



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington
340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
November 16 – 30, 2020



Welcome to the sixth week of Quarter 2! Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond's charge to the Catholic schools in his archdiocese is for our schools to be authentically Catholic – and that EVERY class is a religion class as we uphold Catholic values across the curriculum. I couldn't agree more.

One of those authentically Catholic values – as espoused by Pope Francis and enshrined as one of the seven social justice issues by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops – is concern for the poor -- not coincidentally one of our five Lasallian core principles.



St. La Salle distributes bread to the poor.

In school & country, we are blessed with abundance. And so my final pre-Thanksgiving message, in keeping with the Archbishop's mandate, the USCCB, and our Lasallian heritage, concerns the same one I give each year at this time: the Lasallian commitment to the poor. This commitment to the poor began with John Baptist de La Salle. The first schools were endowed parish charity schools, operating on shoestring budgets and often located in less desirable parts of town. Both rich and poor were welcome, provided all agreed to be treated as equals – revolutionary in those days! All were important.

Equally revolutionary was de La Salle's insistence on partiality. We often speak of the need for impartiality in dealings with students. Actually, St. de La Salle was very partial. Partiality was shown to those with less attractive qualities; they were to receive the most attention. Those with the least talents were to be supported and encouraged. Those who had extra food were to share it with those who had little. De La Salle was convinced that the poor needed the schools the most. The curriculum, therefore, combined practical & religious

training, designed to help the poor succeed. Thus, service to the poor, both directly and indirectly, must be present at SPS if we are to be faithful Lasallians.

But it's not just Saint La Salle's thinking that compels us to care for the poor. Indeed, the **Concern for the Poor and Social Justice** is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. The United States bishops write: *In a world characterized by growing prosperity for some and pervasive poverty for others, Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.*

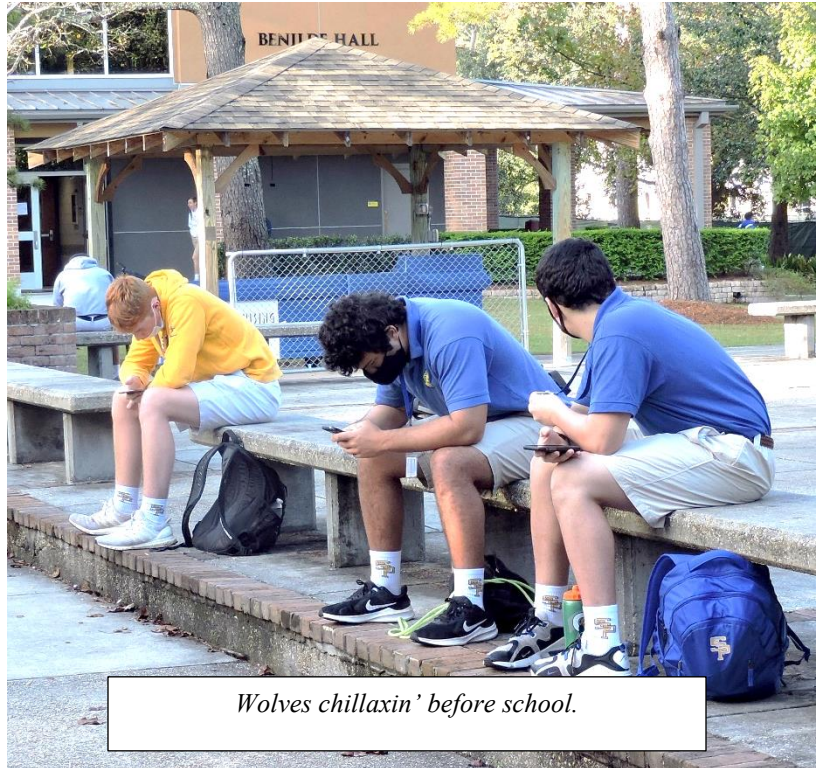
As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those who are not blessed with material comfort. Let us strive to reach out to them. Let us find ways to welcome them to SPS.

Mon, Nov 16 (E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** In 2001, the British author J.K. Rowling's star creation—bespectacled boy wizard Harry Potter—makes his big-screen debut in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, which opens in movie theaters across the United States
- **TDIH:** In 1959, *The Sound of Music* debuts on Broadway. "The hills are alive...."
- **UN International Day for Tolerance:** let's practice tolerance today – everywhere.
- **Take A Hike Day** is either about going for an exhilarating walk, or telling somebody to get lost – I'll leave the interpretation up to you!
- **Sudden Impact for another group of sophomores**
- **CC State Meet through Tuesday**

Tue, Nov 17 (B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1553, the Elizabethan Age begins when Queen Mary I dies and is succeeded by her 25-year-old half-sister, Elizabeth. William Shakespeare will be born eleven years later in 1564.
- **Homemade Bread Day:** Bake bread today! A great family activity!
- **Soccer:** Var & JV v. St. Amant (5:30)
- **Basketball:** JV & Var v. Karr (6)



Wolves chillaxin' before school.

Wed, Nov 18 (F G A B)

- **TDIH:** The Walt Disney Company gives today as Mickey's exact birth date -- the release date of *Steamboat Willie*, his debut film. Happy Birthday Mickey! Celebrate by watching a MM cartoon.
- **Wellness Make Up Day for those whose blood samples arrived too late at the lab. Not our fault!**
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Brother Martin
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Fontainebleau
- **Basketball:** 8th grade tryouts (day two)
- **Wrestling:** SPS v. F'Bleau in dual meet

Thu, Nov 19 (C D E F)

- **TDIH:** in 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivers The Gettysburg Address which consists of only 272 words yet is considered one of the most famous speeches in history. (Can you quote the first two lines?) Actually, the whole address is worth reading – better yet, hearing. Below is a link to an audio and text version of the address (you have your choice of speakers ranging from Johnny Cash to Colin Powell to Sam Waterston. I listened to both Colin and Sam.) After reading along while listening, you will be moved. At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, I STRONGLY encourage you to listen to President Lincoln and pray for our country. After listening, you can then click on the link at the bottom and see a copy of Lincoln's original copy. **I encourage ALL social studies classes today to study this important speech and make modern day connections.** Here's the link:

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gettysburgaddress.htm>

- **TDIH II:** Not nearly as important as The Gettysburg Address, but on this day in 1959, Rocky & Bullwinkle -- the most famous squirrel/moose combo in history – debuted. Who can forget Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale, Dudley Do-Right, Peabody and Sherman, and Aesop and Son? Watch an episode or two on YouTube and howl!
- **Great American Smokeout Day (3rd Thursday in Nov):** The American Cancer Society marks the 44th GAS Day today by encouraging smokers to plan to quit or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for a day — smokers take an important step towards a healthier life – one that can lead to reducing cancer risk. And let's extend this to vaping, too! Remember to remain vigilant on “pen sucking.”
- **“Have a Bad Day” Day:** Believe it or not, “*Have a Bad Day*” Day was created to have people stop saying "have a good day", and replace it with "have a bad day". DO NOT celebrate this day!
- **World Toilet Day:** The World Toilet Organization (who knew?) created WTD to raise global awareness of the struggle 2.6 billion face every day without access to proper, clean sanitation. WTD also informs us of the health, emotional and psychological consequences the poor endure as a result of inadequate sanitation. Wow. It's amazing the things we take for granted. Remember this as we use this incredible device today
- **Basketball:** 9th & JV at Lakeshore; Varsity at Parkview Baptist
- **Soccer:** JV v. Mandeville (Time TBA)



James & Hunter prepare to head to the Food Bank.

Fri, Nov 20 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1982, the Cal football team wins an improbable last-second victory over Stanford when they complete five lateral passes around members of the Cardinals' marching band, who had wandered onto the field a bit early to celebrate the upset they were sure their team had won, and score a touchdown. After catching the last pass of the series, Cal's Kevin Moen careened through the confused horn section and made it safely to the end zone. Then he slammed into trombone player Gary Tyrell. (A photograph from the *Oakland Tribune* of the jubilant Moen and the terrified Tyrell in the moment just before the collision is still displayed triumphantly all over Berkeley.) "The Play," as it became known remains one of the most

famous in college football history. Wanna see it? Here's a link:

<http://www.topendsports.com/videos/829/sports/american-football/play-1982-california-stanford-football-game/>

- **Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 2:50 this afternoon**
- **Football:** Varsity at F'bleau in final regular season game

Sat, Nov 21

- **TDIH:** In 1691, things were not going well in the newly found Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. I quote from Brother Donald Mouton, a Lasallian scholar: *The group of teachers founded by John Baptist de La Salle was in a precarious situation. Personal antagonisms, opposition to the Founder's work, internal problems, and fragile health that almost led to his death toward the end of 1690 posed critical questions for De La Salle as to the very future of his enterprise. In this crisis, De La Salle decided to bind himself by vow with two other Brothers, Nicolas Vuyart and Gabriel Drolin, to establish the Society of the Christian Schools at whatever the cost might be, even if all others should abandon it. This "vow of association and union" pronounced on November 21, 1691, often referred to as the "heroic vow" was an act of hope at a time when the work of the early Brothers was in serious jeopardy.* Today, when times seem tough, the Brothers often refer to this milestone in our history. We give thanks for the "heroic vow"! Because of it, we're still around!
- **Swimming:** State Swim Meet in Shreveport
- **Basketball:** 9th in Lakeshore Tournament
- **Wrestling:** JH scrimmage; JV in Quad meet at Brusly
- **Soccer:** JV v. Bro. Martin (1)

Sun, Nov 22

- **TDIH:** In 1963, at 12:30 p.m. on Elm Street in downtown Dallas, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the youngest man ever elected president, is assassinated in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., the President the 35th President of the United States was pronounced dead. Ono board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President. Camelot ends and America changes forever (Yes, I know that's editorializing!) Like most Baby Boomers, I can vividly recall exactly where I was when we got the news!



Juniors enjoy a game of Jenga during Field Day.

Mon, Nov 23 – Sun, Nov 29 – Thanksgiving Holidays! Enjoy!

Note: Now that we are on Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter won't list all the many events (mostly sports – related) for this week. The newsletter also needs a break (and so do you) and, hence, won't publish next Sunday. Next edition is Sun, Nov 29. Check Plus Portals calendar for schedules.

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!**

ANNUAL FUND: I hope you received your annual fund brochure recently. 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.

ASSEMBLY ON NOV 11: I hope the students enjoyed last week's President's Assembly. Here is some of what we did:

- Began by listening to a stirring rendition of the John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, designated by an Act of Congress as our National March. We listened to this patriotic song since it was Veterans Day – a day on which we honor all those who helped protect the freedom we enjoy! I reminded the students of the story of how Sousa composed this stirring march while in Europe on Christmas Day in 1896 in honor of a deceased friend. Amazingly, he composed it in his head and didn't commit it to paper until his return to the US several weeks later. What a genius!
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Brian Lea**, for all the intentions which we brought to school that morning, especially for our recent losses: **Mr. James Northey, grandfather of Liam Eddy '25; Mr. Marty Bobak, father of SPS teacher Christian Bobak; Mr. Stephen McMurray, grandfather of Coach Matt Pinero**



- I told the boys that I try to highlight the positive things going on at SPS but that sometimes I need to bring problems to their attention. This time, I talked about the growing amount of trash on campus, as students are littering. I implored them to dispose of their trash responsibly. Please reinforce this at home!
- Recognized and congratulated the Student Council for organizing Spirit Week and re-organizing it after part of it was cancelled due to a hurricane!
- Recognized and congratulated Mrs. Liz Brett and the Lobos españoles for the Dia de los Muertos altar and prayer service on Nov 2.
- Recognized and congratulated Mrs. Danielle Lavie for her work producing a monthly Wolftracks.
- Recognized and congratulated senior Braden Osbon for having his art work featured on the cover of the September WT and freshman Slate Dominique for having his art work featured on the cover of the Oct WT.
- Recognized and congratulated staff of our yearbook, The Conifer, for an excellent production: Congrats to Mrs. Mimi Montiero, moderator, Evan Abraham, Zach Azuara, Jaxon Beck, Brayden Cornette, Chris Franke, Colin Garvey, Ryan Hill, Christian Kramer, Jackson Luscy, Adam Philippe, Devin Power, Ethan Viator, and Matthew Weldon.
- Recognized and congratulated Mr. Gordon Carmadelle and The Marian Players for outstanding performances of Clue – until COVID quarantine forced cancellation of final three performances. Mr. Carmadelle is planning a revival of the play after Thanksgiving holidays. Stay tuned!
- Recognized, thanked, and congratulated the students who served as tour guides for our recent Open House. They were tremendous ambassadors of Lasallian Education in Covington.
- Then, as if by magic, Rossini's William Tell Overture began playing, signaling that the Cross-Country Wolves were running. Here are the recent highlights: Catholic High Invitational: **Evan Pardo (1st)**; **SPS Varsity (4th)**, **SPS JV (2nd, led by Aiden Freret and Merritt Sweeney)**; **St. Thomas Invitational: Evan Pardo (1st) and Varsity (2nd)**; **Regional Meet: Evan Pardo (Regional Champion) and Varsity (3rd)**

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Acrylic on canvas painted by senior Braden Osbon

Slate Dominique – 9th Grade WT – October 2020 issue



- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Football Wolves for their wins over Northshore and Hammond.
- Then, as if by magic, George Frideric Handel's Water Music started playing! And if The Water Music is playing, then the Aqua Wolves must be swimming! And swimming they are:
 - Greater NO Metro Meet: SPS took 2nd with Austin Peak as the Metro Champion in the 200IM and the Champion 200 & 400 Freestyle Relay Team of Austin Peak, Cameron Smith, Bradford Day, and Jack Rodgers; 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
 - **Northlake Regional Boys Championship: SPS finished FIRST out of 11 Northshore teams (for the fifth consecutive year!) – over 130 points ahead of second place finisher.**
 - On to State!
- As I was running out of time, I saved other recognitions for a future assembly and spent a few minutes reminding the boys about Veterans Day. I recalled last year's special VD assembly – which we couldn't do this year. I informed the boys about the history of The National Anthem, which was written by Francis Scott Key during the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812. I had the student stand up as I played the National Anthem and projected the words.
- I then told the students the story of Pvt. George Cox, a 1951 SPS alum, who was drafted for the Korean War shortly after his graduation – and was killed in combat less than a year later. A memorial plaque hangs in the La Salle Hall, as Pvt. Cox's mother wanted us to remember her son – who loved SPS and his country.
- I then reminded the boys to cooperate with Covington Mayor Mark Johnson's Slow Your Roll drive – aimed at safer driving in our city.
- As junior **Joseph Cresson** extinguish the prayer candle, I reminded the boys that they must be the love of God, the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to each and every person that they meet.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so. Not as great as it would have been with the whole student body in the gym, but good nonetheless!



Students compete in Tug 'o War on Field 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.

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!**

BUSINESS OFFICE WILL CLOSE during the Thanksgiving holidays. Anticipate needs before Friday. I will be around, if needed, most of the holiday week, but I don't always know how to help you.

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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School Food and Nutrition Services of New Orleans, Inc.

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!

CARE & VIGILANCE: As we approach holidays, remember de La Salle's concerns: care & vigilance – our mantras this week. **We will be caring, but we will be vigilant. Please insist with your sons that they adhere to all school regulations this week, so that we can begin a problem-free Thanksgiving holiday break.**

COVID INFO LETTER: Last week, you received a letter from Trevor Watkins concerning enforcement of our COVID protocols, especially mask wearing. Know that the letter was sent with my FULL approval and support as President and CEO of Saint Paul's. Unfortunately, we will have to start preventing some chronic offenders from attending in-person classes if they continue to ignore that protocols that have been mandated to us by the LA Dept of Education, the LA Dept of Public Health, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans – which we agreed to as a condition to open school to in-person learning on August 6, along with the other five Catholic schools here in Western St. Tammany.

FOOTBALL GAME TICKETS: Due to LHSAA and the Governor's mandates, attendance is limited. Our 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 Mon afternoon – THU NOON during the week of a 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 and Cheerleaders. These tickets can be purchased Mon – THU NOON.

*After Thu noon, 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!

HOLIDAYS: The school offices will close during Thanksgiving holidays. Anticipate needs before Fri – especially the driver's license form, transcripts, etc. I will be around, if needed, most of the holiday week so feel free to call on me but I don't always know how to help.

HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS – ROUND TWO: We had a number of students who missed their honor roll breakfast due to COVID quarantine. Accordingly, we will have a "Make-up HR Breakfast" for those who missed. Students in grades 8 – 11 who missed are invited to attend an HRB on Thursday, December 3. Seniors who missed their HRB are invited to attend an HRB on Friday, December 4.

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.**
- Breakfasts will be in the BAC.
- No coffee service will be available; only bottled water and juice;
- Bagged Chick-fil-A breakfasts will be served;
- We begin at 7:50 and it's over by 8:20. Students will be recognized individually, and yours truly will make some congratulatory remarks.

For the senior HR Make up breakfast, ALL SENIOR HR STUDENTS ARE INVITED. If they attended the first breakfast, only the students are invited. We are not able to accommodate guests for anyone but for the ones who missed the first breakfast.

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.



Saint Paul's School will once again be participating in #iGiveCatholic this #GivingTuesday on Dec 1. Our generous partners have raised \$80,000 over the past 4 years in this campaign, enabling us to connect the philanthropic passions of our faithful community with our Lasallian mission of educating the young men entrusted to our care. Advanced giving opens on Monday, Nov 16. Please partner with us. <https://neworleans.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-paul-s-school>

This is a great way to make your annual fund donation.

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:

- **Basketball:** Hall of Fame Games on Thu went well – even with the new COVID protocols – though Wolves lost to Univ. High.
- **Food Drive:** Over 10,000 lbs of food donated to Northshore Food Bank. Thanks to all who helped, especially Campus Ministry!
- **Football:** GREAT 8th grade win over Jesuit, 9th fell to Ponchy, and Varsity lost a close one to P'toula.
- **HR Breakfast for juniors and seniors** went well. This was my last address to the senior class, as we do something different with seniors in the second and third quarters. Thus, I gave them a review of all the vocabulary words I've used since 8th grade year – and put in Latin and Shakespeare for good measure.
- **Marching Wolves** were great Friday, which was senior night, recognizing the senior MWs, Golden Blues, and Cheerleaders. Thanks, Band Boosters, for organizing this.
- **Meet the Team** for soccer went well – even in Hunter Stadium.
- **Mothers Club Welcoming Social:** Only three months late due to hurricane postponements, but the 100 moms who attended enjoyed hospitality while mask wearing and social distancing.
- **Spirit Days:** Sophs, juniors, and seniors enjoyed this mid-quarter break. Thanks Student Council for organizing and to the Mothers Club for providing snacks.
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophs benefitted from this powerful program.
- **Wrestling:** Last week's scheduled tri-meet became a dual meet when one team cancelled due to COVID. But the Wolves acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner, triumphing over Covington 48 - 18!

LOST & FOUND: Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside Attendance Office.

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!



Wolves carry food to the awaiting trucks for delivery to NFB.

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.**

RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Ethyl "Katin" Taylor, who died last week after a long illness at age 95. For over twenty years, Katin and her husband, Lawrence, ran the SPS cafeteria, serving three meals daily, seven days a week, for hundreds of boarding students and over 20 Christian Brothers. Some may remember her brother-in-law, Timmy Taylor, who himself ran the cafeteria. And many more of you remember her son, Billy, who taught math at SPS and was head football coach in the 1990s. The Taylors are an integral part of SPS history, loved the school, and spent much of their lives here. May they all rest in peace.



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.

TUTORING: Tutoring offered by National Honor Society members is underway and occurs every day at lunch in the library for the remainder of the school year. All students are welcome to utilize this free tutoring service. Essay proofreading services also provided. Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so!**

VAPING: The message is clear: there are too many unknowns in vaping for it to be considered safe – especially for the young (who, unfortunately, all too often ignore the warnings of science.) Please stress this with your sons. We have made our position very clear – it is prohibited and strong consequences are imposed if it is discovered. But we can't police outside of school – parents, PLEASE insist with your sons that the dangers of his trend are not worth the risk. Do not allow him to become addicted. We have made too much progress in this area to go backwards.

WEEKLY HUMOR: in honor of Thanksgiving, here are my annual Thanksgiving jokes:

- *What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth Rock*
- *If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims*
- *Why can't you take a turkey to church? They use FOWL language.*
- *Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive? It had 24 carrots.*
- *What happened when the turkey got into a fight? He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*
- *What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo? A turkey that can pluck itself!*
- *Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving? A turkey, because it is always stuffed.*
- *Why did the Pilgrims sail to America in the spring? Because April showers bring Mayflowers!*
- *What did baby corn say to mama corn? Where's popcorn?*
- *If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for? Their AGE!*
- *Why do pilgrims' pants keep falling down? Because their belt buckles are on their hats!*
- *Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had the drumsticks*
- *Mother turkey to her disobedient child? "If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!"*
- *Why did the police arrest the turkey? They suspected it of fowl play*
- *What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? The turKEY*
- *What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy! I'm stuffed!*
- *What happened to the Pilgrim who was shot at by an Indian? He had an arrow escape*
- *Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"? Because they never learned good table manners!*
- *What sound does a space turkey make? A: Hubble, Hubble, Hubble!*
- *Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken a day off!*
- *What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? The turkey trot!*
- *Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes - a building can't jump at all!*
- *What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus? Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving!*
- *How can you make a turkey float? You need 2 scoops of ice cream, some root beer, and a turkey!*
- *Why did the turkey join the band? Because he had drumsticks!*
- *Where did the first corn come from? The stalk brought it!*

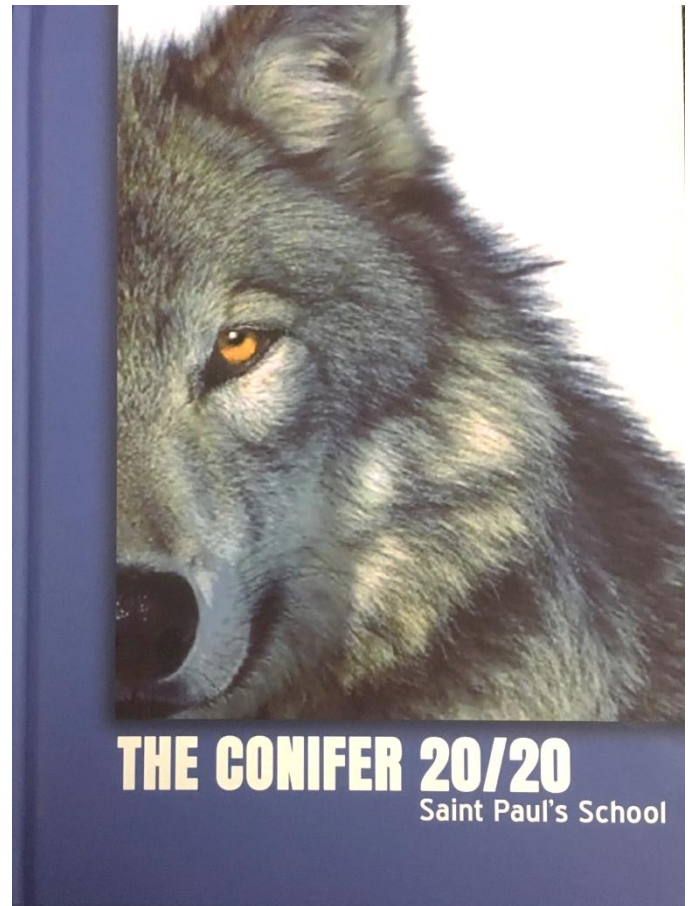
- *How did the Mayflower show that it liked America? It hugged the shore!*
- *OK, I'll stop! Happy Thanksgiving!*

YEARBOOK: The 2020-2021 Conifer staff is hard at work on the yearbook. What do you need to know?

- Yearbooks can only be purchased online at www.yearbookforever.com. Spell out the word *Saint* when searching for *Saint Paul's School*.
- Purchase price is \$65 through March 12, 2021.
- **Seniors do not need to purchase a yearbook; it's included in the senior fee.**
- **New- share your best school photos with us!**

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. Password is **wolves**.



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



Project Christmas from Campus Ministry: Yes, I know this is out of alphabetical order, but I received it at the last minute from Campus Ministry and the newsletter had already been formatted. But please read it!

We recognize that the holiday season comes with much joy for a majority of children and families in St. Tammany Parish, but we would be remiss to recognize that there is also a great number of children and families in St. Tammany Parish who experience much sadness during the holiday season. We also recognize the added financial hardships brought on by COVID-19 this holiday season. In our partnership with St. Tammany Project Christmas, we have once again “adopted” 40 children spread across 17 families. Project Christmas has provided us with a series of wish list items specifically requested by the families. Students and families alike can support our partnership with Project Christmas in two ways: purchasing gifts and/or sending in a monetary donation:

1) Sign up to purchase wish list item(s) using this Sign Up Genius link.

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BAFA82DA6F94-sttammany>) On that link, you can find a list of many wish list gifts items sent to us by Project Christmas via our adopted families. Beneath each wish list item you can also see the age and gender of the adopted angel for which that gift is designated. Once purchased, gifts can be brought to Andrea Francis in the Administration Building or the Claire Coutrado in the Main School Building by Thursday, December 3rd. All gifts should be unwrapped, and please indicate the student name with the purchased gift either on a piece of masking tape or on exterior of bag.

- Sign Up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BAFA82DA6F94-sttammany>

2) Parents and students can support us by sending in monetary donations from Sunday, November 15th - Thursday, December 3rd. Approximately 30% of wish list gifts are not listed in the above Sign Up Genius. A monetary donation will allow us to purchase items either not listed or purchased via the Sign Up Genius. Monetary donation also allows us to contribute to a holiday meal for our adopted families. Monetary donations can be sent in two ways

- Use our online giving platform (<https://www.stpauls.com/support/donate-now/>) and designate your gift as Project Christmas/Missions.
- Send a monetary donation via cash or check (made out to SPS) with your son to be collected by his religion teacher.

Thank you for your support!

A Look Ahead:

November

- 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



Students who delivered over 10,000 lbs of food to the Northshore Food Bank pose for a quick pic following delivery. Thanks to ALL who helped!

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



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ACT 36

SUBJECT SCORES



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CONGRATULATIONS!

William Allen - 36 Reading

Maxwell Anderson - 36 Reading

Wesley Coles - 36 Reading

William Ditta - 36 Reading

Preston Orgeron - 36 English

Alexi Sotiropoulos - 36 Reading

Perfect ACT subject scores from the SEPTEMBER test!
October test results coming soon!

Let's close with a prayer for our country:

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.

Whew! Enough for now! **But you get a break next Sunday as the newsletter goes on Thanksgiving holiday!** 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 for the Privilege of Being 17th Christian Brother President / CEO of Saint Paul's School

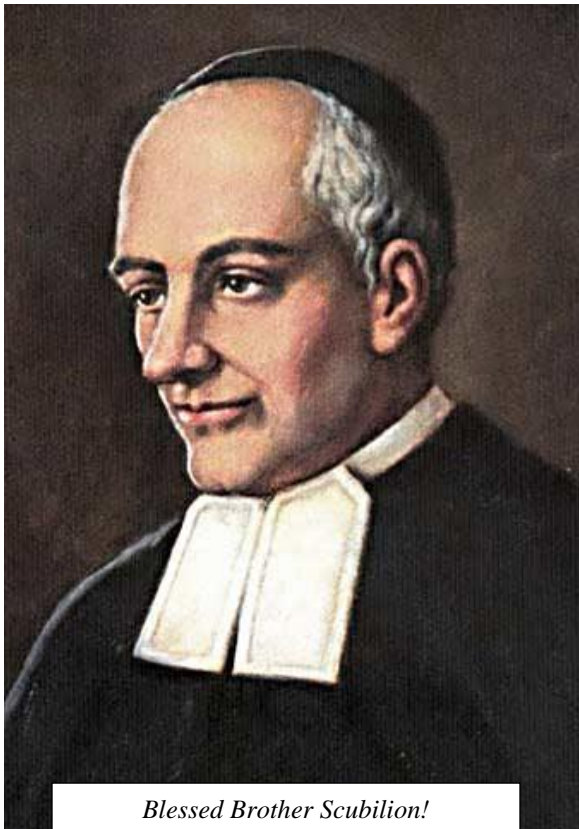


...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing the Mission, living courageously, AND RESPECTING ALL PEOPLE! Let's give it our best this week and begin the holidays with no problems – as befits a Blue-Ribbon Lasallian

Catholic School of Excellence!

“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 nearby. 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 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



RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD

..... 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.**

..... THE CLASS OF 2021

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.**

