

# The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter Celebrating 109 years of educational excellence in Covington 340 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world April 12 – 18, 2021



Alleluía! He is risen!

Welcome back from the Easter Holidays (not spring break!) and to the final stretch of the 2020 - 21 school year! I pray that your holidays were spiritually fulfilling and restfully renewing as the final five weeks will be filled with activity!

And welcome to Week Four of astronomical Spring, Week Four of the fourth quarter, and Week Two of the Easter Season! I offer the following prayer to sustain us this week:



My Lord, Jesus, You have risen to new life!

Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.

May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. In your sacred name, I pray.

#### Mon, Apr 12 (C D E F)

- This Day in History: In 1961, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first person to travel in space. When he returned to earth, he reported that he had not seen God in the heavens. Later, a Russian priest said, "If you haven't seen God on earth, you will never see him in heaven."
- **DEAR Day:** D.E.A.R. stands for "Drop Everything and Read," a national celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives.
- **Be Kind to Lawyers Day**. We wish our SPS community lawyers a pleasant day. No lawyer jokes today!
- **Big Wind Day**: Today commemorates the highest wind speed ever recorded on the planet: in 1934, the staff of the Mount Washington Observatory recorded a wind of 231 mph! Wow!
- **Licorice Day**: Enjoy if you wish; I'm not a fan!
- Louisiana Legislature begins its annual session today. We pray that our elected legislative body will make wise and informed decisions that care for all of us, especially the less fortunate of our state.

#### Tue, Apr 13 (G A B C; 8th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast; 10th Grade Retreat)

- **TDIH:** In 1742, George Friedrich Handel's *Messiah* (NOT "The Messiah") debuts in Dublin. What a masterpiece! Listen to Handel today at full volume!
- **TDIH:** 1743, Thomas Jefferson, our third president, the main author of the Declaration of Independence, and the accomplisher The Louisiana Purchase, was born in Shadwell, VA.
- Scrabble Day: Get out the old Scrabble Game and enjoy while listening to Handel! A double treat!
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Mandeville (6)
- **Tennis:** SPS v. Mandeville at PAC
- Band: Spring Concert; 6 pm in Hunter Stadium

#### Wed, Apr 14 (D E F G; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Breakfast; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat)

- Global Day to End Child Sexual Abuse:
  Over 40 countries (including 35 US states)
  promote this day. It is estimated that more
  than 300,000 children around the world
  are sexually abused a year, many by close
  relatives or people they know and trust.
  Experts state that one in four girls and one
  in six boys will experience sexual abuse by
  their eighteenth birthday. A majority of
  victims are under the age of ten. We pray
  for an end to this tragedy!
- Moment of Laughter Day: Tell jokes or do funny things that cause people to laugh.

  Seniors get real-world post high school advice on Life Skills L.

  Successful participation in this day results in whole-hearted laughter.
- **Dolphin Day:** Celebrate the dolphin today! Watch clips of "Flipper" on You Tube! Am I the only one who remembers the TV show "Flipper?"
- **Pecan Day:** pecans can be found scattered across the ground throughout most of the autumn season. Pecans are nuts native to the southern United States and northern Central America, and have had a heavy impact on the food culture of these areas, particularly in the Southeast US states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. The name pecan comes from the Algonquin Native American language, and the seeds contained within have a chewy texture with a rich, butter-like flavor. Because of this rich flavor, pecans are used frequently in many dessert recipes but can sometimes be found as a flavor in various meat dishes. Enjoy some pecans today!
- **TDIH:** In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater in Washington.
- TDIH: In 2011, the entire SPS school community participated in the Centennial March to the Courthouse from school to St. Tammany Justice Center. This was an outstanding event. The Committee, chaired by then SPS mom Shawn Reed, assembled a stellar cast of dignitaries to honor our students and school. We remain very grateful.
- **Drama:** Our Marian Players open tonight with "The Glass Menagerie" (7)
- **Rugby:** SPS v. Jesuit
- Track: Varsity in Bulldog Invitational



#### Thu, Apr 15 (President's Assembly; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** The "unsinkable" RMS Titanic sinks after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage, killing 1,517 people.
- **TDIH:** In 1865 Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the US, dies. Shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington the night before, he lived for 9 hours before succumbing to the severe head wound he sustained.
- **Rubber Eraser Day:** We all make mistakes! Where would we be with erasers? If only we could erase all the mistakes in our lives, not just the ones written in pencil on paper.
- **Art Day:** Celebrate art on the anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci's birthday in 1452! Check out da Vinci's art (including The Last Supper & The Mona Lisa) on a search engine of your choice.
- **Football:** Parent meeting (7)
- Baseball: Varsity & Sub-Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Tennis:** SPS v. Catholic (PAC)
- Drama: Our Marian Players continues with "The Glass Menagerie" (7)

#### Fri, Apr16 (E F G A; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Breakfast)

- Librarian Day: Be nice to a librarian today!
- Healthcare Decisions Day: Today promotes advance care planning, educating all to express health care wishes through the use of advance directives and health care power of attorney documents, and to encourage health care providers and facilities to honor those wishes. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has worked very closely with LAPost (the Louisiana Physicians Order for Scope of Treatment) on developing information for Catholics on end-of-life care issues. These are not always easy discussions, but important ones. I've done my "end of life" planning although I hope my wishes won't be heeded anytime soon.
- Legacy Student Lunch: SPS students with fathers or grandfathers who are SPS alums will gather for a special lunch (socially distanced, of course) in the BAC to celebrate SPS legacy tradition!
- **Drama:** Marian Players continue with "The Glass Menagerie" (7)



#### Sat, Apr 17

- **TDIH:** In 1970, with the world anxiously watching, *Apollo 13*, a U.S. lunar spacecraft that suffered a severe malfunction on its journey to the moon, safely returns to Earth.
- Blah, Blah, Blah Day: The intent of this day is to do things that people have been nagging you to do.
- **Haiku Poetry Day** is a celebration of the genre of haiku, poetic form whose origins date back a millennium in Japan. Write some haiku today a 17 syllable poem divided into 3 lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables, and employing highly evocative allusions and comparisons, often on the subject of nature or one of the seasons. Some examples:

Five syllables here Seven more syllables there Are you happy now? Let's speak only in Haikus for the entire day. That's ridiculous. The cool wind blowing Immersed in nature's beauty Calming my wild soul

- **TDIH:** Ford Motor Company officially unveils the Ford Mustang automobile.
- **Quiz Bowl Tournament**
- **Drama:** "The Glass Menagerie" (7)
- Rugby: SPS v. Bro. Martin
- Baseball: Varsity & Sub-Varsity v. Ponchatoula
- Lacrosse: JVA/V Lacrosse v. Bro. Martin; JV B at Catholic
- **ACT** on campus

#### Sun, Apr 18

- **TDIH:** In 1775, Paul Revere makes his famous ride to warn of British military movement, "one if by land; two if by sea" (one & two being the lanterns hung in steeple of Old North Church – but you knew that.)
- **TDIH:** Albert Einstein, one of the world's most brilliant scientists, died on this day in 1955. Two worthwhile quotes from Albert: When I see the Cosmos, I can't help but believe that there is a Divine Hand behind it all." And "Only a life lived for others is worthwhile."
- **TDIH:** In 1906, the great San Francisco earthquake occurs, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale. 3000 die and more than 300,000 are left homeless.



- during Holy Week retreat.
- Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day. We don't have school today, so stay in your pajamas if you want.
- **Poem in Your Pocket Day:** Select a poem you love during National Poetry Month then carry it with you to share with co-workers, family, and friends.

## Jp, O Men of God

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

ADMISSIONS FOR 21-22: Thank you for spreading the good news about Lasallian education at SPS! People are responding and next year's 8th grade class is almost full. All other grades are full. If you know of someone thinking about SPS 8th grade, have them initiate contact soon. Thanks!

**ANNUAL APPEAL:** Many thanks to those who have responded. If you can help at any amount, great. If not, I hope you will at least pray for us.

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 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 LETTER EXCERPTS:** I've gotten away from printing these, but here are a few more:

- I think the way Saint Paul's is handling COVID is excellent and makes me feel more comfortable wanting to go there.
- For the Lasallian Five Core principles, I already do a lot of them.
- I will make St. Paul's proud and will conduct myself in a Lasallian manner.
- I want to have memories of my own like I hear by dad tell about his days at St. Paul's.
- My brother's friends who attend St. Paul's get passionate talking about what St. Paul's means to them.



Listen to the sermon of the Japanese maple!

**ATTENDANCE:** 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** 

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 to move the "rec hall" into La Salle Hall itself and to

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.



New Band Hall is taking shape!

**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!

#### **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", they will be charged for these. Make sure your son understands this policy.

#### CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR (2021-22): Some important dates:

Mon - Tue, Aug 2 & 3 Teacher Meetings Wed, Aug 4 Teacher Prep Day

Thu, Aug 5 School Opens with a full day of instruction

Mon, Sep 06 Labor Day Holiday

Fri, Oct 8 End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal Fri., Oct 8 Grandparents Day (11:30 – 1:00 -- Tentative) Sat, Oct 30 Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)

Mon, Nov 08 Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students)

Mon-Fri, Nov 22 - 26 Thanksgiving Holidays

Mon, Nov 29 Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday

Mon - Thu, Dec 13-16 Semester Exams

Thu, Dec 16 Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams

Mon, Jan 03 Classes resume & Second Semester begins

Mon, Jan 17 Martin Luther King Holiday

Fri, Feb 25 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 28 - Mar 04 Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays

Mon, Mar 07 Classes resume Fri, Mar 11 End of Third Quarter

Fri – Fri Apr 15 – 22 Easter Holidays

Mon, Apr 25 Classes resume from Easter Holidays

Wed-Fri, Apr 27 – 29 Senior Final Exams
Sat, May 14 Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Tue – Fri, May 17 - 20 Final Exams for Grades 8 - 11
Mon, May 23 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day

Tue, May 24 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day



**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.

**CARE AND VIGILANCE:** We must stay focused in these days after Easter Holidays (not spring break). Make sure your sons know that we will enforce rules and policies and teach until the very last day of the semester. And I pray that he made good, safe choices over the holidays and continues to do so as we move into the final weeks of the school year. Please speak to him about this.

COVID VACCINE: Our faculty / staff received their second dose of the vaccine on March 26. Starting March 29, everyone at least 16 years old can receive the vaccine. I encourage all to seriously consider following the example of yours truly, our faculty/staff, Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, Governor Edwards, President Biden, VP Harris, former President Trump and former VP Pence – and get vaccinated.

**EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY:** We will have some version of the ceremony on the date previously published, May 13. Please be patient as we explore options, based upon what we are legally allowed to do. We hope to have concrete resolution shortly after Easter. But we will have something for our newest wolves. Thanks to those who opined on the matter.

**GROOMING:** Our students are looking a bit sloppy of late: haircuts are needed, shaving is not being done (hidden by masks!), shirt tails are untucked, non-SPS cold weather wear is being worn. We will become much

more vigilant in enforcing our dress code through the end of the year. Parents – please support us in this and check your son's appearance before he leaves for school.

#### **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. ring them to his math teacher.
- And, of course, there's AmazonSmile!

**HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS:** Due to increased capacity regulations, each student may now bring two guests – but masks and social distancing are still required. We begin at 7:50 and end by 8:20 in the BAC. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is Tue, 9<sup>th</sup> grade is Wed, 10<sup>th</sup> grade is Fri, 11<sup>th</sup> grade is Apr 21, and 12 grade is Apr 22.

#### **LAST TWO WEEKS:**

- Baseball: Tough, three game losing streak snapped with big win over M'ville last night. Geaux Wolves.
- **Bowling:** Co-District Champs! Geaux Wolves!
- Holy Week: Thanks to CM Ramon for the prayer service on Holy Tue and the Mandatum on Holy Thu.
- Math Wolves: Another virtual tourney but I don't have results.
- Senior Activities:
  - o Retreat, Part II: Overall, a positive experience. Many thanks to the staff!
  - o ASVAB Testing: We pray this career inventory will help seniors identify their job strengths
  - Life Skills Day: Very positive for those who attended. We are disappointed in those seniors who
    absented themselves from this worthwhile program.
- **St. Sebastian Weight Room:** The signage for the St. Sebastian Weight Room, sponsored by the Barecca Family, has been installed. We are grateful and pray that St. Sebastian helps keep our boys safe and strong.
- **Tennis:** On March 26th, the tennis team avenged a recent loss (in Mobile) to the Pensacola Catholic Crusaders, who were invading the State to play various LA teams. The Wolves racketed five victories in the seven matches played, four in singles and one in doubles. Among the winning Wolves were sophomores Reece Beckendorf, Brody Sawyer, Caedan Bayle, and Owen Becker, and junior Preston Orgeron. Congrats to coaches and team!
- Track: Wow! Parish Champs! Geaux Wolves!
- Wolf Tracks: Congrats to Danielle for another great issue on March 31.

**RETREATS:** Student retreats continue this week. We are now confident in our ability to safely hold retreat experiences for all levels. Here are the dates for the various levels. Details will follow from Campus Ministry.

- **April 13th** (Sophomores)
- **April 14th** (Juniors)

**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. 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. Reinforce this with your sons whenever possible. And set a good example yourself!

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

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

**SPORTSMANSHIP TALKS:** Trevor, Joe Dickens, Lee Pierre, and I spoke to each sophomore, junior, and senior classes concerning the increasing incidents of poor and inappropriate "sportsmanship" by students at our athletic events. We had even banned students from attending events for two weeks. Things are better but they must continue. Please reinforce this message with your sons. And parents – this sometimes applies to a few of you, too. We will not tolerate abusive behavior by anyone at our events.



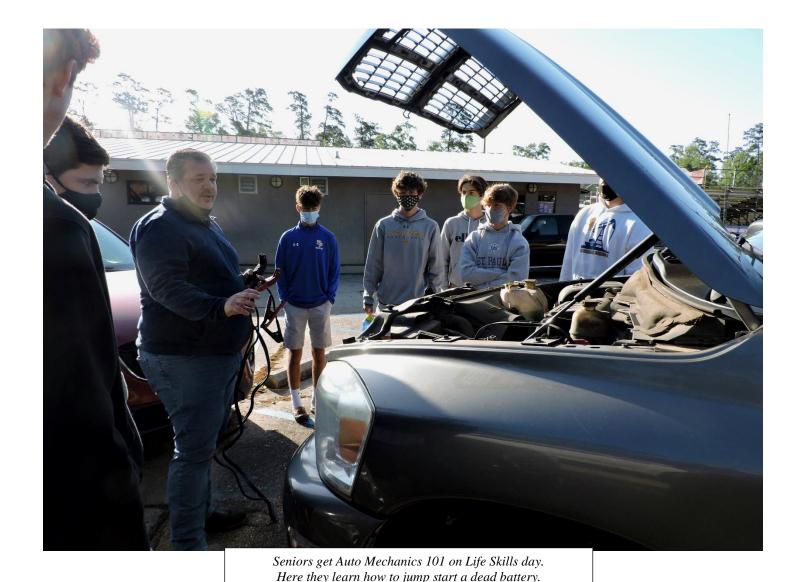
STUDENT COUNCIL: Any Pre-Freshman through Junior who is interested in running for a Student Council Class or Executive Board office for next year must attend a Leadership Workshop on Tuesday, April 13 from 3PM until 5PM in room 107. Please see Ms. Case or Dr. d'Hemecourt with any questions.

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 to all Catholic schools: *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 – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE EDITION: 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 already participated in Teen Life Counts. We believe it is a beneficial experience for both them and their families. In view of recent events, however, the counseling department has arranged for portions of the program to be delivered to our current eighth graders during the month of March. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students have been notified via an email from Gina Hall. This is being proactive, and I commend the counselors for taking this step. Know that we take ANY hint of self-harm by a student very seriously, with protocols in place for handling the matter. For additional information about Teen Life Counts, visit <a href="http://www.jfsneworleans.org/programs-services/teen-life-counts/">http://www.jfsneworleans.org/programs-services/teen-life-counts/</a>



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: ALERT! VAPING IS ON THE RISE AND WE CAN'T CONTROL IT WITHOUT

**PARENTAL HELP!** After having made headway against this insidious habit, we are discovering increased levels of usage by some students. 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:**

- 1. A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.
- 2. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).
- 3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- 4. A backward poet writes inverse.
- 5. In democracy it's your vote that counts; In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- 6. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
- 7. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- 8. If you don't pay your exorcist
- 9. you get repossessed.
- 10. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
- 11. If a piano falls in a mine shaft, I'll show you A-flat minor.
- 12. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- 13. The man who fell in an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- 14. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- 15. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- 16. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
- 17. OK, I'll stop!

#### **YEARBOOKS:** Price went up to \$75 on April 1.

- 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 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 purchase a yearbook. The yearbook is included in the senior fee.
- Please contact Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions.

A LOOK AHEAD AND SECOND SEMESTER PERIOD ROTATION: Here is the period rotation for rest of year 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:

#### **APRIL**

- 12 CDEF
- 13 GABC 8th HR Breakfast/10th Grade Retreat
- 14 DEFG 9th HR Breakfast/11th Grade Retreat
- 15 ABCD President's Assembly
- 16 EFGA 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/Legacy student lunch
- 19 BCDE
- 20 FGAB Pack Time (last for seniors)
- 21 CDEF -11th HR Breakfast
- 22 GABC 12th HR Breakfast
- 23 DEFG
- 26 ABCD
- 27 EFGA President's Assembly Stuff the Bus

- 28 BCDE Senior Exams
- 29 FGAB Senior Exams
- 30 CDEF Senior Exams

#### **MAY**

- 3 GABC
- 4 DEFG Pack Time
- 5 ABCD
- 6 EFGA
- 7 BCDE
- 10 FGAB
- 11 CDEF President's Assembly
- 12 GABC
- 13 DEFG Academic Awards TBD
- 14 ABCD Athletic Awards TBD
- 17 EFG
- 18 Exams 8-11th
- 19 Exams 8-11th
- 20 Exams 8-11th
- 21 Exams 8-11th



Pre-freshmen enjoy snack day thanks to MC!

Whew! Enough for now. Even though it's mid-April of 2021 (can you believe it?), I will still close with a

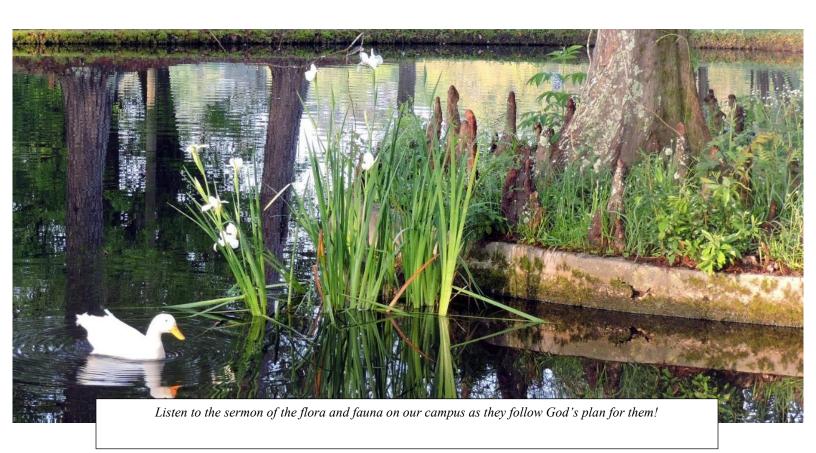
paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to anymore since it stopped broadcasting but I still remember it and LOL): well, it's happened again — you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Know of my prayer for you and your family in these challenging times! Again, thanks for being part of the 2020-21 edition of SPS.

#### Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Fully COVID-Vaccinated and Ready for the Final Stretch of the School Year as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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, living courageously, and respecting all people!





Listen to the sermon of Gerald the Goose as he awaits the arrival of his brood of goslings!





### THE CLASS OF 2021

## National Merit Finalists



Jake Holincheck



Davis Lagarde



Lucca Ferrante



Ben Broussard



Gabe Gros



**Hunter Kergosien** 



**Brady Talley** 



Trey Paine



**Axel Henderson** 





