



The President's Hebdomadal **Blue-Ribbon** Newsletter
Celebrating 111 years of Educational Excellence in Covington
342 years of Lasallian Tradition Throughout the World
August 22 – 28, 2022



This Friday, August 26, we celebrate the birthday of Saint Mother Teresa who was born in 1910. In honor of her birth, I invite you to pray and practice a famous prayer which is purported to be hers. It's always worth re-reading:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, & self-centered. Forgive them anyway
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.
If you are honest & sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest & sincere anyway.
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.
Give the best you have and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.



Saint Mother Teresa! Pray for us!

Mon, Aug 22 (Feast of the Queenship of Mary; Safety Week begins; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** In 1989, Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers becomes first major league pitcher in to register 5,000 career Ks.
- **TDIH:** In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt becomes first president to ride in an automobile.
- **Be an Angel Day:** Be like angels today and do one small act of service for someone; be a blessing in someone's life!
- **Parent-Teacher Mini-Schedule Night (6:30)** Please refer to email (printed below) you received from Joe Dickens last week for specifics, including your son's schedule, which you will need.

Tue, Aug 23 (Memorial of St. Rose; Assembly; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** Legendary Pete Rose is banned from baseball for betting on the game.
- **Shadow Day**
- **Football:** 8th Grade opens its season at Ponchatoula Jamboree

Wed, Aug 24 (A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 79 AD, Mount Vesuvius erupts in southern Italy, devastating the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- **TDIH:** In 1814, during War of 1812 between US and England, British troops enter Washington, D.C. and burn the White House in retaliation for American attack on city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1812.



- **Strange Music Day:** Strange Music Day was started by Patrick Grant, a Julliard graduate and professional musician. The purpose of Strange Music Day is to listen to music you have never heard before, just for the heck of it. Have fun today and listen to something different! I think I'll ask some students for suggestions!
- **Waffle Day:** Today marks the anniversary of the first waffle iron patent in 1869. Eat a waffle today! Or just keep changing your mind about things -- get it? Waffling?

Thu, Aug 25 (E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1944, General Jacques LeClerc enters Paris, freeing it from German control during WW II.
- **On this date in 1718, French immigrants founded the city of New Orleans.** Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville named the new settlement for Philippe II, the Duke of Orléans. The duke was the regent of France, ruling in place of King Louis XV, who was only a boy. The French had claimed the Louisiana Territory in 1682, and the location of New Orleans — at the mouth of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers — meant that it was prime real estate for anyone who wanted to control America's large interior waterway. Though the city never lost French character, it blended with elements of Native American, African, & Spanish cultures.

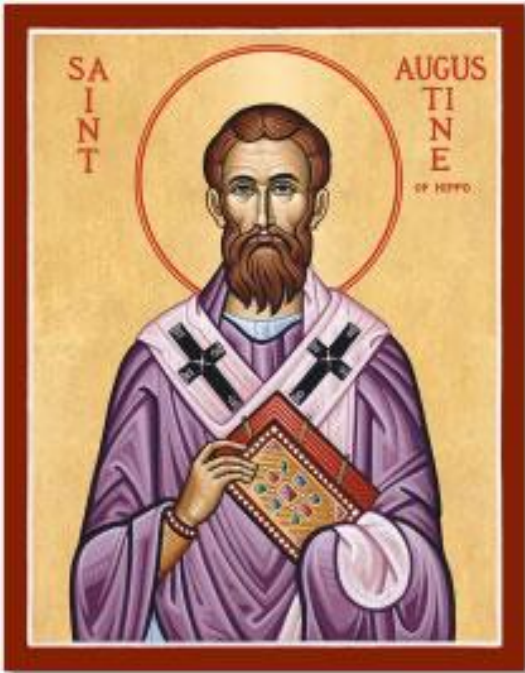
- To get things started, France sent a starter population of prisoners, slaves, and bonded servants. They arrived in New Orleans to find a mosquito-ridden swamp that was surrounded by hostile Native Americans, and prone to hurricanes. The new settlers threatened to revolt, so the French government sent 90 female convicts straight from the Paris jails. These ladies of questionable repute were chaperoned by a group of Ursuline nuns until they could be married off to the men who awaited them.
- Two engineers laid out plans for a the original walled village, which later came to be known as the French Quarter or the *Vieux Carré* — the Old City. Though it's called the French Quarter, the architecture of the area is mostly Spanish in influence, since fire destroyed most of the original buildings in the 18th century. By that time, the city was under the control of the Spanish, who rebuilt the quarter. New Orleans became an American city in 1803, when Napoleon sold Louisiana to the United States government.
- Tom Robbins wrote, in *Jitterbug Perfume* (1984): "Louisiana in September was like an obscene phone call from nature. The air — moist, sultry, secretive, and far from fresh — felt as if it were being exhaled into one's face. Sometimes it even sounded like heavy breathing. Honeysuckle, swamp flowers, magnolia, and the mystery smell of the river scented the atmosphere, amplifying the intrusion of organic sleaze. It was aphrodisiac and repressive, soft and violent at the same time. In New Orleans, in the French Quarter, miles from the barking lungs of alligators, the air maintained this quality of breath, although here it acquired a tinge of metallic halitosis, due to fumes expelled by tourist buses, trucks delivering Dixie beer, and, on Decatur Street, a mass-transit motor coach named Desire.
- **Kiss & Make Up Day** – a great day to end a spat, fight, argument, or feud. And it can be fun! The “kiss” is optional, but everyone is encouraged today to “bury the hatchet” over an argument or disagreement.
- **Banana Split Day** celebrates the invention of this treat in 1904. Splurge ‘n eat a Banana Split today!
- **Cross Country Time Trials**

Fri, Aug 26 (Pep Rally Schedule; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1974, Charles Lindbergh, the first man to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, dies at age of 72.
- **TDIH:** In 1939, the first televised major league baseball game airs on station W2XBS, which would become WNBC-TV. Announcer Red Barber called the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field.
- **Dog Day:** Give Fideaux an extra treat today and appreciate your pet!
- **Toilet Paper Day:** Did you know the US spends almost \$10 billion a year on this stuff? And Charmin holds a toilet paper wedding dress contest each year with 10,000 ladies participating!
- **Football:** Varsity & JV vs. Rummel in Christian Brothers Jamboree (6)

Sat, Aug 27

- Memorial of **St. Monica** – Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Monica -- a special one for all moms, as Monica prayed for years for the conversion of her son, Augustine, who strayed far from the path of righteousness. Her persistent prayer paid off and Augustine became one of the greatest saints in the church.



Sun, Aug 28 (E F G A)

If today were not a Sunday, we would celebrate the feast of Saint Augustine, a most influential scholar saint. His story offers us inspiration. From Catholic Online: *This son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent years in wicked living. One of the most intelligent men who ever lived and brought up Christian, his sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind. Through prayers of his mother and St. Ambrose's preaching, Augustine became convinced that Christianity was the true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day he heard about two men who had converted, and he felt terribly ashamed. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"*

Augustine flung himself out to the garden and cried, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Then he heard a child singing, "Take and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage. It was just what he needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it!

*He was baptized, became a priest, bishop, famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and a great saint. On the wall of his room he had the following written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." Augustine overcame heresies, practiced poverty supported the poor, preached often and prayed with great fervor until his death. His holy life made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. **Saint Augustine! Pray for us!***

- **TDIH:** In 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech – one of the best known in US History, second only to Lincoln's 1863 "Gettysburg Address" – on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to about 250,000 people attending the March on Washington. He ended his stirring 16-minute speech with his vision of the fruit of racial harmony: *"When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"* The speech is worth a Youtube view.

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 info (BTW, the first Shadow Day is Tuesday!)

- 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, followed by the text "SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL" and "WWW.STPAULS.COM". Below this are two circular seals from the U.S. Department of Education. On the right, a circular inset photo shows two students talking, with the text "A good place to grow up!" written in a cursive font above it. 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.

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.



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.

Download Box Tops for Education app here:

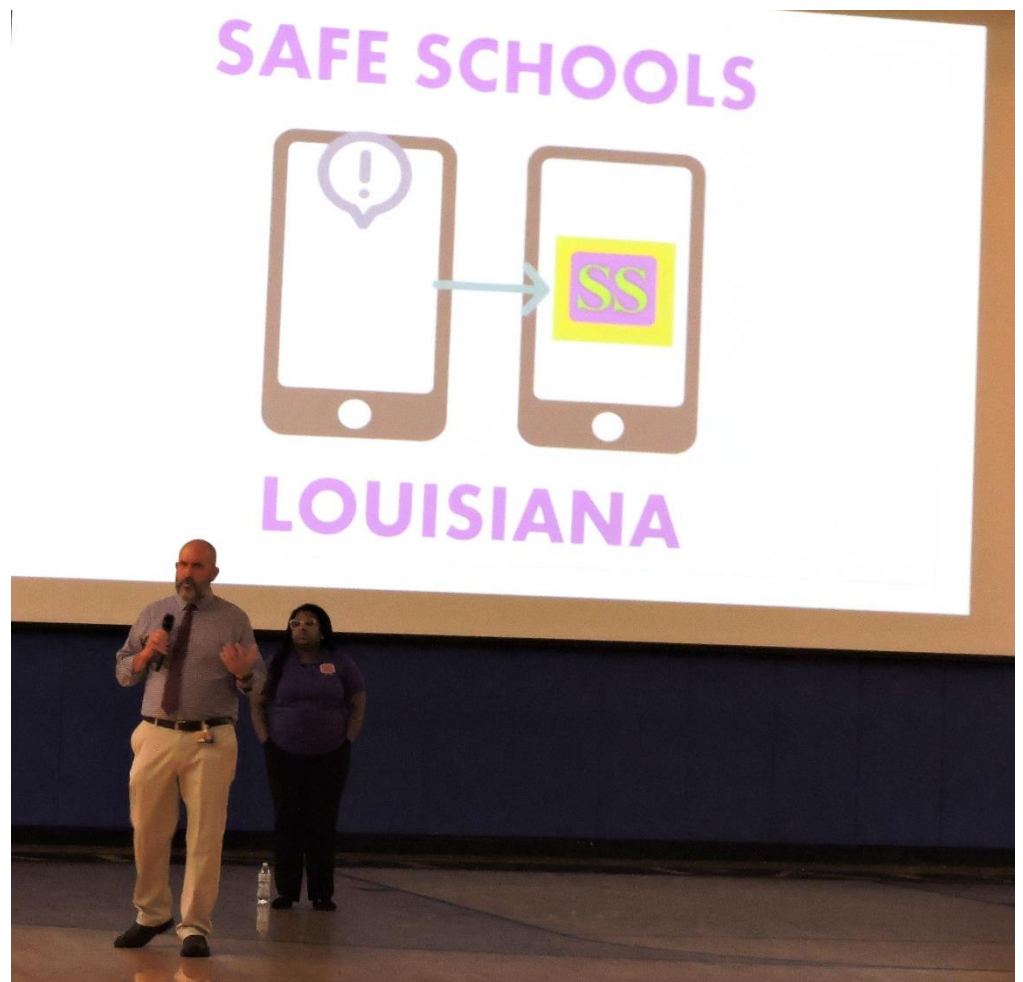
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Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2023, while supplies last! If you have any questions email Shannon d'Hemecourt at s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com

Safety is paramount at Saint Paul's School, and as such, Ms. Tkiani Pullins of the Louisiana Safe Schools program spoke to the student body about the importance of "breaking the silence" by using the Safe Schools Louisiana Anonymous Reporting App. The app is a free resource designed with the goal of keeping students, or someone they know, safe from threats, harmful behaviors, or dangerous situations by providing them the ability to communicate their concerns anonymously.

Joe Dickens introduces speaker from Crime Stoppers who focused on the LA Safe Schools App – which your son should have downloaded to his phone.

Speak to him about the Assembly and how to use the app.



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 school 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

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!



Davis recruits for The Nature Club on Get Involved Day by displaying a campus turtle!

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: With the approach of the peak of hurricane season, allow me to comment on emergency or weather-related closings. Ordinarily, our procedure is to follow the civil parish. Thus, Saint Paul’s School would follow the same decision of closure as the public-school system of St. Tammany Parish. The announcement concerning emergency closures would be broadcast on local television stations in the metropolitan area of NO when possible. School messaging will be activated with updated information and situations unique to SPS. For multi-day closings, Saint Paul’s reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants. In the meantime, we pray: **Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!**

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, drama, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Nature Club, Fantasy Football Club – 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.



Lots of activities and smiles on Get Involved Day!

LAST WEEK: It was a busy week!

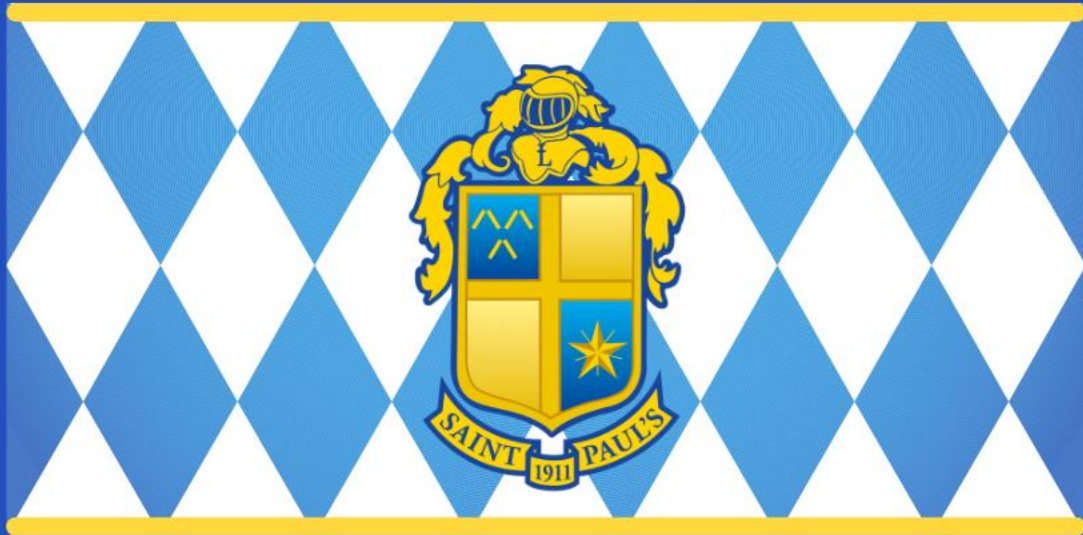
- **New Parent Reception:** Thanks to all who attended. The speakers were great and our new parents were enthusiastic!
- **Wolf Packs:** Hope your son enjoyed meeting his pack! Mine were very enthusiastic about the year!
- **Get Involved Day:** Thanks to all who made it a success! Hope your son signed up for something!
- **Senior BBQ:** A good time was passed by the Class of 2023, thanks to senior parents who made it possible.
- **Class of 2022 Yearbook:** As feared, delayed book delivery prevented most of the class from attending, but thanks to Al, Renee, and Mimi for being a stalwart presence and greeting the few who did arrive.
- **Crime-Stopper Assembly:** VERY powerful. Hope your son told you about it and has downloaded the LA Safe App on his phone.
- **Football Scrimmage:** Great showing by SPS! Read SPS alum Mike Gegenheimer's article in NOLA.com at: https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st_tammany/article_eeda6b0a-1ea4-11ed-b078-93a7fada6867.html
- **March Through the Arch:** The weather held long enough to have a "Jog through the Arch" – but it was still meaningful to the Class of 2023 and their families.
- **Unity Day:** Seniors were quite spirited in sharing their desire for class unity and brotherhood.
- **Ring Ceremony:** I couldn't have asked more from the seniors. The ceremony was GREAT.

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 (which was emailed to you) with ten-minute classes and meet his teachers. This is always a popular event, so place it on your calendars. Thanks!



A club for every interest on Get Involved Day!

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. Need a free physical? Here:



Children's Hospital
New Orleans
LCMC Health

Free Physicals provided by LCMC Health

Who:

All St. Paul's Athletes and Band Members

When:

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time:

3:00 pm

Where:

St. Paul's Gym

917 S. Jahncke Avenue, Covington, LA

located on the corner of Jefferson and 14th

What to bring to free physicals

1. Athletic Physical Packet (see link below)
filled out completely including parent signatures
2. Birth Certificate (for new athletes only)
3. Copy of Insurance Card

[Click here for Athletic Packet](#)

RIP: We join the local community in mourning the passing of Rev. Alfred Young Jr., a beloved pastor and community leader on the northshore. Rev. Young was a friend of Saint Paul's (one of his sons, James, graduated from SPS in 1998.) He was always complimentary of our work here whenever our paths crossed. We were asked to host the post-funeral reception in the BAC and were happy to do so. I am grateful to Shellie and Lori for spearheading the arrangements and giving up much of Saturday to help with arrangements. Read Rev. Young's inspiring story if you have not already done so. Here is the NOLA.com link:

https://www.nola.com/news/northshore/article_5ba42894-1cd3-11ed-a001-db368ac2b493.html

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 RINGS: Jostens will be here on Wednesday, August 24th at lunch for ring resizing.

STUDENT EMAIL: Students MUST use their SPS-issued email when communicating with teachers.



Robotics gets lots of interest on Get Involved Day!

SILENT SUSTAINED READING: On Thursday, we began daily SSR (Silent Sustained 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 **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: Saint Paul's School will host Homecoming dances for SPS students and their guests. All young ladies will need to be accompanied by a SPS student.

- The 8th and 9th grade dance will take place Saturday, September 24, from 7-9 PM.
- The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade dance will take place Saturday, October 1, from 8-10 PM.
- Both dances will take place at the Briggs Assembly Center on the Saint Paul's campus.
- **Dress code:** Young ladies may wear formal or semi-formal dresses with a modest and appropriate fit. Ladies may wear above the knee dresses which are no shorter than fingertip length. Please consider a fit that is comfortable for sitting as well as dancing. There should be no immodest cutouts, openings, or low cut, revealing necklines. Spaghetti straps, one-shoulder and strapless dresses are allowed. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.
- Shoes should be worn at all times—consider changing into comfortable shoes for dancing.
- Saint Paul's students must wear a tie, long pants, and dress shirt. Coats are not required but are allowed. Shirts are to remain tucked in and ties must remain on throughout the dance.
- Tickets will be available for purchase online through the St. Paul's student's email account.
- Student Council officers are now taking orders for \$10 large pepperoni pizzas which will be delivered on Friday, August 26 during the lunch period. Feel free to split a pizza with a friend to enjoy the first game day Friday of the year.

On Friday, Student Council will sponsor a dress down day to celebrate the first game day of the season. Students will wear a shirt to match the game theme along with the full school uniform. Students will vote on the game day theme Monday on #WolfNation and the theme will be announced Tuesday. Students must pay \$1 to dress down and the money will benefit mission collection.

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.

bit.ly/3odaQUI



988

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



Students are attentive during Crime Stoppers' LA Safe App assembly last Wednesday.

TUTORING: The National Honor Society has begun free tutoring at lunch. Signage is all over campus as to location. Encourage your son to take advantage of this service as soon as he needs it.



National Honor Society tutoring begins on Tuesday, Aug 16

Algebra I and II - Geometry
Science - Math XL - Test Prep
Homework Help



TUTORING
Mon - Tue - Wed - Thurs
Lunch Period
LaSalle Hall L202





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Homecoming Suits & Blazers

Tuxedos To Geaux is a formal wear store that offers your students and their families a cost-effective and time-saving service. Our motto is "DON'T RENT IT, OWN IT!"

Your convenience is our priority. We come to the school and measure any student who is interested in purchasing a suit package or blazer. Our experienced alteration team tailors the items to fit perfectly. We then return to school with the altered items and deliver them to the students. All purchases from our store come with free lifetime alterations. We return to school each year to see if any alterations are needed at no charge.

NOTE: With the suit packages, you have a choice of a solid black, navy, indigo blue, light gray, or charcoal suit. The package will include a white dress shirt and an assorted necktie.

ALL PURCHASES INCLUDE **FREE** LIFETIME ALTERATIONS!

Suits	New Suit, Dress Shirt, & Tie \$179+tax = \$195.47 *
Blazer	Navy Blazer \$129+tax = \$140.87

* If student is a Prep Size (up to size 20), only \$109+tax = \$119.03

No deposits are required.

We accept cash, credit cards, debit cards, checks, and Venmo @tuxtogeaux.

Thank you,
Mel Grodsky & Sarah Grodsky
Owners

August 24: 8-10th Grade
August 25: 11-12th Grade



Homecoming Suits & Blazers

**8th thru 10th grade,
Wednesday, August 24th
11:20am to noon
Briggs Assembly Center**

**11th & 12th grade
Thursday, August 25th
11:20am to noon
Briggs Assembly Center**

ALL PURCHASES INCLUDE FREE LIFETIME ALTERATIONS!

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WEEKLY HUMOR: Some dog jokes in honor of Dog Day on Friday, with apologies in advance:

- *How did the little Scottish dog feel when he saw a monster? Terrier-fied!*
- *Why did the dog cross the road? To get to the "barking" lot!*
- *What is it called when a cat wins a dog show? A CAT-HAS-TROPHY!*
- *What kind of dog does Dracula have? A bloodhound!*
- *What happened when the dog went to a flea circus? He stole the show!*
- *What do you get if you cross a gold dog with a telephone? A golden receiver!*
- *What do a dog and a phone have in common? Collar I.D.*
- *What do you get if you cross a Beatle and Australian dog? Dingo Starr*
- *What do you call a dog magician? A labracadabrador. [LOL]*
- *What do you get when you cross a race dog with a bumble bee? A Greyhound Buzz.*
- *What do you call a large dog that meditates? Aware wolf.*
- *What do you call a frozen dog? A pupsicle.*
- *What did the skeleton say to the puppy? Bonappetite!*
- *What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator? A friend you can count on.*
- *Did you hear about the dog who couldn't stop talking like a horse? It was a dog and pony show.*
- *What do you call a cold dog? A Chilli Dog.*
- *How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.*
- *When does a dog go "moo"? When it is learning a new language!*
- *Why do dogs bury bones in the ground? Because you can't bury them in trees!*
- *Why did the poor dog chase his own tail? He was trying to make both ends meet!*
- *What kind of dog chases anything red? A Bulldog.*
- *What state do dogs like? New Yorkie.*
- *What happened to the dog that swallowed a firefly? It barked with de-light! [LOL]*
- *What is a dog's favorite instrument? A trombone.*
- *What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a rose? A collie-flower!*
- *Why do dogs wag their tails? Because no one else will do it for them!*



Seniors are all smiles as they prepare to March through the Arch!

Holy Guardian Angels



Holy Guardian Angels,
guide and guard us.



God Bless the Saint Paul's Class of 2023 – our 112th senior class!

A LOOK AHEAD

August

- 22 – GABC – Parent Teacher Mini-Schedule Night (6:30)/ 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



Connor & Jimmy are all smiles as they march through the arch!

- 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



Junah sets the pace as he marches through the arch!

- 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*

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

- 5 – FGA
- 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

Another Senior Week is History and I’m Still 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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...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!

