



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
**October 19 – 25, 2020**



Welcome to the second week of the second quarter!  
Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.



As we begin the second quarter, now is a good time to remind ourselves of and recommit ourselves to the fundamentals of what we do and why we do it. Ten weeks ago, we committed ourselves to being Lasallian and to doing God's will – despite COVID 19. At the start of the second quarter, we must renew our Lasallian commitment to students and each other. **As we begin the second quarter, we again commit ourselves to the five Lasallian Core Principles: *Provide a quality education, Build an inclusive community, Respect all persons, Show concern for the poor and social justice, and Have Faith in the presence of God.***

As we pray daily to Blessed Brother Scubilion to help us respect all people, I offer the following words of St. John Baptist de La Salle and encourage you to use these words of St. La Salle to inspire your work – just as, I'm sure, Brother Scubilion did:

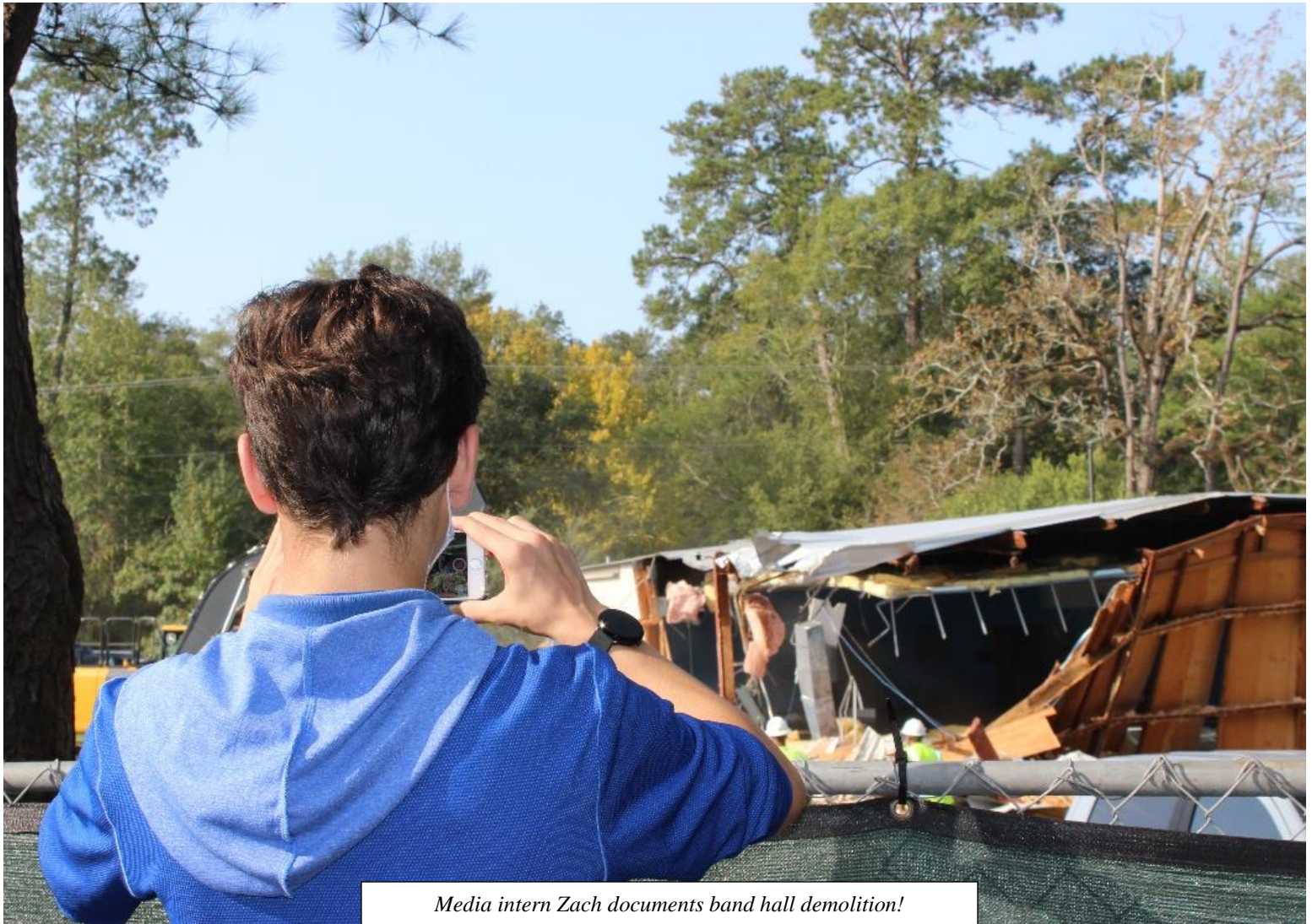
- *It is God who has called you to this form of service;*
- *Every day God calls you anew to the needs these children have;*
- *It is God's own work that he entrusts to you;*
- *Your presence among young people brings salvation to them;*
- *Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied with it, but do not spare yourself in what you can do with grace; and believe that, if you want it, you can do more with God's grace than you think.*
- *In you, and through your ministry, these children encounter God, who knows each of them by name, who loves them, and who goes out searching endlessly for those who have gone astray.*

**Please pray this week that we live up the Lasallian Mission of education.**

By the way, the image of St. La Salle above is from an original oil painting that hangs in the Counseling Center. It was painted by famous Louisiana folk artist Eddie Mormon, known for his distinctive style of vivid colors, lots of paint, and use of a knife, not a brush for bold strokes. It was commissioned by a former SPS student who left here before he graduated – but remains grateful for his time at SPS.

**Mon, Oct 19 (F G A B)** – Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions, Jesuit missionaries. By 1632, the Jesuits had a mission center in Quebec, ministering to 20,000 Huron in 30 villages. The missionaries converted about two thousand converts in their many years in Quebec. Then the enemies of the Huron, the Iroquois, who resented the French, captured, tortured, & killed the missionaries.

- **This Day in History:** In 1781, as their band played *The World Turned Upside Down* (ya' gotta love the British!), the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7000 British & Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington, effectively ending the war between Britain and its American colonies. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris in 1783.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in SSA Swim Meet



*Media intern Zach documents band hall demolition!*

**Tue, Oct 20 (C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France to purchase Louisiana Territory, doubling size of US.
- **TDIH:** In 1944, Gen. Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, thus fulfilling his promise, “I shall return!”
- **TDIH:** Today is the birthday of John Dewey, born in Burlington, Vermont (1859). Regarded as the father of progressive education, his best-known innovation was what he called “learning by directed living,” which



combined learning with concrete activity. He wrote *Democracy and Education* (1916), and he founded the New School for Social Research. He was a shy, scholarly youth; a friend said that ideas were like living objects to him, and the only things he was really interested in. When he was hired to teach at the University of Michigan at the age of 25, he constituted the entire philosophy department. He spent most of his career thinking and writing about education. He said that schools were useless unless they taught students how to live as members of a community; that they wouldn't succeed in teaching children anything unless they were receptive to what children were ready to learn; and that they wouldn't get anywhere unless they treated children as individuals. He once gave a speech at Michigan in which he said there was so much knowledge at universities because the freshmen brought everything they knew to college with them, and the seniors never took anything away.



### Wed, Oct 21 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 2015, we held the official blessing and dedication of the new gym. Gene Bennett smiled on us that night as it was a magical evening, with many, many supporters in attendance.
- **TDIH:** In 1879, Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his lab in Menlo Park, NJ, keeping it lit for 13 hours. We've come a long way! We have replaced ALL campus lighting with LEDs, which are saving electricity. Edison would be proud!
- **TDIH:** In 1967, 100,000 people marched on The Pentagon to protest the Vietnam War.
- **Babbling Day:** Calling all blatherskites (people who babble – yes, it's a real word!): today isn't a day to remain silent. We celebrate those with glib tongues who never stop talking. They babble on and on and turn a simple one sentence statement into an endless dissertation. I'm not one of them, however!

- **Pumpkin Cheesecake Day:** Don't want to babble today? Then enjoy this classic fall dessert!
- **Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day:** My virtual desktop is as messy as my wooden desktop!
- **Reptile Awareness Day:** Become as aware as you want of these critters, but I'll stay clear of 'em
- **Lacrosse Parent Meetings:** See below for details.

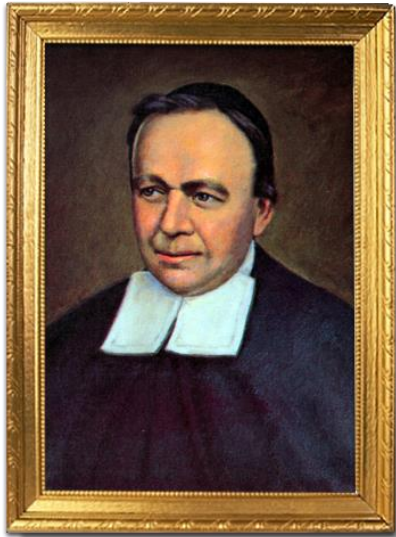
### Thu, Oct 22 (Feast of St. John Paul II; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, President John Kennedy announces a blockade of Cuba in response to the discovery that Soviet missiles were being installed on the island, pushing the US to a nuclear showdown with Russia.
- **CAPS LOCK DAY: FEEL FREE TO CAPITALIZE EVERYTHING TODAY!** I will abstain.
- **Stuttering Awareness Day:** 1% of the population stutters or has some other speech impairment. Let's be sensitive to them and learn how to assist. There are some great tips on the ISAD website.

- **Smart is Cool Day:** Flaunt your IQ today! Tout your ACT score! Quote Plato and Shakespeare! Take an on-line IQ test at [www.iqtest.com](http://www.iqtest.com) and see how smart you really are!
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Holy Cross (6)

### Fri, Oct 23 (A B C D)

- **Day of Atonement, Prayer & Fasting:** Archbishop Aymond asks us to join him in these acts in reparation for sins committed and to ward off the Devil, who prowls about like a lion, seeking someone to devour.



- Today, the Lasallian world celebrates the memorial feast of Blessed Brother Arnold Reche, a Christian Brother (1838-1890) who was beatified by Pope John Paul II. From the Brothers' web site: *Arnold was born into a poor family and left school early to work as a stable boy, coachman, and for local construction. He met the Brothers while attending evening classes at their school and joined. He taught for 14 years at a boarding school in Reims. Despite a full teaching schedule, he privately studied math, theology, science & agriculture. During Franco-Prussian War of 1870, he cared for medical & spiritual needs of the wounded on both sides; he was awarded the Bronze Cross. His work won the hearts of his students by his care for their spiritual and professional development. He died at 52 with a reputation for sanctity.* Work and pray so that people will say the same about our reputations! Blessed Brother Arnold— watch over and inspire us!

- **Wellness Screening and Flu Shots** begin as early as 6:30 in the BAC. If

you have a class, let us know and we will provide a sub for the 15 minutes it will take for you to get screened and get your flu shot. Stay well.

- **Mole Day:** Celebrated annually on Oct 23 from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., Mole Day commemorates Avogadro's Number ( $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ ), a basic chemistry measuring unit.
- **The Swallows Depart San Juan, Capistrano** today heading for winter home in Argentina.
- **Football:** Varsity at Covington (7)

### Sat, Oct 24

- **Let Us Remember Dept:** Today marks the 14-year anniversary of the death of prodigious SPS English teacher Brother Bill Parsons. While few at SPS remember Bill, his presence and influence continue. We remember Bill and his contribution to the Christian education and take comfort in the role he played in our lives. Brother Bill, pray for us! In his memory, let's pay attention to our English today – and teach the entire period – which he was passionate about.
- **TDIH:** In 1861, Western Union sends the first transcontinental telegram from San Francisco to Washington, DC, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, The United Nations is founded.
- **Bologna Day:** Eat a bologna sandwich! I'll pass!
- **Cross Country in SSA Meet**

**Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Covington

### Sun, Oct 25

- **TDIH:** In 1854, during the Crimean War, the Charge of the Light Brigade occurred. Of the 673 British cavalrymen, 272 were killed. The Charge was later immortalized in the poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. (*Theirs not to make reply, Theirs not to reason why, Theirs but to do and die. Into the valley of Death Rode the six hundred*) Re-read this famous poem today!

- **TDIH:** In 1983, over 2000 US Marines and Army Rangers invade the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada “to restore order and democracy.”
- **TDIH.** In 1881, Pablo Picasso, co-founder of the Cubist movement and one of the greatest, most influential artists of 20th century, is born in Malaga, Spain. Spend time today viewing some Picasso. Here’s a link: [http://www.google.com/images?q=picasso&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=univ&ei=D3XBTL\\_6AoT7lwff25nLCg&sa=X&oi=image\\_result\\_group&ct=title&resnum=4&ved=0CEoQsAQwAw&biw=1024&bih=578](http://www.google.com/images?q=picasso&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=univ&ei=D3XBTL_6AoT7lwff25nLCg&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=4&ved=0CEoQsAQwAw&biw=1024&bih=578)
- **TDIH:** In 2016, the Advanced Ed/Southern Association Quality Review Team arrived on campus for a three-day inspection of our school. SPS passed with flying colors!l
- **Sour Day:** Life given you lemons? Today’s the day to shout about it. Reserve the right to be grumpy, irritable and sour about the world and everything in it. But tomorrow you’ve got to be sweet to everyone!
- **Pasta Day:** Last week was National Pasta Day, now it’s World Pasta Day – so eat some more pasta!

# Rise Up, O Men of God

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

**ADMISSIONS FOR 2021-22: WE NEED YOUR HELP!** COVID-19 restrictions are forcing changes to our usual recruiting strategies. The Office of Catholic Schools will not allow Shadow Days and have limited on-campus tours to prospective families. Naturally, we can do some tours and have a limited Open House on Oct 31. And, of course, we have great printed materials and are upgrading our website. But now, **more than ever, I count on you to spread the good news about Saint Paul’s to prospective families. I need each of you to be an “admissions director” and speak to a prospective family about sending their son to SPS. I am counting on you! Thanks!** Invite them to our Open House on Oct 31, too. Regulations require them to register on our website.

**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: I hope you received your annual fund brochure last week.** Thanks to those who have already responded. We launched our 2021 Annual Fund on Sep 14<sup>th</sup>, -- the school’s birthday and with Hurricane 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 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.





*Chillaxin' during lunch!*

**ATHLETICS:** The LHSAA released rules 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.



**BAND HALL HISTORY:** In the summer of 1966, the school constructed a “recreation center” for the recreational needs of the students living in La Salle Hall dorm. At a cost of \$15,000, a building was constructed to provide ping pong, pool, games and TV for boarders. Eventually, arcade-type games and a snack bar were added. In addition, a nine-hole miniature golf (putt-putt) course was built in front of the building, complete with lighting for nighttime use.

The facility, known simply as “the rec hall”, served the recreational needs of the boarding students until the summer of 1995, when, once again, the needs of the school dictated change. The overall population of the school was growing, but the population of the boarding program was shrinking. Accordingly, the decision was made to move the “rec hall” into La Salle Hall itself and to move the band hall (which was located on the third floor of Benilde Hall) into the rec hall building, thus allowing us to construct five more classrooms in Benilde Hall. The miniature golf course had also deteriorated and was removed.



The building has served the Marching Wolves well since that time, but, again, needs dictate change. In addition to overall building deterioration, our band programs have been expanding of late and now include concert, jazz, and drum corps components in addition to the renowned Marching Wolves, now almost one hundred members strong! They are deserving of a better facility. This new facility will provide expanded space, restrooms, acoustics, and aesthetics to our music program. Construction has begun and this \$2.3 million project will be completed in the summer of 2021. Interested in supporting the renovation, whose overall cost will approach \$2.3 million? We have [Naming Opportunities!](#) For more information, call Danielle Lavie at 985-892-3200 ext 1970 or [development@stpauls.com](mailto:development@stpauls.com) or Br. Ray Bulliard at 985-892-3200 ext 1901 or [broray@stpauls.com](mailto:broray@stpauls.com).



*Support The Marching Wolves by helping fund the new band hall, already under construction!*

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**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.

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:** I have been remiss in mentioning this and it's certainly more important than National Dessert Day or Frustration Day. As an all-boys school, we must not overlook the teachable moments concerning issues pertaining primarily to women, and our boys need to know about this insidious disease, which can strike their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and future wives and daughters. And we have current parents and friends battling this medical scourge. I encourage enlightened, appropriate discussion of this important health issue with our students when possible. We reach out in prayerful support to any family struggling with this issue. I invite you to pray the following:

We pray for those who are now ill. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

For those who are affected by illness, anguish and pain. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

Grant courage to those whose bodies, holy proof of Your creative goodness, are violated by illness.

O God, Source of Life, encourage them!

Grant strength and compassion to those who give loving care, support and help to overcome despair.

O God, Source of Life, strengthen them!

Grant wisdom to those who labor in the search for treatment and cures.

O God, Source of Life, inspire them!

Grant clarity of vision and strength of purpose to the leaders of our institutions and our government.

May they be moved to act with justice and compassion and find the courage to overcome fear and hatred!

O God, Source of Life, guide them and bless us all!

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

- ALL students may receive a FREE BREAKFAST and LUNCH **throughout the rest of the school year!** Students MUST still obtain the meals with their ID card (no ID, no food) 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.
- This is a great opportunity for our students – and savings for you! And it helps keep the cafeteria staff employed! Encourage your son to take advantage of this!

**No, Really...**

*Take the Meals!*

Take advantage of the **Free Meals**  
provided to our students!

***Reasons why you should take advantage of free school meals:***

They are FREE and may help you stretch your household budget.

They save you time shopping and prepping meals.

They are available in school.

They are delicious, nutritious, fun and convenient.

Healthy food fuels students for learning.

Each meal served provides funding to your school's Nutrition Services department from the USDA.

You are helping keep our staff employed.

You are not taking food away from someone who needs it more. We have plenty to go around!

We love to provide meals to our students. It's what we do best!

*The USDA is covering the cost of these meals during COVID-19.*

*Free Meals will be provided throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year.*



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**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 or acts of nature may result in alteration.**

- Sat, Oct 31 Open House for Prospective Students (1 – 3 pm)
- Tues, Nov 3 Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students)
- Mon-Fri, Nov 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Mon, Nov 30 Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
- Mon - Thu, Dec 14-17 Semester Exams
- Thu, Dec 17 Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
  
- Mon, Jan 4 Classes resume & Second Semester begins
- Jan 6-8 Senior Retreat
- Mon, Jan 18 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Mon, Feb 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
- Fri, Feb 12 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- Mon-Fri, Feb 15-19 Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
- Mon, Feb 22 Classes resume
- Fri, Mar 12 End of Third Quarter
- Fri – Fri Apr 2-9 Easter Holidays
- Mon, Apr 12 Classes resume from Easter Holidays
- Wed-Fri, Apr 28-30 Senior Final Exams
- Thu, May 13 Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
- Sat, May 15 Senior Graduation (4 pm)
- Tues – Fri, May 18-21 Final Exams for 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.



*Campus is ripe with the beauty of fall!*

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.

**ETIQUETTE TRAINING FOR PRE-FRESHMEN AND NEW FRESHMEN:** This annual event, sponsored by SPS Renaissance Program, began last Friday and extends through this week. Parents will receive info on what day their son will experience a very nice formal lunch combined with etiquette training. This event is a little more complicated this year due to COVID. Fewer students can be accommodated each day and they will be seated socially distant. But it's always a treat to see our youngest Wolves learning how to eat soup, what fork to use for salads, and how to break bread. Let's hope the lessons learned last beyond this week!





*Pre-freshmen concentrate on an experiment in Gateway to Technology class!*

**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.

**GOOD NEWS:** We received our quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification: \$312. While not a large amount, every \$ helps! To date, AmazonSmile has donated over \$3000 to SPS through their cash back program. Remember to designate SPS as your charity when you shop on AmazonSmile at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

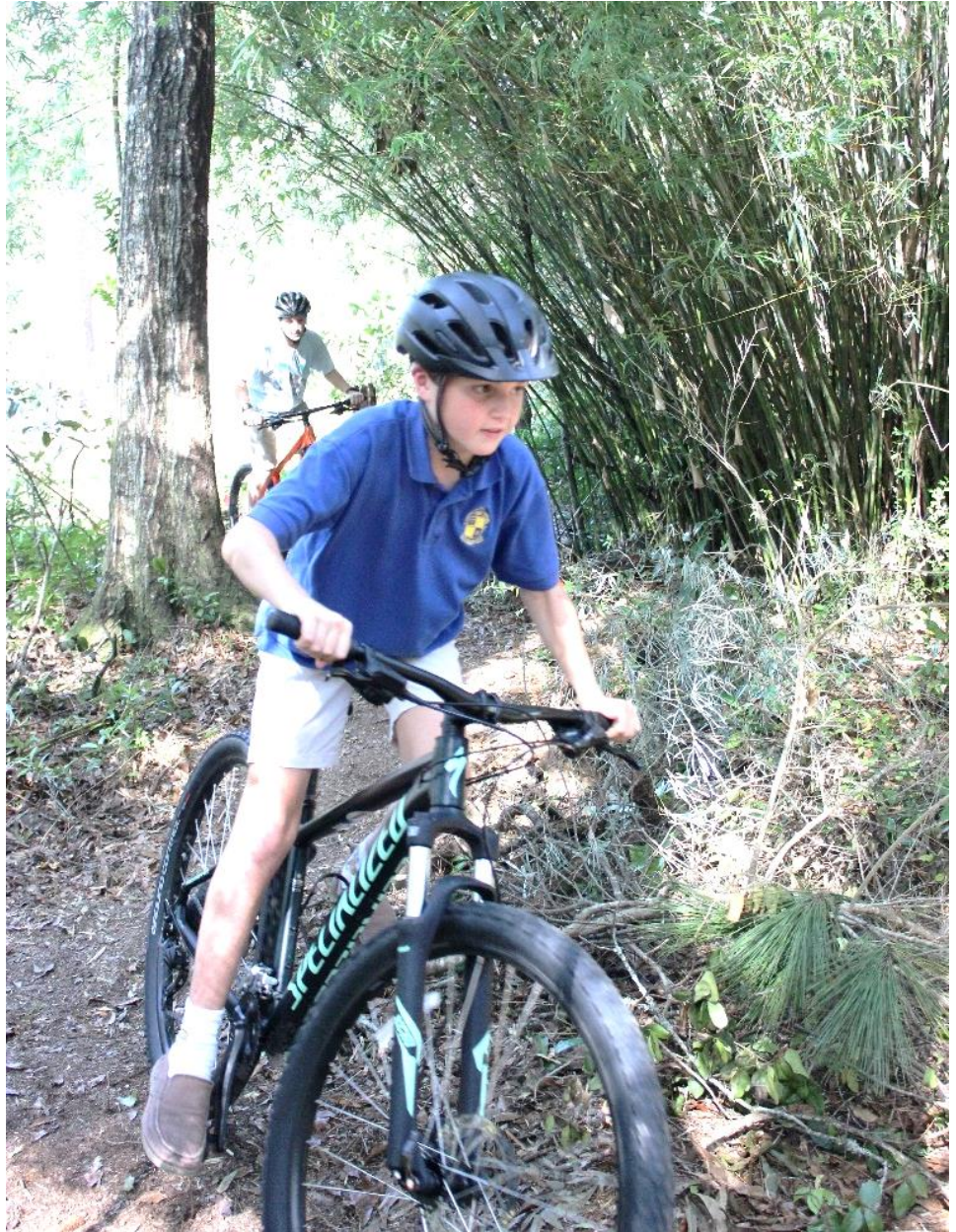


**ID CARDS, TEMP BRACELETS AND MASKS: Students must have all three of these with them**

**LACROSSE:** Lacrosse will hold Parent Meetings on Wed October 21<sup>st</sup> in the New Gym. Two meetings will be held due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements.

- Parents of 10th through 2th graders 6-6:30 pm
- Parents of 8th and 9th graders 6:45-7:15 pm

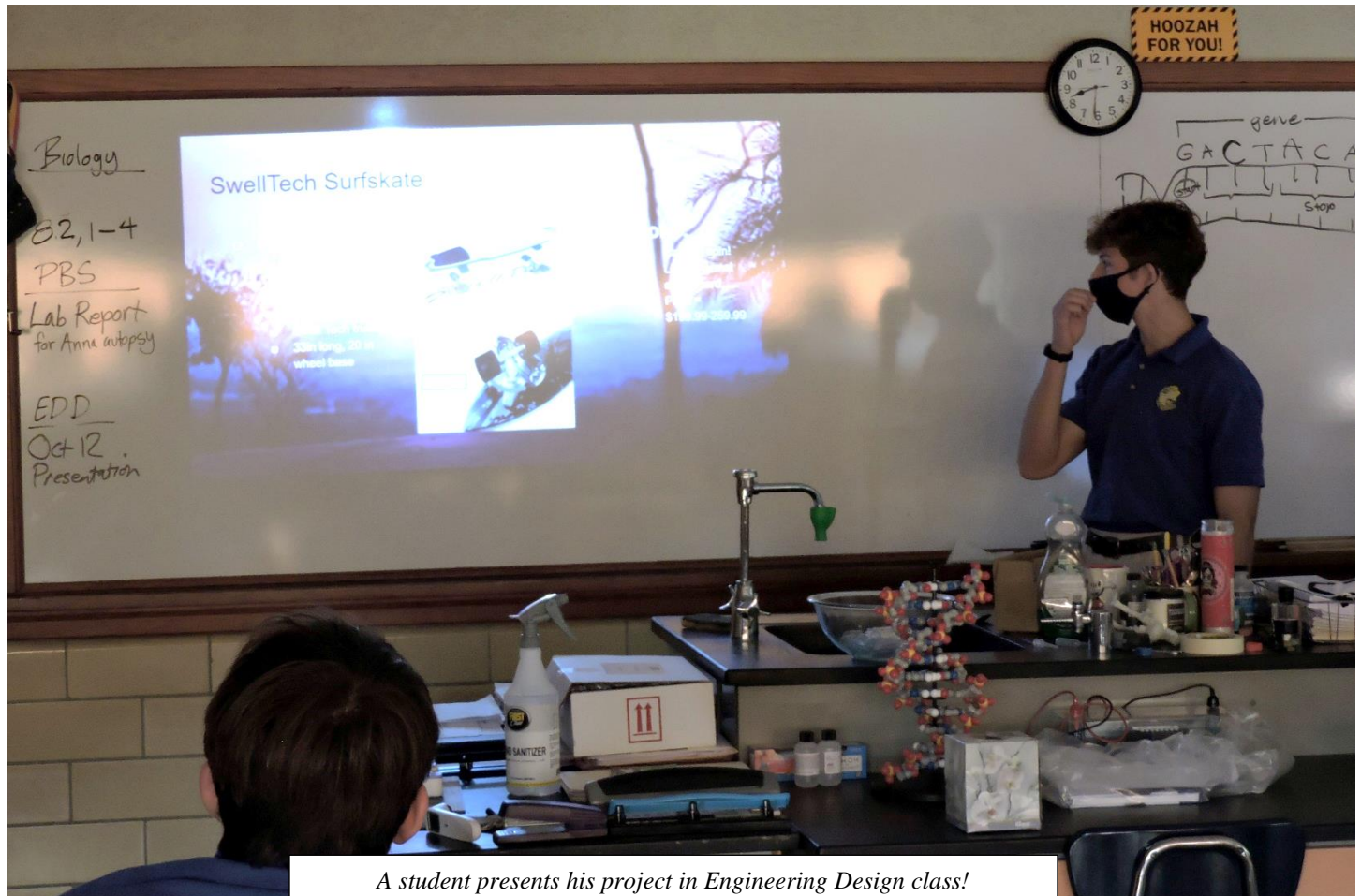
*Inaugural ride on the newly  
constructed mountain trail bike course!*





## LAST WEEK:

- **Cross Country:** Varsity finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Catholic High Meet, with Evan Pardo coming in first for the second consecutive week! JV finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, let by Aidan Freret and Merritt Sweeney. Congrats! And Varsity finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on Sat at the St. Thomas meet, with Evan again winning it all! Well done, CC Wolves!
- **Etiquette Training:** The first group of Wolves received proper training in table etiquette – along with a delicious lunch. Let's hope table manners stick with these young men.
- **Five Guys Burger Community Night:** We received a \$450 check! Thanks to all who participated!
- **Football:** Great Homecoming win over Hammond by Varsity! Geaux Wolves! Unfortunately, JV game had to be cancelled due to COVID quarantine. 8<sup>th</sup> grade fought hard against powerhouse John Curtis.
- **Homecoming:** Well, it certainly was different, but I appreciate everything the Student Council did to have a court and halftime presentation during the game!
- **Mountain Bike Trail:** Our newest "sport" was inaugurated last week! Thanks to Mark Richards for designing and constructing the course (on the southeastern-most part of our property) and to the fifteen Wolves who took the inaugural ride!
- **PSAT:** A flawless administration by counselors! We hope and pray for the best. Unfortunately, a number of students were on quarantine and missed the test. The College Board will offer a makeup in January. The counselors want to issue a special commendation, however, to all the boys who took the test. They had to arrive at school at 7:15 am – and no one was late! Congrats and thanks, PSAT-takers!
- **Wolf Packs:** Thanks to Campus Ministry for attempts to keep meaningful Wolf Packs alive. While most of us miss our traditional small group, static Wolf Pack, these substitute events are important so the boys see us in roles different from our teaching ministry. This really isn't optional as per your offer of employment.



*A student presents his project in Engineering Design class!*



..... 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.**

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## *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.**



**OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1-3 PM:** Please spread the word about our Open House but please know that attendance at OH is NOT a requirement for admission. Archdiocesan regulations now require REGISTRATION and restrict tour group size. Further, participation is limited to prospective students and parents. Here is the link to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48adab29a5f9c52-saint> *The event will consist of small group tours for registered participants, and administrators will be available to answer questions. Guests are expected to comply with COVID-19 protocols: mask wearing, temperature screening, and social distancing. Interested parties may contact Karen or Jeaneen 985-892-3200 ext 1903 or email [admissions@stpauls.com](mailto:admissions@stpauls.com).*

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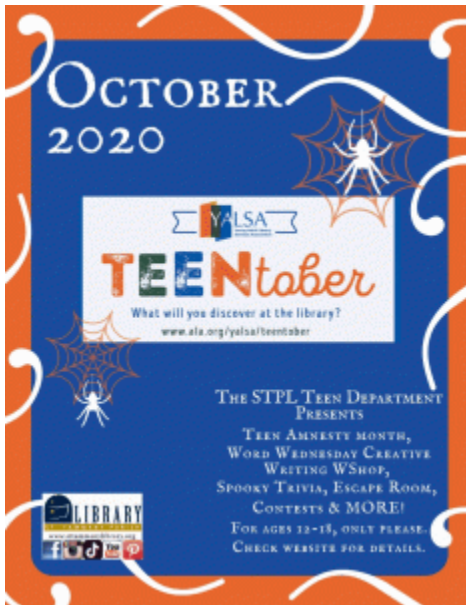
**POLITICAL ACTIVITY:** Elections are only a few weeks away and the political season is heating up faster than cyclone activity in the tropics. I remind all of the policy on the Archdiocese: we may NOT publicly endorse or favor any candidate. We also are prohibited from allowing campaigning on our campus. We regularly have to deny several candidates their wish to distribute campaign material on our campus. If you have interested 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>

**REPORT CARDS AND SEMESTER GRADES:** We will email a first quarter report card on Tuesday, Oct 20. Let me know if you don't receive it, but check your spam folder first as they often land there. **Remember that the first quarter accounts for 40% of the semester grade, with the second quarter accounting for 40% and the semester exam accounting for 20%. Remember that the only grade that really counts is the SEMESTER grade – that's the one that goes on transcripts and is used to calculate grade point average. And, yes, we are working on a plan for Honor Roll breakfasts! Details next week!**

**SLOW YOUR ROLL.** This week is the one-year anniversary of Mayor Mark Johnson's initiative to improve driving habits within Covington – one of his main campaign pledges. Did you know:

- Two of the most often repeated complaints to the candidates in last year's election were speeding and the running of stop signs? And SPS students/parents came in for their fair share of blame!
- On any given weekday, over 15,000 people drive into and out of Covington?
- Many of our streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of the automobile, thus not designed for cars?

Mayor Mark's goal is "to change driving habits in our city...to have each of us understand that speeds over 25 MPH are not safe on most of our streets." The Mayor is asking everyone to "relax, take a deep breath and slow down. I applaud the Mayor's initiative and pledged to him our support. Please reinforce this with students whenever possible. And please set a good example yourself, as in the words of Saint La Salle: **"Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."**



**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 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.



*First group of pre-freshmen prepare for etiquette training!*



**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.



*Pre-freshman practice what they learned about fine dining!*

**Weekly Humor:** You may have to read some of these out loud to get the “joke” – some are hilarious!

- *Why don't ants ever get sick? Because they have anty bodies!*
- *Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in Paris? Nothing left but de Brie!*
- *Which bird has the worst manners? Mocking birds!*
- *What do you get from a pampered cow? Spoiled milk!*
- *Why did the ducks try to bite the dog? He was a pure bread dog!*
- *What did the big flower say to the little flower? Hi, bud!*
- *How does NASA organize a party? They planet!*
- *How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh? Ten tickles!*
- *Why is a poorly dressed man on a unicycle different from a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire!*
- *Why were they called the Dark Ages? Because there were lots of knights!*
- *Two goldfish are in a tank. One says to the other: “You know how to drive this thing?!”*
- *Why aren't koalas actual bears? The don't meet the koalafications.*



*Guitar class under the pavilion!*

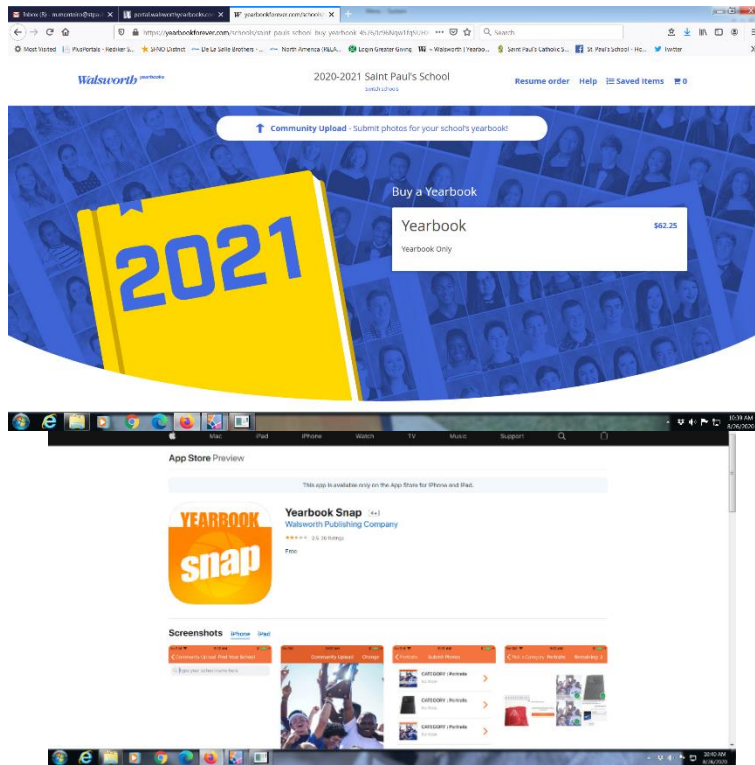
- *Is this pool safe for diving? It deep ends!*
- *My boss texted me: “Send me one of your funny jokes!” I texted: “I’m busy working. I’ll send one later.” “That’s hilarious,” he said. “Send another one!”*
- *What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis!*
- *My teachers said I’d never amount to much because I procrastinate too much. I replied, “Just you wait!”*
- *I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.*
- *What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away!*
- *What gets wetter the more it dries? A towel!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**YEARBOOK:** The Conifer 2019-2020 has been distributed to students who ordered it. It's excellent. 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*.
- 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.**

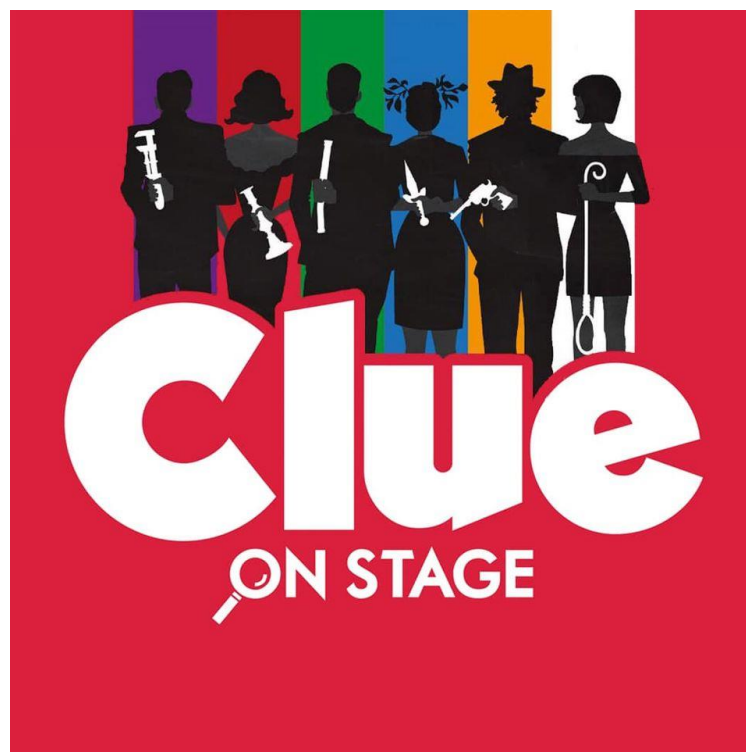


- **On your computer**, go to Walsworth website at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Search for Saint Paul's School, remember to spell out the word *Saint*. Click on the *Community Upload - Submit photos for your school's yearbook* button and follow directions.
- **On your smart 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. **Again, congratulations to Mimi and the staff for an outstanding 2019-20 yearbook!**

**SENIORS DO NOT ORDER YEARBOOKS!**

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

**DRAMA:** (Yes, I know this is not in alphabetical order! Sorry!) Our acclaimed drama department, The Marian Players, opens its fall season next week with “Clue” – a fun-filled murder mystery based on the popular board game of the same name. Due to COVID, seating is very limited and some performances are already sold out! Reserve the remaining tickets on our website, <https://ticketpeak.co/stpauls/events>





*Pre-freshman learn to “hold your fork like a pen”*

## **October**

19 – FGAB  
 20 – CDEF  
 21 – GABC  
 22 – DEFG  
 23 – ABCD  
 26 – EFGA  
 27 – BCDE  
 28 – FGAB  
 29 – CDEF  
 30 – GABC

## **November**

2- DEFG  
 3 – Archdiocese Formation Day; no classes for students  
 4 - ABCD  
 5 – EFGA  
 6 – BCDE  
 9 – FGAB  
 10 – CDEF



11 – GABC  
12 – DEFG  
13 – ABCE  
16 – EFGA  
17 – BCDE  
18- FGAB  
19 – CDEF  
20 – GABC  
30 – DEFG

### December

1 - ABCD  
2 – EFGA  
3 – BCDE  
4 – FGAB  
7 – CDEF  
8 – GABC  
9 – DEFG  
10 – ABCD  
11 – EFGA  
14-17 Exam Schedules



*The old band hall is history! Bring on the new one!*

Whew! That's enough for now! 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

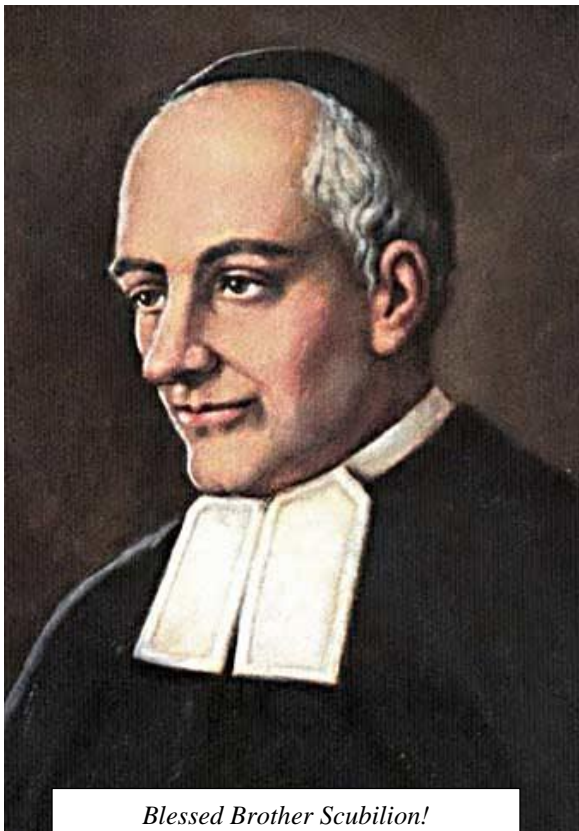
Can't Believe I Survived Another Homecoming as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's



***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

