



The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington
340 years of Lasallian excellence throughout the world
May 11 - 17, 2020 -- Penultimate (look it up!) Edition!



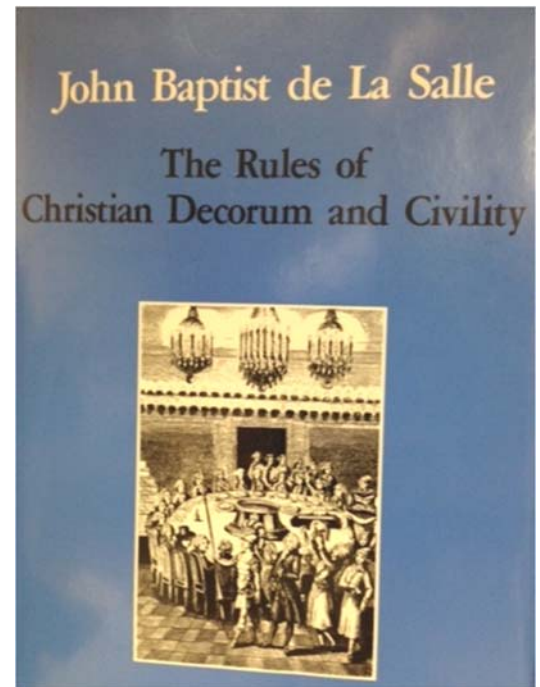
Alleluia! He is risen!

Welcome to Week Eight of the Fourth Quarter and Week Eight of SPS Online! Only two weeks to go!

The first Monday of the second full week of May begins National Etiquette Week (NEW), designed to raise awareness of the importance of courtesy, civility, and good manners in everyday life. Civility is a vital part of the professional and social realms—business, social, dining, travel, technology, wedding, and international protocol. But we need civility in everyday life.

Civility was so important to Saint John Baptist de La Salle that he wrote a student reader entitled “Rules of Civility and Decorum.” It’s a masterpiece. Here is a very small sampling of topics covered:

- *What decorum permits or does not permit in regard to interrupting others*
- *How to act when meeting someone*
- *Things you should do before eating; how to eat politely; how to request things at the table; how to take portions for yourself; what to do with gravy and fruit; how to eat soup; how to carve meat; how to leave the table*
- *The nose and the manner of blowing your nose and sneezing*
- *How to enter the house of a person you visit and how to greet the person*
- *Faults committed when you speak against the charity due your neighbor*
- *How to wear a hat*
- *How to question, inquire, correct and give your opinion*
- *The manner of dressing and undressing*
- *Parts of the body that should be covered and the necessities of nature [I’m sure you can guess what these are!]*



Almost any human action you can imagine (especially in the life of boys!) is covered – which was used to teach reading as well as manners. While parts are humorous by today’s standards, the overarching message is that civility and decorum are not optional. Our job as educators is to help students adapt to the civil and decorous demands of modern day life. Please encourage your sons to practice civility, especially manners, this week – and always – and let’s all commit **to setting the example** for the young people entrusted to our care.

In these days of social distancing and growing impatience, Christian decorum and civility are needed more than ever! And we need to write chapters on face mask wearing, no hand shaking, frequent hand washing for at least twenty seconds – and much more! Civility and Decorum Forevermore!

Mon, May 11 (SPS Online; G A B C)

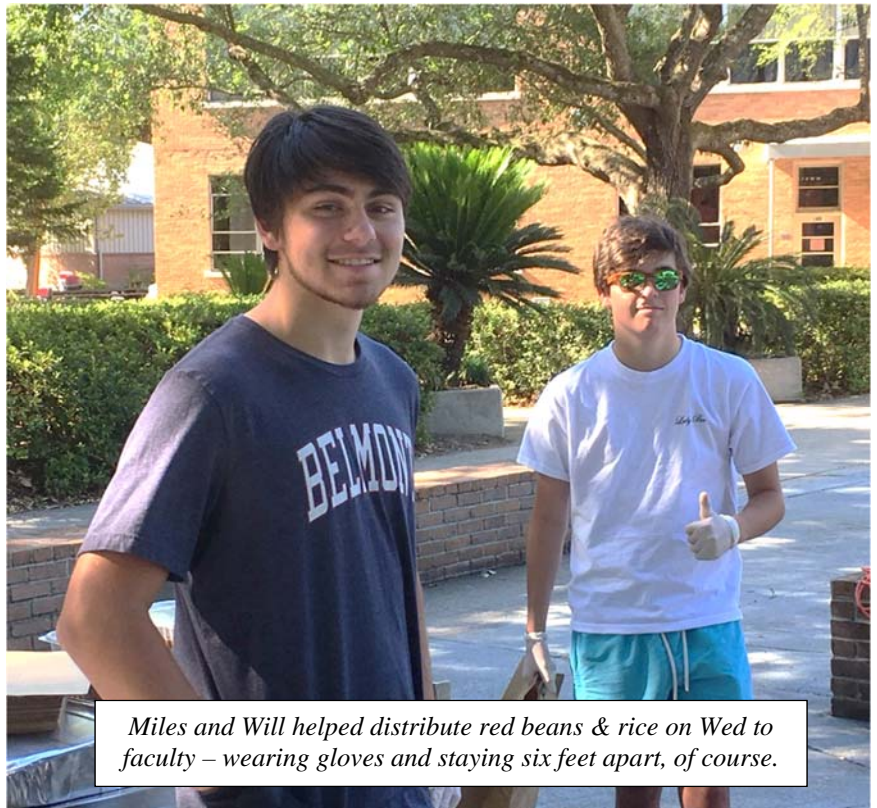
- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day:** We remember those who serve in our armed forces and the sacrifices their families make during deployment. Say a prayer for all military spouses today.
- **Eat What You Want Day:** Health permitting, go ahead and indulge today!
- **TDIH:** 1997, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after 19 moves in a game against Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by scientists at IBM.

Tue, May 12 (SPS Online; D E F G)

- **Final President's Assembly – cancelled.** If we were in school, I would have squeezed in many final recognitions. I would have ended assembly with the traditional “moving over” ceremony for the juniors, making them seniors. I would have told the juniors that by the authority vested in me, I honor and recognize them as the SPS Class of 2021. I would have reminded them that (in the words of St. Peter): **They are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School.** And we would have listened to Baroque genius George Frideric Handel's “Amen” from his masterpiece, *Messiah* (not “The Messiah”!) and exited to Mouret's *Rondeau from Sinfonie de Fanfare*. Oh, well! Another beautiful tradition falls victim to COVID – 19!
- **National Limerick Day** (a five-line anapestic meter poem with a rhyme scheme of a a b b a – but you knew that.) Here's what many consider the best limerick ever (at least that can be printed in a Catholic newsletter!), written by American poet & humorist Ogden Nash:

*A flea and a fly in a flue
were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue*

- And here's another by Carolyn Wells:
*A tutor who tooted the flute
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot,
Said the two to the tutor
"Is it harder to toot or
To tutor two tutors to toot?"*
- And from poet Martin Smith:
*A goat on a stroll near a brook
Found an old movie film and partook.
"Was it good?" asked his mate.
Said the goat "Second rate"
Not nearly as good as the book!"*



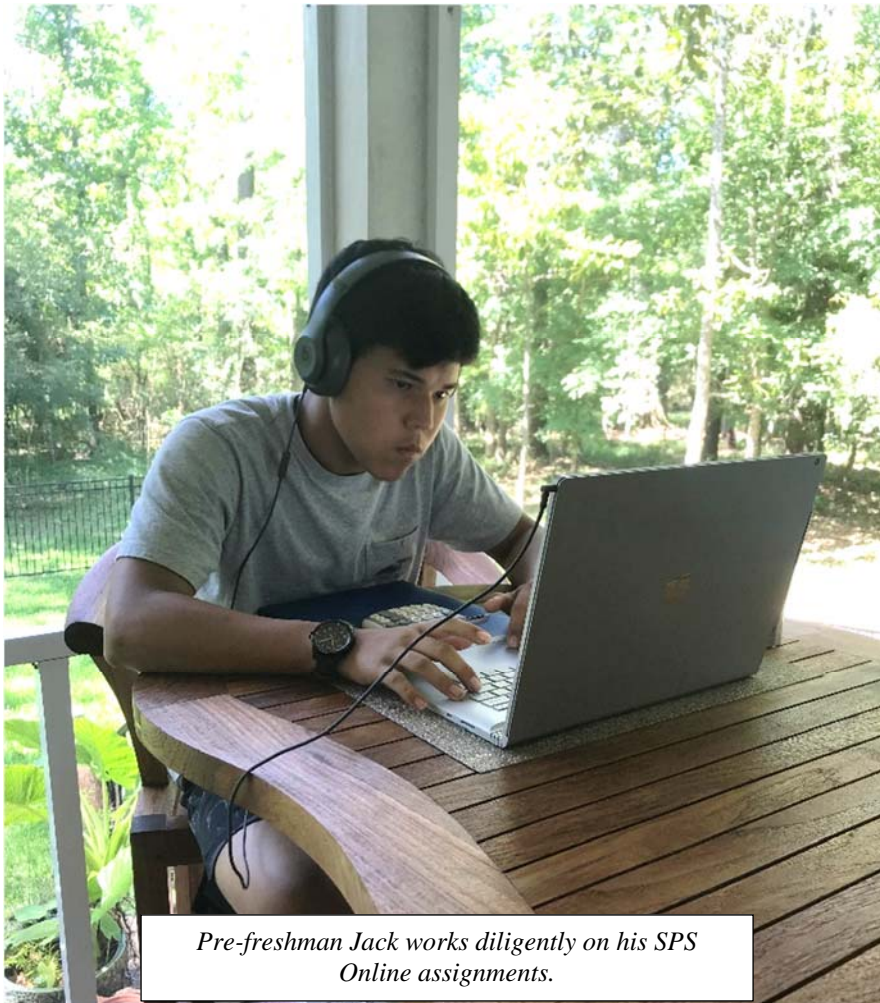
Miles and Will helped distribute red beans & rice on Wed to faculty – wearing gloves and staying six feet apart, of course.

- **TDIH:** Four years ago, the **Walker Percy Serenity Circle** was dedicated at the Madisonville Library. Dr. Percy, one of the 20th century's most significant novelists, lived just a few blocks from SPS. He and his wife, Bunt, often walked through the campus and attended mass with Brothers. Three of his four grandsons are alumni of SPS and two of his great-grandchildren are current students. Upon his death, the family directed memorial donations to SPS, which continue to fund the Walker and Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship

Award. We remain grateful to the Percy Family. Read a Walker Percy novel if you never have – or even if you have! SPS is blessed with autographed first edition copies of all of his works, and I am blessed with a dedicated volume, given to me as a gift.

Wed, May 13 (SPS Online; A B C D)

- **Frog Jumping Day:** Be kind to frogs today! They are all over our campus! This day can be traced back to Missouri author Mark Twain, and his first short story “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” – which is worth reading today



Pre-freshman Jack works diligently on his SPS Online assignments.

Thu, May 14 (SPS Online; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** 1948, in Tel Aviv, the State of Israel, is established, the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.
- **National Chicken Dance Day:** OK with me if you dance like a chicken today!
- **Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony – Canceled:** If we were in school, tonight would be one of my favorite ceremonies: honoring our pre-freshman for their first year of Lasallian education and promoting them to ninth grade. It’s always special to see them looking grown up & singing robustly. Another COVID-19 victim! But I am very proud of the Class of 2024 and look forward to more accomplishments from them in the years ahead.

Fri, May 15 (SPS Online; B C D – 1:30 dismissal)

- **Traditional feast of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.** Today, Lasallians around the world celebrate this amazing saint and his educational commitment to young people, especially the poor and those in need.
- **TDIH:** In 1950, Pope Pius XII declares John Baptist de La Salle “Patron of All Teachers of Youth.” Here are the Pope’s words: *Having carefully considered the matter, we now, with sure knowledge and due deliberation, and in the exercise of our apostolic authority, constitute and proclaim, for all time, St. John Baptist de La Salle, Confessor, principal patron before God, of all teachers of youth, and we accord him all liturgical honours and privileges appropriate to that title, irrespective of all contrary considerations. Given at Rome, from St. Peter’s, and sealed with the Fisherman’s ring, this 15th day of May, feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, in the twelfth year of our pontificate.* All teachers should celebrate their Patron’s feast!
- **National Chocolate Chip Day:** go ahead and indulge with a cookie or CC ice cream!

Sat, May 16

- **One Hundred Ninth Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School (postponed until July 25).** We pray that we can gather to celebrate on July 25 the Class of 2020! If you didn't hear, here are the Valedictorians: **James Bradford, Blake DiSalvo, Ben Klein, Darrin Lea, Jarrett Meibaum and Adam Smith.** And our Salutatorians are: **Blake Bollinger, Jesse Cheng, Brendan Dauterive, Clayton Dunavant, Miles Gensler, Andrew Lacoste, and Collin Murray.** Congrats to them all!
- **Love a Tree Day:** Reflect today on the beauty of trees. Here's Joyce Kilmer's famous poem "Trees":

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*



Founders Oak – one of many oaks on campus.

Sun, May 17

- **TDIH:** In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional.
- **World Hypertension Day:** OK, everyone, let's get our blood pressure under control! Mine will drop sharply beginning at noon on May 22!
- **National Pizza Party Day:** Not sure if this fits with hypertension day, but if your pressure allows, celebrate!



Rise Up, O Men of God

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

ANNUAL FUND: Yes, the drive is still going until July 31. Saint Paul's can't continue to progress without the generosity of donors to the AF. Thanks to ALL who have contributed. If you can and you haven't, please do.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS BANKRUPTCY: We offer our prayers to Archbishop Aymond at this difficult time. The Office of Catholic Schools has asked us to share the following with you:

- These are trying for the Archdiocese. The clergy abuse crisis and budget challenges have created an impossible situation for administrative offices. COVID-19 crisis has also compounded the situation. Thus, Archbishop Aymond, in consultation with trusted advisors, made the difficult decision to pursue Chapter 11.
- The De La Salle Christian Brothers own and operate Saint Paul's; it is a separate legal entity, distinct from the Archdiocese. **Therefore, Saint Paul's is unaffected by this filing.**
- Chapter 11 does not mean the Archdiocese of NO is closing; they will pay bills responsibly. Reorganization allows the Archdiocese to continue operations, address claims in a fair and timely manner, and emerge better prepared for the future.
- Providing quality, Lasallian Catholic education continues to be a top priority for SPS, and we renew our commitment to do so for our current and future students. Chapter 11 does not affect daily operations of Catholic education.



Computer Instructor Mrs. Rachel Peak hands Ben his senior athletic blanket last Friday.

- The Archdiocese is committed to doing its best to provide clarity about the implications of this reorganization; as such, they have developed a website page specifically devoted to this reorganization. Visit www.nolacatholic.org/renew for updates, announcements and resources.
- Lastly, God is faithful; He will guide the Archdiocese in this process. With His grace, ARNO will emerge stronger, with a renewed commitment to mission. We join the Archbishop in remaining focused on Christ, His will, and His call to serve God's people.

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.

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: Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..



*Moms prepare Teacher Appreciation Dinner on Wed!
Thanks, MC!*

CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICE: These are tough times, and I know some of students and families are struggling emotionally. Catholic Counseling Service (CCS) continues to offer telehealth services to through the phone or video-conferencing platforms. This method of counseling allows CCS to extend services across the archdiocese to areas not previously available. **To speak with someone or to make an appointment please call Catholic Counseling Service at (504) 861-6245 or email at CCS@arch-no.org or check the website at <https://nolacatholic.org/catholic-counseling-service>**

CATHOLIC PRAYER SERVICES: From streaming Mass to praying the Rosary to online Benediction and Adoration, local priests are making Mass, prayer, and faith formation opportunities available online amidst the "stay-at-home" order. Here is a complete list of online Catholic worship services:

<https://nolacatholic.org/news/taking-mass-online>

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 Google Meet

Link: <https://meet.google.com/rsj-carx-cec>

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/>

CLASS OF 2020: I offer the following by way of summary. Government regulations will determine much:

- Senior report cards will be emailed this Wednesday
- Senior Mother-Son Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21 in the BAC – pending lifting of restrictions
- Senior Grad Night is Wed, July 22, on campus – pending lifting of social gathering restrictions
- **Senior Graduation is Sat, July 25 in the BAC – pending lifting of social gathering restrictions. Number of tickets issued will depend upon social gathering restrictions in place at that time.**
- Upon advice of the Office of Catholic Schools, we will not have prom due to social gathering restrictions
- Seniors needing college info should contact Mrs. Miller via email at reneep@stpauls.com
- We care for the seniors and want to support them in any way possible. Some things, however, are just not possible right now.

CONGRATS, SPS: Thank you Sophisticated Woman Magazine for naming Saint Paul's School the Best Private High School in West St. Tammany. Check out page 49 at <https://bit.ly/3b9cdLf>. Being honored as one of The Northshore's Best of 2019 reaffirms that Saint Paul's School continues to be a good place to grow up.

HIGH SCHOOL COTILLION:

See flyer at end of newsletter for info on this worthwhile program.

LAST WEEK HAD WE BEEN IN SESSION:

- **Academic Awards Ceremonies** would have gone very well. Plans now call for seniors to receive their awards at graduation



Senior Level Moderator Mr. Paul Scoriels hands Josh his cap and gown last Friday.

and current 8th – 11th grade will have an awards ceremony when we resume in the fall.

- **Art Show:** Art Wolves would have put on quite a show last week! Thanks, Gerald and Andrew, for your work with our students as they develop their artistic side.
- **Pie Bowl:** Spring Football would have ended on a positive note with the Pie Bowl on Fri.

LAST WEEK IN REALITY:

- **Campus Improvements:** Work continued on the brick pillars at the school's entrance. Again, thanks to Mr. Randy Rush of Rush Masonry for making this possible!
- **Give NOLA Day:** To support the growing need for tuition assistance during this unprecedented time, Saint Paul's School will be participating in [#GiveNOLA](#) and directing 100% of the funds raised to the President's Tuition Assistance Program. Advance giving began on May 5. <https://www.givenola.org/st-pauls-school-covington-la>. A quality Catholic Lasallian education should not be one of the casualties of COVID-19. To our partners that continue to support our mission during this financial hardship, thank you for being a lifeline for Saint Paul's students. The campaign extends through June 2.
- **Senior Activities:** Last Friday began with an email blast to seniors and their parents with a link to Gene Lipps' incredible music video in honor of the Class of 2020. Thank you, Gene! And starting at 10 am, seniors drove through campus to retrieve their caps and gown, counselor records, and numerous other items – including their fantastic senior signs that have lined the school road for the past week – and which have attracted hundreds (I am not exaggerating!) of cars driving through to view. Ad multos annos, Class of 2020! You will never forget this year! Now, we pray that graduation can be held on July 25th!
- **Student Council Elections:** Kudos to Joanna and Shannon for conducting student council elections online – with no Russian interference! Congrats to da' winnahs: **Davis Lagarde- President, Alvin Marks-Vice President, Walker Dubriel-Secretary, and Marco Vargas-Treasurer**
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Many thanks to the SPS Mothers' Club for providing faculty and their families a delicious red bean and rice dinner last Wednesday! Special thanks to Louise Ingram and Lynette Blossman who, along with Club President Elizabeth Klocek & Kim Hill, spearheaded the event. Social distancing and PPE were all observed in the process as faculty drove through De La Salle Drive and were handed meals for their whole family. Thanks – AGAIN – Mothers' Club for ALL you do for us!

MAY: Welcome to May, a month named for the Greek Goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman era goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, the Roman poet Ovid provides a second etymology, in which he says that the month of May is named for the *maiores*, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the *iuniores*, or "young people" (*Fasti VI.88*). **May** is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the third of seven months to have a length of 31 days. The month of May observes the following: Foster Care Month, Lupus Awareness Month, National Barbecue Month, National Bike Month, National Blood Pressure Month, National Hamburger Month, National Photograph Month, National Salad Month, Older Americans Month – something for everyone!

MAY AS MARY'S MONTH: Catholics traditionally devote May to Mary, the Mother of God. How did this come to be? In many ancient cultures, May 1 was a day for spring festivals to celebrate the beginning of new life. For instance, the Greeks dedicated May to Artemis, goddess of fertility. The Romans dedicated May to Flora, goddess of springtime and flowers. To counter these pagan celebrations, the Church eventually came to celebrate May as the month of May. And now you know!

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.

PLTW: Project Lead The Way provides a transformative learning experience for students and teachers across the U.S. Here in St. Tammany, Saint Paul's has been leading the pack in PLTW experiences for students. Each year, PLTW identifies "Distinguished Schools." **Only FIVE Louisiana schools were so named: Christian Brothers School in NO, Einstein Charter in NO, Lusher in NO, Our Lady of the Lake in Mandeville and (drum roll, please) – Saint Paul's School in Covington!** Congrats to all of our PLTW teachers and to Trevor for pushing this wonderful (but expensive!) program several years ago!

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.



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)
- Daily schedule is as follows:
 - 8:30 SPS Online Chapel Service (optional)
 - 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
- We expect the following of students: Punctuality, Attendance (Checked Daily by assignments turned in.), Participation, Good faith effort, Communication with teacher, Completion of assignments on time.

ST SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY: We applaud Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. RaeNell Houston's appointment of Mrs. Sheri Gillio as the new Head of School for SSA! Mrs. Gillio has impeccable credentials and extensive experience in both coed and all-girl Catholic schools. She will make an excellent successor to the outstanding leaders of SSA that I have known since the 1970's: Sister Jeanne d'Arc Kernion, OSB, Mrs. Marguerite Celestin, Mrs. Mary Kathryn Villere, and Dr. Elizabeth "Cissy" Laforge. And speaking of Dr. LaForge, I again re-iterate my previously published comments about her, publically commending her for her leadership of our older sister school over the past five years. She inherited a very strong school from Marguerite Celestin and Mary Kathryn Villere and has taken SSA to even greater heights. She has every reason to take pride in SSA's increased ACT scores, additional dual enrollment in the curriculum, significant campus improvements (especially the building of Angelus Hall), an increased emphasis on STEM programs, the expansion of the sports medicine program, and many more accomplishments. Of course, some may say the pièce de résistance was the opening of a PJ's Coffee Shop! In any event, congrats and thanks, Dr. LaForge! You have built on shoulders of educational giants who preceded you and expanded the Benedictine principles of Prayer, Work, Study, & Community in Covington. We wish



you the best as the new President of St. Michael's School in New Orleans. *Ad multos annos!* We extend a warm and supportive Lasallian welcome to Mrs. Gillio and look forward to working with her to promote Benedictine and Lasallian single gender education on the Northshore. *Ad multos annos* to you, too!

Note: The Archdiocese of NO is converting their high schools to a Head of School governance model. The Office of Catholic Schools acknowledged that the title Principal does not encompass all job responsibilities of the position and that the title President/Principal (which is what Dr. LaForge was called) is rather cumbersome. For some reason, Archbishop Aymond does not like the separate titles of President and Principal.

STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS: Congrats to da' winnas:

CONGRATULATIONS
Saint Paul's School
2020-2021
Student Council Executive Board Officers

			
Davis Lagarde President		Alvin Marks Vice President	
			
	Walker Dubriel Secretary		Marco Vargas Treasurer

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 NFBhas 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.

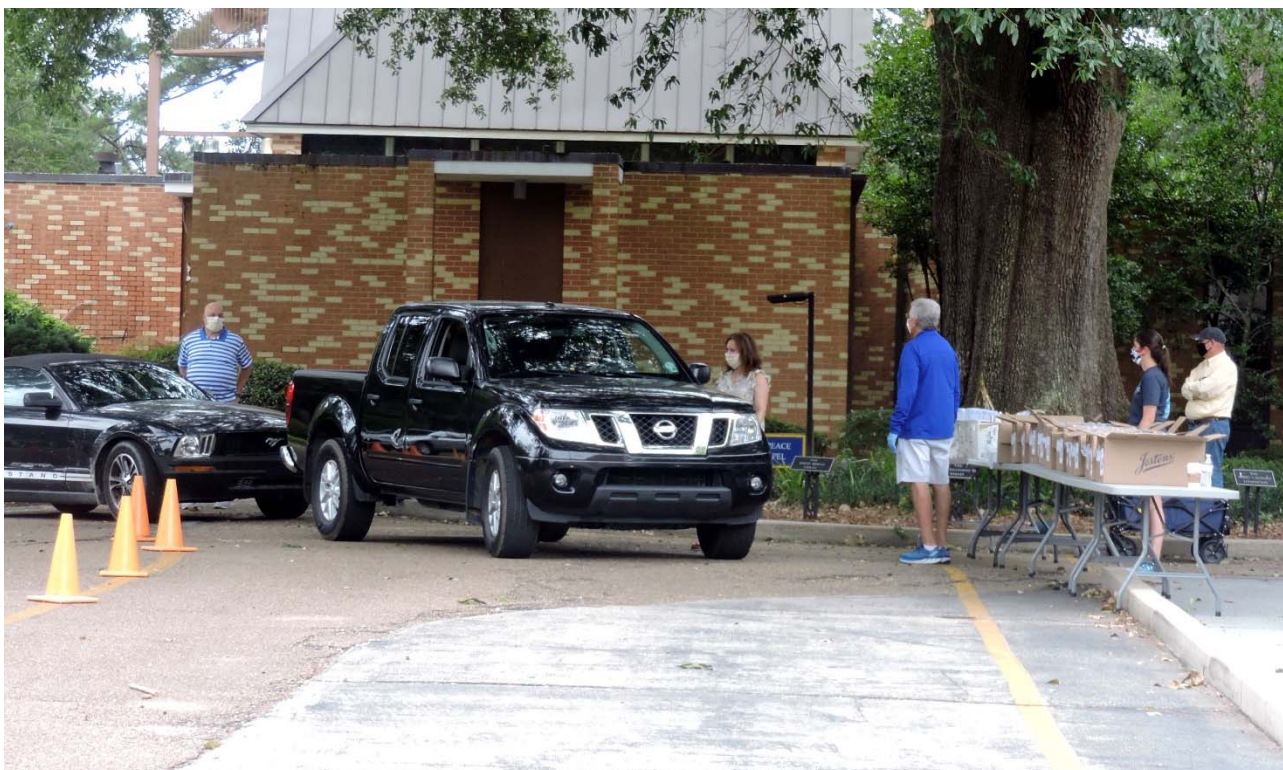
The Registry: <https://northshorefoodbank.org/our-wish-list>

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

SUMMER CAMPS: As of now, we are still planning our full array of summer camps (info on our website). Naturally, these are all contingent upon loosening of current social gathering restrictions. Naturally, too, we will refund camp tuition if a camp is canceled. Contingency plans are in effect if we need to adjust the camp schedule due to social gathering issues. Stay tuned – and pray!

TUITION INVOICES: We re-sent tuition invoices last week to those students who are registered for next year, as tuition is due on June 1. Thanks to all who have already paid in full or taken out a bank loan. You still have a full month to arrange this guaranteed loan with any branch of Resource Bank. The Office of Catholic School has directed schools to follow their normal procedures for invoicing tuition. 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. Thanks for your understanding. Naturally, call me is 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: In

honor of Frog Day on Wed,

- *Why are frogs so happy? A: They eat whatever bugs them!*
- *What happens when two frogs collide? A: They get tongue tied!*
- *How does a frog feel when he has a broken leg? A: Unhobby.*
- *Why did the frog read Sherlock Holmes? A: He liked a good croak and dagger.*
- *What happened to the frog's car when his parking meter expired? A: It got toad!*
- *What's green green green green green? A: A frog rolling down a hill*
- *What is a frog's favorite game? A: Croaket*
- *What did the frog order at McDonald's? A: French flies and a diet croak*
- *Why did the frog say meow? A: He was learning a foreign language.*
- *Why did the frog go to the hospital? A: He needed a "hopperation"!*
- *What is the thirstiest frog in the world? A: The one who drinks Canada Dry*
- *How deep can a frog go? A: Knee-deep Knee-deep*
- *What do stylish frogs wear? A: Jumpsuits!*
- *What does a bankrupt frog say? A: "Baroke, baroke, baroke.*
- *What's green and loud? A froghorn.*
- *What happens when you cross a frog and a dog? You get a croaker spaniel.*
- *What kind of pole is short and floppy? A tadpole.*
- *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. Please feel free to contact me you have any further questions or concerns about The Conifer. I am available to answer your questions.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR--2020-21: Here is tentative calendar for next year:

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Thurs, Aug 6	School Opens with full day of instruction (same day as public schools)
Thu, Aug 20	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 21	Senior Ring Holiday

Mon, Aug 24	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 7	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 2	In-service for faculty (no classes for students)
Fri, Oct 9	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 9	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:30)
Mon, Oct 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 31	Open House for Prospective Students (1 – 3 pm)
Tues, Nov 3	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Nov 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 30	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon - Thu, Dec 14-17	Semester Exams
Thu, Dec 17	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams

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Mon, Jan 4	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Jan 6-8	Senior Retreat
Mon, Jan 18	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 1	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 12	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 15-19	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 22	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 12	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri Apr 2-9	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 12	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 28-30	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 13	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 15	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Tues – Fri, May 18-21	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Mon, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Tues, May 25	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

Remember that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.

May 11 – May 22: SPS ONLINE CLASSES. NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITES AT THIS TIME.

May

- 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

End-of-Year Schedule

- **Friday, May 15** – Only Periods BCD meet
- ***Monday, May 18** – ****EFGA** Elective Class Assessment during Class Periods
- ***Tuesday, May 19** – BCDE Elective Assessments during Class Periods
- **Wednesday, May 20** Science (9:00 – 10:00) Religion (11:00 -12:00)
- **Thursday, May 21** Math (9:00 – 10:00) Social Studies (11:00 – 12:00)
- **Friday, May 22** English (9:00- 10:00) Make Ups (11:00 – 12:00) Book and materials drop off - TBA
- *Monday and Tuesday Assessment times will follow SPS Online Schedule
- **Period E Teachers may choose to give elective Assessments on Monday or Tuesday
- **AP Exams:** Refer to AP Bulletin regarding AP Exam details.

Whew! Enough for now. Even though it's the penultimate week of the school year and we are still operating SPS ONLINE, 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 the Penultimate Week of the 2019-20 School Year and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Now, let's close the newsletter with another student written prayer. **Junior Sean Cripple** is our prayer leader:

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

I would like to pray for the elderly who are restricted from their own families. I would like to pray for all of those who are sick and for whose family members have it. I would also like to pray for the seniors, college and high school, because they got their last chances to either compete in their sports or clubs and it is sad to hear about. I'd also like to pray for the faculty and staff, along with the students of St. Paul's as we get through online school together.

*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!*

Have a blessed penultimate week of the 2019-20 school year!

Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!



*...by doing ordinary things
extraordinarily well, making
courageous choices, doing
God's will, remaining faithful,
letting Our Lady of the Star
guide us to God and asking our*

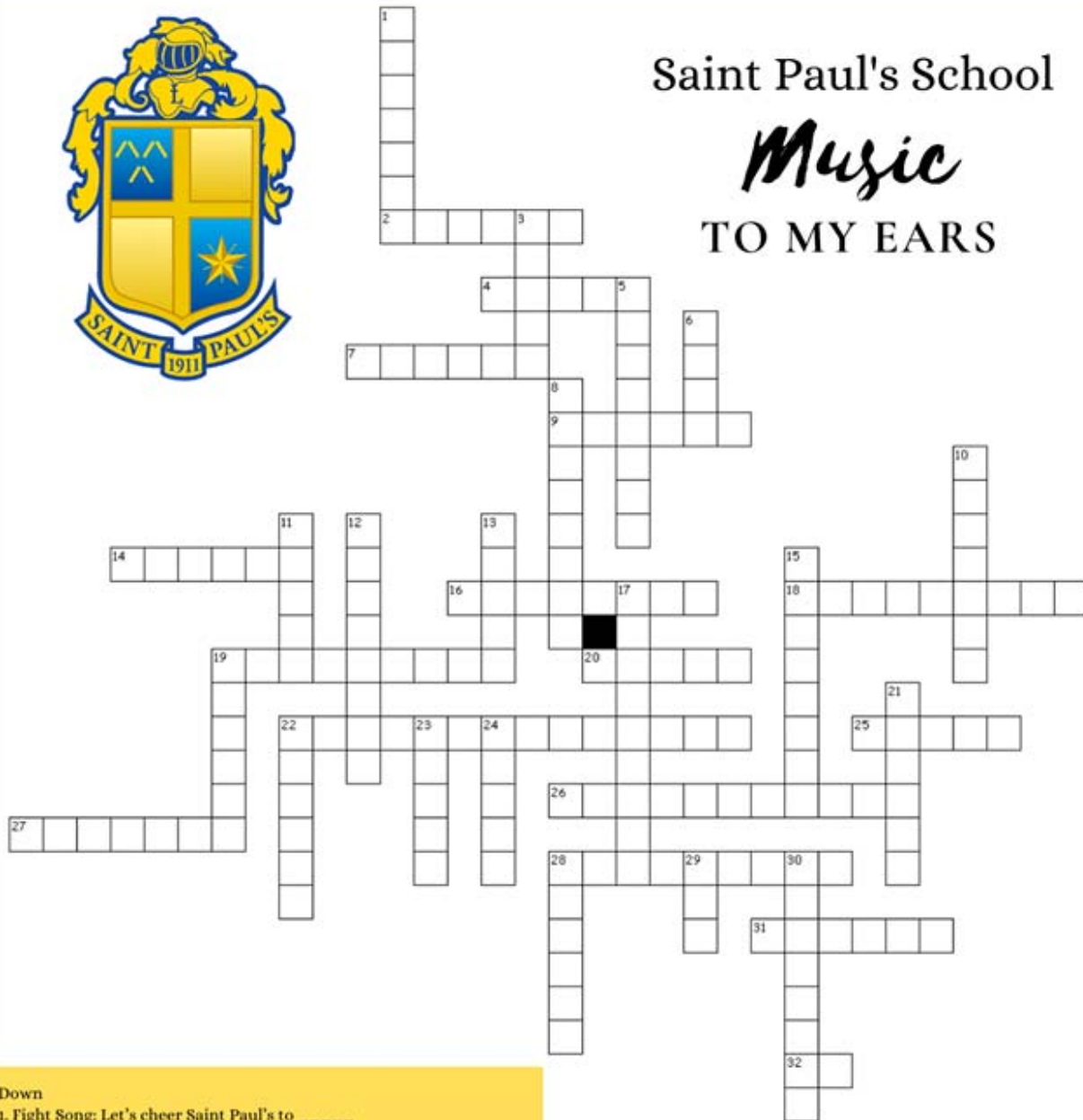
*Holy Founding Brothers to help us continue the
Lasallian Mission!*





Saint Paul's School

Music TO MY EARS



Down

1. Fight Song: Let's cheer Saint Paul's to _____
3. Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O _____!
5. "O Come, O Come _____"
6. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the _____ we bring
8. Triumph all ye _____! Sing with us ye seraphim!
10. Baroque composer of The Four Seasons Suite
11. I the Lord of wind and _____, I will tend the poor and lame
12. With God as our Father, _____ all are we
13. Current Band Director
15. Give heart and soul and mind and _____ to serve the King of Kings
17. Homecoming week song by O.A.R. (three words)
19. Musician-In-Residence
21. Cameo song the MWs have played for decades
22. Let peace begin with me; let this be the _____ now
23. Fight Song: Uphold our name and _____
24. I have heard you calling in the _____
28. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness _____
29. I the Lord of sea and _____, I have heard my people cry
30. Honneur à toi, _____ de La Salle

Across

2. world-famous cellist "Ecstasy of Gold"
4. Fight Song: The Wolves are _____ and bold
7. Salve, salve _____!
9. Composed "Water Music"
14. And make a _____ duty our sacrifice of praise
16. O God beyond all _____
18. Fight Song: We'll watch our foes Go _____ by
19. "Ode to Joy" Composer
20. Let there be _____ on earth
22. name of Saint Paul's Band
25. Composer of Stars and Stripes Forever
26. Bring in the day of _____ and end the night of wrong
27. We'll _____ through our sorrows and rise to bless you still
28. At _____ without number and mercies without end
31. Fight Song: We'll shout a loud- Hooray, _____
32. Rise ____ O Men of God



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

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



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



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- Pay utilities
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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.

