



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington
340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
October 26 – Nov 01, 2020



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

On Oct 28, 2011, Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria, then-Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, visited SPS. In his honor, we celebrated a memorable all-school liturgy and formed a Lasallian star. It was a magical moment in our school's history and the picture remains an iconic one. In his address to the students during Mass that day, **Brother Alvaro made the following points which are worthy of review:**



- Lasallians must be concerned with rights of children
- Lasallians must serve others, especially the poor
- Lasallians must engage in interreligious dialogue
- Lasallians must form quality relationships
- Lasallians must be people of faith
- Lasallians must be concerned with global community



And even though he's no longer Superior General, let's renew our commitment today to Brother Alvaro's list of Lasallian concerns. Let's re-ignite the excitement of our centennial nine years ago so (and we are doing that this year by celebrating 102 years of Lasallian presence at SPS!) that when SPS celebrates its bi-centennial in 2111, they will look back at our time and say "this was our finest hour" (apologies to Winston Churchill!) – even though I want SPS to be greater in 2111 than it is today!

Mon, Oct 26 (E F G A – Pre-freshman Field Day during Period A)

- **This Day in History:** In 1958, Pan American Airways flies the first direct commercial jet flight from New York to Paris using a Boeing 707.
- **TDIH:** In 1881, the Earp brothers face off against the Clanton-McLaury gang in a shootout at the OK Corral in Tombstone, AZ. Relive some Old West history today!
- **Howl at the Moon Day:** Release your inner wolf and go wild – full moon or not!
- **Drama:** Preview night for "Clue". Best wishes, Marian Players!

Tue, Oct 27 (B C D E – Freshman Field Day during Period E)

- **TDIH:** In 1858, Teddy Roosevelt is born in NY City. In his honor, speak softly, but don't carry a big stick!
- **Cranky Co-Workers Day:** Let cranky co-workers enjoy their miseries. Fortunately, we have no cranky SPS ones – just a cranky President, Principal, AP, and Dean.
- **Navy Day:** Navy Day is commonly celebrated on Oct 27th. It was selected as it was the birth date of President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid supporter of the navy. In the 1970's, research determined that the birthdate of the US Continental Navy was Oct 13, 1775. At the time, efforts were made to move Navy Day to this date. However, Navy Day in the US is still largely recognized as Oct 27. We salute all members of the US Navy, both past and present, and thank them for their service to our country.
- **Drama:** "Clue" opens – good luck, Marian Players! All performances are sold out!



Nick in a Wolves on Wheels chariot!

Wed, Oct 28 (F G A B – Soph Field Day at B)

- **TDIH:** In 1922, hundreds gather around radios to hear the first-ever cross-country broadcast of a college football game. The Princeton Tigers beat Coach Amos Alonso Stagg's formidable Chicago Maroons.
- **TDIH:** In 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated by President Grover Cleveland on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolution. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300

feet tall. The pedestal contains the words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

- **National Chocolate Day:** Indulge! (As if some of us needed a reason!)
- **Drama:** "Clue" (7 pm)
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity scrimmage v. Salmen
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Northshore

Thu, Oct 29 (C D E F -- Junior Field Day during Period F)

- **TDIH:** In 1969, the first electronic message was sent via the Internet. Let's not draw attention to the fact that the system crashed half way through sending it, though. And speaking of crashes, in 1929, the New York Stock Exchange "crashes" beginning the Great Depression.
- **TDIH:** Today marks the anniversary of the canonization of Saint Brother Benilde in Rome: Oct 29, 1967! Let us remember this remarkable saint who was noted for doing the ordinary things in an extraordinary way. May we strive to imitate him!
- **Hermit Day:** a day to spend quietly in seclusion. Hmmm.... Sounds good to me!
- **Candy Corn Day:** Indulge! (Notice a theme building up to Halloween?)
- **Cat Day:** OK you cat lovers! Here's your day to celebrate with Tabby!
- **Drama:** "Clue" – 7 pm
- **Mothers' Club Social (7 in the BAC):** re-scheduled from earlier postponement due to weather

Fri, Oct 30 (G A B C – Senior Field Day during Period C))

- **TDIH:** In 1938, Orson Welles causes a nationwide panic with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds"—a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth. You can listen to this classic on You Tube.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, for the first time since the Ice Age, Great Britain becomes connected with the European continent via a new rail tunnel (called the chunnel) under the English Channel.
- **Haunted Refrigerator Night:** Who knows what evil lurks in your refrigerator? It's time to be afraid, very afraid. Gather friends, open the refrigerator door, and venture unto the realm of the lower shelf, rear. That "thing" inside that container is much more horrifying than any trick or treat tomorrow night!
- **National Caramelized Apple Day:** Just eat the apple sans the caramel.
- **Checklist Day:** During the 1930s, early aviators searched for ways for flying to be safer and avoid the all-too-common takeoff crash. One group created a checklist before taxiing down the runway. The origins of Checklist Day can be traced back to this singular event. So celebrate and make a checklist!
- **Football: SPS v. Northshore (7)**

Sat, Oct 31

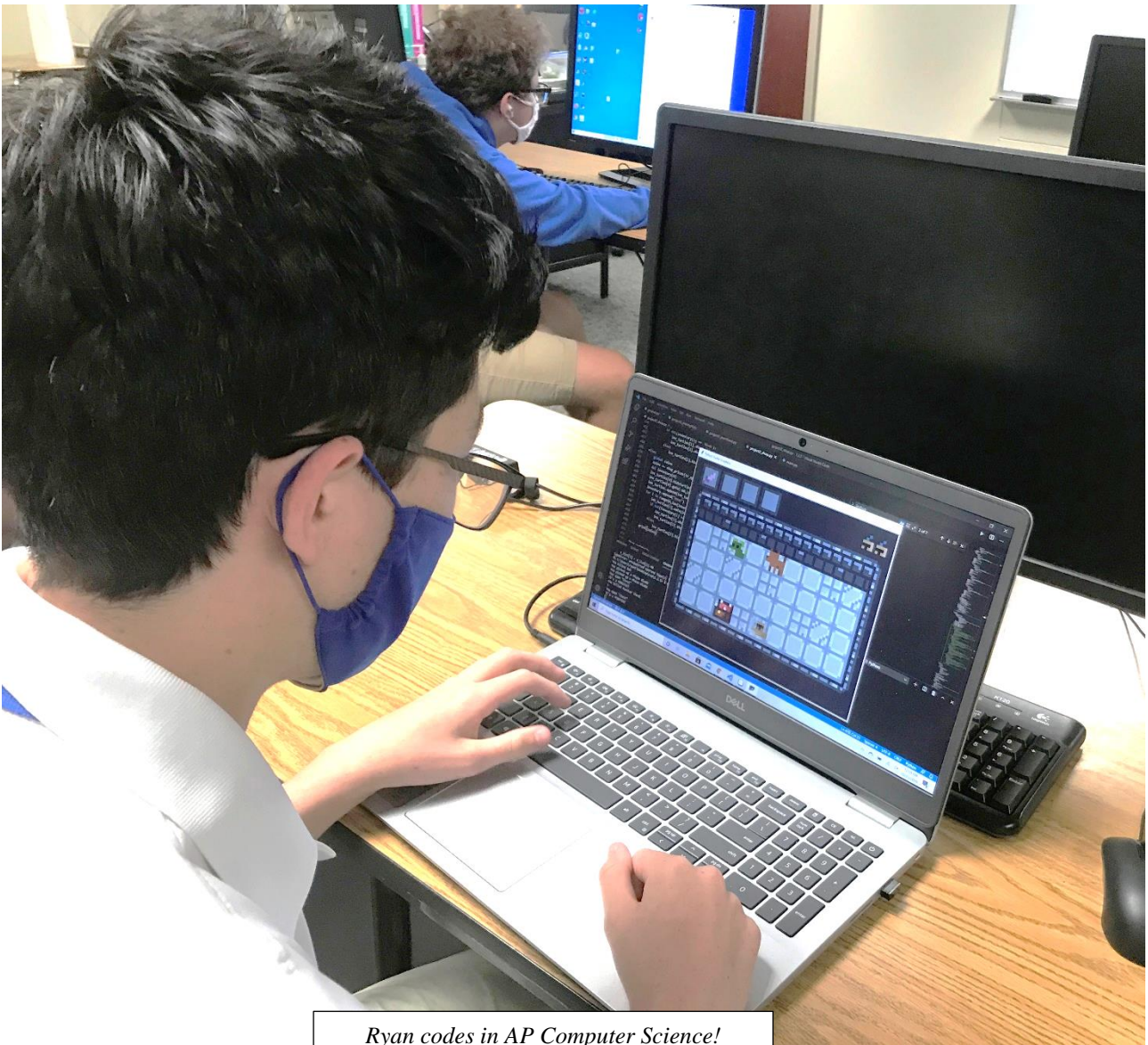
- **Happy Halloween!** I offer you a traditional Scottish prayer:
From ghoulies and ghosties / and long-leggedy beasties / And things that go bump in the night, / Good Lord, deliver us!
- **TDIH:** In 1517, the priest & scholar Martin Luther nails a paper to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg. The paper contained the 95 opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation.
- **TDIH:** In 1940, Battle of Britain ends. Since July 10, 1940, German bombers and fighters had attacked coastal targets, airfields, London and other cities, as a prelude to a Nazi invasion of England. British pilots of Spitfires and Hurricanes shot down over 1,700 German aircraft while losing 915. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill.
- **TDIH:** In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. It contains 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four presidents – representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion/conservation. Trivia: can you name the four presidents? Answer at end.
- **Forgiveness Day:** The mission of FD (last Sat of Oct) is to encourage people to ask for forgiveness and to forgive one another while creating an understanding of the power of love, the joy of forgiveness, and the peace of humility. **I ask anyone whom I've offended to forgive me and will offer my forgiveness to anyone who wants it** – but I'm not easily offended so very few people fall into that category!
- **Knock-Knock Joke Day:** Drive all crazy today by telling K-K jokes. It's always on Halloween.
- **Swimming: Aqua Wolves in Metro Meet**
- **Open House for Prospective Students (1 – 3)** We pray for good weather and a large turnout!



Marching Wolves practice by the pond!

Sun, Nov 01 (Feast of All Saints) -- Daylight Saving Time ends this morning at 2! Fall back!

- Today we remember those who lived their lives in such union with God that this union was complete at death. These are SILENT saints who far outnumber "official" saints, and are often more cherished than "canonized" saints. John Baptist de La Salle wrote: *yearn as the saints did for the happiness which they now enjoy, considering...not the visible things, but the invisible, because the visible things are temporary, whereas the invisible are eternal.*"
- **Authors' Day:** Read your favorite author today!
- **TDIH:** In 1512, ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time. Here's the link to the Vatican Museum site in order to view this incredible artistic achievement: http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/CSN/CSN_Main.html
- **TDIH:** In 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School opened with just 12 students. In 1874, the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools in America.



Ryan codes in AP Computer Science!

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

ARCHDIOCESAN FORMATION DAY ON NOV 3: All Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will close on Tuesday, Nov 3 for a morning of faith formation. Unlike the "all schools at one location" (like two year's ago at Ponchartrain Center) or even last year's event where the ten northshore Catholic schools (can you name them?) met at OLL's Chotin Center, this year each school will meet in its own facility, with the program live-streamed. **Students DO NOT report to school this day. Please use the day to make doctor appointment, driver's license appointments, etc. to reduce time students miss class.**

ASSEMBLY ON OCT 20: I hope the students enjoyed my virtual assembly Here is some of what we did:

- In honor of Homecoming Week, the students logged into the assembly listening to a song called "I Feel Home" by O.A.R. This song was sung at an assembly in our gym seventeen years ago by then student council president **Kramer Johnson**, brother of SPS alums **Nick and Evan** and son of alumnus and Covington Mayor **Mark Johnson**, to express how he felt about Saint Paul's. It's become a ritual ever since at homecoming as alums return to the "SPS Home" to reconnect with the brotherhood of SPS. Five years ago,

magically, Kramer appeared in the gym complete with his guitar. Unbeknownst to me, he had arranged to come in from Georgia to sing the song again for the then current student body – which he did to the obvious delight of everyone present. At the conclusion of the song, the student body burst into a rousing, spontaneous, standing ovation! It was a magical moment! BTW, Kramer graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in marketing and works for the marketing department of Chick-fil-A. He is married with two children. He's a fantastic young man!

- Prayed in a special way, as junior **Zachery Gros** lit the prayer candle for all of our intentions, especially for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: ***Mrs. Martha Joyce, great-grandmother of Jacob Mitchell '25*** and the ***Uncle of Luke Donham '22***
- Reminded the students that the first quarter (25% of the school year) is over and asked them to reflect how their year has been so far. Have they “polished that Baroque pearl” that each of them were metaphorically given on the first day of school. Are they closer to God? To their families? To their friends? To humanity in general?
- Reminded the students that our Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus
- Recognized and congratulated the Student Council for their work during Homecoming Week. While it was a pared down week, the Council did much work, especially preparing for spirit week this coming week. Special congrats go to student council president Davis Lagarde, vice-president Alvin Mark, Secretary Walker Dubreuil, treasurer Marco Vargas, and Parliamentarian Michael Slimming. And, of course, moderators Joanna Case and Shannon d'Hemecourt deserve thanks, too!
- Then, as if by magic, Charles Maria Widor's final movement from his Symphony #5 for Organ began playing, which signified that the Powerlifting Wolves were hard at work. This is actually a recognition I didn't get to last year due to COVID quarantine – but the boys deserve the spotlight. Here are the results by weight class from the Pope John Paul Powerlifting Invitational:
 - Zach Montz (1st)
 - Nick Raspino (2nd)
 - Cody Campbell (2nd)
 - Jackson Luscy (1st)
 - Chandler Loescher (2nd)
 - Justin Burmaster (2nd)
 - Nick Vining (3rd)
 - **St Paul's also won most outstanding team in the boys' division**
 - **And in the South Regional Powerlifting Meet, SPS was South Regional Runner Up with the following individual results:**
 - **Zach Montz (2nd)**
 - **Christian Kramer (3rd)**
 - **Nick Raspino (3rd)**
 - **Josh Kellum (1st)**
 - **Cody Campbell (3rd)**
 - **Jackson Luscy (1st)**

○ **Justin Burmaster (2nd)**

- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Football Team for great district wins over Slidell and Hammond and wished them the best in the “Battle for the Little Brown Jug” against Covington.’
- Then, as if by magic, the William Tell Overture by Rossini started playing! And if Rossini is playing, the Cross-Country Wolves must be running – and they are having an excellent season. I projected the following results: **4th place in the prestigious Catholic High Meet and 2nd place in the St. Thomas Aquinas Meet. In both meets, senior Evan Pardo finished overall first! Outstanding.**
- Recognized and congratulated those boys who were awarded a school letter jacket at the beginning of this school year: In football: **Brycen Blocker, Dominic Maestri, Anthony Laporte, Daniel Roushar, Justin Mott, Andrew Viener, Adam Seidan.** In Cross Country: **Evan Leaber, Riley Hidalgo, Matthew Longo.** In Sports Medicine: **Hunter Stipe**



- Then, as if by magic, The Water Music by George Frideric Handel started playing! And if The Water Music is playing, the Aqua Wolves must be swimming – and swimming they are, as they are having an excellent season. Here are the results from a recent Tri-meet against F’Bleau, & Hannan in which SPS finished **FIRST!**

- **Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay**
2 1) Peak, Austin 2) Abraham, Evan 3) Barcelona, David 4) Messa, Scott
4 1) Palmer, Johnny 2) Day,

Bradford 3) Hightower, Andrew 4) Kramer, Christian

- **Boys 200 Yard Freestyle**
1 Peak, Austin 4 Darrah, Patrick
- **Boys 200 Yard IM**
2 Abraham, Evan 3 McNamara, Jack 5 Rodgers, Jack
- **Boys 50 Yard Freestyle**
2 Day, Bradford 3 Messa, Scott 4 Kramer, Christian

Boys 100 Yard Butterfly

***1 Peak, Austin 3 Dobie, Conner 4 Fouchi, Roman 5 Abraham, Evan**

Boys 100 Yard Freestyle

1 Day, Bradford

2 Messa, Scott

4 Kramer, Christian

Boys 500 Yard Freestyle

2 Dobie, Conner

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1 St. Paul's (1 Messa, Scott 2) Day, Bradford 3) Kramer, Christian 4) Peak, Austin

2 St. Paul's (1 Dobie, Conner 2) Hightower, Andrew 3) Darrah, Patrick 4) Barcelona, David)

Boys 100 Yard Backstroke

2 Fouchi, Roman

3 Rodgers, Jack

5 Gauger, Nicholas

Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke

1 McNamara, Jack

4 Barcelona, David

Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

2 St. Paul's 1) Abraham, Evan 2) Fouchi, Roman 3) Rodgers, Jack 4) McNamara, Jack

5 St. Paul's

1) Dobie, Conner 2) Darrah, Patrick 3) Redmond, Fischer 4) Palmer, Johnny

- Reminded the boys to take ACT scores seriously, and projected a slide of all the perfect ACT scores we have earned in the past three years. I then offered special congratulations to junior **James "Walker" Dubreuil for his PERFECT COMPOSITE SCORE OF 36** on the September ACT!
- Recognized and congratulated The Marian Players, whose fall production of CLUE opens soon and encourage the students to get their tickets early as the shows will sell out.
- As I was running out of time, I told the boys that I had much more but they would roll over to the next assembly. I then reminded them that we were emailing report cards and to take their grades seriously. I also reminded them to Slow Their Roll as the drive through Covington. Finally, I asked their help with promoting SPS's Open House for prospective students on October 31. We then them to tell their friends about Lasallian education here in Covington and to come take a look.
- As junior **Brian Lee** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the students that they must be the Light of God to all whom they meet. We ended the assembly to the strains of O.A.R.'s "I Feel Home"
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

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.



Construction on new Band Building is underway!

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.

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

We have [Naming Opportunities!](#) For more information, call Danielle Lavie at 985-892-3200 ext 1970 or development@stpauls.com or Br. Ray Bulliard at 985-892-3200 ext 1901 or broray@stpauls.com.

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 or Br. Ray Bulliard at 985-892-3200 ext 1901 or broray@stpauls.com.



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

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am
- M – F: 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
- By appointment. Email spsbookstore16@gmail.com
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore.** Proceeds help fund activities throughout the year.
- **RESTOCKED:** A new shipment of SPS masks (blue with SPS logo) has arrived! \$5! We are told by Children's Hospital that the mask mandate is NOT going away soon, so invest in these comfortable, stylish, and re-usable masks, as ALL students and adults must wear them on campus.



Wolves on Wheels is in full operation!

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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CANCELLATIONS / POSTPONEMENTS: But for COVID-19, we would be having this week or last week:

- Christian Brothers School Falcon Day
- Homecoming dances
- Lyon Elementary partnership with our senior religion classes
- Manresa Silent Retreat for juniors
- Shadow Days for prospective students
- Sudden Impact field trips for our sophomores



COVID precautions are in effect at PJs!

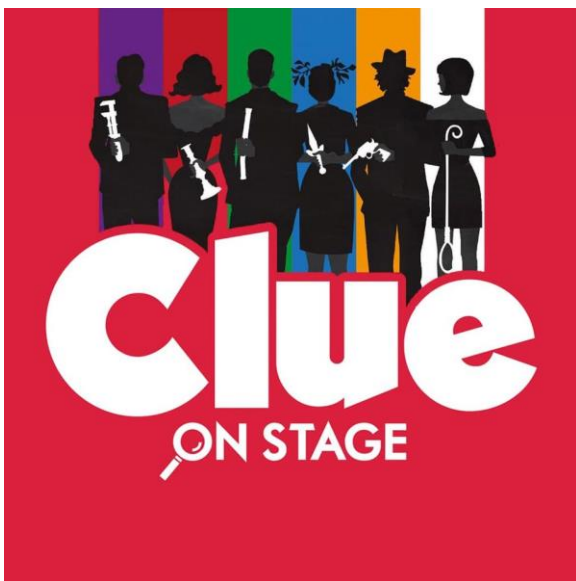
CALENDAR FOR 2020-21: Here is our calendar for this year. The calendar assumes that we are in full operation. Naturally, any disruption to the school operation due to COVID 19 or acts of nature may result in alteration.

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| • 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 (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 8th 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 Day/Faculty 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.



DRAMA: Our acclaimed drama department, The Marian Players, opens its fall season this 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 all performances are sold out!

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.

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

HELPING SAINT PAUL’S: Don’t forget – here are painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SBox Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.
- And, of course, there’s AmazonSmile!

HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS: Invitations were emailed last week. Here is the schedule.

- Wednesday, November 4 for 8th grade in the BAC (not the cafeteria)
- Thursday, November 5 for 9th grade in the BAC (not the cafeteria)
- Friday, November 6 for 10th grade in the BAC (not the cafeteria)
- Monday, November 9 for 11th grade in the BAC (not the cafeteria)
- Tuesday, November 10 for 12th grade in the BAC (not the cafeteria)

Due to COVID restrictions, the following will apply to HR Breakfasts:

- Students may have only ONE FAMILY guest, who can sit next to the student at socially distant tables; please respect this limitation.
- ALL breakfasts will be in the BAC, not the cafeteria which was printed on the invitation;
- No coffee service will be available; only bottled water and juice;
- Boxed Chick-fil-A breakfasts will be served;
- We begin at 7:50 sharp and it's over by 8:30. Students will be recognized individually, and yours truly will make some congratulatory remarks.



Marching Wolves practicing after school!

ID CARDS, TEMP BRACELETS, AND MASKS: Students must wear all three of these DAILY. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing all three.** If he forgets, he must purchase replacements from Sgt. Pressley.

INFORMATION: Need More Info? For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Trevor Watkins, or Assistant Principal Joe Dickens. For discipline, attendance, or dress code questions, call Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin or me. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Mr. Craig Ketelsen, AD. Naturally, call me if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1901 & my cell phone is 985/966-1138, my email is broray@stpauls.com**

LAST WEEK:

- **ACT:** Flawless administration by staff, complete with COVID precautions! Congrats!
- **Campus Tours:** People are eager to see SPS in action!
- **Cross Country Wolves** were up and at 'em on Sat morning. When the dust settled, Varsity had finished 2nd, JV had finished 1st, and Junior High had also finished first. Well done, CC Wolves! Good luck in upcoming District meet as you defend your title!
- **Etiquette Training** completed last week. Well done, Development Team. The boys learned and enjoyed.
- **Lasallian Days of Peace:** Thanks to campus ministry for uniting us with global Lasallians as we brought our month of prayers for peace to an official close. Naturally, we continue praying for peace and hope that our month of prayer has made the world a more peaceful place.
- **Football:** Tough week for Wolves, with Varsity, 9th & 8th grade losses, but JV won big against Covington.
- **Living Rosary at OLL:** I again had the privilege on Friday the 16th of being “The Apostle’s Creed” – my 33rd appearance at this spiritually uplifting event – except that it was virtual this year! I missed not seeing the balloon rosary lifting high over the campus! In any event, thanks, OLL, for continuing this wonderful rosary and inviting me to participate – even if it was only by video.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves prevailed in the SSA meet on Mon! I hear Handel playing!
- **Winter Sports:** And wrestling, basketball and soccer seasons are starting with tryouts and practices.



More field day signups!

..... THE CLASS OF 2021

National Merit Semi-Finalists



Jake Holincheck



Davis Lagarde



Lucca Ferrante



Ben Broussard



Trey Paine



Gabe Gros



Hunter Kergosien



Brady Talley



Axel Henderson

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS: Last week, NINE SPS seniors were named National Merit Semi-Finalists – more than double any school in St. Tammany Parish. Wow. This is QUITE an accomplishment! I take great pride in recognizing the following NM Semis: **Ben Broussard, Lucca Ferrante, Gabe Gros, Axel Henderson, Jake Holincheck, Hunter Kergosian, Davis Lagarde, Trey Paine, and Brady Talley.**

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National Merit Commended Scholars



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.

PAPER WOLF: Please read The Paper Wolf! (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 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 emailed a first quarter report card on Tuesday, Oct 20. Let me know if you didn'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 will have Honor Roll breakfasts! Details above!**



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.”**

STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL: Ben’s Den (aka the library) opens every afternoon (Monday-Friday) until 4:00. You are encouraged to mention this service to your sons who are on campus after school with nothing to do or who may be waiting for a late ride or a practice to begin. All we ask is that they treat the facility with respect and that they are quiet. The space will be supervised by faculty. We will offer this service as long as there is a demand.



Students sign up for Spirit Day activities!

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: I remind you of the policy of Archbishop Gregory Aymond that Catholic schools are not to schedule any activity on a Sunday. Recently, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. RaeNell Houston sent out the following clarification on participation of Catholic school students in events hosted or sponsored by an outside agency: *Schools may participate in activities on Sundays that are hosted or sponsored by an outside entity only if certain conditions are met. The participation of students on Sunday may only be voluntary. Never is an event to be mandatory on Sunday. The voluntary status of each event must be formally communicated to students and their families. Under no circumstance may punitive action take place, including any type of sarcasm, shame, or disgrace, as a result of the decision of the family for a student not to participate in a Sunday event. Anytime our school groups participate in a Sunday activity, it is up the moderator of the group to see that the Sunday obligation of Mass is fulfilled.* Naturally, we will comply with this policy of Archbishop Aymond and the Office of Catholic Schools.

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.

SPIRIT WEEK: St. Paul's Student Council is pleased to announce Spirit Week Monday, October 26-Friday, October 30. Students are invited to participate in the following dress down days. **Each day students need to wear SPS uniform shorts, shoes, and socks.**

- Monday: Hawaiian shirt day
- Tuesday: Twin Tuesday (pair and dress alike)
- Wednesday: Hero day (superhero, firefighter, police, for example)
- Thursday: Jersey Thursday (any sport jersey)
- Friday: Blue and Gold day (may wear athletic shorts)

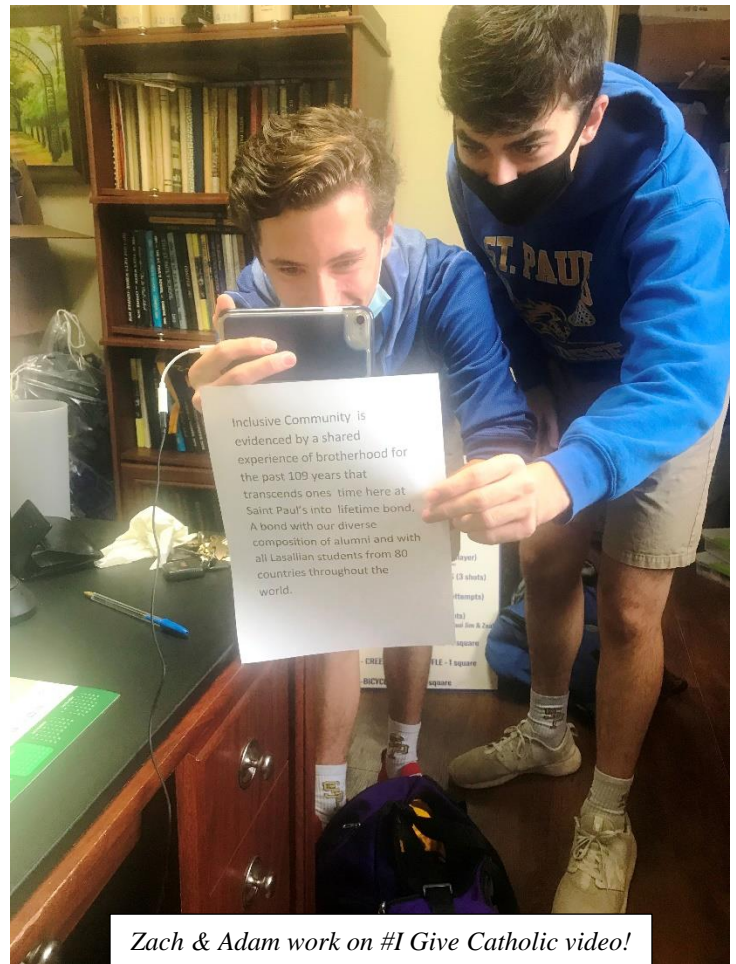
Each grade level will enjoy games and fun during the last period of an assigned day (Monday: Pre-Freshmen, Tuesday: Freshmen, Wednesday: Sophomores, Thursday: Juniors, Friday: Seniors). We are grateful to the Mothers' Club who will provide snacks, and the Kona Ice snowball truck will be here too for purchases. Go Wolves!

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK occurred last week. Every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, texting, speeding, and number of passengers. **The Problem: Too many teens are dying on our roads**

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15-18 years old) in the United States.
- In 2017, 2,247 people died in crashes involving a teen driver, of which 755 deaths were the teen driver.
- Parents can be the biggest influencers on teens' choices behind the wheel if they take the time to talk with their teens about some of the biggest driving risks.
- <https://www.teendriversource.org/advocacy-education/national-teen-driver-safety-week>

WEEKLY HUMOR: In honor of Halloween, some ghost, vampire and skeleton jokes!

- *Why do ghosts go on diets? So they can keep their ghoulish figures*
- *Where does a ghost go on vacation? Mali-boo.*
- *What is in a ghost's nose? Boo-gers.*
- *Why did the policeman ticket the ghost on Halloween? It didn't have a haunting license.*
- *Why do demons and ghouls hang out together? Because demons are a ghouls best friend!*
- *What does a panda ghost eat? Bam-BOO!*
- *What's a ghost's favorite dessert? I-Scream!*
- *Why don't mummies take time off? They're afraid to unwind.*
- *Why did the headless horseman go into business? He wanted to get ahead in life.*
- *What kind of music do mummies like listening to on Halloween? Wrap music.*
- *Why don't mummies have friends? Because they're too wrapped up in themselves.*
- *Why did the vampire read the newspaper? He heard it had great circulation.*
- *How do vampires get around on Halloween? On blood vessels.*
- *What's it like to be kissed by a vampire? It's a pain in the neck.*
- *What's it called when a vampire has trouble with his house? A grave problem.*
- *How can you tell when a vampire visits a bakery? All the jelly is sucked out of the jelly doughnuts.*
- *What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite.*
- *Why do skeletons have low self-esteem? They have no body to love.*
- *Know why skeletons are so calm? Because nothing gets under their skin.*
- *What do you call a cleaning skeleton? The grim sweeper.*
- *What do skeletons order at a restaurant? Spare ribs.*
- *Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road safely? The crossing gourd.*
- *What treat do eye doctors give out on Halloween? Candy corneas.*
- *What type of plants do well on Halloween? Bam-BOO!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

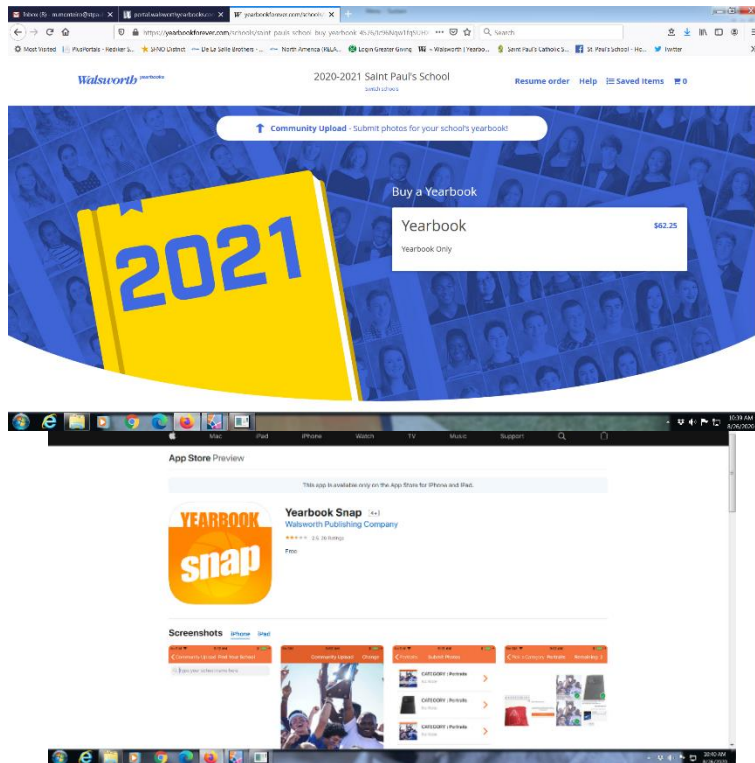


Zach & Adam work on #I Give Catholic video!

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. 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. Search for Saint Paul's School, remember to spell out the word *Saint*. Click on the *Community Upload - Submit photos for your school's yearbook* button and follow directions.

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

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

A Look Ahead:

October

- 26 – EFGA – 8th Grade Field Day during A
- 27 – BCDE – 9th Grade Field Day during E
- 28 – FGAB -10th Grade FD during B
- 29 – CDEF – 11th Grade FD during F
- 30 – GABC – 12th Grade FD during C

November

- 2- DEFG
- 3 – Archdiocese Formation Day
- 4 - ABCD -8th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 5 – EFGA – 9th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 6 – BCDE -10th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 9 – FGAB -11th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 10 – CDEF – 12th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 11 – GABC – President's V. Assembly
- 12 – DEFG
- 13 – ABCE
- 16 – EFGA
- 17 – BCDE – President's V. Assembly
- 18- FGAB
- 19 – CDEF

- 20 – GABC
- 30 – DEFG

December

- 1 – ABCD – President's V. Assembly
- 2 – EFGA – Pack Time
- 3 – BCDE – Luminaria evening
- 4 – FGAB
- 7 – CDEF
- 8 – GABC – Prayer Service
- 9 – DEFG – President's V. Assembly
- 10 – ABCD
- 11 – EFG + Make up period
- 14-17 Exam Schedules



Computer Science teacher Rachel Peak helps Thomas with his AP coding project!

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are into the second quarter of the school year! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to any more since WWNO stopped broadcasting the show but I'm still LOLing over past shows on its website!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Pray that we end the first quarter on a positive note! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2020 - 21 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

It's the End of October and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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

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

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

Answer to Oct 31 Trivia Question: The four presidents on Mount Rushmore are George Washington (founding), Thomas Jefferson (political philosophy), Abraham Lincoln (preservation) & Theodore Roosevelt (expansion/conservation.)





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

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

After ten years in elementary schools throughout France, Brother Scubilion left France in 1833 to dedicate the remaining thirty-four years of his life to the enslaved natives on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Remembered as the “catechist of the slaves,” he inaugurated evening classes for them, which were well attended, even after a long day of exhausting labor. He devised special programs and techniques, suited to their needs and abilities, in order to teach the essentials of Christian doctrine and morality, and prepare them to receive the sacraments. He won them over by his kindly manner and his respect for them. After the emancipation of the slaves in 1848, he continued to care for them and to help them adapt to their new life of freedom and responsibility. In the last years of

his life, despite failing health, he assisted the local pastor in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and even effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death he was venerated everywhere on the island as a saint.

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



Wash your
hands often



Wear a cloth
face cover



Cover your coughs
and sneezes



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



