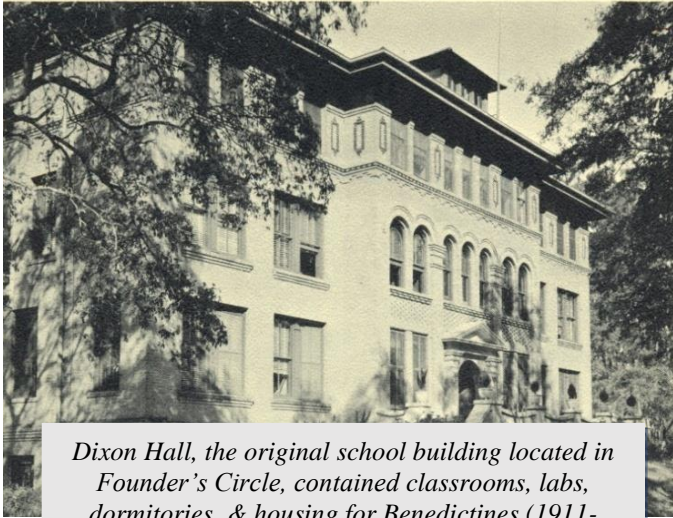




*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue-Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington
September 12 -18, 2022



Dixon Hall, the original school building located in Founder's Circle, contained classrooms, labs, dormitories, & housing for Benedictines (1911-1918) and then Christian Brothers on top floor

Happy 111th Birthday, Saint Paul's!

Wednesday, Sep 14, is the 111th anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of St. Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictine priests (Frs. Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, & Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, & Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, 70 boarders & 30 day students had enrolled. The rest, as they say, is history.

And seven years later, those same Benedictines transferred ownership to the Christian Brothers. And so, this week will be a week of remembrance:

- We will remember the commitment and faithfulness of the Benedictines in founding Saint Paul's school, making it as a place of learning, growth, and the Spirit of God.
- We will remember the courageous Christian Brothers who assumed ownership of Saint Paul's in the summer of 1918 against incredible odds, after being exiled from France and barely escaping with their lives from Mexico. We will thank them for bringing the 340+ year Lasallian dream here.
- We will remember all the Christian Brothers and their Partners who have worked to make the Lasallian dream alive here in Covington -- a dream incarnate in this year's student body. It is a dream that says that at Saint Paul's, we are all brothers and sisters, no one is insignificant, everyone is important, we are ministers of God's grace to one another, and we must announce the message of the gospels, thus bringing salvation to all.
- We will remember alumni and former students and the contribution that each made -- those who no longer walk on this earth, but remain important to our lives.

As we enter into the 12th year of our second century, we again remember and paraphrase Nobel Laureate William Faulkner, that we will "not merely endure, we will prevail" because we have "souls capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." Indeed, Saint Paul's will prevail as long as we remember, in the words of William Faulkner, the "courage and honor and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of the past" and which we are now called upon to replicate.

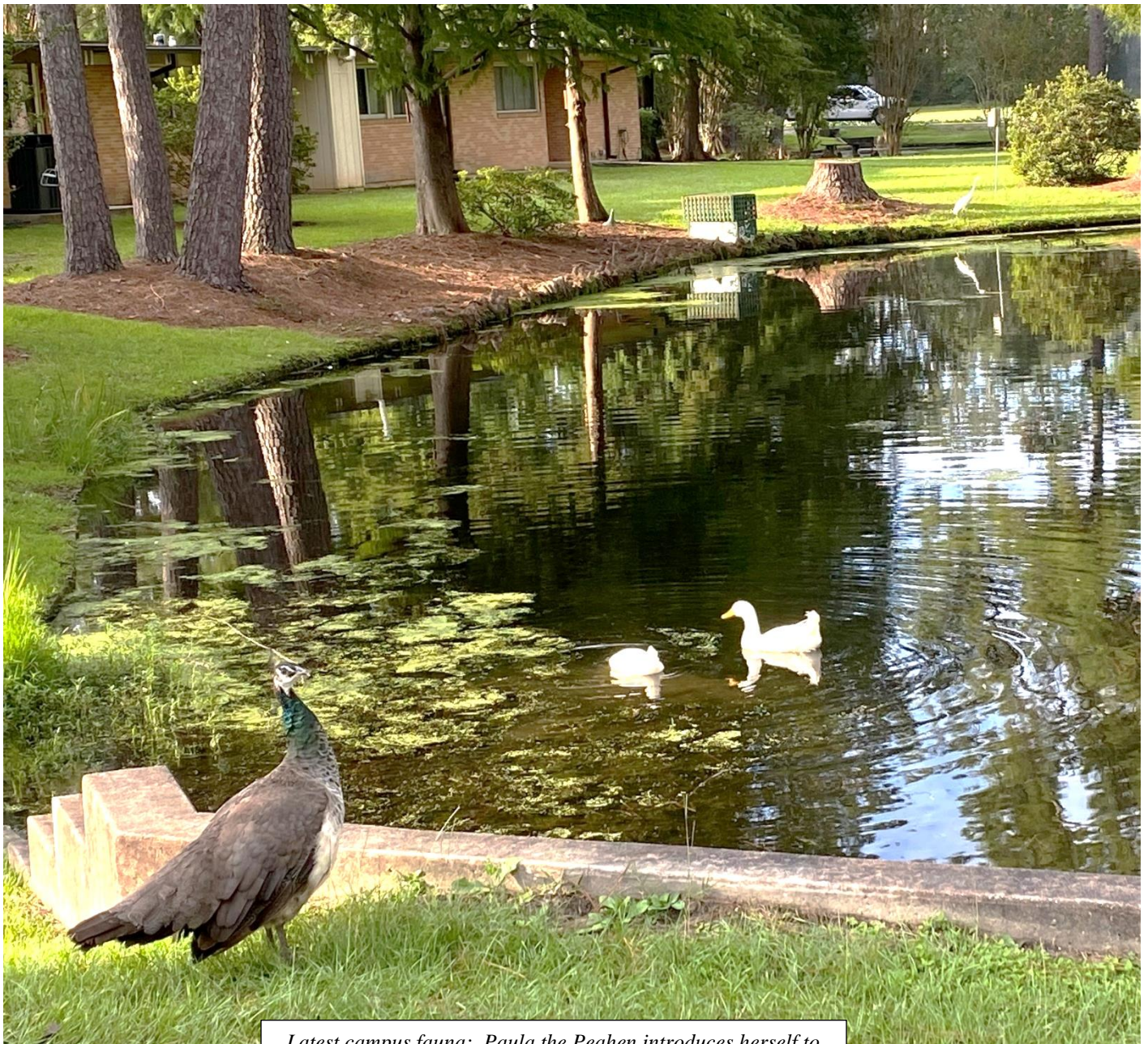


Saint Paul's College Faculty in 1921 Brother Charles Crouzet is on the right of the middle row.

And now I present to you Saint Paul's School – 111 years young! And as I tell the students all the time: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age. As we thank God for our past, we pause and remember that we are still walking on holy ground -- for God is here, and where God is -- is holy. Happy Birthday Saint Paul's School! *Ad multos annos!*

Mon, Sep 12 (C D E F)

- **This Day in History:** In 1940, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings are discovered by four teenagers who stumbled upon the ancient artwork after following their dog down a narrow entrance into a cavern. The 15,000- to 17,000-year-old paintings, consisting mostly of animal representations, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period. What to see them? Click here: http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02_00.xml
- **Chocolate Milkshake Day! Enjoy** – if your health allows, of course!
- **Banana Day:** Eat this healthy snack today! Wash it down with a Chocolate Shake!



Latest campus fauna: Paula the Peahen introduces herself to campus ducks! I have no idea where she came from!

Tue, Sep 13 (G A B C – President’s Assembly; Shadow Day)

- **TDIH:** In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens words, later set to music, that becomes US’s national anthem in 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written when Key saw Fort McHenry in MD bombarded by British in the War of 1812 & was inspired by a lone U.S. flag flying at daybreak.
- **Peanut Day** is the peanuttiest of days. Native to South America, peanuts are not nuts. They are "legumes", like peas and beans. Who knew?
- **Blame Someone Else Day:** self-explanatory! Feel free to blame me!
- **Hollerin’ Day!** Feel free to holler today – but not at school!
- **Iguana Day:** Celebrate the lowly iguana! Re-read *Night of the Iguana* by Tennessee Williams
- **President’s Annual Fund Dinner:** Tonight, we take another step in our return to normalcy: my annual dinner honoring donors to last year’s annual fund who gave at the \$1000 or greater level. This is always a positive event. I pray that it leads to even greater generosity from those who can afford it.



Cager gives Holy Communion to Jake at last week’s mass.

Wed, Sep 14 (D E F G -- Exaltation of the Holy Cross & SPS Birthday Celebration)

- **TDIH:** In 1911, 48 students, 5 Benedictine priests, and 4 lay teachers opened Saint Paul’s College and began classes, beginning an educational tradition of excellence that continues today. Happy B-Day, SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1741, George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* (not “The Messiah”) after working on it nonstop for 23 days. It’s one of my favorite pieces of music – absolutely incredible!
- **TDIH:** In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized by Pope Paul VI, making her the first American saint.
- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** This feast was begun in 629 A.D. by Emperor Heracles who brought the cross discovered by Saint Helena in 320 AD (and purported to be the True Cross) to Jerusalem, placing it on the believed spot of Jesus’ crucifixion. I do not know whether the Benedictines opened SP on this feast by coincidence or plan, but establishing Saint Paul’s was a

triumph by them and, later, by the Christian Brothers. Today, it remains a triumph. With your help, it will triumph far into the future, a triumph of the Lasallian dream and God’s work in Covington.

- **Hug Your Hound Day:** Give Fideaux a great big hug.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Go ahead and indulge today!
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Again, the MC will outdo itself with a SPS birthday luncheon for faculty and staff.

- **SPS Birthday Celebration:** An afternoon assembly, a parade, and, of course, snacks courtesy of the Mothers' Club will help us celebrate SPS's 111th birthday!
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. De La Salle (5:30)

Thu, Sep 15 (Late start – 9 am -- A B C D)

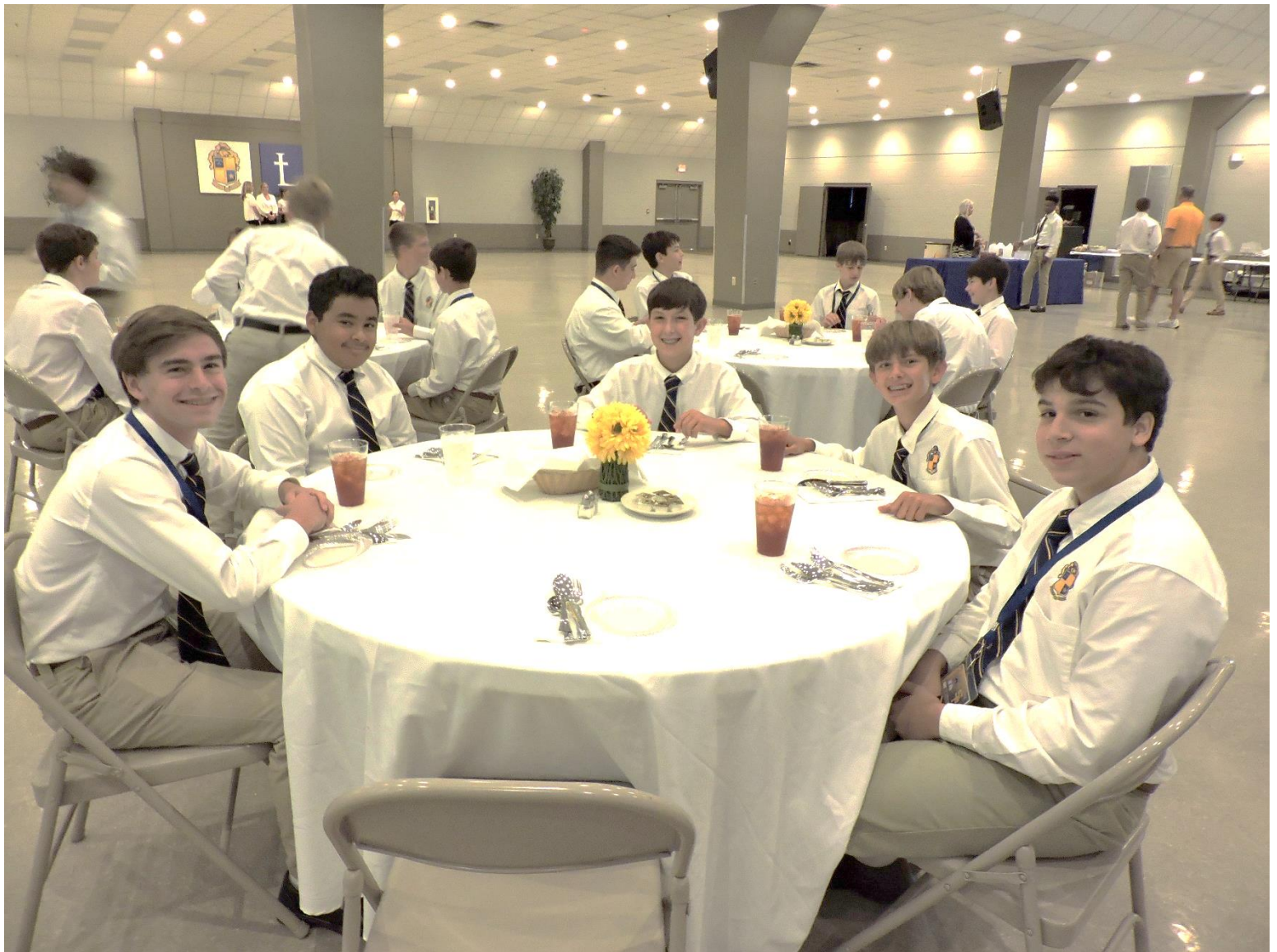
- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics from the past. I know of at least one SPS teacher who still uses them!
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, "Ballad of Birmingham." Click here to read the poem: <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **TDIH:** In 1916, tanks are first used in combat, in the Allied offensive at Battle of Somme in WW I.
- **Football:** 8th v. Bro. Martin (5:30)
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves begin their season at PAC meet this afternoon
- **Athletic Physicals:** Free physicals for all students who need them for athletic/band participation.

Fri, Sep 16 (E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1620, *The Mayflower* ship departed England for America with small crew and 102 passengers.
- **Mexican Independence Day:** The **Grito de Dolores** ("*Cry of Dolores*") was uttered from the small town of Dolores in Mexico, on Sep 16, 1810, marking the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. The "grito" was the *pronunciamiento* of the Mexican War of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Catholic priest. Since Oct 1825, this day is celebrated as **Mexican Independence Day** of Mexico's Independence from Spain. Viva la independencia!
- **Trail of Tears Commemoration:** This day, also called Cherokee Removal Day, remembers the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from GA, TN, AL, and NC to Indian Territory (OK) from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our history.
- **Guacamole Day:** Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole! I love guacamole!
- **American Legion Day:** Congress grants the AL a federal charter on this day in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from WW I. Since then, it has grown and supported all veterans.
- **Cross Country:** JV & Varsity run in St. Thomas Aquinas Invitational
- **Football:** Varsity v. fellow Lasallian School De La Salle at Yulman Stadium (7)

Sat, Sep 17

- **TDIH:** In 1862, the bloodiest day in US military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate armies were stopped in Antietam, Maryland by General George B. McClellan. By nightfall, 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – to then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, to contractors, to our physical plant crew, to students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and become more familiar with.
- **Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge!



Sun, Sep 18

- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs National Security Act, establishing a single Defense Department with Joint Chiefs of Staff. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air F
- **TDIH:** in 1870, an expedition discovers the "Old Faithful" geyser in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. The geyser was the first in the park to receive a name; when the men discovered it, they were astonished by its frequent eruptions. A geyser is a natural spring that intermittently spews hot water and steam. Geysers are extremely rare; only a thousand have been identified worldwide and half of those are in Yellowstone National Park.
- **Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal!
- **President and Principal Travel:** Joe Dickens and I leave this morning (VERY EARLY!) for a meeting in Tucson, AZ with the presidents and principals of the 22 schools in the San Francisco New Orleans District. We will meet at San Miguel High School, the Lasallian school of Tucson. We return, God willing and American Airlines cooperating, on Wed night (late!) and will be in school on Thu.

Rise Up, O Men of God

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

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: We reached the mid-point of the first quarter last week! If your son is struggling in any class, insist that he go seek help. 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 prep. At the end of his study session, have him organize books, assignments, PE clothes, etc. for the next day.

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

- 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.**



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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.



(985) 892-3200 x1903
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.**

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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.

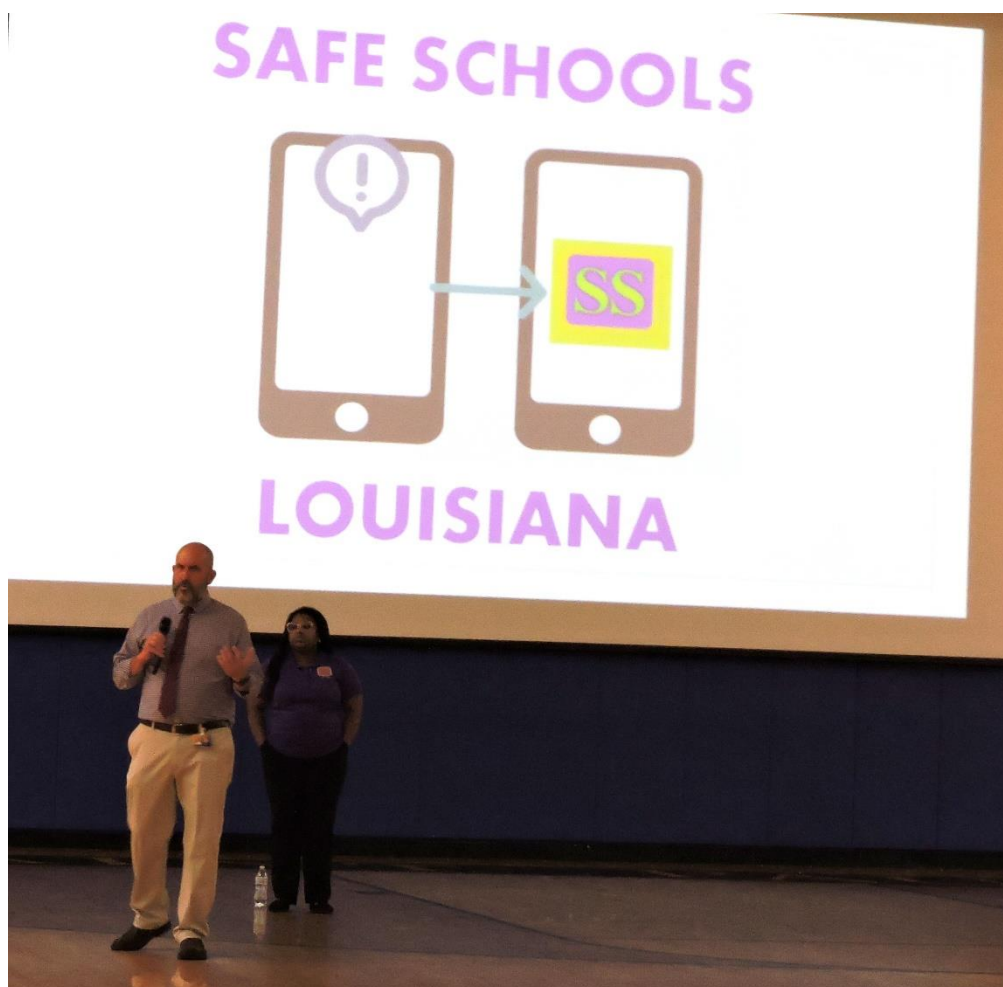
Download Box Tops for Education app here:

https://btfe.smart.link/c2jldifkw?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

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.



+ **BROTHER ALFRED BALTZ, FSC:** Last week, on Sep 9, we observed the two-year anniversary of the passing into eternal life of Brother Alfred Baltz – a giant in the ranks of the Christian Brothers and Saint Paul's School. We remember Alfred and his total dedication to the cause of Lasallian Catholic education, especially here at SPS. May he continue to smile upon our work from his heavenly perch. Brother's final earthly resting place is in the St. John Baptist de La Salle columbarium at St. Joseph's Abbey.

CALENDAR FOR 2022-23

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.

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.

COTILLION PROGRAM: See below for info:



High School Cotillion Program

Northshore Chapter

The High School Cotillion Program is a licensed program of NLJC® designed specifically for high school students in the 9th through 12th grades. New etiquette and character development topics which are pertinent to the high school years, such as interviewing for scholarships and jobs, positive self-esteem, handling peer-pressure and etiquette in the era of social distancing will be presented and discussed at each class. This program will bridge the gap for today's high schooler between their education and the real world in a meaningful way.



Life skills topics covered include:

- Job and Scholarship Interviews
- Social Etiquette
- Register to vote
- Electronic Etiquette
- Modern Manners
- Tip in a restaurant
- Reputation and Image
- Character Development
- Business Etiquette
- Write a check
- Make a budget
- Dining Etiquette
- Social Media Do's & Don'ts
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Networking
- Many more topics

Interested in enrolling your student? For more information and to enroll, please visit our website at www.nljc.com/chapter/northshore or contact the Director, Catherine Lagarde at catherine.lagarde@nljc.com or (504) 884-6575.

DRESS CODE: The boys are looking much better, but I am not satisfied. 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; no one will know. Thanks to those 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!

DRUG TESTING: We resume drug testing this week. We had suspended testing due to COVID but are comfortable in resuming the tests. We use a Random Plus approach: some students will be chosen randomly and some for “cause” (e.g. drop in grades, behavioral problems, etc.) If a student tests positive, he is allowed 100 days before a re-test is given. A second positive results may well jeopardize his enrollment at SPS. We pray that our program serves as a deterrent and is not viewed as punitive. We remain convinced that drug usage is detrimental to adolescent development. BTW, legit medication (for ADD, etc.) is screened by the test. My son will not be embarrassed in any way if he is selected to be screened. **Results are confidential to counselor and administrators.** And, yes, you may refer your son to us for testing. We pray....



Jack gives his presentation on addiction to classmates. He did great!

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!**

ETIQUETTE TRAINING FOR 8TH GRADE This annual event, sponsored by SPS Development Team, begins this week. Pre-freshmen parents have received info on what day their son will experience a very nice formal lunch combined with etiquette training. It's always a treat to see our youngest Wolves learn how to eat soup, what fork to use for salads, and how to break bread. Let's hope lessons learned last beyond this week!

EXTRACURRICULARS/GET INVOLVED DAY: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, was held on Aug 16. Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. had displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students spoke to representatives from these clubs, etc. and to 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.

FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS: Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the retired Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do **NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- SSA students **DO NOT** get in free.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3rd quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, **ALL** are to be **ABSOLUTELY QUIET**. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he **MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS** (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.

- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is NEVER permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- The LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR ADULTS: With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise
- LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

GRANDPARENT DAY: Our annual Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 7, beginning at 11:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. If your son's grandparents are interested, please inform them of the date and time. **See letter below with link for registration. Based upon last year's attendance, we may have to cut off registration when we reach capacity, so register early.**



Dear Parent,

The Saint Paul's Mothers Club will again sponsor "Give Thanks for Grandparents" Day on Friday, October 7th.

We are issuing this invitation to you via email as we don't mail things directly to grandparents, unless asked.

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

- Grandparents report to the Briggs Assembly Center on Friday, October 7th. **Coffee & a light breakfast will be available starting at 10:45 am.** Students attending GP Day will be dismissed at 11:15. They report to BAC, receive their refreshments, and meet/greet their grandparent(s). The program begins at 11:30. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will attend. Students not attending GP Day will be dismissed at 11:35, when they are free to leave.
- In lieu of a professional photographer, photo stations will be available inside Briggs for parent volunteers to take a photo using the grandparent's phone or camera. Also, there are many locations throughout our beautiful campus to have a picture taken.
- A prayer service will begin at 11:30, followed by a President's Assembly. The whole program lasts about 70 minutes.
- In order to adequately prepare, **registration is required by October 3rd; however, the link will close once we have reached maximum capacity, so please register early.** Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/aLwSVa7mCQMhs53T7>
- Parents are encouraged to register for their son's grandparents since using the google document within the link may be unfamiliar to them.
- **Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms.**

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

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

Sincerely,

Brother Ray Bulliard
President

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.



*Students help return mass materials to chapel.
(photo courtesy of Brother Javier Hansen, FSC)*

LAST WEEK:

- **ACT:** Over 200 test takers were on campus Sat for this important college acceptance test. And for the first time in many years, Sgt. Don Pressley, test administrator extraordinaire, turned over the test administration reins to Counselor Amanda Duplantier – who passed her inaugural test administration with flying colors!
- **Etiquette Training:** Proper table manners ruled the roost last week as 8th graders were taught the essentials of fine dining etiquette. Let's hope the lesson sticks! And they enjoyed a great lunch, too!
- **Pack Time:** A powerful lesson on food waste. The stats were impactful. Let's hope good results follow!
- **Football:** Tough loss to Rummel by 8th grade; strong win v. Bro Martin by 9th grade; tough loss by Varsity to BM, and on Sat morning, JV played BM but I don't have results.
- **Cross Country:** A bus-load of CC

Wolves headed to BR for their first meet and represented us well!

- **Mass:** The Nativity of Blessed Mother's feast was celebrated with a beautiful mass, at which the boys sang, participated, and prayed. Thanks to SPS alum Father Daniel Brouillete, pastor of St. Peter Parish, for celebrating mass for us.
- **Adoration:** Religion department held the first Adoration Devotion last week. Thanks, religion dept!
- **Mission Collection:** Jeff Ramon did a nice job explaining our twinning program with St. Paul's School in Kenya – a Lasallian school. As always, the boys were generous. I hope your son told you about it.
- **Homecoming Elections:** Thanks to Student Council for handling the Court elections. Congrats to winners!
- **The Paper Wolf:** Congrats to Moderator Nick Guarisco and Staff for a flurry of quality articles published in our award winner online newspaper – with an ironic title. Keep the presses going, TPW staff! We encourage everyone to subscribe. It's free!

NOLA Catholic Youth Conference: On Saturday, September 24th, youth from all across the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather at Jesuit High School for the NOLA Catholic Youth Conference! Details are below. Any student who is interested can see or e-mail Mr. Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls) for a registration packet and additional information. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, September 14th. ***Space is limited***

- **What?...** Inspirational speakers, workshops to deepen our faith and learn more about how to live it in everyday lives, celebration of Mass with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, the sacrament of Reconciliation, a time of Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music, prayer opportunities, exhibitors and more
- **When?** Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 9:00am-5:00pm
- **Where?...** Jesuit High School | 4133 Banks St., New Orleans, LA 70119
- **Who?...** All 8th -12th graders are invited
- **Cost?...** \$50 (check made to Saint Paul's School). Cost includes conference fee, lunch, and t-shirt)

20 NOLA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 22

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NEW

Principal Mass Celebrant
Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond

9AM-5PM
SATURDAY, SEPT. 24
JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES 8-12

Keynote Presenter
Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN

Emcee
Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

music
by The Vigil Project

This one-day conference is a time for celebration, learning, prayer, and challenges in a context of community for high school age students.

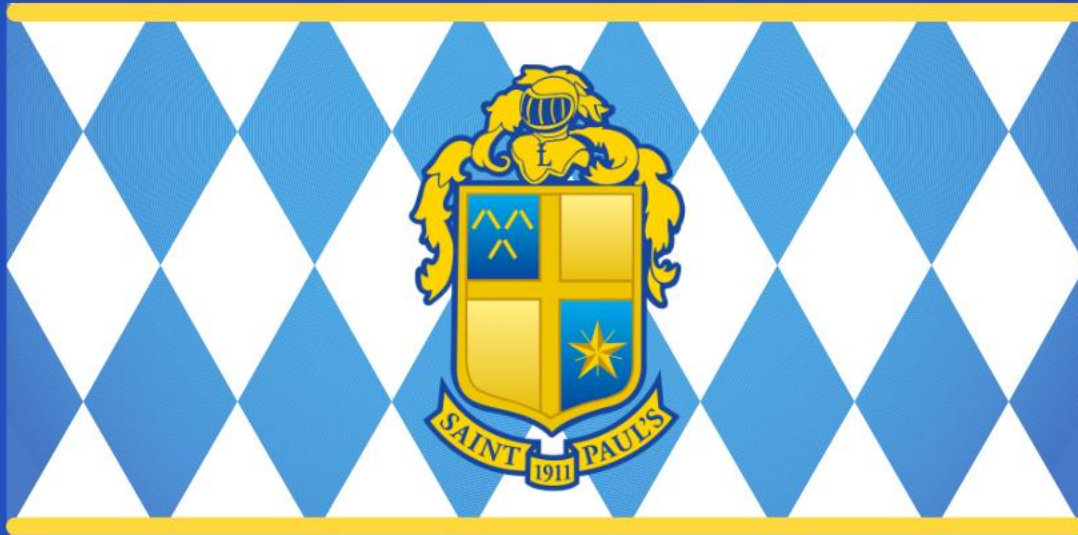
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workshops by:

Kayla Allain
Andrew Ferguson
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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 curved and frames the hat. The text 'EST. 2021' is positioned above the wreath, and 'SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00PM' is written along the bottom curve of the wreath.

917 S. Jahncke Avenue
Covington, LA 70433

(985) 892-3200 ext. 1970
www.stpauls.com

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>

THE PAPER WOLF: Extra! Extra! Saint Paul's journalism students on the staff of The Paper Wolf have been diligently toiling away on the first edition of the 2022-23 school year. From sports coverage to campus lore and interviews to op-ed pieces, The Paper Wolf has something to whet your appetite at www.thepaperwolf.com.



PARENTS OF SENIORS: Saint Paul's will administer the ACT to seniors on **Tue, Oct 18**. This ACT test is official and will count as a qualifying score towards college admissions and TOPS requirements. We think it is to your son's advantage to take the ACT during normal school hours. The fee for this test is \$60.00. Send a check payable to **Saint Paul's School** for **\$60.00**. **In the memo line, please put your son's name.** Checks can be dropped off to the Counseling Office in La Salle Hall or mailed directly to:

Renée Miller
Saint Paul's School
917 S. Jahncke Avenue
Covington, LA 70433

The deadline to submit payment is Thursday, September 23rd, 2022. For more info, contact counselor

Renée Miller reneep@stpauls.com

985.892.3200 x1947

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](#)

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.

SILENT SUSTAINED READING: Daily, we do SSR (Silent Sustained Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone reads 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.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Last week, we received a strongly worded letter from LHSAA Executive Director Eddie Bonine concerning poor sportsmanship incidents in pre-football season events. Saint Paul's will be adamant in insisting on proper behavior from players, coaches, students, & fans. We will not be penalized by the LHSAA.

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

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.



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



TUXEDOES TO GEAUX will be back on campus Monday 9/12 at 3pm in BAC to distribute suits.

WEEKLY HUMOR: Jokes in honor of Guacamole Day on Wednesday:

- *What do you call a blessed avocado? Holy guacamole.*
- *What do you say to an avocado who's done a good job? "Bravocado!"*
- *Can I have your last avocado? Avocadon't you dare.*
- *Are avocados heart healthy? Yes, they make great avo-cardio.*
- *How do you say "four avocados" in Spanish? Um, avo-cuatro?*
- *What did the guy at the party say when he realized there was nothing left to dip his tortilla chip in? "I've hit guac bottom."*
- *What did the tortilla chip say to the guacamole? "You are all I avo wanted."*
- *When Satan steals guacamole, it's playing Devil's Avocado.*
- *Was your guacamole good? Yes, it was avocado this world.*
- *Why was the avocado sought by press? He was a guac star.*
- *What did the sad avocado say? "It's a hard guac life."*
- *What do you call a guac loving alligator? A guacodile.*
- *What was Elvis' favorite Mexican snack? The jailhouse guac.*
- *What do you get when you put an avocado, a tomato, and an onion in a mosh pit? A punk guac concert!*
- *What is an avocado's favorite song? "I Guac the Line"*
- *What did one avocado half say to the other? "Without you, I'm empty inside!"*
- *What did the tortilla chip say to the avocado? "Well, this is guacward." (Dip, scoop, munch!)*

YEARBOOKS: the 2021-2022 yearbooks were distributed last Tuesday, September 6th, during pack time to those who ordered one. Contact Mr. Aaron Falkenstein, moderator, with any questions. The 2022-23 yearbooks are now on sale. To purchase a 2022-23 yearbook, go to yearbookforever.com and currently they are as cheap as they will be. They go up in price later on

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

September

12 – CDEF

13 – GABC – President's 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/ International Lasallian Days for Peace

22 – GABC – Etiquette training for B & C (8th)

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 – Sudden Impact/Falk. F Block
- 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 – Senior in-school ACT
- 19 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG
- 24 – ABCD – Sudden Impact/Ramon A Block
- 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 - Arch Day(no classes for seniors)*
- 9 – CDEF - President’s Assembly/Shadow Day (Wed.)
- 10 – GABC -11th HR Breakfast
- 11 – DEFG - 12th HR Breakfast/Core Walk-a-Thon?
- 14 - ABCD
- 15 – EFGA - Pack Time or President’s Assembly/Possible Shadow Day for Public Schools
- 16 – BCDE– Sudden Impact/Ramon B Block
- 17 – FGAB -- late start*
- 18 – CDEF
- 21-25 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 28 - GABC
- 29 – DEFG - Pack Time – Luminarias
- 30 – ABCD – Sudden Impact/Ramon C Block*

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



Eucharistic ministers prepare to distribute Holy Communion during last week's mass.

January

- 3 – ABCD – Classes Resume
- 4 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (Wed.)
- 5 – BCDE
- 6 – FGAB
- 9 – CDEF
- 10 – GABC – Pack Time – Sudden Impact/Falk. G Block
- 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 – Sudden Impact/Falk. B Block
- 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



*Our Lady of Prompt Succor!
Hasten to help us!*



Students pay prayerful attention at last week's mass.

March

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – Junior in-school ACT
- 8 – CDEF – President's Assembly
- 9 – GABC – Core Pack Breakfast/Late start
- 10 – DEFG – End of 3rd Quarter
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFG – SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Stadium*
- 15 – ABCD
- 16 – EFGA – late start*/5 Core Meal
- 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

Let's end with Prayer for Hurricane Protection, especially as disturbances develop in the Atlantic:

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question.

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!

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

Made It to Another SPS Birthday 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!