



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington
340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
November 2 - 8, 2020



Welcome to the fourth week (can you believe it?) of the second quarter!
 Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.

I PRAY THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FARED WELL DURING HURRICANE ZETA!

Today, Nov 1, is the feast of All Saints, when we remember all the people who have lived their lives really well and who have died and gone to heaven. Let's also think about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants!



A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

Yesterday, our annual Open House for prospective students for 2021 - 22 occurred Sat. While I usually have no idea as to how many people (if any) will attend, I had some advanced notice this year as families had to register for Open House -- and register, they did! We had to add extra slots! Great!



Día de los Muertos prayer service on Fri, which will continue on Monday during religion classes.

While much of our preparation was what we have done in the past, we also made some substantive changes, most notably making it a true Open House so families could come anytime between 1 and 3, limiting the size of the tour groups, and staying outside as much as possible – all due to COVID. We thus eliminated the general meeting and began tours immediately upon a family's arrival – which were spaced appropriately. As usual, maintenance cleaned, sanitized, and polished, student hosts were briefed on safety, and faculty presented well. Thanks to Trevor, Joe, Lee, department chairs, Karen, Jeanen, Development, student hosts, Mothers Club, Dad's Club & maintenance for all the hard work. The results were very gratifying!

So how will SPS ultimately fare? If we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle's directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission, in spite of COVID challenges, and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and ultimately in the next life – as so well put by Pope Emeritus Benedict *Domine, Opus Tuum – no better message for us to remember as we prepare for 2021 - 22 – our 111th year!*

Mon, Nov 02 (D E F G)

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time** began yesterday at 2 am. I hope you fell back yesterday and enjoyed the extra hour!
- **All Souls Day:** Today we remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life.
- **Deviled Egg Day:** Enjoy!
- **Sudden Impact Program Begins today for sophomores**
- **Basketball:** Scrimmage v. Salmen (5) – rescheduled from last Wed due to Zeta

Tue, Nov 03 (Archdiocesan Formation Day was canceled due to Zeta but still no classes for students)

- **Election Day:** we pray in a special way for our country today! **Vote!**
- **TDIH:** In 1957, Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika
- **Sandwich Day:** Enjoy your favorite sandwich!
- **Cliché Day:** From the NCD website: *Every dog has his day. And evidently, so does every minuscule detail of modern society, including the cliché. Not to beat around the bush about it; we'll just come right out and tell you that, as hard as this fact may be to swallow, today is National Cliché Day. Really, we're not just yanking your chain. We wouldn't pull your leg about something as serious as National Cliché Day. By the time National Cliché Day is over, a good time will have been had by all.* Use your favorite clichés today.
- **Love Your Lawyer Day:** No lawyer jokes today!
- **Archdiocesan Formation Day** – see below for more information, especially who is required to attend and who is required to spend the time working at SPS.
- **Drama:** *Clue* (7); re-scheduled from Oct 28



Hawaiian shirt day was a hit with this group!

Wed, Nov 04 – (A B C D – Pre-freshman Honor Roll Breakfast in the BAC)

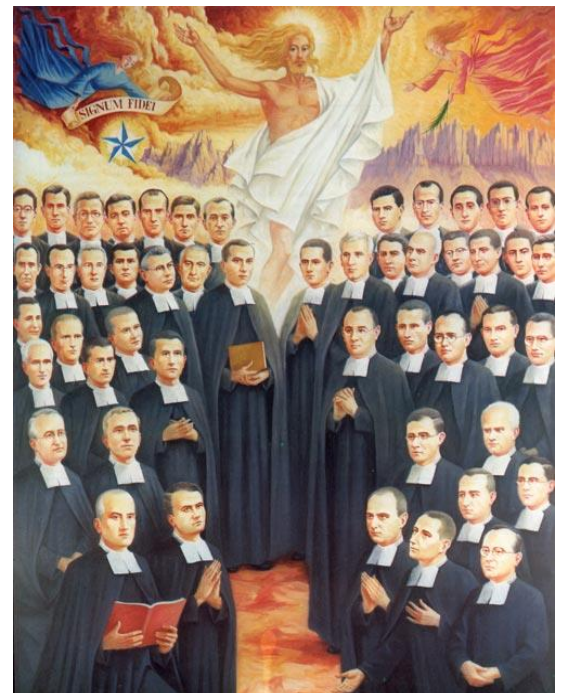
- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history.
- **Use Your Common-Sense Day:** While CS should be used EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **Wrestling:** SPS v. Mandeville
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Mandeville
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity scrimmage at Denham Springs
- **Drama:** *Clue* begins week two performances. All performances are sold out!

Thu, Nov 05 (9th HR Breakfast in the BAC; E F G A)

- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. The day is celebrated in England with bonfires and fireworks. Only the British!
- **Men Make Dinner Day (1st Thu of Nov):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight or make sandwiches!
- **Drama:** *Clue* (7) All performances are sold out!
- **Football:** 8th v. Brother Martin (6)

Fri, Nov 06 (10th HR Breakfast in the BAC; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, was born. Play some basketball today! Or in my case, watch some basketball today!
- **TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.
- **Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today! Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass, TX) who is recorded to have first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the restaurant after it had closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!



- **Saxophone Day:** Adolphe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. I wish you could have the Marching Wolves sax section play for us today!
- **Football:** Varsity at Mandeville (7)

Sat, Nov 7

- **TDIH:** In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected to an unprecedented fourth term as president.
- **Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day:** Indulge!
- **Cross Country:** Varsity in Regional Meet in BR (top 7 runners only); JV in St. Michael's Meet in BR
- **Swimming:** Regional meet at Franco's
- **Wrestling:** JV & JH tournament at Brother Martin

Sun, Nov 8

- **TDIH:** In 1793, the revolutionary French government opens the Louvre as a public museum. Today, the Louvre's collection is one of the richest in the world, with artwork representative of 11,000 years of civilization and culture. Spend time on The Louvre's website (www.louvre.fr/en) to absorb some culture.
- **TDIH:** In 1892, Former president Grover Cleveland beat incumbent Benjamin Harrison and became the only president to win nonconsecutive terms in the White House.
- **Abet and Aid Punsters Day:** a day to make dreadful puns. See H of the W for my contributions!
- **Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day:** Here in SE Louisiana, that's easy to do! Enjoy!

Rise Up, O Men of God

I call the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily 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 had 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!**

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 were scheduled to close on Tuesday, Nov 3 for a morning of faculty faith formation. Due to Zeta, we were informed Friday that the morning has been cancelled. The six Catholic schools of western St. Tammany (can you name them?) conferred, and we all decided to keep the day off for students since we have publicized this all year and we know people made plans. Plus, the public schools are closed for Election Day. **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.**

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.



Thanks, SGYARDSIGNS.COM
Aka The Hadskey Family!

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.

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.



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
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore.** Proceeds fund activities throughout the year. **Just last week, we received \$10,000 worth of Chromebooks for student use in main school building! Thank you, MC!**
- **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 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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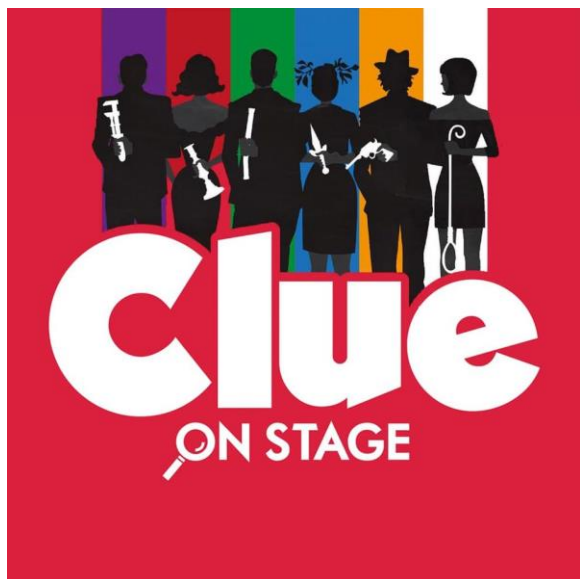
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CALENDAR FOR 2020-21: Here is our calendar for this year. The calendar assumes that we are in full operation. Naturally, any disruption to the school operation due to COVID 19 or acts of nature may result in alteration.

- 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 (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



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.

DRAMA: Our acclaimed drama department, The Marian Players, continues 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 limited and all performances were sold out – but due to some creative seating arrangements, we are able to accommodate a few more patrons. Check the website. And due to the demand, we are considering adding a few more performances!

FOOTBALL GAME TICKET POLICY: Due to LHSAA and the Governor's mandates, our attendance is severely limited. The school administration decided on the following procedure for the purchase of the \$8 varsity football game tickets this season.

HOME GAMES

1 – 4 tickets will be made available for purchase to the family of each member of the varsity/JV/9th grade football team. These tickets can be purchased Monday afternoon – THURSDAY NOON during the week of each home game.

2 - 4 tickets will be made available for purchase to the family of each member of the band and Golden Blues dance team. These tickets can be purchased Mon – THU NOON during the week of each home game.

3 - 4 tickets will be made available for purchase to the family of each member of the Cheerleaders. These tickets can be purchased Monday – THURSDAY NOON during the week of each home game.

After Thu 11 am, any leftover tickets will be offered to the GENERAL PUBLIC, INCLUDING STUDENTS.

Away game tickets will be offered to the family of each member of the varsity/JV football team members and cheerleader families based on the travel roster. The number of these tickets are severely limited.

All fans are strongly encouraged to watch the games on our live streaming service, www.wpbn.live Or on the SPS Radio Network, 98.9 FM.

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

- Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- Box 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. 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:

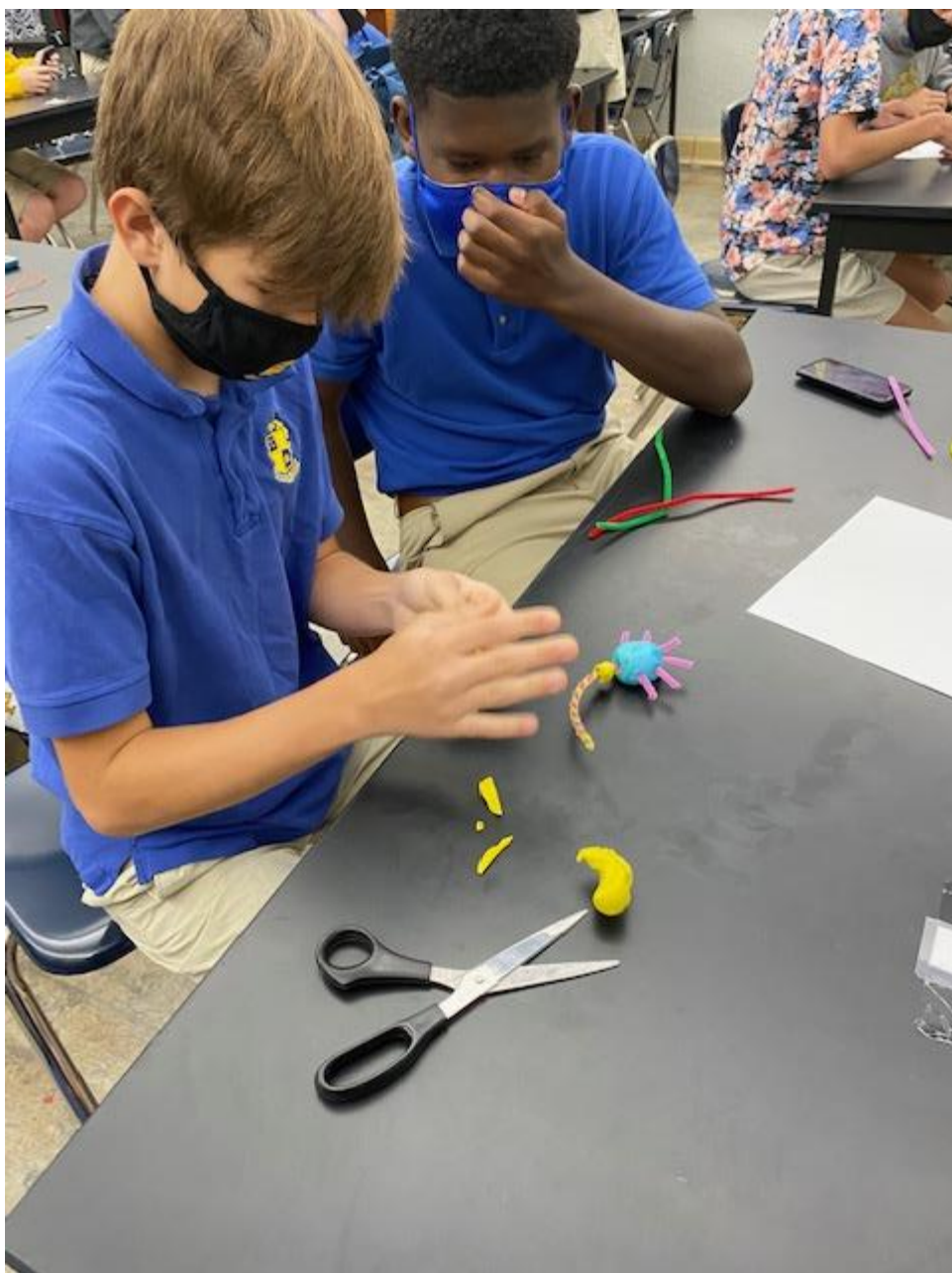
- Students may have only ONE FAMILY guest, who can sit next to the student at socially distant tables; please respect this limitation.
- ALL breakfasts will be in the BAC, not the cafeteria which was printed on the invitation;
- No coffee service will be available; only bottled water and juice;
- Boxed 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.

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 brorav@stpauls.com**

LAST WEEK:

- **Apology to Shaun Miller** for omitting his name in last week's list of athletic letter winners! We are proud of him!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves ran hard and finished 2nd in District. And the JV finished in 1st place with a tiebreak win over Mandeville. Evan Pardo was the individual District Champion and also All District along with Harrison Weisinger. Geaux CC Wolves!
- **Dia de los Muertos:** Thanks to Spanish and Religion Departments for keeping this meaningful tradition alive in the COVID era. Religion classes on Friday participated; religion classes on Monday will continue. You should stop by the chapel and see the special altar that Liz Brett created. Thanks, Liz!
- **Drama:** *Clue*'s first week was a success. We are proud of The Marian Players.
- **Football:** Zeta canceled 9th & JV games. Varsity won BIG over Northshore! Congrats!
- **Mothers' Club:** Snack Day/Teacher Appreciation lunch were GREAT! Our MC is the best! And MC's Welcome Social on Thu evening was postponed – again – due to weather. Thanks, again, MC. And for icing on the cake, the MC has funded another set of Chromebooks for use in the main school building – a \$10,000 gift to the school. Funds came from bookstore sales. Geaux Mothers' Club! Thanks!



Pre-freshmen learn by building neurons in Gateway to Technology class.

- **Spirit Week:** The boys seemed to enjoy the activities and dress down opportunities for the first two days. **WE WILL RE-SCHEDULE EVENTS FOR GRADES 10-12.** Thanks, Student Council! I especially enjoyed addressing 8th grade at the closing assembly – the first time the Class of 2025 assembled together!
- **Swim Team:** 2nd in Metro Meet! Quite an accomplishment! I hear Handel playing! Go Aqua Wolves! Individual champions are Austin Peak, Jack Rodgers, Cameron Smith, Jack McNamara, & Bradford Day. And second place winners Cameron Smith - 2nd place in both the 100 and 200 Freestyle events! Austin Peak - 2nd place in the 100 Backstroke 2nd Place - 200 Medley Relay team of Roman Fouchi, Evan Abraham, Scott Messa, and Bradford Day. Congrats, too, to Coach Smith and Moderator Peak!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle, on another excellent issue!
- **Zeta:** Once again, a hurricane wreaked havoc with our schedule. Thank you for your flexibility in switching to virtual learning. We pray for all those negatively affected by this force of nature.

NOVEMBER: In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!

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 days 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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: I remind you of the policy of Archbishop Gregory Aymond that Catholic schools are not to schedule any activity on a Sunday. Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. RaeNell Houston has outlined the only exceptions: *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 Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation, formerly known as the Office of Catholic Schools.



*"Clue" was a smashing success last week!
Good luck this week! And due to demand,
we are scheduling more perforances!*

**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK,
NOV 2 - 8:** National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. *The Lasallian family is especially invited to participate in National Vocation Awareness Week. As the Rule of the Brothers states, "The entire People of God is responsible for awakening vocations in the Church."* For those seeking their path in life, Brother Superior General Robert Schieler, FSC, wrote in a 2017 letter on Founder's Day, as Lasallians, we need to invite young people to, "come and tell us where they find community, what gives the deepest meaning to their lives, what causes and concerns move them to action, and where they meet God in their lives?" Here is the Brothers' Vocation Website:

<https://brothersvocation.org/>

WEEKLY HUMOR: The following are in honor of Aid & Abet A Punster Day on Nov 8. I used them last year but they are still hilarious!

- *I asked my French friend if she likes to play video games. She said, "Wii.*
- *Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!*
- *Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.*
- *Did you hear about the auto body shop that just opened? It comes highly wreck-a-mended*
- *When an escaped prisoner was caught camping out in the woods it was a clear case of criminal in tent*
- *I started a business breeding chickens, but I'm struggling to make hens meet*
- *Traveling on a flying carpet is a rugged experience*
- *Never make fun of a Scotsman's traditional garb. You could get kilt that way.*
- *Exit signs? They're on the way out!*
- *I sent my baby off to the army. They put him in the infantry.*
- *Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy who has one.*
- *The one who invented the door knocker got a No-bell prize..*
- *I know a lot of jokes about bad pole-vaulters, but none of them seem to go over very well*

- *If you commit a crime at the carnival, do you get a fair trial?*
- *A hungry traveler stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchens. A brother is frying chips. 'Are you the friar?' he asks. 'No. I'm the chip monk,' he replies.*
- *Why did the can crusher quit his job? Because it was soda pressing.*
- *I suffer from kleptomania, but when it gets really bad, I take something for it.*
- *Why is peter pan always flying? He never lands.*
- *What about the math major who was afraid of negative numbers? He'd stop at nothing to avoid them.*
- *What did the librarian say when the books were in a mess? We ought to be ashamed of ourselves!*
- *Did you hear about the two silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!*
- *Someone stole my toilet and the police have nothing to go on*
- *Last time I got caught stealing a calendar I got 12 months.*
- *What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A Yamahahaha.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

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



Jacob reads at Día de los Muertos prayer service.

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are halfway 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! 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

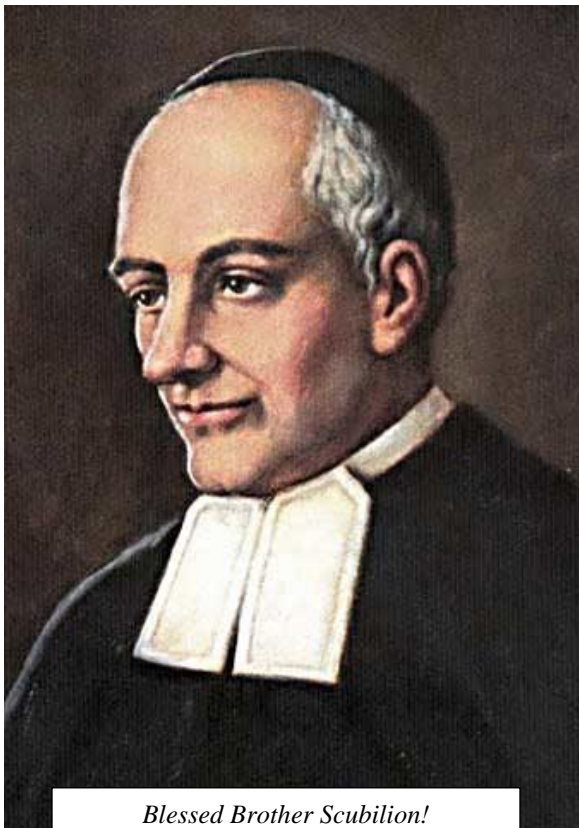
Giving Thanks Daily as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Wash your
hands often



Wear a cloth
face cover



Cover your coughs
and sneezes



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



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.**

