



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington
340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
January 18 - 24, 2021



Can you believe we have completed over two full weeks of 2021? Strains of “Auld Lang Syne” are still ringing in my ears! And my quickly fading New Year’s resolutions remind me that January is a good time for self-review and mid-year correction.



St. John Baptist de La Salle, however, wanted the first Brothers to do regular self-examination and correction. Accordingly, he instructed the first brothers to have a “fixed day for the weekly account of conscience” in which the Brother would “take time to examine [himself]” in all areas of his conduct. I offered the following “examination” points from St. La Salle to our faculty as we begin the second semester – points which are equally applicable to us as educators today and, I humbly suggest, to parents as well. **Just substitute “children” for “students” and “home” for “school.”**

- *Are you ardent and zealous for the salvation of your students and in the performance of your duties?*
- *How do you do your work in school? Do you observe the [rules]?*
- *Have you wasted time?*
- *Do you follow everything carefully during the lessons? Are you assiduous in correcting?*
- *Do you leave class? [Even La Salle knew teachers should not leave classroom unattended!]*
- ***Do you talk too much? (the boldface is mine)***
- *Do you take care that students make progress?*
- *Are you equally careful that they advance in piety?*
- *How do you act toward your pupils? Too strict? Too easygoing? Too familiar?*
- *Have you been impatient? In what frame of mind have you corrected them?*

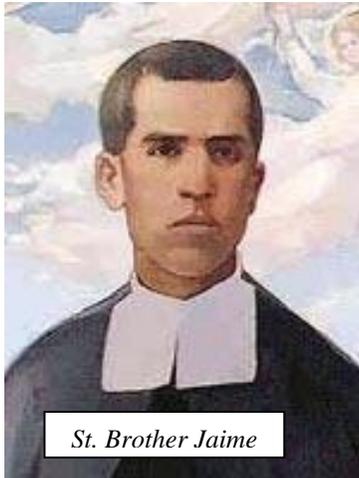
I told the faculty that these insightful questions from this educational giant are as equally relevant today as they were 340 years ago. I invited them to take time to examine our consciences this week, both our professional conscience and our personal one and to take corrective measures where needed. I invite parents to do the same.



Canada geese are back – and still think they own the campus!

Mon, Jan 18 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)

- **Thesaurus Day:** Other words for thesaurus: glossary, lexicon, onomasticon, reference book, sourcebook, storehouse of words, terminology, vocabulary, word list. Other words for day: astronomical day, bright, dawn-to-dark, daylight, daytime, diurnal course, early bright, sidereal day, sunlight, sunrise-to-sunset, sunshine, working day. I wish you a happy Onomasticon Diurnal Course!
- **Pooh Day:** Winnie the Pooh Day is an opportunity to enjoy your favorite bear and his friends. This day was created to celebrate the birth of A. A. Milne in 1882. He was an author of children's story books, and created Winnie the Pooh and his friends. Winnie's pals include Christopher Robin, Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet, and Roo. Read some Pooh today!



- **This Day in History:** In 1937, Brother Jaime Hilario was martyred by Spanish revolutionaries in the Spanish Civil War. From the Christian Brothers Website: *Born in 1898 in northern Spain, Jaime was only 12 years old when, with the blessing of his parents, he entered the minor seminary. He soon developed hearing problems and was advised to return home. Convinced that God was calling him, he was overjoyed in 1917 to learn that the Institute of the Brothers would accept him. After sixteen years in various teaching assignments, his hearing problems forced him to abandon the classroom to work in the garden at one of the schools. In July of 1936 he was on his way to visit his family when the civil war broke out. Recognized as a Brother, he was arrested and jailed. In December he was transferred to Tarragona and confined in a prison ship with several other brothers. On 15 January 1937 he was given a summary trial. Though he could have been freed by claiming to be only a gardener, he insisted on his identity as a religious and thereby sealed his doom. He was brought to the cemetery known as the Mount of Olives on 18 January to face execution. His last words to his assailants were "To die for Christ, my young friends, is to live." When two volleys failed to meet their mark, the soldiers dropped their rifles and fled in panic. The commander, shouting a gross insult, fired five shots at close range and the victim fell at his feet. He was canonized in 1999 by Pope John Paul II.*

Tue, Jan 19 (F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1809, Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. Read a Poe story or poem today in his honor! And eat some popcorn while reading in honor of National Popcorn Day!
- **Popcorn Day:** Enjoy this favorite snack today – especially while reading Poe!
- **Basketball:** JV & Var v. Mandeville
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Northshore

Wed, Jan 20 (C D E F)

- **Inauguration Day:** We offer prayer and best wishes to the new President and Vice President as we engage in a peaceful transition of power. God bless America!
- **TDIH:** In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated for his second term. It was the first time presidents were inaugurated on Jan 20. Previously, Inauguration Day was on March 4. This amount of time was needed in the past for the winner to travel to Washington since modern communication and travel were not invented.

- **TDIH II:** In 1961, John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President and utters famous “Ask not...” Poet Robert Frost read. Blinded by the sun reflecting off the newly fallen snow, Frost discarded his notes and recited the poem from memory. In a veiled imitation of this event, what post-Kennedy president had a famous poet recite an original poem at his inauguration? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **Penguin Awareness Day:** Today we give serious consideration to our tuxedo-wearing waddling friends. Did you know that penguins mate for life? Or that the word penguin means 'fat winged' one in Portuguese?
- **Cheese Lovers Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **Wrestling:** SPS v. Covington
- **Track:** Call out today at lunch for all interested.



Students pray the rosary for the Robert Simpson Family at our all-school prayer service.

Thu, Jan 21 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** 1793, King Louis XVI is executed. The people eat cake.
- **Hugging Day:** No whining but no hugging either, due to COVID!
- **Squirrel Appreciation Day:** We have enough squirrels on our campus, so enjoy them today. Of course, the day could also apply to the human variety of squirrel!

Fri, Jan 22 (D E F G)

- **TDIH:** in 1973, the Supreme Court of the US legalizes abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. As we observe this anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, it’s most appropriate to remember the Church social teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. From the US Catholic Bishops Web Site: *In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent*

dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

- **TDIH II: On this day in 2013**, Justin Dakota Addison, a wonderful Saint Paul's Junior, died from injuries sustained in a biking accident on Tammany Trace. Today we remember Justin and all the good he represented. We continue to miss him. We pray for his still grieving family and friends. We regularly read some of his final written words, engraved on the bench in front of the chapel: *"What is evident at St. Paul's is our sense of brotherhood, both with our St. Paul's classmates and the Lasallian community across the globe. The presence of God drifts about our campus like a thick perfume, One can feel it, One can smell it."*
- **Day of Penance & Prayer:** The Bishops of the US have declared today, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a Day of Penance and Prayer: penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life. We join our penance and prayer today to those of all who are concerned with the dignity of life.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Mandeville

Sat, Jan 23

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Wham-O Toy Company rolls out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--known as the Frisbee. Toss a Frisbee today in honor of its birth!
- **Pie Day:** Indulge!
- **Soccer:** 8th & 9th at Holy Cross
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi Scrimmage

Sun, Jan 24

- **TDIH:** In 1965, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, dies in London at the age of 90. Churchill was a brilliant orator and writer and the source of some wonderful Churchillian quotations such as: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Google Churchill quotations for a real treat today!
- **Belly Laugh Day:** Celebrate the gift of laughter today!
- **Compliment Day:** Let's all give each other compliments today – deserved or not!
- **Peanut Butter Day:** Indulge!

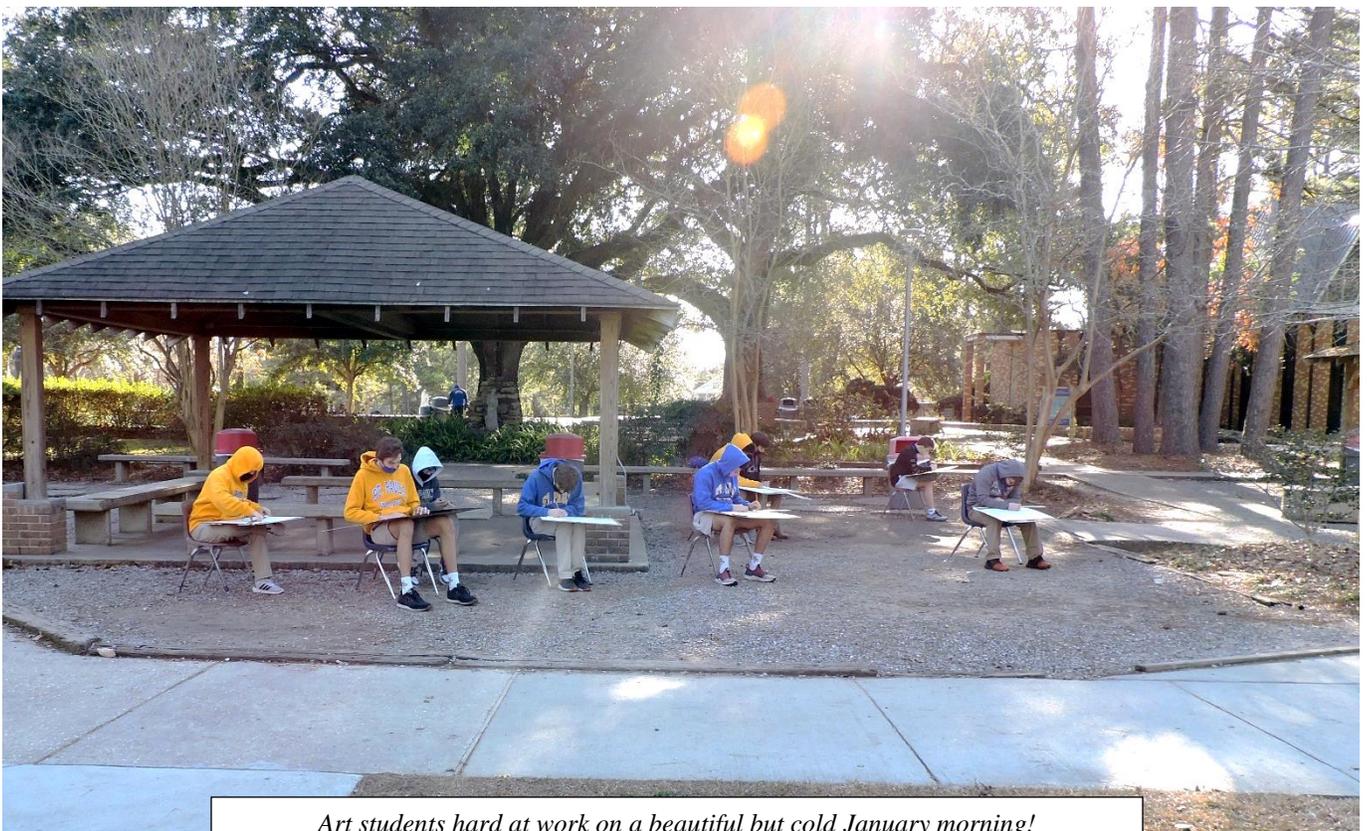
Rise Up, O Men of God

I call the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.

ADMISSIONS FOR NEXT YEAR: I am VERY pleased with the number of applicants for next year and offer my thanks to all who helped make this happen. Thanks for spreading the good news about Lasallian education at Saint Paul's School! Thank you!

ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have responded. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g., technology, special programs, etc. The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation, the \$4.5 million new gym, the \$4 million Benilde Hall renovation and now the \$2.5 million band building.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!



Art students hard at work on a beautiful but cold January morning!

ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS: We are blessed with many supportive grandparents. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. Again, I do it differently than other schools that directly solicit grandparents. I ask that you inform your son's grandparents or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the information directly if you wish. Just provide me with the information. **I do not want to ask grandparents without your consent but we need their support.** I have already received a number of grandparent gifts. Again, no gift is too small – and, of course, no gift is too large.

APPLICATION LETTERS: More unedited comments:

- *During my tour, I was blown away by the kindness everyone showed me.* [Kindness is our middle name!]
- *I want to attend St. Paul's to learn about my catholic faith.* [We will also teach you how to spell Catholic!]
- *I want to attend for baseball, education, and Brother Ray.* [Shameless flattery will get this guy admitted but I can't believe I'm listed after baseball!]
- *I would love to recieve a great education.* [And we will teach him how to spell receive! Remember: I before E except after C or when E sounds like A as in neighbor or weigh!]
- *My brother went here and he is really smart.* [And I am sure this young man is just as smart!]
- *It just seems like a fun place.* [Tons of fun every day!]

ATTENDANCE: Make the following part of your New Year Resolutions: If your son is absent, phone Suzy in the Attendance Office before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1980, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns**



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. **Recently, we received \$10,000 worth of Chromebooks for student use in main school building!**



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.

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. Note: “extras” such as juice, ice cream, etc. are NOT free and students will be charged. The free lunch includes milk.
- 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!

CAFETERIA FREE BREAKFAST/LUNCH CLARIFICATION: ONLY the basic lunch / breakfast is free. If students purchase “extras” such as juice, water, or desserts, they will be charged for these. Make sure your son understands this policy. \

CALENDAR FOR SECOND SEMESTER 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, Jan 4 Classes resume & Second Semester begins
- Mon, Jan 18 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Mon, Feb 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
- 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
- Wed-Fri, Apr 28-30 Senior Final Exams
- 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
- We are still determining final exam dates for 8th grade. Sorry for the delay. We will publish soon.
- 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.

CAR BURGLARIES: Mayor Mark Johnson and Covington Police Chief Culotta recently sent an email informing us that car burglaries are rising. Lock your car and do not leave valuables visible.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING: Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.

DRIVING: I call the following to your attention:

- **Driver's License Requirement:** You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.
- **SAFE DRIVING:** Parents –let's start 2021 with a resolution for safe driving! Set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!
- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

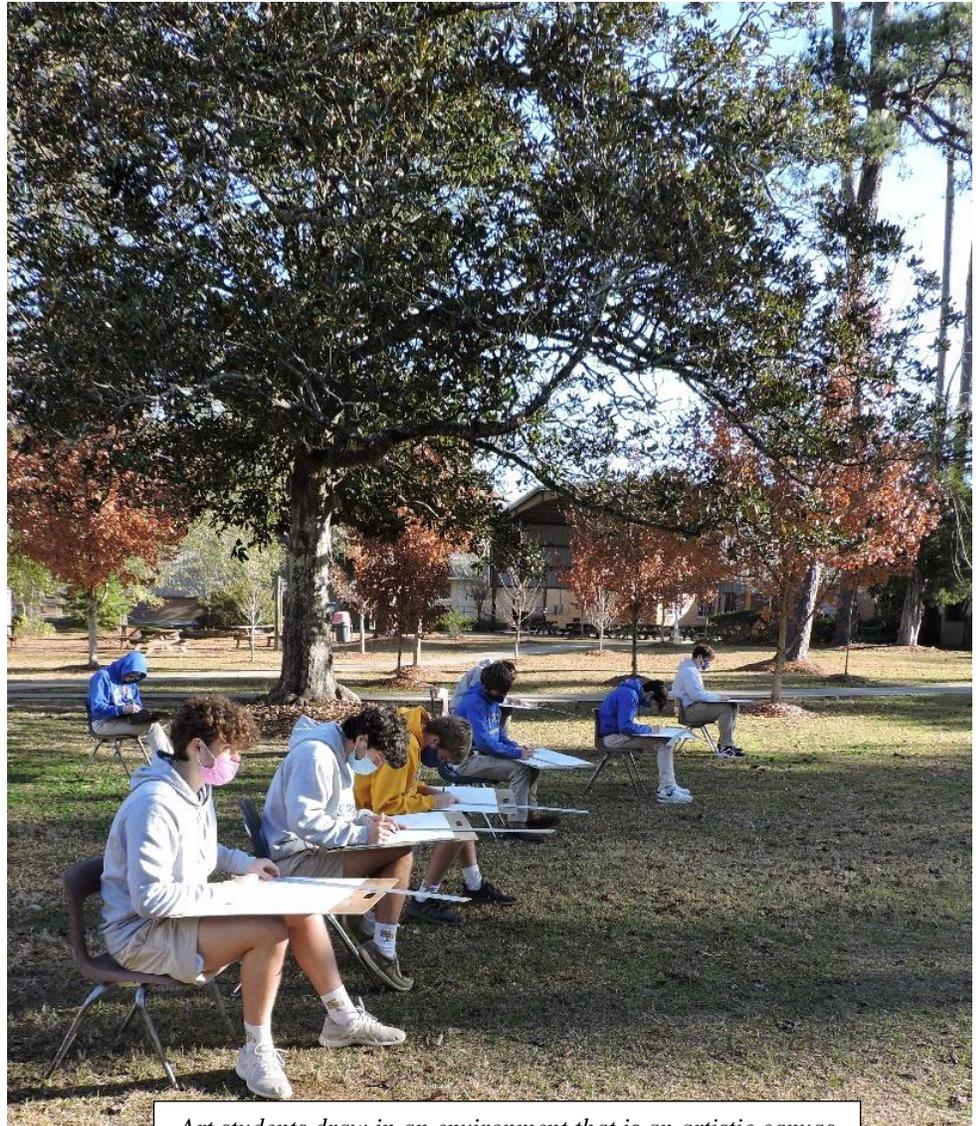
GRADES, EXAMS, REPORT CARDS, HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS, ETC.

- **Report Cards** were emailed on Jan 1, although grades were accessible on Plus Portals for a while. **Let me know if you did not receive a report card. There are no parent-teacher conferences until Feb, so email any concerns to teachers.**
- **Semester Exams** DID NOT lower most student averages. The overwhelming number of students earned the same grade on exams that they had going into exams. There were a few exceptions – on BOTH ends of the spectrum (students who did worse and students who did better.) **What the semester exams did accomplish is give your son college preparatory experience .**
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:**
Here's the schedule for the second quarter HR breakfast schedule:
 - *Jan 27 – 8th HR Breakfast*
 - *Jan 28 – 9th HR Breakfast*
 - *Jan 29 --10th HR Breakfast*
 - *Feb 01 – 11th HR Breakfast*
 - *Feb 02 – 12th HR Breakfast*COVID mitigation protocols will be in place – as they were for 1st quarter. ONE GUEST ONLY. Breakfasts last from 7:50-8:30. HR is based on **second QUARTER, not semester, grades.**

HELPING SAINT PAUL'S:

Don't forget these painless ways to help:

- Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) & SPS receives 5% of 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!



Art students draw in an environment that is an artistic canvas in itself.

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.

INSPECTIONS: Our Mission Statement calls us to provide a “safe and disciplined” environment for our students. While we think SPS is safe, several state agencies provide the affirmation of our beliefs. Two of these are The LA Department of Health and the Louisiana State Fire Marshall. Shortly before Christmas, reps from both of these agencies descended upon campus to “inspect” for violations of health and / or fire codes. The results? A CLEAN bill of health from health inspector and the only violation found by the Fire Marshall was failure to have monthly fire drills. When we explained why fire drills were problematic in the age of COVID, she replied that “regulations are regulations.” Accordingly, we accomplished virtual fire drills prior to Christmas – and are now in full compliance. Many, many thanks to Don Pressley (who is used to a myriad of government regulations from his 20 years in the Air Force!) for making our campus “violation free” from the many, many state regulations. We are indeed a safe environment! Thanks Don and Physical Plant Staff!

LAST WEEK:

- **Basketball:** GREAT District wins over Covington and Northshore!
- **Pack Time:** Thanks for cooperating with Jeff in COVID Pack Structure!
- **Remembering Robert:** Thanks to all who supported the family during services and to Jeff for the special prayer service Wed.
- **Soccer:** Mercy rule against Hammond! Wow! And 9th grade did exceptionally well in the SPS 9th grade tournament, winning all three of their games. Congrats, Soccer Wolves!
- **Wrestling:** Great win over Live Oak in a dual and great 2nd place showing in LA Classic; JV was in the Grace King Tourney but I don’t have results.

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. Stress with your sons to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside Attendance Office.

MONEY: Please stress with your sons that they should NOT bring large sums of money to school. There is no need for students to have large cash amounts – which they talk about which tempts others.

PAPER WOLF: 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!



RE-REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS FOR 2021 - 22: Yes, it is time to start thinking about next year! We will soon begin registering current students for 2021-22. Here’s the process:

- Current 8th graders will be asked to register during last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8th graders do not plan on returning in order for us to know how many new 9th graders we can add.
- Current 9th – 11th grade students will be asked to register during the first weeks of February.
- Current 12th graders – well, they don’t have to worry about registering for SPS next year!

- In all re-registration for 2021 - 22, a \$300 registration fee will be due.
- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning for 2021-22, please let me know ASAP. We are getting inquiries about transfer admissions.**



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 streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of automobiles, 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!

SOCIAL HOSTING /UNDERAGE DRINKING: With the Mardi Gras season looming, the temptations for alcohol use by students increases. One issue facing parents is hosting parties where teens are exposed to or even given alcohol. This is known as “social hosting.” I have sent a brochure on this activity, which may have legal consequences, to our parents. The brochure was provided to me by Mr. Hal Fox, owner of Fox Litho of Mandeville, and father of Hal. Here’s the link:

<http://fb.mediarelay.com/pbda246>

SOCIAL MEDIA:

- **Parents: please stress with your sons the consequences of inappropriate social media posting. Cyber-bullying is against the law and has legal implications. And the school will take strong measures against any inappropriate posting.**
- Students: THINK before you post!

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.

SUPERINTENDENT DR. RAENELL HOUSTON: From Dr. Houston last week: *I respectfully request that you use prudent judgement and follow all civil parish guidelines for... events that take place outside of the regular school day and outside of typical school operations. If compliance with local civil guidance cannot be guaranteed and/or an event is likely to lead to a high risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the event should be rescheduled for a later date when it is safer to do so.*

TEEN LIFE COUNTS: A guest speaker from the Jewish Family Service's Teen Life Counts will visit sophomore religion classes during the next two weeks. Teen Life Counts is an educational suicide prevention program designed to help teens learn the warning signs of suicide and how to seek help if they believe a friend is in danger. Through participation, our students learn to be more sensitive to their friends' comments and feelings as well as to be more aware of how they can appropriately deal with personal challenges they may experience in their own lives. Because of the exploding suicide rate in St. Tammany Parish, St. Paul's takes this issue especially seriously. We strive to do everything possible to keep our students safe. Our sophomores have participated in Teen Life Counts for many years. We believe it is a beneficial experience for both them and their families. For additional information about the program, visit <http://www.jfsneworleans.org/programs-services/teen-life-counts/> Thanks to Christine Woodard for arranging.

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. Encourage your son to use this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so!**

UNIFORM SHIRTS: We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have khaki pants available – all for the taking.

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: My contribution to Belly Laugh Day on Tuesday:

- *Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn? Because he always has a great fall.*
- *Why can't Elsa have a balloon? Because she will let it go.*
- *What did the beaver say to the tree? It's been nice gnawing you.*
- *What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account? Prime mates.*
- *How do you look for Will Smith in the snow? Just follow the fresh prints.*
- *Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.*
- *What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? The same middle name.*
- *If you ever get cold, stand in the corner of a room for a while. They're usually 90 degrees.*
- *Where do spaghetti and sauce go to dance? The meat ball.*
- *Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee? Because they're Santa's star bucks!*
- *Why is no one friends with Dracula? Because he's a pain in the neck.*
- *What time do you go to the dentist? At tooth-hurty.*
- *Why did the A go to the bathroom and come out as an E? Because he had a vowel movement*
- *What do you call a droid that takes the long way around? R2 detour.*



Max, Adam, and Donald – All State Composite ACADEMIC CC Runners – show their support for the Saints on Friday!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT DEPT: We canceled Christmas Eve mass in our chapel due to COVID. Last week, I received a \$500 donation from an alum who regularly attended the mass. He enclosed the following note: *I understand and agree with the cancellation of Christmas Eve mass; however, my Christmas celebration felt incomplete. I have attended Midnight Mass every year for the last 25 years. During this time, I experienced some of the best and most difficult times of my life. No matter the circumstance, Midnight Mass at St. Paul's was always a time when I could reflect on the year's blessings and pray for the strength to persevere. It was an annual reminder that the St. Paul's community continues to grow and thrive. I look forward to seeing you at mass next Christmas eve. As St. La Salle wrote, we are planting and watering seeds in our current students. Our work will bear fruit in the future. Look upon your ministry as an investment in the future!*

YEARBOOKS: How do you submit a senior ad (**Feb 21 deadline**) or purchase a yearbook?

- Go to www.yearbookforever.com
- Search for “Saint Paul’s” exactly as displayed here.
- Select “Purchase a 2020-21 Product” in the list.
- Select “Buy Personal Ad” or "Buy a yearbook" option on the right side of the page.
- Follow the rest of the on-screen instructions and submit your results.
- ***Seniors do not need to purchase a yearbook. The yearbook is included in tuition.**

A LOOK AHEAD AND SECOND SEMESTER PERIOD ROTATION: Here is the period rotation for most of second semester to use when making unavoidable doctor appointments, etc. so your son will know what classes he is missing. This is subject to change if unavoidable conflicts (weather, etc.) occur:

January

18 – MLK Day Holiday
19 – FGAB – President’s Assembly
20 – CDEF
21 – GABC
22 – DEFG – 9:00 AM Late Start
25 – ABCD – Mass – Feast of St. Paul
26 – EFGA - PSAT
27 – BCDE -8th HR Breakfast
28 – FGAB -9th HR Breakfast
29 – CDEF -10th HR Breakfast – 8th on retreat

February

1 – GABC -11th HR Breakfast
2 – DEFG – Pack Time -12th HR Breakfast
3 – ABCD – PreACT 10th
4 – EFGA – PreACT 9th
5 – BCDE – PreACT 8th
8 – FGAB
9 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
10 – GABC
11 – DEFG
12 – Faculty Retreat
22 – ABCD
23 – EFGA – Pack Time
24 – BCDE
25 – FGAB
26 – CDEF

March

1 – GABC

2 – DEFG – President’s Assembly
3 – ABCD
4 – EFGA
5 – BCDE
8 – FGAB
9 – CDEF – Pack Time
10 – GABC – ACT for 11th
11 – DEFG
12 – ABCD –End of Q1
15 – EFGA – 9:00AM Late Start
16 – BCDE
17 – FGAB
18 – CDEF
19 – GABC - Mass
22 – DEFG
23 – ABCD
24 – EFGA
25 – BCDE - Junior Retreat
26 – FGAB – Junior Retreat
29 – CDEF
30 – GABC – Senior Retreat
31 – DEFG – Senior Retreat

April

1 – ABCD – Senior Retreat
2 – Good Friday
12 – EFGA
13 – BCDE
14 – FGAB
15 – CDEF
16 – GABC
19 – DEFG
20 – ABCD
21 – EFGA
22 – BCDE
23 – FGAB
26 – CDEF
27 – GABC
28 – DEFG – Senior Exams
29 – ABCD – Senior Exams
30 – EFGA – Senior Exams

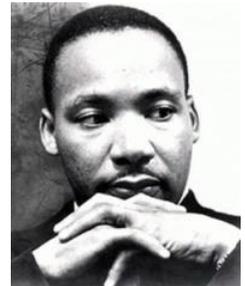
May

3 – BCDE

4 – FGAB
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7 – DEFG
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14 – CDEF
17 – GABC
18 – Exams
19 – Exams
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CLOSING QUOTATIONS: It's appropriate to close with a few MLK quotes:

- *A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.*
- *Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*
- *In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*
- *He who is devoid of power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.*
- *We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*
- *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*
- *The time is always right to do what is right.*
- *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed or Shakespeare wrote. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.*
- *Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*



Whew! Enough for now. Even though it's a New Year, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to anymore since it stopped broadcasting but I still remember it and LOL): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we begin the New Year! Again, thanks for being part of the 2020-21 edition of Saint Paul's! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It To Mid-January 2021 as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



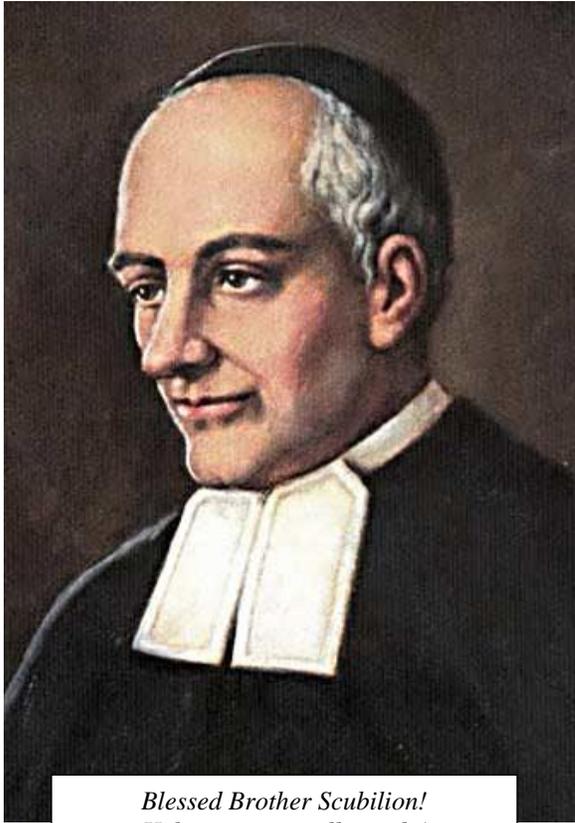
Now let's go out there to be light and hope and love to the students entrusted to our care by doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, letting Our Lady of the Star guide us to God, beseeching our Holy Founding Brothers to help us continue the Lasallian Mission, asking Blessed Brother James to help us live courageously and Blessed Brother Scubilion to help us respect all people!



Trivia Question for Jan 20: President Bill Clinton invited poet Maya Angelou to write and recite an original poem at his inauguration in January of 1993. The poem was called "On the Pulse of Morning"

Seniors prepare for religion class with Christian Bobak, #quality education.





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

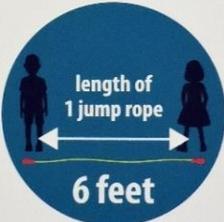
adapt to their new life of freedom and responsibility. In the last years of his life, despite failing health, he assisted the local pastor in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and even effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death he was venerated on the island as a saint.

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

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Wash your hands often
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Wear a cloth face cover
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Cover your coughs and sneezes
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Keep **6 feet** of space between you and your friends



