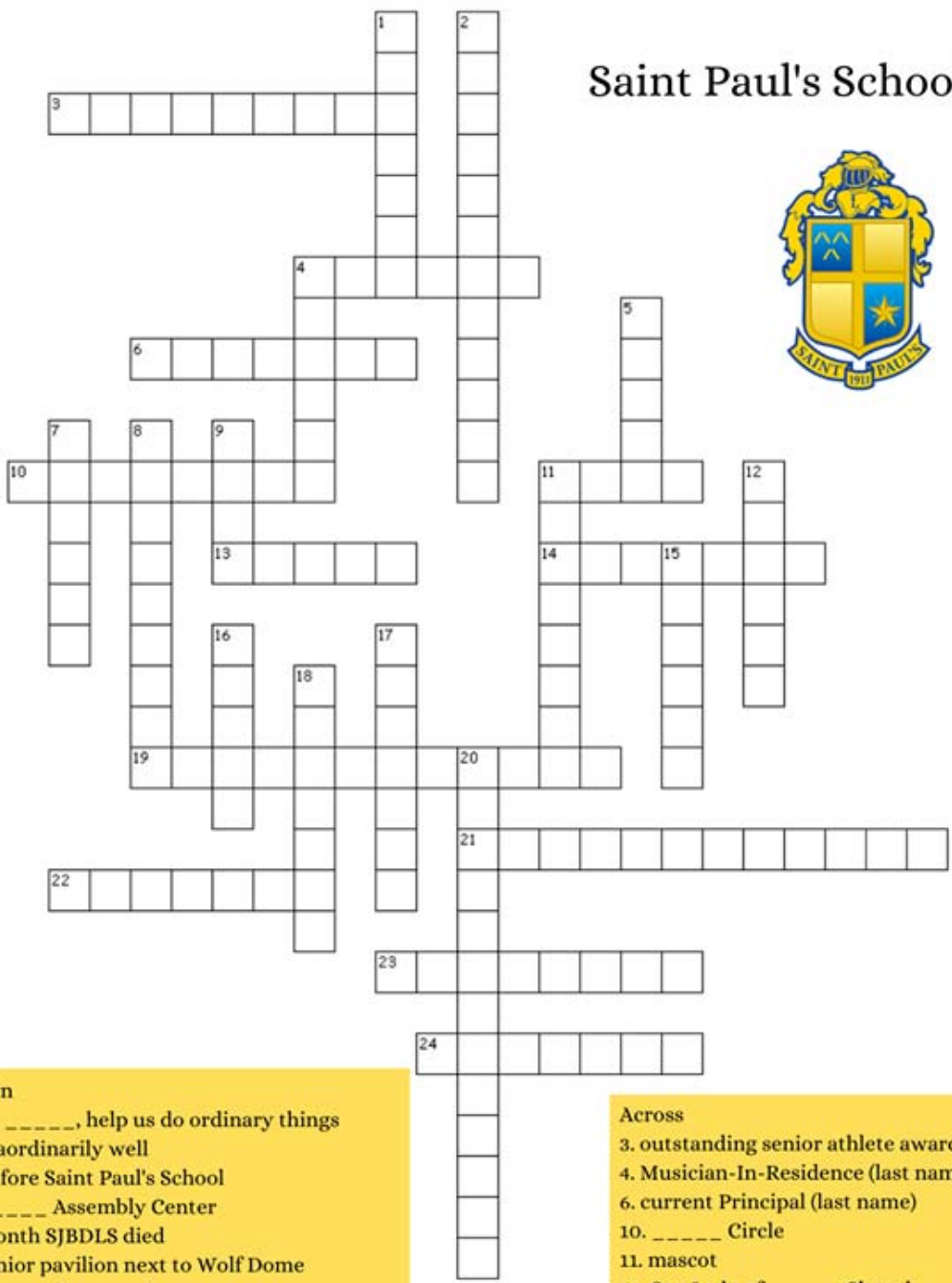
*When we moved to SPS Online on March 13, approximately 85% of the yearbook content was already complete. We were just waiting to wrap up a few spring sports and a couple end-of-year events. The staff is working diligently to make sure that every aspect of this year is covered in the yearbook, including these remaining few weeks of school, however they may be experienced by our students and faculty. The deadline to buy a yearbook is Friday, May 29. The website is [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Please feel free to contact me you have any further questions or concerns about The Conifer. I am available to answer your questions.*



*Congrats, Tucker!*

**WHAT'S THE WORD, WOLVES?** Congrats to Development Office for the first online SPS-themed crossword puzzle:

# Saint Paul's School



- Down**
1. St. \_\_\_\_\_, help us do ordinary things extraordinarily well
  2. Before Saint Paul's School
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly Center
  5. month SJBDLS died
  7. senior pavilion next to Wolf Dome
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ Community
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ Field (baseball)
  11. large shade structure in middle of campus
  12. \_\_\_\_\_ Stadium (football/soccer)
  15. \_\_\_\_\_ O' Men of God (2 words)
  16. \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of God
  17. current Brothers' community named after one of Saint Paul's founding Christian Brothers
  18. Gene \_\_\_\_\_ Sports Complex
  20. Concern for the poor and \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words)

- Across**
3. outstanding senior athlete award
  4. Musician-In-Residence (last name)
  6. current Principal (last name)
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ Circle
  11. mascot
  13. Our Lady of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapel
  14. first principal of Saint Paul's School
  19. "The light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, can never be \_\_\_\_\_"
  21. Bro. James Miller, help us live \_\_\_\_\_
  22. \_\_\_\_\_ for all persons
  23. current President (last name)
  24. \_\_\_\_\_ Education

**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.



*Thanks to senior moms who arranged for this wonderful tribute to a wonderful class!*

**April 27 – May 22: SPS ONLINE CLASSES. NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITES AT THIS TIME.**

- 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 –
- 15 – B C D E
- 16 – Senior Graduation – moved to July 25
- 18 – – 22 -- Exam Schedule



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

Whew! Enough for now. 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 End of April 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 Luke Beckendorf** is our prayer leader:

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

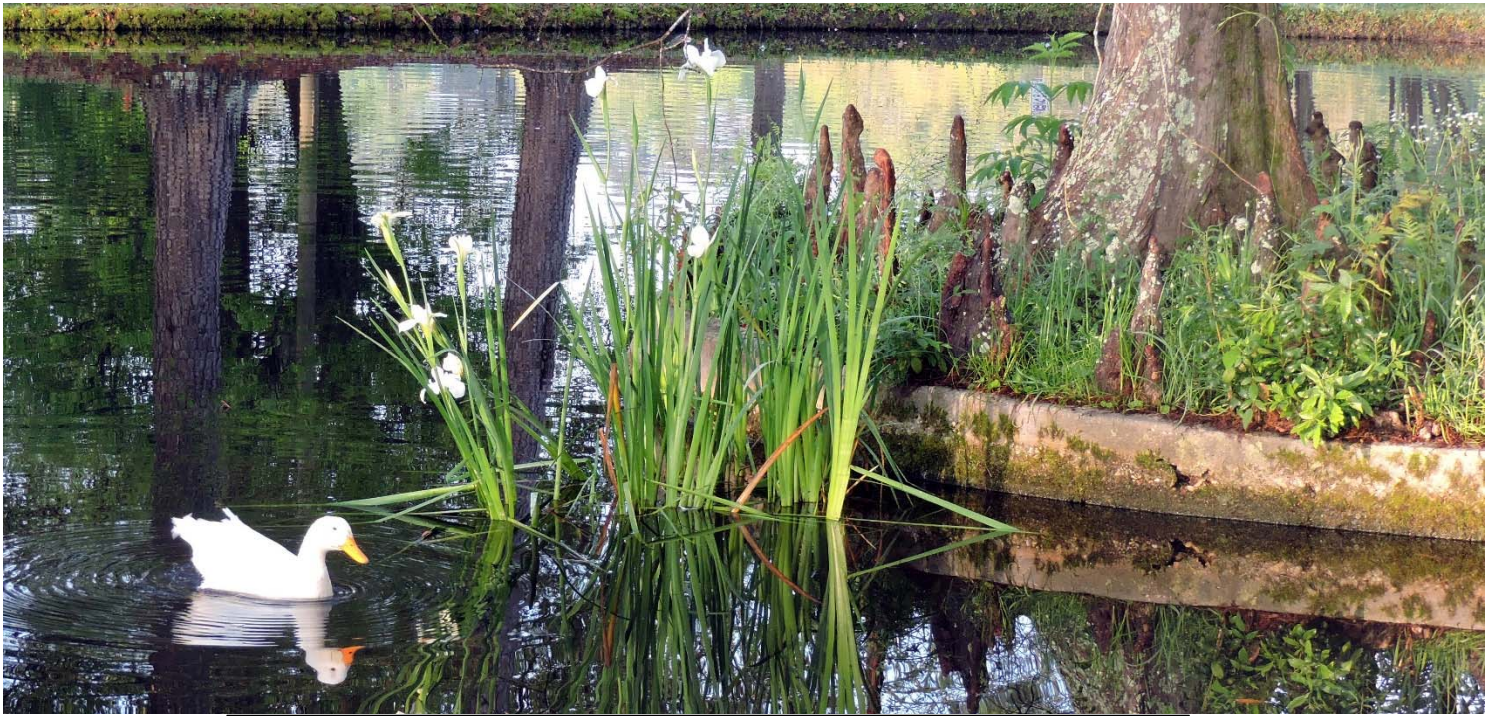
Lord, please protect our healthcare workers. Push them to have the strength to get up every morning. Allow them to realize that they are fighting more than a virus. They are fighting against evil. They are fighting for you, God. They are showing to the world that there is hope, that there is light in the darkness. Surround them with your angels. Protect them, Lord. We need them now more than ever. 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 us live courageously!

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever!



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



*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 seniors move toward culmination of the SPS careers.*



