



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington
341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
February 21 – March 06, 2022



Welcome to the eighth and penultimate week of the Third Quarter – and the final week before the Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays! It is important to note that our week off is really for two reasons: Mardi Gras for two days and the beginning of Lent for three.



The Howlin' Wolf gets festooned with beads!

Several years ago, General Councilor (and former SPS teacher, head soccer coach and athletic director) Brother Tim Coldwell sent me this quotation from Saint La Salle's Conduct of Schools – the faculty handbook for the first Brothers and an incredible guide for us even today: *Holidays may not be given on the Monday and Tuesday immediately preceding the first day of Lent. Furthermore, students will even be required to be more exact in their attendance at school on these days than on any other day in the year.* Tim speculated that things were pretty wild in France in the two days preceding Ash Wednesday, and our Founder wanted the students even more protected from the evil temptations and near occasions of sin of his day.

Well, I hate to ignore our Founder, but I don't think I could get away with having school on the two days prior to Ash Wednesday in our south Louisiana culture! I'd be sitting here by myself! But the temptations that the Founder wanted to protect the students from still abound – and, perhaps, are magnified – in our current Mardi Gras culture, which is not my favorite holiday of the year.

And while I feel pretty helpless to do much about it, I'll still play Yo Yo Ma's "Ecstasy of Gold" from The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly at Tuesday's assembly. I'll still exhort the students to embrace the good, shun the bad, and eschew the ugly of Mardi Gras. I'll still encourage them to attend Ash Wednesday services. I'll still praise the Marching Wolves and encourage families to enjoy but take precautions. I'll still support families who leave town at Mardi Gras. And I'll still pray for the safety of all of our students. I hope you will join me in all of the above. And then I'll spend Mardi Gras Day with a good detective novel and prepare for the beginning of Lent. I wish you and your sons a safe and blessed 8th week and especially a safe and blessed Mardi Gras.

Mon, Feb 21 (D E F G – 10th grade HR Breakfast)

- **Presidents Day – the most grammatically confusing holiday all year.** There are several correct ways to write this holiday, which falls on the third Monday in February. AP style says **no apostrophe: Presidents Day**. Chicago style writes it as plural possessive, with the apostrophe after the s: Presidents' Day. But the federal government and some states now call it Washington's Birthday.
- **This Day in History:** In 1972, President Richard Nixon becomes first sitting US President to visit The People's Republic of China. Arriving in Beijing, the president announced his breakthrough visit to China is "The week that changed the world."

- **Golf Meet the Team (6 pm in library)**
- **Bowling: Wolves v. Loranger at Tangi Lanes**
- **Baseball: Varsity v. Catholic (5)**



A pre-freshman spends time with his mom at Honor Roll Breakfast

Tue, Feb 22
(Assembly; Snack Day; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.
- **TDIH:** In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered first presidential radio broadcast from White

House.

- **TDIH:** In 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, NY.
- **Single Tasking Day:** Concentrate on one task at a time today without feeling guilty about wasting time!
- **Be Humble Day:** Today's the day to practice humility! And we've all got things to be humble about.
- **Baseball:** 9th at French Settlement
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity at Newman

Wed, Feb 23 (E F G A – 9th Grade HR Breakfast)

- **TDIH:** In 1896 - The Tootsie Roll was introduced.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, U.S. flag was raised on Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal's photo, showing 5 Marines & 1 Navy man struggling to hoist the flag pole, became the most reproduced photo in history and won a Pulitzer Prize.
- **Inconvenience Yourself Day:** Often, we think that our lives and schedules are more important than some else's. We inconvenience other people to make our own lives easier and forget the impact of our actions on others. Concentrate today on trying to make someone else's life easier and happier rather than focusing on ourselves – I know what you're saying: if he wanted to make our lives more convenient, he wouldn't write these newsletters!
- **Baseball:** 8th at Slidell Jr Hi (4:30 & 6:15)
- **Golf:** SPS in Northshore League Play at Pinewood in

*Marching Wolves chillaxin' before start of Cleopatra Parade (thanks to Jeanne Pichon for pic!)
Geaux Marching Wolves!*



Thu, Feb 24 (B C D E – 12th Grade HR Breakfast)

- **TDIH:** In 1803, the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Marshall, decides *Marbury vs. Madison* and confirms the legal principle of judicial review--the ability of the Supreme Court to limit Congressional power by declaring legislation unconstitutional--in the new nation.
- **TDIH:** In 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted by the Senate. Trivia question: who were the only other US Presidents to be impeached? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **Tortilla Chip Day:** Enjoy your favorite chip today!
- **Junior Retreat Day at Solomon Retreat Center**
- **Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays begin for students at 3 pm**
- **Baseball:** SPS v. Zachary at East Ascension; 9/JV intrasquad scrimmage
- **Tennis:** SPS v. Slidell at PAC (3)
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Trafton/MJH meet

Fri, Feb 25 (Faculty Retreat / no classes for students)

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.
- **TDIH II:** In 1862, The U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the use of paper notes to pay the government's bills. This ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions, and it allowed the government to finance the enormously costly Civil War long after its metal reserves were depleted.
- **TDIH III:** In 1807, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is born. Although not read much today, Longfellow was an American literary giant of the 19th Century. Who can forget his poem "Evangeline" or the opening of "Paul Revere's Ride": *Listen my children and you shall hear / Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere...?*
- **Marching Wolves in Wal Mart Special Needs Children's Parade. This is always a special event!**
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Hermes Parade**
- **Baseball:** Var v. Berwick at St. Amant

Sat, Feb 26

- **TDIH:** In 1993, a bomb explodes in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people died and 1,000 were injured by the powerful blast, a precursor to the 9-11 attack.
- **For Pete's Sake Day:** Who is Pete and why do we do or not do things for his sake?
- **Pistachio Day:** Crack a handful of these addictive nuts today and enjoy! Some pistachio facts:
 - Pistachios grow on trees. A pistachio tree takes 7-10 years to mature and produce nuts.
 - While native to the Middle East, California is the major producer in the US
 - Pistachios are harvested in Sept by machines that shake the trees
 - Red pistachios are dyed due to consumer demand for the color
 - Its open hull is unique. The nut is ripe when the hull splits open
 - In the Middle East, they are called "smiling nuts" and in China they are called "happy nuts."
 - Pistachios are nutritious so eat 'em up today!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Endymion Parade**
- **Rugby:** SPS v. Bayou Hurricanes in Gretna
- **Baseball:** SPS v. Dutchtown and Denham Springs at Dutchtown

Sun, Feb 27

- **TDIH:** In 1827, masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi. And we're still reeling from the effects!
- **Polar Bear Day:** Polar Bear Day celebrates the world's largest carnivore which can grow up to 9 feet tall (when standing) and 1400 pounds. Polar bears live at the North Pole region, and are native to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia. Celebrate the polar bear today! Visit the international website at <http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/bear-facts/>
- **Chili Day:** Enjoy a bowl of your favorite chili today! (Mine is New Mexican green chili!)
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Bacchus Parade**

Mon, Feb 28 (Lundi Gras Holiday!)

- **TDIH:** In 1953, Cambridge U scientists James Watson and Frances Crick announce they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes.
- **TDIH:** In 2013 - Benedict XVI resigned as pope. He was the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415 and the first to resign voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294.
- **Public Sleeping Day:** This is how I plan to spend the day after I finish my book – but not in public!

Tue, Mar 01 (Mardi Gras Holiday!)

- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Rex Parade**

Wed, Mar 02 – Sun, Mar 06 (Ash Wednesday; Beginning of Lent Holidays)

- **Remember that we are dust and unto dust we will return!**
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Rise Up, O Men of God

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

ADMISSIONS: Last Thursday, we mailed acceptance letters to next year's new students – as did all Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. Both the quality and quantity for SPS are fine – thanks for spreading the good news at SPS. People will have ten days to accept our offer. We will still entertain a few new applications, so if you know of an interested family, please have them contact us soon. Thank you!

BTW, here is the link to the video that we sent with the acceptance emails: <https://youtu.be/ipta2RPOidQ>
Special thanks to Zach van Zandt and Zach Gros for their work in making the video.

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 may 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. If you have an outstanding balance, please take care of it as soon as possible.

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 with a full day of instruction
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.

- 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 / Grandparent Day
- 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!)**
- 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!



A rep from Spring Hill College meets with interested Wolves last week.

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.

DANCE FOR 8TH & 9TH GRADES: Student Council will host a dance for our Pre-Freshmen and Freshmen on Saturday, March 12 from 7-9 (lock-in 7:30 - 9:00). The event will be in the Briggs Assembly Center. We will sell tickets for \$10 online as we did for Homecoming starting Monday, March 7. Notification to parents will be sent by email when we return from Mardi Gras. We are advertising to students through social media and will make an announcement next week. The student council reps for 8th & 9th grades have chosen the theme of March Madness. Students are encouraged to wear jerseys with pants or shorts.

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

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. Here’s a summary of what will happen:

We are issuing the invitation to you via email as we don’t mail things directly to grandparents unless asked.

If your son has a grandparent or grandparents who would like to attend, please invite them to attend. Here’s a summary of what will happen:

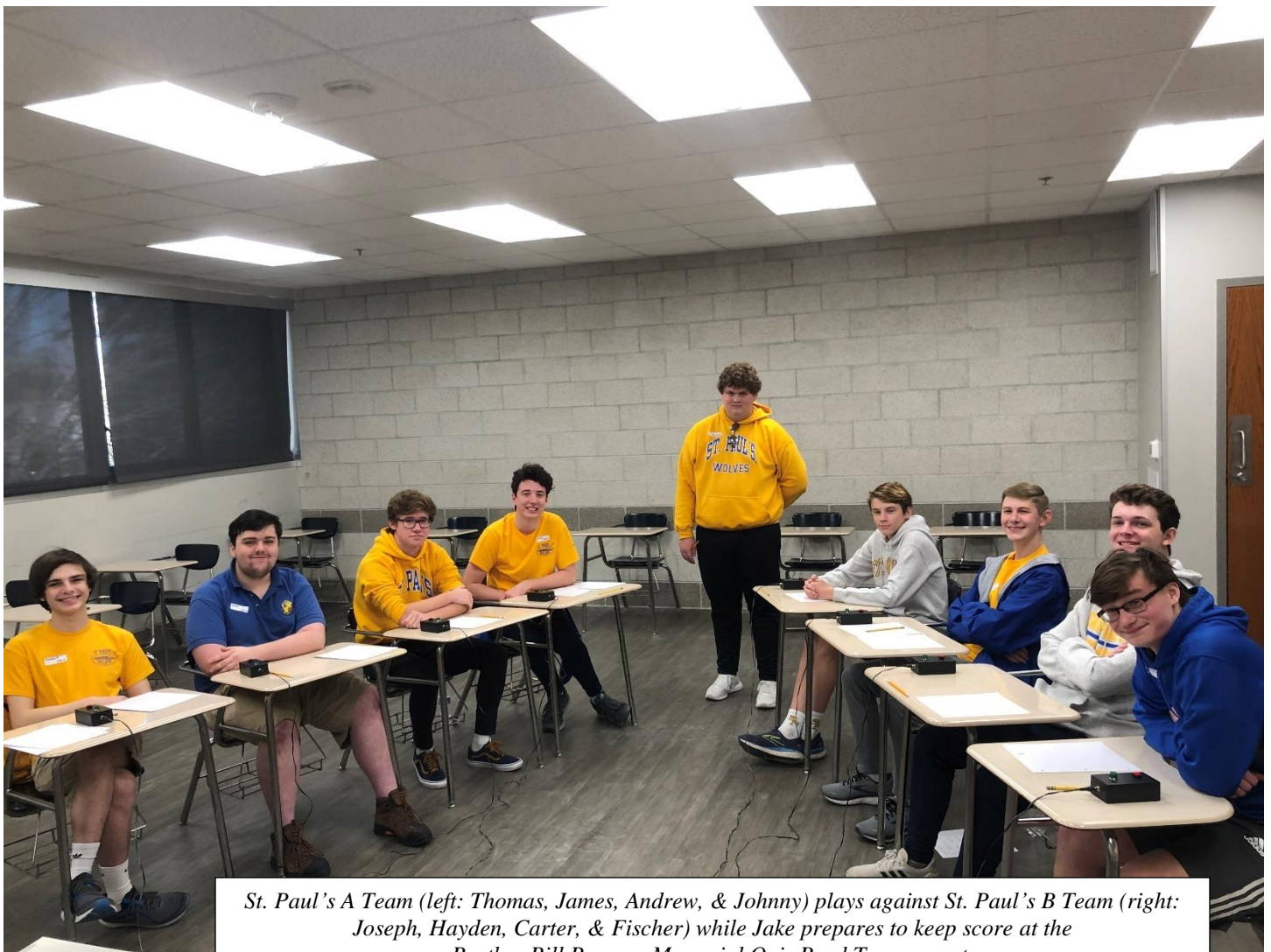
- Grandparents report to the Briggs Assembly Center on Friday, March 11. **Coffee & a light breakfast will be available starting at 10:45 am.** Students attending GP Day will be dismissed at 11:15. They report to BAC, receive their refreshments, and meet/greet their grandparent(s). The program begins at 11:30. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will attend. Students not attending GP Day will be dismissed at 11:35, when they are free to leave.
- In lieu of a professional photographer, photo stations will be available inside Briggs for parent volunteers to take a photo using the grandparent’s phone or camera. Also, there are many locations throughout our beautiful campus to have a picture taken.
- A prayer service will begin at 11:30, followed by a President’s Assembly. The whole program lasts about 70 minutes.
- **Registration is required by March 4th in order to adequately prepare.** Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/Nc5E3EEHzFG9ChSC8>
- Masks are encouraged.
- **Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms.**

Thank you for helping us make this annual event so successful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Again, in order to adequately prepare, you must register by March 4 the number who will be attending. Again, here is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/Nc5E3EEHzFG9ChSC8>

Also, if your son’s grandparent needs handicap accommodations, please indicate that as well.

I know that some of our students have suffered the loss of a grandparent recently. Know that I am sensitive to these situations and offer our prayers for you.



St. Paul's A Team (left: Thomas, James, Andrew, & Johnny) plays against St. Paul's B Team (right: Joseph, Hayden, Carter, & Fischer) while Jake prepares to keep score at the Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Quiz Bowl Tournament.

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!

HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THIRD QUARTER: We had to re-schedule two of the third quarter dates as we inadvertently scheduled two HRBs on Fridays – which are in Lent and, hence, we would not be able to serve the Chick-fil-A chicken breakfast biscuits. See calendar below for dates of the third quarter HRBs.

LASALLIAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: Over 30 years ago, the Lasallian Region of North America began a program called Lasallian Volunteers, where recent college graduates gave a year or two of service at one of our ministries, especially those serving the poor. The young men and women worked in our ministries, lived in community with the Brothers, and practiced their brand of Lasallian vocation. Last week, after more than 30 years of transforming lives in a spirit of faith, service and community, the Provincials of the three Provinces that comprise the North American Region and who are in charge of the program, announced that the Lasallian Volunteers will bring its noble service to a close at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 service year. Over the past several decades, more than 750 young men and women, recently graduated from university and with degree in hand, decided they had an opportunity to give back, to pay forward, to serve and to fall in love with

the Lasallian charism and educational ministry of the Catholic Church. Their lives in Brothers' communities have been formative. Their faith has deepened. Their capacity to serve has been stretched. We are grateful. We pray the Holy Spirit continues to inspire young people to embrace the Lasallian Mission, as the Brothers grow older and fewer. Thank you, Lasallian Volunteers, for all you did for so many years!

LAST WEEK:

- **Basketball:** Great wins over Ponchy & F'bleau hand the Wolves an undefeated District season and a second consecutive District Championship. On to the playoffs! Gene Bennett is smiling!
- **Bowling:** Wolves beat Holden & Hannan last week and are now 4 – 4. Geaux Bowling Wolves!
- **Five Guys Night:** There was a communication breakdown on the part of Five Guys with the community night this past Tuesday. The evening manager was not aware of the community night and was insistent our parents made an error. Five Guys plans to do the following: average all of the previous Five Guys nights this year and increase it by a certain percentage and draft an apology paragraph which we will send to all of our parents. This is more than fair. Thanks, Five Guys!
- **Life Skills Day:** Seniors got practical, real-work advice from professionals on Friday. Thanks, Development Team, for organizing this worthwhile event for the Class of 2022.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Two down; three to go. Thanks to Development Team, Physical Plant Team, and Joe Dickens for arrangements. All went smoothly.
- **Manresa:** 14 juniors headed to beautiful Manresa for 24-hour silent retreat, complete with NO phones or other electronic devices. I wonder how they survived? Congrats to the following for answering God's call to silence to listen to Him: Sutter Bourgeois, Jimmy Breaux, Junah Butcher, Bryce DePino, Will Kitchen, Hayden McWilliams, Coleman Miles, Zach Montz, Kye Parkman, Matthew Roberts, Ben Salvant, Zachary Seale, Cavin Taylor and Jack Vincent.
- **Marching Wolves:** the MWs acquitted themselves in exemplary fashion during three parades over the weekend: Cleopatra, Olympia, and Carrollton. And the Band Boosters deserve special kudos for their incredible support system, especially implementing the COVID protocols demanded by the City of NO. Special thanks, too, to our chaplain Father Matthew Clark who celebrated a special Mass on Sun for MWs.
- **Math Wolves:** The FMWs were up and at 'em early on a cold Sat AM, heading to heated competition at the Episcopal High Math Tournament. I don't have results yet but am sure they did well.
- **Powerlifting:** The Iron Wolves took FIRST Place in State Qualifying Meet on Sat! Geaux Iron Wolves!
- **Track:** Trey Faherty placed sixth in Pole Vault at Division 1 State Meet on Sat. Geaux Trey!

MARCHING WOLVES begin their Mardi Gras season on Friday, when they march in the Krewe of Cleopatra, followed by the Krewe 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

Dinner is for currently enrolled students and their Mothers.

Registration deadline is February 24th

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

Questions regarding reservations can be emailed to 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

OFFICES: All school offices will CLOSE during the holiday week. Get driver's forms, transcripts, etc. by this Friday. I will be around so feel free to call on me but I don't always know how to help.

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: It is past time to commit for next year!

- Thanks to those who registered or let us know their plans for next year.
- I really need to hear from the rest of you, as our planning and hiring depends on enrollment.
- If your son is returning, please register.
- If your son is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know.
- Current 12th 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.

RIP: In case you did not see the following last week:

- Charles William Myers, Jr: Charlie was head football, track, and basketball coach at Saint Paul's College (as we were known back then) from 1949 – 52. He had an outstanding career following his SPC tenure and is the father of our yearbook company's rep, Bill Myers.
- Dr. Warren Caire, AFSC: Warren was a faithful Lasallian educator for 54 years – all at De La Salle in New Orleans, where he taught Latin and Religion. He was a consummate gentleman, faithful Catholic, dedicated teacher, and exemplary Lasallian – so much so, that the Brothers made him an Affiliated Member (the highest honor the Brothers bestow on a non-Brother – similar to Gina and Trevor.) And Warren was my Latin I, II, and III teacher when I was a student at DLS! Rest in peace, Warren – or in honor of your teaching me Latin, **requiescat in pace!** And thank you!

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

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!

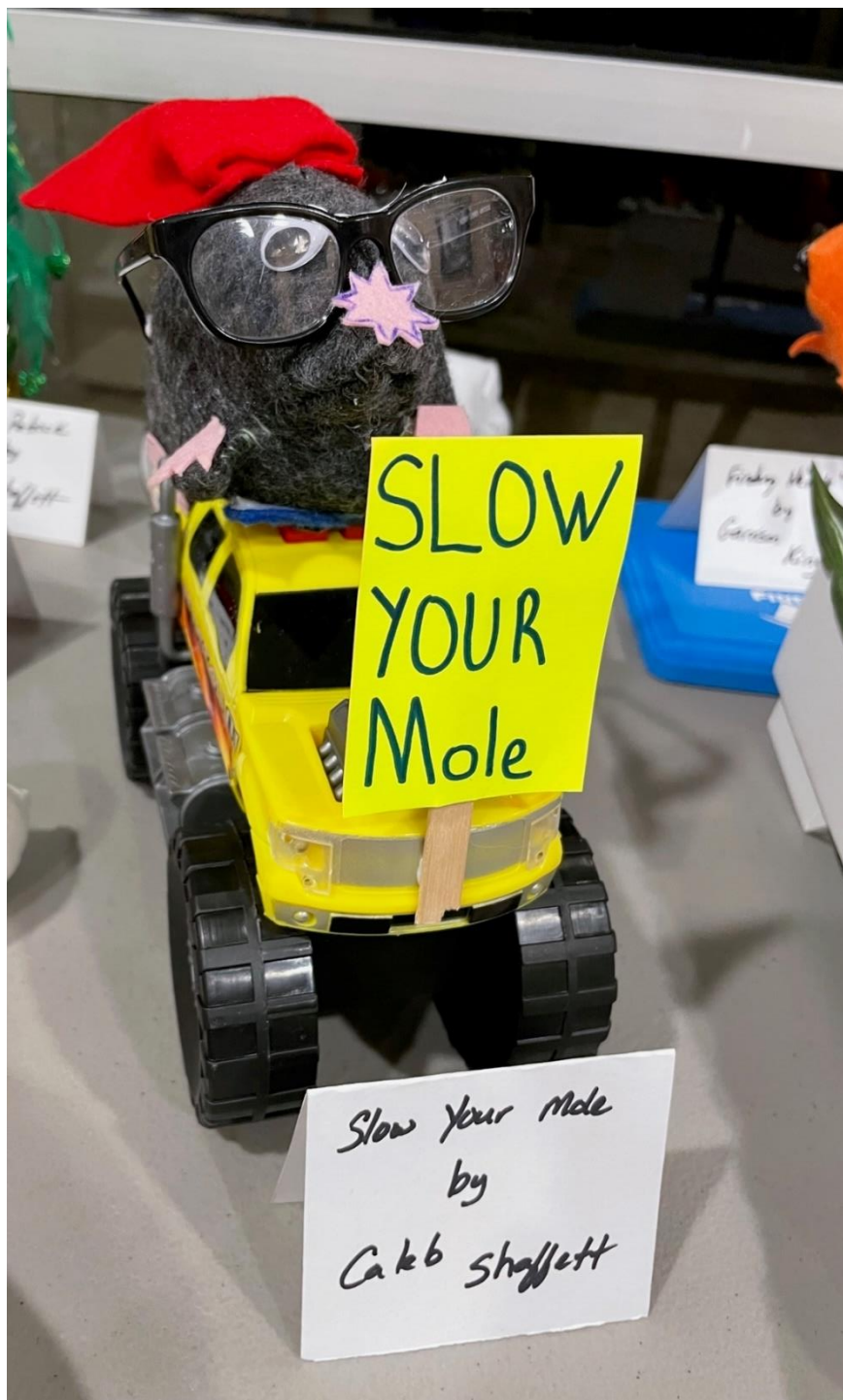
SOCIAL MEDIA: Parents: please stress with your sons the consequences of inappropriate social media posting. Cyber-bullying is against the law and has legal implications. And the school will take strong measures against any inappropriate posting. Students: THINK before you post!

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.

WEEKLY HUMOR: In honor of Presidents' Day:

- *Q: What did Abe Lincoln put on his pancakes? Lincoln Log Cabin Syrup.*
- *Q: What's the most popular automobile brand for presidents? Lincoln.*
- *Q: What did they call George Washington's false teeth? Presidentures.*
- *Q: Why did George Washington have problems sleeping? Because he couldn't lie.*
- *Q: What does the Statue of Liberty stand for? It can't sit down...*
- *Q: Which one of Washington's officers had the best sense of humor? A: Laughayette!*
- *Q: Why did they call Lincoln "Honest Abe"? A: Because that's what it said on all his campaign buttons.*
- *Q: What would you get if you crossed a whale with the first US president? A: Large Washington!*
- *Q: Why did George Washington have trouble sleeping? A: Because he couldn't lie.*
- *Q: Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? A: At the chopping mall!*
- *Q: What do you call George Washington's false teeth? A: Presidentures!*



- *Q: What was General Washington's favorite tree? A: The infantry!*
- *Q: Was General Washington a handsome man? A: Yes, he was George-eous!*
- *Q: What would George Washington be if he were alive today? A: Really, really, really old!*
- *Q: Did you hear the one about the crooked George Washington? A: He committed Valley Forgery!*
- *Q: How did George Washington speak to his army? A: In general terms!*
- *Q: What rock group has four guys who don't sing? A: Mount Rushmore!*
- *Q. What was Thomas Jefferson's favorite dessert? Monti-jello!*
- *Q: How was George Washington able to be so healthy? He had a strong constitution.*
- *Q: What did George Washington say to his men before crossing the Delaware? Get in the boat...*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



A junior family enjoys HR Breakfast on Thu!

Second Semester

February

- 21 – DEFG – 10th HR Breakfast
- 22 – ABCD - President's Assembly
- 23 – EFGA – Juniors on Retreat; 9th HR Breakfast
- 24 – BCDE – Juniors on Retreat; 12th HR Breakfast
- 25 – Faculty Retreat – no classes for students

• March

- 7 - FGAB
- 8 – CDEF - ACT for Juniors
- 9 – GABC – President's Assembly
- 10 – DEFGA (five period day to accommodate GP Day)
- 11 – BCD -End of 3rd Quarter (three period day to accommodate GP 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 -
- 28 – CDEF – 11th HR Breakfast
- 29 – GABC -8th HR Breakfast
- 30 – DEFG - 9th HR Breakfast / Senior Retreat (March 30 - April 1)
- 31- ABCD -10th HR Breakfast / Senior Retreat

• April

- 1 – EFGA -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 / 8th 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 more and more, let us not forget the inspiration by Student Council on luminaria night: *AGAPE!*

You get a break next week as the newsletter goes on Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent holidays. Enjoy your Sunday without my missive clogging your email inbox.

Even though we are moving into the last full week of 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

Praying for the Safety of All During Mardi Gras, Especially Our Students, as the 17th 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 reach our holiday week 2022 with no problems – as befits a Lasallian Catholic National Blue-Ribbon School.

Answer to Feb 24 Trivia Question: Presidents Bill Clinton & Donald Trump were the only other presidents impeached by the House of Representatives. They, too, were acquitted by the Senate. But you knew that



