



# *The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter*

## *Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington*

### *340 years of Lasallian excellence throughout the world*



**May 10 – 16, 2021 -- Penultimate (look it up!) Edition!**

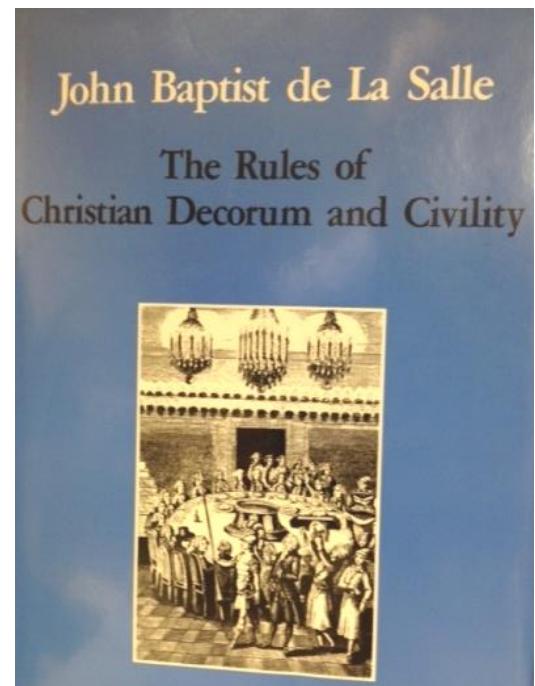
**Alleluia! He is risen!**

Welcome to Week Eight of astronomical Spring, Week Eight of the fourth quarter, Week Six of the Easter Season – and the penultimate week of the 2020 -21 school year!

The first Monday of the second full week of May begins National Etiquette Week (NEW), designed to raise awareness of the importance of courtesy, civility, and good manners in everyday life. Civility is a vital part of the professional and social realms—business, social, dining, travel, technology, wedding, and international protocol. But we need civility in everyday life.

Civility was so important to Saint John Baptist de La Salle that he wrote a student reader entitled “Rules of Civility and Decorum.” It’s a masterpiece. Here is a very small sampling of topics covered:

- *What decorum permits or does not permit in regard to interrupting others*
- *How to act when meeting someone*
- *Things you should do before eating; how to eat politely; how to request things at the table; how to take portions for yourself; what to do with gravy and fruit; how to eat soup; how to carve meat; how to leave the table*
- *The nose and the manner of blowing your nose and sneezing*
- *How to enter a person’s house you visit and to greet the person*
- *Faults committed when you speak against the charity*
- *How to wear a hat*
- *How to question, inquire, correct and give your opinion*
- *The manner of dressing and undressing*
- *Parts of the body which should be covered and the necessities of nature [I’m sure you can guess what these are!]*

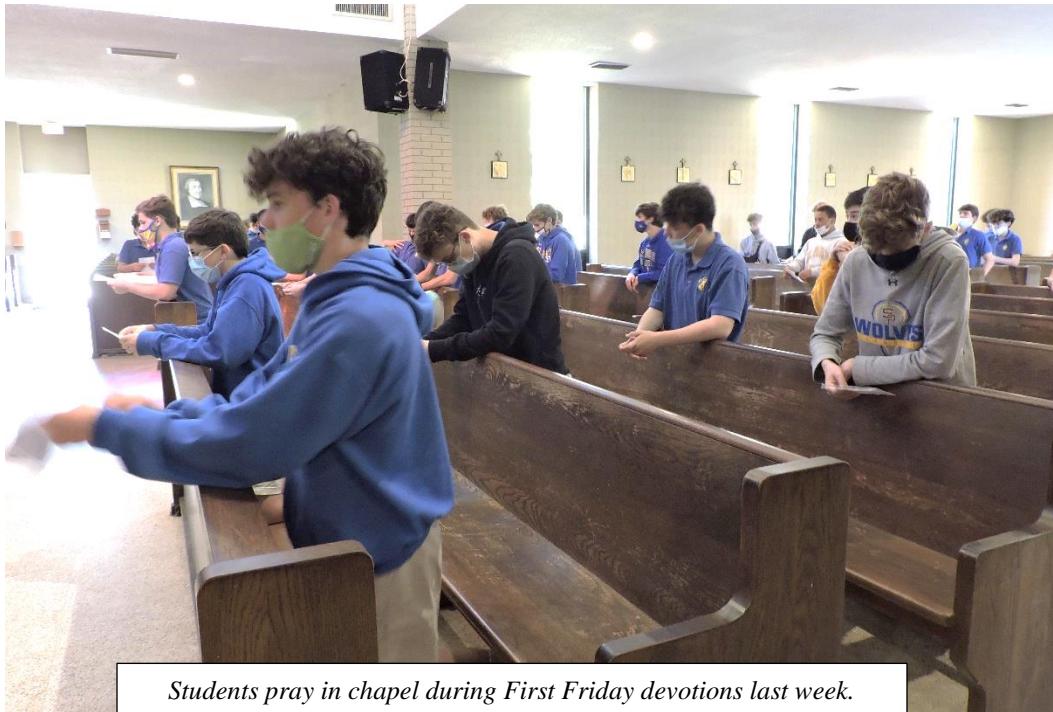


Almost any human action you can imagine (especially in the life of boys!) is covered in this book – which was used to teach reading as well as manners. While parts are humorous by today’s standards, the overarching message is that civility and decorum are not optional traits. And our job as educators is to help students adapt to the civil and decorous demands of modern-day life. Please encourage our students to practice civility, especially manners, this week – and always – and let’s all commit **to setting the example** for the young people entrusted to our care.

**In these days of masks, social distancing and growing impatience, Christian decorum and civility are needed more than ever! And we need new chapters of this book on face mask wearing, twenty-second hand washings, how NOT to shake hands – and much more! Civility & Decorum – rules forevermore!**

## Mon, May 10 (F G A B)

- **This Day in History:** In 1869, the first transcontinental railroad is completed.
- **Lupus Awareness Day:** Lupus is a debilitating, potentially fatal autoimmune disease capable of damaging virtually any part of the body, including the skin, heart, lungs, kidneys, and brain.
- **Clean Up Your Room Day:** OK, everyone, let's do this for mom today!
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams Begin – through Wednesday.**



*Students pray in chapel during First Friday devotions last week.*

## Tue, May 11 (C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1997 the chess-playing computer **Deep Blue** beat human chess champion Garry Kasparov. Kasparov won the first game easily. In the second game, he laid what he considered to be a foolproof trap for the computer — but the computer didn't go for it. It made a completely unexpected move. That rattled Kasparov, and he was confused even more

when the computer's next move was a really bad one. Kasparov was visibly frustrated, and eventually got up and left the stage, forfeiting the game. The unexpected move by Deep Blue was probably a glitch in the software. It was faced with so many choices that it couldn't decide, so it just picked a move at random. In game six, with the match tied at two and a half games each, Kasparov misplayed his opening. Deep Blue took advantage and defeated him in 12 moves. Deep Blue has retired and now lives in the Smithsonian's Museum of American History in Washington.

- **Final President's Assembly:** While I will try to do as many recognitions as possible, there are three major recognitions that must be done: dedication of the basketball court in honor of Mr. George Boudreax, '65 whose family will be joining us; recognition of our state champion golf team; and the traditional "moving over" ceremony for the juniors, thus making them seniors. I will tell the juniors that by the authority vested in me, I honor and recognize them as the SPS Class of 2022. I will remind them that (in the words of St. Peter): "**They are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School.**" And I hope we will have time to listen to Baroque genius George Frideric Handel's "**Amen**" from his masterpiece, *Messiah* (not "The Messiah"!) and exit to Mouret's *Rondeau from Sinfonie de Fanfare*.
- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day:** We remember those who serve in our armed forces and the sacrifices their families make during deployment. Say a prayer for all military spouses today.
- **Eat What You Want Day:** Health permitting, go ahead and indulge today!
- **Band Awards Ceremony (6:30 in the BAC)** – We look forward to honoring our bands this evening. They have had a frustrating year with the COVID restrictions on playing music. And, of course, the Mardi Gras

season was cancelled, thus eliminating one of the most fun parts of being a Marching Wolf. But our guys are resilient and came through with home game halftime shows, a small Covington only parade, a spring concert, and excellent ratings in the Southeastern Jazz Festival. Many thanks to all the Band Boosters for their unwavering support throughout the year!

### Wed, May 12 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 2016, the **Walker Percy Serenity Circle** was dedicated at the Madisonville Library. Dr. Percy, one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most significant novelists, lived just a few blocks from SPS. He and his wife, Bunt, often walked through the campus and attended mass with Brothers. Three of his four grandsons are alumni of SPS and two of his great-grandchildren are current students. Upon his death, the family directed memorial donations to SPS, which continue to fund the Walker and Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship Award. We remain grateful to the Percy Family. Read a Walker Percy novel if you never have – or even if you have! SPS is blessed with autographed first edition copies of all of his works, and I am blessed with a dedicated volume, given to me as a gift.
- **Limerick Day** (a five-line anapestic meter poem with a rhyme scheme of a a a b b a – but you knew that.) Here's what many consider the best limerick ever (at least one that can be printed in a Catholic newsletter!), written by American poet & humorist Ogden Nash:

*A flea and a fly in a flue  
were imprisoned, so what could they do?  
Said the fly, "let us flee!"  
"Let us fly!" said the flea.  
So they flew through a flaw in the flue*

- And here's another by Carolyn Wells:  
*A tutor who tooted the flute  
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot,  
Said the two to the tutor  
"Is it harder to toot or  
To tutor two tutors to toot?"*
- And from poet Martin Smith:  
*A goat on a stroll near a brook  
Found an old movie film and partook.  
"Was it good?" asked his mate.  
Said the goat "Second rate"  
Not nearly as good as the book!"*
- **Eucharistic Minister Training:** We have received permission from the Office of Worship to conduct training for our juniors who wish to be EMs next school year, both at school and in their home parishes. I am pleased that 27 juniors have asked to undergo training and serve in this ministry. We are blessed and the future of the Church is blessed, too. Thanks to CM Jeff Ramon for organizing and promoting this ministry.



*Wolf football began spring practice last week!*

- **Grad Night:** The senior parents will fete the Class of 2021 from 5 – 8 this evening.

# **CALLING ALL SENIORS**

## **Grad Night • May 12th 5 - 8**

**CHECK IN BY 5:30**

**Hang out with your classmates &  
claim your grad gift & a chance  
for amazing raffles.**



**GAMES      RAFFLES      FOOD!      GIFTS**  
**PRIZES      DUNKING BOOTH**



## **CRAWFISH, JAMBALAYA, SNOWBALLS**

### **Thu, May 13 (D E F G)**

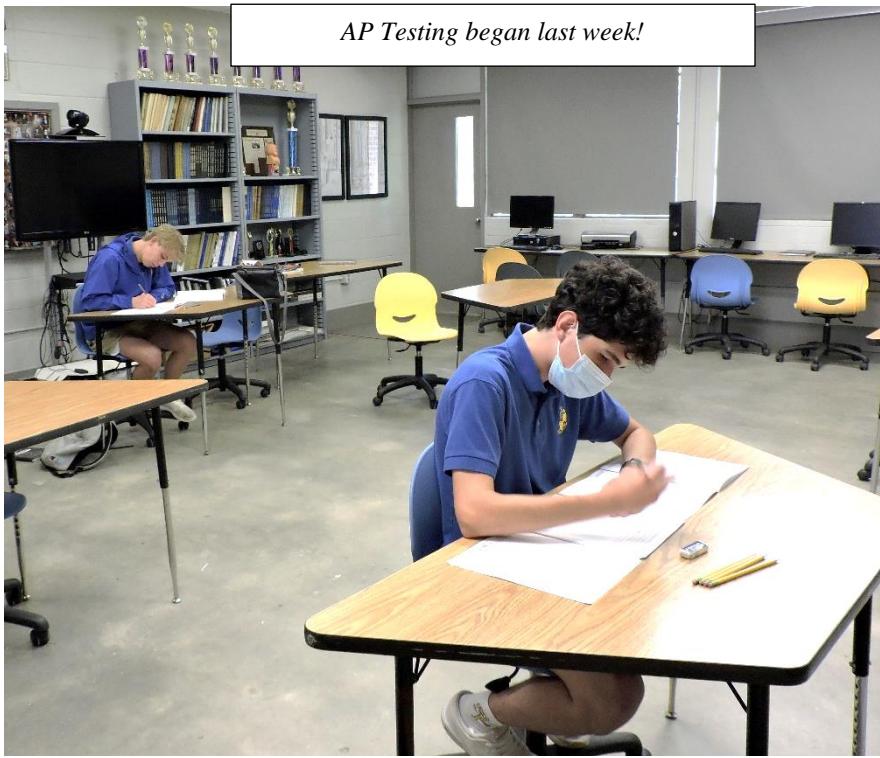
- **Frog Jumping Day:** Be kind to frogs today! They are all over our campus! This day can be traced back to Missouri author Mark Twain, and his first short story “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” – which is worth reading today
- **Academic Awards Ceremony this morning**
- **Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony:** Tonight, we honor our pre-freshman for completing their first year of Lasallian education and promoting them to ninth grade. It’s always special to see them looking grown up & singing robustly. COVID has forced a few changes, but we will do our best. We are blessed with the Class of 2025 and look forward to more accomplishments from them in the years ahead.

### **Fri, May 14 (A B C D)**

- **TDIH:** 1948, in Tel Aviv, the State of Israel, is established, the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.
- **Chicken Dance Day:** OK with me if you dance like a chicken today!
- **Athletic Awards Ceremony**

## Sat, May 15

- **Traditional feast of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.** Today, Lasallians around the world celebrate this amazing saint and his educational commitment to young people, especially the poor and those in need.



- **TDIH:** In 1950, Pope Pius XII declares John Baptist de La Salle “Patron of All Teachers of Youth.” Here are the Pope’s words: *Having carefully considered the matter, we now, with sure knowledge and due deliberation, and in the exercise of our apostolic authority, constitute and proclaim, for all time, St. John Baptist de La Salle, Confessor, principal patron before God, of all teachers of youth, and we accord him all liturgical honours and privileges appropriate to that title, irrespective of all contrary considerations. Given at Rome, from St. Peter’s, and sealed with the Fisherman’s ring, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, in the twelfth year of our pontificate.* All

teachers should celebrate their Patron’s feast!

- **Chocolate Chip Day:** go ahead and indulge with a cookie or CC ice cream!
- **One Hundred Tenth Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul’s School.** We pray for the 185 members of the Class of 2021! If you didn’t hear, here are the Valedictorians: **Luke Beckendorf, Ben Broussard, Adam Cazayoux, Evan Greene, Trey Paine, Aiden Plauche, and Max Salvant.** Our sole Salutatorian is Thomas Bitterwolf. Congrats to them all!

## Sun, May 16

- **TDIH:** In 1868, the U.S. Senate votes against impeaching President Andrew Johnson and acquits him of committing “high crimes and misdemeanors.”
- **Love a Tree Day:** Trees are a good thing. They give us shade, comfort and warmth. They give off oxygen, too. There are many, many benefits provided by trees. So, you have good reason to love a tree or two. Here at SPS, we value our trees!



I offer 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is basically full. All other grades are basically full, too. If you know of someone thinking about SPS 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:development@stpauls.com) or Br. Ray Bulliard at 985-892-3200 ext 1901 or [broray@stpauls.com](mailto:broray@stpauls.com).

**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](mailto: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!**

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** We received our quarterly check last week: \$27.70. And while I am grateful for any amount, this was a bit disappointing. I think we have been overlooking this absolutely free money with no strings attached. Please encourage your sons to submit the box tops, which are found on many, many grocery items that I know our families use. The math department, in the past, has been a leader in this drive. I hope it continues.

**CAFETERIA:** 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. ONLY the basic lunch / breakfast is free. If students purchase “extras”, they will be charged for these. Make sure your son understands this policy.

**CAFETERIA REFUNDS:** Parents of Students not returning to school in August must contact the Cafeteria Manager at 985-809-7112 by May 5<sup>th</sup> to request a refund of any unused monies.' A request for Refund' form will be sent home upon request, for a signature for all refund checks greater than 20.00.

**CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR: WE HAVE MADE SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS:** We added a fall break day on Oct 1 and corrected Mardi Gras holidays dates.

**Saint Paul's School 2021 - 2022 Calendar**  
**Tentative**

Mon - Tues, Aug 2 & 3	Teacher Meetings
Wed, Aug 4	Teacher Prep Day
Thurs, Aug 5	<b>School Opens with a full day of instruction</b>
Mon, Aug 16	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30 – tentative)
Thu, Aug 19	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 20	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 23	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 06	Labor Day Holiday
Friday, Oct 01	Fall Break—no classes for students
Fri, Oct 8	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 8	Grandparents Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
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
Jan 05 - 07	Senior Retreat
Mon, Jan 17	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 07	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 25	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 28 -Mar. 04	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Mar 7	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)
Tues – Fri, May 17 - 20	Final Exams for Grades 8 - 11
Mon, May 23	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Tues, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.

**CAR BURGLARIES:** From 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 1-12 getting off at populated exits.*

- *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 DIRECLY to the shift operator. You can include contact information or remain anonymous.*

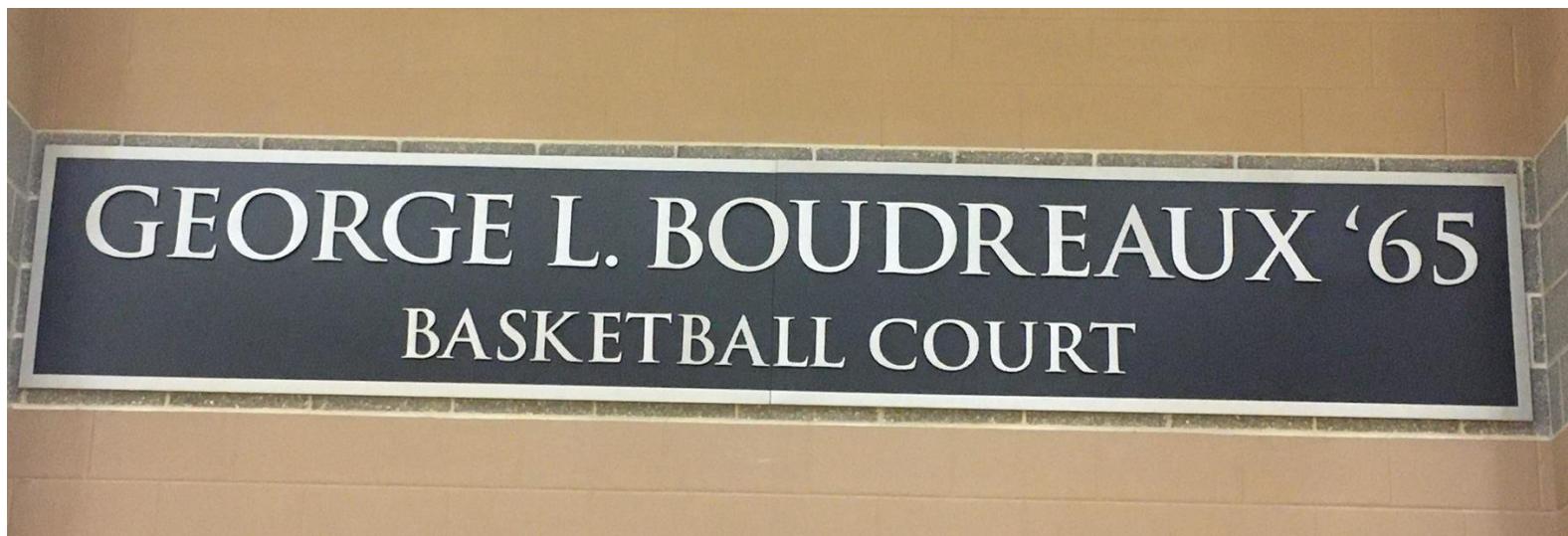
**CARE AND VIGILANCE:** We must stay focused in these final days. Make sure your sons know that we will enforce rules and policies and teach until the very last day of the semester. And I pray that he makes good, safe choices as we move into the final weeks of the school year. Please speak to him about this.

**COVID VACCINE:** Our faculty / staff received their second dose of the vaccine on March 26. 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.**

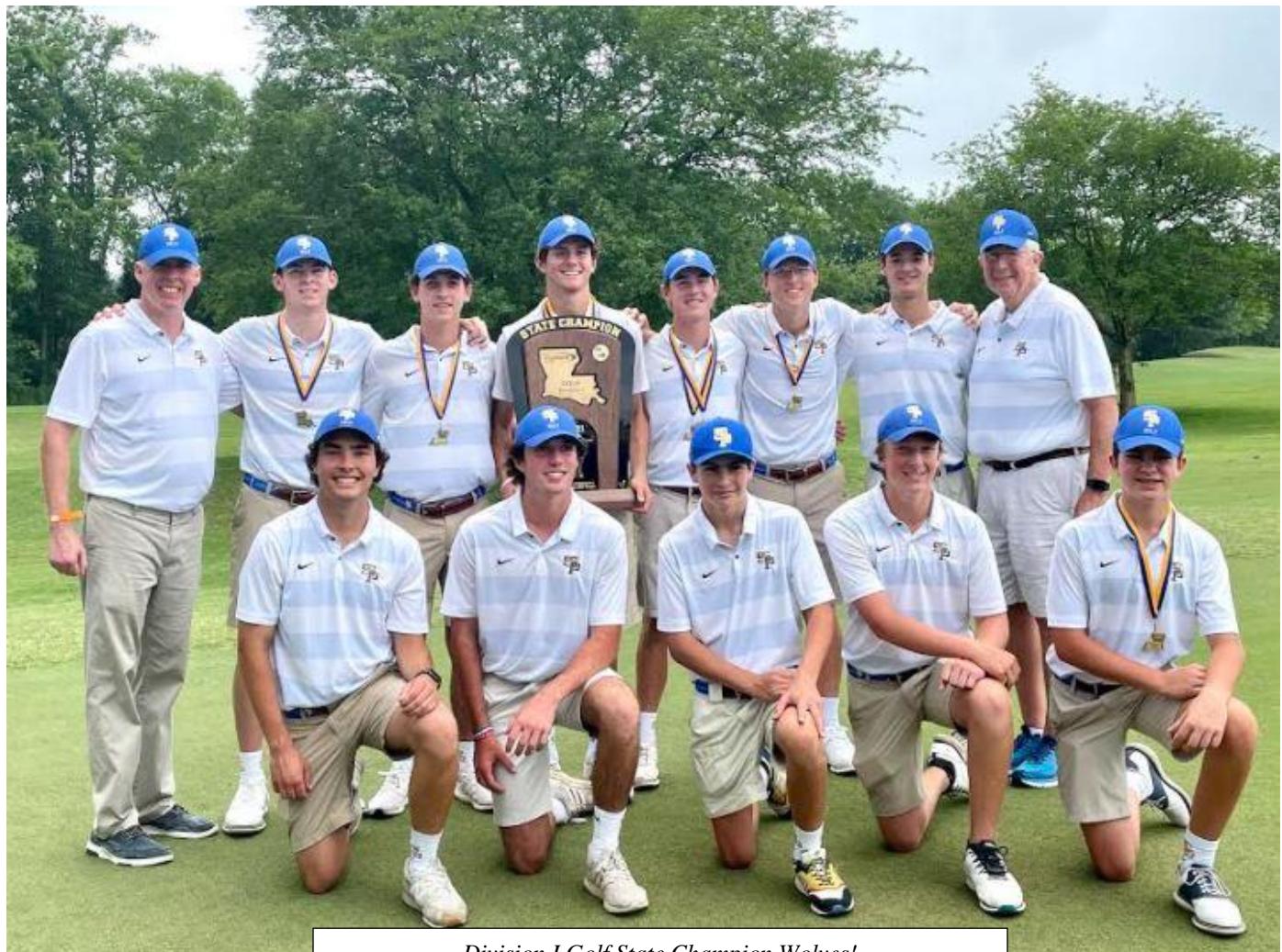
**EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY ON THURSDAY, MAY 13 AT 6:30:** Each pre-freshman may invite up to FOUR guests – who must all sit in a pod of four chairs. Ceremony will last a little over an hour. Awards will be given at the same time. **Unless changed by Governor Edwards by May 13, masks must be worn during the ceremony. Info will be sent to pre-freshman parents in an email on Mon.**

**EXAM SCHEDULES:** These are printed at the end of the newsletter.

**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.



**GYM FLOOR DEDICATION:** We are pleased to dedicate the new gym floor in honor of the George Boudreax Family. In view of George's long and substantial support of Saint Paul's (to say nothing of him being an alumnus along with his four sons and now grandsons), this honor is long overdue. Signage, courtesy of B & K Signs, has been installed and in Trevor's words "looks classy." We will have a formal ceremony at the last President's Assembly this week, with the Boudreax Family present. Thanks to Danielle Lavie and her Development Team for pursuing this dedication and making it a reality. Let's hope there are other Boudreax Families out there who will support SPS at their level for many years to come!



**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!

**HUNTER STADIUM:** I hope everyone knows that SPS Hunter Stadium is named for the late Dr. Patrick Hunter, long time team physician who had six sons graduate from Saint Paul's. Last week, St. Tammany Parish Hospital published the following story, which appears in a new book entitled "*A History of Healing: The St. Tammany Health System Story*," which can be purchased in the hospital gift shop. Part of the book chronicles the lives of legendary physicians who helped build STPH into the incredible medical blessing to our community. One of the doctors featured is Dr. Hunter – and his ties to SPS. Here is the story:

*Like the other men on St. Tammany Parish's wall of honor, surgeon Dr. Patrick Hunter was a giving man, although he often did his giving quietly. "Dr. Hunter used to give us five scholarships a year," former principal Brother Jeffrey Calligan [told New Orleans' WGNO-TV](#) in 2015. "He would choose kids from the public system who were poor, and the kids never knew, nor did the family. We would take them. It was wonderful."*

*It was part of a long, close relationship with St. Paul's School, where Hunter served for 21 years as the team physician for the football team. Six of his eight children played on the team. He's also the reason the Wolves play at Hunter Stadium, which was named after him. A graduate of the LSU School of Medicine, he completed his surgical residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans before briefly going into private practice in Greenville, Mississippi. He moved to St. Tammany Parish around 1966. In late 1984, Hunter was named a member of St. Tammany Parish Hospital's Board of Commissioners, where he served until his death in July 1986 of an apparent heart attack.*

Thank you, Doctor Hunter! And thanks to all the wonderful doctors since his time who have helped keep our student athletes well and safe!

#### LAST WEEK:

- **AP Testing:** Lots of AP tests were administered last week and more will be administered over the next two weeks. SPS has added many AP courses to our curriculum over the past few years and the boys are taking advantage of these educational opportunities. We wish the boys well!
- **Baseball:** Tough loss in state quarterfinals! We are proud of their season!
- **Football:** 1<sup>st</sup> week of spring practice went well! It all ends Friday with the Pie Bowl!
- **Give NOLA Day:** 102 donors raised \$17,365 last Tuesday – in honor of our faculty; money will be used for returning teacher bonuses, given at start of new year. Thanks to Danielle & Mimi for promoting this event so skillfully.



Portrait of Dr. Pat Hunter in St. Tammany Parish Hospital Wall of Fame

- **Golf:** DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONS! ‘NUFF SAID! Special congrats to Griffin Dorr for winning the Division I medalist honors in a sudden death playoff!! Congrats Coach Barwick and Golfing Wolves!
- **Lacrosse:** Tough loss in state quarterfinals! We are proud of them!
- **Physicals:** Thanks to the Doctors and staff of Pinnacle Orthopedics for providing FREE physicals for our athletes and band members. LHSAA regs require a YEARLY physical for participation.
- **Rugby:** Congrats to Coach Zimmer, assistant coaches, and team – 2<sup>nd</sup> in state is noteworthy!
- **Ultimate Frisbee:** A very fun afternoon with SPS playing Rummel & Bro. Martin! And a lot of fans showed up! Congrats to the team and to Brother Javier for reviving a wonderful activity for our boys!

**MASK MANDATE:** From an April 30 email from Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. RaeNell Houston: *In making his proclamation [to lift the statewide mask mandate], Governor Edwards confirmed that the mask mandate remains in place for K-12 schools.... It is imperative that your schools adhere to these regulations. This applies to all faculty, staff and students and all parts of the school day. This includes: school masses, pic-up/drop-off, and other school events. We respectfully request that you continue to adhere to the regulations set forth by Governor Edwards, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Department of Health.*

Yes, we are disappointed as we were hoping for some mask-relief. But we must adhere to the policies in order to remain open for in-person instruction. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.



**SLOW YOUR ROLL** -- Mayor Mark's initiative to improve driving habits in Covington. 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:** We received complaints about our students at the Holy Cross game.

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. 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 events.



**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Last week's level elections, like the executive council elections the week before, had no Russian interference, hanging chads (I am dating myself), or voter fraud and we had GREAT candidates. All incumbents who lost vow smooth transitions. Here is the student body leadership for next year:

Student Council Executive Board for 2021-2022

President: Walker Dubreuil

VP: Marco Vargas

Secretary: Ben Barousse

Treasurer: Ethan Wilson

Parliamentarian: Isaiah Ayo

Senior Class President: Andrew Hightower

Senior VP: Joseph Cresson

Junior Class President: Peter Verges

Junior VP: Sam Gold

Sophomore Class President: Jacob Strecker

Sophomore VP: Peyton Kilgore

Freshmen Class President: Eddie d'Hemecourt

Freshmen VP: Carter Plaisance

**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.*

**TUITION INVOICES** for 2021 – 22 have been sent, if your son is returning and registered for next year. Tuition is due by June 1 and pre-payment is always welcomed. SPS can't exist without tuition. Thank you for your understanding.

**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!**

**VALS & SALTS:** We are pleased and proud to announce that Valedictorian Honors for the Class of 2021 will be shared by **Luke Beckendorf, Ben Broussard, Adam Cazayoux, Evan Greene, Trey Paine, Aiden Plauche, and Max Salvant.** Our sole Salutatorian is Thomas Bitterwolf. Congrats to them and the teachers who worked so diligently with them.

**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:** The mother of two alums sent me these last week! Don't blame me!

- *I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.*
- *How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.*
- *Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.*
- *What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.*
- *Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favorite kind of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."*
- *Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve.*
- *I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, but couldn't find any.*

- *What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.*
- *I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.*
- *When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.*
- *A cross-eyed teacher couldn't control his pupils.*
- *She had a photographic memory but never developed it.*
- *Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.*
- *I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.*
- *Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.*
- *The guy who invented the door knocker, got a no-bell prize.*
- *I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"*
- *Need an ark? I Noah guy.*
- *I used to be indecisive; now I'm not so sure.*
- *Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed.*
- *What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine.*
- *What do you call a super articulate dinosaur? A Thesaurus.*

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

- Go to [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) and 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.
- 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](mailto: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. This is subject to change if unavoidable conflicts (weather, etc.) occur:

## MAY

- 10 – FGAB  
 11 – CDEF – President’s Assembly  
 12 – GABC  
 13 – DEFG – Academic Awards & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony  
 14 – ABCD – Athletic Awards TBD  
 15 – 110<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises of the Saint Paul’s School  
 17 – EFG  
 18 – Exams 9-11th  
 19 – Exams 9-11th  
 20 – Exams 9-11<sup>th</sup>  
 21 – Exams 9-11<sup>th</sup>

Whew! Enough for now. Even though it’s almost the middle of May 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 Days of the School Year as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President / CEO 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!*

***Have a blessed penultimate week of the school year!  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!***



# **Pre-Freshmen End-of-Year Schedule 2021**

## **Monday, May 10**

8:00	Report to Math Exam Room
8:10 – 9:40	Math Exam
9:40 – 9:50	Break
9:50 – 10:50	Spanish Exam
10:50- 11:30	Promotion Practice
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 1:00	Promotion Practice in BAC
1:00	Dismissal

## **Tuesday, May 11**

8:00	Report to English Exam Room
8:10 – 9:00	President's Assembly
9:05 – 10:15	Religion Exam
10:15- 10:25	Break
10:25 – 11:35	Science Exam
11:35 -12:05	Lunch
12:05 – 1:00	Promotion Practice in BAC
1:00	Dismissal

## **Wednesday, May 12**

8:00	Report to English Exam Room
8:10 – 9:40	English Exam
9:40 – 9:50	Break
9:50 – 11:10	Geography Exam
11:10- 11:40	Lunch
11:40 – 1:00	Promotion Practice in BAC
1:00	Dismissal

## **Thursday, May 13**

6:00 PM	Pre-Freshmen report to Wolf Dome
6:30 PM	Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony in BAC

# **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exam Schedule 2021**

## **Monday, May 17 – EFG (A)**

### **TWO LUNCH 2:50 DISMISSAL (80 Minute Periods)**

8:00—9:40      Period E (Announcements/CNN + 80 minutes)  
9:50—11:10      Period F  
11:20- 1:10      Period G (Last class)  
    (a)11:20-12:40 (Main School Building/Gyms/Theater)  
    (b)11:45 -1:05 (Benilde/LaSalle/Band)  
1:20 -1:50      Level Awards Assemblies  
2:00 -2:50      Review for Period A Exam  
    1<sup>st</sup> Lunch 11:10—11:40 (Benilde/LaSalle/Band)  
    2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch 12:40—1:10 (Main School Building/Gyms/Theater)

## **Tuesday, May 18**

8:00-8:10      Prayer, Roll and Announcements  
8:10-9:40      Period A Exam  
9:40-9:50      Break  
10:00-11:00      Mass  
11:10 -11:50      Lunch for all levels  
12:00-12:45      Period B Review  
12:55-1:40      Period C Review  
1:40              Dismissal

## **Wednesday, May 19**

8:00-8:10      Prayer, Roll, Announcements  
8:10-9:40      Period B Exam  
9:40-9:50      Break  
9:50-11:20      Period C Exam  
11:20-12:00      Lunch for all levels  
12:00-12:45      Period D Review  
12:55 -1:40      Period E Review  
1:40              Dismissal

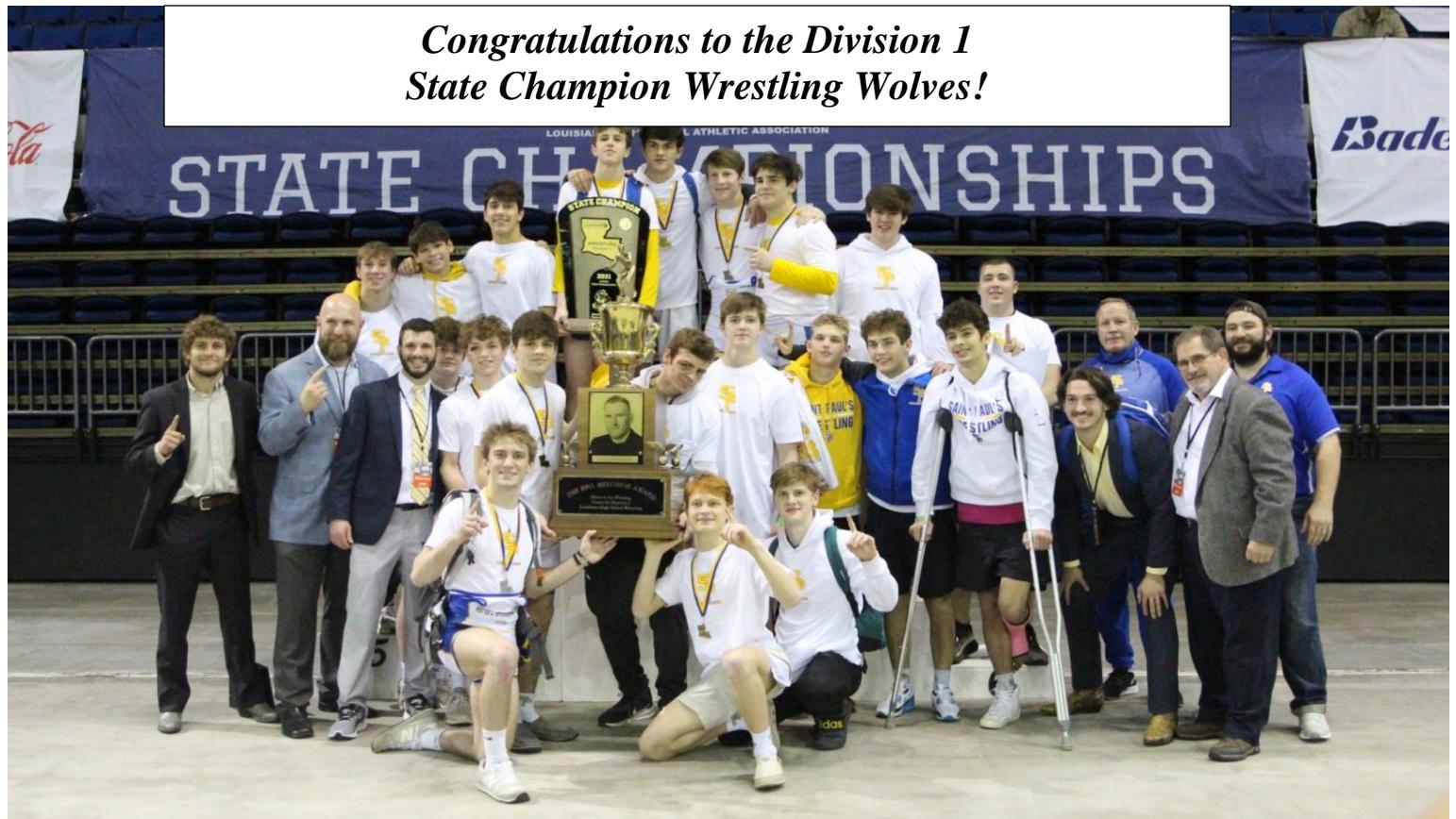
### **Thursday, May 20**

8:00-8:10 Prayer, Roll, Announcements  
8:10-9:40 Period D Exam  
9:40-9:50 Break  
9:50-11:20 Period E Exam  
11:20-12:00 Lunch for all levels  
12:00-12:45 Period F Review  
12:55 -1:40 Period G Review  
1:40 Dismissal

### **Friday, May 21**

8:00 Chimes  
8:10 - 9:40 Period F Exam  
9:40 – 9:50 Break  
9:50-11:20 Period G Exam  
11:20 Dismissal

*Congratulations to the Division 1  
State Champion Wrestling Wolves!*



*Congratulations to the Division 1  
State Champion Powerlifting Wolves!*



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*National Merit Finalists*

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Jake Holincheck



Davis Lagarde



Lucca Ferrante



Ben Broussard



Trey Paine



Gabe Gros



Axel Henderson



Hunter Kergosien



Brady Talley

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## *National Merit Commended Scholars*



Vageli Liokis



Aiden Plauché



Scott Woodard



Cole Piazza



Jake Holincheck '21

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