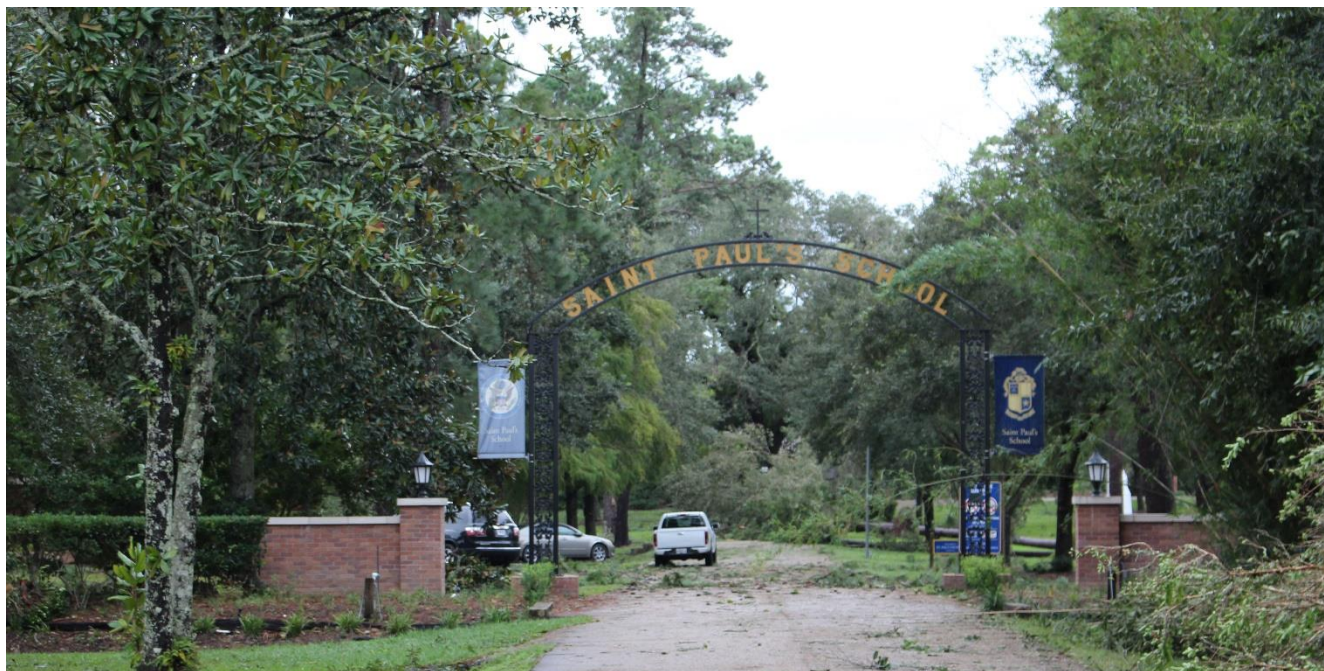




*The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
*September 13 – 19, 2021*



*We come together to pray for recovery and reconstruction in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. Whenever there is a natural disaster or tragedy, it can become so easy to feel downcast in spirit, but we know that You are still on the Throne, Lord.*

*We pray for those who have been impacted by this storm that they would find their refuge in You. We pray as they reconstruct their lives, homes, and communities that they would see gentle reminders that You see them and that You care.*



*Please provide expedited assistance, help, and resources for all in this time of restoration. Help responders in their vital work. You are in the hearts of those compassionate ones*



*whose prayers cry out for their families, whose prayers cry out for their neighbors, whose prayers cry out even for strangers. Bless and comfort those who mourn.*

*May our ears always hear. May our hearts always cry out for one another. May our hands always reach out to one another. And may we always walk like you walk in solidarity with those who suffer. Amen.*

*SPOP! SJBDLS! SBB! SBOT! LJIOH!*

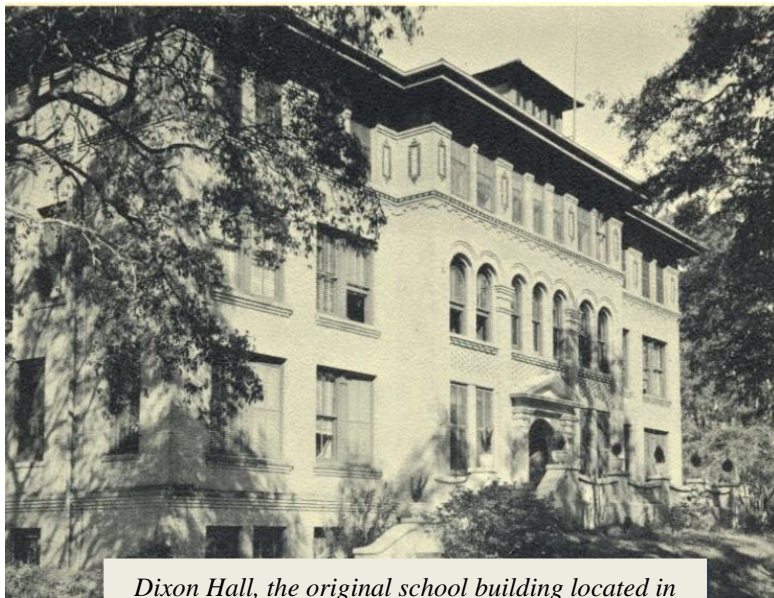


## Mon, Sep 13 (Special Five Period Day; F G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens words, later set to music, that in 1931 becomes USA's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written when Key saw Fort McHenry in Maryland bombarded by British in the War of 1812 & was inspired by a lone U.S. flag flying at daybreak.
- **National Peanut Day** is the peanuttiest of days. Native to South America, the locals there couldn't keep this great nut to themselves. Actually, peanuts are not nuts. They are "legumes", like peas, beans, and lentils. Who knew?
- **Blame Someone Else Day:** self-explanatory! Feel free to blame me!
- **National Hollerin' Day!** Feel free to holler today – but not at school!
- **National Iguana Day:** Celebrate the lowly iguana today! Read *Night of the Iguana* by Tennessee Williams

## Tue, Sep 14 (D E F G)

- **TDIH:** Today is the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of St. Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictine priests (Fathers Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, & Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, & Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, 70 boarders & 30-day students had enrolled. And seven years later, those same Benedictines transferred ownership to the Christian Brothers. The rest, as they say, is history. I had planned an extensive birthday celebration for today. But Ida had other plans and, thus, the celebration is postponed – not cancelled. And now I present to you Saint Paul's School – 110 years young! And as I tell the students all the time: We 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 in our age – in spite of Ida. As we thank God for our past, we pause and remember that we are still walking on holy ground -- for God is here, and where God is -- is holy. Happy 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday Saint Paul's School! *Ad multos annos!*
- **TDIH:** In 1741, George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* (not "The Messiah") after working on it nonstop for 23 days. It's one of my favorite pieces of music – absolutely incredible!
- **TDIH:** In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized by Pope Paul VI, making her the first American saint.
- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** Today's feast was begun in 629 AD by Emperor Heracles who brought the cross discovered by Saint Helena in 320 AD (and purported to be the True Cross) to Jerusalem, placing it on the believed spot of Jesus' crucifixion. I do not know whether the Benedictines opened SP on this feast by coincidence or plan, but establishing Saint Paul's was a triumph by them and, later, by the Christian Brothers. Today, it remains a triumph. With your help, it will triumph far into the future, a triumph of the Lasallian dream and God's work in Covington.
- **Hug Your Hound Day:** Give Fideaux a great big hug.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Go ahead and indulge today!



*Dixon Hall, the original school building located in Founder's Circle, contained classrooms, labs, dormitories, & housing for faculty on top floor*

### Wed, Sep 15 (A B C D)

- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics from the past. I know of at least one SPS teacher who still uses them!
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, "Ballad of Birmingham." Click here to read the poem (which we study in my English class): <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **TDIH:** In 1916, tanks are first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of Somme in WW I.

### Thu, Sep 16 (E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1620, *The Mayflower* ship departed England for America with small crew and 102 passengers.  
Trivia: what is the traditional site where the pilgrims disembarked on Dec 26?

- **Mexican Independence Day:** The **Grito de Dolores** ("*Cry of Dolores*") was uttered from the small town of Dolores in Mexico, on Sep 16, 1810, marking the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. The "grito" was the *pronunciamiento* of the Mexican War of



Independence by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Roman Catholic priest. Since Oct 1825, this anniversary is celebrated as **Mexican Independence Day**, not Cinco de Mayo, of Mexico's Independence from Spain. Viva la independencia!

- **Trail of Tears Commemoration:** This day, also called Cherokee Removal Day, remembers the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from GA, TN, AL, and NC to Indian Territory (OK) from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our history.
- **Guacamole Day:** Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole! I love guacamole!
- **American Legion Day:** Congress grants the AL a federal charter on this day in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from WW I. Since then, it has grown and supported all veterans.
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Bro. Martin (tentative)

### Fri, Sep 17 (B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1862, the bloodiest day in US military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate armies were stopped in Antietam, Maryland by General George B. McClellan. By nightfall, 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – to then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, to contractors, to our physical plant crew, to students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and become more familiar with.
- **Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge and enjoy



- **Football:** Varsity v. Catholic of New Iberia (7)
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity During Period E**
- **Sudden Impact for Mr. Eubanks' Period B**
- **Cross Country Pictures**

### Sat, Sep 18

- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs National Security Act, establishing a single Defense Department with Joint Chiefs of Staff. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air F
- **TDIH: in 1870, an expedition discovers Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone Park in Wyoming.** The geyser was the first in the park to receive a name; people were astonished by its frequent eruptions. A geyser is a natural spring that intermittently spews hot water and steam. Geysers are extremely rare; only a thousand have been identified worldwide and half of those are in Yellowstone National Park.
- **Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves in Ponchatoula Meet

### Sun, Sep 19

- **Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy pirate wanna' bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrrgh!



**I draw the following to your attention (in alphabetical order, not order of importance):**

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS:** Help your son develop proper attitudes and habits for success. Show confidence in his ability; work with him to set realistic academic goals. **Help him develop an orderly study environment.** Teens enjoy chaos, so the trick is to help your son create enough order in his chaos for proper study to occur. Designate a place and time to study. **Require 1-2 hours of study per night. Do not accept the "I have no homework" excuse.** He always has homework -- review, study, and advanced preparation. At the end of his study session, have him organize books, assignments, PE clothes, etc. for the next day. **Students who do not have their homework in class are sent to assignment hall.**

**ACT ACADEMY:** Preparation for success on the ACT is a marathon, not a sprint. DAILY practice is ideal, starting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. MANY materials (often free!) are available. Here is a good one: the ACT Academy. ACT Academy has a wealth of free prep. It grows each year and has turned into the *Khan Academy* for ACT. Encourage your sons to prep for ACT regularly. Here is the link: <https://academy.act.org/>

**ADMISSIONS FOR 2022 – 23:** Under different circumstance, we, along with all Catholic high schools, would be beginning our admissions season in accordance with the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation guidelines. Obviously, COVID and IDA have complicated things. Thus:

- **Shadow Days:** Due to COVID, we have had to scrapped our traditional SDs – as we did last year. And as we did last year, we will replace them with a series of small group tours for parents and sons. We are still working out the details as to when these will begin.
- **Open House:** **Our Open House is Sat, October 30, from 1 – 3 pm.**
- **PLEASE** spread the word, especially to public school families who don't realize we start the admission process early. I count on you to spread the good news about SPS and inviting your friends and neighbors to come take a look at Lasallian education on the Northshore.



**AFTER SCHOOL:** The Library will remain open to students until 4 pm. If your son is looking for a comfortable place to wait for his ride and get a jump on his homework, this is a good option for him.

**AFTER SCHOOL ISSUES:** Assignment Hall (see below) and detention are in operation. Parents, stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. If your son does end up in AH or detention, establish a procedure for him to follow so you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH students to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed.

**ASSIGNMENT HALL:** AH is in full swing. Students will be sent to AH if they report to class without their homework. They will stay in AH after school until they finish the homework. AH is not a punishment but a helping structure. Please stress with your son the need to complete his homework on time and to bring it to class.

**ATHLETICS:** Any St. Paul's student wishing to participate in a sport must have a completed physical on file. Forms can be found under the athletic tab on our website.

**ATTENDANCE:** Please follow all SPS attendance regulations in the Student-Parent Handbook and make Mrs. Suzy's job as easy as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. The State of Louisiana limits the number of days a student may miss and still receive credit. Saint Paul's adheres to these regulations. **Please do not allow your sons to miss school for less than very serious reasons.**

**AMAZON SMILE:** As you replace storm-damaged items via Amazon Smile, remember that AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Select SPS! Thanks!





*New band hall is making progress!*

**BAND HALL HISTORY:** The work continues! No damage to the new building! Opening is just a few weeks away! Some 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 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 early fall of 2021. Interested in supporting the renovation, whose overall cost will approach \$2.3 million? **PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE NEW BAND HALL IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO. NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL!** No gift is too small! (Not shouting; just emphasizing!)

**BOOK STORE:** The Mothers’ Club Bookstore will be open:

- Mon, Aug 2            9:00am to 3:00pm
- Tue, Aug 3            9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wed, Aug 4            9:00 am to 3:00 pm

- Thu, Aug 5 Bookstore Regular Hours (7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm)
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible.** Proceeds not only help fund wonderful activities throughout the year, but the proceeds also help with campus needs.



*Kudos to the Varsity Football Wolves for helping to distribute hurricane relief items in Covington.*

**CALENDAR:** As Trevor wrote last week, we are adjusting our calendar to eliminate the Fall Break Day on Oct 2, the Archdiocesan Formation Day on Nov 8, and the start of Christmas holidays on Dec 17. These are now school days, which Christmas holidays beginning after exams on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CALENDAR FOR 2021 - 22:** The calendar assumes full operation. Any disruption to the school operation due to COVID 19 or other natural disasters may result in alteration of the calendar.

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| • Mon - Tues, Aug 2 & 3 | Teacher Meetings  |
| • Wed, Aug 4            | Teacher Prep Day  |
| • Thurs, Aug 5          | School Opens <b>with a full day of instruction</b>                |
| • Mon, Aug 16           |   |
| • 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   |
| • Fri, Oct 8            | End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal                          |
| • Fri., Oct 8           | Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)                                    |
| • Mon, Oct 18           | Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7                                    |
| • Sat, Oct 30           | Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)                         |
| • Mon-Fri, Nov 22 - 26  | Thanksgiving Holidays   |
| • Mon, Nov 29           | Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday                          |
| • Mon - Fri, Dec 13-17  | Semester Exams  |
| • Fri, Dec 17           | 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
- Thu, May 12                    Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
- 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 – as we did with Ida. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.

Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

**CAR LINES:** There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder’s Circle as a departure point, **cars must drop off students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – you may not block traffic in the right lane to discharge the occupants. Dropping off at La Salle Hall or by the BAC is OK. Traffic will be heavy heading into Covington this week as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

#### **CELL PHONES:**

- **State Law:** Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand-held wireless communications device while traveling through school zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- **School Cell Phone Policy:** students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

**COVID:** With Ida occupying our every waking moment for the past two weeks, we must not forget that COVID is still very much in our midst. Thus, all of our COVID mitigation efforts remain in place, especially the mask mandate, which was extended by Governor John Bel Edwards until September 29. Please make sure your son comes to school with this mask, prepared to wear it inside any building.

**COVID PROTECTION LAYER:** We have added an additional layer of protection by installing Caspr in-duct air filtration units for each HVAC System in the school – over 100 units. These units “scrub” the air and eliminate



99.96% of any virus, unhealthy air, germs, bacteria, mold, and mildew along with odors. It treats all the offices, ductwork, bathrooms, fixtures, hallways, door handles, handrails, seating, desks, offices, workstations & showroom areas, too. In short, it will “clean” all currently HVAC conditioned space. Such equipment does not come cheap. Fortunately, we, along with all other private schools, qualified for federal funds from the CARES and EANS Acts, which helped immensely.

**DRESS CODE:** Students must be in compliance with the dress code – and this includes wearing masks. **We are not granting exceptions to the mask requirement so please don’t ask.** Refer to previous newsletters or the student handbook on our website for particulars if you are still unsure about dress code. **Note: We have a number of clean, pre-owned SPS uniform shirts and khaki shorts in good condition. Feel free to ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student and no one will know. Thanks to those families who supply us with their outgrown uniforms. Just call Andrea in the Admin Bldg.**



**DRIVER’S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE:** Your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner’s permit **and another one** when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. This is a legislative act; don’t blame me!

**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS:** As with Ida, I remind all of our emergency or weather-related closing policy – which is to follow both the civil parish and / or the directives of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Thus, if needed (and we hope it's not), Saint Paul's School will follow the same decision of closure as the public school system of St. Tammany Parish. School messaging will also be activated with updated information and situations unique to SPS. **For multi-day closings, Saint Paul's reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants, even if the public school remain closed, as was the case in Hurricane Katrina. In the meantime, we pray.**

**ENROLLMENT:** We opened this year with a very healthy enrollment – in spite of COVID-19 and after having graduated a very large class. I am humbled and proud that so many parents are willing to entrust their sons to us and make the sacrifices necessary to do so. **Please stress with your son that he is being given a gift – a gift that others want. He must use this gift wisely and make good choices.**

**GET INVOLVED DAY:** We held our annual Get Involved Day on Aug 23, when our numerous clubs, sports, and activities recruited new members. Our plethora of activities hold something for all. Encourage your son to explore new horizons and take a chance on a new activity.

**HELPING SPS:** Don't forget:

- If you shop at Office Depot, give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- We also collect Box Tops for Education (have your son bring them to his math teacher)
- We also receive a portion of sales from Amazon Prime.
- These are painless ways to help SPS.

**HOMEcoming DANCES: From the SPS Student Council:** *The originally published dates and format have been changed due to COVID and IDA. St. Paul's Student Council is excited to announce that in place of the Homecoming dances they will host a Homecoming Supper in the Briggs Assembly Center on October 2 for Juniors and Seniors with two class level seatings, and October 9 for Prefreshmen, Freshmen, and Sophomores in three class level seatings. Attire will be dress shirt, tie, and dress pants for young men and knee length semi formal dress for young ladies. The event is open to St. Paul's students and their dates only. Online tickets will go on sale soon.*

*Here are the seating dates and times:*

*Oct 2 Junior Homecoming Supper 6:30-8:00 PM  
and Senior Homecoming Supper 8:30-10:00 PM*

*Oct 9 Pre Freshmen Homecoming Supper 5:00-6:30 PM  
Freshmen Homecoming Supper 7:00-8:30 PM  
Sophomore Homecoming Supper 9:00-10:30 PM*

**ID CARDS:** Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day. No one has to pay for an ID card unless you want an extra one. We gave one to your son on picture day. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him or if for some reason you want an extra one.





*Brothers Community House on Adams Street*

**IDA:** I pray that you suffered a minimum of damage to yourselves, your family, and your property. Here at SPS, we took a hit – although it could have been worse. Here is a summary:

- **Trees:** Obviously, one of our greatest campus assets is one of our greatest threats. MANH BIG pine trees toppled during the storm. A smattering of oak, sycamore, Roman Pines, cypress and shrubbery also succumbed to the storm. While major damage was not done to campus buildings, entrances and exits to campus were blocked and the main road was impassible. I am most grateful to LOG Construction who arrived on campus (thanks to Donahue Favret Contractors) to assess damage and begin cleanup. SPS alum business Caserta Tree Service also assisted in removal of some dangerously leaning trees and Huhn Tree Service, a licensed arborist, assisted in inspecting our oaks and trimming them carefully.
- **Brothers Residences:** The biggest property “hits” were the Brothers Residences on Jahncke Avenue and Adams Street. Both had trees fall on them. Jahncke Street is repairable and work has already begun. Adams Street is not repairable. In the meantime, Brothers Bill Ray and Javier (who lived on Jahncke) have moved into the retired Brothers Residence. Brother Terrance, who lived on Adams, has also moved in with the retired Brothers. We are in the process of locating suitable accommodation for Brother Ken Boesch who also lived here. He is temporarily housed in the Provincialate Office on 11<sup>th</sup>. We give thanks that the Brothers were not harmed in the process.
- **Fencing:** Almost all campus fencing was damaged.
- **Roofs:** Repairs will be needed on the theater, several concession stands, and Brothers Residences on Jahncke, Adams, and the garage here on campus.
- **Bus:** One of our leased busses was totaled when a large tree fell on it.

- **Electrical:** One blessing – while we lost power for a week, all of our campus electrical infrastructure remained intact, as since Katrina (when all of it tumbled to the ground), we buried all of our electrical lines. It pays off daily in aesthetics and really paid off in Ida.

**LOST & FOUND:** We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your son. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.

**MASKS:** From Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. RaeNell Houston: *As part of the emergency order issued by Governor John Bel Edwards, all schools including Catholic schools must implement mandates issued by local and state governmental authorities as they address the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to protect the health and well-being of all members of our school communities and to preserve our ability to provide in-person learning for our children, we will implement various mitigation efforts, including masking. If we do not, we risk not only the health and safety of our school communities but also our operations as we could be forced to shut down by governing bodies for failing to comply. We would also lose all protections from liability should someone choose to file any lawsuit against a school after contracting COVID-19 on a school campus.*

**MINI-SCHEDULE NIGHT ON AUG 24 – POSTPONED DUE TO COVID! We are working on a replacement plan! Stay tuned!**

**NEED MORE INFO?** For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Trevor Watkins, Assistant Principal Joe Dickens, or Curriculum Coordinator Lee Pierre. For discipline, attendance, or dress code, call Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin or me. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Mr. Sam Francis, Athletic Director. Naturally, call me if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1901 & my cell phone is 985/966-1138, my email is broray@stpauls.com or hit “reply” to this email!**

**PHYSICALS:** No student may participate in our athletic program or our band program without the necessary paperwork having been completed, including an LHSAA official physical form.

**PLUS PORTALS:** Please activate your account (if you have not yet done so) and check PP regularly for important info about your son’s grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Plus Portals administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1944 if you need assistance.* And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It’s very annoying when we get a Plus Portals email with a question but your setting won’t accept our response.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** School safety remains paramount for all. Promote safety with your son. In our meetings, faculty reviewed all safety procedures that we have – and they are many. Safety is EVERYONE’S JOB. Report ANY rumor or safety threat. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a Visitor’s Pass – and wear a mask. You may not just wander the campus. Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.

**STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESSES:** We issued each student a unique Saint Paul’s email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to his new email, there’s a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access.**





*Jahncke Avenue at entrance to Saint Paul's, post Ida.*

**SILENT SUSTAINED READING:** We will resume SSR this week during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. Students were instructed to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. **Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared every day for SSR.** He should bring a PRINTED READING MATERIAL – not electronic material **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I'll keep you posted as to how things go.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Connect with SPS on social media to see the latest pics and posts of all the great events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at

- Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana
- Twitter @SPSWolfpack

**Social Media II: Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. We have already dealt with an inappropriate post. Inappropriate postings can**



**have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.**



*Pine tree fell away from Brothers Residence, forming bridge to island. Note that the ducks survived!*

**STUDENT COUNCIL:**

- Congratulations to the newly elected Pre-Freshmen class officers: President Noah Comeaux and Vice-President Connor Russo. Thanks to ALL the candidates who ran! We are very proud of you!
- Anyone who would like to join Student Council should visit the Student Council table at Get Involved Day

**TRAFFIC FLOW ON CAMPUS:** If you drop off or pick up your son, you will meet road congestion around our campus. We ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety:

- Consider an alternate pick-up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.
- DO NOT pick up your son using the shoulder of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.
- If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) car line, please wait to the left so that thru traffic can still move through our campus using the right lane.



- Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.
- Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up.
- Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together, we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.

**TUTORING:** Our National Honor Society has begun FREE tutoring during lunch periods, Monday through Thursday in the library. Subjects offered are Science, Math, and English. Encourage your son to take advantage of this free service and to stay on top of his academic progress.

**UNIFORMS:** Reminders:

- Uniform shirts, ties, and socks are sold by Bayou Uniform (13488 Seymour Myers Blvd) in Covington. Only white SPS socks are allowed.
- Sweatshirts, fleeces, PE uniforms, etc. are sold by the Mothers Club bookstore.
- Khaki pants/shorts may come from any vendor as long as they are NOT cargo pants and are standard tan khaki color, not green or brown.
- There is no uniform shoe but no sandals, etc. are allowed. The more conservative the better.
- We now have a “dress uniform” which will be worn on special occasions: LONG khaki pants, dress white shirt (any brand is OK even if it has a small logo), dress socks, belt, SCHOOL TIE, and any shoe that is not a tennis/athletic shoe.
- ID cards must be worn DAILY. This is a safety measure.
- **MASKS must be worn daily. This, too, is a safety measure,**

**VISITOR’S PASS:** You may not just wander the campus. You must sign in at the Administration Building, the Attendance Office, or the Counseling Office to obtain a pass to be on campus during school hours.

**Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.

**WOLF PACKS:** We began WPs before Ida -- a time to practice a quality of Lasallian education: building relationships. Each student is assignment to a multi-level Wolf Pack, led by a staff member. Most students stay with that staff member throughout their SPS career. We address various issues during the twenty-minute meeting.

**A LOOK AHEAD:** Here are the period rotations for the first semester (assuming no interruptions) to help you plan. If your son needs a driver’s license or doctor appointment, try to schedule it during a “no school” day. I am always disappointed when we return from a week holiday and a student misses the first day of class to go get his license. **PLEASE respect the academic time we have with your son.**

## First Semester Period Rotation – REVISED, POST-IDA

### September

13 – FGABC – (Five Period Day)  
14 – DEFG – President's Assembly  
15 – ABCD  
16 – EFGA  
17 – BCDE– Fun Lunch for 8th Graders during E  
20 – FGAB – Fun Lunch for 9th Graders during B  
21 – CDEF – Fun Lunch for 10th During F  
22 – GABC – Fun Lunch for 11th during C  
23 – DEFG – Fun Lunch for 12th during G  
24 – ABC – Special Schedule  
27 - DEFG  
28 - ABCD – President's Assembly  
29 – EFGA  
30 – BCDE

### October

1 – **FGAB Fall Break Cancelled**  
4 – CDEF – In School ACT for Seniors  
5 - GABC  
6 – DEFG  
7 – ABCD - Mass  
8 - EF- End of Quarter 1 11:00 Dismiss for Grandparents Day  
11 – GABC  
12 – DEFG- President's Assembly  
13 – ABCD- PSAT test  
14 - EFGA  
15 – BCDE  
18 – FGAB - Late Start  
19 – CDEF- Pack Time  
20 – GABC  
21 – DEFG  
22 - ABCD  
25 – EFGA  
26 – BCDE- President's Assembly  
27 - FGAB  
28 – CDEF  
29 - GABC- Seniors at Archbishop's Day

### November

1 – DEFG- Mass  
2 – ABCD - Pack Time  
3 - EFGA



*Our Lady of Prompt Succor!  
Hasten to help us!*



4 – BCDE- 8th Grade HR Breakfast / Level Meetings  
5 – FGAB - 9th Grade HR Breakfast / Level Meetings  
**8 – CDEF Archdiocese Formation Day CANCELLED**  
9 – GABC - President's Assembly  
10 – DEFG - 10th HR Breakfast / Level Meetings?  
11 – ABCD - 11th HR Breakfast / Level Meetings?  
12 – EFGA - 12th HR Breakfast / Level Meetings?  
15 - BCDE  
16 – FGAB - Pack Time  
17 – CDEF  
18 – GABC  
19 – DEFG  
29 - ABCD  
30 – EFGA - Pack Time – Luminarias

## **December**

1 – BCDE  
2 – FGAB  
3 - CDEF  
6 – GABC - Late Start  
7 – EEFG- President's Assembly  
8 – ABCD – Mass – Immaculate Conception  
9 – EFGA  
10 – BCDE  
13 – FGAB  
14-17 – First Semester Exams. Christmas holidays begin after exams on the 17<sup>th</sup> – approximately 11:45ish.

Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question. As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I miss listening to while writing the newsletter since it no longer broadcasts but I still LOL thinking about it!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Pray that we continue to recover and help those in need! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing – in spite of Ida and COVID! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Giving Thanks for Having Survived Ida as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul's School

**“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”**

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

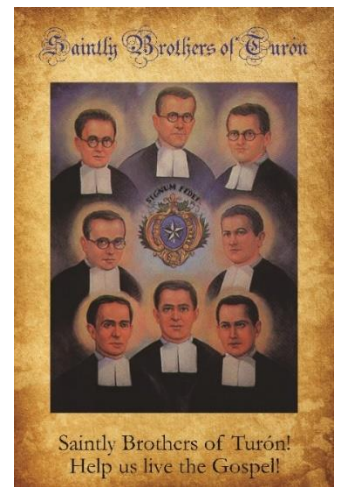
### **Let's end with Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season:**

*Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,  
spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Have a great Lasallian post-Ida week!***



*...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well,  
doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided  
to God, continuing the Mission, living  
courageously, respecting all people and living the  
Gospel!*





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