



Saint Paul's School

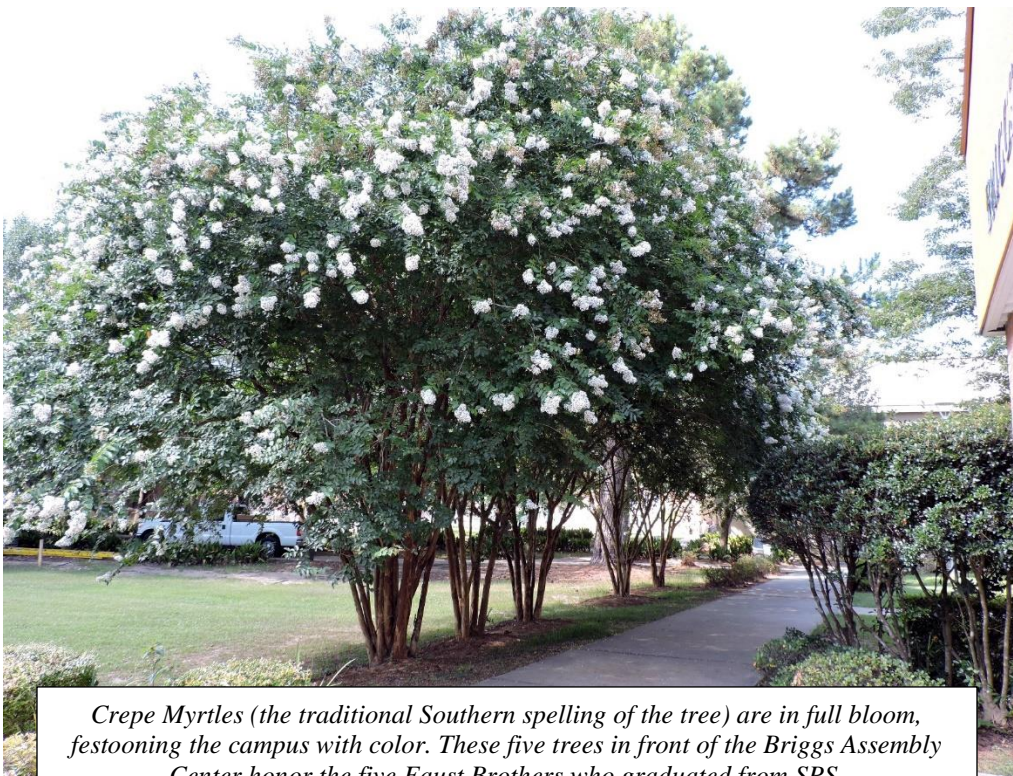
*The President's **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter for July 2022* *Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington* *and* *342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*



"Wholly direct your thoughts to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, and worthy of praise. Then will the God of peace be with you."
--Saint Paul to the Philippians

Welcome to July – the seventh month of the year, named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth. And Happy Fourth of July! As we celebrate our wonderful country's 246th birthday, I thought it appropriate that I communicate briefly with you.

First and foremost, I hope and pray that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well, protected from any illness or harm.



Crepe Myrtles (the traditional Southern spelling of the tree) are in full bloom, festooning the campus with color. These five trees in front of the Briggs Assembly Center honor the five Faust Brothers who graduated from SPS.

And I hope you are rejoicing with me that Saint Paul's is on track to open as normally as possible with in-person instruction beginning August 4!

But first, we celebrate July – which has something for all. Did you know that July is *Air-Conditioning Appreciation Month* (Amen!), *Disaster Education & Awareness Month*, *Cell Phone Courtesy Month* (and boy, do we need this!), *Family Reunion Month*, *Family Golf Month*, *Freedom From Fear of Speaking Month*, *Independent Retailer Month* (let's support our local businesses!), *International*

Zine Month (I had to look this one up to find out what a zine was!), *National Blueberries Month* (love 'em!), *National Grilling Month*, *National Ice Cream Month*, *National Horseradish Month*, *National Hot Dog Month*, *National Make A Difference to Children Month* (we do this every month at SPS!), *National Recreation & Parks Month*, *National Share A Sunset With Your Lover Month*, *National Wheelchair Beautification Month*, *Nectarine and Garlic Month*, *Sandwich Generation Month*, *Smart Irrigation Month*, *Social Wellness Month*, *Tour de France Month*, & *Women's Motorcycle Month* (be careful, ladies!) So, enjoy July!

And here are some individual celebrations you may want to observe in July:

- July 4th – National Country Music Day – listen to your favorites when you celebrate the 4th!
- July 6th -- International Kissing Day – kiss the ones you love, especially your teenagers.
- July 6th – National Fried Chicken Day – enjoy, if your health allows fried food!
- July 7th – Chocolate Day – again, indulge if your health allows!
- July 8th – Blueberry Day – almost everyone enjoys these healthy berries!
- July 11th – Cheer Up the Lonely Day – very relevant in today’s world!
- July 12th – Pecan Pie Day – indulge in this Southern classic!
- July 14th – Bastille Day – think French today! Hum *La Marseillaise!*
- July 15th – Cow Appreciation Day! Thanks to our bovine friends!
- July 17th – Hug Your Kids Day! Your teenagers will resist, but hug them anyway!
- July 23rd –Vanilla Ice Cream Day and National Hot Dog Day! Enjoy!
- July 28th – National Milk Chocolate Day
- July 29th – National Lasagna Day
- July 30th – National Cheesecake Day

As I write each year at this time, I hope summer is proving to be a renewing one for your family, as we continue our road to normality. Too often, summers become hectic and chaotic with plans and projects – such as celebrating all those things in the paragraph above! With so much happening, it is easy to lose focus about important things. May the above words of Saint Paul – which I use each year -- help us to refocus! And even though we might be enjoying blueberries or horseradish, we need to "direct [our] thoughts to all that is true!" By doing so, the "God of peace" will be with us. Such is my prayer for you.

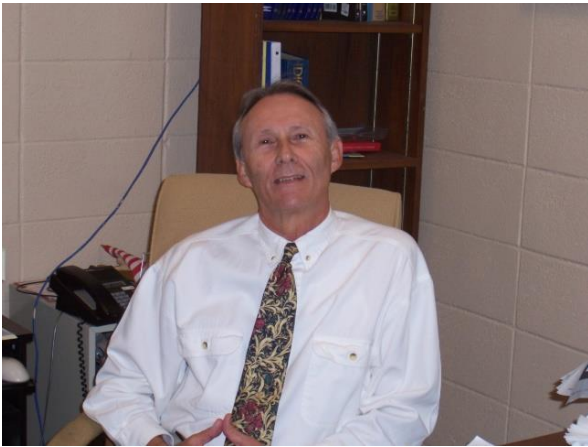
I hope, too, that you are preparing for the opening of the 2022 - 23 school year – a year that continues the unbroken chain of educational quality that began at Saint Paul’s back in 1911 and continues the Lasallian Catholic transformational educational experience that began in 1680. August 4th will soon be here! We are doing much work to prepare. In the meantime, enjoy July and pray for the safety of all, especially our students.



Rise Up, O Men of God

Please note the following (which I have printed in alphabetical order, not order of importance):

ACT: Is your son doing any ACT prep work this summer? If so, please congratulate him for me. If not, please encourage him to do so. While we are very proud of our already high ACT scores, we want even higher ones – and they come with practice.



ANNIVERSARY: July 4 is the twelfth -year anniversary of the death of Coach Gene Bennett, iconic SPS Lasallian educator who faithfully served Saint Paul's School for 48 years. Today we remember Gene and give thanks for his Lasallian vocation to our school. We continue to offer our prayer and support to his family as they continue to adjust to life without his earthly presence. **We continue to honor him with the Gene Bennett Sports Complex! A couple of naming opportunities remain in the new gym. Let me know if you are interested. And we would love to have a name for the new gym!**

ANNUAL FUND: Thanks to those of you who have contributed. Even during the summer, I continue to get donations. **If you have not contributed and are able to, even to a small degree, please do so now, as the 2022 Annual Fund Drive ends July 31.** Thanks. So far, we have used the funds to provide continuing education opportunities for faculty members, to upgrade technology, to fund curricula, and to help pay for the Benilde Hall renovations and for the new band hall -- and much more.

ATHLETICS: From the Athletic Director, Coach Sam Francis: *Any student who wishes to play a sport must have his athletic paperwork (including a physical on a school medical history form) turned in to the office BEFORE the start of practices. Football, CC, and Swimming will begin the first week of school for new students.* Paperwork can be found online at <https://www.stpauls.com/athletics/forms/>. Please contact Athletic Director Sam Francis (samf@stpauls.com) or Administrative Assistant Claire Coutrado (clairec@stpauls.com) with any questions.

BAND: The Marching Wolves invite ALL students to consider joining one of the premier band programs in the area. **Even beginners are welcome!** Note the following:

- The new member camp will be July 11-13, 9-12:30 each day.
- Percussion camp will be July 11 and 12, 9-4, and July 13, 9-12:30
- The full band camp will be July 18-22. 9:00-6:00 each day
- Contact Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, at andrewm@stpauls.com for more info.
- Band is a GREAT way to become involved, become part of a wonderful SPS tradition, and have fun, too.

BOOK STORE: The Mothers' Club Bookstore will open:

- Mon, Aug 1 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Tue, Aug 2 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wed, Aug 3 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Thu, Aug 4 Bookstore Regular Hours (7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm)
- If you need something during summer for a birthday, etc. contact the school office.
- School supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel (except uniform shirts.)



- If you have a returning student who has outgrown his SPS apparel, we gladly accept gently used items for bargain prices re-sale. Just drop the items off at the Administration Building.
- PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible. Proceeds not only help fund wonderful activities throughout the year, but the proceeds also help with campus needs.

SAINT PAUL'S MOTHER'S CLUB BOOKSTORE



Back to School “Book Week” at the Bookstore:

NEW FAMILIES ONLY:

Friday, July 29th -- 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

OPEN TO ALL:

Saturday, July 30 -- 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Monday, August 1 -- 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 2 -- 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 3 -- 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

School Supply Packs MUST be picked up at the bookstore!

Regular Bookstore Hours:

Monday - Friday -- 7:30 A.M. - 8:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Friday of HOME Football Games -- 2:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

PE Uniforms, Outerwear,
Sack Packs, New and Old
St. Paul's Apparel, Ladies
Apparel, Socks, Used
Uniforms, School Supplies,
and Much More...

Your one stop
shop for just
about everything
you need!

CAFETERIA/FREE & REDUCED MEALS: The cafeteria will resume regular pre-COVID operation and will start charging for breakfasts and lunches. Here are the prices:

- \$2.75 for breakfast and \$3.75 for lunch.
- “Extras” (double servings, ice creams, etc.) incur additional charges, so instruct your son as to how much he can spend daily. Money must be on students’ accounts. Cash is not accepted.
- Cafeteria will be open beginning Aug 1 until 2:30 to accept money for a student’s account.
- **Applications to apply for free or reduced cost meals will be available July 15.**

CALENDAR FOR 2022-23:

Mon - Tues, Aug 1 & 2	Teacher Meetings
Tue, Aug 2	Orientation for 8 th grade and new 9 th grade students (5-7 pm)
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
Fri, Feb 17	Faculty Retreat Day
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 (not spring break)
Mon, Apr 17	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 26 – 28	Senior Final Exams
Sat, May 13	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Thurs – Tues, May 18-23	Final Exams
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. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

CLASS SCHEDULES: We will email schedules on or about July 20.



Congratulations to the SPS Class of 2022! Prayers and best wishes as you begin your next life phase!

DADS' CLUB: As usual, the Dads' Club will have a campus cleanup day on July 23. We encourage all dads to help us put final touches on the campus for the opening of school. The first Dads' Club meeting will be at Seiler Bar here in Covington on July 13 at 6 pm. Come meet other SPS dads and get involved. Thanks, DC!

All SPS dads are encouraged to participate and get involved with the Dads' Club. Their mission is to assist SPS in any way they can – and they do! If you want to sign up for the Dads' Club email spsdadsclub@gmail.com This year's president is Chris Brown, father of Matthew Brown '23. He succeeds an excellent president, Shea Duet, father of Alex '17 and Carter '21. I'm grateful to Dads' Club founder and former president, Mike Sibley, whose last son, Oliver, graduated in 2017.

DRESS CODE – VERY IMPORTANT: Due in part to the challenges of COVID the past two years, the boys became a bit lax in complying with our dress code, particularly in the areas of grooming and pants/shorts. As our first priority was keeping the school open (which we did) and providing quality education (which we also did), and as the boys were challenged with ever-changing safety protocols (which they were), we eased up a bit on dress/grooming enforcement. That will change beginning August 4.

As some of you begin your “back to school” shopping during the summer sales, **know that we will insist this coming year on dress code compliance – especially concerning pants / shorts. We may even start sending repeat violators home (as done in other schools) if they are out of compliance with our dress code.**

Accordingly, we ask that as you shop for school clothes this summer, you do so with our dress code in mind. In particular, we insist on compliance with the pants/shorts regulation as we will be vigilant in terms of enforcement, especially pants / shorts. Here is what the handbook says:

- Cargo-style pants/shorts are not allowed.
- No oversized or droopy pants/shorts are allowed.
- **Shorts must be conventional, British tan khaki (Catholic school khaki), walking style shorts.**
- Shorts may not extend below the knees.
- **No running shorts, PE shorts, or SWIM SUIT STYLE shorts allowed.**

○ **NO PFG or “FISHING” SHORTS ALLOWED.**

- Pants/shorts may be pleated or unpleated.

○ **All pants/shorts must have a ZIPPER, belt loops, and pockets.**

- **A plain, solid brown belt must be worn with pants or shorts.**
- Acceptable pants & shorts are available at many vendors: Lands’ End, JC Penney, Wal Mart, GAP, Old Navy, Sears, etc. You DO NOT need to spend a lot of money to comply with the regulations. Just tell your son what he's going to wear or call me and I'll tell him. Again, we have many pre-owned pants, so feel free to come to the office and look through the stock.

Thus, the following example is NOT acceptable:



This example is acceptable:



Here is the rest of the dress code as printed in the Student-Parent Handbook:

- **Hair:** Hair **must NOT touch the shirt collar** or extend below eyebrows and be styled neatly. The Dean of Students is the ultimate judge as to compliance. No dyed hair, Mohawk or other **unconventional** haircuts, including undercuts, are allowed. **Students may NOT return from summer vacation with dyed or sun-bleached hair.** Students must be **clean shaven** at school and school sponsored events.

- **Jewelry.** No earrings or facial jewelry are allowed at school or school sponsored events. No chains may be hung from clothing. We DISCOURAGE expensive watches, bracelets or neckwear. \

- **Shirts:**
 - **Only Saint Paul's BLUE uniform shirts as sold by Bayou Uniform Company are allowed.** Shirts MUST fit appropriately. Shirts may not be torn or have holes in them. **Bayou is ready to sell blue uniform.** Bayou is located at 13488 Seymour Myers in Covington (893-3700).
 - Shirts must be tucked in at ALL times during the school day.
 - **ONLY PLAIN white, blue, gray or gold tee shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt.** In cold weather, ONLY long-sleeved tee shirts sold in book store may be worn under uniform shirt.
 - **We have a supply of pre-owned shirts in fair to very good condition. If finances are tight and you would like to avail yourself of these shirts, feel free to come by the office. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way by this.** And the Mothers' Club Book Store will be selling pre-owned shirts and pants in very good condition at a very low price during the first week before school. We also have a supply here in the administration building, which you are welcome to come take.

- **Socks & Shoes:**
 - **Shoes must be in good condition. Tennis shoes with laces meeting these criteria are allowed.**
 - **Sandals, slip on beach shoes with no laces, boots of any kind, or clogs are not allowed.**
 - **On dress uniform days, dress shoes (not tennis shoes) are required.**
 - **Students must wear SPS uniform socks (available at Bayou or the Mothers' Club Book Store).**

- **Cold Weather Outerwear:** ONLY SPS sweatshirts / outerwear sold in our bookstore are allowed.

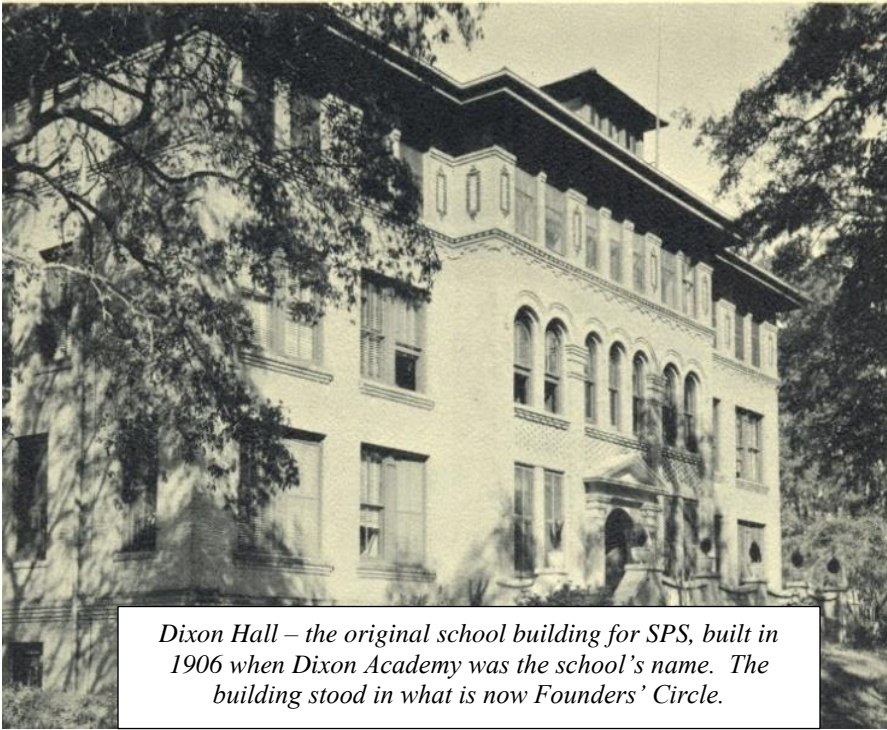
- **Caps or Hats:** Caps and hats are NOT allowed on campus during the school day.

- **Formal dress uniform:** A "formal" uniform is worn on special occasions (school masses, ceremonies, field trips, special programs, etc.) This uniform includes a school tie (available at Bayou Uniform or the Mothers' Club Bookstore), any white long-sleeve shirt, and long khaki pants (preferably with dark shoes), socks, and belt are also part of the uniform which are purchased anywhere by the student.

- **IDs:** Students will be REQUIRED to WEAR THEIR ID CARDS on a daily basis. We will supply them with a lanyard when they receive their cards on either Aug 4 or 5. This will also help with the cafeteria, as ID cards are used to check out and also with the attendance office. Students who do not have their ID on any day will be subject to detention. Lost ID cards must be replaced for a fee of \$10. And do not let your son use the ID card as a teething ring! Look at his ID from time to time and encourage dental hygiene.

Note: The Dean of Students is the final judge in all clothing and grooming issues. The school assumes that parents, by enrolling their son at Saint Paul's, will support us in these decisions.

Thank you for helping make our students look as good as they are.



Dixon Hall – the original school building for SPS, built in 1906 when Dixon Academy was the school's name. The building stood in what is now Founders' Circle.

DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE: Someone told me this is no longer in effect, but we have received no word from DMV. So, if your son is getting his driver's license, state law requires you to provide the DMV with a Proof of Attendance form. **These forms are available here in the Admin Building.** If you go to DMV without one, they may turn you away – even if you have sat there for an hour or more! And make sure it's signed in blue ink or they will turn you away, too! And don't blame me for this regulation! It was a legislative act.

EIGHTH GRADE SPORTS: No summer commitment is made of 8th grade students. Fall sport participation (football, swimming, cross country) will begin once school commences. If your son plans to play sports next year, he will need a physical. Forms are available on our web site.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4:

- **Thursday, August 4, is a FULL DAY OF CLASS INSTRUCTION FOR ALL.** Here's the plan:
 - Books will be in the classrooms, and teachers will distribute them directly to students;
 - Pictures and ID cards will be taken and issued during religion classes during the first two days (Aug 4 & 5). You will be sent information for ordering pictures.
 - The cafeteria will be open M - W, Aug 1 - 3, from 7-2:30 for you to place money on deposit if your son will be using the Archdiocesan Food Service. Students must have money on account for them to receive food from the cafeteria. See above for price info. It's a bargain – unless your son loads up with extra servings!
- The complete 2022 - 23 calendar can be found in this newsletter or on our web site (www.stpauls.com).
NOTE: To comply with the State of Louisiana attendance policy, we are vigilant in insisting that students not miss school. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.
- NOTE: **All students must wear their DRESS UNIFORM on either Aug 4 or 5 – the days they will take school pictures.** Students will take pictures during RELIGION CLASSES, so if your son's religion class is during Period A, B C or D, he wears his dress uniform on Thu, Aug 04. If his religion class is during Period E, F, or G, he wears his uniform on Fri, Aug 5. How will you know? The schedule we will email you in mid to late July will indicate the religion period.

HELPING SPS:

- Don't forget to mention SPS when you shop at Office Depot. OD gives a 5% store credit to SPS on all of your purchases.

- Save those Box Tops for Education and have your son bring them to his math teacher. This is FREE money for SPS. I recently was informed of an app that digitally tallies the box tops from your grocery purchases. I will include specific info in the next newsletter.
- If you order from Amazon Prime, please designate SPS, which will receive a portion of your purchase.

ORIENTATION FOR PRE-FRESHMEN AND NEW FRESHMEN: Our Lasallian Youth Leaders are planning a special **Orientation Session for our incoming pre-freshman (8th graders) and NEW freshmen (9th graders).** Here is some info:

- When? Tuesday, August 2, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Who? Pre-freshmen & NEW freshmen. **This is for students only.** We will have a new parent welcoming on Monday, August 15, at 6:30. I will send more info on this event later, but you may want to put the date on your calendars.
- Where? On our beautiful Saint Paul’s School campus!
- Why? Meet your teachers, learn about the school, acclimate to campus, meet others
- What to wear? Comfortable, appropriate T-shirts, shorts & shoes good for a lot of moving around
- What else? We will provide a light supper.
- Cost? None!
- **An RSVP to Campus Minister Mr. Jeff Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com) by Friday, July 22, will be helpful in planning purposes.** Mr. Ramon will send more info later, but we hope you will mark this date on your calendars, RSVP, and plan to be present. Naturally, attendance is optional, but the evening will be a fun and informative introduction to SPS.



SPS Summer Camps provide lots of assistance!

RETURNING STUDENTS: If you were at Saint Paul’s last year and did not return school-owned books, computers, and supplies, please bring them to the administration building. We need them for the upcoming year and cannot afford to replace them unnecessarily. Thanks!

SCHOOL SAFETY: Know that safety is our number one priority. We have spent much time this summer attending workshops and consulting with security experts. In a couple of weeks, we will send an email addressing all of the procedures we will be implementing this year to make our campus even more safe. Stay tuned as we continue to refine our updated procedures.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: An order form for Mothers' Club Bookstore school supply packs was sent several weeks ago. For those who prefer to purchase supplies individually, a supply list will be posted when final scheduled are sent on July 20.

SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS: Note these important dates:

Senior BBQ	Tue, Aug 16, (SENIORS ONLY)
Senior March through Arch:	Thu, Aug 18, 8 am
Senior – Parent Breakfast:	Thu, Aug 18, 8:45 am (cafeteria and “al fresco”)
Senior Ring Ceremony:	Thu, Aug 18, 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center
Senior Ring Holiday:	Fri, Aug 19



SLOW YOUR ROLL -- Mayor Mark Johnson'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 pledge to him our support. Reinforce this with your sons. And set a good example yourself!

SOCIAL MEDIA:

- **Parents: 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.**
- **Students: THINK before you post! Don't post something that will negatively impact your future!**

STUDENT COUNCIL – IMPORTANT DATES: The new student council is hard at work and has issued the following calendar of events for 2022-23, which have been approved the school administration:

- August 12 Back to School dance for 10th/11th/12th in the BAC; 8th & 9th dance is at SSA gym; stay tuned for dress theme and details.
- August 19 8th grade class officer elections
- Sept 24 8th/9th Homecoming Dance
- Sept 26-30 Homecoming Week
- Sept 30 Homecoming field day and pep rally
- Oct 1 10th/11th/12th Homecoming Dance
- Dec 1 luminarias
- March 14 Challenge
- April 1 Prom (BAC approved)

- April 17-21 Leadership Week
- April 18 Leadership Breakfast
- April 20 Leadership Week speaker; Executive Board speeches and election
- April 21 Year in Review
- April 24-28 Class level elections

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: We continue to be busy this summer. So far:

- Athletic teams are practicing withing LHSAA guidelines.
- We have had the following camps: baseball, football, basketball, soccer, powerlifting, drama, STEM.
- Lacrosse, wrestling, rugby camps remain on the schedule. For info on our remaining camps, check out our website at www.stpauls.com
- New, VERY NICE iron fencing has been installed to replace the Ida-damaged chain link fences.
- Lots of cleaning, upgrading, and repairing are going on.
- Summer baseball is underway.
- Five SPS teachers (Mr. Ancar, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Peak, Mr. Pereira, & Mrs. Travers) are at Manhattan College in New York (a Lasallian college) to attend a two-week international program on Lasallian education.
- A group of SPS Lasallian Youth Leaders traveled to St. Mary's College in CA to attend a Lasallian Youth Conference.
- Dr. Shawn Mullet took four SPS students to Iceland for cultural expansion!
- A number of teachers are studying or attending were not able to study or attend conferences to upgrade their skills for this year, especially for our engineering and bio-medical programs.



SPS is well-represented at the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies on the campus of Manhattan College in NY (a Lasallian college.)

From L to R: Mr. Barrett Baumgartner, Mrs. Rachel Peak, Mr. Josh Pereira, Mrs. Gina Hall, Mr. Gerald Ancar, and Mrs. Emilie Travers,

I am grateful to them for giving up two weeks of their summer to become even dedicated to the Lasallian Catholic Mission of Saint Paul's School!

SUMMER READING – VERY IMPORTANT: This is a reminder that all students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in an **Honors or A.P. Civics or U.S. History** course do as well (juniors and seniors only). Please take note of the following to ensure that your son completes these assignments as efficiently as possible.

All summer reading questions and titles for English and social studies (if your son is in Honors or AP U.S. History/Civics) are posted on our website. Go to the *Academics* tab on our site; then, click *Summer Reading*.

Lastly, all titles for your son’s English course for the school year are posted under the *Academics* tab too. Click *English Paperback Lists*. Please obtain copies of these titles so your son is prepared throughout the year. Most of our families choose Amazon as their vendor, but please use whatever is most cost effective and convenient.

If you have any questions about your son’s placement in English or social studies, please contact our Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.

Please encourage your son to take his summer reading obligation seriously. We deliberately limit the number of books to be read in order not to make this an onerous task, and we certainly encourage more reading that just what we are requiring. Toward that end, I offer the following:

- We often see that a student’s weakest ACT score is in reading. Why? Students don’t like to read! Solution? Read more! PLEASE insist your son devote part of each day (30 minutes? 15? 10?) to reading. He’s used to this in school with SSR (I hope you know what SSR is!) This could be a family activity – set aside time when the whole family reads. Turn off the TV, i-pad, X-Box, phone, the computer – and read.
- And speaking of ACT /SAT scores, summer provides an excellent opportunity to prepare. There are local formal courses, but both ACT and SAT offer on-line prep programs at very reasonable costs. Or just purchase one of the many test preparation books on the market and ask your son to spend 15 minutes a day preparing. Long-term preparation is the only solution. You can’t “cram” for an ACT or SAT.

TAYLOR SCHOLAR AWARDS:

Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, we presented qualified student with Taylor Scholar Awards. If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or treat some students who didn’t earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.



Eagle Scout Brian Lea completes his SPS landscaping project, assisted by classmates Andrew, Joseph, Alex, & Cooper.

TUITION: Please note:

- **Tuition was due on June 1st. If you financed with Resource Bank, payment was also due in June.**
- **Late tuition is subject to a 1% finance charge. Late loan payments will incur bank charges.**
- Call our Finance Office at ext. 1905 or me at ext. 1901 for questions.
- **Class schedules will not be sent** to students who owe tuition or who are not current in their bank payments. Tuition bank payments must be current in order for students to begin school on August 6.
- **Please have the courtesy to inform me if your son will not be attending Saint Paul's.**

4th OF JULY HUMOR: OK, I've used these before, but how many 4th of July jokes are there?

- *Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor? Because she cannot sit down.*
- *Does Europe have a 4th of July? Of course. It comes right after July 3.*
- *What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware? "Get in the boat, men!"*
- *What do you call an American drawing? A Yankee doodle!*
- *Alvin: My great-grandfather fought with Napoleon, my grandfather fought with the French and my father fought with the Americans. Alex: Your relatives could not get along with anyone, could they?*
- *Teacher: More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War. Student: Wow! They must have been pretty strong -- four men defeating a whole army*
- *What was the patriots' favorite food in the Revolutionary War? Chicken Catch-a-Tory!*
- *Where did the Founding Fathers sign the Declaration of Independence? At the bottom!*
- *What is red, white and blue? A sad candy cane!*
- *Teacher: What are the last words of "The Star-Spangled Banner"? Johnny: "Play ball!"*
- *What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party? Tea-shirts!*

- *If you crossed a vegetable with our first president, what would you get? George Squashington*
- *If you crossed a rooster with the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, what would you get? John Hancock-a-doodle-doo*
- *What would you get if you crossed George Washington with cattle feed? The Fodder of Our Country*
- *If you crossed a Patriot with a curly-haired dog, what would you get? Yankee Poodle*
- *If you crossed the American national bird with Snoopy, what would you get? A bald beagle.*
- *If you crossed a famous Founding Father with a famous monster you'd get Benjamin Franklinstein*
- *What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country? Beneduck Arnold*
- *What did Americans do because of the Stamp Act? They licked the British.*
- *Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Concord? The horse was too heavy to carry.*
- *Why did British cross the Atlantic? To get to the other tide.*
- *The joke about the Liberty Bell cracked me up.*
- *What was the most popular dance in 1776? Indepen-dance.*
- *The biggest jokester in Washington's army was Laughayette*
- *Do flags talk to other flags? No. They just wave.*
- *Who is a fake patriot? Uncle Sham.*



- *Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? At the chopping mall.*
- *What kind of tea did the American colonists want? Liberty.*
- *What was George Washington's favorite tree? The infantry.*
- *Which colonists told the worst jokes? Punsylvanians*
- *Teacher: "True or False? The Declaration of Independence was written in Philadelphia." Student: "False. It was written in ink."*
- *Why did the British soldiers wear red coats? So they could hide in the tomatoes.*
- *How was the food at the Fourth of July picnic? The hot dogs were bad, but the brats were the wurst!*
- *Why is the Liberty Bell like a dropped Easter egg? They are both cracked.*
- *What is Uncle Sam's favorite snack? Fire-crackers.*
- *What did King George think of the American colonist? He thought they were revolting!*
- *How did American colonists' dogs protest against England? The Boston Flea Party.*
- *Brother Ray, the aging school president, visited an American history class last year and asked the students to name the 50 states. They could only come up with 45. Brother Ray jokingly told them that when he took American history, he could name all the states. One student raised his hand and said, "Yes, Brother, but in those days, there were only 13 states." Ouch!*
- *OK, I'll stop! Happy Fourth of July!*

Well, I was not brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! Thanks for being part of the 2022 - 23 edition of Saint Paul's – the twelfth year of our second century of existence. If the next 111 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence. Call if I can be of assistance. **Our July summer office hours (through July 23) are 8 am – 1 pm**, Monday through Friday. While we will usually be in the office earlier than 8 and later than 1, your best bet for contacting us is in that time frame.

Enjoy the final weeks of summer. May they be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students.

And speaking of prayer, I invite you to join me in praying 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.



As Christmas 2021 fades more and more, let us not forget the inspiration by Student Council on luminaria night: *AGAPE – the purest, highest kind of love!*



Even though it's the beginning of July, 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 2022 -23!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Another Year as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School (those hoping for my retirement are again disappointed!)



.... 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 summer as befits a Lasallian Catholic National Blue-Ribbon School.

Have a great Lasallian remainder of summer but remember: The Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care, Vigilance, Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!

Regular Weekly Newsletters resume on Sunday, July 31! Enjoy the next three Sundays without them cluttering up your email inbox!