

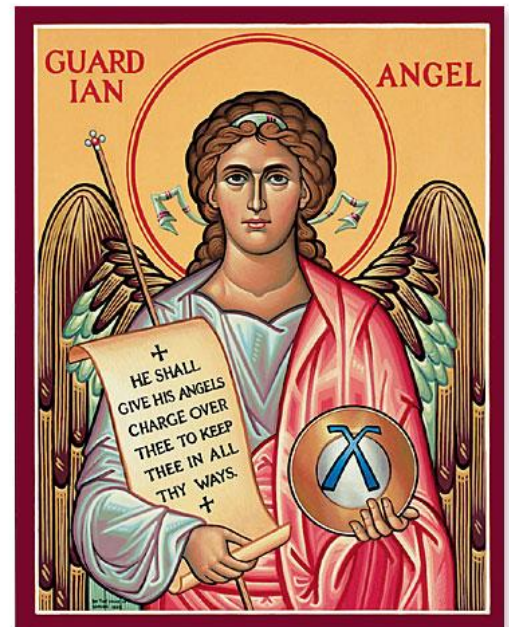


**The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter**  
***Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***  
***September 28 – October 04, 2020***



Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> week of the 2020-21 school year! On Friday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Guardian Angels**. This feast was a favorite of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The school year in France began on October 2 at that time, and the function of guardian angels became a metaphor that La Salle used often in exhorting the brothers to take seriously their work of Christian education of youth. In honor of this feast, I again offer these words from Saint La Salle. We need our angels!

- *Children need good teachers, like **angels**, to help them learn Christian truth.*
- *Like **angels**, teachers help students understand the truths in the gospel and guide them in such a manner that they will be led to put these truths into practice.*
- *It is your duty to act towards the students in the manner in which your guardian **angel** acts toward you. Your angel inspires you and helps you keep clear of whatever obstacle you might encounter.*
- *It is your duty, like the **angels**, to go up to God every day in prayer so that you can learn all you can about how and what to teach the students; and then come back down to their level to teach them what God taught you.*
- *You share in the ministry of guardian **angels**, helping students know the truth, and practice it. To do this, though, you must have great zeal for your work.*
- *As **angels**, you must cheer the faint-hearted, support the weak and be patient toward all. Is this what you have been doing? Has your zeal been ardent enough?*
- *Ask God for grace to watch so well over students confided to you that you take every possible care to shield them from fault. This must be your main concern.*



**I exhorted the faculty to view themselves as guardian angels to their students.**  
**I exhort you, as parents, to do the same.**

**Mon, Sep 28 (F G A B)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1066, William the Conqueror invades England, defeating Harold the Great in Battle of Hastings – changing course of British (and thus US) history.
- **TDIH:** In 1542, California was discovered by Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo upon his arrival at San Diego Bay.
- **National Good Neighbor Day:** Let's be good neighbors today and every day.
- **Ask a Stupid Question Day:** Today is your opportunity to ask all those questions you have been afraid to ask. The roots of this day go back to the 1980s; teachers started a movement to get kids to ask more classroom questions. Feel free to ask me any question you want; I promise not to laugh or make fun.

## Tue, Sep 29 (Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels; C D E F)

- Today we celebrate the feasts of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels -- the only named archangels in the Bible.
  - **Michael** (meaning “Who is like God?”) is mentioned in the Book of Daniel as Israel’s protector, acting as captain with other angels to thrust earth’s evil rulers into the flames. His status as conqueror of God’s enemy is further stressed in the Apocalypse (12:7-9) where he and his angels cast down Satan and his rebellious followers. Michael is also portrayed as an intercessor with God for mankind.
  - **Gabriel** (meaning “God is my strength”) appears in four biblical episodes: twice to the Daniel to explain Messianic visions; once to Zachary to announce the birth of John the Baptist; & once to Mary: “Hail thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!”
  - **Raphael** (meaning “God has healed”) plays an important part in the Book of Tobias, where he was sent by God to assist Tobias by curing his blindness.
  - May these three great angels protect us at Saint Paul’s, where we have over 100 students and faculty who have “Michael” as a first or middle name, 10 who have Gabriel, and 2 named Raphael! Happy Feast Day to them all!
- **TDIH:** In 1954, Willie Mays, centerfielder for the New York Giants, makes an amazing over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball hit by Cleveland Indians first baseman Vic Wertz to rob Wertz of extra bases in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series. The catch has gone down as one of the greatest in the history of baseball. You can watch the catch on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUK9IG-7HTc>
- **TDIH:** Today marks the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). On this date in 1899, a small group of Spanish-America war veterans joined together to form what would become the nation’s largest and most dedicated group of combat veterans. Thank you, Veterans!
- **Women’s Health & Fitness Day:** Take care of yourselves, ladies! We need you!
- **Coffee Day** is a day to savor and appreciate coffee. Have some coffee while reading the newsletter today!
- **Confucius Day:** Today honors one of the world’s great philosophers, who was born in China in 551 BC
- **SPS Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be commissioned this evening in a special ceremony in the chapel. I am grateful to these young men!**

*Entrepreneurship Class gets ready for re-opening of PJ's!*





### Wed, Sep 30 (Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1938, British and French prime ministers sign the Munich Pact with Adolf Hitler. The pact averted war but gave Czechoslovakia to Germany. The Munich Pact has become a metaphor for surrender.
- **Mud Pack Day** (who knew?): Ladies, this is your day! Mud packs were once the rage. They are still popular, but the “mud” has been replaced with a variety of other ingredients to keep the skin young, soft and supple. A real mud pack, though, is a quick treatment for bee stings. Guys -- make this a special day & buy a facial gift certificate for your lady -- not that she needs it, but because it is a feel-good thing.
- **Lasallian Catholic Assessment Program begins.**
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Franklinton

### Thu, Oct 1 (D E F G)

- **Welcome to October! 75% of 2020 is over! Good riddance!**
- **Feast of St. Theresa. Happy Feast Day to Carmelite & Teresian Sisters** – those incredible religious women here in Covington and elsewhere throughout the world. May God bless them abundantly for their prayerful ministries!
- **TDIH:** In 1890, Congress creates Yosemite Park
- **TDIH II:** In 1908, the first Model T Ford is completed at the company's Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford would build some 15 million Model T cars. It was the longest production run of any automobile model in history until the Volkswagen Beetle surpassed it in 1972.
- **CD Player Day:** Digital downloads, MP3s, smart phones and integrated media have made the humble CD player a thing of the past. Get lo-tech and celebrate today by enjoying music from a CD player. I still use mine at assemblies, even though my student helpers are urging me to go digital!
- **Football Meet the Team: 6:30 in Hunter Stadium**
- **Parent – Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 6:30**



*A student enjoys Snack Day! Thanks, MC!*

### Fri, Oct 2 (LCAP Workday – students DO NOT report to school; Feast of the Guardian Angels)

- **TDIH:** In 1919, at the White House in President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke that leaves him partially paralyzed and effectively ends his presidency. Miraculously, the government continues to run.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as first African-American Justice of the US Supreme Court. Current Justice Clarence Thomas is the only other African-American to sit on the SC.
- **TDIH:** In 1968, California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of trees, growing up to 400 feet during a lifetime that can span 2000. Scientists are currently concerned that the CA drought is stressing these incredible, natural wonders.

- **Phileas Fogg's Wager Day:** from Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*, of the famous wager upon which the book is based: *I will bet twenty thousand pounds... that I will make the tour of the world in eighty days or less.* Then, consulting an almanac, Phileas Fogg said: *As today is Wednesday, the second of October, I shall be due in London, in this very room of the Reform Club, on Saturday, the twenty-first of December, at a quarter before nine PM; or else the twenty thousand pounds . . . will belong to you.*
- **Custodial Workers Day:** Today honors those who clean our buildings. SPS is VERY fortunate to have an excellent custodial staff. I'm saddened, however, about how difficult we make their jobs by the amount of trash that is left in rooms and outside. Let's strive for cleanliness every day since it is next to Godliness. **Please speak with your sons about keeping our beautiful campus free from litter!**
- **The comic strip *Peanuts*** made its debut on this date in 1950. The strip's creator, **Charles M. Schulz** (**books by this author**), was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1922. In 1950, he approached a large U.S. syndication service with the best of his work, and he was given a syndication of eight local papers in a variety of U.S. cities. His strip was renamed *Peanuts*. The strip was an almost immediate success that expanded from its original eight newspapers to more than 2,600 papers in 75 countries at its peak.
- **Football:** SPS v. Destrehan. Due to COVID, only a limited number of tickets are available.

### Sat, Oct 3

- **Funeral Service for Brother Louis Welker, FSC:** The Brothers will bid an earthly farewell to Brother Louis at 10 am this morning at a private liturgy at the Retired Brothers Residence. *Eternal rest grant unto Brother Louis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*
- **TDIH: In 1990**, less than one year after the destruction of the Berlin Wall, East & West Germany unite on what is known as "Unity Day."
- **Cross Country in St. Joseph (Baton Rouge) Invitational. Geaux CC Wolves!**

### Sun, Oct 4

- If today were not Sun, we would celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, one of the most venerated religious figures in history and founder of the Franciscan Order. It's most appropriate that we remember this iconic saint by reciting the prayer attributed to him (but probably not composed by him): *Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*
- **TDIH: In 1957**, the Soviet Union launches the first artificial satellite, Sputnik. The US is shocked.
- **Ten-Four Day:** The 4th day of the 10th month is a day of recognition for radio operators, whose code words, "Ten-Four," signal an affirmative reply.
- **Cinnamon Roll Day:** Indulge and enjoy – if your health permits!



*Oldest known portrait in of St. Francis, dating to his retreat to Subiaco (1223–1224)*

- **Taco Day:** Enjoy! From the NTD web site: *The history of the taco is unknown. According to some taco experts [a job I wouldn't mind having!], the word originates from the 18<sup>th</sup> C. silver mines in Mexico, when taco referred to little explosives that workers used to extract ore. These were pieces of paper wrapped around gunpowder and placed in holes carved in rock. "A chicken taquito with a good hot sauce is really a lot like a stick of dynamite," says taco expert Jeffrey Pilcher [and I thought I had the best job!] "The first references [to the taco] come from the end of the 19th C. One of the first tacos described is called tacos de minero—miner's tacos. Others claim tacos predate the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico in the 16th century. Anthropologists say there is evidence suggesting inhabitants of the lake region of the Valley of Mexico ate tacos filled with small fish. The fish were replaced by small live insects and ants in the states of Morelos and Guerrero, while locusts and snails were favorite fillings in Puebla and Oaxaca. Taco Bell is believed to have pushed widespread popularity of Mexican food in the U.S.... The hard-shell taco was invented long before Taco Bell. The U-shaped version is first noted in 1949 in a cookbook. And now you know....*

# 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 launched our 2021 Annual Fund last Monday – the school's birthday – and with Sally knocking on our door. 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 for celebrating celebrate our birthday last Monday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.

**ATHLETICS:** The LHSAA released rules last week for attending athletic events. Here are the main ones:

- *Indoor and outdoor sport events shall be limited to 25% of the established seating capacity.*
- *Face coverings are required for all attendees and spectators.*
- *Social Distancing and Safety Rules:*



- *Spectator seating shall be provided and shall be arranged so that a minimum of 6 feet of distance between individuals and small household groups is maintained.*
- *Seating should not be allowed within 6 feet of aisles or above pedestrian entrance and exits*
- *Group seating shall not exceed 10 people and should be limited to persons who are members of the same household.*
- *Do not allow physical contact between coaches and players, or between staff and spectators.*
- *Eliminate gatherings in the areas while entering, exiting, or moving about*

These rules will seriously alter our traditional game day experience (no tailgating, reduced attendance, etc.), but we have no choice if we want high school athletics. AD Craig Ketelsen has taken the lead in tailoring these rules to SPS. Stay tuned. We know we will not please everyone but the rules are clear.

In accordance with the LHSAA and the Governor's mandates, attendance at Saint Paul's sporting events is currently limited to 25% of capacity. We are unable to offer tickets to the general public until these restrictions are lifted. A limited number of tickets will be made available for purchase to the family of each player (9th/JV/V), Marching Wolf, Golden Blue, and cheerleader from Mon-Thurs NOON during the week of each home game. Each team's coaches will send details for purchasing tickets to their players and parents. As all district schools are under the same restrictions, fans must have a pre-purchased ticket before attending away games, as well. Saint Paul's home games are available via live stream at [www.wpbn.live](http://www.wpbn.live), SPS Radio Network – Cat Country 98.9 FM and the SPS Radio Network app. Go Wolves!

**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](mailto: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.

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

- ALL students may receive a FREE lunch beginning 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
- Thu, Oct 1 Faculty – Parent Conferences, 3:30 – 6:00
- Fri, Oct 2 In-service for faculty (no classes for students)
- Fri, Oct 9 **End of First Quarter; FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION**
- 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



*Students are treated to popsicles in honor of what would have been Brother Alfred's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

**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, please 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 BOOSTER CLUB** – High school football is back! If your business would like to be a football sponsor this season, we have several opportunities. Your business graphic could be displayed during a home game streaming of football games on our NEW Wolf Pack Broadcast Network. Contact Mike Arnold at [wolfpackbroadcastnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:wolfpackbroadcastnetwork@gmail.com) for more information. We also have in stadium opportunities such as business banners, scoreboard commercials and game day sponsorship packages. Contact Tommy Buckel at 985-688-2356 for more information.

**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.

**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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Did you know the average high school student will graduate without knowing how to perform these basic "real life" skills?

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| • Pay income taxes    | • Buy a car              |
| • Register to vote    | • Write a check          |
| • Pay a bill          | • Make a budget          |
| • Apply for loans     | • Dress for an interview |
| • Tip in a restaurant | • Business and dining    |

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### HURRICANES:

- **LAURA:** A total of \$3,271.29 was donated by students, staff, and parents. We sent half to Catholic Charities of Southwest LA in Lake Charles and half to St. Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles, which suffered damage. BTW, St. Louis was formed in 1970 from three smaller Catholic high schools, one of which was Landry Memorial High School, which was staffed by the Christian Brothers for many years. St. Louis is the only Catholic high school in the diocese of Lake Charles.
- **SALLY:** While we give thanks for having been spared the brunt of Sally's wrath, we remember in thought, word, and deed those who were impacted. I never want to lose two days of school, but I would much prefer that loss than loss of local life and property – and spend time and effort in cleanup and repair. Naturally, we were criticized by some for calling school too soon – and by others for not acting soon enough. We monitored civil authorities, public schools, and Office of Catholic Schools – and collaborated with SSA & Hannan. I stand by our decisions, made in an abundance of caution and with proper consultation.
- **BETA:** Yes, we have reached the Greek alphabet! We give thanks that we were spared the worst of Beta. Do you know that next letters of the Greek alphabet? Let's pray we don't have to use them!

**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.

**LASALLIAN CATHOLIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAM** begins Wednesday. This is EXTREMELY important – it is the Lasallian equivalent of Advanced Ed/Southern Association evaluation (and you know how seriously we take that one!) LOTS of work has been done and we need everyone's cooperation to duplicate our very successful last evaluation in 2013. Our future depends on our faithfulness to Lasallian education! So important is this evaluation that students do NOT report to school on Friday while teachers engage in evaluation process. Say a prayer for us!





### LAST WEEK:

- **Cross Country** placed **SECOND** in the SSA meet and competed hard. Geaux Wolves!
- **Football:** Congrats on the Pie Bowl and Thursday's scrimmage. **On to season opener this Friday!**
- **Key Club:** Congrats and thanks to Mark Richards for taking a group to participate in Beach Sweep on 9/19. Instead of the beach, Keep Covington Beautiful (KCB) board member Mark Richards enlisted the help of the St. Paul's Key Club to clean the ditches which drain into Simpson Creek a small tributary of the Little Tchefuncte. The Key Club will assist in another waterway clean up on Friday Oct. 2nd for KCB's annual River Sweep. They will leave from Chimes boat dock where they will take on the Bogue Falaya River. Congrats and thanks to Mark and students **David Barcelona, Joel Rodriguez, Preston Orgeron, Walker Dubrieul, and Chris Franke.**
- **Mothers' Club Appreciation Lunch / Snack Day:** Outstanding, as always! Thanks, MC!
- **The Paper Wolf:** Hope you are keeping up with the GREAT stories
- **Physicals:** Thanks to Dr. Kevin Darr and Covington Orthopedics for their professional services on Sat in giving LHSAA approved physicals to our students. Thanks to Coaches who assisted!
- **Popsicles:** Brother Alfred smiled from heaven as the boys remembered his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday with popsicles.
- **Brother Alfred's Funeral on Sat** was appropriate and fitting. Many people drove past the reliquary with his cremains in front of Founders Oak. Student hosts **Cavin Taylor, Jonah Revere, Kason Gorney, Alex Dusang, and Zachrey Gros** passed out memorial cards. I have put some in the lounge for the taking.

..... THE CLASS OF 2021 .....

*National Merit Semi-Finalists*

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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.**



..... THE CLASS OF 2021 .....

*National Merit Commended Scholars*

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Vageli Liokis



Aidan Plauché



Scott Woodard



Cole Piazza

**NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS:** Last week, FOUR SPS seniors were named National Merit COMMENDED STUDEENTS. Wow. This is QUITE an accomplishment! I take great pride in recognizing the following NMCSs: **Vageli Liokis, Cole Piazza, Aidan Plauche, and Scott Woodard.**

**OCTOBER 9:** This is a FULL DAY of instruction due to cancellation of G'parent Day and the four instructional days we have lost due to hurricanes.



**PAPER WOLF:** Please read The Paper Wolf! ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) I do! We've got an outstanding, AWARD WINNING digital newspaper! Compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe! Support the future of journalism! Geaux Paper Wolves!



**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** will 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.

**POLITICAL ACTIVITY:** Elections are only a few weeks away and the political season is heating up faster than cyclone activity in the tropics. 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>

**QUARANTINE UPDATE:** Our numbers of quarantined students continue to fall. Let's hope the upcoming two-week post-Labor Day anticipated spike in cases does not materialize among our students. Chris Stipe and Abbie Duhe continue to do Herculean work in staying on top of things and completing all state regulations. Thanks to all of you who are understanding and accepting of these needed procedures.

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

**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.



*Student Hosts (l to r) Kason, Jonah, Alex, Zachery, & Cavin honor Brother Alfred Baltz at Saturday's Memorial Service. Thank you!*



**WEEKLY HUMOR:** The Nobel Prizes will be awarded soon for prodigious accomplishments in academic fields. The Ig-Nobel Prizes (sponsored by Harvard) were awarded in mid-Sep. These prizes honor real achievements that make people laugh, then think. The prizes, given by Nobel winners, celebrate the unusual. Some will make you laugh, so this is H of the W. Here are 2020 Ig-nobel Prizes:

- **ACOUSTICS PRIZE:** awarded for inducing a female Chinese alligator to bellow in an airtight chamber filled with helium-enriched air.
- **PSYCHOLOGY PRIZE:** for devising a method to identify narcissists by examining their eyebrows.
- **PEACE PRIZE:** To governments of India and Pakistan, for having diplomats furtively ring each other's doorbells in the middle of the night, and then run away before anyone had a chance to answer the door.
- **PHYSICS PRIZE:** for determining, experimentally, what happens to the shape of a living earthworm when one vibrates the earthworm at high frequency.
- **ECONOMICS PRIZE:** for trying to quantify the relationship between different countries' national income inequality and the average amount of mouth-to-mouth kissing.
- **MANAGEMENT PRIZE:** to five professional hitmen in Guangxi, China, who managed a contract for a hit job (a murder performed for money) in the following way: After accepting payment to perform the murder, Xi Guang-An then instead subcontracted the task to Mo Tian-Xiang, who then instead subcontracted the task to Yang Kang-Sheng, who then instead subcontracted the task to Yang Guang-Sheng, who then instead subcontracted the task to Ling Xian-Si, with each subsequently enlisted hitman receiving a smaller percentage of the fee, and nobody actually performing a murder.
- **ENTOMOLOGY PRIZE:** for collecting evidence that many entomologists (scientists who study insects) are afraid of spiders, which are not insects.
- **MEDICINE PRIZE:** for diagnosing a long-unrecognized medical condition: Misophonia, the distress at hearing other people make chewing sounds.
- **MEDICAL EDUCATION PRIZE:** for using the Covid-19 viral pandemic to teach the world that politicians can have a more immediate effect on life and death than scientists and doctors can.
- **MATERIALS SCI PRIZE:** for showing that knives made from frozen human feces do not work well.
- I wish SPS could get some of this research money!



*A Senior enjoying Snack Day!*

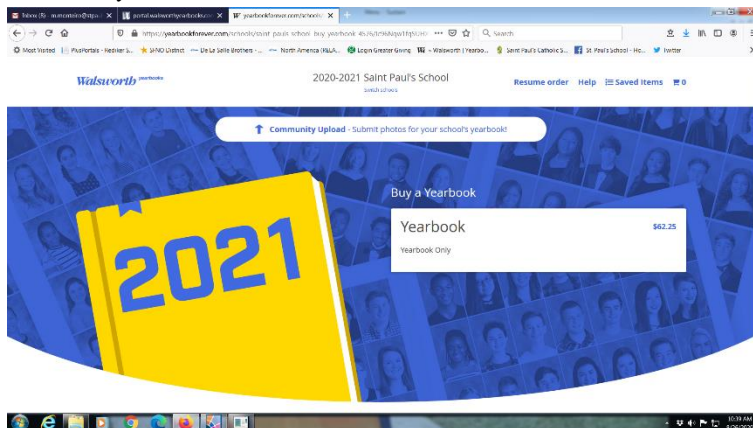


**YEARBOOK:** The Conifer 2019-2020 is on the press as I write this. The 2020-2021 Conifer staff is already hard at work on the new yearbook. What you need to know for 2020-2021?

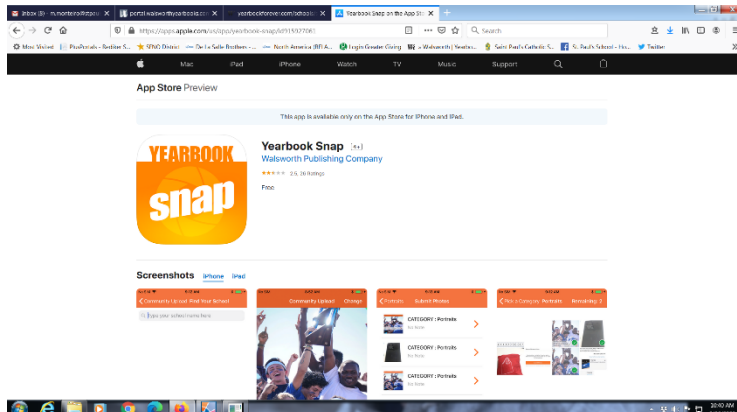
- Yearbooks can only be purchased online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Make sure to spell out the word *Saint* when searching for *Saint Paul's School*.
- Purchase a yearbook before Oct 9 to receive the \$60 discounted price. The Conifer will be available for the regular 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](http://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](mailto:m.monteiro@stpauls.com) if you have any questions.

**Young Entrepreneurs Academy Accepting Applications:** Know a 6th-12th grader who would be a great business owner? The Young Entrepreneurs Academy can help them start building their dream now! This innovative program is hosted by Southeastern Louisiana University and the Louisiana Small Business Development Center and offers dynamic instruction, mentorships with local business leaders, and the opportunity to earn real funding from investors. The class is limited to just 25 students each year, so apply today at [yea.northshore.org](http://yea.northshore.org).

## **September**

28 – FGAB  
29 – CDEF – Virtual  
Assembly  
30 – GABC – Lasallian  
Catholic Assessment  
Program (LCAP) Begins



## **October**

1 – DEFG  
2 – No classes meet LCAP Concludes  
5 – ABCD  
6 – EFGA  
7 – BCDE  
8 – FGAB  
9 – CDEF – THIS IS A FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION DUE TO CANCELATION OF GP DAY!  
12 – GABC  
13 – DEFG  
14 – ABCD - PSAT Test  
15 – EFGA  
16 – BCDE  
19 – FGAB  
20 – CDEF  
21 – GABC  
22 – DEFG  
23 – ABCD  
26 – EFGA  
27 – BCDE  
28 – FGAB  
29 – CDEF  
30 – GABC

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

**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

Grateful to have made it to the end of Sep as the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

