



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
*February 14 - 20, 2022*



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

This Friday, February 18, is the death anniversary, in 1564, of Michelangelo -- artist, architect, and sculptor. Commissioned by Pope Julius III to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, Michelangelo was also architect of part of the massive church of St. Peter in Rome, and he designed its great dome.

Michelangelo, however, thought of himself mainly as a sculptor. Two of his most famous sculptures are "David" in Florence and the "Pieta" in St. Peter. Michelangelo often saw potential in things other people did not see. On one occasion he was seen studying carefully what others saw as simply a large block of marble. Someone asked him what he was doing. He said "I can see an angel imprisoned in this marble and I must set it free." He then began the long and skilled job of carving a beautiful angel out of that marble.



Although Michelangelo lived one hundred years before St. John Baptist de La Salle, our Founder also saw potential in things that other people did not see. He saw the children of the "artisans and the poor" who were "far from salvation." While others did not care about these children, he knew they had potential. He founded the Christian school to develop that potential and change those "blocks of marble" into "beautiful angels." As Lasallians, we are called to do this work, to adopt the eye of Michelangelo in looking at our students. Who knows what potential is "imprisoned" in each of them?

In a Lasallian school, everyone is important; no one is insignificant. May we be the sculptors who, with God's help – and yours as parents--, release the beauty and potential of the young men of Saint Paul's School!

**Mon, Feb 14 (E F G A – 9 am Start so you can enjoy the Super Bowl on Sunday night!)**

- **Happy Valentine's Day!** Today we honor St. Valentine – a saint shrouded in mystery. The Church recognizes at least Valentines, all of whom were martyred. One legend says that Valentine was a priest in 3rd century Rome. When Emperor Claudius decided single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage. Valentine, realizing this injustice, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages in secret. When Claudius discovered this, he ordered Valentine killed. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape Roman prisons. According to legend, Valentine sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, some believe that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression still used today. Although the truth is murky, the stories emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. In any event, celebrate those who you love today!
- **Donor Day:** Today raises awareness of the need for organ and blood donations. For more info, go to [organandonor.gov](http://organandonor.gov) or resolve to donate blood at the local blood bank.

- **Ferris Wheel Day:** Ferris Wheel Day commemorates the birthday of George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr., a civil engineer and the creator of the first Ferris Wheel, which was created for the World's Colombian Exhibition in Chicago in 1893.
- **Baseball: 8<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts begin this afternoon through Wednesday**
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Hammond at Tangi Lanes

#### **Tue, Feb 15 (B C D E – Pack Time)**

- **TDIH:** In 1898, the American battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor in Havana Harbor, at 9:40 PM. The ship sank quickly, and 260 members of its crew were lost. Inflamed public opinion in the US ignored the lack of evidence to establish responsibility for the explosion. “Remember the *Maine*” became the war cry, and a formal declaration of war against Spain followed on April 25.
- **Whale Day:** Celebrate the whale today!
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Ponchatoula

#### **Wed, Feb 16 (F G A B – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Breakfast)**

- **TDIH:** In 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler, King Tutankhamen. Anybody remember when Tut Exhibit came to New Orleans?
- **Innovation Day:** Spot a problem, think of a solution, and before you know it you’re innovating! **Innovation Day** is all about imagining new, better ways of doing things. And you’re never too young to innovate: lollipops, earmuffs, trampolines, Braille and countless smart phone apps have all been invented by children.
- **Do A Grouch A Favor Day:** Do something nice for your favorite grouch!
- **Almond Day:** Celebrate the almond today! They are packed with vitamin E, magnesium and fiber and are considered a heart-healthy food.
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Albany at Tangi Lanes

#### **Thu, Feb 17 (C D E F –11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Breakfast)**

- **TDIH:** In 1801, the House of Representatives breaks the electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr and elects Jefferson president.
- **TDIH:** In 1972, Volkswagen Beetle overtakes iconic Model T Ford as world’s bestselling car.
- **Random Acts of Kindness Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! Spread some kindness today!
- **My Way Day:** Celebrate today, but if you’re at SPS, make sure your way is our way.
- **Track:** Jr Hi in MJH/Trafton Academy Meet

#### **Fri, Feb 18 (G A B C – Life Skills Day for Seniors)**

- **TDIH:** In 1885, Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- **TDIH:** In 1968, *Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood* debuted on PBS. *It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood....*
- **Battery Day:** This day honors Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the battery, who died on this day in 1745. Without batteries, where would that pink bunny with the drums be today?
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. F’Bleau
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Cleopatra**

#### **Sat, Feb 19**

- **TDIH: In 2013,** we formally dedicated the **Briggs Assembly Center** – which has been a blessing to SPS. We remain ever grateful to the David Briggs Family for providing us with this incredible facility.

- **TDIH II:** In 1878, the technology that made the modern music business possible was born in the New Jersey laboratory where Thomas Alva Edison created the first device to both record sound and play it back. He was awarded U.S. Patent No. 200,521 for his invention--the phonograph. We've come a LONG way!
- **Chocolate Mint Day:** Enjoy!
- **Lacrosse:** JVB/JVA/Var at Jesuit
- **Rugby:** SPS v. Jesuit (1 pm at City Park)
- **Powerlifting State Qualifying Meet at Covington High**
- **Track: Indoor State Meet**
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Olympia**

### Sun, Feb 20

- **TDIH:** In 1962, John Hershel Glenn Jr. is successfully launched into space aboard the *Friendship 7* spacecraft on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut.
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Carrollton. Note: a special 8 am mass will be celebrated by Father Matthew Clark in our school chapel for band members and chaperones.**



**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!

**ADMISSIONS II:** On Thursday, Feb 17, all 22 Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will send acceptance or non-acceptance letters to their applicants for the 2022-23 school year. Our applicant pool remains healthy and we pray that they will choose to join our Blue Ribbon School. We look forward to welcoming them.

**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 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.

**ART WORLD:** Each week, NOLA.com features a piece of art from New Orleans Museum of Art and provides commentary. Last week, I was surprised to discover that they choose a photograph in the Museum's collection – of the SPS Band Trailer! The commentary is GREAT and worth the read! Here is the link: [https://www.nola.com/entertainment\\_life/arts/article\\_15a94c4e-87cc-11ec-9bc5-cfd5c792ee9b.html](https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/arts/article_15a94c4e-87cc-11ec-9bc5-cfd5c792ee9b.html)

**ATTENDANCE:** 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.

## 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.



**CROSS ON MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING:** One of the few architectural features built into the main school building when it was constructed in 1949 was a large concrete cross over the then main entrance (now entrance into lounge.) Over the years, the cross deteriorated and recently had to be removed completely for safety reasons – chunks of concrete were falling! Bids to replace the cross were in the \$5 – 7000 range, to which I said “no.” Enter alum parent Mark Daigle of B & D Signage who offered to construct and build a new aluminum cross – looking almost exactly like the original cross – at a discounted price of under \$1000! Loyal alumnus Trey Blackall '83 heard about the cross and offered to pay the full price for construction and installation. Notice the cross (if you haven't already) and be grateful to Mark and Trey for their generosity to SPS!

**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.**

- 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.



*Quiz Bowl Wolves conduct the Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Quiz Bowl Tournament on Saturday. Brother Bill was a legendary QB coach and English teacher at SPS for many years.*

**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.

**FATHER-SON BBQ:** This annual event, sponsored by the SPS Dads’ Club is fast approaching and it is time to register. Here is the registration sheet:



Please join us for supper in honor of dads.

# FATHER-SON SUPPER

The Dads' Club would like to invite all students  
and dads to the Briggs Assembly Center on

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 @ 5:00 PM**

Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. Return form below  
with a check for \$20 per person to Mrs. Claire by March 14th

Can also be mailed to:  
St. Paul's School, Attn: Mrs. Claire, PO Box 928, Covington, LA 70434

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Name of father: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of son(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total of check payable to: St. Paul School \_\_\_\_\_



**GRANDPARENT DAY:** The SPS Mothers Club will sponsor “Grandparent Day” on Friday, March 11. We will soon email you an invitation to share with grandparents. Here’s a summary of what will happen:

- Grandparents report to the Briggs Assembly Center on Friday, March 11. **Coffee & a light breakfast reception will be available beginning at 10:45 am.** School dismisses at 11:15 for the students. If they are attending GD, they report to BAC, receive their refreshments, and meet/greet their grandparent(s). The program begins at 11:30. If a student has no grandparent attending, he is free to leave.
- A prayer service will begin at 11:30, followed by a “President’s Assembly” will follow. The whole program lasts about 70 minutes.
- **Registration is required by March 4<sup>th</sup> in order to adequately prepare. A registration link will soon be sent.**
- Masks are encouraged.
- Students attending are asked to wear their dress uniforms.

#### **HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS:**

- **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:** Buzzer-beating basket by Andrew Ziblich bests N’shore on Tue; Faculty Appreciation Night on Friday had seniors honoring the teacher of their choice. Thanks, Coach Dale and BB Wolves! The Wolves also honored their school that night with a strong win over district rival Mandeville High – which clinched a second consecutive District Championship! **Geaux Basketball Wolves!**
- **Bowling:** Again, I have no results but I am sure we competed well.
- **Lacrosse:** The Wolves opened their season Thu night against Chaos, besting them 9-8.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** I thank the faculty for their professionalism last Monday night. The crowd was light so I take it that most parents are satisfied.
- **Quiz Bowl:** Brother Bill Parsons smiled from heaven on the QB Wolves as they competed on Sat in the tournament named for him. It was intense! Congrats to Kelly & QB Wolves for a great showing.
- **Soccer:** The ecstasy of beating Sulphur 6-0 on Wed became the agony of defeat on Sat, losing to Dutchtown 3-2 in overtime. We congratulate the Wolves on their great season and thank them for some memorable moments in SPS soccer history!



## National Counselor's Week



• **Teacher Appreciation:** The MC outdid itself – again. We are beyond grateful.

• **Testing:** Kudos to counselors for flawless Pre-ACT testing for grades 8-10 last week. This valuable data will help us but also help the boys identify academic areas of strength and weakness – with plenty of time for remediation if needed. And speaking of the counselors, I apologize for overlooking School Counselor Week last week. SPS is blessed with a wonderfully talented, competent, and dedicated counseling center staff where they work “together and by association” to meet the needs of our students. Thanks, Counselors!

• **Wrestling:** A very respectable 4<sup>th</sup>

place in State in Division I with several individual state championships give us much to be proud of.

Congrats to Coaches & Wolves on a great season!

**MARCHING WOLVES** begin their Mardi Gras season on Friday, when they march in the Krewe of Cleopatra, followed by the Krewes of Olympia (Covington), Carrollton, Hermes, Endymion, Bacchus and Rex. In case you had not heard, the City of New Orleans demands that all marching bands (including chaperones and support staff) be either vaccinated against COVID or have a negative test within 72 hours of parading. This has caused Andrew and the Band Boosters to exert Herculean efforts at compliance – but they have a plan! Thanks to them! Prayers and best wishes to the Marching Wolves as they begin their parade season!

**MOTHER – SON DINNER:** As we move forward with having many pre-COVID events, the MC is planning the Mother-Son Dinner on April 6: Because we have not had this in the past two years due to COVID, the MC is expecting a larger than usual registration. If we hit 900 people, the event will move from the BAC to the Castine Center in Mandeville. Absolute deadline for registering is Feb 24 – needed to determine venue.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

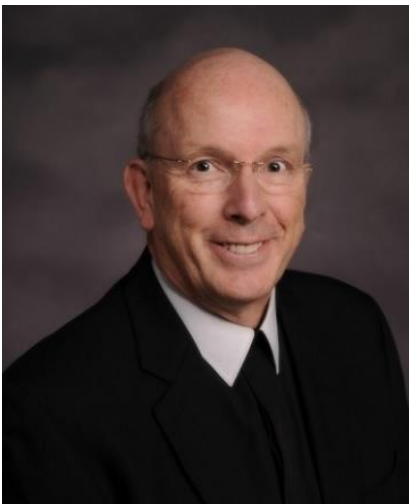
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**PROM:** St. Paul's Junior/Senior Prom will be held Saturday, April 2 in the Briggs Assembly Center from 7:30PM -11 PM with lock-in from 8:30PM until 10:30PM. **Dress:** Attire should be suitable for a Catholic high school function: For males, tuxedo 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!

- Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders: You are overdue if you plan on returning. If you don't plan on returning, please have the courtesy of letting us know so we can admit more new 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 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. Again, please give me the courtesy of either registering or informing me of your plans.
- 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.

**SAN FRANCISCO NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT:** Visitor-Designate Brother Nick Gonzalez, FSC, has announced that Superior General Brother Robert Schieler, FSC has appointed Brother Christopher Brady, FSC to a four-year term as Auxiliary Visitor of the District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO), effective July 1, 2022. Brother Christopher succeeds Brother James Joost, FSC, who has served as SFNO's Auxiliary Visitor since July, 2014. Brother Christopher currently serves as Chaplain for Athletics at Saint Mary's College of CA. His prior assignments include principalships at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, San Francisco; De La Salle High School, Concord; La Salle High School, Pasadena; and Justin-Siena High School, Napa. Brother Christopher said, *"It is with humility, joy, and a bit of trepidation that I said YES to Br. Nick in accepting his invitation for this leadership role of service. I am honored by the formidable responsibility that has been placed before me to directly assist the Visitor in serving my fellow Brothers, Lasallian partners, and the young men and women entrusted to our care. My heart is full and most grateful!"*



**Brother Chris is also a member of the Saint Paul's School Board of Trustees! Congrats, Brother Chris!  
And BTW, Bro. Chris's nephew is legendary NFL Quarterback Tom Brady!**

**SENIOR RETREAT:** Parents of seniors were emailed last week the details about the fast-approaching senior retreat. If you did not receive the email, please email retreat co-coordinator Mr. Lee Pierre at [leep@stpauls.com](mailto:leep@stpauls.com)

**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 by Covingtonians are speeding and the running of stop signs? And SPS students/parents come in for their fair share of blame!

- On any given weekday, over 15,000 people drive into/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!*

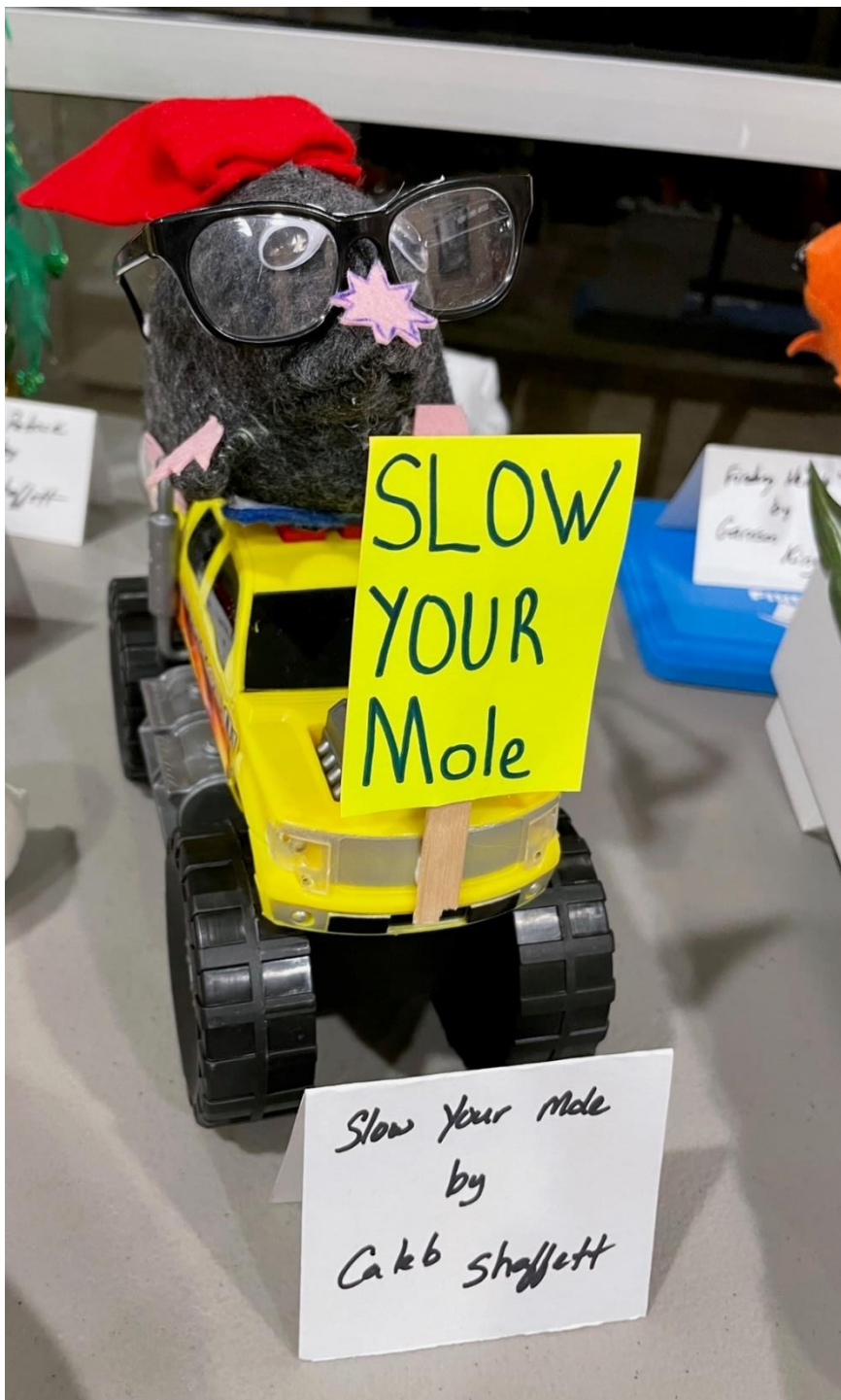
**SOCIAL MEDIA: Parents: please stress with your sons the consequences of inappropriate social media posting. Cyber-bulling is against the law and has legal implications. And the school will take strong measures against any inappropriate posting. Students: THINK before you post!**

**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.

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** Some "religion-related" (don't worry, I was very careful!) jokes to follow up last week's church bulletin bloopers:

- *Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today." The girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"*



- *A young married couple were arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. The husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. The wife opened up her Bible and said: “It’s right here—HEBREWS.”*
- *Where was Solomon’s temple located? – On the side of his head. Duh!*
- *After having children, Adam and Eve started getting questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer: “Your mother ate us out of house and home.”*
- *In a Sunday school lesson, a child learned how God created humans. The child became focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam’s ribs. Later, the boy’s mom saw him lying on the floor, so she asked what was wrong. His reply: “Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I’m getting a wife.”*
- *What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Answer: He was Ruthless*
- *A teacher observed her students drawing pictures. As she approached one girl who was working hard, she asked what the drawing was. The girl said: “I’m drawing God!” “The teacher replied, “no one actually knows what God looks like.” The girl continued drawing and said: “well, they certainly will in a minute!”*
- *A minister ended services one Sunday by saying, “next week I will preach on the subject of liars. To prepare, I ask all to read the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark.” On the next Sunday, the preacher said, “All of you who have done as I asked and read the seventeenth chapter of Mark, please raise your hands.” Nearly every hand went up. Then said the preacher, “You are the people I want to talk to. There is no seventeenth chapter of Mark.”*
- *A father often read Bible stories to his young children. One day he read, “The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.” His son asked, “What happened to the flea?”*



*Marching Wolves entertain the OLL student body at their Catholic Schools Week Pep Rally. Like SPS, OLL is a multiple Blue Ribbon School awardee – and our largest feeder school!*

# Second Semester

## February

- 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 (this will be adjusted since we are having Grandparent Day)
- 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

## 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 mid-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 as we reach the midpoint of February 2022 with no problems – as befits a Lasallian Catholic National Blue-Ribbon School.**



