



Saint Paul's School

*The President's Newsletter for the Beginning of July 2020
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington*



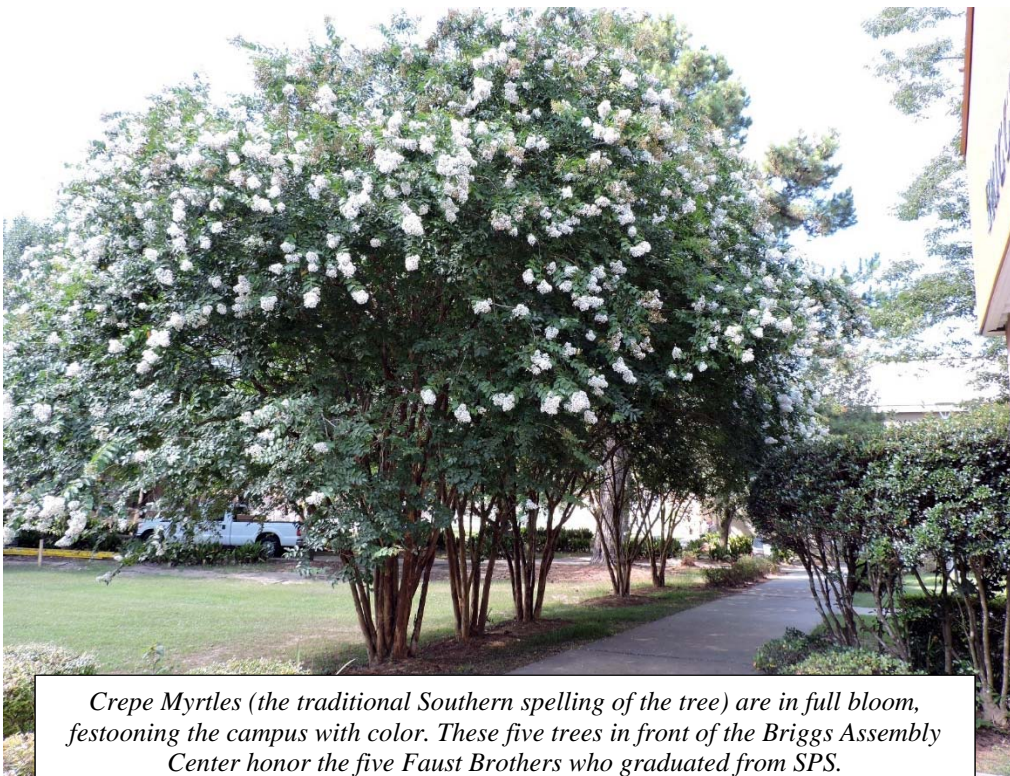
*and
340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*

"Wholly direct your thoughts to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, and worthy of praise. Then will the God of peace be with you."

--Saint Paul to the Philippians

Welcome to July – the seventh month of the year, named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth. And Happy Fourth of July! As we celebrate our wonderful country's 244th birthday, I thought it appropriate that I communicate briefly with you.

First and foremost, I hope and pray that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well, protected from any debilitating effects of COVID-19.



Crepe Myrtles (the traditional Southern spelling of the tree) are in full bloom, festooning the campus with color. These five trees in front of the Briggs Assembly Center honor the five Faust Brothers who graduated from SPS.

And I hope you are rejoicing with me that Saint Paul's has received permission from both the Louisiana Department of Education and the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to return to campus for in-person instruction beginning August 6!

The emailed letter you received from Principal Trevor Watkins a few days ago outlined the many steps we are taking with our facilities, procedures and curriculum to insure, as best as possible, the safety of our students and staff.

One of our main resources in this endeavor is a recently signed partnership with Children's Hospital of New Orleans. As we prepare for an exciting and joyous return to campus this fall, the health and safety of our entire community remains our number one priority. Our partnership with CHNOLA through their "Return to School Support" program is just one of many ways St. Paul's commits to providing a healthy and safe campus for our students, parents, faculty, and staff. We will share more details information in future editions of my newsletter and will post on our social media sites.

And now on to July!

July has something for almost everyone. Did you know that July is *Air-Conditioning Appreciation Month* (Amen!), *Bioterrorism/Disaster Education & Awareness Month*, *Cell Phone Courtesy Month* (and boy, do we need this!), *Family Reunion Month*, *Family Golf Month*, *Freedom From Fear of Speaking Month*, *Independent Retailer Month* (let's support our local businesses!), *International Zine Month* (I had to look this one up to find out what a zine was!), *National Blueberries Month* (love 'em!), *National Grilling Month*, *National Ice Cream Month*, *National Horseradish Month*, *National Hot Dog Month*, *National Make A Difference to Children Month* (we do this every month at SPS!), *National Recreation & Parks Month*, *National Share A Sunset With Your Lover Month*, *National Wheelchair Beautification Month*, *Nectarine and Garlic Month*, *Sandwich Generation Month*, *Smart Irrigation Month*, *Social Wellness Month*, *Tour de France Month*, & *Women's Motorcycle Month* (be careful, ladies!) So enjoy July!

And here are some individual celebrations you may want to observe in July:

- July 4th – National Country Music Day – listen to your favorites when you celebrate the 4th!
- July 6th -- International Kissing Day – kiss the ones you love – though it may have to be a virtual kiss if practicing social distancing!
- July 6th – National Fried Chicken Day – enjoy, if your health allows fried food!
- July 7th – Chocolate Day – again, indulge if your health allows!
- July 8th – Blueberry Day – almost everyone enjoys these healthy berries!
- July 11th – Cheer Up the Lonely Day – very relevant in these days of social distancing!
- July 12th – Pecan Pie Day – indulge in this Southern classic!
- July 14th – Bastille Day – think French today! Hum *La Marseillaise*!
- July 15th – Cow Appreciation Day! Thanks to our bovine friends!
- July 17th – Hug Your Kids Day! Your teenagers will resist, but hug them anyway!
- July 23rd – Vanilla Ice Cream Day and National Hot Dog Day! Enjoy!
- July 28th – National Milk Chocolate Day
- July 29th – National Lasagna Day
- July 30th – National Cheesecake Day

As I write each year at this time, I hope summer is proving to be a renewing one for your family, in spite of COVID-19. Too often, summers become hectic and chaotic with plans and projects – such as celebrating all those things in the paragraph above – although perhaps this is not so much the case this summer! With so much happening, it is easy to lose focus about important things. May the above words of Saint Paul – which I use each year -- help us to refocus! And even though we might be enjoying blueberries or horseradish while wearing masks, washing our hands, and observing social distancing, we need to "direct [our] thoughts to all that is true!" By doing so, the "God of peace" will be with us. Such is my prayer for you.

I hope, too, that you are preparing for the opening of the 2020 - 21 school year – a year that continues the unbroken chain of educational quality that began at Saint Paul's back in 1911 and continues the Lasallian Catholic transformational educational experience that began in 1680. August 6th will soon be here! We are doing much work to prepare – which is involving much more work due to COVID 19. In the meantime, enjoy July and pray for the safety of all, especially our students.

Please note the following (which I have printed in alphabetical order, not order of importance):

ACT: Is your son doing any ACT prep work this summer? If so, please congratulate him for me. If not, please encourage him to do so. While we are very proud of our already high ACT scores, we want even higher ones – and they come with practice.



ANNIVERSARY: July 4 is the ten-year anniversary of the death of Coach Gene Bennett, iconic SPS Lasallian educator who faithfully served Saint Paul's School for 48 years. Today we remember Gene and give thanks for his Lasallian vocation to our school. We continue to offer our prayer and support to his family as they continue to adjust to life without his earthly presence. **We continue to honor him with the Gene Bennett Sports Complex! A couple of naming opportunities remain in the new gym. Let me know if you are interested. And we would love to have a name for the new gym! I am sure Gene would approve, too!**

ANNUAL FUND: Thanks to those of you who have contributed. Even during the summer, I continue to get donations. **If you have not contributed and are able to, even to a small degree, please do so now so, as the 2020 Annual Fund Drive ends July 31.** Thanks. So far, we have used the funds to provide continuing education opportunities for faculty members, to upgrade technology, to fund curricula, and to help pay for the Benilde Hall renovations, to purchase equipment and supplies that will allow us to open safely in August -- and much more.

ATHLETICS: From the Athletic Director, Coach Craig Ketelsen: *Any student who wishes to play a sport must have his athletic paperwork (including a physical on a school medical history form) turned in to the office BEFORE the start of practices. Football, CC, and Swimming will begin the first week of school for new students.*

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS: Physicals for the upcoming school year will be offered by Pinnacle Medical Center (1200 Pinnacle Parkway, Covington, LA, 70433) on Saturday, July 25 starting at 7 am. Updated paperwork must be filled out in order to start the physical examination process. Paperwork can be found online at <https://www.stpauls.com/athletics/forms/>. Please contact Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen (craigk@stpauls.com) or Administrative Assistant Claire Coutrado (clairec@stpauls.com) with any questions.

BAND: Unfortunately, Phase 2 of the State's re-opening plan restricts some band activities. Hence, our traditional July band camp is temporarily on hold while our band director seeks further guidance and makes the necessary adaptations. As soon as schools are allowed to resume band activities, we will communicate the information about camp. In the meantime, we encourage students to consider joining the Marching Wolves, one of the premier band programs in the area. **Even beginners will be welcome!** Contact Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, at andrewm@stpauls.com for more info. Band is a GREAT way to become involved, become part of a wonderful SPS tradition, and have fun in the process!

BOOK STORE: The Mothers' Club Bookstore will be open on the following days:

- Mon, Aug 3 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Tue, Aug 4 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wed, Aug 5 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Thu, Aug 6 Bookstore Regular Hours (7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm)



- If you need something during summer for a birthday, etc. contact the school office. We can open the bookstore.
- School supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel (except uniform shirts.)
- **If you have a returning student who has outgrown his SPS apparel, we gladly accept gently used items for bargain prices re-sale. Just drop the items off at the Administration Building.**
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible.** Proceeds not only help fund wonderful activities throughout the year, but the proceeds also help with campus needs.

CAFETERIA/FREE & REDUCED MEALS: We await directions from the Archdiocesan Food Service concerning cafeteria service this year. At present, we anticipate cafeteria service but with reduced offerings. As soon as we receive information about applying for free / reduced lunch for those who qualify, we will notify you. NO stigma is attached to applying and NO ONE knows. Nothing is done to embarrass your son or identify him as a free / reduced student. Prices for 2020-21: \$2.25 for breakfast; \$3.25 for lunch.

CALENDAR FOR 2020-21: Here is our calendar for next year. The calendar assumes that we are in full operation. Naturally, any disruption to the school operation due to COVID 19 will result in alteration of the calendar.

- M-W, Aug 03-05 Faculty meetings/prep days
- Thurs, Aug 6 School Opens **with full day of instruction**
- 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) This is very tentative due to COVID-19.
- 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

- 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
- Note that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. **Note that school begins with all students reporting on Thursday, August 6 for a full instructional day.** Also, please check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.



CLASS SCHEDULES: We will email schedules on or about July 20 – if tuition payments are current.

DADS' CLUB: The Dads' Club will have a campus cleanup day on the following days in July:

- On Friday, July 10 (beginning at 4 pm), dads will pressure wash Founder's Circle and Guiteau Plaza (the large plaza in front of the old gym); pressure washers needed.
- On Saturday, July 11, dads will re-paint Founders Circle and Guiteau Plaza; we need to make sure the pavement is dry before starting to paint. We hope to start at 7 am. Some areas may be dry by 7 but others not, depending on the weather and the time of day we finish cleaning on the 10th. We will provide the paint rollers as they need to be a specific kind but roller extensions (broomsticks) would be helpful. Paintbrushes for some edging work would be good for folks to bring.
- On Saturday, July 18, dads will do a general cleanup of the whole campus, with emphasis on pressure washing.
- All are welcome; pressure washers welcomed as are leaf blowers and weed eaters.

All SPS dads are encouraged to participate and get involved with the Dads' Club. Their mission is to assist SPS in any way they can – and they do! If you want to sign up for the Dads' Club email spsdadsclub@gmail.com This year's president is Shea Duet, father of Alex '17 and Carter '21. I'm grateful to Dads' Club founder and former president, Mike Sibley, whose last son, Oliver, graduated in 2017.



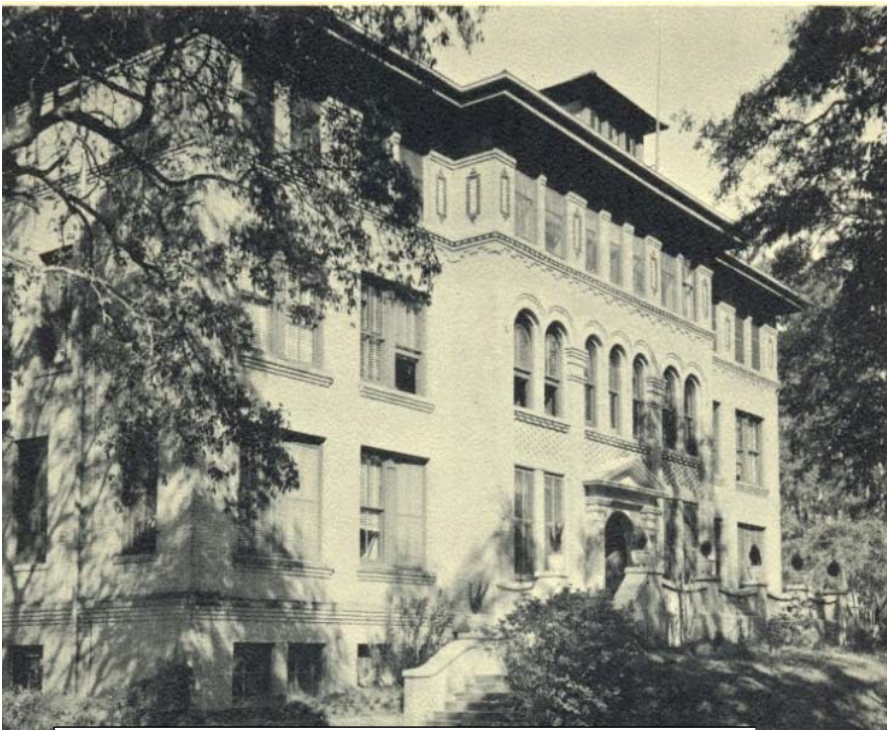
Congrats to junior Riley Hnatyshyn who finished 1st in the Boys 16-17 Div of the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour at Metairie Country Club recently.

DRESS CODE: Here it is again. I reiterate that the school is the final judge of uniform compliance:

- **ONLY** SPS sweatshirts/outerwear may be worn in cool / cold weather **EVEN FOR SENIORS.**
- **ONLY regular tan** khaki pants / shorts (NO cargo) may be worn. If the pants are too light or too dark, we will insist that the student buy tan khaki ones. Some students were “pushing the envelope” last year with this rule, so make sure they pants are TAN – otherwise we may have to mandate a specific brand of pants/shorts. We have a supply of slightly used pants/shorts that I am happy to give away. Please approach me if your budget is tight. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way.
- **ONLY** shirts sold by Bayou Uniform (13488 Seymour Myers Blvd) are allowed. If your son's shirts have shrunk (shirttails **MUST** stay tucked in) or have holes, he **MUST** buy new ones.

Uniform shirts are **NOT** available in the Mothers' Club bookstore.

- **ONLY white, blue, gray, or gold T-shirts** may be worn under uniform shirt.
- **ONLY PLAIN** (no metal decorations) **BROWN** belts will be allowed.
- SPS socks will still be required. You can purchase these at Bayou Uniform or in the bookstore.
- **We have a supply of slightly used SPS shirts and sweatshirts (in good condition) which I am happy to give away. Please approach me if your budget is tight. You and your son will not be embarrassed in any way.**
- We will continue to use the “formal” uniform on special occasions (school masses, ceremonies, etc.) This uniform will include a school tie (either regular or bow tie and purchased at Bayou Uniform or the MC Bookstore) and ANY plain, white long-sleeve dress shirt. Long khakis with dark shoes, socks and belt are also part of the uniform which are purchased anywhere by the student.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** As an additional level of safety, students will be **REQUIRED** to **WEAR THEIR ID CARDS** on a daily basis. We will supply them with an SPS lanyard when they receive their cards on either Aug 6 or 7. This will also help with the cafeteria, as ID cards are used to check out and also with the attendance office, as ID cards are used to check in. Students who do not have their ID on any day will be subject to detention. Lost ID cards must be replaced for a fee of \$10. **AND PLEASE** – do not let your son use the ID card as a teething ring! Ask him to see the ID from time to time and encourage good dental hygiene!
- **MASKS:** students are required to have a mask in their possession each day. Use of the mask will vary in terms of activity and class. See below for more info on masks.
- A temperature bracelet (which we will issue your son) is required this year daily.



Dixon Hall – the original school building for SPS, built in 1906 when Dixon Academy was the school’s name. The building stood in what is now Founders’ Circle.

DRIVER’S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE: If your son is getting his driver’s license, state law requires you to provide the DMV with a Proof of Attendance form. **These forms are available here in the Admin Building.** If you go to DMV without one, they will turn you away – even if you have sat there for an hour or more! And make sure it’s signed in blue ink or they will turn you away, too! And don’t blame me for this regulation! It was a legislative act.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6: At the present time, we fully intend to open with a full campus, as per recent letter sent by Principal Trevor Watkins. Accordingly, here is how the opening days will work:

- **Thursday, August 6, is a FULL DAY OF CLASS INSTRUCTION.** Here’s the plan:
 - Books will be in the classrooms, and teachers will distribute them directly to students;

- Pictures and ID cards will be taken and issued during religion classes during the first two days (Aug 6 & 7). You will be sent information for ordering pictures.
- Assuming we have cafeteria service, the cafeteria will be open M - W, Aug 3 - 4, from 7-2:30 for you to place money on deposit if your son will be using the Archdiocesan Food Service. Students must have money on account for them to receive food from the cafeteria. Current prices have not been sent to us, but last year, breakfast was served for \$2 and lunch for \$3. It's a bargain – unless your son loads up with extra servings!
- The complete 2021 - 22 calendar can be found on our web site (www.stpauls.com). NOTE: To comply with the State of Louisiana attendance policy, we are vigilant in insisting that students not miss school. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.
- NOTE: **All students must wear their DRESS UNIFORM on either Aug 6 or 7– the days they will take school pictures.** Students will take pictures during RELIGION CLASSES, so if your son's religion class is during Period A, B C or D, he wears his dress uniform on Thu, Aug 06. If his religion class is during Period E, F, or G, he wears his uniform on Fri, Aug 7. How will you know? The schedule we will email you in mid to late July will indicate the religion period.

HELPING SPS:

- Don't forget to mention SPS when you shop at Office Depot. OD gives a 5% store credit to SPS on all of your purchases.
- Save those Box Tops for Education and have your son bring them to his math teacher. This is FREE money for SPS.
- And if you order from Amazon Prime, make sure you designate SPS, which will receive a portion of your purchase.



Congrats to sophomore Joshua Achord for winning win Boys 14-15 Div in the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tour at Money Hill!

MASKS: As explained in Principal Watkins' letter, students will be required to have a mask with them at all times. Wearing of the mask will be determined by the degree of social distancing we can provide in a particular classroom, but all students must be prepared to wear the mask if so directed. Any APPROPRIATE mask is allowed. Any imprinting must not be decorated with alcohol, drugs, guns, Confederate or racial symbols, etc. We ultimately are the arbiter of what is appropriate. The Mothers' Club will be stocking SPS-themed masks for purchase – which we highly recommend.

ORIENTATION FOR PRE-FRESHMEN AND NEW

FRESHMEN: Assuming that we will be in full session, our Lasallian Youth Leaders are planning a special **Orientation Session for our incoming pre-freshman (8th graders) and NEW freshmen (9th graders)**. Here is some info:

- When? Tuesday, August 4, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Who? Pre-freshmen & NEW freshmen. This is for students only. We will have a new parent welcoming on Monday, August 17, at 6:30. I will send more info on this event later, but you may want to put the date on your calendars.

- Where? On our beautiful Saint Paul’s School campus!
- Why? Meet your teachers, learn about the school, acclimate to the campus, meet each other
- What to wear? Comfortable, appropriate T-shirts, shorts & shoes good for a lot of moving around
- What else? We will provide a pizza supper.
- Cost? None!
- **An RSVP to Campus Minister Mr. Jeff Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com) by Friday, July 24, will be helpful in planning purposes.** Mr. Ramon will send more info later, but we hope you will mark this date on your calendars, RSVP, and plan to be present. Naturally, attendance is optional, but the evening will be a fun and informative introduction to SPS – and, again, is ultimately dependent upon regulations at that time.

RETURNING STUDENTS: If you were at Saint Paul’s last year and did not return school-owned books, computers, and supplies, please bring them to the administration building. We need them for the upcoming year and cannot afford to replace them unnecessarily. Thanks!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: An order form for Mothers’ Club Bookstore school supply packs was sent several weeks ago.

SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS: Note these important dates – all of which are predicated on state and local laws permitting them:

Senior BBQ	Tue, Aug 18, 5 – 7 pm
Senior March through Arch:	Thu, Aug 20, 8 am
Senior – Parent Breakfast:	Thu, Aug 20, 8:45 am (cafeteria and “al fresco”)
Senior Ring Ceremony:	Thu, Aug 20, 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center
Senior Ring Holiday:	Fri, Aug 21

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: In spite of the uncertain times, we continue to be busy this summer. So far:

- Summer athletic teams are practicing according to the LHSAA rules.
- Summer camps are in full swing – in accordance with state camp guidelines. So far, we have held football, soccer, strength/speed conditioning, and drama camps. Basketball and baseball camps remain on the schedule. For info on our remaining camps, check out our website at www.stpauls.com
- Lots of cleaning, upgrading, and repairing are going on.
- COVID-19 Casualties: Here are just some of what we were NOT able to do this summer:
 - Eight SPS teachers were not able to travel to at Manhattan College in New York (a Lasallian college) to attend a two-week national program on Lasallian education.
 - Trevor Watkins and I were not able to travel to Napa, CA (roughing it, of course!) to spend time with presidents and principals of the 22 schools of the San Francisco New Orleans Province of Christian Brothers sharing best practices among our schools.
 - A group of SPS Lasallian Youth Leaders was not able to travel to St. Mary’s College in CA to spend attending a Lasallian Youth Conference.
 - Wrestling camp had to cancel due to inability of the campers to have physical contact with each other.

- A number of teachers were not able to study or attend conferences to upgrade their skills for this year, especially for our engineering and bio-medical programs.
- Many Wolves were not able to participate in activities (e.g. baseball) where they traditionally distinguish themselves.
- The Briggs Center was not able to host the Covington Kiwanis Club Prayer Breakfast in mid-June.
- Our China studies class was not able to travel to China.
- Our renewable energy class was not able to travel to Iceland.
- And many more things had to be canceled.

SUMMER READING AND VIRTUAL BOOKSTORE: From Assistant Principal Joe Dickens:

- *Welcome to a new school year. This is a reminder that all students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in an **honors or A.P. US History or Civics** course do as well. Please take note of the following to ensure that your son completes these assignments as efficiently as possible.*
- *To make obtaining his English reading materials as facile as possible, our virtual bookstore opened for summer reading and for the school year on May 23. Any novel, play, or workbook he will need for English will be listed including new and used editions, and in some cases, eBooks.*
- *Simply go to our website at www.stpauls.com, click the “Buy Books Online” button at the top, and you’ll be directed to our virtual bookstore. You’ll choose his titles for summer reading and for the school year based on his placement in English. Payment will be handled on-line through MBS Direct, and the books will be shipped by UPS straight to your home.*
- *Next, all summer reading questions for English and social studies (if your son is in honors or AP US History or Civics) are posted on our website. **Please note that your son will independently have to obtain his own summer reading books for social studies if he is in honors or AP.** Click on the link for summer reading on our homepage, www.stpauls.com, and find the class(es) applicable to your son.*
- *If you have any questions about your son’s placement in English or social studies, please contact our Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.*

TEMPERATURE BRACELET: Each student will be issued a bracelet that checks his body temperature. These bracelets must be worn at all times when on campus, and we will check them regularly. We will explain the temperature check procedure as we approach the opening of school. If a student forgets or loses his bracelet, he must purchase a new one that day for \$15.

TUITION: Please note:

- **Tuition was due on June 1st. If you financed tuition with Resource Bank, the first bank payment was also due in June.**
- **Late tuition is subject to a 1% finance charge. Late loan payments will incur bank charges.**
- Call our Business Office at ext. 1905 or me at ext. 1901 for questions.

- **Class schedules will not be sent** to students who owe tuition or who are not current in their bank payments. Tuition bank payments must be current in order for students to begin school on August 6.
- **Please inform me if your son will not be attending Saint Paul's.**

4th OF JULY HUMOR: OK, I've used these before, but how many 4th of July jokes are there? Besides, they still make me smile!

- *Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor? Because she cannot sit down.*
- *Does Europe have a 4th of July? Of course. It comes right after July 3.*
- *What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware? "Get in the boat, men!"*
- *What do you call an American drawing? A Yankee doodle!*
- *Alvin: My great-grandfather fought with Napoleon, my grandfather fought with the French and my father fought with the Americans. Alex: Your relatives could not get along with anyone, could they?*
- *Teacher: More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War. Student: Wow! They must have been pretty strong -- four men defeating a whole army*
- *What was the patriots' favorite food in the Revolutionary War? Chicken Catch-a-Tory!*
- *Where did the Founding Fathers sign the Declaration of Independence? At the bottom!*
- *What is red, white and blue? A sad candy cane!*
- *Teacher: What are the last words of "The Star-Spangled Banner"? Johnny: "Play ball!"*
- *What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party? Tea-shirts!*
- *If you crossed a vegetable with our first president, what would you get? George Squashington*
- *If you crossed a rooster with the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, what would you get? John Hancock-a-doodle-doo*
- *What would you get if you crossed George Washington with cattle feed? The Fodder of Our Country*
- *If you crossed a Patriot with a curly-haired dog, what would you get? Yankee Poodle*
- *If you crossed the American national bird with Snoopy, what would you get? A bald beagle.*
- *If you crossed a famous Founding Father with a famous monster, what would you get? Benjamin Frankenstein*
- *What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country? Beneduck Arnold*
- *What did Americans do because of the Stamp Act? They licked the British.*
- *Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington and Concord? The horse was too heavy to carry.*
- *Why did the British cross the Atlantic? To get to the other tide.*
- *Did you hear the joke about the Liberty Bell? Yes, it cracked me up.*
- *What was the most popular dance in 1776? Indepen-dance.*
- *Who was the biggest jokester in Washington's army? Laughayette*
- *Do flags talk to other flags? No. They just wave.*
- *Who is a fake patriot? Uncle Sham.*
- *Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? At the chopping mall.*



- *What kind of tea did the American colonists want? Liberty.*
- *What was General George Washington's favorite tree? The infantry.*
- *Which colonists told the worst jokes? Punsylvanians*
- *Teacher: "True or False? The Declaration of Independence was written in Philadelphia." Student: "False. It was written in ink."*
- *Why did the British soldiers wear red coats? So they could hide in the tomatoes.*
- *How was the food at the Fourth of July picnic? The hot dogs were bad, but the brats were the wurst!*
- *Why is the Liberty Bell like a dropped Easter egg? They are both cracked.*
- *What is Uncle Sam's favorite snack? Fire-crackers.*
- *What did King George think of the American colonist? He thought they were revolting!*
- *How did American colonists' dogs protest against England? The Boston Flea Party.*
- *Brother Ray, the aging school president, visited an American history class last year and asked the students to name the 50 states. They could only come up with 45. Brother Ray jokingly told them that when he took American history he could name all the states. One student raised his hand and said, "Yes, Brother, but in those days there were only 13 states." Ouch!*
- *OK, I'll stop! Happy Fourth of July!*

Well, I was not brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! Thanks for being part of the 2020 - 21 edition of Saint Paul's – the beginning of tenth year of our second century of existence. If the next 109 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence.

Call if I can be of assistance. **Our July summer office hours (through July 20) are 8 am – 1 pm, Monday through Friday.** While we will usually be in the office earlier than 8 and later than 1, your best bet for contacting us is in that time frame. Enjoy the final weeks of summer! May they be ones of grace, blessing, and good health! Know of my prayer for you, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Remember to wear a mask, wash hands, and practice social distancing. We want to open on campus on Aug 6!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Another Year as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Have a great Lasallian summer but remember:

The Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care and Vigilance and Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer – especially a COVID 19 summer!

