



# ***The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon (again!)** Newsletter***

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

### ***341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***

#### ***November 01 – 07, 2021***



Welcome to the fourth week (can you believe it?) of the second quarter!



*The BAC was ready to receive prospective families.*

Nov 1, is the feast of All Saints, when we remember all the people who have lived their lives really well and who have died and gone to heaven. Let's think about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants.

Our annual Open House for prospective students for 2022 - 23 occurred on Sat. While I usually have no idea as to how many people (if any) will attend, I had some advanced notice this year as families had to register for Open House (an Archdiocesan requirement.) And register, they did! We had to add extra slots! Great!

While much of our preparation was what we have done in the past, we also made some substantive changes, most notably making it a true Open House so families could come anytime between 1 and 3, limiting the size of the tour groups, and staying outside as much as possible – all due to COVID. We thus eliminated the general meeting and began tours immediately upon a family's arrival – which were spaced appropriately. As always, maintenance cleaned, sanitized, and polished, student tour guides were briefed on safety, and faculty presented well. Thanks to Trevor, Joe, Lee, department chairs, Jeaneen, Aaron, Development, students, Mothers Club, Dad's Club & maintenance for all the hard work. The results were very gratifying!

Private schools are guarded about enrollment these days. Everyone is even more concerned, however, in this age of COVID. The number of students vs. number of schools are daunting challenges – to say nothing of COVID. Here on the north shore, we compete against an excellent public-school system.

So how will SPS fare? If we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle's directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission, in spite of COVID challenges, and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and in the next life.

***Domine, Opus Tuum – no better message for us to remember as we prepare for 2022 - 23 – our 112<sup>th</sup> year!***



*SGYARDSIGNS.COM signage welcomed our guests!*



**Mon, Nov 01 (D E F G; Feast of All Saints – All School Mass – Dress Uniform for students)**

- Today we remember those who lived their lives in such union with God that this union was complete at death. These are SILENT saints who far outnumber "official" saints, and are often more cherished than "canonized" saints. John Baptist de La Salle wrote: *yearn as the saints did for the happiness which they now enjoy, considering...not the visible things, but the invisible, because the visible things are temporary, whereas the invisible are eternal.*"
- **This Day in History:** In 1512, ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time. Here's the link to the Vatican Museum site in order to view this incredible artistic achievement: [http://mv.vatican.va/3\\_EN/pages/CSN/CSN\\_Main.html](http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/CSN/CSN_Main.html)
- **TDIH:** In 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School opened with just 12 students. In 1874, the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools in America.
- **Authors' Day:** Read your favorite author today!



*Students, mums, and pumpkins add beauty to the campus!*

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## **Tue, Nov 02 (A B C D – Pack Time)**

- **All Souls Day:** Today we remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life.
- **Deviled Egg Day**
- **Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)** The Spanish Department will again observe the Day of the Dead. All Spanish classes will participate. It's a moving ceremony. We celebrate our loved ones who are no longer with us and remember that they remain always in our hearts.

## **Wed, Nov 03(EFGA)**

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika
- **Sandwich Day:** Enjoy!
- **Cliché Day:** From the NCD website: *Every dog has his day. And evidently, so does every minuscule detail of modern society, including the cliché. Not to beat around the bush about it; we'll just come right out and tell you that, as hard as this fact may be to swallow, today is National Cliché Day. Really, we're not just yanking your chain. We wouldn't pull your leg about something as serious as National Cliché Day. By the time National Cliché Day is over, a good time will have been had by all.* Use your favorite clichés today.
- **Love Your Lawyer Day:** No lawyer jokes today!
- **Wrestling:** SPS v. Mandeville **Basketball:** JV & Varsity scrimmage at Helen Cox
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Fontainebleau (5:30)

## **Thu, Nov 04 – (B C D E – Pre-freshman Honor Roll Breakfast in the BAC)**

- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history.
- **Use Your Common-Sense Day:** While CS should be used EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **Men Make Dinner Day (1<sup>st</sup> Thu of Nov):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight or make sandwiches – or take the family out to eat!
- **Tennis:** Scrimmage v. Catholic High at Stone Creek

## **Fri, Nov 05 (9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in the BAC; F G Assembly A B)**

- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. The day is celebrated in England with bonfires and fireworks. Only the British!
- **Special Assembly after second block for alumni from 1970 & 71 whose assemblies were postponed the last two years due to COVID.** They are gathering today for reunions and to attend F'bleau football game.
- **Football:** SPS v. Fontainebleau in regular season finale

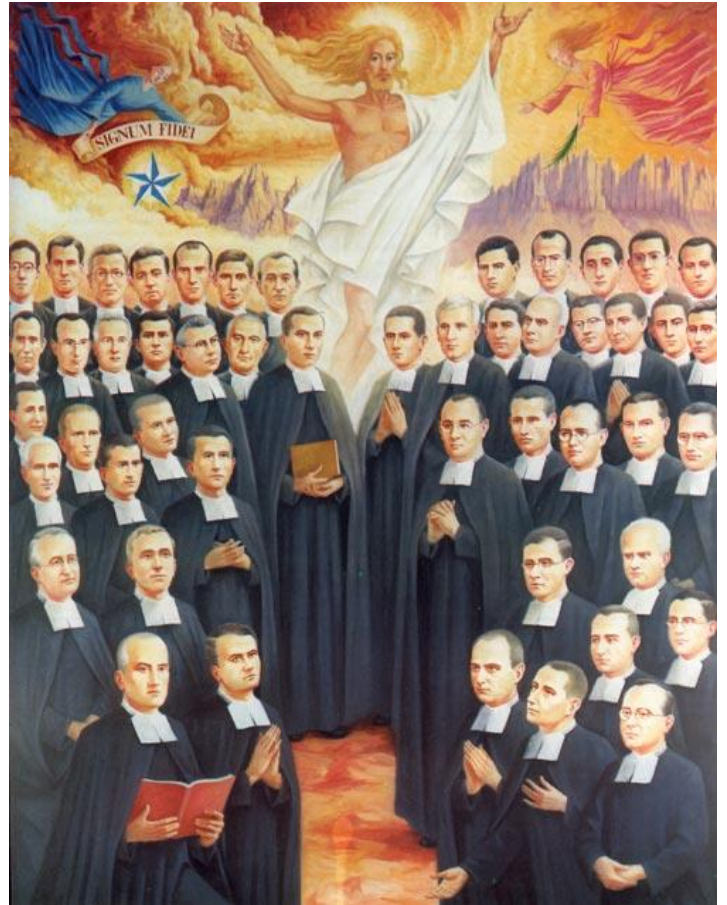
## **Sat, Nov 06**

- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, was born. Play some basketball today! Or in my case, watch some basketball today!



## ***Dress Uniform Day on Monday, November 1 for all-school mass!***

- **TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.
- **Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today! Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass, TX) who is recorded to have first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the restaurant after it had closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!
- **Saxophone Day:** Adolphe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. I wish you could have the Marching Wolves sax section play for us today!
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi in Jesuit Meet; JV in Rummel Meet
- **Cross Country Regional Meet**
- **Soccer:** 9th, JV & Varsity v. Catholic starting at 9



**Sun, Nov 7**

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time ends this morning at 2 am. Fall back! Enjoy the extra hour!**
- **TDIH:** In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected to an unprecedented fourth term as president.
- **Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day:** Indulge!

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*Media I students record a podcast.*

# Rise Up, O Men of God

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

**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/>

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**AFTER SCHOOL:** The Library remains 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.

**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!

**ASSEMBLY ON OCT 26:** I hope the students enjoyed MY assembly last week. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the new gym to the strains of “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above”, from a CD made several years ago by the Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry. I explained that the Catholic Church dedicates October to Mary and that this song is one of the oldest and most beloved of Marian hymns. I further explained that October is the month of the Rosary and that once again, a dedicated SPS mom who had five sons graduate from SPS donated hundreds of rosaries for the students – as she does each year. I encouraged the students to get one of these rosaries from their religion teachers, keep it in their pockets, and pray the rosary whenever they have the time. They don't need to say the whole thing if they don't have time, but just a decade or even one Hail Mary as they wait at a traffic signal or walk from building to building.
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Reid Bachman**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: *the Great-Grandmother of Ethan '23 & Brett '26 West, Mr. Edgar Cretin, Jr, grandfather of Evan Brouillette '25, Brother Duane Gregory, FSC, and Brother Thomas Ward, FSC*
- Reminded all 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
- Congratulated the student body for the spiritually uplifting all-school mass on Oct 7. In particular, I recognized our senior Eucharistic Ministers and presented them with their Certificates of Delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans, which allows the boys to be EMs both here at school and in their home parishes: **Will Allen, Isaiah Ayo, Beau Barre', Aiden Barrios, Daniel Bitterwolf, Ryan Blanchard, Clayton Cockfield, Joseph Cresson, Gavin Dominique, Trey Faherty, Zachrey Gros, Andrew Hightower, Brian Lea, Ashton Means, Carter Murphy, Preston Orgeron, Nick Piazza, Roch Ragan, Sergio Romero, Gabriel Simpson, Cameron Smith, Alex Tepper, Brayden Turni, Marco Vargas, Hayden Vogt, Gil Ward, Blake Weimer.**



*Thank you, EMs, for your spiritual service to the school!*



- Recognized and congratulated the students who participated in the most recent Special Olympics event in Hammond: **Ethan Wilson, Joseph Cresson, Peter Verges, Andrew Hightower, Jacob Tomba, Danny Whalen, Johnny Palmer, Patrick Darrah, Hastings Savage, Tyson Burns, Matthew Aubrey, Henry Englehart, Dominic Muguira Grant Voyles, Keegan Burrell, Davis Peltier, Vincent Picou, Colin Ocman, Roman Cumberland, Jacob Khashu, Sam Bonaldi, Coaches Alex Lacour, Gabe Emerson, Al Nastasi, Terrel Chatham & Kevin Moore.**
- Then, as if by magic, German composer's Ride of the Valkyries from Act III of his opera **Die Walkure** started playing – which I associated with some of our sports teams (ask your son to explain it.) This gave me the opportunity to recognition our very successful football teams: At the time, varsity was 6 -, JV was 7-0, 9<sup>th</sup> grade was 6-1 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade was 3 -3, with two of the losses coming in overtime. While the music played, I projected pics of our last few games, including a pic of the Little Brown Jug, now safely back “home” at SPS.
- Congratulated and recognized Coach Ken Sears and the team for honoring Michael Doherty by retiring his jersey. Michael's courage since his accident has been inspiring to all!
- Recognized and congratulated the Marching Wolves for their great halftime performances. Projected a one-minute video of senior Miguel d'Elia performing a guitar solo on the field to enthralled fans.
- Then, as if by magic, George Frideric Handel's “Water Music” started playing. And if the Water Music is playing, the Aqua Wolves must be swimming. Here is recap of their season so far: The wolves have had victories over Northshore, Lakeshore, and Fontainebleau, as well as Hannan and Northlake Christian. They have lost only to the top two teams in the state last year, Jesuit and Catholic. Our top points finisher to date has been senior captain Cameron Smith, posting wins in each meet the team has competed. Senior captain Jack Rodgers, Juniors Jack McNamara and Roman Fouchi have also posted victories and have been top point scorers for the SPS.

*Geaux Aqua Wolves! Regional Champs – again!*



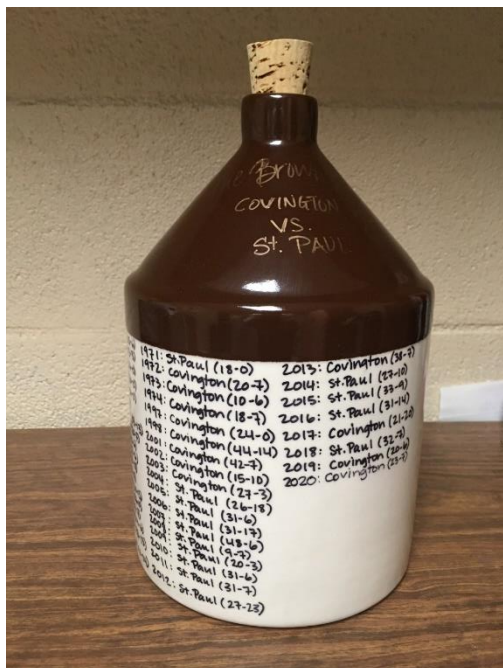
As I was running out of time, the other recognitions I have lined up will roll over to the next assembly. We closed with the following:

- I explained report card grading to the boys and reminded them how to calculate their semester grade, which is the most important one. And I reminded the boys that Honor Roll Breakfasts begin on Nov 4.
  - I promoted attending “Peter and the Starcatcher” which opens in two weeks. It will be great.
  - Recognize
- I again reminded the students of the “pearl” they were given at the start of the school year and asked them to evaluate if the pearl was increasing in value – which only they can control.
  - We closed with the boys singing Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above – it was wonderful.
  - As junior **Rooster Cather** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of “Hail Holy Queen” by Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry.
  - It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

**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.**

**BLUE RIBBON CEREMONY:** Trevor and Joe travel to Washington, DC on Wednesday for two days of Blue Ribbon celebration at the US Department of Education's official Blue Ribbon presentation ceremony. Godspeed to them and congrats to all of you for helping make this award possible!



**BROWN JUG TRIVIA:** As I mentioned at assembly on Tue, the Brown Jug is safely ensconced in the show case in the main school building – where it belongs. As I also mentioned at assembly, the retired Brothers were recently bantering among themselves with delight at the return of the Brown Jug to SPS. In the course of the conversation, we made an amazing discovery: Retired Brother Thomas Ward, 101 years old, was actually a student at SPS and **attended the very first Covington – SPS** game back in 1935 – the very first Little Brown Jug contest and Saint Paul's College (as the school was known back then) **WON!** Amazing! As we laid Brother Thomas to rest last week, we rejoiced that one of his final days on earth saw the return of the coveted jug to the campus he loved. Thanks Football Wolves for giving him this wonderful gift. BTW, the jug in the showcase is a replica. The original jug is in the Smith Hardware's Museum in downtown Covington.



**BOWLING** (Yes, I know this is out of alphabetical order but it was a late add and fit better in this space): **Calling all interested bowlers! The Call-Out meeting for the 2021-2022 Bowling Wolves will be held at lunch, Monday, November 8th in L207.**

**CAFETERIA: NEW from Ellen Gauthreaux, executive director of School Food & Nutrition Services:**

*School Food and Nutrition Services (SFNS) is facing some significant challenges. In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, a labor shortage has affected the food distribution and production industries. Unfilled cafeteria positions are forcing some cafeterias to stop preparing homemade items, offer less food choices and work harder than ever. Many food shortages have been encountered, including ground beef, chicken nuggets, margarine, bread and juice. To ensure that our cafeterias receive the necessary components to serve healthy meal options, we are in constant communication with our vendors. I apologize for the inconvenience your students are encountering. Menu changes and food options are changing constantly. However, SFNS is committed to serving your students. Every child will continue to have access to safe and nutritious school meals in spite of the challenges we face.....it is our profession.....it is our passion.....it is our ministry.*

- 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. **Breakfast and lunch remain FREE – but the boys are charged if they order “extras” servings.**



**CALENDAR EDITS:** 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-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.

**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.

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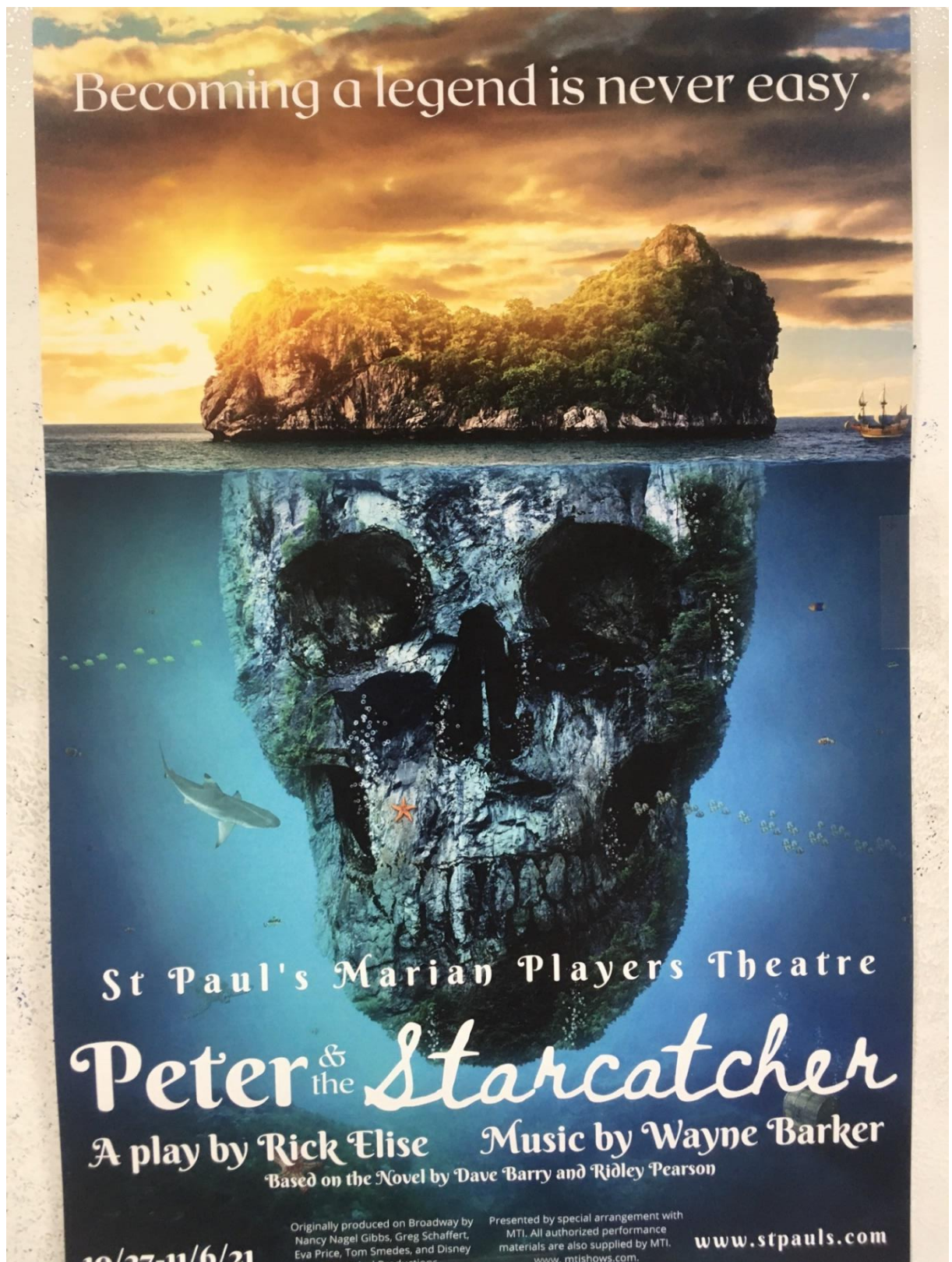
#### **CELL PHONES:**

- **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.
- **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.

**COATS FOR KIDS:** The Knights of Columbus is collecting coats for kids and young adults. If you have any gently worn or new coats to donate, please drop them off outside of Ms. Claire's office in main school building.

**DRAMA:** Our acclaimed drama department, The Marian Players, opens its fall season on Nov 10 with “Peter and the Starcatcher.” It’s a prequel to the Peter Pan story. Due to COVID, seating is limited so get your tickets early on our website, <https://ticketpeak.co/stpauls/events>





**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.

**FEAST OF ST. JUDE & SPS:** I neglected in last week's newsletter to explain why we at Saint Paul's should care about St. Jude, Patron Saint of Impossible Causes, whose feast we celebrated last Thursday. In 1955, the school needed a new gym. Our "old gym" (now the Alumni Memorial Theater) had been ruled unsuitable for games by the LHSAA and the basketball team was actually practicing at Covington High (which is where the now William Pitcher school is located) and there were no home games. But the school was in poor financial straits. Nevertheless, with the eyes of Faith, the Brothers undertook construction of a "new gym." In a Hollywood-worthy story-line (which you can read in *The Saint Paul's Story*), the gym was completed in April of 1956 for the incredible price of \$40,000. The then-President of SP, Brother Carl Conrad named the building the "St. Jude Center", since everyone had thought that it would be impossible to get a fine gym like this so quickly and at so low a cost. I guess I should have prayed to St. Jude during construction of the band building. BTW: Brother Conrad left SP at the end of that year. I think he was worn out! Hmmmm.... Maybe I should follow his lead when the band building is finally finished? Some would hope so!



*Junior religion classes write reflection outside.*

**HAND SANITIZING:** School policy calls for each student to hand sanitize when entering each class. Ample supplies of hand sanitizer are in each classroom. Please encourage your sons to cooperate with this hygienic practice. As flu season approaches, sanitizing becomes more important than ever.

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**HELPING SPS:** Don't forget: here are painless way to help SPS:

- 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.



*New band hall is nearing completion! Note the landscape beginning at left!*

**HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS:** We begin these on Thu with 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Friday with 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the BAC. We have been able to ease some COVID modifications. Masks are no longer required. **The following will apply:**

- **Students may have TWO guests.** Please do not bring more. We do not have space or food for extras.
- Students and guests go **DIRECTLY** to the BAC. They do **NOT** go to class first.
- Fare will be individually bagged Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits, fruit, juice and water;
- We begin at 7:50 sharp and it's over by 8:30 at the latest. Students will be recognized individually, and yours truly will make some congratulatory remarks. COVID can't stop my vocab lessons!
- Congratulations to our honor roll students!

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### **LAST WEEK:**

- **Cross Country:** Wolves ran hard and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in District. And the JV finished in first place with a tiebreak win over Mandeville. Geaux CC Wolves!
- **Football:** 8th grade defeated St. Aug, 9<sup>th</sup> defeated Ponchatoula, and Varsity fought hard against Ponchy.
- **Mask Mandate:** We give thanks for this additional step to normalcy. I am now struggling to re-learn the names of some of my students as they look completely different without the masks! But I have gained instructional time by not having to stop and remind them to “mask up” 20 times per class!
- **Moms for Mums:** Many thanks for all the mums, pumpkins, etc. that are currently beautifying SPS! Our moms are the best! The campus looks GREAT!
- **Mothers’ Club Social:** Almost 100 SPS moms gathered in the BAC last Tuesday to celebrate the Mothers Club. Once again, the ladies outdid themselves in decorations and refreshments. I good time seemed to be had by all – in spite of having to listen to yours truly give a short address about the history of the current iteration of the MC. I don’t have the words to thank the MC for ALL that they do for us. Congrats to President Lori Kilgore and her administrative team. Our MC is the best!
- **Swim Team:** ANOTHR NORTHLAKE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR! Yes, I am shouting for joy! Of the 13 northshore teams, SPS finished more than 100 points ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place F’Bleau! Quite an accomplishment! I hear Handel playing! Go Aqua Wolves! Senior Cameron Smith was named Male Swimmer of the Meet.
- **Ultimate Frisbee:** The UF Wolves traveled to Bro. Martin on Sat and represented us well. Varsity lost a tough one but JV came through with a win! Geaux Ultimate Wolves!

### **MARCH THROUGH THE ARCH PICTURES FOR SENIORS ARE IN:**

Expressions Photography did an outstanding job in producing this year’s March through the Arch pictures for seniors. The pictures are in the Administration Building and may be picked up during regular business hours. If you want your son to pick up the pic and bring it home, please send a note authorizing him to do so. Unfortunately, we must do this as in the past, some seniors got the pics and left them in their book bags or back car seats and the pics never made it home.

Thanks to Expressions for making this year’s pics so memorable.

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**MASKS:** Governor John Bel Edwards has lifted the mask mandate for schools that follow the CDC quarantine guidelines – which SPS does. Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. RaeNell Houston has informed us that we may follow the Governor’s procedures. Accordingly, our mask mandate is lifted but students and guests may still mask if they wish. No problem.

**NOVEMBER:** In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!

**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](mailto:broray@stpauls.com) or hit “reply” to this email!**



**OCTOBERFEST:** Saint Paul's first Oktoberfest has been **re-scheduled** for Saturday, December 4 on Saint Paul's campus. Dust off your dirndl dress, launder your lederhosen and join us for an EPIC day of stein slurping with your best mates! The German-inspired, family-friendly celebration will make its oom-pah, inaugural arrival with contest traditions for stein-carrying, pretzel-whistling, and strudel-eating, along with a dancing, live entertainment and an array of authentic, Bavarian food. General admission is \$5 per person. Children 6 and under are free. Check out our sponsorship opportunities today at [www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com)



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*Dress Uniform Day on Monday, November 1 for all-school mass!*



**OLL'S FESTIVAL OF THE LAKE is this weekend, November 5th, 6th and 7th We need your help!!!!**

Time slots still open-

Friday - 7:20pm-10:20pm

Saturday-10:45am-1:45pm

Saturday- 1:35pm-4:35pm

Saturday-4:25pm-7:25pm

Saturday -7:15pm-10:15pm

Sunday-10:40am-1:40pm

Please call Shawn Klein at(504)235-9008 or [sklein1534@gmail.com](mailto:sklein1534@gmail.com) for booth time slots.

**PAPER WOLF:** Please read The Paper Wolf! ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) I do! We've got an outstanding, AWARD-WINNING digital newspaper! Compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe! Support the future of journalism! Geaux Paper Wolves!



**REPORT CARDS, SEMESTER GRADES, & HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST:** We emailed a first quarter report card on Friday, Oct 15. Let me know if you don't receive it, but check your spam folder first as they often land there. **Remember that the first quarter accounts for 40% of the semester grade, with the second quarter accounting for 40% and the semester exam accounting for 20%. Remember that the only grade that really counts is the SEMESTER grade – that's the one that goes on transcripts and is used to calculate grade point average.**



**And HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST** invitations for parents and students have been emailed. **Dates for the level breakfasts are printed below in the Look Ahead calendar.** They begin Thu with 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Note the procedures listed above.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** School safety remains paramount for all. Promote safety with your son. 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.

**SILENT SUSTAINED READING:** SSR occurs during the first 15 minutes of Block 2, when everyone reads 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, speak with your sons about social media use. We have already dealt with issues. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media. And read about Tic Toc!**

**SLOW YOUR ROLL.** This week is the two-year anniversary of Mayor Mark Johnson's initiative to improve driving habits within Covington – one of his main campaign pledges. Did you know:

- Two of the most often repeated complaints to the candidates in last year's election were speeding and the running of stop signs? And SPS students/parents came in for their fair share of blame!
- On any given weekday, over 15,000 people drive into and out of Covington?
- Many of our streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of the automobile, thus not designed for cars?

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. Please reinforce this with students whenever possible. I do so with parents. And please set a good example yourself, as in the words of Saint La Salle: **"Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."**

**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,**

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**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!

**WOLF PACKS:** Each student is assigned 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. We meet again this Tuesday.



*Even math can be fun outdoors when working with a friend!*

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** In honor of Sandwich Day on Wed and Chocolate Day on Sunday:

- *Bacon said to tomato, "Lettuce get together."*
- *The tomato was red when it saw the sandwich dressing!*
- *What did the vegetables say to the Sandwich? Lettuce all smile.*
- *You get an Indian Sandwich at the New Delhi.*
- *What do you eat at the beach? A Sand-wich.*



- *Who casts spells at the beach? The Sand-witch.*
- *Golfers eat at the sand-wedge shop.*
- *Why don't Americans eat snail sandwiches? Because they like "Fast Food".*
- *What did the fisherman catch when he used peanut butter as bait? A jellyfish.*
- *A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says "Sorry we don't serve food in here"*
- *What kind of candy is never on time? ChocoLATE.*
- *What do you call Chewbacca when he has chocolate stuck in his hair? Chocolate Chip Wookiee.*
- *Why did the donut visit the dentist? He needed a chocolate filling.*
- *I heard a joke about chocolate bars, and it wasn't that funny. So I just snickered. {LOL!}*
- *What do you call an ant dipped in chocolate? Decad-ant*
- *What is a French cat's favorite dessert? Chocolate mousse.*
- *What do you call stolen cocoa? Hot chocolate.*
- *What do you call a lamb covered in chocolate? A candy baaa.*
- *What is an astronaut's favorite chocolate? A Mars bar.*
- *What is a monkey's favorite cookie? Chocolate chimp.*
- *What's the best part of Valentine's Day? The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale.*

**A LOOK AHEAD:** Here are the period rotations for the first semester (assuming no more 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.**

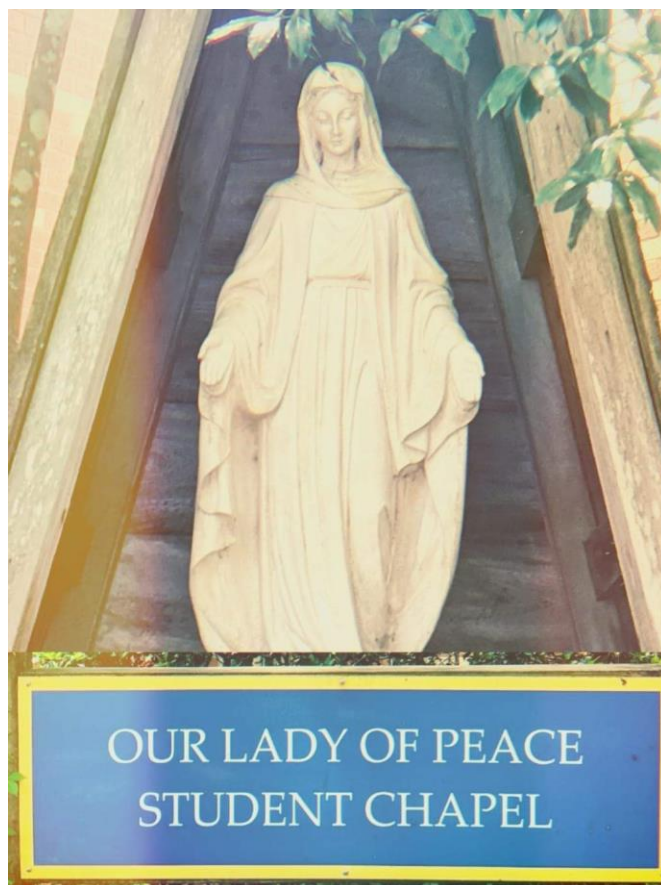
**First Semester Period Rotation – REVISED, POST-ID**

### November

- 1 – DEFG- All school Mass; dress uniforms!
- 2 – ABCD - Pack Time
- 3 - EFGA
- 4 – BCDE- 8th Grade HR Breakfast / Level Meetings
- 5 – FGAB - 9th Grade HR Breakfast / Level Meetings
- **8 – CDEF Full day of class**
- 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 – Fall food drive begins
- 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.

## ***Did I mention we have a Dress Uniform Day on Monday, November 1 for all-school mass?***

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

Made It To November 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 with our Lasallian Prayer for Peace:**

*We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope! Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!*



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