



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



Remember that we are dust and
to dust we shall return!

Welcome to the ninth and final week of the Third Quarter – and the first full week of Lent!
I pray that your Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent holidays were safe, enjoyable, and renewing.

I invite you to join me at the beginning of Lent to pray for peace:



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O Prince of Peace, once more we hear the guns of war,
Once more we see the faces of frightened children.
We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace;
We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace;
We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part
Of peacemaking in this world. O Prince of Peace,
Lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding
Of the global human family, so all may break bread together
In the secure embrace of peace. Amen.



Mon, Mar 07 (F G A B)

- **This Day in History:** In 1923, *The New Republic* publishes Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." The poem, with the famous line "Whose woods these are, I think I know. His house is in the village though," has introduced millions of American students to poetry. Re-read this classic today!
- **World Math Day!** Celebrate & work math problems!
- **Bowling:** SPS v. Ponchatoula at Tangi Lanes
- **Baseball:** JV v. Slidell (6:30)
- **Golf:** Wolves in Northshore League play

Tue, Mar 08 (C D E F; in school ACT for Juniors)

- **TDIH:** In 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crewmembers, loses contact with air traffic control less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur then veers off course and disappears. Despite a massive air-and-sea search effort for the Beijing-bound Boeing 777, investigators have failed to find any trace of the aircraft or determine why it vanished.
- **Be Nasty Day:** SPS Will NOT observe this day!
- **Baseball:** 8th v. Rummel (4:30) and Varsity at Zachary (6)
- **Tennis:** Wolves v. CES
- **Track:** JV in Mandeville Meet

Wed, Mar 09 (Assembly; G A B C)

- **TDIH: In 1916**, Pancho Villa raids the United States. This matters to us at SPS. Below is a repeat, but it's one of our significant foundation stories – both in our history and God's plan -- and needs to be read. Enjoy.



From the History Channel's "This Day in History" for Mar 9: **Pancho Villa Raids U.S.** *On March 9, 1916, several hundred Mexican guerrillas under the command of Francisco "Pancho" Villa cross the U.S.-Mexican border and attack the small border town of Columbus, New Mexico.... President Woodrow Wilson orders the U.S. Army into Mexico to capture the rebel leader dead or alive.*

Other than historical curiosity, why should we at SPS care about this anniversary? Because in an unwitting and unintentional way, Pancho Villa (left) helped found Saint Paul's School.

According to the historical records of the Christian Brothers of the former New Orleans - Santa Fe Province, Mexican revolutionaries besieged the city of Zacatecas in 1914, where Christian Brothers had conducted a school for six years. Two Brothers were killed and 14 were imprisoned. *On July 6, the sister of the finance minister to the Revolutionaries hosted Poncho Villa for dinner. During this meal, she interceded for the Brothers. Her son had attended the Brothers' school at Monterey. Villa consented and the Brothers were conveyed by rail coach under guard to El Paso. The Jesuit priests took them in and advised them to travel to Santa Fe. The French consul arranged for train tickets, and the Brothers arrived at Santa Fe on July 13. Some of these Brothers later returned to France. Others went to different American communities, while some remained and helped establish the new District of New Orleans-Santa Fe. The unknown Brother who wrote the Historical Sketch, awed by the courage and dedication of these Brothers, remarked, ". . . for a more exemplary or edifying body of religious men, it would be very difficult to find."*

Some of those same brothers, exiled from France in 1904 due to religious persecution and who went to Mexico only to be driven out in 1914, would eventually settle in Covington to assume ownership of Saint Paul's. The rest, as they say, is history. Had Pancho Villa not released the Brothers from prison, they may never have found their way here.

God's ways are not our ways. Could there be a more relevant example of how God brings good out of evil, strength out of weakness, salvation out of despair? Could the Hand of God be any more obvious in our school's existence? Could we have any doubt that our work today is God's work -- a continuation of that miraculous journey to Covington, those incredible stories of heroic men giving their lives for the sake of the Lasallian Mission?



*The end of their SPS careers is in sight!
Grant and Blake receive their senior grad materials.*

Today, we are the ones entrusted with that Mission. Today, we must be faithful. Today, we are the cooperators with God in His plan of salvation. Today, we must honor our ancestors and, yes, thank Pancho Villa for granting the Brothers a release from prison and a safe journey from Mexico. Who knows what good will come from our work today -- even when times are tough and the future blurry? May our Lenten journey give us eyes of faith and merciful hearts!

- **Discover What Your Name Means Day** (always Wed of first full week of March): Talk about your family's names today: where they came from and what they mean! Tell some family stories, too!
- **Get Over It Day:** We all have something to "get over." Do it today! Can't think of something? Ask your friends what they tire of hearing you complain about!
- **Panic Day:** Who knew? Try to stay calm today although with all this activity, it will be hard.
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Holden **Baseball:** 9th & JV at Slidell starting at 4



Marching Wolves perform for Archbishop Aymond and Mrs. Benson in Rex Parade on Mardi Gras Day!

Thu, Mar 10 (D E F G A – five period day)

- **TDIH:** In 1876, the first telephone call is made. Who made it and what did he say? Answer at end.
- **Mario Day:** A day for all persons named Mario. Using the abbreviation for the month of March, i.e., MAR, with the day, i.e., 10, you get the name spelled out: MAR10 – who knew?
- **Middle Name Day:** How often do we think of our middle names? Spend some time discussing their history today.
- **Track:** Varsity in Ponchatoula Meet
- **Tennis:** Wolves v. Bro. Martin at PAC
- **Baseball:** Varsity at St. Aug (Mike Miley)
- **Rugby:** Wolves v. Strake Jesuit (6:30)
- **Golf:** Wolves in Northshore League play at Cov CC

Fri, Mar 11 (B C D – 11:35 dismissal – Grandparent Day)

- **TDIH:** In 1818, Mary Shelley publishes *Frankenstein*, called the first science fiction novel.
- **Johnny Appleseed Day:** Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was a real person, a settler captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree planted, the legend grew. Eat an apple today in honor of Johnny.

- **Plumbing Day:** Appreciate plumbing today, something we all too often take for granted. And I guess we should give a shout out to plumbers, too! Where would we be without them?
- **Grandparent Day:** 11:15 dismissal for students attending GP Day; 11:35 dismissal for all others; students attending GP Day must wear dress uniform; registration was due on Mar 7
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Holy Cross

Sat, Mar 12

- **TDIH:** In 1622, Pope Gregory XV canonized a pretty extraordinary group of men and women, making them saints in the Roman Catholic Church: Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, & Ignatius Loyola. May these saints pray for us in our work at SPS!
- **TDIH II:** In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first “fireside chat” radio address. Today he would probably have sent out a tweet!
- **Genealogy Day:** Spend time today researching your ancestors or at least giving thanks for them!
- **Track:** JH in Trafton/Mandeville meet at Mandeville
- **Ultimate:** Wolves v. Bro. Martin (9)
- **Baseball:** Var v. ED White (Mike Miley)
- **Lacrosse:** JVA, JV B & Varsity v. Catholic starting at 2

Sun, Mar 13 – 2nd Sunday of Lent – I encourage all to worship at church today!

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time begins at 2:00 am. Spring forward! Yes, we lose an hour!**
- **TDIH:** In 2013, Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis I.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, the US Army begins training dogs for the new War Dog Program, or “K-9 Corps.



Rise Up, O Men of God

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

ADMISSIONS: We are now registering our newly accepted Wolves for next year and will now entertain qualified transfer applicants. Both the quality and quantity of the Class of 2027 for SPS are fine – thanks for spreading the good news at SPS. 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. Every week I receive a few more responses. Thanks. **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.

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: I want to commend sophomore Cavin Taylor for organizing our Black History Month videos, which were shown on Friday. Cavin, with help from the media class, videoed SPS African American alumni who reflected on their time here and the lessons learned. The finale on Friday the 24th was moving. All of the videos are on YouTube, but here is the link to the last one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t13C4SP98BI> Thanks, Cavin, for increasing our awareness of BHM.

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.
PLEASE 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, 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 entire 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!

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.

COURSE SELECTION FOR NEXT YEAR: Returning students will choose next year's classes on this schedule. Only registered students will be allowed to select classes.

- Wednesday March 16 – current 9th grade
- Thursday March 17 – current 10th grade
- Friday March 18 -- current 11th grade
- Tuesday March 22 -- current 8th grade



Trey is all smiles after receiving his senior mug with names of Class of 2022!

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. Tickets can be purchased at <https://ticketpeak.co/wolfnation>

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 _____

GOOD NEWS DEPT: The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) announced last week that Catholic school enrollment in the United States rose 3.8% from the previous academic year, rebounding from a sharp drop caused by the coronavirus pandemic. This marks the first increase in two decades and the largest jump it has recorded in at least five decades. “‘Catholic schools’ dedication in safely opening classrooms and supporting their communities’ needs last year is demonstrated in the 3.8% increase in enrollment” said NCEA.

GRANDPARENT DAY: The SPS Mothers Club will sponsor “Grandparent Day” this Friday, March 11.

While the newsletter was your invitation to attend, I also sent a separate email on Feb 23 with info and the registration link.

IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED YOUR SON AND HIS GRANDPARENT(S), here is a summary of what will happen:

- **Grandparents report to the Briggs Assembly Center on Friday, March 11 by 11:15. Coffee & a light breakfast will be available starting at 10:45 am.** Students attending GP Day will report to BAC at 11:15, receive refreshments, and meet heir grandparent(s). Students not attending will be dismissed at 11:35, when they are free to leave.
- Photo stations will be available inside BAC for parent volunteers to take a photo using the grandparent’s phone/camera. Also, photos can be taken on campus.
- A prayer service will begin at 11:30, followed by a President’s Assembly. The whole program lasts about 70 minutes.
- **Registration was required by March 4th in order to adequately prepare.** I don’t know if they are still accepting registrations, but here is the link:
<https://forms.gle/Nc5E3EEHzFG9ChSC8>
- **Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms.**

Please let me know if you have questions.

Again, in order to adequately prepare, you must have registered register by March 4 the number who will be attending.

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.

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 3rd quarter dates as we inadvertently scheduled two HRBs on Fridays – which are in Lent and, hence, meatless. See calendar below for dates of the third quarter HRBs.

LAST TWO WEEKS:

- **Baseball:** Tough week for the Wolves but we will be ready for District this week!
- **Basketball:** A dominating quarterfinal performance sent the Wolves back to the state semi-finals, but the ecstasy of that win became the agony of defeat in the semis, losing to Cutis by two points. We congratulate the Wolves on their great season and thank them for some memorable moments in SPS basketball history
- **Bowling:** Wolves continue to bowl but I get few results; at last report we were 4 – 4 on the season.



SPS alum Chris Lee gives practical, inspiring advice to senior HR students. He was great. I am so proud to see our alums become so successful!

• **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** All went well. In my vocabulary lesson, I encouraged the students to be ebullient supererogators (passionate, intense, enthusiastic young men who do more than is required) and never to me contumacious makebates (stubbornly disobedient people who cause trouble and discord.) Naturally, they rolled their eyes, but maybe one or two of them will remember the words! For the Senior HRB, '07 alum Chris Lee addressed the group. Wow. He was fantastic. Read about it in Wolf Tracks.

• **Marching Wolves:** the MWs acquitted themselves in exemplary fashion during SEVEN parades. 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. And the icing on the Mardi Gras King Cake came on Tue, when the MWs were awarded BEST MARCHING BAND trophy in the prestigious Rex Parade! Well done, MWs! We are incredibly proud of you!

• **Math Wolves:** I didn't get results from the Episcopal Tournament but I am sure we did well.

• **Retreats:** Kudos to the junior level retreat team – all went well and the boys profited from the day. And kudos to Jeff Ramon for his morning of reflection for faculty and staff on Feb 25 – we, too, profited from the morning!

- **Tennis:** SPS 5; Slidell 0 – Well done, Tennis Wolves!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks, Danielle, for another great issue.
- **Wolves on Wheels:** John Carambat and a pack of Wolves on Wheels rode a number of their vehicles in the Covington parade on Mardi Gras day. The boys (and John, too, costumed as Morgus the Magnificent – whom the boys had no clue who that was!) were excited and represented us well. Thanks, W on W!



Director of Bands Andrew Moran proudly carries Best Marching Band trophy from Rex! Geaux Marching Wolves!

MARCH: Welcome to March, the third month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the second of seven months to have a length of 31 days. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. His month *Martius* was the beginning of the season for warfare. In the Northern Hemisphere, the meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March. The March equinox on the 20th marks the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. Among other causes, March is Adopt A Rescued Guinea Pig Month, American Red Cross Month, Brain Injury Awareness, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Expect Success Month, International Listening Awareness Month, International Mirth Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, Mad for Plaid Month, Malignant Hypertension Awareness Month, Music In Our Schools Month, Athletic Training Month, Caffeine Awareness Month, Craft Month, Ethics Awareness Month, Essential Tremor Awareness Month, Eye Donor Month, Frozen Food Month, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, Kidney Month, March Into Literacy Month, Noodle Month, Nutrition Month, Peanut Month, Social Work Month, Umbrella Month, Optimism Month, Play The Recorder Month, Poison Prevention Awareness Month, Save Your Vision Month, Sing With Your Child Month, Spiritual Wellness Month, & Youth Art Month – something for everyone!

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 was Feb 24 – needed to determine venue.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK: This is NCSW – a time to shine a national spotlight on the good works and good will of the almost 50,000 Catholic sisters in the US. It recognizes past and present sisters, from the movers and shakers of Catholic education, to those who pressed the front lines of social change to those who ministered to the sick in hospitals to those faithful praying in cloistered chapels. Few students today have had contact with Catholic nuns. Sad. Some of my most influential teachers in elementary school were nuns. Let's pray for an increase of vocations to this worthy life and thank God for the good these faith-filled women have done so much for so many, many years – and continue to do today.

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.

SENIOR GRADUATION: We intend to return to pre-COVID protocols and issue each senior eight (8) tickets for the graduation ceremony on May 14 at 4 pm in the BAC. This assumes no capacity limitation will be placed by civil authorities on indoor gatherings. do not request more tickets as there is no more room in the BAC

SENIOR RETREAT: Parents of seniors were emailed two weeks ago 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-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!

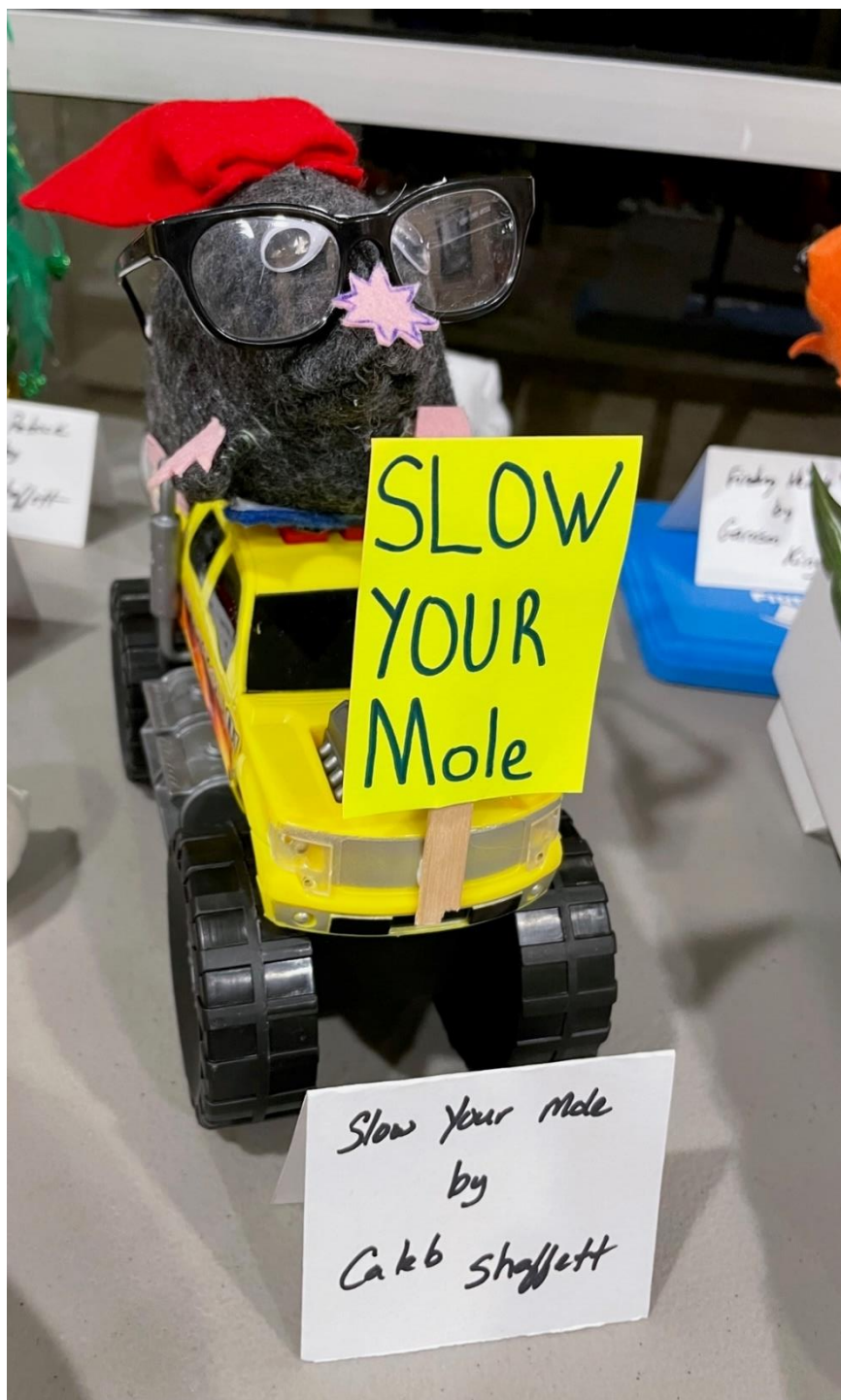
STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL:

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.

THIRD QUARTER: The third quarter ends Friday. Hard to believe. We do not give exams at the end of the first and third quarters, so report cards will be prepared based upon students' grades as of this Friday. Please make sure your son up to date in his classes. Report cards will be emailed mid-week next week.

WEEKLY HUMOR: Even though it's Lent, we still need to have a sense of humor!

- *What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop.*
- *Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one.*
- *Why did the Clydesdale give the pony a glass of water? Because he was a little horse.*
- *Why do seagulls fly over the sea? If they flew over the bay, they would be bagels.*
- *What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu? One requires tweetment and the other oinkment.*
- *Why do people say "break a leg" when you go on stage? Because every play has a cast.*
- *What do you call an alligator detective? An investi-gator.*



- *Why shouldn't you write with a broken pen? Because it's pointless.*
- *Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field.*
- *If athletes get athlete's foot, what do elves get? Mistle-toes.*
- *What's brown and sticky? A stick.*
- *What do you call fake spaghetti? An im-pasta.*
- *Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honeycombs.*
- *Why can't your ear be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot.*
- *What kind of music do planets like? Neptunes.*
- *What do you call a fish without eyes? Fsh. [LOL!]*
- *How do rabbits travel? By hareplanes.*

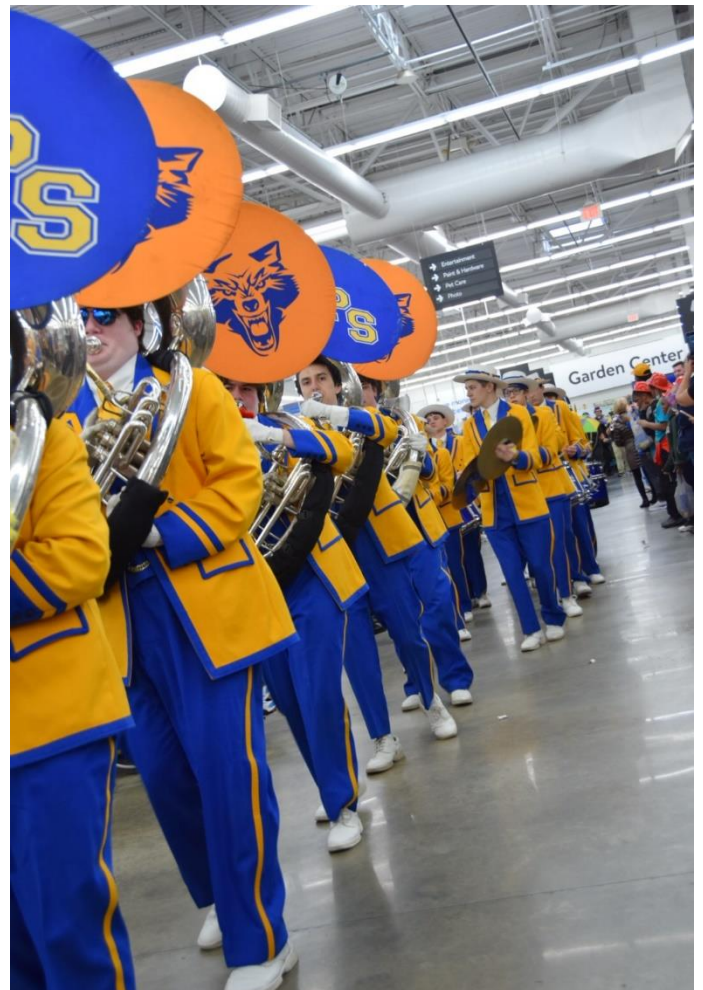
Second Semester

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) – 8th grade retreat
- 15 – BCDE - Pack Time – 9th grade retreat
- 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



MWs return to Wal Mart Special Needs Parade!

- 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!*

Even though we have moved into March 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!

Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we march forward (pun) through 2022! Hard to believe two months of 2022 are now history! Again, thanks for being part of the 2021 - 22 edition of Saint Paul's School!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's the Final Week of the Third Quarter of 2022 and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School – A Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon 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 befits a Lasallian Catholic National Blue-Ribbon School.

Answer to Mar 10 trivia question: Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone and made the first call on Mar 10, 1876 when he said "*Mr. Watson [his assistant], come here; I want to see you.*"



Thanks, Marching Wolves, for an outstanding Mardi Gras 2022 season!

