



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



August 15 – 21, 2022

Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington 342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world

In the Saint Paul's School Paradigm, composed by my predecessor the late Brother Jeffrey Calligan a number of years ago, the juniors are the "young adults of the school community" and one of their jobs is to "dream" – to dream about how they might contribute to the school's mission; to dream by assuming leadership roles in the classroom and in activities; to apprentice and to study: to observe and support the leadership of the senior class; to give life to the school which has nurtured them in their younger years; and to begin planning for their year of school leadership and how they intend to achieve their dreams.

At their opening of school prayer service, each junior was invited to write one of his "dreams" on a note card, which was then placed on the altar while the level prayed that God would bless them and help their dreams come true. Afterwards, I read their dreams. While many of the dreams were predictable ("to win a state championship", "to be successful", "to have a good family", "to be a doctor", etc.), other dreams our juniors wrote moved me deeply. I offer the following from the Class of 2024: *My dream is...*

- *To help my grandfather* **To get closer to God*
- *To be more selfless* **To stop judging others*
- *To lead a fulfilling life* **To help mom financially*
- *To give back* **To make my parents proud*
- *To get closer to God* **To escape addiction*
- *To find myself again* **To live a simpler life*
- *To no longer think I'm broken*
- *To develop a positive attitude*
- *To stay close to my Faith*
- *To remain closer to Christ*
- *To have strong relationships*
- *To serve others and my country*
- *To grow the spiritual side of me*
- *To become closer to family*
- *To go beyond my comfort zone*
- *To be a friend to those in need*
- *To become a doctor and help people*
- *To make up for my past mistakes*
- *To have a loving family*



Ben & Ethan bless Student Body at Assembly

I could add more to the list, but I think you get the idea. Our juniors are men of great dreams. **May our year help them to find dreams and realize that they are loved – by Almighty God and the Lasallian world. The Class of 2024 will indeed make the world a better place – as will the SPS classes of 2023, 25, 26 & 27!**

Saint Paul's Forevermore!

Mon, Aug 15 – (A B C D)

- **Today's Solemnity** celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into Heaven at her death and being crowned Queen of Heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed infallibly by Pope Pius XII in 1950. May our Blessed Mother shower our school with her protection! Since the feast is on a Monday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, which is why we had mass last week.
- **This Day in History:** In 1914, the American-built Panama Canal, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific, is inaugurated with the passage of the U.S. vessel *Ancon*, a cargo/ passenger ship.
- **TDIH:** In 1877, Thomas Edison wrote to president of the Telegraph Co in Pittsburgh stating that the word, "hello" would be a more appropriate greeting than "ahoy" when answering the telephone – which was the way people were doing. I like “ahoy” – maybe I’ll start to answer the phone that way, scaring off callers!
- **Relaxation Day:** Self-explanatory! Celebrate – after school, though!
- **Lemon Meringue Pie Day:** Enjoy this iconic dessert!
- **New Parent Reception/Information Meeting:** We will welcome parents new to SPS and provide them with an overview of the SPS experience. Reception begins at 6:30, info meeting at 7 and over by 8.



Assumption of the Virgin
Francesco Botticini
1446-1497

Tue, Aug 16 (E F G A) – Wolf Packs and Get Involved Day (see below for more info)

- **TDIH:** Baseball great Babe Ruth (aka The Bambino & The Sultan of Swat) and rock star icon Elvis Presley (The King) died in 1948 & 1977, respectively, at ages 53 & 42, respectively.
- **TDIH:** In 1812, General William Hull surrenders Fort Detroit to the British without a fight. In 1814, Hull was court-martialed for cowardice and neglect of duty in the surrender and sentenced to die. Because of his service in the revolution, however, President James Madison remitted the sentence.
- **Tell A Joke Day:** Celebrate today by telling jokes! I've done my part below.
- **Senior BBQ (5:30 – 7:30)**

Wed, Aug 17 (B C D E): Morning assembly for LA state police to speak about using the LA Safe Schools App

- **TDIH:** In 1978, The *Double Eagle II* completes the first transatlantic balloon flight when it lands in a barley field near Paris, 137 hours after lifting off from Preque Isle, Maine.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, “the grooviest event in music history” -- the Woodstock Music Festival--closes after 3 days of peace, love and rock 'n' roll [and a lot more, too!] in upstate NY.
- **TDIH:** In 1896, prospectors find gold in Alaska, setting off the Klondike gold rush.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, Hurricane Camille devastates the Gulf Coast. We pray for a safe year!
- **Black Cat Appreciation:** If you don't like cats, read Edgar Allen Poe's “The Black Cat” instead!
- **Football:** The 2022 edition of SPS Football scrimmages John Curtis beginning at 5:30.

Thu, Aug 18 (F G A B) – Senior March through Arch, Unity Day, Ring Ceremony – see below

- **TDIH:** In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.
- **TDIH: In 1963,** James Meredith becomes first African American to graduate from Ole Miss.
- **Bad Poetry Day:** This day was started by a group of cynics who, after all of the “good poetry” they were forced to read in high school, wanted payback. They want people to gather with friends, writing bad poetry, and sending the poetry to high school English teachers! With apologies to the late Brother Hilary, the best high school English teacher ever who I was privileged to have for three years, here are two really bad poems.

My doggy pees on all the trees
and poops on all the flowers.
He does no tricks like fetching sticks,
just licks himself for hours.

T’ was in a restaurant they met
Romeo and Juliet
He had no dough to pay the debt
So Romie owed what Julie ‘et!



Father Matthew Clark commissions senior Eucharistic Ministers at last week's mass.

Fri, Aug 19 (C D E F)

- **TDIH:** *In 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution defeats British frigate Guerrière in a furious engagement off coast of Nova Scotia. Witnesses claim that British shot bounced off the Constitution's sides, as if the ship were made of iron rather than wood. By the war's end, "Old Ironsides" destroyed or captured seven more British ships. The success of the USS Constitution against the supposedly invincible Royal Navy provided a tremendous boost in morale for the young American republic.* (History Channel website)
- **“Black Cow” Root Beer Float Day:** With vanilla ice cream & root beer, a root beer float is a classic. Root beer was manufactured starting in 1880. Legend has it that 13 years later, the root beer float, often referred to as a black cow, was invented when Frank Wisner of Cripple Creek, CO floated vanilla ice cream on top of his root beer. The full moon allowed him to glimpse the snow on top of nearby Cow Mountain. The tasty treat was tremendously popular among the town's children, who called it a "black cow."
- **Football: Meet the Team (7 pm in Hunter Stadium)**
- **8th Grade Student Council Elections**

Sat Aug 20

- **TDIH:** In 1920, seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful NFL.
- **TDIH:** In 1977, space probe *Voyager 2* launches. It explores to this day, and is now more than 7 billion miles from Earth.
- **Radio Day:** Listen to the radio today!
- **Mosquito Day:** In 1897, Sir Ronald Ross, a British doctor in India, made the link that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. Kill all the mosquitoes you can find!
- **Honey Bee Day:** We need these incredible creatures! Unlike Mosquito Day, do not kill bees!

Sun, Aug 21

- **TDIH:** In 1959, Hawaii enters the Union as the 50th state.
- **TDIH:** In 2017, a rare solar eclipse occurred over Covington; SPS students donned special glasses to view the eclipse in Founders Circle.
- **TDIH:** In 2004, American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his eighth medal of the 2004 Athens Olympics. As we all know by now, Phelps became the most medaled contestant in modern Olympian history.
- **Spumoni Day:** This Italian dessert is made from layers of ice cream, whipped cream, candied fruit, and nuts. It is typically made with three layers of flavor: chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. Each layer of ice cream is mixed with fruits and nuts. Spumoni **should always be sliced, never scooped.** Enjoy this classic – but slice, don't scoop.
- **Poet's Day:** Celebrate poets today! Write a poem! Read a poem! Hug a poet!



Rise Up, O Men of God

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

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: Help your son develop proper attitudes and habits for success. Show confidence in his ability; work with him to set realistic academic goals. Help him develop an orderly study environment. Teens enjoy chaos, so the trick is to help your son create enough order in his chaos for proper study to occur. Designate a place and time to study. **Require 1-2 hours of study per night. Do not accept the "I have no homework" excuse.** He always has homework -- review, study, and advanced preparation. At the end of his study session, have him organize books, assignments, PE clothes, etc. for the next day. **Students who do not have their homework in class are sent to assignment hall.**

ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24: Yes, it is time to think about NEXT year! We will soon begin our Shadow Day program for current 7th or 8th graders considering SPS for NEXT year. We count on you to spread the good news about SPS to your friends and neighbors. Here is the Shadow Day Sign Up in

- The link to create an account and sign up for a shadow day is <https://forms.rediker.com/stpauls>
- This is also the link for Open House and submitting an application.
- **Spread the word, especially to public school families who don't know we start early.**

The graphic features a yellow background with a blue border. At the top left is the school's crest, a shield with a cross and a star, topped with a crown and a banner that reads "SAINT PAUL'S 1911". To the right of the crest is the text "SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL" in large blue letters, with "WWW.STPAULS.COM" below it. Two circular seals from the U.S. Department of Education are shown, one for 2021 and one for 2015. In the top right corner, a circular inset photo shows two students in white shirts and ties, one pointing at something off-camera. The text "A good place to grow up!" is written in a cursive font above this photo. In the center, three male students are smiling; the one on the left wears a blue hoodie with "ST. PAUL'S SOCCER" and a wolf logo, while the other two wear blue polo shirts with the school crest. A yellow box on the left contains the following text:

SHADOW DAYS

- Aug 23
- Sept 13 and 27
- Oct 11 and 25
- Nov 9 and 15

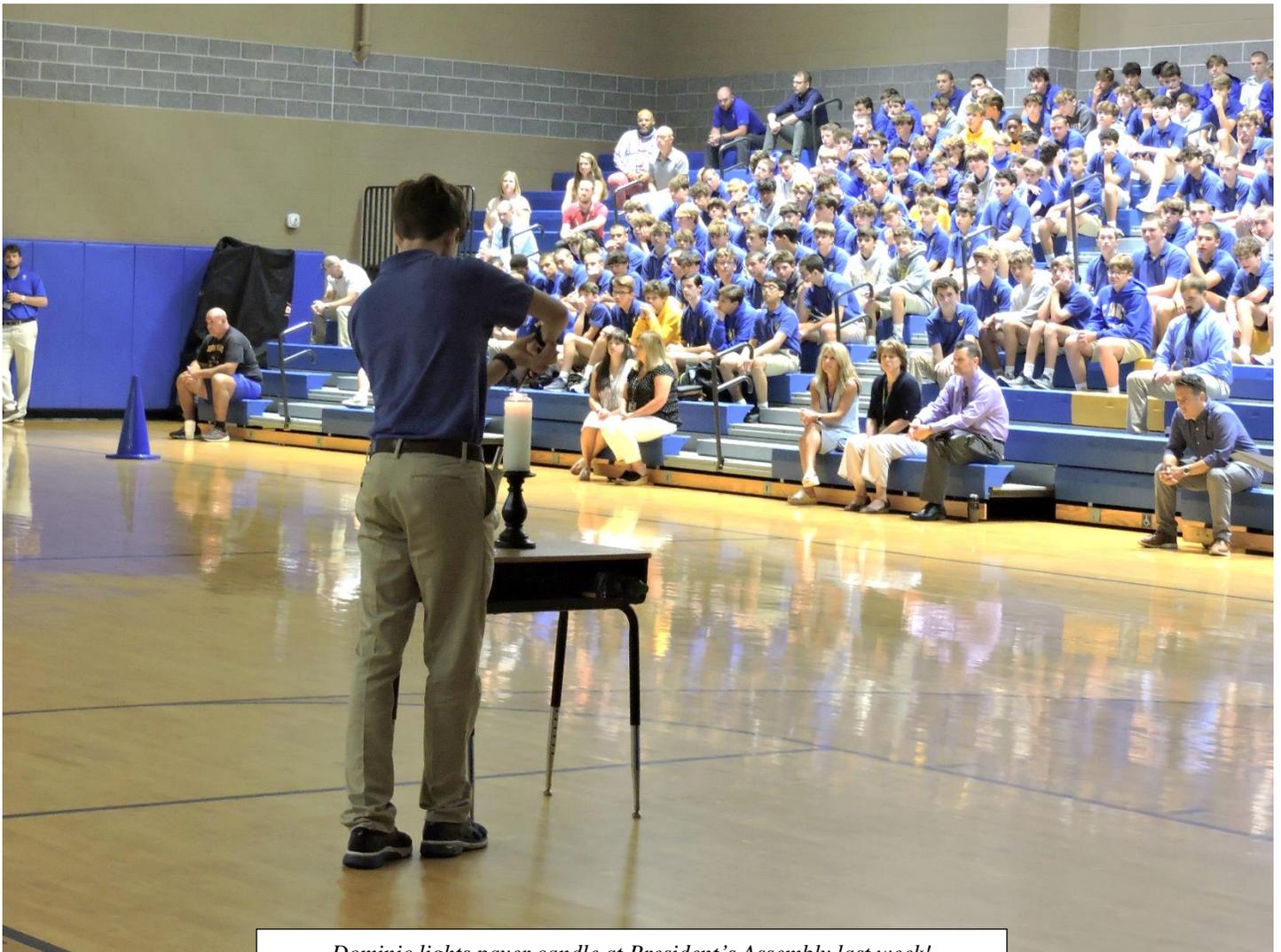
OPEN HOUSE

- Sat, Oct 29
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

At the bottom left, the contact information is listed: (985) 892-3200 x1903 and admissions@stpauls.com.

ASSEMBLY ON AUG 13: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 13 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Assembled in the new gym; it was great having air conditioning!
- Listened to Baroque composer Jean-Joseph Mouret's "Rondeau" and used this wonderfully stirring baroque piece of music to set the tone for the year. Ask your son to hum it for you! The older students should be able to do this! I explained how the word "baroque" derives from the Portuguese meaning "rough, irregular pearl" and I used that metaphor for our new school year: a rough pearl for which we must spend the next nine months polishing and shining it through our actions and accomplishments.
- Asked the students, level by level, if they were ready to assume the tasks ahead of them; they responded enthusiastically, "Yes, Saint Paul's, I'm ready!"
- Welcomed the new Pre-Freshmen as the Class of 2024 and had them enter to a rousing ovation by the rest of the student body and faculty while The Rondeau played loudly in the background.
- As junior **Dominic** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for God's blessing our school year.



Dominic lights prayer candle at President's Assembly last week!

- I then welcomed everyone to the 2022 - 23 school year, the beginning of our 112th year of existence and continuing the Lasallian tradition that has been transforming lives since 1680. I projected views of the campus from several decades and pointed out how much has changed. I projected pictures of Father Augustine, OSB, the first president of Saint Paul’s College (as it was called then) from 1911-18 and a picture of Brother Lawrence, FSC, the first Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s – who only lasted two years! I reminded the students that I am the 17th Christian Brother President of SPS – and the 18th overall President.
- Had the faculty commit themselves to their role as Lasallian educators by having senior Lasallian Youth Leader Co-chairs **Kilian Henderson & Elijah Weixel** ask the faculty a series of questions about their commitment to the Mission. Faculty responded to each question with a resounding, “I will!”
- Ran out of time before I could do accomplish any more individual recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly!
- I then had the entire student body join in a rousing rendition of Rise Up O Men of God.
- We ended the assembly with Student Council President **Ben Barousse** and Vice President **Ethan Wilson** who blessed the entire student body and faculty with holy water while the ancient Marian hymn “Salve Regina” in Gregorian chant played in the background.
- As junior **Grant Voyles** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of Mouret’s Rondeau.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



Kilian & Elijah lead faculty in their Lasallian Commitment Ceremony at last week’s assembly.

ATTENDANCE: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

BOOK STORE: The Mothers' Club Bookstore will be open 7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm each school day. **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.



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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Box Tops for Education continues to be an easy way to earn money for Saint Paul's. The traditional clip box tops have been replaced with an easy-to-use app. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and twice a year, our school receives a check.

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https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=R26O6QQ0

Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2023, while supplies last!

If you have any questions email Shannon d'Hemecourt at s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com



8th Graders receive popsicles last week from Mr. Nastasi & Mr. Ramon on the feast of Saint Brother Benilde!

CALENDAR FOR 2022-23:

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 24	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. Do not schedule vacations during school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

Note that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.

In case of closings, we will make up days from holidays. **School begins with all students on Thu, Aug 4th for a full instructional day (8 – 3).** Also, check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

CAR LINES: There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder's Circle as a departure point, **cars must drop off students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – you may not block traffic in the right lane to discharge the occupants. Dropping off at La Salle Hall or by the BAC is OK. Traffic will be heavy heading into Covington this week as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

CELL PHONES:

- **State Law:** Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- **SPS Law:** students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during lunch. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect



Art I students draw a student holding a lacrosse stick as their first exercise!

DRESS CODE: Students must comply with the dress code. “Nuff said. **Note: We have a number of clean, pre-owned SPS uniform shirts in good condition. If the family budget is tight, feel free to ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student and no one will know. Thanks to those families who supply us with their outgrown uniforms.**

DRIVER’S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE: Your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner’s permit **and another one** when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn’t have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act; don’t blame me!

EXTRACURRICULARS/GET INVOLVED DAY: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be on Aug 16. Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. will have displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students can talk to representatives from these clubs, etc. and decide if they wish to join. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we’ve had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we’ve had call outs for football, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.

HELPING SPS: Don’t forget – If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase! We also collect Box Tops for Education (have your son bring them to his math teacher) and we receive a portion of sales from Amazon Prime. These are painless ways to help SPS.

ID CARDS: **Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day. No one has to pay for an ID card** unless you want an extra one. We will give one to your son on picture day. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him or if for some reason you want an extra one.

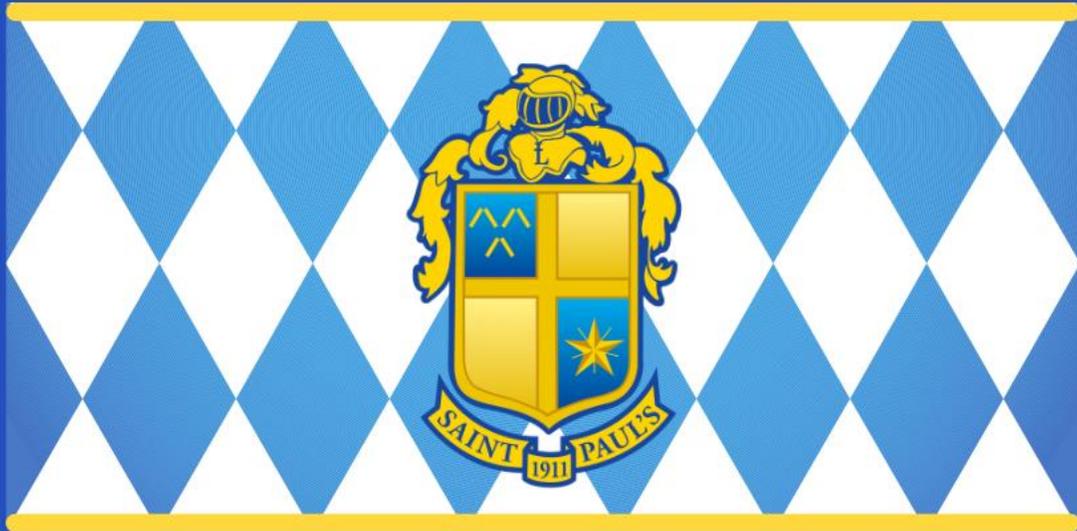
LAST WEEK:

- v **Dances:** Thanks to Student Council for great back to school dances
- v **Mass:** Our first all-school mass was great. Thanks to all. The boys were reverent – and very participatory and looked great in their dress uniforms! Special thanks and congrats to our new Eucharistic Ministers.
- v **SSR:** Thanks for supporting this important program. Hope your son enjoyed the reading time.
- v **Feast of St. Benilde:** The retired Brothers treated the student body to popsicles on Fri in honor of Benilde.

MINI-SCHEDULE NIGHT: We will hold our annual mini-schedule for parents on Monday, August 22, beginning at 6:30. Come follow your son’s schedule with ten-minute classes and meet his teachers. This is always a popular event, so place it on your calendars. Thanks!

NEW PARENT RECEPTION & INFORMATION MEETING: We will hold a welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** on Mon, Aug 15 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and an information meeting starts at 7:00 and will be over by 8:00. We hope all new parents will be with us.

SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL
COVINGTON, LA



OKTOBERFEST

EST. 2021
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00PM

A green dirndl hat with a red flower on the side is positioned in the center of a yellow laurel wreath. The wreath is arched and frames the text 'EST. 2021' and 'SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00PM'.

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OKTOBERFEST: Holy Schnitzel! Oktoberfest is back!! Dust off your dirndl dress, launder your lederhosen and join us for an EPIC day of stein slurping with your best mates! The German-inspired adult celebration will make its oom-pa return with contest traditions for best costume, stein-holding and the best chicken dance, along with dancing, live entertainment and an array of authentic, Bavarian food.

For more information, click here:

<https://saintpaulsschool.salsalabs.org/oktoberfest2022/index.html>

PE UNIFORMS: We now return to our pre-Covid policy: students in PE must wear PE uniforms, available at the bookstore.

PHYSICALS: No student may participate in our athletic program or our band program without the necessary paperwork having been completed, including an LHSAA official physical form.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: all individuals planning to volunteer with St. Paul's must complete safe environment training as mandated by Archdiocese.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety remains paramount for all of us. Promote safety with your son. In our faculty meetings, we reviewed all safety procedures that we have in place – and they are many. Safety is our priority – and it is EVERYONE'S JOB. Report ANY rumor or threat to safety about which you hear. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a Visitor's Pass. You may not just wander the campus. Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.

SENIOR WEEK: SW is HERE! Note the following **upcoming senior events.**

- **Senior Class BBQ, Tue, Aug 16, 5:30 - 7:30.** Appropriate casual attire. This is for seniors only. Thanks Mothers Club and Senior Moms for this treat for the Class of 2023!
- **March through the Arch, Thu, Aug 18, at 8 a.m.** Senior parents are invited to attend this traditional "rite of passage" ceremony for our seniors. **SPS dress uniform required of seniors, who should be at the Arch by 7:15 for pictures.**
- **Senior-Parent Continental Breakfast** following the March. The breakfast will be in the cafeteria and "al fresco" (from the Italian meaning "in the fresh" -- in this case, fresh air! We will have some outdoor seating.) Following breakfast, seniors will participate in **Senior Unity Day**, followed by complimentary lunch and then Ring Ceremony practice. I will dismiss them following practice – usually around 2 pm (or earlier if they cooperate!) Seniors may remain in dress uniform or change to regular school uniform.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony at 6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center. Senior parents are encouraged to attend this traditional ceremony, a highlight of the senior year. **ALL seniors are required to attend the ceremony whether they are receiving a ring or not. And, yes, family rings or state championship rings can be used. Just bring them to the Admin Building by Wednesday. Seniors' dress for the ceremony is ANY dress shirt, tie, slacks, shoes and socks.**
- **Nota Bene:** There is **NO** school-sponsored "senior party" following the ring ceremony. We urge parents to investigate if their son says he is going to such an event. **And, naturally, seniors are minors in the eyes of the law and, therefore, alcohol at any post-ring ceremony event is inappropriate and illegal. While we don't limit attendees, more than 4-5 guests per seniors will cause people to stand!**
- **Fri, Aug 19, is the Senior Ring Holiday. Seniors do not need to come to school.**

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESSES: We issued each student a unique Saint Paul's email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to his new email, there's a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access.** The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1.**



Biomed I students begin their "crime scene" investigation!

SILENT SUSTAINED READING: On Thursday, we began daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved test scores, increased knowledge on many topics, and increased reading out of school. Students must bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. **Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared every day thereafter.** He should bring a **PRINTED READING MATERIAL** – not electronic material **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I'll keep you posted as to how things go.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at

Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana

Twitter @SPSWolfpack

SOCIAL MEDIA II: Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.

STUDENT COUNCIL:

- Any Saint Paul's Junior or Senior who wishes to nominate a SSA Junior or Senior, respectively, for Saint Paul's Homecoming Court should see Ms. Case in room 107 for a nomination form. Forms must be completed and returned no later than August 29.
- Elections for the Pre-Freshman class offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary will be held during the week of August 15. St

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: 988: On July 16, 2022, Louisiana joined the rest of the nation in launching 988, the new three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to make it easier for people to receive assistance during a mental health crisis. When you call (multiple languages), text (English only) or chat 988, you will be connected to trained, compassionate crisis counselors who will listen to your concerns, provide support, and connect you with local resources. The chat feature is available through the Lifeline's [website \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/). People can use 988 if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

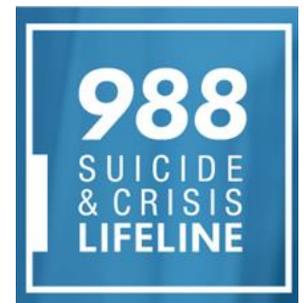


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STARTING TODAY: It now only takes three digits to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. People who need to talk to trained professionals can dial or text 988.

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The mental health
version of 911 is set to
launch nationwide July 16.

TRAFFIC FLOW ON CAMPUS: If you drop off or pick up your son, you will meet road congestion in the morning and afternoon around our campus. We ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety:

- Consider an alternate pick up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13th and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11th Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.
- DO NOT pick up your son using the shoulder of 11th Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.
- If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) for afternoon car line, the Covington PD have asked us to use both lanes to avoid blocking Jahncke Avenue. Please cooperate. .
- Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.
- Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up

Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together, we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.

WEEKLY HUMOR: In honor of Honey Bee Day & Mosquito Day, here are some bee and mosquito jokes:

- *Who do you call when mosquitoes attack? SWAT teams.*
- *What do you get if you cross the Lone Ranger with an insect? The Masked-quito!*
- *What has antlers and sucks blood? A moose-quito!*
- *What is a mosquito's favorite sport? Skin-diving! What's the difference between a lawyer and a mosquito?*
- *Why are mosquitos religious? They prey on you!*
- *Why did the mosquito go to the dentist? To improve his bite! How do you know if you have a tough mosquito? You slap him and he slaps you back!*
- *What is the most religious insect? A mosque-ito!*
- *What's the difference between a Mosquito and a fly? A mosquito can fly, but a fly can't mosquito!*
- *Q: What's a bee who's had a spell put on him? A: bee-witched!*
- *Q: Why do bees buzz? A: Because they can't whistle*
- *Q: What letter makes honey? A: B*
- *Q: What goes zzub, zzub? A: A bee flying backwards!*
- *Q: What are the cleverest bees? A: Spelling bees!*
- *Q: What bee is good for your health? A: Vitamin bee!*

WOLF PACKS: Our Wolf Pack program debuts on Tuesday. All students are assigned to a Wolf Pack, which will meet every other Tuesday. The Wolf Pack is a grouping of a single faculty member and a selection of students. Most, but not all, returning students have the same faculty advisor as they did last year. Many factors were involved in forming Packs but any adjustments were done out of necessity. While students will be informed on Mon as to which Wolf Pack they are assigned, the name of his Wolf Pack leader is printed at the top of his schedule, listed as HR. During Pack Time, we still deal with important topics of discussion when such

topics are deemed relevant and necessary (bullying, safety, etc.). We also emphasize DOING things to reinforce the topic of the day as opposed to just talking. Senior leadership and mentoring are stressed, especially between seniors and Pre-freshmen. This is Big Brother program. I hope your son has positive things to say about our first Wolf Pack time on Tuesday.

Holy Guardian Angels



Holy Guardian Angels,
guide and guard us.

A LOOK AHEAD

August

- 15 – ABCD – New Parent Reception
- 16 – EFGA – Pack Time (get involved); senior BBQ; get involved day at lunch
- 17 – BCDE
- 18 – FGAB – MTTA/ Senior Unity Day/ Senior Ring Ceremony
- 19 – CDEF – Senior Ring Holiday/8th grade officer class elections
- 22 – GABC – Parent Teacher Mini-Schedule Night/ Safety Week Drills
- 23 – DEFG – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
- 24 – ABCD – Safety Week Drills
- 25 – EFGA – Safety Week Drills
- 26 – BCDE – Pep Rally/ Safety Week Drills
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF – Sudden Impact Group 1
- 31 – GABC

September

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – Lasallian Convocation for Faculty (no classes for students)
- 5 – Labor Day Holiday
- 6 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 7 – EFGA
- 8 – BCDE
- 9 – FGAB – Mass (dress uniform day)
- 12 – CDEF
- 13 – GABC – Assembly/ Shadow Day
- 14 – DEFG – Teacher Appreciation Lunch/SPS Birthday Parade/ Snack Day*
- 15 – ABCD – late start*
- 16 – EFGA
- 19 – BCDE
- 20 – FGAB
- 21 – CDEF – Morning prayer service
- 22 – GABC
- 23 – DEFG
- 24 – Jr High Homecoming Dance
- 26 – ABCD – Homecoming Week begins
- 27 – EFGA – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
- 28 – BCDE
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDE* Field Day followed by pep rally w/ SSA

October

- 1 – Senior High Homecoming Dance
- 3 – FGAB – Morning Prayer Service/Guardian Angels Theme

- 4 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 5 – GABC
- 6 – DEFG
- 7 – AB – End of 1st Quarter/Grandparents Day – 11 AM Dismissal
- 10 - CDEF
- 11 – GABC - President’s Assembly/ Shadow Day/Teacher Appreciation Lunch/ Snack Day
- 12 – DEFG - PSAT*
- 13 – ABCD – late start*
- 14 - EFGA
- 17 – BCDE – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
- 18 – FGAB – Pack Time; in-school ACT for seniors
- 19 – CDEF
- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG
- 24 – ABCD – Parent/Teacher Conferences (5-7 pm)
- 25 – EFGA – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
- 26 – BCDE
- 27 - FGAB
- 28 – CDEF – Pep Rally
- 29 – Open House for Prospective Students
- 31 – GABC

November

- 1 – DEFG – Mass w/ SSA (outdoor/dress uniform day)
- 2 – ABCD – Pack Time/ 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- 3 – EFGA – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
- 4 – BCDE – 10th HR Breakfast
- 7 – Archdiocesan Formation Day for Faculty (no classes)
- 8 – FGAB
- 9 – CDEF - President’s Assembly/Shadow Day (Wed.)
- 10 – GABC -11th HR Breakfast
- 11 – DEFG - 12th HR Breakfast
- 14 - ABCD
- 15 – EFGA
- 16 – BCDE
- 17 – FGAB -- late start*
- 18 – CDEF
- 21-25 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 28 - GABC
- 29 – DEFG - Pack Time – Luminarias
- 30 – ABCD

December

- 1 – EFGA – Luminaries Tonight*/Snack Day
- 2 – BCDE

5 – FGAB
6 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
7 – GABC
8 – DEF – * late start for remediation & make-up work/mass (dress uniform day)
9 – GABC
12 – DEFG
13-16 – First Semester Exams
16 Faculty Luncheon

January

3 – ABCD – Classes Resume
4 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (Wed.)
5 – BCDE
6 – FGAB
9 – CDEF
10 – GABC – Pack Time
11 – DEFG
12 – ABCD – late start*
13 – EFGA
16 – MLK Holiday
17 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
18 – FGAB – 8th HR Breakfast
19 – CDEF – 9th HR Breakfast
20 – GABC – 10th HR Breakfast
23 – DEFG
24 – ABCD – Pack Time
25 – EFGA – Mass – Feast of St. Paul (dress uniform day)/Snack Day
26 – BCDE – 11th HR Breakfast
27 – FGAB - 12th HR Breakfast
30 – CDEF
31 – GABC – President’s Assembly

February

1 – DEFG
2 – ABCD
3 – EFGA
6 – BCDE – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
7 – FGAB – Pack Time
8 – CDEF – Pre-ACT 10
9 – GABC – Pre-ACT 9
10 – DEFG – Pre-ACT 8
13 – ABCD
14 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (dress uniform day)/Snack Day
15 – BCDE – Junior Retreat
16 – FGAB – Junior Retreat

- 17 – Faculty retreat (no classes)
- 27 – CDEF
- 28 – GABC – Pack Time

March

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – In-school ACT for juniors
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC
- 10 – DEFG – End of 3rd Quarter
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFG – SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Stadium*
- 15 – ABCD
- 16 – EFGA – late start*
- 17 – BCDE – Mass (dress uniform day)/Snack Day
- 20-24 – Senior Retreats*
- 20 – FGAB
- 21 – CDEF
- 22 – GABC
- 23 – DEFG – 8th HR Breakfast
- 24 – ABCD – 9th HR Breakfast
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
- 29 – FGAB – 10th HR Breakfast
- 30 – CDEF – 11th HR Breakfast
- 31- GABC – 12th HR Breakfast

April

- 1 – Junior-Senior Prom
- 3 – DEFG
- 4 – ABCD – Pack Time*
- 5 – EFGA – Passion Play for Juniors
- 6 – BCDE – Mandatum (dress uniform day)
- 7 - 14 – Easter Holidays
- 17-21 – Leadership Week
- 17 – FGAB
- 18 – CDEF – Leadership Breakfast/Teacher Appreciation Lunch/Snack Day
- 19 – GABC – Leadership Guest Speaker
- 20 – DEFG
- 21 – ABCD – Year in Review Assembly
- 24 – EFGA – Last Pack Time for Seniors; Class Level Elections
- 25 – BCDE – President’s Assembly (last for seniors)

- 26 – FGAB – Senior Exams
- 27 – CDEF – Senior Exams
- 28 – GABC – Senior Exams

May

- 1 – DEFG – Mass (dress uniform day)
- 2 – ABCD – Pack Time (last one)
- 3 – EFGA
- 4 – BCDE – late start*
- 5 – FGAB
- 8 – CDEF – 8th Grade Exams
- 9 – GABC – Last President’s Assembly / 8th Grade Exams
- 10 – DEFG – 8th Grade Exams/Senior Grad Night
- 11 – ABCD – Athletic Awards/8th Grade Promotion
- 12 – EFGA – Academic Awards – dress uniform day
- 13 – 12th Grade Graduation
- 15 – BCDE
- 16 – FGAB
- 17 – CDEFG*
- 18-23 – Final Exams
- 23 – Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Luncheon

Whew! That’s enough for now! I’m sure I’ve forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I’ll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I miss listening to while writing the newsletter since it no longer broadcasts but I still LOL thinking about it!): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue to have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul’s! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

It’s Mid-August and I’m Still the 17th Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul’s School

“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

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Please join me in prayer for our new school year. Here is one you can use:

A Prayer for the Start of the School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff of all schools that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to you, Lord God. Amen



...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing the Mission, and living courageously, respecting all persons and living the Gospel, and praying to our guardian angels to protect us!

