



The SPS President's Hebdomadal Newsletter
Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington
341 years of Lasallian excellence throughout the world
Final 2020 - 21 Edition

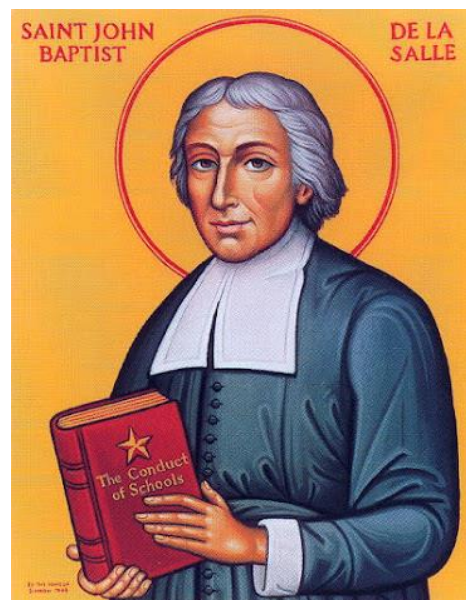
My last newsletter (I hear you cheering!) will be brief. My final Lasallian thought is the same one I use every year at this time: a short excerpt from Saint John Baptist de La Salle's last Meditation for the Time of Retreat to the Brothers entitled: *On the reward that a Brother should expect in heaven, if he is faithful in the work.*

Saint La Salle wrote this meditation because the life of the early brothers was VERY hard – and he needed to assure them that they would one day be rewarded by Almighty God. He made sure they read this meditation every year.

I shared the meditation with the faculty last week and asked them to believe that St. La Salle wrote the meditation for them, too, for their lives as teachers are challenging (especially in a pandemic!), and they need to believe they are valued by Almighty God and doing His work.

I share the excerpt from the meditation with you, too, because as parents, you are the primary educators of your children as you lead them on the path to salvation. Your work as parent is hard, but it is God's work. I believe, therefore, that Saint La Salle's words apply equally to you, too:

Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed children, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven. Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself.



Thank you for your parental ministry. I am profoundly awestruck by the responsibility you have in raising your children. I am most grateful that you have allowed Saint Paul's to share in your parental teaching ministry. I pray that the work we have done this past year will help ensure the truth of Saint La Salle's words for all of us when our day of judgment comes and that "all heaven" is resounding with the good example and instruction you provide to your children.

Thanks for 2020 - 21 and here's looking to
2021 – 22: The 11th year of our second century!

Rise Up, O Men of God

I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily in 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 full. All other grades are basically full, too. Waiting lists have formed. **THANK YOU!**

ALUMNI MILESTONES: Our LSU grads from May 7:

- College of Agriculture: Thomas Harris and Hayden Ingram
- Art & Design: Carsen Bayle and Patrick Ikner
- E.J. Ourso College of Business: Hunter Bourgeoise, Greyson Buras, Dylan Futrell, Matt Gallagher, Austin Grashoff, Lloyd Guillot, Christian Ingram, Kieffer Napolitano, Zachary Scheurich, Austin Scheyd, Owen Waguespack, and Hayden Willis
- College of Engineering: Luke Broussard, Thomas Carriere, Eli Crosby, David Doherty, Andy Grashoff, Luke Posner, Thomas Schmidt, Shane Strander, Max Tepper
- College of Humanities & Soc Sci: Seth Dragon, Louis LeBourgeois, Jacob Tullos, Shane Ulfers
- Manship School of Mass Communications: Nick Ashton
- College of Science: Liam Ordoyne
- Graduate School: Eric Fecke
- I apologize if I omitted anyone! Reading the list of graduates was taxing to my vision and aging brain!



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 FUND: One Last Appeal: If you have not contributed to the Annual Fund or supported SPS in any financial way and are in a position to do so, I would appreciate hearing from you as to “why” you have chosen not to. Perhaps it’s something I’ve done or not done and I would welcome the feedback. I have deliberately avoided having people call or directly solicit you as many other schools do with their annual funds. Again, I need your help to continue to make SPS the best school we can be because:

- **SPS cannot prosper** on tuition alone;
- **SPS tuition** is lower than almost every other boys’ Catholic high school in the Archdiocese;
- **Faculty salaries** are lower than public school salaries and we cannot lose good teachers to finances;
- And we’ve gotten some nice **Grandparent gifts** lately. Thank you! Grandparent gifts are welcome and needed – and they are often happy to help if asked. I don’t like to solicit grandparents so I rely on your to do so. They’ll get a very nice “thank you” note from me. And if you want me to directly ask a grandparent, send me the address and name.
- Gifts of stock are welcome and no gift is too small.
- If you are contributing to Capital Campaign or supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thanks!
- Please consider helping **if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.** Many thanks!

ARCHBISHOP GREGORY AYMOND’S MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE

ARCHDIOCESE: In the past, Archbishop Aymond issued the following letter at the end of the school year. While he didn’t issue it again this year, it’s worth reading again. I encourage our students to heed these words of the Archbishop:

- *I pray in a special way for each of the young people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Know that you are important to all of our ministries, in parishes, schools and other programs.*
- *I am aware of the educational experience you have received in regard to the use of electronic media. You know very well how to use the tools and you know intellectually the consequences when social media is not used respectfully.*
- *I want to reach out to you at the moral level and beg you to remember that it isn't how much you know that is crucial, but rather, the respect that you show for God, yourself, and others when you communicate through cell phones, computers, and other technology.*
- *Always treat other people in a manner that shows your awareness of their reflecting the image of God. In all ways let your friends, classmates, and acquaintances know that they are respected. Speak out if you know someone is being abused or bullied. Share the information with a parent, priest, or teacher who can step in and help. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has the staff available to help you in abusive or bullying situations.*



The campus needs a vacation, too!

- *One of your many responsibilities at this time is to make choices which will allow you the opportunity to make decisions about your future education or career choices. Choose wisely. Choose only those opportunities and interactions which will give you a greater chance to achieve all of the goals you set for yourself and those which God has in store for you.*
- *If you need help, please let a member of the clergy, a Catholic School Administrator, a Director of Religious Education, or your Youth Minister know.*

ASSEMBLY: I hope the students enjoyed our final President's Assembly on May 11. It was the first time this year that we all gathered in the gym. Here's what we did:



Gunnar lights prayer candle at assembly.

- EVERYONE entered the gym listening to Jean-Joseph Mouret's "Rondeau" – the same piece we listened to in August at the first assembly of the year. The Rondeau is a baroque piece of music that set the tone for our year of drama and excitement and majesty, and it certainly has been a year of drama, challenge, excitement and majesty! While junior Gunnar Fiorella-Daussat lit the prayer candle (a sign of God's presence in the gym that morning – and always), we remembered those who have entered God's kingdom since our last assembly: ***Mrs. Grace Hagen, grandmother of Chet Calderera '22***
- Reminded the students that our Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus.
- Took the students on a trip back to 1965 and told

them a little history of that era: who was president, VP, governor and mayor. Told them that gas was 31 cents a gallon and that they could buy a V-8 Mustang for less than \$3000 – all that and much more. I told them that there were no i-phones or i-anythings and the word texting didn't exist. I then told them about SPS in 1965: Brother Francis Beck was president/principal and the whole student body was around 550 – with half as boarding students. And in May of 1965, 86 young men graduated from SPS, compared with the 185 of the Class of 2021. And why did I give this history lesson? To introduce a 1965 alum, Dr. George L. Boudreaux who was present in the gym along with his whole family. I told the boys that Dr. Boudreaux has had a very successful professional and personal career (he invented Boudreaux's Butt Paste!) and has been VERY generous to SPS – so generous that we have been searching for a naming opportunity. We then proudly dedicated the new gym basketball court in honor of Dr. George L. Boudreaux and revealed new signage to that effect. Everyone applauded robustly as Senior Class President Andrew Hightower and Vice President Joseph Cresson sprinkled the signage with holy water. It was a special moment.

- Introduced **AD Craig Ketelsen and Coach Luke Barwick** who introduced and honored our State Champion Golf Wolves who took the traditional walk around the gym while We Are the Champions played loudly in the background and everyone cheered and applauded. It was a special moment.

- Recognized and congratulated the Tennis, Baseball, and Lacrosse Wolves for their excellent seasons. It was a special moment.

- Since we were running out of time, I called attention to the empty bleachers where seniors sit and said it was time to fill those places. I asked the juniors if they were ready to assume the mantle of leadership at SPS; if they were ready to be role models for the student body; if they were ready to accept the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being seniors. They resoundingly replied, “Yes, Brother, I’m ready!” I then said: *By the authority vested in me by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Board of Trustees of the Saint Paul’s School, the Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, I recognize and honor these young men as the Saint Paul’s Senior Class of 2022 – the eleventh class of our second century. With this recognition go all the honors, privileges and responsibilities that being a senior imparts. For they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical Christ and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul’s School in our age. Done in Covington, Louisiana on this 11th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 2021 – one hundred ten years after the founding of Saint Paul’s School by the Benedictine Monks of St. Joseph Abbey, 103 years after the Christian Brothers assumed ownership of Saint Paul’s in 1918, and 341 years after Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools.* The juniors then rose and moved into the senior section, thus officially commencing their senior year, while Rise Up O Men of God played robustly in the background. It was a special moment:



SPS brotherhood visible following senior graduation ceremony

- We then ended the assembly by listening to the “Amen” from George Frideric Handel’s *Messiah* (*NOT The Messiah*.) It was a special moment. **Rising Junior Colby Thigpen** extinguished the prayer candle while the “Rondeau” played in the background. I begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during these final days and to make safe choices throughout the summer. I then thanked the student body for a great year and closed by apologizing if I omitted recognizing anyone during year. I reminded the students of their obligation to love and serve the Lord and each other both now and throughout the summer. We exited to the strains of Mouret’s “Rondeau”, leaving the gym for the last time for 2020 - 21. It was a wonderful assembly – a least I thought so! I had a great time!



Superior Academic & Achievement Winners!

AWARD WINNERS: The following students won major awards at our recent ceremony. Congrats to them!

- US Marine Corps Scholarship: **Rhett Barker**
- US Military Academy Appointment: **Garrett Lauterbach**
- National Merit Commended Students: **Evangelos Liokis, Cole Piazza, Aiden Plauche, and Scott Woodard**
- National Merit Finalists: **Ben Broussard, Davis Lagarde, Lucca Ferrante, Gabe Gros, Axel Henderson, Jake Holincheck, Hunter Kergosien, Trey Paine, Brady Talley**
- District Attorney's Senior High Award: **Rhett Barker**
- District Attorney's Junior High Award: **Ashton Bedford**
- Graham Thomas Jordan Memorial Scholarship: **Marco Vargas**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering Medal: **Nicholas Reardon**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Business Medal: **Grant Harrison**
- Ponchartrain Cancer Center Biomedical Sciences Medal: **Adam Cazayoux**
- Francis H. Richard Memorial Habitat for Humanity Scholarship: **Walker Dubreuil**
- Special Habitat for Humanity Awards: **Thomas Bitterwolf, Joel Rodriguez, Alexi Sotiropoulos, Wesley Coles, Jacob Pichon, Brady Talley, Max Salvant, and Chris Franke.**
- Daren Boudreaux Memorial Scholarship: **Andrew Hightower**
- Eric Kolb Memorial Scholarship: **Briggs Cooper**
- Francis R. Sharp Memorial Scholarships: **Owen Crombie, Jake Holincheck, Joel Rodriguez**
- Larry McIntire Memorial Scholarship for Social Studies Excellence: **Davis Lagarde**
- Justin Addison Memorial Scholarship: **Daniel Whalen, Charles Gil Ward, William Ditta, and Michael Olsen**

- 5 Year Perfect Attendance/Louis Ross Memorial Scholarships: **Luke Beckendorf, Thomas Bitterwolf, Ryan Daly, Brendan McNeil, Maxwell Salvant, and Andrew Slatten.**
- 4 Year Perfect Attendance / Louis Ross Memorial Scholarship: **Adam Cazayoux, Max del Rio, Carter Duet, and Arthur “Trey” Paine**
- Al Doskey Memorial Outstanding Science Student Award: **Luke Beckendorf**
- Jan Neumann Outstanding Math Student Award: **Aiden Plauche’**
- Modern Languages Outstanding Student: **Ben Broussard**
- Quiz Bowl/Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Scholarship: **Thomas Cazenavette**
- Dr. Walker Percy/Brother Bill Parsons Writing Award: **Joel Rodriguez**
- Walker & Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Writing: **Walker Dubreuil**
- Robert Simpson Memorial Chosen Path Award: **Peter Verges**
- Mike Swords Memorial/Stand Strong Scholarships: **Evan Leaber, Ethan Wilson, Brian Lea, Carter Murphy, Davis Lagarde & Ben Broussard**
- Core Pack Mentor Award: **Jackson Luscy**
- Order of St. La Salle Award for 100+ service hours:
 - Juniors: **Daniel Bitterwolf, Zachary Nichols**
 - Seniors: **Owen Crombie, Evan Greene, and Scott Woodard**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Matthew Calamari, Adam Fields, Collins Knight, Andrew Kraus, Jackson Picone, Nicolas Perdigao, Blake Williams**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Lathan Harrell, Myles Moran, Caleb Tardo, Jacob Walker**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Preston Olivier**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **William Coles, Shawn Cooney, Brock Duncan**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Peter Verges**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Evan Leaber & Matthew Roberts**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Gold: **William Ditta, Walker Dubreuil, Carter Murphy, and Preston Orgeron**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Camden Cantrelle & Joseph Cresson**
- 12th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Aiden Plauche’**
- 12 Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Ben Broussard & Nicholas Reardon**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Edmond d'Hemecourt, Jacob Revere**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Matthias Burns, Perrin Duhe, Rhett Nastasi**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Joshua Pichon**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Bennett Barecca**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **John Palmer**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Matthew Longo**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Andrew Hightower**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Briggs Cooper**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Thomas Bitterwolf & Jacob Pichon**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Luke Beckendorf**
- Christian Brothers Provincial Award: **Jake Holincheck**
- Signum Fidei Award: **Thomas Bitterwolf and Justin Baham**



Garrett receives his appointment to West Point at Awards Assembly!

And I annually give out awards to our faculty, celebrating years of service in multiples of five. Since I did not do this last year due to school closure, I did 2020 and 2021:

At the end of 2020:

- Completing 05 Years of Service to SPS: **Ms. Michelle Baudoin, Mrs. Marie Childs, Dr. Shannon d'Hemecourt, Mrs. Suzie Duplantier, Mrs. Elizabeth Grashoff, Mrs. Jane Russo, Mr. Jeff Drivon, & Mrs. Mimi Montiero**
- Completing 10 Years of Service to SPS: **Mrs. Shellie Campo and Mrs. Kim Gardner**
- Completing 15 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Gerald Ancar, Mrs. Elizabeth Brett, Mrs. Danielle Lavie**
- Completing 20 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Luke Barwick & the late Mr. Robert Simpson**
- Completing 30 Years of Service to SPS: **Mrs. Karen Hebert & Mr. Mark Richards**
- Completing 35 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Trevor Watkins**

And at the end of 2021:

- Completing 05 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. David Arbo, Mr. Christian Bobak, Mr. Stephen Dale, & Mr. Jeff Ramon**
- Completing 10 Years of Service to SPS: **Mrs. Rachel Peak & Mr. Al Nastasi**
- Completing 15 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Kristian Gibbe**
- Completing 20 Years of Service to SPS: **Mrs. Susan Jordan & Mr. Paul Scoriels**
- Completing 25 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Kevin Moore & Mr. Mick Nunez**
- Completing 30 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Don Pressley**
- Special retirement gifts were presented to **Brother Rich Kovatch, Ms. Karen Hebert, Coach Craig Ketelsen, and Mr. Mark Richards** for their many years of service in the cause of Lasallian Education.
- Finally, I presented TWO Brother Charles Crouzet Awards (our highest faculty award) since we did not award one last year due to COVID: 2020 – Coach **Luke Barwick**, educator extraordinaire and for 2021 – **Coach Craig Ketelsen**, another educator extraordinaire!

Whew! There were MANY more awards, but space does not allow for a comprehensive list. We are proud of our students who excelled this year. We look forward to even more achievement next year.



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.



Sr. Hi. Outstanding Athlete Award Winners!

BOOK STORE: All school supplies will be available for purchase at the start of the new year. I can't thank the Mothers' Club enough for their faithful service to SPS via the bookstore.

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: We are told that ALL students may receive a FREE BREAKFAST and LUNCH **throughout NEXT 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 5th 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	School Opens with a full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 16	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30 – tentative)
Thu, Aug 19	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, & Evening Ring Ceremony
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
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.



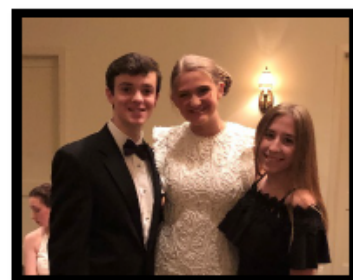
Level Outstanding Athlete Award Winners

CARE AND VIGILANCE: Please stress with your sons that they must make safe choices over the summer.



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| • Pay a bill | • Make a budget |
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FEEDBACK: We spend time in the summer evaluating the past year and planning for next year. Toward that end, feel free to email me a suggestion if you think we need to “beef up” an area of life around here – **just DO NOT write anonymously (since I don’t read these.)** While I can’t promise we will implement every suggestion made, I assure you we will consider it. Be aware of our limitations in terms of personnel, finances, facilities, and interrupting class time when emailing me your suggestion.

GROOMING: Due to COVID regulations, we were a bit lax in enforcing dress and grooming this past year – and it showed in our students’ appearance. Know that we intent to be much more vigilant in enforcing our regulations next year. Tell your sons to enjoy the summer as reality returns in August!

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!

LAST TWO WEEKS:

- **AP Testing:** Lots of AP tests were administered over the past 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!
- **Awards Assemblies:** LOTS of assemblies to celebrate our accomplishments this year! Kudos to all!
- **Baseball:** Tough loss in state quarterfinals! We are proud of their season!
- **COVID Vaccine:** Thanks to Braswell’s Drugs for administering the second dose to eligible students who wanted them with parental permission.
- **Football:** Spring practice went well and ended last Friday with the Pie Bowl!
- **Exams:** I hope the boys did well! Report cards will be emailed on May 28 but grades will be available on Plus Portals before then
- **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 Development Team of Danielle Lavie and Mimi Montiero for promoting this event so skillfully.
- **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!
- **Graduation:** The 110th Commencement Exercises of the Saint Paul’s School went well. Here’s the link to the ceremony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-bqFXd2Elg>
- **Guerilla Wolves:** Thanks to Josh Pereira for arranging to have our graduation & Promotion Ceremony LIVE STREAMED over You Tube!
- **Lacrosse:** Tough loss in state quarterfinals! We are proud of them!
- **Letter Jacket Ordering:** Congrats to our students who earned school letters. We will present these at the beginning of the school year.
- **Mass:** Our final school mass on May 18 was spiritually wonderful! Thanks to campus minister Jeff Ramon and all who helped. At the mass, we commissioned our new seniors who were trained to be Eucharistic Ministers.
- **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.

- **Promotion Ceremony:** The pre-freshmen did great! Here is the link to the ceremony: <https://youtu.be/IE2GkSy9caY>
- **Rugby:** Congrats to Coach Zimmer, assistant coaches, and team – 2nd 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!
- **Weather:** Thanks for all you did in getting students to school these past two weeks with all of the weather issues!

LAST WEEK (more): Many thanks to:



State Champion Golf Wolves!

- Development Team for arranging for the Boudreaux Gym Floor dedication. The family seemed pleased and we are MOST grateful for the support they have given SPS over the years.
- Counselors, Joe, Trevor, and Tech Dept for sending schedules to students for final adjustments. Only the requested courses were on the schedules, not teachers or periods. In a number of cases, the counselors had to adjust electives due to undersubscribed classes being cancelled.
- Finance Office for processing tuition payments that are beginning to arrive.
- Don Pressley and the Physical Plant Crew, who continued to keep us up and running while responding to all the requests for our events last week.
- Campus Minister Jeff Ramon who conducted Eucharistic Ministry Training for the 27 juniors who want to be EMs next year.
- Student Council President Walker Dubreuil for his warm and affirming email to all of us during Teacher Appreciation Week – and for the snack, too!
- Karen, Jeaneen, counselors, Joe and Trevor for the academic awards ceremony.
- Craig, Claire, Carol and Coaches for the Athletic Awards Ceremony
- Andrew and Band Boosters for the Band Awards Ceremony
- Brother Ken and 8th grade teachers for their help with the Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony.
- The Religion Department and Father Doug of OLL who prepared sophomore Kye Parkman to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel last week with classmates present.
- The Senior Parents for a successful Grad Night on Wed.
- Andrew Moran for making sure all of our AV equipment was working during last week's events.
- Our football coaches for a successful spring practice and the ever-popular Pie Bowl on Friday night.
- The Student Council for pressure washing the Wolf Dome for the post-graduation reception.
- To Robert Heap for reviving The Maelstrom, our on-line visual arts and literary magazine. Here is the link: www.TheMaelstromSPS.com

LOOKING AHEAD FOR THOSE RETURNING:

- Tuition for 2021 - 22 is due on June 1; the first payment for bank financed tuition is also due on June 1. Students cannot receive a schedule in July or start school in August if tuition/bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We have people on a waiting list.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Thursday, August 5, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2021 - 22 school year calendar has been published in my newsletter for several months – and is included in this one. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

LOST AND FOUND – FINAL CALL: We'll clear out our lost and found, keeping what's usable and discarding what's not. If not claimed this week, we will get rid of them. **We've got prescription glasses, phones, watches, sweatshirts, uniform shirts and lunch boxes galore!**

MONEY: Parents, please stress with you son that they should NOT bring large sums of money to school. There is no need for students to have large cash amounts – which they invariable talk about which tempts others.

SCHEDULING FOR NEXT YEAR: Students have selected their courses for next year – which were emailed to you a week ago. **Only registered students were allowed to schedule classes.**

REPORT CARDS will be emailed on May 28.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2021 - 22: The school administration and Mothers Club are working to streamline the school supply process. Info should be sent out soon.

SUMMER CAMPS: SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (8-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics
- Drama
- For more information, consult our website: www.stpauls.com

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: We will gradually start reducing our summer office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, we will soon start closing the office at noon, so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. I will be available throughout most of the summer if needed. Call or email me if I can be of assistance. I'll be working enough to "earn my keep" and justify my existence at SPS but will take an occasional day off.

SERVICE HOURS: Summer is a great time for your son to earn his mandatory ten hours of service – and to do even more, perhaps even earning the Brother Alfred Service Award or Order of St. La Salle Service Award.



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!**

SUMMER READING: ALL students have a summer reading obligation for their English class. The list and discussion questions will be posted on Plus Portals. Please encourage your son to take his summer reading obligation seriously. We deliberately limit the number of books to be read in order not to make this an onerous task, and we certainly encourage more reading than just what we are requiring. Toward that end, I offer the following:

- We often see that a student's weakest ACT score is in reading. Why? Students don't like to read! Solution? Read more! PLEASE insist your son devote part of each day (30 minutes? 15? 10?) to reading. He's used to this in school with SSR (I hope you know what SSR is!) This could be a family activity – set aside time when the whole family reads. Turn off the TV, i-pad, X-Box, phone, the computer – and read.
- And speaking of ACT /SAT scores, summer provides an excellent opportunity to prepare. There are local formal courses, but both ACT and SAT offer on-line prep programs at very reasonable costs. Or just purchase one of the many test preparation books on the market and ask your son to spend 15 minutes a day preparing. Long-term preparation is the only solution. You can't "cram" for an ACT or SAT.

TAYLOR SCHOLAR AWARDS: Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, named for Mr. Patrick Taylor for whom the TOPS program is named, we presented qualified students last week with Taylor Scholar Awards. F

For a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the award grants one-year free admission for student and one parent/guardian to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectariums, Audubon Zoo, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist and educational reformist who wanted all students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.

If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or maybe treat some students who didn't earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.

Taylor Awards were distributed at level awards assemblies. Unfortunately, Pre-freshmen had already finished and were not here. If you wish to claim this award for your now-freshman son, just stop by the office. We will distribute any leftovers when school begins in Augusts.

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.

VALS & SALS: 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 Plache, and Max Salvant. Our sole Salutatorian is Thomas Bitterwolf.** Congrats to them and the teachers who worked so diligently with them.

VAPING: I'm sorry I have to continue to mention this, but please speak to your son about the dangers involved in these latest fads. We continue to hear reports of use by our students and have even taken disciplinary action against several of them who used at school events. We will continue to be vigilant and take strong measures against violators. And the Covington Police Department informs us that it is AGAINST THE LAW for minors to purchase vaping equipment. Please make sure your son knows this – and complies with your wishes, the rules of the school – and the law

WEEKLY HUMOR: Final jokes for 2020 - 21!

- *Some Chemistry Labs require Long-Sleeved shirts. However, in this lab, we don't; here, we have the right to bare arms!*
- *Last night, I went out to dinner, and the waiter got so upset with me that he threw a salt shaker and a AAA battery at me. It was a clear case of a salt and battery,*
- *I like to practice magic as a hobby. Last night, I was driving and I turned into a driveway.*
- *I found my son in his room with a box of toothpicks. He was taking each one and snapping the tips off. I find him so disappointing!*
- *If you adjust your posture, do you stand corrected?*
- *I am thinking of getting a new computer, one of those new singing ones. You know, A Dell?*
- *What did they give the guy who invented the door knocker? A no-bell prize!*
- *Each year, people go off to Mime School, never to be heard from again.*
- *My next exam will be called The World Exam. That way, my class can solve all of the world's problems.*
- *Two goldfish are in a tank. One says to the other "Do you know how to drive this thing?"*
- *Two parrots are sitting on a perch. One asks the other "Do you smell fish?"*
- *I don't always tell Dad jokes, but when I do, he laughs.*

- *What is orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!*
- *I type and highlight “My Day” on a Power Point slide. I tell the class “This is the Highlight of My Day!”*
- *“What do you do with a sick chemist? You try to Helium or Curium. If you can’t, you Barium.*
- *OK, I’ll stop!*

Well, I wasn’t brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! But you get a break as the newsletter goes on summer vacation. I’ll only be sending things out periodically during the summer.

As I said at a recently, all of our lives changed on March 13, 2020, when Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued a stay-at-home order and closed all schools. While other systems floundered over how to complete the year, SPS Online began operating competently within 72 hours, completing the year with quality education.

Our main goal for 2020-21 was to open on time and remain open each day. We met that goal, thanks to your cooperation and our faculty’s commitment.

On behalf of all of us at Saint Paul’s, therefore, thank you for being part of the 2020-21 school year – a year that all of us will remember. Throughout the many challenges of this year, I appreciate the overwhelming majority of you who supported us as we navigated the ever-changing mandates of the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Department of Health and Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of New Orleans – all of which we are obliged to follow.

On a personal note, I apologize to anyone whom I’ve overlooked recognizing this year or offended or disappointed in any way by something I did, didn’t do, said, or didn’t say. I’m very aware of my failings and limitations, and I will definitely try to do better this coming year.

Thanks for having been part of the 2020 - 21 edition of Saint Paul’s – the tenth year of our second century of existence. If the next 90 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul’s will have had an incredible second century of existence.

Enjoy the final days of May. May they be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Signing Off This Year as Still The 17th Christian Brother President of St Paul’s School

Have a great Lasallian summer but remember: The Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care, Vigilance, Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!

******SPS begins for all students on August 5 with a full day of instruction ******

*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!*

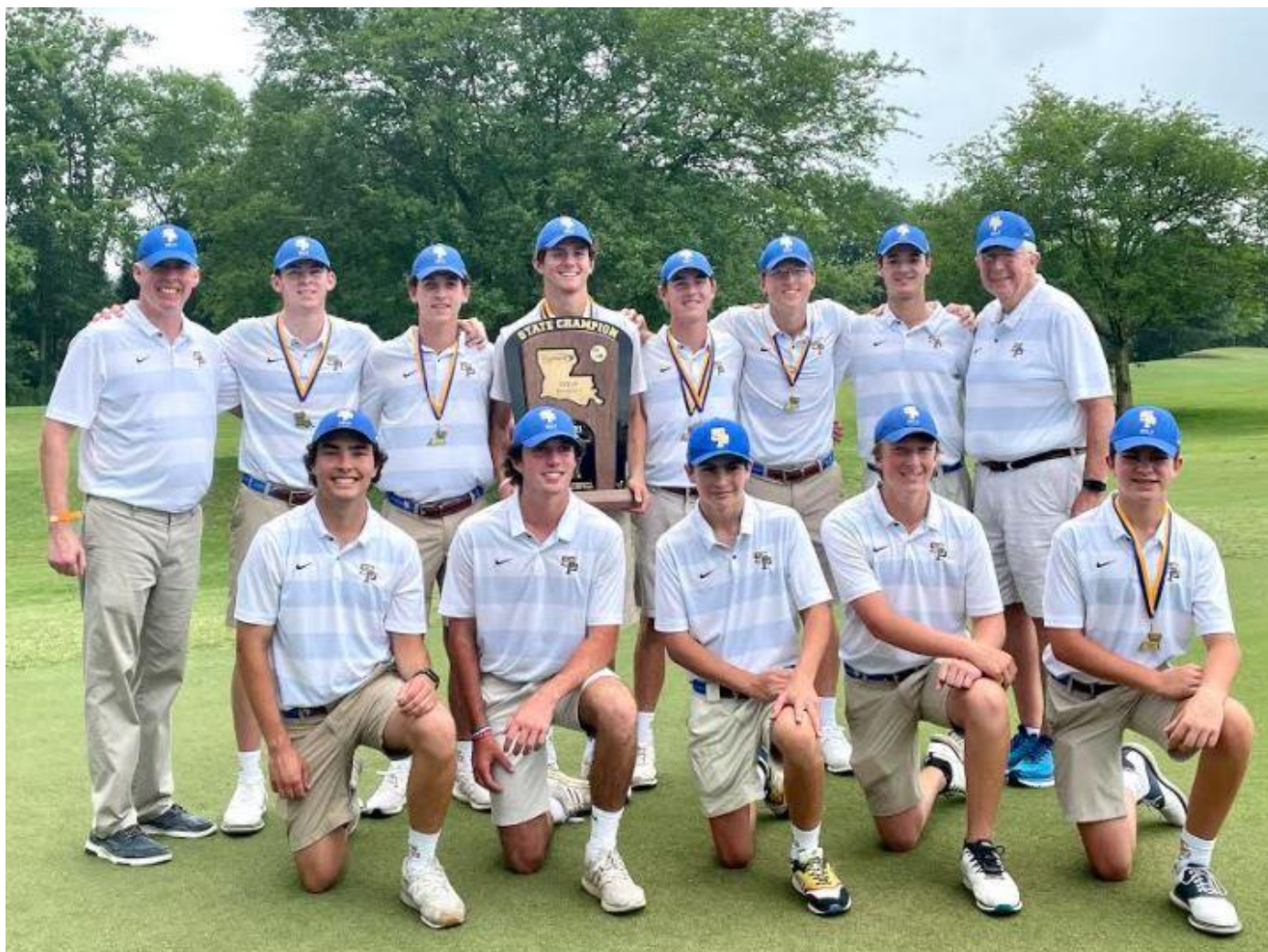
***Have a blessed summer of 2021!
Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!***



2021 Graduates celebrate at end of ceremony!

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Jake Holincheck



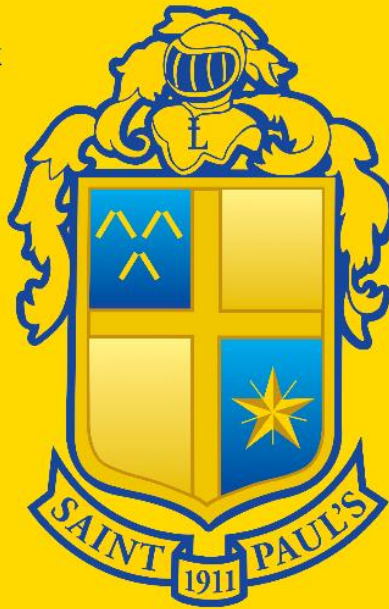
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Brady Talley



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National Merit Commended Scholars



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Aiden Plauché



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Cole Piazza



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