



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue-Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington
September 19 - 25, 2022 – the 7th week of the 1st quarter!



After our 111th Birthday celebration, we now celebrate the extraordinary accomplishment of our seniors:



These fifteen seniors were officially given National Merit Recognition by The College Board – a tremendous achievement. Bottom row, L to R: **Nikola Plazinic (National Merit Commended)**, **Vincent Ruiz (National Hispanic Recognition)**, **Jack Hadskey (National Merit Commended)**, **Johnny Palmer (National Merit Semi-finalist)**, **Riley Hidalgo (National Merit Commended and Hispanic Recognition)**, **Keegan Burrell (National Merit Semi-finalist)**, **Jack Keller (National Merit Semi-finalist)**. Top row, L to R: **Preston Tate (National Hispanic Recognition)**, **Ethan Wilson (National Merit Commended and Hispanic Recognition)**, **Dominic Muguira (National Hispanic recognition)**, **Peter Verges (National Merit Semi-finalist and Hispanic Recognition)**, **Nicholas Achee (National Merit Semi-finalist)**, **Sam Gold (National Merit Semi-finalist)**, **Evan Leaber (National Merit Commended)**, **Matthew Roberts (National Merit Semi-finalist)**.

Saint Paul's had the most semi-finalists of any school in St. Tammany Parish!
Congrats to these students and to their teachers who prepared them so well!

Quality Education – a Lasallian Core Principle in operation here at Saint Paul's School!



Our Math Dept celebrated 8-Track Tape Day last Thu with food and music! Mr. Pichon actually has a working 8 Track Tape machine and tapes! And who says we are old-fashioned?

Mon, Sep 19 – B C D E

- **This Day in History:** In 1893, New Zealand becomes the first country in the world to grant national voting rights to women.
- **TDIH:** In 1881, President James Garfield, who had been in office just under four months, succumbs to wounds inflicted by an assassin just 80 days earlier, on July 2. Vice President Chester A. Arthur ascends to the presidency.
- **Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy pirate wanna bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrrrh!

Tue, Sep 20 (Pack Time; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sets sail, leading first exploration to circumnavigate the world. Magellan dies before the journey is completed and ship returns a year later.
- **Punch Day:** Have a glass of punch today! The word *punch* means *five*, originating from the Hindustani word *panch*. It celebrates the traditional punch base recipe of 5 key ingredients, which most punches still use - alcohol (usually spirits), lemon (or other fruits), sugar, water, and tea (or other spices, e.g., cinnamon). For our students, though, use only four of the five ingredients – I think you know the one to leave out!
- **Eat an Apple Day:** No explanation needed! Enjoy & wash it down with punch.
- **Football: 8th v. St. Aug (5:30)**

Wed, Sep 21 -- C D E F (Feast of St. Matthew; Morning prayer service to begin Lasallian Days of Peace)

- **Happy Feast Day to the 40+ faculty & students with Matthew as first, middle or last name!)**

- **TDIH:** In 1779, the Louisiana governor Bernardo de Galvez, aided by American troops and militia, captures the British post at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.

- **The Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDP)** begin today and run until Oct 21. The theme this year is *Building New Pathways for Peace*. The month-long observance encourages study, reflection, prayer, and action. As former Superior General Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria said concerning ILDP: *Peace is possible if each of us gets involved. It is possible when we place persons above things. It is possible if we make God's plan for humankind our own*



plan. May this event bring peace, especially to those most in need! Please join the Retired Brothers who daily pray the following official Lasallian Prayer for Peace: *We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope! Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!*

- **World Gratitude Day:** We should be grateful EVERY day, but be extra grateful today!
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Slidell (5:30)

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD



Student Ambassadors did GREAT serving at President's Annual Fund Dinner.

Thu, Sep 22 (G A B C)

- **Autumnal Equinox**, when the sun crosses the equator from North to South, occurs today 8:03 pm, CDT. Fall officially begins! In the Southern Hemisphere, spring officially begins. Play Antonio Vivaldi's incredible "Autumn" from his *Four Seasons Suite!* In Japan, the Autumnal Equinox is a holiday to mark the new season and to pay respects to deceased parents and relatives. How meaningful! Marvel at God's creation today, anticipate the cool months ahead, and remember deceased loved ones.
- **Hobbit Day** and the celebration of two of JRR Tolkien's most beloved characters – Bilbo Baggins and Frodo Baggins. The Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings series is well known and loved by many. Here is a fun fact to remember: The Fellowship of the Rings, first in the Lord of the Rings series opens with Bilbo Baggins announcing his *eleventy-first* birthday. Instead of saying "one hundred and one" they say "eleventy first" and that with every other three plus digit number.
- **TDIH:** Ice cream cones debuted today in 1903 & the band aid in 1920! Where would we be without these?
- **TDIH:** In 1776, Nathan Hale was executed without trial after caught spying on the British. His famous last words? "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Thank you, Nathan!
- **TDIH:** In 2015, Pope Francis began a six-day visit to the US. He became the first Pope to address a joint session of Congress and he also addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, after having re-opened from Katrina, we closed school to brace for Hurricane Rita. While spared Rita's brunt, many in our area suffered additional damage, while the southwest part of LA took a major hit. We continue to pray for those healing from Rita's wrath.
- **White Chocolate Day:** Go ahead and indulge!
- **Elephant Appreciation Day:** Celebrate the elephant today and learn something about these Endearing, Loyal, Elegant, Powerful, Heavy, Amusing, Noble, and Talented creatures. (Get it?)

Fri, Sep 23 (D E F G)

- **Checkers Day:** This day, begun on anniversary of then Vice President Richard Nixon's "Checkers Speech" (look it up, history buffs!), has morphed into a celebration of the game of checkers. Enjoy a game or two!
- **Innergize Day:** Today is the day to set time aside for yourself to do anything you want to do. OK to observe, but don't let it interfere with any of your obligations, especially students to their classes!
- **Football:** Varsity at Slidell (7)

Sat, Sep 24

- **TDIH:** In 1957, President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **National Punctuation Day:** Let's all punctuate our writing correctly! I plan on celebrating! Here's a great website to help: <http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com>.
- **Eat Dinner with Your Children Day:** Started by The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia U, this day informs parents that frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance abuse free. *Dinner Makes A Difference!*
- **Junior High (8 & 9) Homecoming Dance**
- **SPS Math Tournament**
- **Swimming v. Catholic at PAC and Cross Country runs in STA Southland Steel Meet**

Sun, Sep 25

- **TDIH:** In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama. Imagine his reaction!
- **TDIH:** In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor sworn in as the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice.
- **Comic Book Day:** Read a comic book today! Or at least the comics in the newspaper! I read 'em daily!
- **Rosh Hashanah** begins at sundown today and lasts until sundown on Tue, Sep 27. The late Saint Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to learn more about our Jewish heritage and form closer ties with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Thus, we recognize the great feast of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year. It is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, and a day of judgment and coronation of G-d as king. It is the year 5777 in the Jewish calendar. The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur. One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are penance, prayer, & good deeds – great practices for people of all faiths. These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the greeting during this time: "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!* May you be written [in the book of life] for a good year! We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed Rosh Hashanah! "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*"



Intro to Tech students thank Mothers' Club for purchasing latest robotics kits!

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 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 have begun 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 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.



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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.

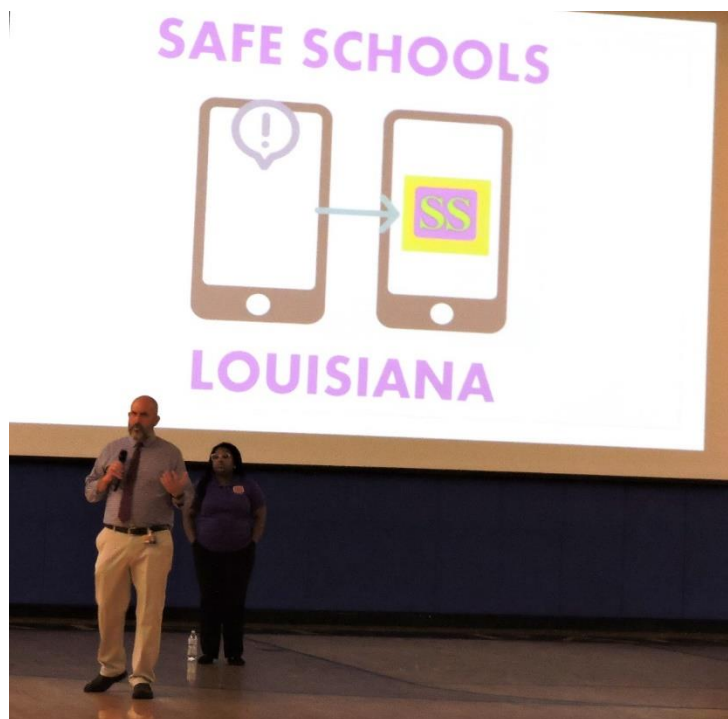
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Safety is paramount at Saint Paul's School, and as such, Ms. Tkiani Pullins of the Louisiana Safe Schools program spoke to the student body about the importance of "breaking the silence" by using the Safe Schools Louisiana Anonymous Reporting App. 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

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.



Student Ambassadors share their thoughts about SPS – extemporaneously, no less – at the Annual Fund Dinner.

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: Students must comply with the dress code. “Note: We have clean, pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition. If the family budget is tight, 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.



Landry & Cager lead the seniors in the 111th SPS Birthday Parade!

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 resumed drug testing last 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 Your 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....

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, continues 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: It's time to register for GP 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.**

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 begins at 11:30, followed by a President's Assembly. The 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.

Brother Ray Bulliard

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

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

LAST WEEK:

- Thanks to Counselors, especially Christine Woodward, for feasting the national merit semi-finalists on the day that the information could be publicly announced.
- Thanks to Joanna, Shannon, & Student Council for their hard work in preparing for homecoming activities.
- Thanks to Development Team for hosting the President's Annual Fund Dinner for our major donors.
- Thanks to Mimi and Jeanen for organizing a successful Shadow Day and to all who accommodated our future Wolves by making them feel welcome.
- Thanks to all for adjusting schedules to celebrate our 111th birthday – here's to the next 111 years!
- Thanks to the Mothers' Club for fully funding the new Intro to Technology equipment!
- Football: Wolves played hard on Fri night but fell to a strong DLS team. On to District this week!
- Cross Country Wolves competed hard in their second meet but I don't have results.
- Swimming: Aqua Wolves competed well in their inaugural meets last week.
- Physicals: Thanks, LCMC, for providing free physicals last week to our students.
- Formation: Thanks to Jeff for his inspiring formation piece on Thu morn!



Marching Wolves lead student body in birthday parade!

MISSION COLLECTIONS: We began our weekly mission collections last week, which benefit Saint Paul's School in Marsabit, Kenya. We are off to a good star!

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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.

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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>

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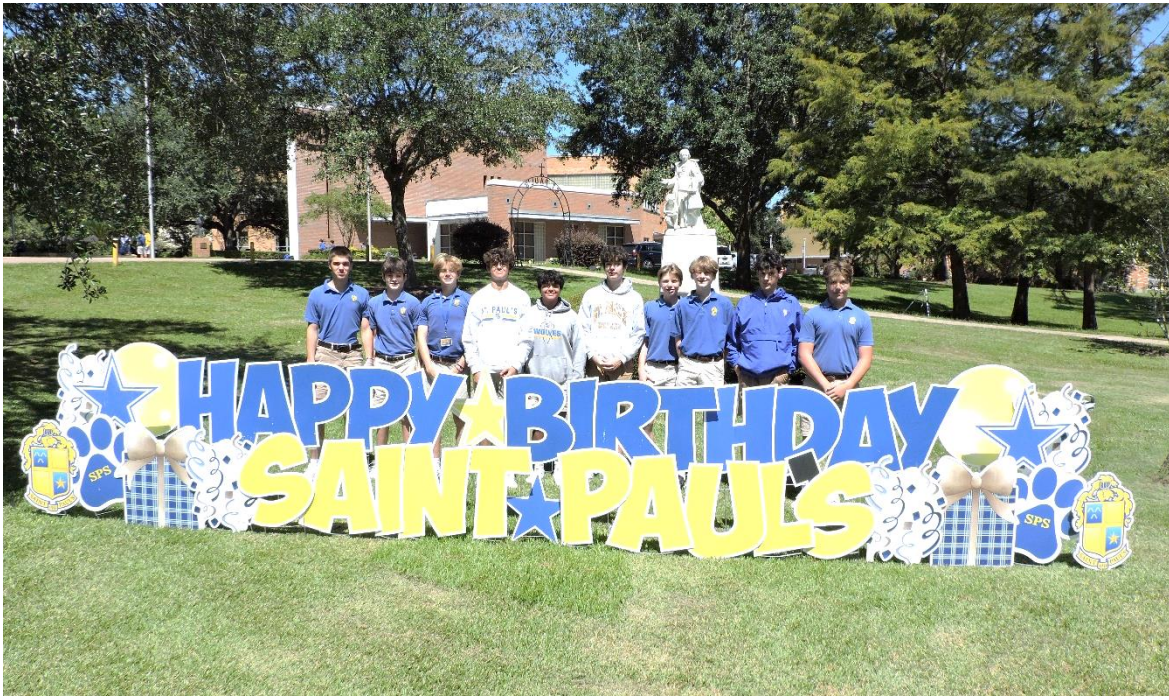
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THE PAPER WOLF: Extra! Extra! Saint Paul's journalism students on the staff of The Paper Wolf have been diligently toiling away on the first edition of the 2022-23 school year. From sports coverage to campus lore and interviews to op-ed pieces, The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

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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

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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.

RIP: We offer prayers for the repose of the soul of Father Lawrence Phelps, OSB, a member of the St. Joseph Abbey Community who died last week at the age of 92. Father Lawrence was a good soul and dear friend of SPS and celebrated mass here on numerous occasions. We extend our condolences to the Abbey Community.

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: Recently, 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.
- Homecoming Dance Ticket Information: We will be utilizing a new website for our digital dance tickets this year. Tickets can be purchased by logging into the My School Dance Website or app at <https://app.myschooldance.com/login> Detailed instructions were delivered by email to all students and parents last week.
- Each student, parent, guest, and guest's parent will be required to digitally sign indicating that they have read and agree to the dance rules and dress code. Agreements will be emailed to each participant by the My School Dance site. Tickets will not be delivered to the account until the agreements have been signed by all parties.
- Your son should be prepared to show his ticket code on his phone when he arrives at the dance.
- Professional photos will be available at the dance. Please have your son bring the completed order form along with payment. See photo order link below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NAo8BE5HqVBCYzh8f0E6pKweXh4IAzdh/view>

Student Council is excited to kick off 2022 Homecoming with the 8th and 9th grade dance on Saturday, September 24. All students attending must have a ticket to enter, so be prepared to show the QR code you receive after purchase. All students and parents received an email with instructions on how to order tickets.

During Homecoming Week (September 26-30) Student Council will host spirit dress down days. Students should wear uniform bottoms, socks, and shoes unless otherwise specified. Here are the themes:

Music Monday: dress as your favorite album cover or wear a band T-shirt

Tie Dye Tuesday: Tie dye shirts

Twinsday Wednesday: match a friend

Jersday Thursday: favorite sports jersey

Blue and Gold Friday: SPS t-shirts and athletic shorts

On Friday, September 24, Student Council will host an extended lunch period full of games, inflatable obstacle course, and Kona Ice Snowball truck--bring your money.

We will also hold the annual Senior/Faculty Volleyball game and grade level basketball tournament, and we will welcome the ladies of SSA to our pep rally. All events are for students only.

We end the week by presenting the Homecoming Court at the half-time at the football versus Hammond and by celebrating the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade Homecoming Dance Saturday, October 1. Students and parents have received an email with the link to purchase tickets.

**Congratulations to the 2022 Saint Paul's Homecoming Court:
Queen Annabella Jones, Senior Maids Julia Baker, Lindsey
Harrsion, Lilly Meredith, and Alona Power. Juniors maids are
Elliana Barker and Merrin Trahan. These young ladies will be
presented at half-time at Friday night's game.**

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 \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](https://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 provides 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. First Quarter report cards are only a few weeks away! Get help now if needed!



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





Student Ambassadors regale Annual Fund Dinner guests with their SPS stories. They were great!

WEEKLY HUMOR:

- *What did the snail who was riding on the turtle's back say? Wheeeee!*
- *I was going to tell a time traveling joke, but you guys didn't like it.*
- *What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A pouch potato.*
- *I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.*
- *Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?" Because every play has a cast.*
- *What does a pig put on dry skin? Oinkment.*
- *What do you call it when a snowman throws a tantrum? A meltdown.*
- *My uncle named his dogs Timex and Rolex. They're his watch dogs.*
- *Did you hear about the guy whose left side was cut off? He's all right now.*
- *How do you open a banana? With a mon-key*
- *Which is faster, hot or cold? Hot, because you can catch cold.*
- *What did one plate say to the other plate? Dinner's on me.*
- *Why do oranges wear sunscreen? So they don't peel.*
- *My wife told me to stop acting like a flamingo, so I had to put my foot down.*
- *What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop.*
- *Where does Batman go to the bathroom? The batroom.*
- *What do you call a pony with a sore throat? A little horse.*
- *What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.*

YEARBOOKS: the 2021-2022 yearbooks were distributed 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

- 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
18 – FGAB – Senior in-school ACT
19 – CDEF – Pack Time
20 – GABC
21 – DEFG
24 – ABCD – Sudden Impact/Ramon A Block; – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
25 – EFGA – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
26 – BCDE
27 - FGAB
28 – CDEF – Pep Rally
29 – Open House for Prospective Students
31 – GABC

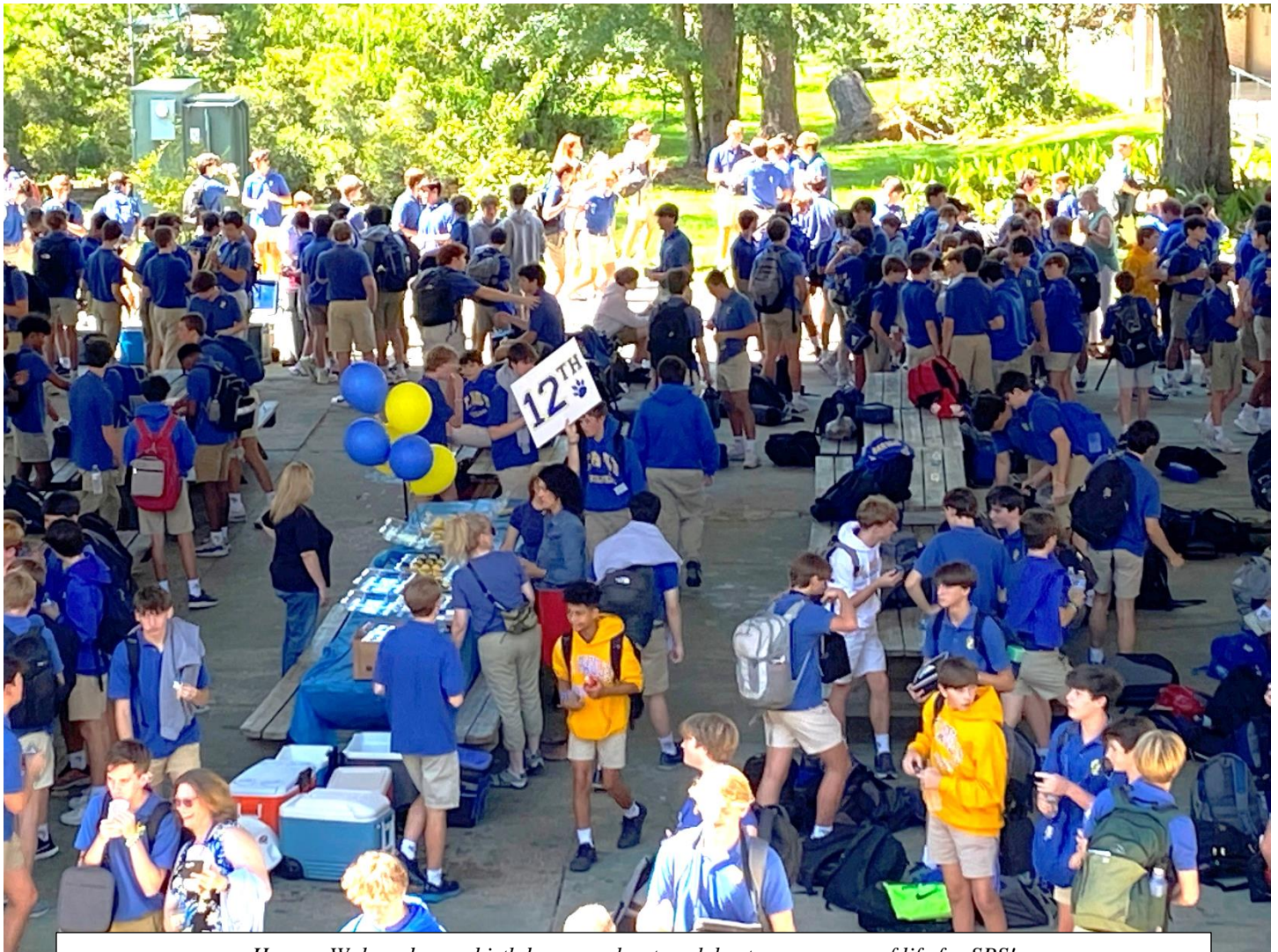
November

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



*Hungry Wolves devour birthday cupcakes to celebrate a new year of life for SPS!
Thanks, Mothers Club, for the GREAT job y'all did in feeding the boys – and the staff!*

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

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*



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

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 the Third Week of Sep 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!