



**The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter**  
***Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***  
**February 07 – 13, 2022**



Welcome to the sixth week of the third quarter! Wow! Time flies when you are having fun!



On Wednesday, February 9, Lasallians observe the feast of **Saint Brother Miguel Febres Cordero** (1854-1940.) Born into a prominent Ecuadorian family, and **crippled from birth**, Miguel became the **first native Ecuadorian Christian Brother**. He had such a reputation as scholar, teacher, & saint that **Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1984**. Teaching remained Brother Miguel's priority, and his students admired his **simplicity, concern for them, directness, and piety**. Miguel excelled as a teacher and looked "for every possible way to make the **lessons and work agreeable and pleasant** for students." After Brother Miguel had taught the same material for twenty years, a confrere asked him why he **spent so much time with lesson plans**. Brother replied: ***I can find a better way of presenting it every year. If I teach this material for another 20 years, I will find newer and better ways of explaining it.*** His lessons were prepared, organized, clear and relevant -- even if he used student "lingo" to do it. **Miguel insisted on student mastery of material. How can we make this feast meaningful for us? Here are some reflection questions:**

- **Do I prepare** lessons that are clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- From year to year, **do I look for ways to present it in a better way?**
- How do I improve my teaching? Through continuing education? Professional organizations? Collaboration with colleagues? Caring?
- Have I cooperated with Joe Dickens in posting aligned lesson plans?
- **Can I say along with Brother Miguel, "*I must engage in all the works that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls*"?**

I humbly and respectfully submit that the same reflection questions could be asked by parents:

- Do I teach my children the right way to live with lessons that are clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- From year to year as my children grow, **do I look for ways to present my lessons to them in a better way?**
- How can I improve my parenting?
- **Can I say with Brother Miguel, "*I must engage in all the works [of parenting] that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls [of my children]*"?**

Brother Miguel is an Ecuadorian hero with stamps issued and public monuments in his honor. Even though our likeness (either as teacher or parent) may never be on a stamp or monument, **our dedication, preparation, patience, and masterful lessons as both parents and teachers will make us heroes in the lives of our children/students.**

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**Saint Brother Miguel! Pray for us!**

**Mon, Feb 7 (F G A B; 9:15 am start; Parent-Teacher Conferences 5 - 7)**

- **This Day in History:** In 2009, the New Orleans Saints defy the odds and win the Super Bowl. Pigs reportedly fly as city celebrates with holidays and parades.
- **TDIH II:** On this day in 1812, Charles John Huffam Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. Celebrate the birth of this incredible writer! Read some Dickens today. Who can forget some of his immortal lines such as the opening of *A Tale of Two Cities*? *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way.*
- **Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day:** Greet your neighbors today with a big wave, but to show respect and appreciation, you must wave with all of your fingers, not just the middle one!
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Holden at Tangi Lanes

**Tue, Feb 8 (C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1943, Japanese troops evacuate Guadalcanal, leaving the island in Allied possession after a long campaign. The victory paved the way for other Allied wins in the Solomons.
- **Boy Scout Day:** Today is the birthday of US Scouting. On Feb 8, 1910, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create BSA. SPS is proud to have so many students who are scouts.
- **Basketball:** JV & Var at Northshore

**Wed, Feb 9 (G A B D; Feast of St. Brother Miguel Febres Cordero)**

- **TDIH:** In 1825, the U.S. House of Representatives votes to elect John Quincy Adams, who won fewer votes than Andrew Jackson in popular vote.
- **TDIH:** in 1964, **The Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan show**, as teenage girls screamed hysterically in the audience and 73 million people watched from home — a record for American TV at the time.
- **TDIH:** in 1870 that the **U.S. National Weather Service was established**. Originally called the Weather Bureau, it was part of the War Department. It became a civilian agency 20 years later, under the Department of Agriculture, and then the Commerce Department in 1940. Today, the National Weather Service is based out of Silver Spring, Maryland. It plays a very big role in making sure that American air travel is safe, providing up-to-minute weather updates to air traffic controller centers across the nation.
- **National Pizza Day:** Enjoy this iconic dish today, if your health allows!
- **Pre-ACT Testing for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Bowling:** SPS vs. Hannan at Tangi Lanes



*Kieffer uses one of the new microscopes in chem lab.*

### Thu, Feb 10 (D E F G)

- **Today is the feast of St. Scholastica** (480-547), who was the twin sister of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictines. We rejoice with SSA on this feast and offer them prayer. The Benedictine nuns no longer serve there, but we remember gratefully their work from St. Scholastica Priory (on Stafford Road) for north shore Catholic education at SSA, St. Peter, & OLL. In remembering the sisters, we recall St. La Salle's words *"What glory there will be for those who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving!"* Remember and celebrate these wonderful women and ask St. Scholastica to bless their legacy -- and our school and work as well.
- **Pre-ACT Testing for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Lacrosse:** SPS v. Chaos



### Fri, Feb 11 (A B C D)

- **Today** we commemorate Our Lady's appearance in 1858 in Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old farmer's daughter. Today, 2-3 million pilgrims annually visit Lourdes. While this apparition occurred after the time of Saint La Salle, we know the Founder's great devotion to Mary: *"Beg the Most Blessed Virgin to obtain grace for you."* I encourage you to do so this week – and always.
- **TDIH:** In 1809, Robert Fulton patents the steamboat.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, The Yalta agreement is signed by Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin. The aim of the conference was to shape a post-WWI peace that represented not just a collective security order but a plan to give self-determination to the liberated peoples of post-Nazi Europe. The meeting was intended mainly to discuss the re-establishment of the nations of war-torn Europe. However, within a few short years, with the Cold War dividing the continent, Yalta became a subject of intense controversy.
- **Be Electrific Day:** Today honors the birth of Thomas Alva Edison and recognizes his electrical inventions, including the light bulb. Where would we be today without TAE!
- **Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day:** Today recognizes that everyone spills a little milk now and then. It's a day to be optimistic, think positive, look on the bright side, and to find something good in everything that happens. As the song says: *Don't Worry, be Happy!* Try to smile all day today!
- **Pre-ACT for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Basketball:** JV & Var. v. Mandeville
- **Wrestling State Tournament through Tomorrow**

### Sat, Feb 12

- **Oglethorpe Day:** General James Oglethorpe and 100 other Englishmen, landed at what is now Savannah, GA, on this day in 1733 and named the colony Georgia for King George II.



- **Lost Penny Day:** Today you can make a few pennies, by seeking out lost pennies, of which there are probably quite a few in the nooks and crannies of your home. An individual penny may not have a lot of monetary value these days. However, finding a penny is a sign of good luck. Go on a hunt for lost pennies today, and pile up some good fortune. Did you know that the first U.S. penny was designed by Benjamin Franklin, and minted in 1787? Since then, billions of pennies have been minted and put into circulation. In

1909, the penny became the first coin to bear a president's image. It was first released on February 12, 1909, to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's 100th birthday. Things to do on Lost Penny Day:

- Seek out lost pennies.
- Flip a penny to help you make decisions today.
- Donate your pennies to a good cause. (SPS?)
- Roll up and cash in your horde of pennies.
- Start a penny collection.
- Throw pennies in a fountain and make a wish.
- Give someone a penny for their thoughts.

#### **Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Quiz Bowl Tournament**

- **Basketball:** Var v. Jehovah-Jeri (5)
- **Lacrosse:** JVB (SPS, Bro Martin, Jesuit)
- **Baseball:** SPS v. John Curtis (Miley); JV Scrimmage at Coquille
- **ACT on Campus**

**Sun, Feb 13**

- Today, the Lasallian World remembers death anniversary in 1982 of Christian Brother James Miller, recently named “Blessed” by the Catholic



*Students write gratitude letters to celebrate CSW.*

Church – the last step before official sainthood. Here’s info on Brother James, an ordinary man who did the extraordinary. From the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul: *James Miller was a Christian Brother who could have stayed comfortable teaching at private Catholic school in St. Paul. Instead, his story reflects a timeless Christian obligation: to reach out to those who cannot reach, to provide services to those who cannot afford it, and to change unjust systems through giving the poor access to a human and Christian education. At his request, Brother James began serving in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, in 1981. He gave young men practical training and academic curriculum, & maintained buildings and grounds. As Guatemala was in a civil war, many young men were “drafted”, i.e., literally taken off streets to be soldiers. (If they refused, their families would be tortured and killed.) Hearing of these “drafts,” the brothers would go and retrieve their students from the military station. Tensions arose between the military and the brothers. Death threats toward the*



*brothers were common. Yet, such threats did not deter religious from walking with the people who lived in fear and oppression. On a Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, 1982, while Brother James was repairing the wall of the school, men in plain clothes approached and unloaded their guns into him, killing him. Brother James' mission did not die with him. We are called to reach out to the dear neighbor, to make education accessible to all, and to call into question the systems that continue to oppress and deny the dignity of every person. Brother James Miller! Help us make courageous choices!*

- **TDIH:** In 1945, a series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing as many as 135,000 people. It was the single most destructive bombing of the war—including Hiroshima and Nagasaki—and all the more horrendous because little, if anything, was accomplished strategically, since the Germans were already on the verge of surrender. It inspires novelist Kurt Vonnegut to write his classic novel, *Slaughterhouse Five*.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson authorizes Operation Rolling Thunder, a sustained bombing of North Vietnam that he and his advisers had been contemplating for a year.

# Rise Up, O Men of God

**I call the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.**

**ADMISSIONS (NEW) FOR NEXT YEAR:** I am pleased with the number of applicants for next year and offer my thanks to all who helped make this happen. Thanks for spreading the good news about Lasallian education at Saint Paul's School! We will still entertain a few new applications, so if you know of an interested family, please have them contact us soon. Thank you!

**ANNUAL APPEAL:** Many thanks to those who have responded. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short-term projects, e.g., technology, special programs, etc. The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation, the \$4.5 million new gym, the \$4 million Benilde Hall renovation and now the \$2.5 million band building.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you contribute to the Capital Campaign or financially support SPS in another way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

**ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS:** We are blessed with many supportive grandparents. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. Again, I do it differently than other schools that directly solicit grandparents. I ask that you inform your son's grandparents or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the



information directly if you wish. Just provide me with the information. **I do not want to ask grandparents without your consent but we need their support.** I have already received a number of grandparent gifts. Again, no gift is too small – and, of course, no gift is too large.

**ATTENDANCE:** Make the following part of your New Year Resolutions: If your son is absent, phone Suzy in the Attendance Office before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1980, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns**

**BOOKSTORE:** Monday through Friday: mornings 7:30 am-8:15 am; lunch time 11 am-12:30 pm

**BOOKSTORE CHARGING POLICY CHANGES:** Effective immediately—Students will no longer be able to charge on their bookstore account. Parents are welcome to come into the bookstore and add money on their students account for purchases. As always, students may call a parent while in the bookstore and we can take a credit card number over the phone. We understand everyone is busy but if you have an outstanding balance, please take care of it as soon as possible.



*As the rain poured down last week, a solitary student makes his way to his destination.*

# SAINT PAUL

## Saint Paul's School 2022 - 2023 CALENDAR – NEXT YEAR

### (Subject to change if needed)

Mon - Tues, Aug 1 & 2	Teacher Meetings
Wed, Aug 3	Teacher Prep Day
Thurs, Aug 4	School Opens <b>with a full day of instruction</b>
Mon, Aug 15	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 18	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 19	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 22	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Sep 2	Lasallian Convocation for Faculty (no classes for students)
Mon, Sep 5	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 7	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 7	Grandparents Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 17	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 29	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon-Fri, Nov 21 - 25	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 28	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Tues - Fri, Dec 13-16	Semester Exams
Fri, Dec 16	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Tues, Jan 03	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 16	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 06	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 17	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 20 - 24	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 27	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 10	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri Apr 07 – 14	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 17	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 26 – 28	Senior Final Exams
Thurs, May 11	Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30)
Sat, May 13	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Thurs – Tues, May 18-23	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Wed, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Thurs, May 25	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

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

**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, 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

**COGNIA STEM CERTIFICATION:** Following the successful COGNIA accreditation of our academic program in the fall, Joe and Trevor decided to seek COGNIA's unique and separate STEM certification – which evaluates our commitment to and implementation of science, technology, engineering, and math at SPS. Few schools earn this prestigious certification. After rigorous evaluation (and lots of paperwork and ZOOM meetings), COGNIA happily granted full accreditation in the areas of STEM. I am most grateful to Joe and Trevor for pursuing this additional layer of validity to our academic program!

To quote the lead COGNIA evaluator, "We found it very difficult to find any area of improvement to recommend to your school." Their suggested "improvement list" included:

- 1. Continue to do what you are doing.**
- 2. Continue to collect data on the results of your programs so that five years from now you will be ready for your next certification.**
- 3. Consider including girls in some of your extracurricular STEM offerings (I am not yet ready for this one!)**
- 4. Celebrate your successes.**

**And so we will continue to celebrate! Again, SPS takes the lead! Your sons are getting an outstanding education! Spread the word!**

**COLD WEATHER CLOTHING:** Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.



**DRIVING:** I call the following to your attention:

- **Driver's License Requirement:** You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.
- **SAFE DRIVING:** Parents –let's start 2021 with a resolution for safe driving! Set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!
- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

**HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS & PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS:**

- **Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in the BAC on Mon, Feb 7, from 5 – 7 pm. Parents may confer with some or all of their son's teachers.**
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Due to COVID, we had to postpone HR Breakfasts. Here is the **NEW schedule:**

**Thu, Feb 24 - 12th grade**

**Wed, Feb 23 - 9th grade**

**Mon, Feb 21 -- 10th grade**

**Thu, Feb 17 - 11th grade**

**Wed, Feb 16 - 8th grade**

- All breakfasts last from 7:45 – 8:20 Note: HR is based on **second QUARTER (not semester) grades.**
- **Invitations were emailed last week.**

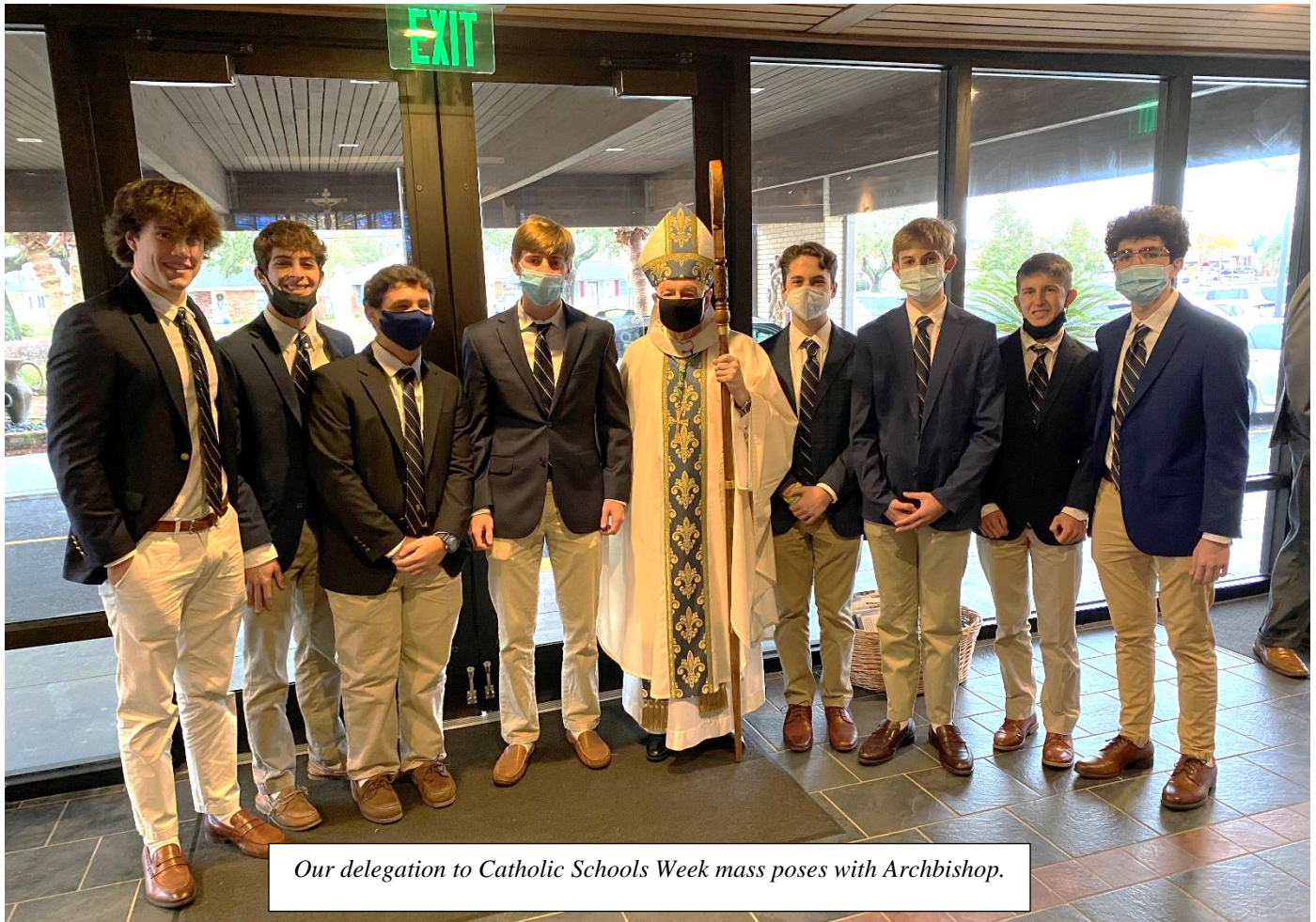
**HELPING SAINT PAUL'S:** Don't forget these painless ways to help:

- Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) & SPS receives 5% of purchase!
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.
- And, of course, there's AmazonSmile!

**LAST WEEK:**

- **Basketball:** More district wins against Hammond and Covington for the undefeated in district Wolves!
- **Bowling:** Again, I have no results but I am sure we competed well.
- **Career Day:** Kudos to Al & alums for getting our juniors thinking about their futures!
- **Catholic Schools Week:**

- a. Great Pack time activity on Tuesday to honor those who make Catholic education possible.
- b. Jeff Ramon took a group of students (Will Zeller, Ethan Viator, Peter Verges, Connor Braswell, Shawn Cooney, Braden Magliolo, Perrin Duhe, & Andrew Krause) to the CSW mass at St. Ann on Fri.



- **Frisbee:** Weather forced cancellation of our game Fri
- **Marching Wolves:** The MWs were a hit (as usual) at the OLL Catholic Schools Week pep rally in Fri!
- **Math Wolves:** The FMWs took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Catholic Tournament with a number of individual first places!
- **Soccer:** Two great playoff wins propel Wolves into quarter final round this Wed!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks to Danielle for another great issue!
- **Track:** In LSU meet, Trey Faherty took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pole Vault & Gage Graham took 5<sup>th</sup> in 800 meter run.
- **Tennis:** Wolves defeated defending state champs Catholic in a Sat scrimmage.
- **Wrestling:** Wolves represented us well in the JH & JV State championships on Sat.

#### MOTHERS' CLUB:

- March 11, 2022: *Grandparents Day*, be on the lookout for more information soon!
- April 6, 2022: *Mother/Son Dinner*, registration is open through February 24 and can be mailed in or dropped off to the Administration office. **We will not be able to accommodate late registrations.** Please see the flyer below for more information.



# Mother/Son Dinner

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

6:30 pm

Briggs Assembly Center

\$26 per person

Dinner provided by Keith Young's Steakhouse

Check-in time begins at 5:30 pm

Photos may be taken from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm and after dinner

*(Please arrive on time to be seated before prayer service at 6:30 pm)*

\*Sunday dress attire is recommended

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Dinner is for currently enrolled students and their Mothers.

**Registration deadline is February 24<sup>th</sup>**

*(We have limited capacity and will not be able to accommodate late registrations.)*

Questions regarding reservations can be emailed to [Emilytalley@bellsouth.net](mailto:Emilytalley@bellsouth.net).

You may return this portion with a check payable to **SPS Mothers Club**  
either by mail to: St Paul's Mother/Son Dinner - 208 Rue Mon Jardin, Madisonville, LA 70447  
or drop off to Administration Office.

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Son: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Son: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Son: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number in party x \$26 each = \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed





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

**NEWS WORTH NOTING:** According to new figures released last week by the state Department of Education, fewer than half of Louisiana public school students in kindergarten, first, second and third grades are reading on grade level. This has significant implications for the future of these students' education. Very sad!

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**PROM:** St. Paul's Junior/Senior Prom will be held Saturday, April 2 in the Briggs Assembly Center from 7:30PM -11 PM with lock-in from 8:30PM until 10:30PM. **Dress:** Attire should be suitable for a Catholic high school function: For males, tuxedo is the norm, but not necessary. Suits are acceptable. For females, dresses must be full-length. Slits in dresses may be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Dresses may not have a low open back. There should be no immodest cutouts, openings, or low cut, revealing necklines. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes. Stay tuned for ticketing information.

**RE-REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS FOR 2022 - 23** Yes, it is time to commit for next year! We began registering current students for 2022-23 last week. Here's the process:

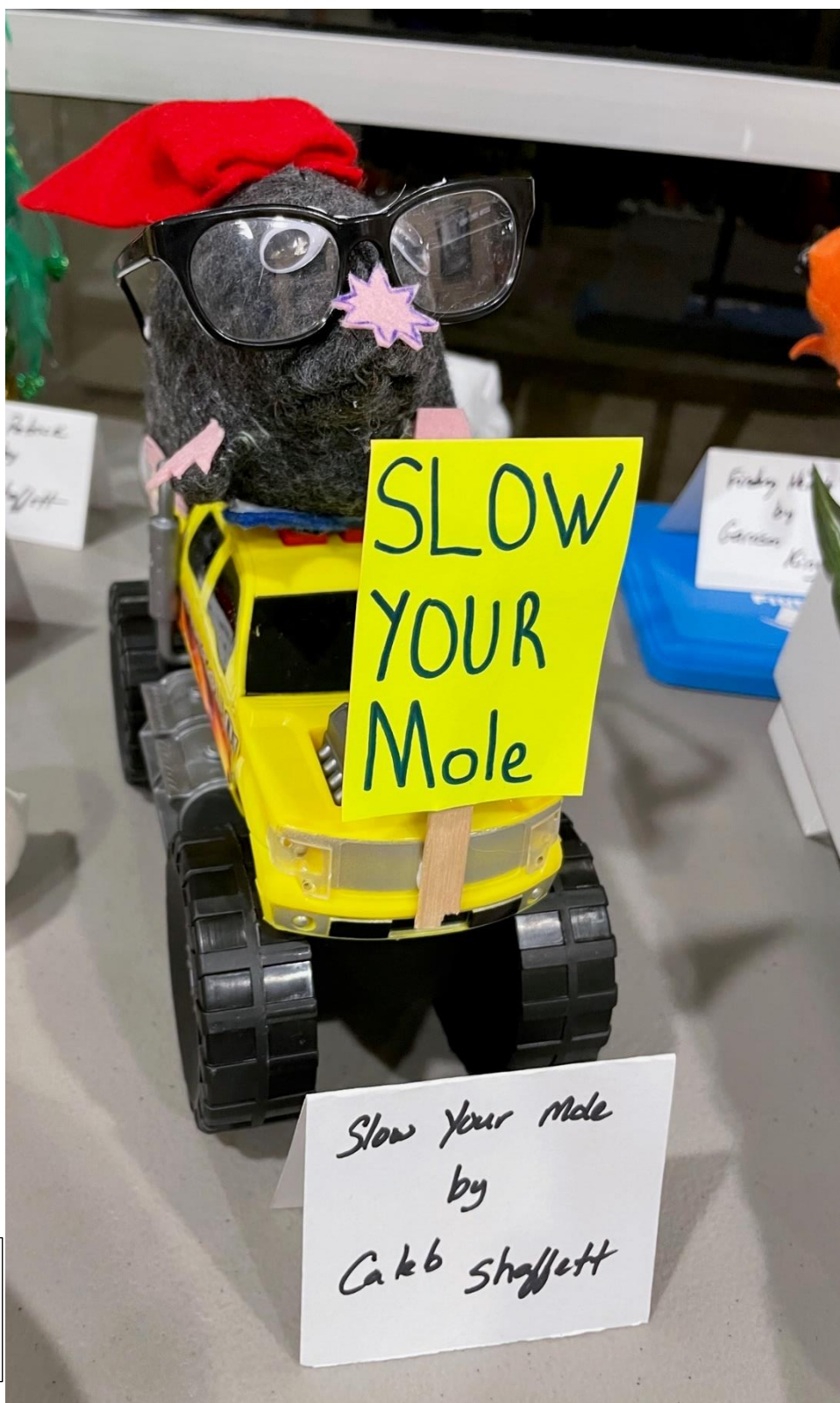
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders were sent registration materials last Monday and asked to register by Feb 1. We need to know if any current 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9<sup>th</sup> graders we can accept.
- Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are being asked to register now. Materials were sent last week. We are getting transfer requests, so I need to know if any current student is not returning.
- Current 12<sup>th</sup> graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year! Amen!
- In all re-registration for 2022 - 23, a \$300 registration fee will be due.

**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. DYK:

- 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 streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of automobiles, 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. And please set a good example yourself

*Junior Caleb celebrates Mole Day in chemistry class by reinforcing Mayor Mark's exhortation to the citizens of Covington – especially SPS students!*





**SOCIAL MEDIA: Parents: please stress with your sons the consequences of inappropriate social media posting. Cyber-bullying is against the law and has legal implications. And the school will take strong measures against any inappropriate posting. Students: THINK before you post!**

**STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL:** Ben's Den (aka the library) opens every afternoon (Monday-Friday) until 4:00. You are encouraged to mention this service to your sons who are on campus after school with nothing to do or who may be waiting for a late ride or a practice to begin. All we ask is that they treat the facility with respect and that they are quiet. The space will be supervised by faculty.

**TUTORING: Tutoring offered by National Honor Society members is underway and occurs every day at lunch in the library for the remainder of the school year. All students are welcome to utilize this free tutoring service.** Essay proofreading services also provided. Encourage your son to use this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so!**

**UNIFORM SHIRTS:** We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have khaki pants available – all for the taking.

**VAPING:** The message is clear: there are too many unknowns in vaping for it to be considered safe – especially for the young (who, unfortunately, all too often ignore the warnings of science.) Please stress this with your sons. We have made our position very clear – it is prohibited and strong consequences are imposed if it is discovered. But we can't police outside of school – parents, PLEASE insist with your sons that the dangers of his trend are not worth the risk. Do not allow him to become addicted. We have made too much progress in this area to go backwards.

**VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR,** known in Vietnam as **Tet Nguyen Dan**, or simply **Tet**), began Feb 1. My apologies for omitting this last week. Local celebrations often **last around 20 days** from 'Minor New Year' or 'Kitchen God Day' (January 25<sup>th</sup> in 2022) to Tet Nguyen Tieu — 'First Full Moon of the Year' (February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022). Tet celebrates the new year based on the Chinese lunar calendar. On the Gregorian calendar, the Lunar New Year falls between the end of Jan and the middle of Feb. The Vietnamese spend time with family and friends and reminisce about the past year. According to Vietnam zodiac, Vietnamese New Year 2022 is a year of the "Tiger." Happy New Year to our Vietnam brothers and sisters, especially our Vietnamese Lasallians.

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** I haven't used these church bulleting bloopers in a while – they still make me smile.

- *The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals.*
- *The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thu morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch after the B.S. is done.*
- *Our youth basketball team plays Wed at 8 pm in the rec hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.*
- *Jean will lead a weight-management series. She's used the program and has been growing like crazy!*
- *Christian Youth Fellowship Sexuality Course, 8 p.m. Please park in the rear parking lot for this activity.*
- *The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.*
- *We offer special prayers for those who are seriously sick by request.*
- *Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martial Arts experts.*
- *We have received word of the sudden passing of Rev. Smith this morning during the worship service. Now let's sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."*



- On the main page of the web site for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada: "In a show of near anonymity, the convention approved full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada."
- Lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters who are suffering during our prayer time.
- Glory of God to all and peace to his people on earth!
- African Missionary Bertha Belch speaks Wed at 7. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- OK, I'll stop!



*9th Grade BB Wolves are all smiles on Sat after finishing their season with a third consecutive two point win, this time over St. Aug. Geaux Freshman BB Wolves!*

## Second Semester

### February

- 7 – FGAB - Late Start – Safe Schools Training / Parent Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC – Pre ACT for 8th Graders
- 10 – DEFG – Pre ACT for 9th Graders
- 11 – ABCD – Pre ACT for 10th Graders
- 14 - EFGA
- 15 – BCDE - Pack Time
- 16 – FGAB – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 17 – CDEF – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

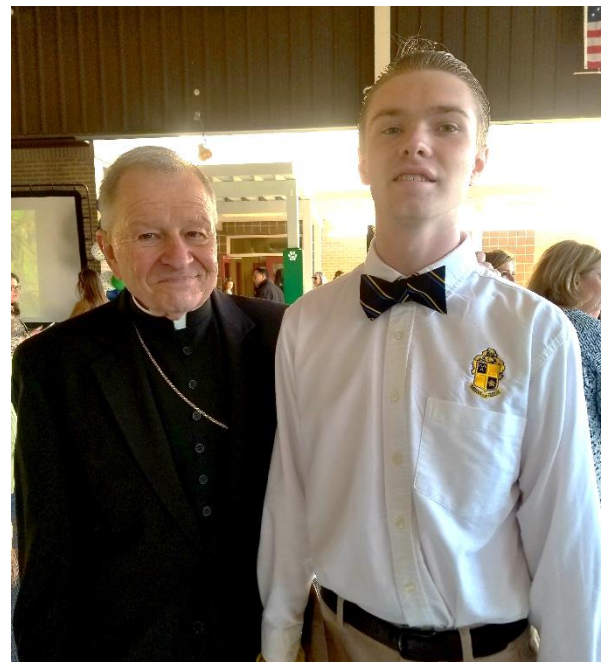
- 18 – GABC – Life Skills Day for Seniors
- 21 – DEFG – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 22 – ABCD - President's Assembly
- 23 – EFGA – Juniors on Retreat; 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 24 – BCDE – Juniors on Retreat; 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 25 – Faculty Retreat – no classes for students

## March

- 7 - FGAB
- 8 – CDEF - ACT for Juniors
- 9 – GABC – President's Assembly
- 10 - DEFG
- 11 – ABCD -End of 3rd Quarter
- 14 – EFGA - Late Start (9 am)
- 15 – BCDE - Pack Time
- 16 – FGAB
- 17 - CDEF
- 18 – GABC - Mass – Feast of St. Joseph
- 21 – DEFG - Benito Juarez's Birthday
- 22 – ABCD - President's Assembly
- 23 - EFGA
- 24 – BCDE - 12th HR Breakfast
- 25 – FGAB - 8th HR Breakfast
- 28 - CDEF
- 29 – GABC -Pack Time
- 30 – DEFG - 9th HR Breakfast / Senior Retreat (March 30 - April 1)
- 31- ABCD -10th HR Breakfast / Senior Retreat

## April

- 1 – EFGA -11th HR Breakfast / Senior Retreat
- 2 – Jr Sr Prom
- 4 – Blue Ribbon Holiday
- 5 –8 Leadership Week
- 5 – BCDE -Leadership Breakfast
- 6 – FGAB- Leadership Speaker
- 7 – CDEF – Founder's Day Mass
- 8 – GABC – Year-In-Review Assembly
- 11 – DEFG – Late Start
- 12 – ABCD - President's Assembly
- 13 – EFGA - Passion Play
- 14 – BCDE - *Mandatum*
- 25 – FGAB - Last Pack Time
- 26 – CDEF - President's Assembly
- 27 – GABC – Senior Exams
- 28 – DEFG – Senior Exams
- 29 – ABCD – Senior Exams



*Hastings meets the archbishop after performing at MQP's anniversary celebration.*

## May

- 2 - EFGA
- 3 – BCDE - Pack Time
- 4 – FGAB
- 5 – CDEF
- 6 – GABC
- 9 – DEFG – 8th Grade Exams
- 10 – ABCD - Last President's Assembly / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
- 11 – EFGA - 8th Grade Exams
- 12 – BCDE - 8th Grade Promotion
- 13 – FGAB
- 14 – 12th Grade Graduation
- 16 – CDEFG (5 Period Day)
- 17 – 20 – 9th -11th Final Exams
- 20 – Last Day of School – noon dismissal



As Christmas 2021 fades, let us not forget the inspiration by Student Council on luminaria night: *AGAPE!* Even though we are moving into February 2022, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to anymore since it stopped broadcasting but I still remember it and LOL): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Know of my prayer for you and your family! Again, thanks for being part of SPS 2021 - 22!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Trying to Survive the Winter of 2022 as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



**.... by 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! Let's give it our best this week and begin February 2022 with no problems – as befits a Lasallian Catholic National Blue-Ribbon School.**





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