



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington
340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
November 09 - 15, 2020



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

*Your faith should be for you
 a light which guides you in all things,
 and a shining light
 for those whom you instruct,
 to lead them on the way to heaven.*

DeLaFalle

Meditation 178.1
 (Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist)



*You are called like the apostoles
 to make God known,
 and for that purpose
 you need great zeal.*

DeLaFalle

Meditation 78.2 (Battersby translation)
 (Feast of St. Andrew)



I shared these quotations with our faculty. They are from our Founder to the first Brothers, but they are equally applicable to Lasallian teachers today – and also applicable to parents, who are called to instruct their children on the way to heaven and who need great zeal in raising children in today's world. Know of my prayer for you in your vital parental ministry as the primary teachers of your children – and please pray for us in our ministry of providing a human and Christian education for the young people entrusted to our care.

Mon, Nov 9 (F G A B; 11th grade HR Breakfast in BAC; 12 grade level awards assembly)

- **This Day in History:** In 1938, in a Holocaust foreshadowing, German Nazis terrorized Jewish people and destroyed their homes & businesses in Germany and Austria. The violence, which continued through Nov 10, was later dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," after the countless smashed windows of Jewish-owned businesses. We pray that such events never happen again!
- **TDIH:** In 1989, the Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War.
- **Chaos Never Dies Day:** Get used to it – life is always going to be chaotic!
- **Football:** 8th grade intra-squad game (5:30)

Tue, Nov 10 (C D E F; 12th grade HR Breakfast in BAC)

- **TDIH:** In 1969, "Sesame Street," a TV show that would teach generations of children the alphabet and how to count, debuts with its memorable theme song ("Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street"), SS is the most widely viewed children's program in the world, airing in more than 120 countries.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, following the British victory at El Alamein in North Africa during WW II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."
- **TDIH:** In 1951, the first long distance phone call without operator assistance took place.
- **Tongue Twister Day:** Peter Piper and the girl selling sea shells by the seashore are child's play in comparison to what is considered, according to Guinness Book of World Records, the most difficult tongue twister in English: "The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick." Practice it!

- **USMC Day** celebrates the United States Marine Corps, created by the Continental Congress on Nov 10, 1775. We give thanks to the Marines for all of their sacrifices so that we can enjoy freedom.
- **Wrestling:** JV in Tri-Meet at Covington High

Wed, Nov 11 (President's Virtual Assembly; G A B C; Field Day for Juniors During Period C) – Veterans Day – We salute and honor all who have served our country so well.

- **TDIH:** At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, WW I ended, leaving 9 million soldiers & 5 million civilians dead and 21 million wounded. The “War to End All Wars” didn’t. We pray for all who have served our country, especially those who made “the ultimate sacrifice.” And we pray for an end to war.
- **TDIH:** 1620, The Mayflower Compact was signed which would become the basis of government for all of the American colonies.
- **National Young Readers Day:** READ today – both the young and the young at heart!
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Ponchatoula; 8th at Jesuit



A pre-freshman and his mom spend quality time at HR Breakfast

Thu, Nov 12 (D E F G; Field Day for sophomores during Period G)

- **TDIH:** In 2015, we celebrated Trevor and Joe’s return from Washington with our Blue-Ribbon award with a special school assembly and treats from the Mothers’ Club. It was a magical day for us!
- **TDIH:** In 1954, Ellis Island, gateway to America, closes; more than 12 million immigrants landed there since 1892.
- **TDIH:** In 1920, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is elected first baseball commissioner.
- **Pizza with the Works except Anchovies Day:** Enjoy, but hold the anchovies.

- **Basketball:** Hall of Fame Exhibition
- **Mothers’ Club Re-Scheduled Welcoming Social**
- **Soccer Meet the Team (6 in Hunter Stadium)**

Fri, Nov 13 (A B C D; Field Day for Seniors During Period D)

- **TDIH:** In 1805, Johann George Lehner, a Viennese butcher, invents the “frankfurter.” Enjoy a hot dog!
- **TDIH:** In 1956, The US Supreme Court rules that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.
- **TDIH:** In 1789, Ben Franklin wrote this famous phrase: **“In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.”** The words were the second half of a sentence he’d written in a letter his friend Jean-Baptiste Leroy. It was shortly after the United States Constitution had been ratified, and his entire sentence was this: “Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency, but in this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.
- **World Kindness Day:** perform an act of kindness today – and every day!
- **Football:** Varsity v. Ponchatoula (7)

Sat, Nov 14

- **TDIH:** 1968, Yale University announced it was going co-ed. SPS has no plans to imitate Yale – although I do get a request every now and then!
- **TDIH:** Herman Melville's Moby Dick is published. Can you recite the opening line? Answer at end.
- **TDIH:** French painter Claude Monet was born in 1840. He pioneered the impressionist style in his landscapes. See some Monet's works at <http://www.claudemonetgallery.org/the-complete-works.html>
- **Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day:** loosen up today!
- **American Teddy Bear Day:** I keep one in my office for those really tough days!
- **Pickle Day:** If you like pickles, you're in luck: they're low in calories, have no fat and have probiotic benefits. Cucumbers were probably first pickled 4,500 years ago in Mesopotamia, and spread around the world across trade routes. Today, there are thousands of different types of pickles in the world's cuisine. Asia consumes more pickles per capita than any other region. Enjoy your favorite pickle today – but don't be one and stay out of 'em. (get it?) Interesting etymological fact: William Shakespeare actually coined the term "in a pickle" in his play, *The Tempest*. In Act V, King Alonso asks his jester, Trinculo, "How camest thou in this pickle?" What Alonso actually meant was "how did you get so drunk?" Shakespeare's original intent makes sense since many pickling processes used alcohol. Since Trinculos' drinking does cause trouble for him, the phrase morphed into meaning "being in trouble." And now you know!
- **Spicy Guacamole Day:** Ole! Mix up a batch of spicy guacamole and have a "Guac 'n Roll" party with lots of rock and roll music and play games such as "Guac 'n Bowl" by using plastic water bottles as pins and clean, dried, avocado seeds as bowling balls! [Who thinks of these things?]



Superior Achievement winners from last year's 10th grade:
Zachary Nichols, Carter Murphy, Andrew Hightower, Walker Dubreuil

Sun, Nov 15

- **TDIH:** In 1859, Charles Dickens' serialized novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, comes to a close, as the final chapter is published. Can you quote the famous opening line? Answer at end.
- **TDIH:** In 1864, during the Civil War, Union troops under Gen William T. Sherman burn Atlanta.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, the largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 people marched in Washington, DC to protest the Vietnam War.
- **TDIH: In 1887,** American artist Georgia O'Keeffe (a fav) was born. She favored flowers and desert landscapes. View some of Georgia's works at
https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%253BcWz_u8MTdns6vM%253Bhttp%25253A%25252F%25252Fwhitney.org%25252Fexhibitions%25252FGeorgiaOKeeffe&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%252CcWz_u8MTdns6vM%252C_&dpr=1.1&usg=_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D&ved=0CDkQyjdqFQoTCJK1h6PG9MgCFUhbHgodCRcIFg&ei=CdA4VtKMEsi2eYmuoLAB#imgre=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%3A&usg=_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D
- **"I Love to Write" Day:** Write today – a poem, email, journal entry, newsletter.... Enjoy!
- **Recycling Day** – pretty self-explanatory! **Think globally; act locally**



Saint Paul's School

2019-20 Pre-Freshmen Superior Award Winners



Achievement: Bennett Barreca, Reece Beckendorf, and Benjamin Strecker



Academic: Preston Olivier, William Coles, and Brock Duncan

Superior Achievement: highest yearly academic excellence and extracurricular involvement
Superior Academic: highest yearly academic average

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.

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 school supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel. Hours?

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am and 11:15 – 12:45
- 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!**



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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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, 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!

CALENDAR FOR 2020-21: 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.

- 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 Holiday
- 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.



Campus is ripe with the beauty of fall!

FOOD DRIVE: Our Fall Food Drive to benefit the Northshore Food Bank runs Mon through Wed.

Items most needed are:

- Any canned items (vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, soup, tuna, beans)
- Corn muffin/Jiffy mix
- Macaroni & cheese
- Instant potatoes

Students should contact teachers about bonus point opportunities. For students who are learning virtually but still wish to participate in our Fall Food Drive, on Monday through Wednesday from 7:30am-8:30am, food donations can be dropped at the main entrance of the Briggs Assembly Center by a member of his family. Mr. Ramon will await any donations near the main entrance of the Briggs Assembly Center, and he will make note of donations so the donations can be honored for bonus points in classes that bonus points are awarded for donations.

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: Three down; two to go. Here is the schedule.

- 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 must sit next to the student at socially distant tables; all must wear masks, except when eating. **please respect these protocols.**
- 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;
- Bagged Chick-fil-A breakfasts will be served;
- We begin at 7:50 sharp and it's over by 8:20. 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

- **Awards Assemblies:** Well, they were only five months late, but the end of school year 2019-20 awards were distributed in assemblies last week. Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing and to Trevor, who forewent (is that a word?) the HR breakfasts to run the assemblies.
- **Cross Country:** Congrats to Evan Pardo for winning Region II-5A Cross Country meet and to the Wolves for placing 3rd. I hear Rossini playing!
- **First Friday Adoration:** Thanks to the Religion Dept for continuing this important Catholic devotion.
- **Football:** 8th beat Bro Martin, 9th lost but JV won against Mandeville and varsity played hard but came up short against Mandy. Go Wolves.
- **HR Breakfasts** went well in spite of COVID restrictions in place. Physical Plant crew did a masterful job in setting up a COVID-compliant seating arrangement in the BAC, and the Development Team did a masterful job in arranging for COVID-compliant food service. Thanks, too, to SPS parent Rick Gonzales, proprietor of Chick-fil-A, for his assistance. BTW, my vocabulary words for this quarter were **Sedulous:** meaning to show dedication and diligence; persevering; assiduous; not giving up; **Pusillanimous**, which means lacking in courage and resolution; contemptibly fearful; weak spirited; **Rara avis**, meaning a rare or special individual; and **Craven**, which is a pitifully ineffectual and cowardly person. I encouraged the boys to be a sedulous rara avis at all times and in all that they do and to never be a pusillanimous craven. Naturally, the students rolled their eyes but I had fun!
- **Marian Players:** GREAT performances of *Clue* last week – until COVID forced the cancellation of the final three performances. We will explore revival options once cast and crew return from quarantine.
- **Student Council Food Drive:** I appreciate all that the SC is doing for this annual event. See above for more info on this important drive.
- **Swimming:** For the fifth year in a row, the AquaWolves are both District and Northlake Regional champions! Wow. I hear Handel's Water Music playing!
- **Wrestling:** Congrats to Matt Pinero & Wrestling Wolves on their big win, beating Mandeville 63 - 15. Wow! And junior high acquitted themselves well at Bro. Martin tournament on Sat.



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!



PRAYERS REQUESTED: We pray for the repose of the souls of:

- **Mr. Marty Bobak**, father of SPS religion teacher Christian. Mr. Bobak passed away last week. We support Christian in his time of loss, while rejoicing with him on the birth of his daughter two weeks ago.
- **Father Raphael Barousse, O.S.B., a monk of St. Joseph Abbey.** Among his many ministries, Father Raphael served as resident chaplain at The Saint Paul's School, living in the priest's quarters in the back our chapel. In his later years, he was a regular celebrant at our Sunday liturgy – which we miss due to COVID!

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! Check out the exam schedule below.**



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.

WEEKLY HUMOR: Abet a Punster Day may have come and gone, but the puns remain:

1. *What do you call a pile of kittens? A meowtain.*
2. *Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.*
3. *What's a writing utensil's favorite place to go on vacation? Pencil-vania!*
4. *Where do beef burgers go to dance? The meatball.*
5. *What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.*
6. *Want to hear a roof joke? The first one's on the house*
7. *What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells*
8. *What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.*
9. *What did Mr. and Mrs. Hamburger name their daughter? Patty!*
10. *What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.*
11. *Why are teddy bears never hungry? Because they're always stuffed.*
12. *What language do pigs speak? Swine language.*
13. *Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.*
14. *There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of you will get this.*
15. *A farmer told his dog to find the sheep and round them up. When the dog came back, he asked how many sheep there were and the dog said "50". The farmer said "Hmm, that's funny. There were only forty-seven this morning." The dog replied: "You said round them up." [think math!]*



WORTH READING DEPARTMENT: At this time of year, I re-read John Cresson's talk at our Blue-Ribbon assembly five years ago this week. I re-read it in honor of the five-year anniversary of our Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence Award. John's words are still outstanding and worth a reread.

Today we mark a milestone in our storied 104-year history. Today, we celebrate an award that was not made to us as individuals, but, rather, to us as a community. It is not something we have, like presidential scholar, or a national merit finalist, but something we are. We are a national Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence. It is something that we can all take pride in, because we all contributed to it, students and faculty alike. This is an award that serves to memorialize our past, celebrate the present, and propel us into the future.

This blue ribbon remembers all the hard work of the Christian Brothers and lay teachers of the past who established the foundation of this school, a foundation which all those who have followed have only solidified and built upon. It remembers the thousands of students, now proud alumni, who have walked these beautiful grounds and have helped make St. Paul's what it is today. They set academic precedents, created new clubs and sports, and established the traditions that we now hold dear to our hearts.

This accolade celebrates where we stand today. It celebrates the hard work of Brother Ray and the administrators whose drive and vision have grown and transformed St. Paul's into the exemplary school that we have come to experience. It celebrates the dedication of our current teachers who help us students to grow not only academically, but also, and more importantly, as men of God. I believe that it is due to the hard work and caring attitudes of the teachers that we have reason to celebrate in this assembly center. Lastly, this award celebrates us, the current students of St. Paul's whose different passions and talents and characteristics have created a diverse, intellectual, friendly, encouraging, and brotherly environment. I have no doubt that this environment contributed greatly to us receiving this award.

And finally, this award propels us into the future. We do not stop to celebrate, but celebrate as we begin because with this achievement, we turn the page and begin to pen a new chapter in St. Paul's history. A chapter in which years from now the halls will be crowded with students, where teachers push their students to work harder and to go further and to continue to reach for the stars, and where students are state champions in math and football alike. The possibilities are endless, but amidst this change, amidst this progress, the mission of St. Paul's endures. As a student (and faculty member I'm sure) it is truly an exciting time to be at St. Paul's. It is exciting to remember and glorify the past. It is exciting to celebrate and live in the present. And it is exciting to consider the future. It is truly exciting to say with pride and passion to say that we are a National Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence.

I sent this to our faculty, challenging them to continue to live up to John's inspiring words and to plant seeds that will cause future John Cressons (who graduated from Notre Dame last May and now works for a New York investment company) to write reflections like this!



A Look Ahead:

November

- 9 – FGAB -11th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 10 – CDEF – 12th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 11 – GABC – President's V. Assembly
- 12 – DEFG
- 13 – ABCD
- 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

First Semester Exam Schedule 2020

- () Indicates Exam Review Period

Friday, December 11 – EFG

- **TWO LUNCH 2:50 DISMISSAL (80 Minute Periods)**
- 1st Block 8:00AM—9:35AM (Announcements/CNN + 80 minutes)
- 2nd Block 9:45AM—11:05AM
- 3rdBlock 11:15AM—1:05PM
- 1st Lunch 11:05AM—11:35AM
- 2nd Lunch 12:35PM—1:05PM
- Dismissal 1:05
- 4th Block – 1:05 -2:00 - MAKE UP AND REMEDIATION PERIOD

Monday, December 14 – A(BC)

- 8:00-8:10 Prayer and Announcements
- 8:10-9:40 Period A Exam Review
- 9:40-9:50 Break
- 9:50-10:20 Period A Exam
- 10:30 -11:00 Christmas Prayer Service
- 11:00-11:30 – Period B Review - First Lunch (Benilde/LaSalle)
- 11:40-12:10 – Period B Review – Second Lunch (School Building/Gyms/Theater)
- 12:20 – 12:50 – Period C Review
- 12:55 Dismissal -Dismissal

Tuesday, December 15 – BC(DE)

- 8:00-8:15 Prayer and Announcements
- 8:15-9:45 Period B Exam
- 10:00-11:30 Period C Exam
- 11:30- 12:00 – First Lunch (Benilde/LaSalle)
- 11:30-12:00 – Period D Exam Review
- 12:00-12:30 – Second Lunch (School Building/Gyms/Theater)
- 12:00-12:30 – Period D Exam Review
- 12:35 – 1:05 – Period E Exam Review
- 1:10 – Dismissal

Wednesday, December 16 – DE(FG)

- 8:00-8:15 Prayer and Announcements
- 8:15-9:45 Period D Exam
- 10:00-11:30 Period E Exam
- 11:30- 12:00 – First Lunch (Benilde/LaSalle)
- 11:30-12:00 – Period F Exam Review
- 12:00-12:30 – Second Lunch (School Building/Gyms/Theater)
- 12:00-12:30 – Period F Exam Review
- 12:35 – 1:05 – Period G Exam Review
- 1:10 – Dismissal

Thursday, December 17 – FG

- 8:00-8:15 Prayer and Announcements
- 8:15-9:45 Period F Exam
- 10:00-11:30 Period G Exam
- Christmas (not winter) holidays begin at 11:30

Let's close with a Prayer for Our Nation:

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

- Answer to Trivia Question on Nov 14: the opening line of *Moby Dick* is "Call me Ishmael."
- Answer to Trivia Question for Nov 15: The opening of *Tale of Two Cities*: *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way.* Sounds very much like today!

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!

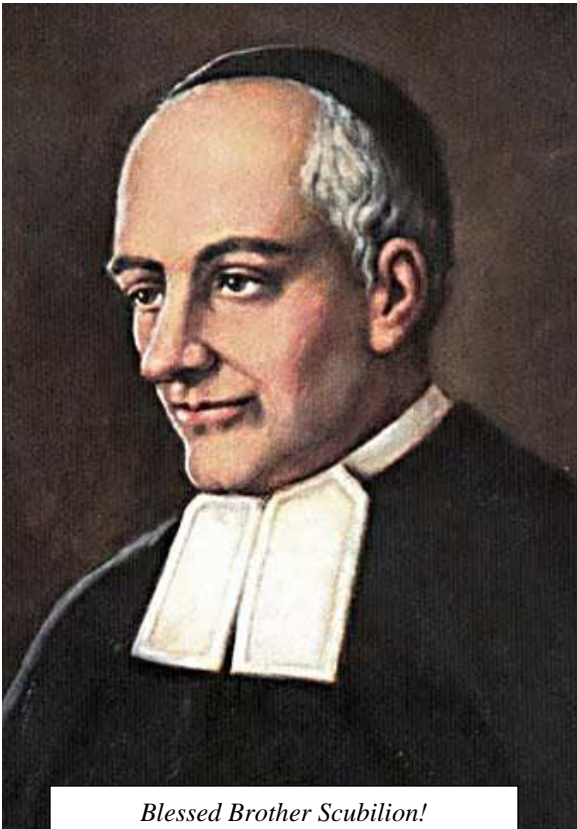
Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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

...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.**

