

The President's Hebdomadal Blue-Ribbon Newsletter Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington September 26 – October 02, 2022



Welcome to Homecoming Week – and the penultimate week of the first quarter of the 2022-23 school year! Incredible to believe! And after celebrating our 111<sup>th</sup> birthday two weeks ago, and our National Merit Seniors last week, we celebrate homecoming this week. More info below, but we also celebrate this week the important Catholic feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the only named archangels in the Bible

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- Michael (meaning "Who is like God?") is mentioned in the Book of Daniel as Israel's protector, acting as captain with other angels to thrust earth's evil rulers into the flames. His status as conqueror of God's enemy is further stressed in the Apocalypse where he and his angels cast down Satan and his rebellious followers. Michael is also portrayed as an intercessor with God for mankind.
- **Gabriel** (meaning "God is my strength") appears in four biblical episodes: twice to the Daniel to explain Messianic visions;



once to Zachary to announce the birth of John the Baptist; & once to Mary: "Hail thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!"

• **Raphael** (meaning "God has healed") plays an important part in the Book of Tobias, where he was sent by God to assist Tobias by curing his blindness.

May these three great archangels protect us at SPS, where we have over 50 students and faculty who have "Michael" as a first or middle name & 8 who have Gabriel and 2 who are named Rafael! Happy Feast Day!

## Mon, Sep 26 (Homecoming Week Begins; A B C D)

- **This Day in History:** In 1580, English man Francis Drake returns to England in the *Golden Hind*, becoming the first British navigator to sail around the earth. His voyage started on December 13, 1577.
- **TDIH:** In 1960, the first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between John Kennedy and Richard Nixon. Many who watched said Kennedy won the debate, while those who listened to the radio thought Nixon did better. Nixon, who declined to use makeup, appeared somewhat haggard on TV in contrast to the youthful, tanned Kennedy.
- Shamu the Whale Day: Today is Shamu's birthday (who knew?) He was born in 1985!
- International Rabbit Day: Celebrate the rabbit today! But no hunting!
- **Rosh Hashana**h began at sundown yesterday 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 Hashana**h, 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!* 

## Tue, Sep 27 (Assembly; Shadow Day; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1540, The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) is chartered by Pope Paul III. The Jesuit movement was founded by Ignatius de Loyola, a Spanish soldier turned priest.
- **TDIH:** In 1964, after a ten-month investigation, the Warren Commission Report was issued stating a long gunman had been responsible for the assassination of President John F. Kenney in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Conspiracy theorists continue to dismiss the Report. Trivia Question: can you name the lone gunman believed to have assassinated President Kennedy? Answer at end of newsletter.
- Ancestor Appreciation Day: All of us have ancestors. And with genealogy so popular, take some family time to discuss your family's ancestors. Our students should have a deep appreciation for those who made their existence possible. And ALL of us have "characters" in our family background. Enjoy the stories!
- Feast of Blessed Brother Scubilion: Jean Bernard Rousseau joined the Christian Brothers in 1822. After teaching ten years in elementary schools, Scubilion left France to dedicate the remaining 34 years of his life to the enslaved natives on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Remembered as the "catechist of slaves," he started adult evening classes, even after a long day of hard labor. He devised programs and techniques in order to teach essentials of Christian doctrine and prepare them to receive sacraments. He won them over by his kind manner and respect. After the emancipation of the slaves in 1848, he continued to care for them and to help them adapt to their new life of freedom. In the last years, despite failing health, he assisted pastors in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death he was venerated on the island as a saint. As the Brothers put it "Brother Scubilion one in a million!"



- Swimming: AquaWolves in TCC Meet at TCE.
- Five Guys Community Night SPS receives a portion of sales.

## Wed, Sep 28 (B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1066, William the Conqueror invades England, defeating Harold the Great in Battle of Hastings changing course of British (and thus US) history.
- **TDIH:** In 1542, California Portuguese explorer Juan Cabrillo discovers CA upon arrival at San Diego Bay.
- National Good Neighbor Day: Let's be good neighbors every day.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Hammond (5:30)

• Ask a Stupid Question Day: Ask those questions you have been afraid to ask. This day goes back to the 1980s; teachers started a movement to get kids to ask more classroom questions. Feel free to ask me any question you want; I promise not to laugh or make fun.



Intro to Tech pre-freshmen collaborate on a project. Thanks, again, to the Mothers' Club for funding the latest tech!

#### Thu, Sep 29 (Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1954, Willie Mays, centerfielder for the New York Giants, makes an amazing over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball hit by Cleveland Indians first baseman Vic Wertz to rob Wertz of extra bases in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series. The catch has gone down as one of the greatest in the history of baseball. You can watch the catch on You Tube: <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUK9IG-7HTc</u>
- **TDIH:** Today marks the birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). On this date in 1899, a small group of Spanish-America war veterans joined together to form what would become the nation's largest and most dedicated group of combat veterans. Thank you, Veterans!
- Women's Health & Fitness Day: Take care of yourselves, ladies! We need you!
- **Coffee Day:** Whether you favor espresso, americanos, lattes or cappuccinos, iced, decaf, instant or filter savor and appreciate your beverage. Have some coffee while reading the newsletter today!
- Confucius Day: Today honors one of the world's great philosophers, who was born in China in 551 BC
- Cross Country: Jr Hi in CES Meet
- Football: 8<sup>th</sup> v. Rummel (5:30)

Fri, Sep 30 (Homecoming Schedule; yes, we have school, even if the public schools have their Fair Holiday; Periods C D E only to allow for HC activities this afternoon with SSA)

- **TDIH:** In 1938, British and French prime ministers sign the Munich Pact with Adolf Hitler. The pact averted war but gave Czechoslovakia to Germany. The Munich Pact has become a metaphor for capitulation.
- **Mud Pack Day** (who knew?): Ladies, this is your day! Mud packs were once the rage. They are still popular, but the "mud" has been replaced with a variety of other ingredients to keep the skin young, soft and supple. A real mud pack, though, is a quick treatment for bee stings. Guys -- make this a special day & buy a facial gift certificate for your special lady.
- **Football:** SPS v. Hammond in our Homecoming Game! Geaux Wolves! Homecoming Court will be presented at the half-time.
- Mickey Champagne / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament: Best wishes to Al Nastasi and our alum who have made this event such a success!
- Homecoming Field Day & Pep Rally during last block: 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.



CORE student Matthew enjoys quality time with his mentor, Junah.

Sat, Oct 1 (Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

- Welcome to October! 75% of 2022 is over! Make the most of the remaining three months of 2022!
- Happy Feast Day to the Carmelite & Teresian Sisters those incredible religious women here in Covington and throughout the world. May God bless them abundantly for their prayerful ministries!
- **TDIH:** In 1890, Congress creates Yosemite Park
- **TDIH II:** In 1908, the first production Model T Ford is completed at the company's Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford would build some 15 million Model T cars. It was the longest production run of any automobile model in history until the Volkswagen Beetle surpassed it in 1972.
- **CD Player Day:** Digital downloads, MP3s, smart phones and integrated media have made the humble CD player a thing of the past. Get lo-tech and celebrate today by enjoying music from a CD player. I still use mine at assemblies, even though my student helpers are urging me to go digital!
- Cross Country: JV & V run in the St. Joseph Invitational in BR. Geaux CC Wolves!
- Sr High Homecoming Dance: Students & parents have received email with the link to purchase tickets.

## Sun, Oct 2 – We encourage all to worship today, especially for Catholics to attend mass as a family

- **TDIH:** In 1919, at the White House, President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke that leaves him partially paralyzed and effectively ends his presidency. Miraculously, the government continues to run.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as first African-American Justice of the US Supreme Court. Trivia Question: how many other African Americans have served or are serving on the Court? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **TDIH:** In 1968, California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of trees, growing up to 400 feet during a lifetime that can span 2000. Scientists are currently concerned that the CA drought is stressing these incredible natural wonders.
- **Phileas Fogg's Wager Day**: from Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*, of the famous wager upon which the book is based: *I will bet twenty thousand pounds*... *that I will make the tour of the world in eighty days or less*. Then, consulting an almanac, Phileas Fogg said: *As today is Wednesday, the second of October, I shall be due in London, in this very room of the Reform Club, on Saturday, the twenty-first of December, at a quarter before nine PM; or else the twenty thousand pounds ... will belong to you.*
- **Custodial Workers Day:** Today honors those who keep our buildings clean. SPS is VERY fortunate to have an excellent custodial staff. I'm saddened, however, about how difficult we make their jobs by the amount of trash that is left in the classrooms and especially outside. Let's strive for cleanliness today (and every day) since it is next to Godliness.



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

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: We are almost at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter! If your son is struggling, insist that the go seek help. See info about free tutoring below. 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 begyb our Shadow Day program for current 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>https://forms.rediker.com/stpauls</u>
- 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.



**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.** 

## NO MORE CLIPPING



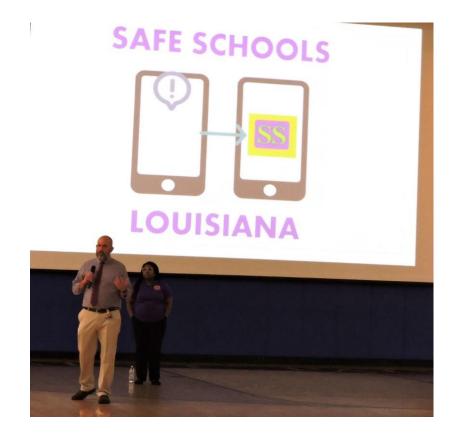
**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Box Tops for Education continues to be an easy way to earn money for Saint Paul's. The traditional clip box tops have been replaced with an easy-to-use app. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are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

Download Box Tops for Education app here: https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\_code=R26O6QQ0

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

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.

**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 onl**y – 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 a 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.
- 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.



# **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 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. New etiquette and character development topics which are pertinent to the high school years, such 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.

**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. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way if he is selected to be testing. **Results are confidential to counselor and administrators.** And, yes, you may refer your son to us for testing. We pray....

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

**EXTRACURRICULARS/GET INVOLVED DAY**: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, 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:

- SPS students are admitted free but MUST enter through the South Gate (by 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, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and then, if they leave, they must leave campus.
- During the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be ABSOLUTELY QUIET. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats.
- 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 we can unite around our successful program 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 (who we expect to set good example for the students):

- 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 we unite around our successful program 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 7<sup>th</sup>. **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.
- 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 an Assembly. The program lasts about 70 minutes.
- In order to adequately prepare, registration is required by October 3<sup>rd</sup>; however, the link will close once we have reached maximum capacity, so please register early. Here is the registration link: <u>https://forms.gle/aLwSVa7mCQMhs53T7</u>
- 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.

**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.



LASALLIAN DAYS FOR PEACE: The Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDP) began last week 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!

## LAST WEEK:

- Etiquette Class: Our last session took place last week. Thanks Development Team!
- Football: Congrats to 9<sup>th</sup> & JV for wins over Slidell; Varsity fought hard but fell to Slidell.
- SPS Math Tournament: 400 students on campus working math problems! It was great!
- Homecoming Dance: Jr Hi dance went well. Thanks to Student Council and chaperones!
- **Prayer Service for Peace:** Thanks, Jeff, for a meaningful kick off to Lasallian Days of Peace.

**MARCH FOR LIFE PRILGRAIMMAGE 2023:** Saint Paul's joins the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the annual March for Life Pilgrimage. Details are below. Any student wishing to attend the annual March for Life Pilgrimage can see or e-mail Mr. Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com) for a registration packet and additional information. The deadline to sign up is <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 30th</u>. \*\*\*Space is limited\*\*\*

- What?... A life-changing pilgrimage that includes the 50th Rally & March for Life, visits to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the St. John Paul II National Shrine, opportunities to see national historical sites such as the Smithsonian Museums and various memorials/monuments along the National Mall, as well as daily celebration of the sacraments, nightly youth ministry programming, and more!
- When?... Tuesday, January 17, 2023 (evening departure) Sunday, January 22, 2023 (evening return)
- Where?... Washington, D.C. metro area (hotel located in Arlington, Virginia)
- Who?... All 8th -12th graders are invited
- **Cost?...** \$650 includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, 8 out of 14 meals, and all activities/admissions. \*\*Please do not send any payment at this time\*\*



Intro to Tech students listen to instruction before getting down to work.

**OENOPHILES:** in case any of you are oenophiles, we have launched the annual Brother Timothy Wine Sale, with all proceeds coming back to SPS. Last year, our oenophile parents, alumni, and friends purchased over \$6000 of wine which came to SPS! This is what we sent last week:



Br. Timothy Wine Sale!





## **BROTHER TIMOTHY**

2018 & 2019 Chardonnay

\$40 per bottle

2018 & 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

\$80 per bottle

Vintages of Brother Timothy Signature Series wines are produced in limited quantities by Hess Persson Estates (formerly Hess
Collection Winery) in honor of our very own Br. Timothy Diener, FSC a legendary winemaker in Napa and around the globe.
Remember, your purchase benefits our most underserved
Lasallian students and 100% of all wine sale proceeds go
directly to student scholarships. Thank you for partnering with our mission of education!

Designate Saint Paul's and WE receive 100% of the proceeds from wine purchase!

Order Wine for Scholarships

**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



JUST ONE MONTH AWAY!

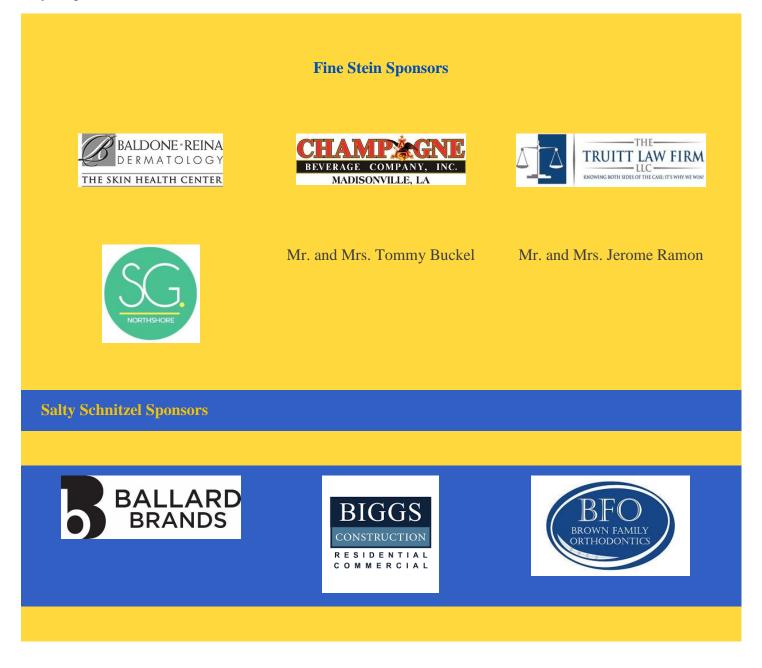
Saint Paul's Oktoberfest is a German-inspired, adult celebration with contest traditions for costuming, stein-carrying and the chicken dance. Dance to the music from alumni musicians, The Lederhomies, and experience authentic Bavarian food and German beer along with the option to purchase wine.

General admission is **FREE**. Outside food & drinks are not permitted.

Please Click **<u>HERE</u>** if you would like to become a sponsor or reserve a table.

Contact Danielle Lavie at <u>development@stpauls.com</u> for more information.

Thank you to these sponsors for supporting Saint Paul's School and its 111-year tradition of educating young men in the tradition of the Christian Brothers!







Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dorsey

Mr. and Mrs. Chris du Passage

Mike and Kim Dupré



**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 <u>www.thepaperwolf.com</u>.



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

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

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

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

**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 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 <u>https://app.myschooldance.com/login</u> 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.

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 Harrison, 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 <u>website</u> (<u>www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/</u>). 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

# **9888** 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!

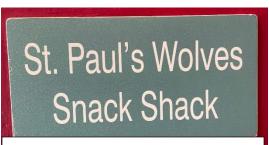


**WEEKLY HUMOR:** The Nobel Prizes will be awarded soon for prodigious accomplishments in academic fields. The Ig-Nobel Prizes (sponsored by Harvard) were awarded in mid-Sep. These prizes honor real achievements that make people laugh, then think. The prizes, given by Nobel winners, celebrate the unusual. Some will make you laugh, so this is H of the W. Here are 2022 Ig-nobel Prizes:

- **APPLIED CARDIOLOGY:** for seeking and finding evidence that when new romantic partners meet for the first time, and feel attracted to each other, their heart rates synchronize.
- LITERATURE: for analyzing what makes legal documents unnecessarily difficult to understand.
- **BIOLOGY:** for studying whether and how constipation affects the mating prospects of scorpions.
- **MEDICINE:** for showing that when patients undergo some forms of toxic chemotherapy, they suffer fewer harmful side effects when ice cream replaces one traditional component of the procedure.
- ENGINEERING: for trying to discover the most efficient way to use your fingers when turning a knob.
- ART: for a study "A Multidisciplinary Approach to Ritual Enema Scenes on Ancient Maya Pottery."
- **PHYSICS:** for trying to understand how ducklings manage to swim in formation.
- **PEACE:** for developing an algorithm to help gossipers decide when to tell the truth and when to lie.
- **ECONOMICS:** for explaining, mathematically, why success most often goes not to the most talented people, but instead to the luckiest.
- SAFETY ENGINEERING: for developing a moose crash test dummy
- I wish SPS could get some of this research money!

WHAT JOE AND I DID DURING OUR TUCSON VACA...er, CONFERENCE: Joe and I spent 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> days building community with and learning from the presidents and principals of the other 21 schools in the San Francisco New Orleans Province of Christian Brothers. Here is just some of what we did:

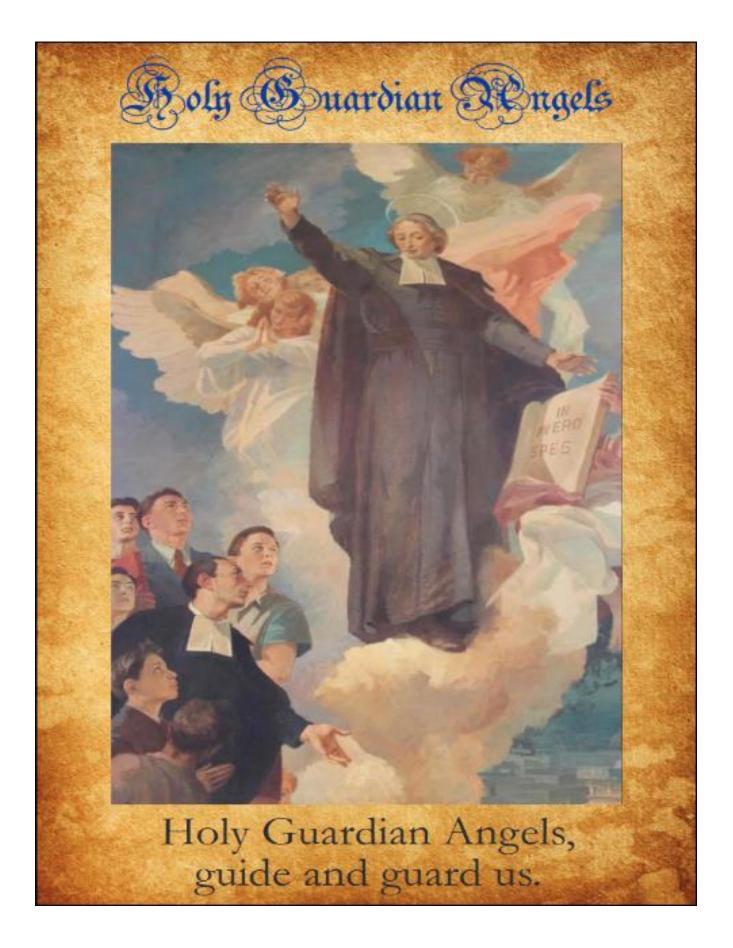
• Monday afternoon: checked into the Tucson Marriott University Park on the campus of the University of Arizona (very nice!), socialized with our colleagues, enjoyed a great meal, and ended the evening with a review of topics we would be covering on Tue and Wed. Socializing then resumed!



Concession stand in San Miguel gym is named in honor of SPS, as we did a fundraiser for them when they built it. • Tuesday: Spent the morning discussing initiatives coming from the Office of Education; discussed critical issues facing all of our schools, broke for lunch, visited the campus of San Miguel High School, the Lasallian school of Tucson. San Miguel is different from SPS in that it is a Christo Rey school, where low income students attend classes four days a week and work at a paid internship at local businesses on the fifth day – with their salary going toward their tuition. There are about 50 Christo Rey schools in the US that follow this model. The student – led tour was very impressive and this school is truly Lasallian in every respect! The

evening concluded with a banquet at the Arizona Sands Club of Arizona Stadium, home of the U of A wildcats. VERY nice! And what went on in the Sands Club, stays in the Sands Club!

• Wednesday: Spent the morning exploring those initiatives that will be coming from the Office of Education. We then headed for the airport mid-morning to begin the LONG journey home! As much as I enjoyed my time with these Lasallian colleagues, I said a prayer of thanks when American Airlines Flight 0943 touched down at 9:30 at Louis Armstrong International Airport and another one when Joe turned into De La Salle Drive shortly after 11 pm and we were back on the campus we both love.





## A Look Ahead

### **September**

- 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

### <u>October</u>

- 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-10<sup>th</sup> 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 -11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 11 DEFG 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/Core Walk-a-Thon?
- 14 ABCD
- 15 EFGA Pack time or Assembly; possible Shadow Day
- 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

### <u>January</u>

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 19 CDEF 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 20 GABC 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 23 DEFG
- 24 ABCD Pack Time
- 25 EFGA Mass Feast of St. Paul (dress uniform day)/Snack Day
- 26 BCDE 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast Sudden Impact/Falk. B Block
- 27 FGAB 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## <u>March</u>

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 24 ABCD 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 27 EFGA
- 28 BCDE President's Assembly
- 29 FGAB 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 30 CDEF 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 31- GABC 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

## <u>April</u>

- 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



Students were well-chaperoned at the dance by many faculty volunteers, including Brothers Javier and Ken. Yours truly is too old for such duty!

• 28 – GABC – Senior Exams

## <u>May</u>

- 1 DEFG Mass (dress uniform day)
- 2 ABCD Pack Time (last one)
- 3 EFGA
- 4 BCDE late start\*
- 5 FGAB
- 8 CDEF 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
- 9-GABC Last President's Assembly / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
- 10 DEFG 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams/Senior Grad Night
- 11 ABCD Athletic Awards/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
- 12 EFGA Academic Awards dress uniform day
- 13 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Homecoming Week as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul's

## "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)



...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!

Answers to Trivia Questions:

- Tues, Sep 27: The Warren Commission identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone assassin.
- Sun, Oct 02: Clarence Thomas and Ketanji Brown Jackson, both currently serving on the Supreme Court, are the only other African American justices besides Justice Marshall.