



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington
340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
September 14 – 20, 2020



Dixon Hall, the original school building located in Founder's Circle, contained classrooms, labs, dormitories, & housing for Benedictines (1911-1918) and then Christian Brothers on top floor

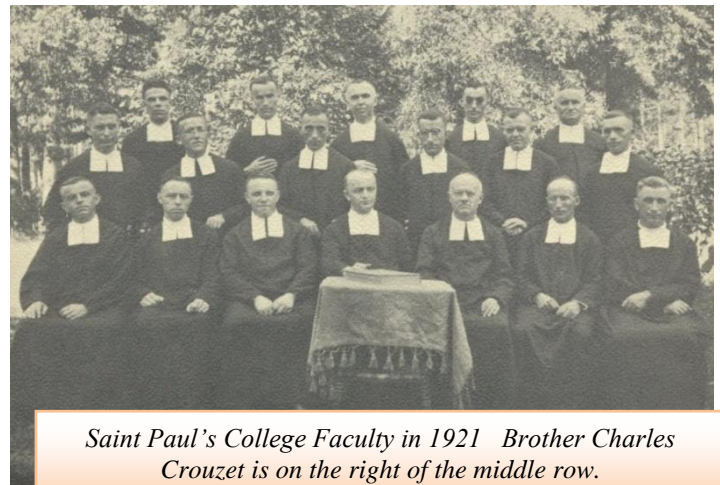
Happy 109th Birthday, Saint Paul's!

Monday, Sep 14, is the 109th anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of St. Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictine priests (Frs Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, & Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, & Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, 70 boarders & 30 day students had enrolled. The rest, as they say, is history.

And seven years later, those same Benedictines transferred ownership to the Christian Brothers. And so, this week will be a week of remembrance:

- We will remember the commitment and faithfulness of the Benedictines in founding Saint Paul's school, making it as a place of learning, growth, and the Spirit of God.
- We will remember the courageous Christian Brothers who assumed ownership of Saint Paul's in the summer of 1918 against incredible odds, after being exiled from France and barely escaping with their lives from Mexico. We will thank them for bringing the 330+ year Lasallian dream here.
- We will remember all the Christian Brothers and their Partners who have worked to make the Lasallian dream alive here in Covington -- a dream incarnate in this year's student body. It is a dream that says that at Saint Paul's, we are all brothers and sisters, no one is insignificant, everyone is important, we are ministers of God's grace to one another, and we must announce the message of the gospels, thus bringing salvation to all.
- We will remember alumni and former students and the contribution that each made -- those who no longer walk on this earth, but remain important to our lives.

As we enter into the 10th year of our second century, we again remember and paraphrase Nobel Laureate William Faulkner, that we will "not merely endure, we will prevail" because we have "souls capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." Indeed, Saint Paul's will prevail as long as we remember, in the words of William Faulkner, the "courage and honor and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of the past" and which we are now called upon to replicate.



Saint Paul's College Faculty in 1921 Brother Charles Crouzet is on the right of the middle row.

And now I present to you Saint Paul's School – 109 years young! And as I tell the students all the time: We 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 in our age. As we thank God for our past, we pause and remember that we are still walking on holy ground -- for God is here, and where God is -- is holy. Happy Birthday Saint Paul's School! *Ad multos annos!*

Mon, Sep 14 (B C D E -- Exaltation of the Holy Cross & SPS Birthday)

- **This Day in History:** In 1911, 48 students, 5 Benedictine priests, and 4 lay teachers opened Saint Paul's College and began classes, beginning an educational tradition of excellence that continues today. Happy B-Day, SPS! *Ad multos annos!*
- **TDIH:** In 1741, George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* (not "The Messiah") after working on it nonstop for 23 days. It's one of my favorite pieces of music – absolutely incredible!
- **TDIH:** In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized by Pope Paul VI, making her the first American saint.
- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** This feast was begun in 629 AD by Emperor Heracles who brought the cross discovered by Saint Helena in 320 AD (and purported to be the True Cross) to Jerusalem, placing it on the believed spot of Jesus' crucifixion. I do not know whether the Benedictines opened SP on this feast by coincidence or plan, but establishing Saint Paul's was a triumph by them and, later, by the Christian Brothers. Today, it remains a triumph. With your help, it will triumph far into the future, a triumph of the Lasallian dream and God's work in Covington.
- **Hug Your Hound Day:** Give Fideaux a big hug.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Go ahead and indulge today!
- **SPS Birthday Snack Day:** Not even a pandemic can keep the Mothers' Club from teating the students. This time, it is in honor of the SPS's birthday today. Thanks, MC!



Students socially distance before school.

Tue, Sep 15 (F G A B)

- **President's Virtual Assembly**
- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics from the past. I know of at least one SPS teacher who still uses them!
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, "Ballad of Birmingham." Click here to read the poem (which we study in my English class): <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **TDIH:** In 1916, tanks are first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of Somme in WW I.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Again, the MC will outdo itself with a SPS birthday luncheon for faculty and staff in the BAC, so we can socially distance! Thanks, again, MC!

Wed, Sep 16 (C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1620, *The Mayflower* ship departed England for America with small crew and 102 passengers.
- **Mexican Independence Day:** The **Grito de Dolores** ("*Cry of Dolores*") was uttered from the small town of Dolores in Mexico, on Sep 16, 1810, marking the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. The "grito" was the *pronunciamento* of the Mexican War of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Roman Catholic priest. Since Oct 1825, this anniversary is celebrated as **Mexican Independence Day**, not Cinco de Mayo, of Mexico's Independence from Spain. Viva la independencia!

- **Trail of Tears Commemoration:** This day, also called Cherokee Removal Day, remembers the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from GA, TN, AL, and NC to Indian Territory (OK) from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our history.
- **Guacamole Day:** Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole! I love guacamole!
- **American Legion Day:** Congress grants the AL a federal charter on this day in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from WW I. Since then, it has grown and supported all veterans.

Thu, Sep 17 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1862, the bloodiest day in US military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate armies were stopped in Antietam, Maryland by General George B. McClellan. By nightfall, 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – to then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, to contractors, to our physical plant crew, to students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and become more familiar with.
- **Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge and enjoy
- **Pie Bowl: Let the football season begin!**

Fri, Sep 18 (D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs National Security Act, establishing a single Defense Department with Joint Chiefs of Staff. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air F
- **TDIH:** in 1870, an expedition discovers the "Old Faithful" geyser in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. The geyser was the first in the park to receive a name; when the men discovered it, they were astonished by its frequent eruptions. A geyser is a natural spring that intermittently spews hot water and steam. Geysers are extremely rare; only a thousand have been identified worldwide and half of those are in Yellowstone National Park.
- **Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal!
- **Picture Retakes during both lunch periods**



Development Office Intern Zach van Zandt prepares to shoot the Annual Fund video. He is great!

Sat, Sep 19

- **Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy pirate wanna bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrrgh!

Sun, Sep 20

- **TDIH:** In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sets sail, leading the first exploration to circumnavigate the world. Magellan dies before the journey is completed and the ship returns a year later.
- **Punch Day:** Have a glass of punch today! The word *punch* means *five*, originating from the Hindustani word *panch*. It celebrates the traditional punch base recipe of 5 key ingredients, which most punches still use - alcohol (usually spirits), lemon (or other fruits), sugar, water, and tea (or other spices, e.g., cinnamon). For our students, though, use only four of the five ingredients – I think you can figure out the one I’m not recommending for students!
- **International Eat an Apple Day:** No explanation needed! Enjoy & wash it down with punch.

Rise Up, O Men of God

I draw the following to your attention (in alphabetical order, not order of importance):

AFTER SCHOOL: The library is open until 4 pm, Monday - Friday, to accommodate students waiting for rides. It’s environmentally friendly and welcoming for students to wait and start on their homework.

ANNUAL FUND KICKOFF: We launch our 2021 Annual Fund on Monday – the school’s birthday. This year, the AF might be the most important one ever. Since our ability to fundraise is severely handicapped by COVID, and with traditional income sources such as football gate, etc. anticipated to be severely reduced, we will need the support of generous benefactors more than ever.

Thanks to the Development Team, we will celebrate our birthday on Monday, Sept 14th, with a giving day to **#BackThePack**. Your gifts to the Annual Fund ensure that not only will we endure for years to come, but we will thrive and continue to build upon our 109-year legacy of quality education. *The strength of the Wolf is the pack* and we ask for your support so that we may celebrate many more birthdays together. All sizes of gifts are appreciated and we thank you in advance for your generosity. Let’s **#BackThePack**! Visit <https://saint-pauls-school-af2020.square.site/> to gift Saint Paul’s School for our birthday! I know I can count on you.

ASSIGNMENT HALL: AH has started. Students go to AH if they come to class without homework. They will stay in AH after school until they finish the homework. AH is not a punishment but a helping structure. Please stress with your son the need to complete his homework on time and to bring it to class.

ATTENDANCE: Please comply with our attendance rules as printed in the handbook which is posted on Plus Portals. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

BOOK STORE: All required school supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel. Our regular bookstore hours of operation have started:

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am
- M – F: 11:15 am - 12:45 pm

- By appointment. Email spsbookstore16@gmail.com
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore.** Proceeds help fund activities throughout the year.
- **RESTOCKED:** A new shipment of SPS masks (blue with SPS logo) has arrived! \$5! We are told by Children's Hospital that the mask mandate is NOT going away soon, so invest in these comfortable, stylish, and re-usable masks, as ALL students and adults must wear them on campus.



Brother Alfred as he would want to be remembered – hard at work, always looking for the next project.

BROTHER ALFRED BALTZ, FSC: Brother Alfred Baltz, FSC died peacefully last week at the Saint Paul's Retired Brothers home here on campus. Brother had recently entered Hospice as his cancer had spread rapidly. We were hoping to celebrate his 98th birthday on Sep 24th, but such was not to be the case.

Those of you who knew Alfred know the magnitude of his contributions to Lasallian education. He certainly has left a legacy here at Saint Paul's.

Thanks to all of you who expressed condolences on the passing of Brother Alfred last week. The comments on Facebook certainly give testimony to his life of service as a Lasallian educator and the lives he touched. Brother's cremains will be available for drive-by public viewing in front of the Founders Oak Tree on the campus of Saint Paul's School from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Saturday, September 26. Guests will remain in their cars, drive up De La Salle Drive, stop briefly in front of the reliquary containing the cremains, and then drive

off of campus. The Mass of Christian Burial will be private. Brother's final resting place will be in the St. John Baptist de La Salle columbarium at St. Joseph's Abbey. I ask that you remember Alfred in prayer and ask him to intercede with Almighty God to send His grace down upon us in abundance.

***Eternal rest grant unto Brother Alfred, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace! Amen!***

CAFETERIA: A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT from the Federal School Lunch Program:

- ALL students may receive a FREE lunch beginning on Tuesday and extending until funds expire or Dec 31. Students MUST still obtain the lunch with their ID card (no ID, no lunch) but it is FREE.
- Students MUST still order lunch during first block, indicating their choice of hot lunch or sandwich lunch, but it will be FREE.

CALENDAR FOR 2020-21: Here is our calendar for this 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.

- 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
- Mon, Oct 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 -- Tentative
- Sat, Oct 31 Open House for Prospective Students (1 – 3 pm) -- Tentative
- 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 9 - 11
- Mon, May 24 Conflict/Makeup 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. Also, please check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school.

CAR LINES: There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder's Circle as a departure point, **cars must drop off students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – you may not block traffic in the right lane to discharge the occupants. Dropping off at La Salle Hall or by the BAC is OK. Traffic will be heavy heading into Covington this week as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

CELL PHONES:

- State Law: Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand-held wireless communications device while traveling through school zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the

device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.

- **SPS Law:** students may use phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for policy violation. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

DRESS CODE: Students must be in compliance with the dress code – **which includes temperature bracelets and masks.** Refer to previous newsletters or the student handbook on our website for particulars if you are still unsure. **Note: We have a number of clean, pre-owned SPS uniform shirts in good condition here in the admin bldg. If the family budget is tight, feel free to ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student and no one will know. Thanks to families who supply us with outgrown uniforms.**

DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE: Your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit **and another one** when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the admin building. I feel terrible when a parent waits hours at DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act; don't blame me!

EMERGENCY CLOSING: As we reach the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans – which we will follow now that public schools are back in session:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public-school system following Hurricane Katrina.
- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure.
- **Consult** PlusPortals and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.

FOOTBALL: Many unanswered questions still exist around the resumption of football. We are awaiting guidance from the LHSAA and local officials. Stay tuned. We are working hard to have a safe return to prep football.

GET INVOLVED DAY: Hope your son enjoyed Get Involved Week and told you all about it. Kudos to all who made this a successful venture. Certainly, Josh Pereira and his media wolves deserve gobs of thanks and recognition – in addition to all the students and moderators who supplied the videos and talking points. Well done, all!

HIGH SCHOOL COTILLION: While this is not an SPS-sponsored event, the program has been a good one in the past. The first class of the season is October 11 at Tchefuncta Country Club. All health mandates and regulations will be followed to make certain our students are safe while they learn and practice the life-skills that will help them succeed in the future. The High School Cotillion program is for students in the 9th through 12th grades.



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HOMECOMING COURT: Yes, we will have one! Any Junior or Senior who wishes to nominate a Junior or Senior from SSA for the St. Paul's Homecoming Court should see Ms. Case in room 107 or email her at j.case@stpauls.com. Nomination forms are due Friday, September 18.

ID CARDS, TEMP BRACELETS AND MASKS: Students must have all three of these with them

LOST & FOUND: We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your son. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.

..... THE CLASS OF 2021

National Merit Semi-Finalists



Jake Holincheck



Davis Lagarde



Lucca Ferrante



Ben Broussard



Trey Paine



Gabe Gros



Hunter Kergosien



Brady Talley



Axel Henderson

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS: Last week, NINE SPS seniors were named National Merit Semi-Finalists – more than double any school in St. Tammany Parish. Wow. This is QUITE an accomplishment!

I take great pride in recognizing the following NM Semis: **Ben Broussard, Lucca Ferrante, Gabe Gros, Axel Henderson, Jake Holincheck, Hunter Kergosian, Davis Lagarde, Trey Paine, and Brady Talley.**

NEED MORE INFO? For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Trevor Watkins, Assistant Principal Joe Dickens, or Curriculum Coordinator Lee Pierre. For discipline, attendance, or dress code, call Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin or me. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Mr. Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director. Naturally, call me if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1001 & my cell phone is 985/966-1138, my email is broray@stpauls.com or hit “reply” to this email!**

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES take place from 3:30-6:00 on Thursday, October 1 (followed by a day off), with specifics to follow. But please mark your calendars if you feel the need for personal interaction with your son's teachers.

PHYSICALS: Dr. Kevin Darr will offer free physicals for students who need them for athletic or band participation from 7 am - 11 am Saturday, September 26, at Covington Orthopedics 19343 Sunshine Ave. Covington, LA 70433. Thank you, Dr. Darr!

PICTURE RETAKES: Picture retakes will be Friday, September 18 in the theatre lobby from 11:00-1:00 during the lunch periods. This is for anyone that was absent on the September 6, 7 or September 10 or anyone else that needs a retake.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY: Elections are only a few weeks away and the political season is heating up faster than cyclone activity in the tropics. As expected, several SPS alums are vying for office. I remind all of the policy on the Archdiocese: we may NOT publicly endorse or favor any candidate. We also are prohibited from allowing campaigning on our campus. We regularly have to deny several candidates their wish to distribute campaign material on our campus. If you have interest in the full Archdiocesan policy, here is the link: <https://d2wldr9tsuuj1b.cloudfront.net/16596/documents/2019/9/Political%20Activities%20Policy%20Copy%20for%20the%20e-Bulletin.pdf>

POSTPONEMENTS: The following have been postponed due to COVID 19 restrictions:

- Get Involved Day in August – rescheduled to last week
- Grandparent Day in October – rescheduled to the spring
- Mini-Schedule (meet the teachers) changed to Parent Teacher Conferences on Oct 1, from 3:30 - 6
- Homecoming Dances in September – working on re-scheduling when possible
- Etiquette Training for Pre-freshman – working on re-scheduling when possible
- Start of football season in August – now it looks like October!
- Start of many extracurricular activities – but we are working on it!
- We hope to re-schedule or begin these events as soon as possible.

PHASE 3: Governor John Bel Edwards announced last week that Louisiana will move into Phase 3 of the state's reopening plan. State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley released the following statement in

support of the Governor's decision: "We as an educational community are ready to move to Phase 3. We've been successful in Phase 2 in terms of mitigating the spread of the virus, and I think we will do well in Phase 3. It's more important than ever that our schools continue to implement the safety procedures they have in place, as more students will soon return to campus." We are examining what Phase 3 will mean for us at SPS and are awaiting guidance from the Office of Catholic Schools and Children's Hospital.

One thing that will NOT change is the mandatory mask policy. Please don't even ask.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety remains paramount for all of us. Promote safety with your son. In our



Campus ducks congratulate Hunter on being one of NINE SPS National Merit Semi-Finalists – most in St. Tammany!

faculty meetings, we reviewed all safety procedures that we have in place – and they are many. Safety is our priority – and it is **EVERYONE'S JOB**. Report ANY rumor or threat to safety about which you hear. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a visitor's pass.**

SOCIAL MEDIA: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

SOCIAL MEDIA II: Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Kudos to the SC for getting up and running in spite of the challenges. Special congrats to all who ran. Here is the 2020-21 Student Council:

President: Davis Lagarde

Vice-President: Alvin Marks

Secretary: Walker Dubreuil

Treasurer: Marco Vargas

Parliamentarian: Michael Slimming

Class Officers:

Senior President: Ryan Daly

Senior VP: Chris Franke

Junior President: Andrew Hightower

Junior VP: Zachary Nichols

Sophomore President: Ben Barousse

Sophomore VP: Sam Gold

Freshmen President: Jacob Strecker

Freshmen VP: Peyton Kilgore

Pre-Freshmen President: Eddie d'Hemecourt

Pre-Freshmen VP: Noah Montz

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESSES: We issued each student a unique Saint Paul's email address through which we will communicate with him. He should use this email address when contacting his teachers or the school for any reason.

SUSTAINED SILENT READING (SSR): we have begun daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during 15 minutes of Block 4. During this time, everyone in the school will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. Students were instructed to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. **Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared on Monday and every day thereafter.** He should bring a PRINTED READING MATERIAL – not electronic material **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I'll keep you posted as to how things go.

TUTORING: The National Honor Society will offer tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during both lunches in the library. Encourage your son to take advantage of this FREE service (which includes proofreading papers!) if he needs a little help.

VISITOR'S PASS: You may not just wander the campus. You must sign in at the Administration Building, the Attendance Office, or the Counseling Office to obtain a pass to be on campus during school hours. Thanks for understanding this procedure. Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.

WEEKLY HUMOR: Avocado jokes in honor of Guacamole Day on Wednesday:

- What do you call a **blessed** avocado? **Holy guacamole.**
- What do you say to an avocado who's done a good job? **"Bravocado!"**
- Can I have your last avocado? **Avocadon't you dare.**
- Are avocados **heart healthy**? **Yes, they make great avo-cardio.**
- How do you say "four avocados" in Spanish? **Um, avo-cuatro?**
- What did the guy at the party say when he realized there was nothing left to dip his tortilla chip in?
- "I've hit guac bottom."



Students pay close attention to Get Involved videos!

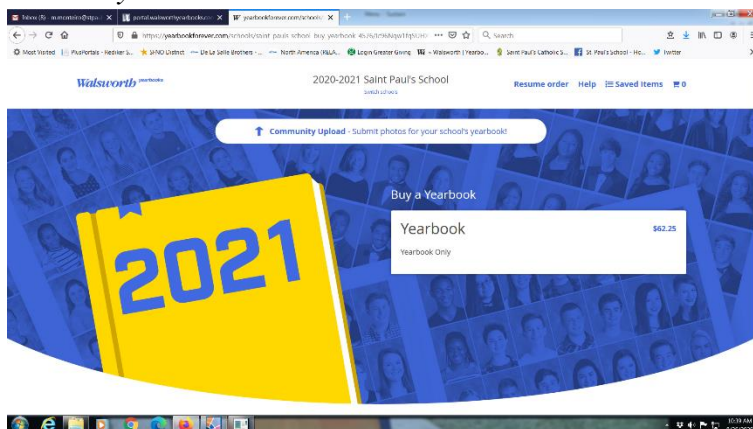
- What did the tortilla chip say to the guacamole? ***"You are all I avo wanted."***
- When Satan steals guacamole, it's playing ***Devil's Avocado.***
- Was your guacamole good? ***Yes, it was avocado this world.***
- Why was the avocado **sought** by press? ***He was a guac star.***
- What did the sad avocado say? ***"It's a hard guac life."***
- What do you call a **guac loving** alligator? ***A guacodile.***
- What was Elvis' favorite Mexican snack? ***The jailhouse guac.***
- What do you get when you put an avocado, a tomato, and an onion in a mosh pit? ***A punk guac concert!***
- What is an avocado's favorite song? ***"I Guac the Line"***
- What did one avocado half say to the other? ***"Without you, I'm empty inside!"***
- What did the tortilla chip say to the avocado? ***"Well, this is guacward." (Dip, scoop, munch!)***

YEARBOOK: The Conifer 2019-2020 is on the press as I write this. The 2020-2021 Conifer staff is already hard at work on the new yearbook. What you need to know for 2020-2021?

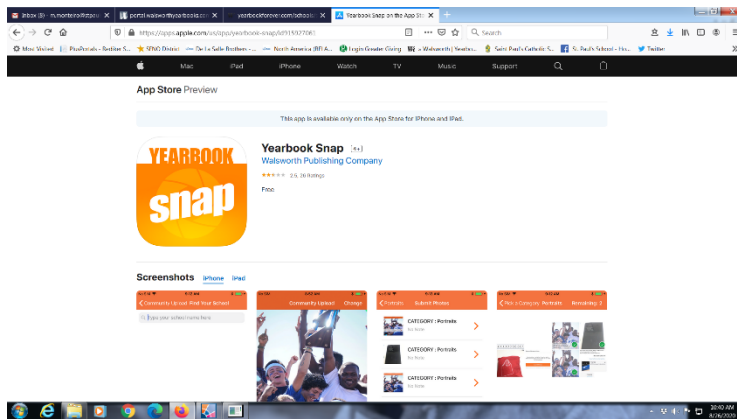
- Yearbooks can only be purchased online at www.yearbookforever.com. Make sure to spell out the word *Saint* when searching for *Saint Paul's School*.
- Purchase a yearbook before Oct 9 to receive the \$60 discounted price. The Conifer will be available for the regular price of \$65 beginning Oct 10.

New this year....share your best Saint Paul's photos with the yearbook staff! You can upload photos from your computer or your smart phone.

- **On your computer**, go to Walsworth website at www.yearbookforever.com. Search for Saint Paul's School, remember to spell out the word *Saint*. Click on the *Community Upload - Submit photos for your school's yearbook* button and follow directions.



- **On your smart phone**, download the *Yearbook Snap* app. Select Saint Paul's School and upload photos directly from your phone.



Please contact yearbook adviser Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions.

A Look Ahead:

September

- 14 – BCDE – Student Snack Day
- 15 – FGAB – T, Appreciation Lunch/V. Assembly
- 16 – CDEF
- 17 – GABC
- 18 – DEFG
- 21 – ABCD
- 22 – EFGA
- 23 – BCDE
- 24 – FGAB
- 25 – CDEF
- 28 – GABC
- 29 – DEFG – Virtual Assembly
- 30 – ABCD – LCAP Begins

October

- 1 – EFGA
- 2 – No classes meet LCAP Concludes
- 5 – BCDE
- 6 – FGAB
- 7 – CDEF
- 8 – GABC
- 9 – DEFG

12 – ABCD
13 – EFGA
14 – BCDE - PSAT Test
15 – FGAB
16 – CDEF
19 – GABC
20 – DEFG
21 – ABCD
22 – EFGA
23 – BCDE
26 – FGAB
27 – CDEF
28 – GABC
29 – DEFG
30 - ABCD



Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I miss listening to while writing the newsletter since it no longer broadcasts but I still LOL thinking about it!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue to have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Let's end with Prayer for Hurricane Protection, especially as disturbances move into the Gulf of Mexico:

*Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It to Another SPS Birthday as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



Have a great Lasallian Week! ...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing the Mission, living courageously, AND RESPECTING ALL PEOPLE!

“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99.2)



*Blessed Brother Scubilion!
Help us respect all people!*

Blessed Brother Scubilion Rousseau, FSC was a French Brother who spent 34 years of his religious life ministering to the enslaved people on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Pope Saint John Paul II beatified him in 1989. From the Christian Brothers Website (www.lasalle.org): *As a devout young man in his native village in Burgundy, Jean Bernard Rousseau was serving as a catechist when he was introduced to the Brothers, who had just opened a school in a nearby town. He entered the Paris novitiate in 1822.*

After ten years in elementary schools throughout France, Brother Scubilion left France in 1833 to dedicate the remaining thirty-four years of his life to the enslaved natives on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Remembered as the “catechist of the slaves,” he inaugurated evening classes for them, which were well attended, even after a long day of exhausting labor. He devised special programs and techniques, suited to their needs and abilities, in order to teach the essentials of Christian doctrine and morality, and prepare them to receive the sacraments. He won them over by his kindly manner and his respect for them.

After the emancipation of the slaves in 1848, he continued to care for them and to help them adapt to their new life of freedom and responsibility. In the last years of his life, despite failing health, he assisted the local pastor in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and even effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death he was venerated everywhere on the island as a saint.

Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick!



Wash your
hands often



Wear a cloth
face cover



Cover your coughs
and sneezes



Keep **6 feet** of space
between you and
your friends





