



The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter
Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington
341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
April 19 - 25, 2021 -- Alleluia! He is risen!



The Conduct
of the Christian Schools
by
John Baptist de La Salle



Welcome to Week Five of astronomical Spring, Week Five of the fourth quarter, and Week Three of the Easter Season! Today we begin Leadership Week, organized by our Student Council. And while some of the traditional activities of this week are curtailed due to Covid, some of them are not, due to the creativity of our present Student Council.

While Saint John Baptist de La Salle didn't have "student councils", he did very much believe in empowering students through leadership roles. Here's what he directed the first schools to have in terms of school "officers", taken from *The Conduct of the Christian Schools* – perhaps the first "school faculty handbook" ever written:

There shall be several [student] officers in the school. These officers will be charged with several different functions which the teachers cannot or ought not do themselves. These officers shall be 1) the Reciter of Prayers, 2) the one who says what the priest says in the responsories at holy Mass and is called for this reason the Mass Officer, 3) the Almoner, 4) the Holy Water Bearer, 5) the Rosary Carrier and assistants, 6) the Bell Ringer, 7) the Monitors and Supervisors, 8) the First Student in the Bench, 9) the Visitors of the Absent Students, 10) the Distributors and Collectors of Papers, 11) the Distributors and Collectors of Books, 12) the Sweepers, 13) the Doorkeeper, and 14) the Keeper of the School Key.

Note that there are no "pizza day organizers" or "Challenge Night Committee." Note, too, that Saint La Salle even entrusted the school key to a student who was supposed to unlock/lock the doors! (Sorry, Saint La Salle, I'm not willing to do that.

I was particularly struck by the Visitors of the Absent Students. Here's what La Salle wrote about these students: *In each class, there shall be two or three students charged with seeing to the assiduous attendance of the students living in several streets of a given section of the town which have been assigned to them.... Each Visitor shall take care to go and visit each absentee after school. The teacher should not have to remind the Visitor to do this. Each Visitor shall report to the teacher at the beginning of the next session what the Visitor found out at the home of each of the absentees; why the absentee was absent; to whom the Visitor spoke; and when the absentee would return to class.* Wow. Would that all of us would check on our absent students or ask a student to do so. And all we have to do is text, email or phone!

Let's celebrate our student leaders this week and encourage all students to be leaders – especially in the age of COVID. I asked our teachers to look for opportunities to empower students in their classes. The more we have them to do, the better. And for all of us, remember: personal example is a more powerful sign of leadership than words. Have a great Leadership Week – in spite of COVID – and thanks to our Student Council!

Mon, Apr 19 (Junior Level Retreat; B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** in 1775, the American Revolution begins with the Battle of Lexington. It's also **John Parker Day** who gave the order, "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here."
- **Garlic Day:** Spice up your food with this heart healthy herb! BTW, did you know that fear of garlic is called *alliumphobia*!
- **Bowling:** Wolves in playoffs in Houma
- **Baseball:** Var v. F'bleau (6); **Tennis:** Regional Tourn at (PAC)

Tue, Apr 20 (Pack Time; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1999, **Columbine High School Tragedy occurs.** Remain vigilant and reinforce the need for students to report any threat immediately. **On this anniversary,** I invite all to pray:

Heavenly Father, fill all schools with Your Holy Spirit. May Your grace and power keep schools safe and eliminate such problems as alcohol, drugs, guns, pornography, violence, depression, and disrespect for life. Turn the hearts of students toward You. Open their eyes, hearts and minds that they may see what is really important in life. Dissipate the anger in all who lash out at others, bullying them or ridiculing them. Touch the hearts of those tempted to solve problems through violence. Make our schools safe harbors, with atmospheres that encourage all to live your Law of Love. Infuse wisdom, vigilance, caring, compassion, and understanding in teachers. Help administrators make just and wise decisions. Help everyone to spread the message that You are with us always and everywhere -- and that only You have the answer to the problems we face. Amen.

Baseball: Var at Ponchatoula (6)

- **TDIH:** In 2010, an oil rig run by British Petroleum (BP) exploded in the Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast, resulting in the largest offshore oil spill in US history.
- **Golf: District Tournament**
- **Band:** Spring concert (re-scheduled from last week due to weather) at 6 pm in Hunter Stadium.
- **Scheduling in the BAC from 3:30 – 5 for NEW STUDNETS FOR NEXT YEAR!**

Wed, Apr 21 (9 am Start; 11th Grade HR Breakfast at 7:50; C D E F)

- **9 am Start for students to receive COVID Vaccine injections (optional)**
- **TDIH:** On this day in 1895, Woodville Latham and his sons, Otway and Gray, demonstrate their "Panopticon," the first movie projector developed in the US.
- **Kindergarten Day:** Today we honor Friedrich Froebel, born April 21, 1782, who started in Germany in 1837 the first Kindergarten -- built upon innovative principles that used children's innate curiosity and interests to help them see what Froebel believed was "the harmonious, interconnectedness of all things."



*We congratulate our campus geese, Gerald and Georgina, on the birth of their son, Gilbert.
Pic & names by Bro. Javier Hansen!*

Today's a good day to remember Robert Fulghum's poem "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten", fulfilling your daily poem reading requirement -- remember April is poetry month!): *All I really need to know about how to live, what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but in the sand pile at Sunday School. I learned:*

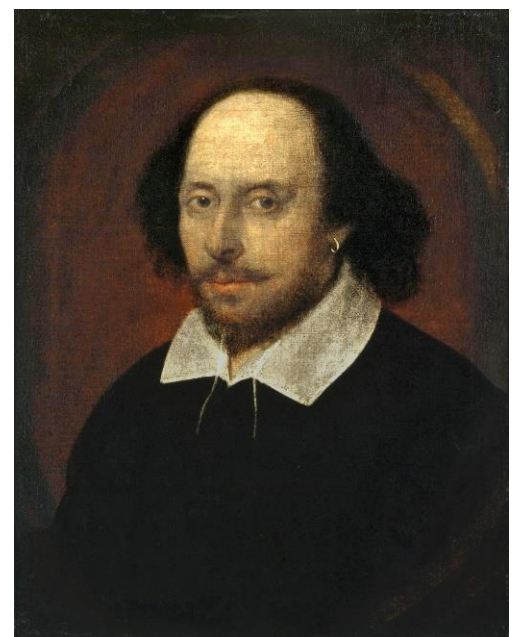
- *Share everything; Play fair; Don't hit people; Put things back where you found them; Clean up your own mess; don't take things that aren't yours; Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.*
- *Wash your hands before you eat; take a nap every afternoon.*
- *Flush.*
- *Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
- *Live a balanced life – learn, think, draw, paint, sing, dance, play and work some every day.*
- *When you go out, watch for traffic, hold hands & stick together.*
- *Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.*
- *Goldfish, hamsters, white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.*
- *Remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.*
- **Rugby v. River Parish** **Baseball:** Varsity at F'bleau **Track:** District meet at Ponchatoula
- **College Signings:** This morning, a signing ceremony will be held in the new gym. Caleb Nicotri will sign for soccer at UAB and Harrison Weisinger will sign for track at Spring Hill. Congrats to both!
- **Marian Players:** *The Glass Menagerie* (7)

Thu, April 22 (12th Grade HR Breakfast; Student Council Candidate Speeches; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** in 1970, the first **Earth Day** is observed to remind us that *all individuals and institutions have a mutual responsibility to act as Trustees of Earth* (Official Earth Day web site). Indeed, the **US Conference of Catholic Bishops has identified care for the earth as one of the seven major social justice themes of our faith.** The US Catholic Bishops have written: *the Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.* Please encourage your students to be Trustees of Earth.
- **Jelly Bean Day:** Enjoy this iconic Easter treat today
- **Marian Players:** *The Glass Menagerie* (7)

Fri, Apr 23 (Leadership Breakfast; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1564, in Stratford upon Avon, **William Shakespeare** is believed to have been born! We celebrate with the rest of the literary world the birthday of the Bard. It is impossible to be certain of the day he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was customary to wait before baptizing a newborn. Shakespeare's death date is known, however: April 23, 1616. He was 52 years old and had retired to Stratford three years before. Have a great Shakespearean Day! And if you wish to talk like Shakespeare today, here are some simple rules:
 - Instead of **you**, say **thou** or **thee** (and instead of **y'all**, say **ye**).
 - Rhymed couplets are all the rage. *Welcome to Saint Paul's School today! We're here to learn and later to play! Before*



you rise and head to school, arrange your materials and you'll be cool! Think about what you both do and say and make sure both reflect the Lasallian way! OK, I'll stop!

- Men are addressed as **Sirrah**, ladies as **Mistress**, and your friends are all called **Cousin**.
- Somebody annoying you? Instead of cursing at them, call your tormenters **jackanapes** or **canker-blossoms** or **poisonous bunch-back'd toads** – all genuine Shakespearean insults!
- Don't waste time saying "**it**," just use the letter "**t**" (**'tis**, **t'll**, **I'll do't**).
- When in doubt, add the letters "**eth**" to the end of verbs (he **runneth**, he **trippeth**, he **falleth**).
- To add weight to your opinions, start them with **methinks**, **mayhaps**, **in sooth** or **wherefore**.
- **For our students: To woo the ladies**, compare her to a summer's day. If you don't get that allusion, read Will's sonnet "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"
- **National Honor Society Induction Ceremony for Senior Inductees (7:45 in chapel)**
- **Blood Drive**
- **Drama: *The Glass Menagerie* (7)**

Sat, Apr 24

- **TDIH:** President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress," thus establishing the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, arrived in 1801 and were stored in the U.S. Capitol, the library's first home. The first library catalog, dated April 1802, listed 964 volumes and nine maps. Twelve years later, the British army invaded the city of Washington and burned the Capitol, including the then 3,000-volume L of C. Today, the collection, housed in three enormous buildings in Washington, contains more than 17 million books, as well as millions of maps, manuscripts, photographs, films, audio and video recordings, prints, and drawings.
- **Drama: *The Glass Menagerie* (7)**



Sun, Apr 25

- **TDIH:** In 1859, At Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, the crew of the U.S. space shuttle *Discovery* places the Hubble Space Telescope, a long-term space-based observatory, into a low orbit around Earth.
- **TDIH:** In 1953, James Watson, Francis Crick, Maurice Wilkins & Rosalind first published papers in the journal *Nature* on the structure of DNA.
- **Hug a Plumber Day:** We may not hug you but we do appreciate you! Thanks to all SPS plumbing dads!
- **Penguin Day:** Celebrate penguins today!

Rise Up, O Men of God

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!



ANNOUNCEMENT: I am pleased to appoint Coach Sam Francis to the position of Athletic Director of Saint Paul's School, effective July 1. Sam assumes the reins of one of the most successful athletic programs in the state following the retirement from SPS of Craig Ketelsen – under whose leadership our sports programs has experienced unparalleled success and to whom we will forever be grateful. Sam has “big shoes to fill” and his appointment did not come without much thought, discernment, consultation, and prayer. The committee I appointed to recommend a new AD had the privilege of interviewing a total of six quality candidates – all outstandingly capable individuals willing and able to keep our Wolves on the winning paths. I am grateful to all of them for volunteering to serve in the AD

position. I know we can count on them to aid Sam as he adjusts to his new position. Congratulate Sam and assure him of your support. Congratulations to the other candidates and thank you for their willingness to serve. *Ad multos annos, Sam and Craig!*

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.

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 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.



Rain played havoc with construction last week.

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!**

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' CLUB BOOKSTORE

Saturday, May 8th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

10% Off Everything

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: The following was sent last week by Covington Mayor Mark Johnson, SPS '76: *As Covington PD Police Chief Culotta says, "rifling through cars is just too easy." Nice subdivisions are target-rich environments. Most illegal guns are stolen from unlocked cars. In the last week we have had three guns stolen from unlocked vehicles. Some of the thieves are local, but sometimes they are from out of state traveling along I-12 getting off at populated exits. Therefore:*

- *Lock your car and do not leave valuables visible on the seat.*
- *Cameras, cameras, cameras. The cost of wireless cameras has decreased substantially. With more residents adding cameras, the likelihood of catching the perps is much better.*
- *Download Tip 411 Covington PD app. Your text messages, pictures or video will be sent DIRECTLY to the shift operator. You can include contact information or remain anonymous.*

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, Covington Mayor Johnson, President Biden, VP Harris, former President Trump and former VP Pence – and get vaccinated.**

Braswell's Drugs will administer vaccine shots to students of SPS and SSA on this Wednesday morning. Between 8 and 9. We pray for a good turnout.

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: 11th grade is Wed, Apr 21, and 12th grade is Thu, Apr 22.



Ben, Thomas, Jake, and Lucca delivered inspiring words at the Honor Roll Breakfasts! One 9th grade mom wrote me:

It's been 2 days since the 9th grade HR breakfast and I'm still moved by the four seniors who spoke that day. These boys have really mastered the skill of communication and public speaking - I'm just so impressed! It was obvious that their years at St. Paul's has brought them confidence, maturity, education, and grace. And I think, even more obvious, was that they were no longer HS kids. They are ready for the next chapter in their lives. You must be incredibly proud of them!

I am incredibly proud of them – and all of the Class of 2021!

LAST WEEK:

- **ACT:** Another flawless administration, with testers masked and socially distant.
- **Baseball:** Rain played havoc with the schedule. Geaux Baseball Wolves.
- **Bowling:** Lots of practice in preparation for playoffs this week. Geaux Bowling Wolves.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Three down, two to go. Four seniors (Thomas Bitterwolf, Ben Broussard, Lucca Ferrante, and Jake Holincheck) are presenting the vocab words. They are wonderful! More next week.
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity Wolves 12, Bro. Martin 5 on Sat night. Geaux LAX Wolves!
- **Legacy Lunch:** Memories and relationships were built and fostered Friday with our annual LL, bringing together current students with their alumni fathers and/or grandfathers! A good time was passed by all. Thanks to alumni director Al Nastasi, the development team, and physical plant crew for all their work.
- **Marian Players:** A successful first week of “The Glass Menagerie.” Week Two starts Wed.
- **Retreats:** Congrats to sophomore staff for squeezing in most of the retreat before the rains came and cancelled some of the afternoon. Rain forced postponement of junior retreat until this Monday.
- **Rugby:** Wolves lost a tough one to Bro. Martin, 25 – 15, but retain #2 ranking. Geaux Rugby Wolves!
- **Tennis:** Rain played havoc with the schedule but Wolves beat Catholic High. Geaux Tennis Wolves!
- **Track:** Rain played havoc with the schedule. Geaux Track Wolves!
- **Wrestling:** An apt, celebratory end of year ceremony was on Thu night! Geaux Wrestling Wolves!

RETREATS: Student retreats conclude this week. We are now confident in our ability to safely hold retreat experiences for all levels. Last group is our junior class. Their retreat is Monday, April 19.



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-bullying 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 all 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN WEIGHT ROOM

DEDICATED BY JOSEPH & LANIE BARRECA

Thank you, Barreca Family!

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 – 8th 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 arranged for portions of the program to be delivered to our current eighth graders last month. 8th grade parents and students were 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 <http://www.jfsneworleans.org/programs-services/teen-life-counts/>

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: Some penguin jokes in honor of World Penguin Day on Sun:

- *Where do penguins go to dance? (The snow ball!)*
- *Where does a penguin keep its money? (In a snow bank!)*
- *Why did the penguin cross the road? (To go with the floe!)*
- *Where do penguins go to the movies? (At the dive-in!)*
- *What's a penguin's favorite salad? (Iceberg lettuce!)*
- *What do penguins have for lunch? (Icebergers!)*
- *How does a penguin make pancakes? (With its flippers!)*
- *Who's the penguin's favorite Aunt? (Aunt-Arctica!)*
- *Why do penguins carry fish in their beaks? (Because they don't have any pockets!)*
- *What do penguins sing at a birthday party? (Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!)*
- *What do penguins wear on their heads? (Ice caps!)*
- *What's black and white, black and white, and black and white? (A penguin rolling down a hill!)*
- *Why are penguins good race drivers? (Because they're always in the pole position!)*
- *How does a penguin build its house? (Igloos it together!)*
- *What do you call fifty penguins at the North Pole? (Lost, because penguins live in Southern Hemisphere!)*
- *Which side of a penguin has the most feathers? (The outside!)*
- *What's black, white and red all over? (A penguin with a sunburn!)*
- *Why don't you see penguins in Britain? (Because they're afraid of Wales!)*
- *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

- 19 – BCDE
- 20 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 21 – CDEF -11th HR Breakfast
- 22 – GABC – 12th HR Breakfast
- 23 – DEFG
- 26 – ABCD
- 27 – EFGA – – 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 9-11th
- 19 – Exams 9-11th
- 20 – Exams 9-11th
- 21 – Exams 9-11th



Counseling Department wear their Joey Cherry shirts in memory of him for his Birthday (4/17). Quote from Renee: "We all miss him and adore Charles '20 and David '22." Proceeds from JMC gear goes towards funding the scholarship in his name given to a St. Paul's senior.

Whew! Enough for now. Even though it's the down side of 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 17th 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!

Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!



Listen to the sermon of the flora and fauna on our campus as they follow God's plan for them!

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