



# *The President's Hebdomadal **Blue-Ribbon** Newsletter*



*Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington*

*340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*

*October 05 – 11, 2020 – the final week of the first quarter!*

This Friday, October 9, is the feast of the Christian Brother Martyrs of Turon, canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II: **Saint Brothers Cirilo Bertrán, Marciano José, Julián Alfredo, Victoriano Pío, Benito de Jesus, Benjamin Julián, Augusto Andrés, Aniceto Adolfo and Saint Father Inocencio.** From the Christian Brothers' website:

*In 1934, Turón was the center of anticlerical hostility. The Brothers' school was an irritant to radicals in charge because of the religious influence it exerted. The Brothers defied the ban on teaching religion & openly escorted students to Mass. On the First Fri of Oct, authorities broke into the Brothers' house on the pretext that arms were hidden there.*

*They and their chaplain were arrested and marched to the cemetery where they were shot. Brother Cirilo, the Director, was 46 and Brother Marciano was 39. Brother Julián was 32 and all the rest were in their twenties. They were arrested, detained, and executed as a community. Victims of the hatred and violence against the Church, they witnessed by their death to the faith they so courageously professed and so effectively communicated to their students.*



**I pray that I have such faith and courage! Sainly Brother Martyrs of Turon! Pray for us!**

## **Mon, Oct 5 (A B C D)**

- **Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos:** Father Seelos is a favorite in the New Orleans area. He was assigned in 1866 to the Redemptorist community in New Orleans. Here also, as pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, he was known as a pastor who was joyously available to his faithful and singularly concerned for the poorest and the most abandoned. In God's plan, however, his ministry in New Orleans was destined to be brief. In the month of September, exhausted from visiting and caring for the victims of yellow fever, he contracted the dreaded disease. After several weeks of patiently enduring his illness, he passed on to eternal life on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48 years and 9 months. He was beatified by Saint Pope John Paul II in 2000. Father Seelos, pray for us!
- **This Day in History:** In 1892, The Dalton gang attempts to rob two banks simultaneously in Coffeyville, Kansas, but meets resistance from townspeople, who wind up killing four of the five bandits. Emmett Dalton, the sole survivor, returned to the site of the crime nearly 40 years later and offered a caution to would-be thieves: "The biggest fool on earth is the one who thinks he can beat the law, that crime can be made to pay. It never paid and it never will and that was the one big lesson of the Coffeyville raid."
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Harry Truman (1884-1972) makes the first-ever televised presidential address from the White House, asking Americans to cut back on their use of grain in order to help starving Europeans. At the time of Truman's food-conservation speech, Europe was still recovering from WW II.
- **Do Something Nice Day:** Go ahead, do something nice – anything. It won't hurt; I promise!





### **Tue, Oct 6 (E F G A)**

- **TIDH:** in 2015, SPS students entered the new gym for the first time, to the resounding strains of George Fredrick Handel's Halleluiahs Chorus! It was a magnificent moment! We thank all those who made this campus jewel possible!
- **TDIH:** In 1927, the first "talkie" opened in New York. *The Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.
- **TDIH:** In 1979, President Jimmy Carter receives Pope John Paul II, the first Pope to visit the White House.
- **Mad Hatter Day:** Today refers to the character from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, where the Mad Hatter is always seen wearing a hat bearing a slip of paper with the notation "In this style 10/6" – an invitation to behave in the style of the Mad Hatter on 10/6. Mad Hatter Day began in Boulder, CO, in 1986, among computer folk who had nothing better to do. In 1988, it was recognized as an official holiday by an area business, and also received its first national press coverage by news services. What do people do on Mad Hatter Day? In general, people celebrate silliness – but not during school!
- **ACT:** Seniors will take a real-life ACT in school today! Good luck, seniors!

### **Wed, Oct 7 (President's Virtual Assembly; B C D E)**

- **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray the rosary today – and often!** Catholics are invited by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to join in a unique witness of prayer on October 7, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, for a virtual prayer event with the intention of uniting Catholics across the country in a moment of prayer for America at this time when there is so much unrest and uncertainty. It



will premiere on the USCCB's YouTube channel and Facebook page on Wednesday, October 7 at 2:00 pm Central Time. Go to <https://www.usccb.org/rosary-america> for more information.

- **TDIH:** In 1913, for the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park, MI automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line. We've come a long way, Henry!
- **You Matter To Me Day:** Four simple words, one single phrase, that makes a profound difference to all who hear it and share it. Tell people who matter to you that they do.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> and JV v. Slidell (5:30)

#### **Thu, Oct 8 – (All School Virtual Mass; F G A B)**

- **Alvin C. York Day:** Sgt. York is the most decorated American soldier in World War I. From the Sgt. York website: *On Oct 8, 1918, after being pinned down, York took his fateful walk into history. He and 16 other soldiers... were given the unenviable task of silencing the machine guns that halted the advance. It was a cold, wet morning. Rain mixed with sleet added to the gloom of the fog that draped the landscape. As the soldiers worked their way around the hill, the men on the left flank stood exposed in the creek bottom. German machine gunners opened fire, wounding or killing nine Americans, including York's best friend. York was on the right flank beneath the crest of the hill in a natural depression, which he used to kill nine of the men who operated the guns. In the meantime, his comrades opened fire on the Germans, and in a few minutes 25 were dead. The Germans surrendered to what they thought was a superior force, and York and the American survivors escorted 132 prisoners to American forces some 10 miles away. Sergeant York was awarded his nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions [that day.]*
- **Face Your Fears Day:** Consider what life might be like if you conquered some of your greatest fears. Today gives you the chance to stand up to your fears, overcome them, and to seize the day.
- **National Pierogie Day:** Pierogies are Eastern Europe's equivalent of ravioli or tortellini - essentially filled dumplings. This peasant dish originated in Poland in the 13th century. Enjoy the dumpling of your choice!
- **Walk to School Day:** Give it a try if you're in walking distance!
- **National Poetry Day:** OK, I'm fudging a bit here as this NPD is in Great Britain – but we can still celebrate! The theme this year is “messages” so read a poem that has a message
- **Mothers' Club Wine and Cheese Social (6:30 in the BAC).** Masks and social distancing required.



*Chillaxing after a long day at school!*

### Fri, Oct 09 (C D E F)

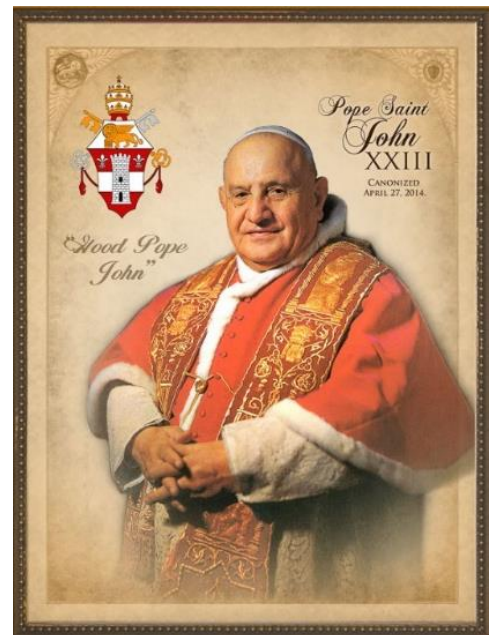
- **Leif Erikson Day:** To honor Leif Erikson (who over sailed from Iceland and explored present-day Greenland and Canada) and to celebrate our Nordic-American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution has authorized the President to proclaim October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day."
- **Mickey Champagne / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament:** We wish Al et al a successful day!
- **The Jewish Feast of Sukkot** began Oct 2 at sundown and ends at sundown tonight. Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles is one of the three biblically based pilgrimage holidays known as the shalosh regalim. It is an agricultural festival that originally was considered a thanksgiving for the fruit harvest. We hope our Jewish brothers and sisters had a blessed Sukkot!
- **Football:** Varsity at Slidell (7)

### Sat, Oct 10

- **TDIH:** In 1973, US Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns in ignominious disgrace.
- **World Egg Day:** Celebrate by fixing your favorite egg dish and eating it; do not celebrate by throwing!
- **Angel Food Cake Day:** Enjoy this classic dessert after you eat an egg!
- **Cross Country** runs in Catholic High Meet in BR

### Sun, Oct 11

- If today were not Sunday, we would celebrate the Feast of St. Pope John XXIII. (1881 – 1963) -- one of the most influential popes in recent history, changing the Church forever. As Pope, he immediately began to change the Vatican culture. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners. He apologized for episodes of Church anti-Semitism. Pope John XXIII was expected to only serve a short time and that he would make no significant changes to Church practice. However, Pope John XXIII did many things that created sensation in the streets and pews. Perhaps his most influential decision was the call for an ecumenical council, known as Vatican II. This council altered many practices of the classic Church with new emphasis on ecumenism and a new liturgy. In his last months, he offered to negotiate peace between Soviet Union and the US, then at the height of the Cold War. The offer, although declined, was popular in both countries. In the wake of the news, John XXIII was the first pope to be honored as the Time Magazine Man of the Year. At his death in June of 1963, the world mourned John XXIII and President Lyndon Johnson posthumously awarded him a Presidential Medal of Freedom. His feast day is October 11. This special feast day is intended as a commemoration of the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962. Here are some more memorable quotations from Saint Pope John:



- *Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do*
- *The family is the first essential cell of human society.*
- *Peace on Earth can never be established, never guaranteed, except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order.*
- *Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.*
- *Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.*

- *See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little.*
- *Prayer is raising the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.*
- **Saint Pope John XXIII! Pray for us!**
- **TDIH:** In 1962, Pope John XXIII convenes Vatican II —the first council in 92 years -- to bring spiritual rebirth to Catholicism and cultivate greater unity with other religions.
- **Southern Food Heritage Day:** Eat your favorite southern food.

# 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 on Sep 14<sup>th</sup>, -- 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 on 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!



*It's great hearing the Marching Wolves practice after school!*

**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.



**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.



*Deep in thought at the end of the day or checking his phone?*

**GYM:** Oct 6 marks the five-year anniversary of occupancy of our new gym – which means no current student remembers assemblies or PE in the old gym! If you were here, I hope you remember the excitement as the boys entered for the first time. We even got TV coverage! Here's the link to relive WGNO's take on the ceremony. <http://wgno.com/2015/10/06/so-what-does-the-new-gym-at-st-pauls-school-smell-like/>

And while I am grateful to all who made the gym possible, I am especially grateful for the major sponsorships:

- The anonymous alumnus who donated \$150,000 to the gym
- Bleachers: The Dr. Joseph Lacoste Family
- Courtyard Plaza: The Dr. John Thompson Family
- Classroom: Saint Paul's Mothers' Club
- Coaches Office: The Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament
- Lobby: Saint Paul's Class of 1982
- North Scoreboard: E. Tourelle's Northpark Nissan-Hyundai in honor of SPS alums Tyler '11 and Josh '17
- South Scoreboard: B & K Construction Company and The Wayne Mediamolle Family

- Concession Room: The Judge Adrian Duplantier Family
- Locker Room 1: The Dr. Anthony Albright Family
- Locker Room 2: The Dr. Kevin Darr Family

Three naming opportunities remain:

- Sound System still looking for a sponsor
- Main Court still looking for a sponsor
- Building still looking for a sponsor. Would you like to have the gym named after you or your family?
- If you know of anyone interested, please let them know.



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



*Eucharistic Minister Commissioning Ceremony*

**LAST WEEK:**

- **Cross Country:** Wolves ran hard in BR on Sat with Evan Pardo finishing first in the prestigious St. Joseph Invitational. Geaux Wolves!
- **Eucharistic Ministry Commissioning:** 25 seniors were commissioned in a moving ceremony on Tue night with their parents present and Father Matthew Clark presiding at liturgy.
- **Five Guys:** Thanks to this local business for having an SPS night!
- **Football: GREAT WIN! Geaux Wolves!**
- **Lasallian Catholic Assessment Program (LCAP):** VERY positive results! We will soon be sharing the results when we receive the final report. The committee was VERY impressed with faculty and students! Thank you!
- **Marching Wolves** sounded great on Friday night!
- **Pack Time:** We had our first Pack Time last week. It featured Brother Scubilion in a modified Pack Time. Hope your son told you about it. I miss my Wolf Pack guys!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thanks to all who showed. The new format was well-received. I hope the time on campus was worth your while.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle Lavie, on another great issue



**MUSIC CLASSROOM BUILDING:** Last week, we received approval from the Lasallian Education Corporation to proceed with plans for a new music / band facility. This \$2.3 million facility is sorely needed for our Marching Wolves, Concert and Jazz Bands, and music classes. The architectural firm of flWB designed the structure and, in a transparent, open, and fair bidding process, DonahueFavret emerged as the low bidder – and has been awarded the contract. Plans are currently being permitted in Covington, and work will begin soon. My thanks to all, especially Trevor Watkins and Andrew Moran, who helped design the structure. A funding campaign will soon be launched by the Development Team. It's been a long time coming!





**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.

**MOTHERS' CLUB SOCIAL ON THURSDAY WILL BE HELD WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- Limit of 250 guests strictly enforced
- All guests will enter through the main doors only
- Temperatures will be taken by volunteers at the door
- Face coverings will be required
- Wine will be served at a separate table staffed with volunteers
- All appetizers will be individual snacks, well-spaced
- Any tables used will be spaced at least 6 feet apart
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all tables
- Individual pens will be handed out to all guests for signups



**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



Aiden 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, Aiden Plauche, and Scott Woodard.**



**OCTOBER:** Welcome to October – the tenth month of the year, even though “octo” means eight. I hope you know why this discrepancy exists! In any event, I draw the following to your attention as we begin October:

- **October** is also *Country Music Month, Family History Month, Computer Learning Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, National Book Fair Month, National Car Care Month, Gourmet Adventures Month, National Cosmetology Month, Polish American Heritage Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Stamp Collecting Month, National AIDS Awareness Month, National Cyber Security Awareness Month, National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Month* and *National Depression Education and Awareness Month*.
- **The Rosary:** The Catholic Church dedicates Oct in a special way to Mary, our Blessed Mother. The rosary is a great devotion to Mary, and I encourage you to recite it regularly. Pre-COVID, a group of moms and the retired brothers recited the rosary each Mon at 8 in the Residence chapel for the intentions of the school. I hope they are still saying the rosary for us and look forward to when we can re-start this practice.
- **Respect Life Month:** October is designated by the Catholic Church as Respect Life Month. In addition to the unborn, the Church also reminds us of our obligations toward other life issues: Marriage/Family Life, Children, Women, The Aging, and Death/Dying. We offer prayers this week that life will be respected, from conception to natural death. We pray that our students learn by our word as well as example.

### Prayer for Life

*Let us pray, Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

**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!



**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>



**ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY:** The St. Tammany Parish Library will celebrate the second annual nationwide celebration, TEENtober, with special events and programs spotlighting all the great resources and activities available at the library as well as to encourage teens from around the area to read for their enjoyment.

TEENtober, which began in 2019, aims to celebrate teens, promote year-round teen services and the innovative ways teen services helps teens learn new skills, and fuel their passions in and outside the library. Moreover, according to Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Rifino, “It is a time to celebrate reading for fun while encouraging teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms —books, magazines, e-books, audiobooks and more!”

This year the STPL Teen Department’s TEENtober will highlight teens and YA horror/mystery/thriller books with socially connected, physically distant events, including our **Book Tasting Chapter of the Month Club** featuring the eerie *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, the **AniManga Club**, a creative writing “**Preptober**” Word Wednesday workshop with Mrs. Joy (with a follow-up NaNoWriMo Workshop in November), a thrilling **Escape Room**, *Teen Hour: Spooky Trivia*, plus weekly **Crafternoons** filled with fun Halloween and fall crafts.

The library wants to make sure that teens have access to all books and services. To ensure this, the library celebrates TEENtober with “**Teen Amnesty Month**”, where any teen ages 12-18 who has lost his/her library card may have it replaced for free, and/or return overdue books checked out on his/her card and have the overdue fines waived.

**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:** Some “egg jokes” in honor of World Egg Day on Saturday:

- What day do eggs hate most? Fry-day!
- What did Snow White call her chicken? Egg white. [LOL!]
- How do eggs leave a highway? By going through the eggs-it.
- How do comedians like their eggs? Funny side up!
- How do monsters like their eggs? Terri-fried!



Campus is alive with fall flora and fauna!



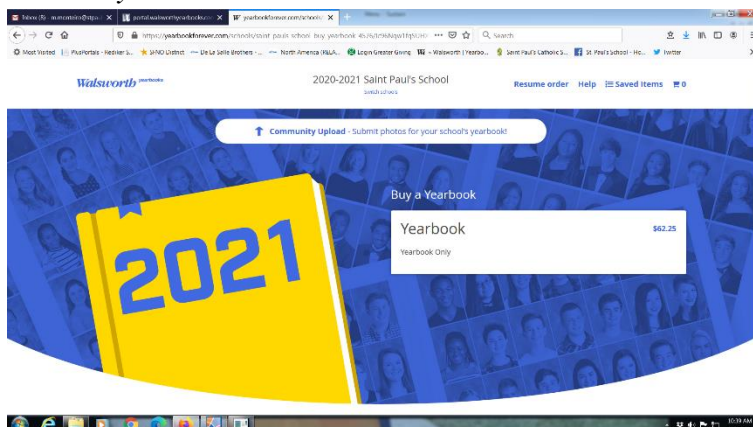
- *What do chickens call a school test? Eggs-amination!*
- *What do eggs do when the light turns green? Egg-celerate!*
- *Did you hear about McDonalds? They eggspanded the breakfast menu.*
- *Why do people gain weight? Because they do not eggsercise!*
- *How did the egg get up the mountain? It scrambled up!*
- *What do you call an egg sleeping on the job? Egg-zosted!*
- *Who wrote Great Eggspectations? Charles Chickens!*
- *Why can't you tease egg whites? They can't take a yolk!*
- *Why did the egg go to school? To get "egg-u-cated"!*
- *Why did a chicken lay an egg on an axe? To hatchet*
- *What did one egg say to another? Your yolks crack me up.*
- *Why do chickens lay eggs? Because if they dropped them, they would break!*
- *What do Chickens grow on? Eggplants!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**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?

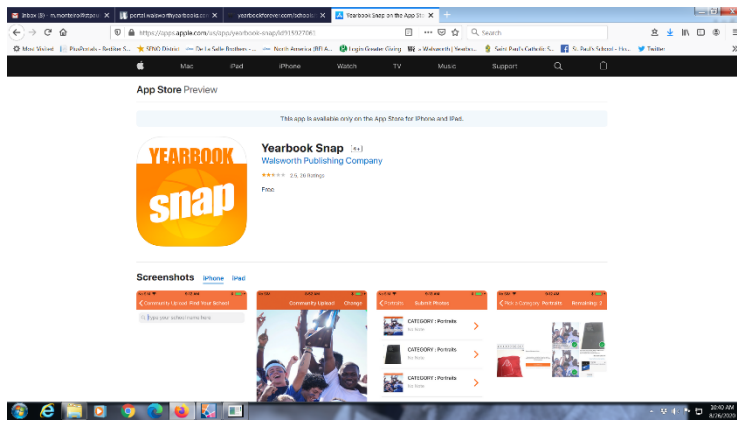
- Yearbooks can only be purchased online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Make sure to spell out the word *Saint* when searching for *Saint Paul's School*.
- Purchase a yearbook before Oct 9 to receive the \$60 discounted price. The Conifer will be available for the regular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

## **SENIORS DO NOT ORDER YEARBOOKS!**

### **One is automatically included in the senior fee.**



I will close by re-printing a letter written by alumnus Bryce Addison '06 as I have done this for the last four years. It was written four years ago this week, as the Class of 2006 observed its ten-year reunion and memorial mass for their four deceased classmates. It's powerful enough to re-read as it is moving and speaks to the very heart of what we do at SPS. BTW, Bryce is an attorney with the prestigious New Orleans law firm, Deutsch Kerrigan:

*I'm planning our 10-Year Reunion. It's been as somber an undertaking as it has been celebratory. I don't know if any other St. Paul's class has experienced tragedies that mine has so soon after graduation. But I do know this- I miss my brothers Evan, Kyle, Peter, and Ted.*

*Saint Paul's was five of the best years of my life. What I experienced during those five years in my role as a son, friend, Catholic, student, community member, did more to shape my character and outlook than any other life experience. Those guys, my brothers, are directly and intrinsically ingrained in my character and outlook. At times, they looked up to me, and that burden of responsibility and expectation empowered my growth. At other times, I looked up to them, and learned how to trust, live in a moment, not take myself so seriously. When I think of some of the best times, think of the brothers with whom I can no longer share those memories.*

*It's a selfish mourning, I acknowledge that. I want to hear Evan's mischievous snicker, to watch Kyle's face endlessly expand into our class's biggest smile, to hear Ted talk in that distinctive surfer meets country boy voice, and to witness Peter use his witty, dry sarcasm on an unknowing and defenseless friend or teacher. I want them back because of how they made me feel to be a part of their lives, to refill the unique roles they played in my life, to allow me to replay the unique role I may have played in theirs, roles that won't be recast. I say that it's a selfish mourning because I know that God has taken them in. I know that Evan, Kyle, Peter, and Ted continue playing a role in my life, if not through angelic duty, then by continuing to live on in my character and outlook. As Matthew wrote, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there." Whether*



*I'm in Church or driving in my car, I know that when I think of Evan, Kyle, Peter, and Ted, I am thinking of God- His mercy, His grace, and His kingdom.*

*These thoughts and prayers have led me to have faith that the roles Evan, Kyle, Peter, and Ted play in God's plan are perpetually rewarding. Struggling, fighting, failing, trying to understand that Truth has empowered my growth and shaped my character and outlook. It's in these moments that I realize how palpable the roles Evan, Kyle, Peter, and Ted continue to play in my life, how clear it is that God continues using Evan, Kyle, Peter, and Ted as his instruments to do His will. I miss my brothers. But who they were and how they made me feel is still with me. They haven't really left. I wish I could talk to them, to laugh with them, to see them again. However, Evan, Kyle, Peter and Ted continue to show me that relationships can grow stronger, more mature, more rewarding, more meaningful and complex, even after a person departs this world. It's a Truth that is consistent with our innate longing for a relationship with Jesus. I miss my brothers, but I know they are still with me. Please keep Kyle, his family, friends, and our class in your prayers.*

We will indeed remember in prayer your fallen brothers, Bryce, and those still standing – especially you – just like we have in the past! Now let's go out there this last week of the first quarter and make the bonds of brotherhood among our students even stronger by practicing the five core principles of Lasallian education!



## **October**

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!



Jake and his dad, following Eucharistic Minister Commissioning

**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

Can't Believe It's the Last Week of the 1st Quarter and I'm Still 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's



***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

