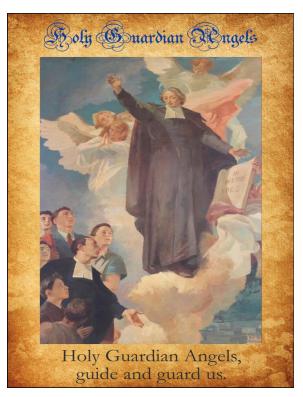


The President's Hebdomadal Blue-Ribbon (again!) Newsletter Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington 342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world October 03 – 09, 2091 – the final week of the first quarter!





Had yesterday, October 2, not been a Sunday, the Catholic Church would have celebrated the Feast of the Guardian Angels. This feast was a favorite of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The school year in France began on October 2 at that time, and guardian angels became a metaphor that La Salle used often. In honor of this feast, I again offer these words from Saint La Salle:

- •Children need good teachers [parents], like **angels**, to help them learn Christian truth.
- •Like angels, teachers [parents] help students understand the gospel truths and guide them in such a manner that they will be led to put these truths into practice.
- It is your duty to act towards the students [children] in the manner in which your guardian **angel** acts toward you. Your angel inspires you and helps you keep clear of whatever obstacle you might encounter.
- It is your duty, like the **angels**, to go up to God every day in prayer so that you can learn all you can about how and what to teach the students [children]; and then come back down to their level to teach them what God taught you.
- You share in the ministry of guardian **angels**, helping students[your children] know the truth, and practice it. To do this, though, you must have great zeal for your work.
- As angels, you must cheer the faint-hearted, support the weak and be patient toward all. Is this what you have been doing? Has your zeal been ardent?
- Ask God for grace to watch so well over students[your children] confided to you that you take every possible care to shield them from fault. This must be your main concern.

I ask teachers always to view themselves as guardian angels to the students entrusted to their care!

I ask parents always to view yourselves as guardian angels to the children that God has blessed you with!

I ask students always to view yourselves as guardian angels to friends and families!

Holy Guardian Angels! Pray for us and guide and guard us!

Mon, Oct 3 (F G A B)

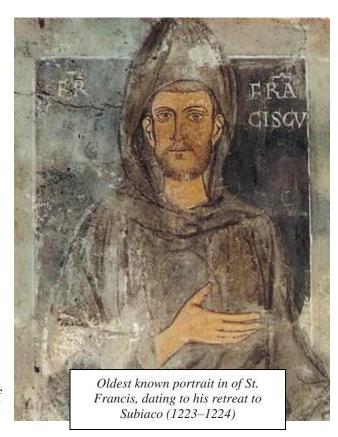
• This Day in History: In 1990, Less than one year after the destruction of the Berlin Wall, East and West Germany unite.

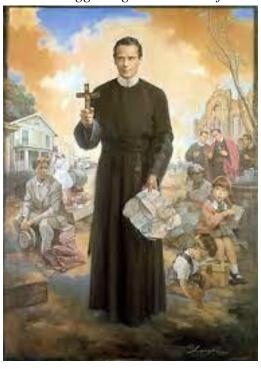
Tue, Oct 4 (C D E F – Wolf Packs; Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Franciscan Order. Recite the prayer attributed to him (but probably not composed by him): *Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*

- **TDIH:** In 1957, the Soviet Union launches the first artificial satellite, Sputnik. The US is shocked.
- **Ten-Four Day:** The 4th day of the 10th month is a day of recognition for radio operators, whose code words, "Ten-Four," signal an affirmative reply.
- **Cinnamon Roll Day:** Indulge and enjoy if your health permits!
- **Taco Day:** From the NTD web site: According to taco experts, the word originates from the 18th C. silver mines in Mexico, when taco referred to little explosives that workers used to extract ore. "One of the first tacos described is called tacos de minero—miner's tacos. Others claim tacos predate the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico in the 16th century. Anthropologists say there is evidence suggesting inhabitants of the

Valley of Mexico ate tacos filled with fish. The fish were replaced by live insects and ants in Morelos and Guerrero, while locusts and snails were favorite fillings in Puebla and Oaxaca. Taco Bell is believed to have pushed popularity of Mexican food in the U.S. The U-shaped version is first noted in 1949 in a cookbook. And now you know....

YOM KIPPUR: begins at sundown today and ends at sundown tomorrow. This is the most important Jewish Year holiday and means "Day of Atonement". It is a day to atone for the sins of the past year. This day is a last appeal, a last chance to change the judgment, to expiate for sin. Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. For the latter, one must first reconcile with that person, righting the wrongs if possible. Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath; no work can be performed, and you are supposed to refrain from eating and drinking (even water) on Yom Kippur. We pray that our Jewish brothers and sisters had a holy and blessed Yom Kippur! May they be written in the Book of Life!





Wed, Oct 5 (G A B C)

- Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos: Father Seelos is a favorite in the New Orleans area. He was assigned in 1866 to the Redemptorist community in New Orleans. Here also, as pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, he was known as a pastor who was joyously available to his faithful and singularly concerned for the poorest and the most abandoned. In God's plan, however, his ministry in New Orleans was destined to be brief. In the month of September, exhausted from visiting and caring for the victims of yellow fever, he contracted the dreaded disease. After several weeks of patiently enduring his illness, he passed on to eternal life on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48 years and 9 months. He was beatified by St Pope John Paul II in 2000. Father Seelos, pray for us!
- **TDIH:** In 1892, The Dalton gang attempts to rob two banks simultaneously in Coffeyville, Kansas, but meets resistance from townspeople, who wind up killing four of the five bandits. Emmett Dalton, the sole survivor, returned to the site of the crime nearly 40 years later and offered a caution to would-be thieves: "The biggest fool on earth is the one who thinks he can beat the law, that crime can be made to pay. It never paid and it never will and that was the one big lesson of the Coffeyville raid."
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Harry Truman (1884-1972) makes the first-ever televised presidential address from the White House, asking Americans to cut back on their use of grain in order to help starving Europeans. At the time of Truman's food-conservation speech, Europe was still recovering from WW II.
- **Do Something Nice Day:** Go ahead, do something nice anything. It won't hurt; I promise!
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Covington (5:30)



Even in the midst of Homecoming Activities, quality education comes first. These 8th graders take their work seriously!

Thu, Oct 6 (D E F G)

- **TIDH:** in 2015, SPS students entered the new gym for the first time, to the resounding strains of George Fredrick Handel's Halleluiah Chorus! Magnificent!
- **TDIH:** In 1927, the first "talkie" opened in New York. *The Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.
- **TDIH:** In 1979, President Jimmy Carter receives Pope John Paul II, the first Pope to visit the White House.
- Mad Hatter Day: Today refers to the character from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, where the Mad Hatter is always seen wearing a hat bearing a slip of paper with the notation "In this style 10/6" an invitation to behave in the style of the Mad Hatter on 10/6. Mad Hatter Day began in Boulder, CO, in 1986, among computer folk who had nothing better to do. In 1988, it was recognized as an official holiday by an area business, and also received its first national press coverage by news services. What do people do on

Mad Hatter Day? In general, people celebrate silliness – but not during school!

- Tennis Tryouts today and tomorrow after school at Stone Creek
- **Football:** 8th at Jesuit's John Ryan Stadium (5:30)

Fri, Oct 7 (A B; End of First Quarter; 11 am dismissal; Grandparent Day at 11:30)

- Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray the rosary today – and often!
- **TDIH:** In 1913, for the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park, MI automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line. We've come a long way, Henry!
- You Matter To Me Day: Four simple words, one single phrase, that makes a profound difference to all who hear it. Tell people who matter that they do.
- **Football:** Varsity at Covington (7)

Sat, Oct 8

decorated American soldier in World War I. From the Sgt. York website: On Oct 8, 1918, after being pinned down, York and 16 other soldiers... were given the unenviable task of silencing the machine guns that halted the advance. It was a cold, wet morning. As the soldiers worked their way around the hill, the men on the left flank stood exposed in the creek bottom. German machine gunners opened fire, wounding or killing nine Americans, including York's best friend. York killed nine of the men who operated the guns. His comrades opened fire on the Germans, and in a few minutes 25 were dead. The



Drake and Brother Javier share their support of the Giants on Jersey Day – having both lived in San Francisco!

Germans surrendered to what they thought was a superior force, and York and the American survivors escorted 132 prisoners to American forces some 10 miles away. Sergeant York was awarded his nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions [that day.]

- **Face Your Fears Day:** Consider what life might be like if you conquered some of your greatest fears. Today gives you the chance to stand up to your fears, overcome them, and to seize the day.
- Walk to School Day: Give it a try next week if you're in walking distance!
- Poetry Day: OK, I'm fudging a bit here as this NPD is in Great Britain but we can still read a poem!
- **Swimming:** SPS v. Jesuit at PAC
- Cross Country: JV & Varsity run in Catholic High Invitational
- Ultimate Frisbee: Wolves at Brother Martin

Sun, Oct 09

- Were this not a Sunday, the Lasallian world would be celebrating the feast of the Christian Brother Martyrs of Turon, canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II: Saint Brothers Cirilo Bertrán, Marciano José, Julián Alfredo, Victoriano Pío, Benito de Jesus, Benjamin Julián, Augusto Andrés, Aniceto Adolfo and Saint Father Inocencio. From the Christian Brothers' website: In 1934, Turón was the center of anticlerical hostility. The Brothers' school was an irritant to radicals in charge because of the religious influence it exerted. The Brothers defied the ban on teaching religion & openly escorted students to Mass. On the First Fri of Oct, authorities broke into the Brothers' house on the pretext that arms were hidden there. They and their chaplain were arrested and marched to the cemetery where they were shot. Brother Cirilo, the Director, was 46 and Brother Marciano was 39. Brother Julián was 32 and all the rest were in their twenties. They were arrested, detained, and executed as a community. Victims of the hatred and violence against the Church, they witnessed by their death to the faith they so courageously professed and so effectively communicated to their students. I pray that I have such faith and courage! Saintly Brother Martyrs of Turon! Help us live the Gospel!
- Leif Erikson Day: To honor Leif Erikson (who over sailed from Iceland and explored present-day Greenland and Canada) and to celebrate our Nordic-American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution has authorized the President to proclaim October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day."



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 1st 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 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.



ASSEMBLY ON SEP 27: I hope the students enjoyed my assembly on Sep 27. Here is some of what we did:

- In honor of Homecoming Week, the students entered the gym listening to a song called "I Feel Home" by O.A.R. This song was sung at an assembly in our gym eighteen years ago by then student council president **Kramer Johnson**, brother of SPS alums **Nick and Evan and son of alumnus and Covington Mayor Mark Johnson**, to express how he felt about Saint Paul's. It's become a ritual ever since at homecoming as alums return to the "SPS Home" to reconnect with the brotherhood of SPS. Seven years ago, magically, Kramer appeared in the gym complete with his guitar. Unbeknownst to me, he had arranged to come in from Georgia to sing the song again for the then current student body which he did to the obvious delight of everyone present. At the conclusion of the song, the student body burst into a rousing, spontaneous, standing ovation! It was a magical moment! BTW, Kramer graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in marketing and works for the marketing department of Chick-fil-A. He is married with two children. He's a fantastic young man!
- Welcomed everyone to the penultimate week of the first quarter and reminded them that the first quarter (25% of the school year) is almost over and asked them to reflect how their year has been so far. Have they "polished that Baroque pearl" that each of them were metaphorically given on the first day of school? Are they closer to God? To their families? To their friends? To humanity in general?
- Prayed in a special way, as junior **James Hardwick** lit the prayer candle for all of our intentions, especially for those ravaged by the recent hurricanes. I reminded the boys of the two special feasts that day:
 - o Lasallians celebrated feast of Blessed Brother Scubilion
 - o Jews celebrated Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year and beginning of days of atonement
- Welcomed over 30 7th graders and their parents who were visiting SPS that day. Gave a quick history of the Lasallian world and SPS's place in it.
- Reminded the students that our Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Evan Leaber** for being chosen last summer to be a participant in the

World War II Museum Student Leadership Academy, a prestigious program.

- Recognized and congratulated Dr. Shawn Mullet and four of his students who took an educational trip to Iceland over the summer to study geothermal energy: Keegan Burrell, Grisham Hall, Riley Hidalgo and Colin Simon.
- Recognized and congratulated senior Davis
 Peltier for being chosen as a US Senate Page last summer by US Senator Bill Cassidy. Told the boys a little about this prestigious program and a little Senate trivia, too!



Senior Davis Peltier served as a US Senate Page his summer by appointment of Sen. Bill Cassidy.

- Introduced Counselor Christine Woodard who spoke about the National Merit Program and introduced our seven National Merit Semi-finalists, the most of any school in St. Tammany Parish: Nicholas Achee, Keegan Burrell, Sam Gold, Jack Keller, John Palmer, Matthew Roberts, and Peter Verges.
- Introduced Athletic Director Sam Francis who spoke about Fall Sports: football, cross country and swimming, congratulating these programs for their hard work and successes.



- Encouraged the students to enjoy HC Week and congratulated the Student Council for the hard work they put into planning activities. While "I Feel Home" played in the background, I projected slides from last year's HC week, showing SPS and SSA interacting with fun and games.
- As I was running out of time, I told the boys that I had much more but they would roll over to the next assembly. We ended the assembly by standing and singing Joyful, Joyful We Adore You set to the music of the final movement of Beethoven's 9th, commonly known as Ode to Joy. It was GREAT.
- As junior **Shawn Cooney** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the students that they must be the Light of God to all whom they meet. We ended the assembly to the strains of O.A.R.'s "I Feel Home"
- It was a great assembly at least I thought so!

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.**



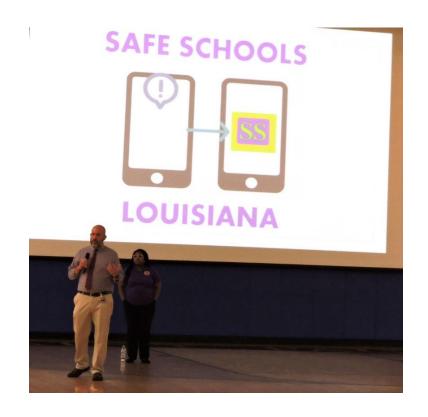
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Box Tops for Education continues to be an easy way to earn money for Saint Paul's. The traditional clip box tops have been replaced with an easy-to-use app. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.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 s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com

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

Joe Dickens introduces speaker from Crime Stoppers who focused on the LA Safe Schools App – which your son should have downloaded to his phone. Speak to him about the Assembly and how to use the app.



CALENDAR FOR 2022-23

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. 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.



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: Please speak with your son. We have resumed drug testing. 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. Encourage your son to get involved.

FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS:

- 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 3rd quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave campus.
- A SOUTH OUT.
 - Seniors Shaffer & Pepe on Twin Day!
- 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: Our annual Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 7, beginning at 11:30. **We are full!** Thanks to all the GPs who want to celebrate

- Grandparents who registered report to the Briggs Assembly Center on Fri, Oct 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 Students not attending GP Day will be dismissed at 11:00, 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 90 minutes max.

• 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.

GYM: Oct 6 marks the seven-year anniversary of occupancy of our new gym – which means no current student remembers assemblies, basketball, or PE in the old gym! If you were here, I hope you remember the excitement as the boys entered for the first time. We even got TV coverage! And while I am grateful to all who made the gym possible, I am especially grateful for the major sponsorships:

- The anonymous alumnus who donated \$150,000 to the gym
- Bleachers: The Dr. Joseph Lacoste Family
- Courtyard Plaza: The Dr. John Thompson Family
- Classroom: Saint Paul's Mothers' Club
- Coaches Office: The Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament
- Lobby: Saint Paul's Class of 1982
- North Scoreboard: E. Tourelle's Northpark Nissan-Hyundai in honor of SPS alums Tyler '11 and Josh '17
- South Scoreboard: B & K Construction Company and The Wayne Mediamolle Family
- Concession Room: The Judge Adrian Duplantier Family
- Locker Room 1: The Dr. Anthony Albright Family
- Locker Room 2: The Dr. Kevin Darr Family
- The building itself is still available for a name. Wanna' have the gym named after you or your family?

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.



LASALLIAN DAYS FOR PEACE: The Annual International Legallian Days for Peace (ILDP) has

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:

- Cross Country: Wolves represented us well in BR on Sat! Great!
- **Football:** JV won big over Hammond; 8th played close to Rummel; Varsity beat Hammond. Great!
- **Homecoming Activities:** Thanks to ALL who helped make the week memorable and successful.
- Marching Wolves were great on Friday night!
- Wolf Tracks: Congrats, Danielle Lavie, on another great issue.
- Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament: Thanks Al and alums for a great day.
- Shadow Day: Student ambassadors were GREAT and a good time was passed by all.
- Swimming: Wins over Mandeville and Covington! Geaux Aqua Wolves! I hear Handel playing! Great!
- St. Peter Eucharistic Procession: Senior EMs from St. Peter Parish represented us at this special event.
- I know I overused the word "great" in the above bullet points. Sorry!

OCTOBER: Welcome to October – the tenth month of the year, even though "octo" means eight. I hope you know why this discrepancy exists! In any event, I draw the following to your attention as we begin October:

- October is also Country Music Month, Family History Month, Computer Learning Month, Hispanic Heritage Month. Book Fair Month, Car Care Month, Gourmet Adventures Month, Cosmetology Month, Polish American Heritage Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Stamp Collecting Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Cyber Security Awareness Month, Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Month and Depression Education and Awareness Month.
- **The Rosary:** The Catholic Church dedicates Oct to Mary, our Blessed Mother. The rosary is a great devotion to Mary, and I encourage us to recite it often.
- **Respect Life Month:** The Catholic Church designates Oct as Respect Life Month. In addition to the unborn, the Church also reminds us of other life issues: Marriage/Family Life, Children, Women, The Aging, and Death/Dying. We pray that life will be respected, from conception to natural death.

Prayer for Life

Let us pray, Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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



Saturday, October 15

Under the Wolf Dome





Thank You Super Kraut Sponsors

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 **HERE** if you would like to become a sponsor or reserve a table.

Contact Danielle Lavie at **development@stpauls.com** 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!

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Jason and Rita Rush

Oompah, I'm coming! Reserve my table!

RESERVE A TABLE NOW

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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.



PE UNIFORMS: 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 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/). 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.



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



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



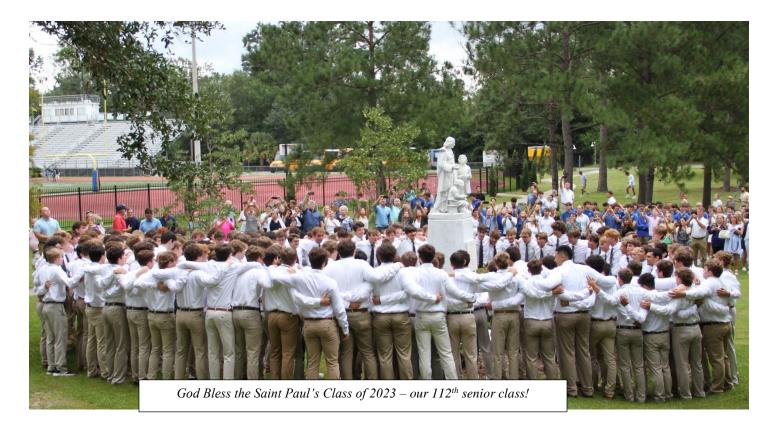
WEEKLY HUMOR: Some "taco jokes" in honor of Taco Day on Tuesday:

- Why didn't Superman eat the nachos tonight? He's afraid of that chip-tonight.
- What do you call a cold taco? A brrrrrrr-ito.
- Why did the restaurant get such a great review Tue night? It was nacho average Taco Tuesday!
- I invited my new neighbor to go out for some Mexican food... I hope we have something to taco bout.
- What was the taco's favorite part of the day? Cumin home.
- Have you heard the joke about the taco queso Never mind... it's too cheesy.
- What did the taco mom ask her upset taco son? Wanna taco bout it?
- What do tacos say on St. Paddy's Day? Taco the morning to ya!
- Lou Reed was supposed to come over, but he had to taco walk on the wild side instead.
- What attacked the nacho while he was out fishing? A tacodile.
- The tortilla rebellion ended quickly, but it was a hostile taco-ver.
- What do you call cheese that doesn't belong to you? Nacho cheese
- Why shouldn't you tell a secret to a taco? Because they always spill the beans.
- A new Mexican restaurant opened up this week... now it's the taco the town.
- Why is it so bad to insult a taco? Because tacos have fillings, too.
- Why did the man climb to the roof of the restaurant? The owner said his tacos were on the house.
- Taco Bell sure does know how to keep their secret recipe under wraps...
- What style of music do tacos listen to? Wrap.
- OK, I'll stop!

Boly Buardian Rngels



Holy Guardian Angels, guide and guard us.



October

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

January

- 3 ABCD Classes Resume
- 4 EFGA President's Assembly (Wed.)
- 5 BCDE
- 6 FGAB
- 9 CDEF
- 10 GABC Pack Time 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

James lights the prayer candle at Tuesday'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*
- 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

<u>April</u>

- 1 Junior-Senior Prom
- 3 DEFG
- 4 ABCD Pack Time*
- 5 EFGA Passion Play for Juniors



Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!

- 6 BCDE Mandatum (dress uniform day)
- 7 14 Easter Holidays
- 17-21 Leadership Week
- 17 FGAB
- 18 CDEF Leadership Breakfast/Teacher Appreciation Lunch/Snack Day
- 19 GABC Leadership Guest Speaker
- 20 DEFG
- 21 ABCD Year in Review Assembly
- 24 EFGA Last Pack Time for Seniors; Class Level Elections
- 25 BCDE President's Assembly (last for seniors)
- 26 FGAB Senior Exams
- 27 CDEF Senior Exams
- 28 GABC Senior Exams

May

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It to October 2022 as the 17th 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!

Some pics from Homecoming Activities on Friday afternoon:







