

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Thomas Ward, FSC – a member of the Saint Paul's Brothers Community. Brother Thomas died peacefully at our residence late Friday evening at the age of 101. Brother Thomas attended Saint Paul's as a student and taught here for many years. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him!



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



Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington

341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world

October 25 – 31, 2021

Welcome to the third week of the second quarter! Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.

Saint Paul's School
Grades 8 – 12

Open House
Saturday, October 30th

1:00-3:00 pm
Briggs Assembly Center
917 S. Jahncke Ave.

Register online for Open House
at www.stpauls.com

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and ethnic origin in the administration of admissions policies.

I can't overstate the importance of this event on Saturday, which will help determine our future. I need you to spread the word about SPS. If a family can't make Open House, they may call for a private tour. Thanks for all you do to promote Saint Paul's! Thanks to all who are working so hard to make Saturday a success!

Saint John Baptist de La Salle! Pray for us! Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever!

Mon, Oct 25 (E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** In 1854, during the Crimean War, the Charge of the Light Brigade occurred. Of the 673 British cavalrymen, 272 were killed. The Charge was later immortalized in the poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. (*Theirs not to make reply, Theirs not to reason why, Theirs but to do and die. Into the valley of Death Rode the six hundred*) Re-read this famous poem today!
- **TDIH:** In 1983, over 2000 US Marines and Army Rangers invaded the tiny Caribbean Island of Grenada “to restore order and democracy.”
- **TDIH.** In 1881, Pablo Picasso, co-founder of the Cubist movement and one of the greatest, most influential artists of 20th century, is born in Malaga, Spain. Spend time today viewing some Picasso. Here’s a link: http://www.google.com/images?q=picasso&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=univ&ei=D3XBTl_6AoT7lwff25nLCg&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=4&ved=0CEoQsAQwAw&biw=1024&bih=578
- **TDIH:** In 2016, the Advanced Ed/Southern Association Quality Review Team arrived on campus for a three-day inspection of our school. SPS passed with flying colors – just like this year!
- **Sour Day:** Life given you lemons? Today’s the day to shout about it. Reserve the right to be grumpy, irritable and sour about the world and everything in it. But tomorrow you’ve got to be sweet to everyone!
- **Pasta Day:** Last week was National Pasta Day, now it’s World Pasta Day – so eat some more pasta!
- **Soccer and Freshman Basketball Tryouts begin**



CORE Pack students work the PJ's Coffee Shop

Tue, Oct 26 (B C D E – President’s Assembly)

- **TDIH:** In 1958, Pan Am Airways flies the first direct commercial jet flight from New York to Paris using a Boeing 707.
- **TDIH:** In 1881, the Earp brothers face off against the Clanton-McLaury gang in a shootout at the OK Corral in Tombstone, AZ. Relive some Old West history today!
- **Howl at the Moon Day:** Release your inner wolf and go wild – full moon or not!
- **Cross Country District Meet**
- **Mothers’ Club Social (6:30 in the BAC):** re-scheduled from postponement due to Ida.

Wed, Oct 27 (F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1858, Teddy Roosevelt is born in NY City. In his honor, speak softly, but don’t carry a big stick!
- **Cranky Co-Workers Day:** Let cranky co-workers enjoy their miseries. Fortunately, we have no cranky SPS ones – just a cranky President, Principal, AP, and Dean.
- **Navy Day:** In the US, Navy Day is commonly celebrated on Oct 27th. This date was selected as it was the birth date of President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid supporter of the US Navy. In the 1970’s, research determined that the birthdate of the US Continental Navy was Oct 13, 1775. At the time, efforts were made to move Navy Day to this date. However, Navy Day in the US is still largely recognized as Oct 27. We salute all members of the US Navy, both past and present, and thank them for their service to our country.
- **Football:** 9th/JV v. Ponchatoula (5:30)
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity scrimmage Lakeshore (5:30)



Boys help with Moms for Mums project!

Thu, Oct 28 (C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1922, hundreds gather around radios to hear the first-ever cross-country broadcast of a college football game. The Princeton Tigers beat Coach Amos Alonso Stagg's formidable Chicago Maroons.
- **TDIH:** In 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated by President Grover Cleveland on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolution. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300 feet tall. The pedestal contains the words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door."
- **Chocolate Day:** Indulge! (As if some needed a reason!)
- **Football:** 8th v. St. Aug (TBA)

Fri, Oct 29 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1969, the first electronic message was sent via the Internet. Let's not draw attention to the fact that the system crashed half way through sending it, though. And speaking of crashes, in 1929, the New York Stock Exchange "crashes" beginning the Great Depression.
- **TDIH:** Today marks the anniversary of the canonization of Saint Brother Benilde in Rome: Oct 29, 1967! Let us remember this remarkable saint who was noted for doing the ordinary things in an extraordinary way. May we strive to imitate him!
- **Hermit Day:** a day to spend quietly in seclusion. Hmmmm.... Sounds good to me!
- **Candy Corn Day:** Indulge! (Notice a theme building up to Halloween?)
- **Cat Day:** OK you cat lovers! Here's your day to celebrate with Tabby!
- **Football:** Varsity at Ponchatoula (7)



A meditative moment for this Wolf....

Sat, Oct 30

- **TDIH:** In 1938, Orson Welles causes a nationwide panic with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds"—a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth. You can listen to this classic on You Tube.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, for the first time since the Ice Age, Great Britain becomes connected with the European continent via a new rail tunnel (called the chunnel) under the English Channel.
- **Haunted Refrigerator Night:** Who knows what evil lurks in your refrigerator? It's time to be afraid, very afraid. Gather friends, open the refrigerator door, and venture unto the realm of the lower shelf, rear. That "thing" inside that container is much more horrifying than any trick or treater tomorrow night!
- **Caramelized Apple Day:** Just eat the apple sans the caramel.
- **Checklist Day:** During the 1930s, early aviators searched for ways for flying to be safer and avoid the all-too-common takeoff crash. One group came up with the idea to create a checklist before taxiing down the runway. The origins of Checklist Day can be traced back to this singular event. So how do you celebrate today? Make a checklist!
- **Open House for Prospective Students (1 – 3)** We pray for good weather and a large turnout!
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi tournament at Bro. Martin

Sun, Oct 31

- **Happy Halloween!** I offer you a traditional Scottish prayer: *From ghoulies and ghosties / and long-leggedy beasties / And things that go bump in the night, / Good Lord, deliver us!*
- **TDIH:** In 1517, the priest & scholar Martin Luther nails a paper to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg. The paper contained the 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation.
- **TDIH:** In 1940, the Battle of Britain ends. Beginning on July 10, 1940, German bombers and fighters had attacked coastal targets, airfields, London and other cities, as a prelude to a Nazi invasion of England. British pilots of Spitfires and Hurricanes show down over 1,700 German aircraft while losing 915 fighters. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill.
- **TDIH:** In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. It contains 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four presidents – representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion/conservation. Trivia: can you name the four presidents? Answer at end.
- **Forgiveness Day:** The mission of FD (last Sat of Oct) is to encourage people to ask for forgiveness and to forgive one another while creating an understanding of the power of love, the joy of forgiveness, and the peace of humility in the hearts of positive people. **I ask anyone whom I've offended to forgive me and will offer my forgiveness to anyone who wants it** – but I'm not easily offended so very few people fall into that category!
- **Knock-Knock Joke Day:** Drive all crazy today by telling K-K jokes. It's always on Halloween.

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 8th 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/>

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.

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!

ATHLETICS: Reminder: You must have current athletic paperwork on file before you try out or practice for any sport. Please see Ms. Claire if you have questions about your paperwork.

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. 17th.

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.

- 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.

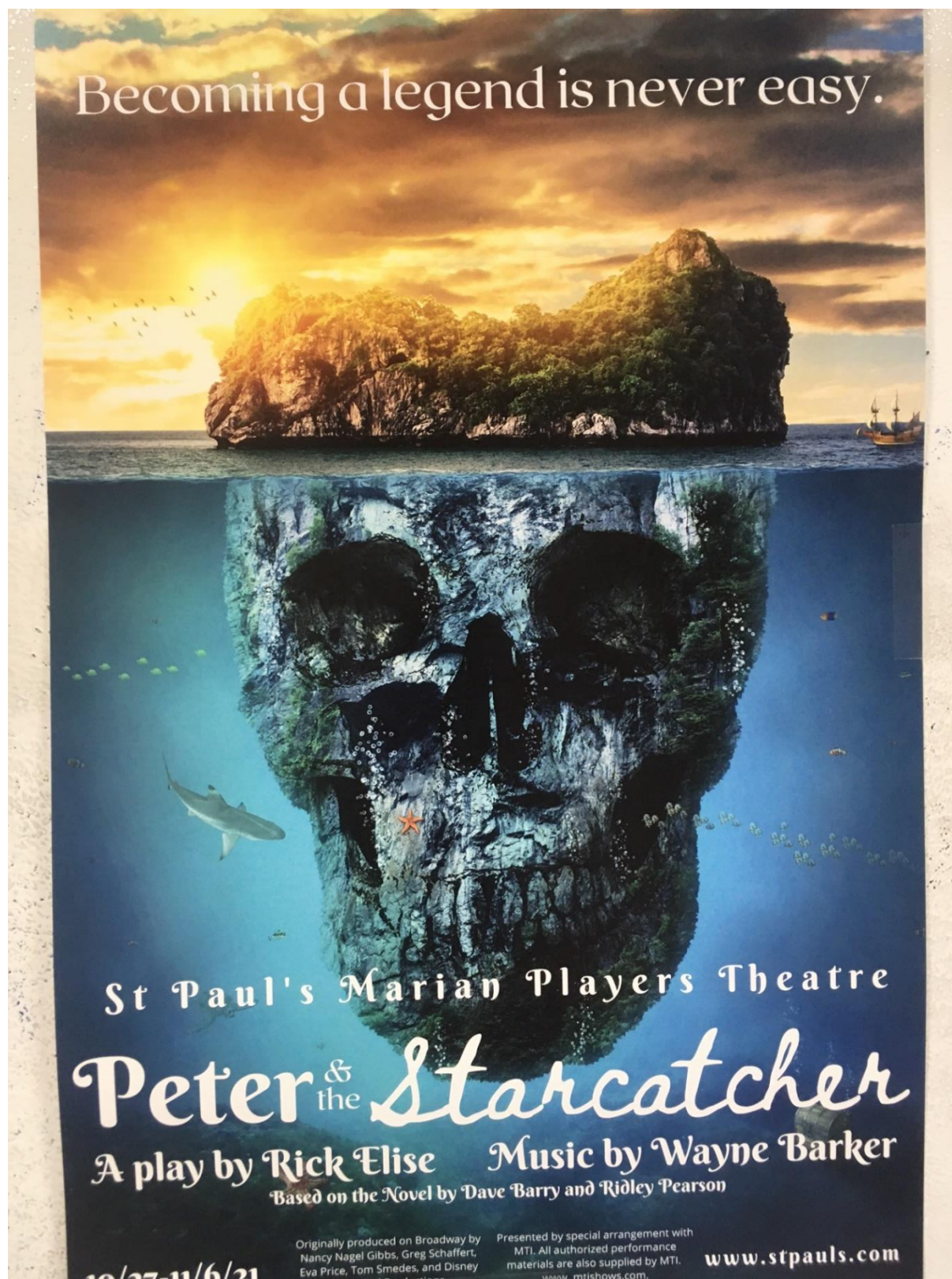
CAR LINES: There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder's Circle as a departure point, **cars must drop off students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – you may not block traffic in 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.

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 and some performances are already sold out! Reserve the remaining tickets 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.

GREATER LASALLIAN WORLD: Mr. Andrew Kuffner, president of La Salle Catholic College Prep in Portland, OR for the past seven years, announced last week his intent to retire at the end of this academic year. During his tenure, LSCCP has continued to develop into an outstanding institution. President Kuffner has every reason to be proud. We wish him an outstanding final year and offer prayer for a successful successor search.

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.



Students enjoy Kahoot during Wolf Pack last week.



*The Mothers' Club represented St. Paul's today at the Habitat Women Build!!!
Geaux SPS MC!*

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.

LAST WEEK:

- **ACT:** Flawless administration by the staff!
- **Band Hall:** A few setbacks have again pushed back the occupancy. We are close, though!
- **CC Wolves** were at 'em
- **Lasallian Days of Peace:** Thanks to campus ministry for uniting us with global Lasallians as we brought our month of prayers for peace to an official close. Naturally, we continue praying for peace and hope that our month of prayer has made the world a more peaceful place.
- **Football:** Thrilling OT 1pt win over Mandeville on Friday followed a JV win v. Mandy on Wed. And 8th grade fought hard against Jesuit on Saturday, losing in OT! **GEAUX WOLVES!**
- **Parent Conferences:** Thanks to all who showed last Monday. I hope your time with our faculty was worthwhile for you.
- **Lasallians on Campus:** Thirteen educators from Lasallian schools from CA to TX. Our guests were suitably impressed with their visit last week.
- **Winter Sports:** Wrestling, basketball and soccer seasons are starting with tryouts, practices and scrimmages.
- **Wolf Packs:** Great Kahoot game during WP time! Thanks, Jeff!
- **Dads' Club:** Thanks to all who helped "clean the campus" for Open House on Sat!



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.

MASKS: Governor John Bel Edwards has extended the mask mandate until October 27. He specifically identified schools as falling under the mandate. The order was reinforced by 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.*** Saint Paul's will comply, continuing to enforce masking while indoors.

MOMS FOR MUMS: The MC asked is they could resurrect this tradition of a few years ago. I said “of course” as I remember the campus ablaze with mums at this time of year. Thanks, MC, and all who can help.

Moms for Mums

The Mothers' Club would like to tell you about *Moms for Mums*. Over the next few weeks, please honor your sons by donating a potted mum which will be used to beautify the campus. Please send the mum(s) with your sons, or drop off at one of the planters in Founders Circle.



Our annual appeal for mums is scheduled for

October 18-29

just in time for our Open House for prospective students. Help make the campus ablaze with mums to celebrate the fall and to welcome visitors on Open House.

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!**

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



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www.Festivalofthelake.com

PAPER WOLF: Please read The Paper Wolf! (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 will be emailed Monday. **Dates for the level breakfasts are printed below in the Look Ahead calendar.** They begin in early Nov. HR Students may invite two guests only.

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."**

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK occurred last week. Every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, texting, speeding, and number of passengers. **Some sobering stats:**

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15-18 years old) in the United States.
- In 2017, 2,247 people died in crashes involving a teen driver, of which 755 deaths were the teen driver.
- Parents can be the biggest influencers on teens' choices behind the wheel if they take the time to talk with their teens about some of the biggest driving risks.
- <https://www.teendriversource.org/advocacy-education/national-teen-driver-safety-week>

TIC TOC SCHOOL VANDALISM: TIC TOC (don't ask me to explain it; ask your son) is encouraging school bathroom vandalism. And their latest is even worse: encouraging students to slap teachers! Just google it. Unfortunately, and this is the embarrassing part, it hit SPS recently, with soap dispensers being ripped off of walls – in our newly constructed buildings, no less! **PLEASE** speak with your son about this and have him report any vandalism about which he knows. **SERIOUS** disciplinary measures will be imposed.

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 13th and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11th 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 11th 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!

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.

WEEKLY HUMOR: In honor of Halloween, some ghost, vampire and skeleton jokes!

- *Why do ghosts go diet? To their ghoulish figures*
- *Where does a ghost go on vacation? Mali-boo.*
- *What is in a ghost's nose? Boo-gers.*
- *Why did the policeman ticket the ghost on Halloween? It didn't have a haunting license.*
- *Why do demons and ghouls hang out together? Because demons are a ghouls best friend!*
- *What does a panda ghost eat? Bam-BOO!*
- *What's a ghost's favorite dessert? I-Scream!*
- *Why don't mummies take time off? They're afraid to unwind.*
- *Why did the headless horseman go into business? He wanted to get ahead in life.*
- *What kind of music do mummies like listening to on Halloween? Wrap music.*
- *Why don't mummies have friends? Because they're too wrapped up in themselves.*
- *Why did the vampire read the newspaper? He heard it had great circulation.*
- *How do vampires get around on Halloween? On blood vessels.*
- *What's it like to be kissed by a vampire? It's a pain in the neck.*
- *What's it called when a vampire has trouble with his house? A grave problem.*
- *How can you tell when a vampire visits a bakery? All the jelly is sucked out of the jelly doughnuts.*
- *You get frostbite when you cross a vampire and a snowman.*
- *Why do skeletons have low self-esteem? They have no body to love.*
- *Why are skeletons so calm? Because nothing gets under their skin.*
- *What do you call a cleaning skeleton? The grim sweeper.*
- *What do skeletons order at a restaurant? Spare ribs.*
- *The crossing gourd helps the little pumpkins cross the road safely.*
- *What treat do eye doctors give out on Halloween? Candy corneas.*
- *What type of plants do well on Halloween? Bam-BOO!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

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.



Mr. Joe Cronan, SPS Class of 1945, visited last week and pointed to his dorm!

First Semester Period Rotation – REVISED, POST-IDA

October

- 25 – EFGA
- 26 – BCDE- President's Assembly
- 27 - FGAB
- 28 – CDEF
- 29 – GABC

November

- 1 – DEFG- Mass
- 2 – ABCD - Pack Time
- 3 - EFGA
- 4 – BCDE- 8th Grade HR Breakfast / Level Meetings
- 5 – FGAB - 9th Grade HR Breakfast / Level Meetings
- **8 – CDEF Archdiocese Formation Day CANCELLED; 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 17th – 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

Made It To The Last Week of Oct and I'm Still the 17th 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!



*Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well,
making courageous choices, doing God's will,
remaining faithful, being guided to God,
continuing our Lasallian Mission, living
courageously, respecting all people, and living
the Gospel!*

Answer to Oct 31 Trivia Question: The four presidents on Mount Rushmore are George Washington (founding), Thomas Jefferson (political philosophy), Abraham Lincoln (preservation) & Theodore Roosevelt (expansion/conservation.)



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