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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 10 – 16, 2022



Welcome to the start of the second quarter and congratulations on an excellent first one! As we begin this new quarter, now is a good time to remind ourselves of and re-commit ourselves to the fundamentals of what we do and why we do it. Nine weeks ago, we committed ourselves to being Lasallian. As we begin the second quarter, we renew our Lasallian commitment to students and each other. We face the new quarter with strength and determination, forged from our Lasallian and Saint Paul's heritage. Thanks for being here!

As we begin the second quarter, then, we again commit ourselves to the five Lasallian Core Principles:

Provide a quality education
Build an inclusive community
Respect all persons
Show concern for the poor and social justice
Have Faith in the presence of God

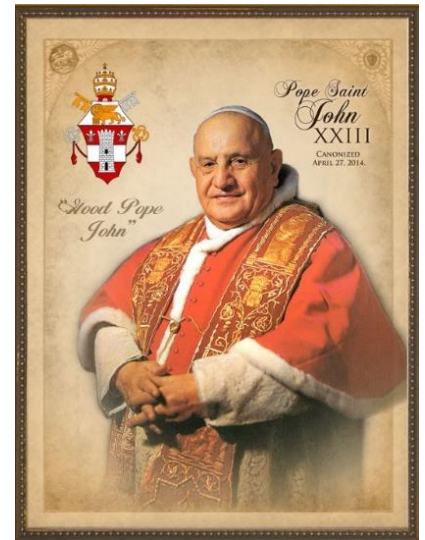
And we do the above by infusing Saint Paul's with the story of *St. John Baptist de La Salle*.

Mon, Oct 10 (C D E F)

- **This Day in History:** In 1973, US Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns in disgrace.
- **Angel Food Cake Day:** Enjoy this classic, relatively healthy dessert today!
- **Sukkot:** The Jewish feast of Sukkot began at sundown last evening and lasts until sundown, October 16. Sukkot, an 8-day festival, commemorates how protective "Clouds of Glory" surrounded the Jewish people after leaving Egypt during the forty years of wandering in the desert. It also commemorates how the Jews lived in temporary dwellings during that same time. The feast emphasizes that we, too, must often leave safety and security of our houses and put ourselves under the direct protection of God Almighty. His protection, in the final analysis, is the only one that matters. Sukkot comes just five short days following Yom Kippur. The timing is not accidental. Only after a new level of atonement and purity are reached on Yom Kippur, can we then be truly joyous on Sukkoth. This is a very joyful, celebratory feast of Judaism.
- **Soccer Tryouts for Grades 11 & 12 begub**

Tue, Oct 11 (Assembly; Shadow Day; G A B C; Grades due tonight)

- Today, we celebrate the Feast of St. Pope John XXIII. (1881 – 1963) -- one of the most influential popes in recent history, changing the Church forever. As Pope, he immediately began to change the Vatican culture. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners. He apologized for episodes of Church anti-Semitism. Pope John XXIII was expected to only serve a short time and that he would make no significant changes to Church practice. However, Pope John XXIII did many things that created sensation in the streets and pews. Perhaps his most influential decision was the call for an ecumenical council, known as Vatican II. This council altered many practices of the classic Church with new emphasis on ecumenism and a new liturgy. In his last months, he offered to negotiate peace between Soviet Union and the US, then at the height of the Cold War. The offer, although declined, was popular in both countries. In the wake of the news, John XXIII was the first pope to be honored as the Time Magazine Man of the Year. At his death in June of 1963, the world mourned John XXIII and President Lyndon Johnson posthumously awarded him a Presidential Medal of Freedom. His feast day is October 11. This special feast day is intended as a commemoration of the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962. Here are some more memorable quotations from Saint Pope John:



- *Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do*
 - *The family is the first essential cell of human society.*
 - *Peace on Earth can never be established, never guaranteed, except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order.*
 - *Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.*
 - *Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.*
 - *See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little.*
 - *Prayer is raising the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.*
 - **Saint Pope John XXIII! Pray for us!**
- **TDIH:** In 1962, Pope John XXIII convenes Vatican II —the first council in 92 years -- to bring spiritual rebirth to Catholicism and cultivate greater unity with the other branches of Christianity.
 - **Football:** 8th v. Shaw **Soccer:** Tryouts for Grades 8 – 10 begin

Wed, Oct 12 (D E F G – PSAT Administered to some juniors and sophomores)

- **TDIH:** In 1492, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sights a Bahamian island, believing he reached Asia.
- **Moment of Frustration Day:** You are supposed to go outside at noon GMT (6 AM CST) and SCREAM away frustrations! You are NOT to scream AT someone (sorry!), just scream in general! Perhaps we should all start the 2nd quarter with a communal scream, thus chasing away any 1st quarter frustration! Enjoy!
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Northshore

Thu, Oct 13 (A B C D – late start [9 am] for faculty meeting; report cards emailed today)

- **TDIH:** In 1792, the cornerstone of the White House is laid in the nation's new capital, Washington, D.C.
- **Yorkshire Pudding Day:** Calling all Brits! Celebrate this iconic British dish that dates to the 1700s. It is made with flour, eggs, butter, milk, and pan drippings from roast beef & most often served with beef or

chicken, and, of course, lots of gravy. A traditional staple of the British Sunday lunch, Yorkshire Pudding is still common today.

Fri, Oct 14 (E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis begins, bringing US and USSR to brink of nuclear war. I still remember our “Nuclear bomb drills” in grammar school! We really thought we’d survive under our desks!
- **Dessert Day!** Again, who knew? Indulge in a special dessert tonight!
- **F’Ball: Var v. Northshore**

Sat, Oct 15

- **OKTOBERFEST:** We wish the Development Team the best as they offer Oktoberfest for the enjoyment of all – and the benefit of Saint Paul’s School. Thanks for the hard work!
- **Hand Washing Day:** Today stresses good hygiene. Wash hands often.
- **OKTOBERFEST!**
- **Cross Country in St. Thomas meet**



*Sunset on Hunter Stadium as JV Wolves beat Covington.
Photo by Brother Javier Hansen, FSC*

Soccer scrimmages

Sun, Oct 16

- **TDIH:** On this date in 1790, John Baptist de La Salle entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, beginning his journey toward priesthood. By answering God’s call, he opened himself up to future calls which allowed him to found the Brothers of the Christian Schools. May we, too, be open to the call of God in our lives!
- **Dictionary Day:** In 1758, Noah Webster, considered the Father of the American Dictionary, was born. In his honor, read the dictionary today and learn a new word!

Rise Up, O Men of God

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

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: We are beginning the second 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.

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.**



The graphic is a promotional poster for Saint Paul's School. It features a yellow background with a blue border. At the top left is the school's crest, which includes a shield with a cross and a star, topped with a crown and the text 'SAINT 1911 PAULS'. To the right of the crest is the text 'SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL' in large blue letters, followed by 'WWW.STPAULS.COM'. Below this are two circular seals from the U.S. Department of Education, dated 2021 and 2015. On the right side, there is a circular inset photo of two students in white shirts and ties, one pointing at something off-camera. The text 'A good place to grow up!' is written in a cursive font above this photo. In the center, three male students are smiling and posing. The student on the left is wearing a blue hoodie with 'ST. PAUL'S SOCCER' and a wolf logo. The student in the middle is wearing a blue polo shirt with a small crest. The student on the right is also wearing a blue polo shirt with a small crest. On the left side, there is a yellow box with a blue border containing the text 'SHADOW DAYS' and a list of dates: Aug 23, Sept 13 and 27, Oct 11 and 25, and Nov 9 and 15. Below this is the text 'OPEN HOUSE' and a list of details: Sat, Oct 29 and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. At the bottom left, the contact information '(985) 892-3200 x1903' and 'admissions@stpauls.com' is provided.

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ST. PAUL'S SOCCER

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LEE PIERRE SENT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL LAST FRIDAY. PLEASE COMPLY AND TAKE THE SURVEY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF SPS:

Dear Parent(s),

Springtide Research Institute is conducting a survey as a third party, with the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans, to understand more about your son's experiences at Saint Paul's—specifically focused on their belonging and thriving. It's very important that we hear from you and that you feel like you can share openly. We need to learn as much as we can about how you truly feel in order to help the school change things that aren't working well and keep things that are working well. To that end, it is also important to note that we will be giving a student version of this survey as well.

As an important participant in this study, we need to hear from you! This survey should take you 15 minutes or less. All responses are confidential.

If you have any questions specific to the survey, please email research@springtideresearch.org.

Please click this link to take the survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7027581/SFNO-Belonging-Parents-Saint-Pauls-School>

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.

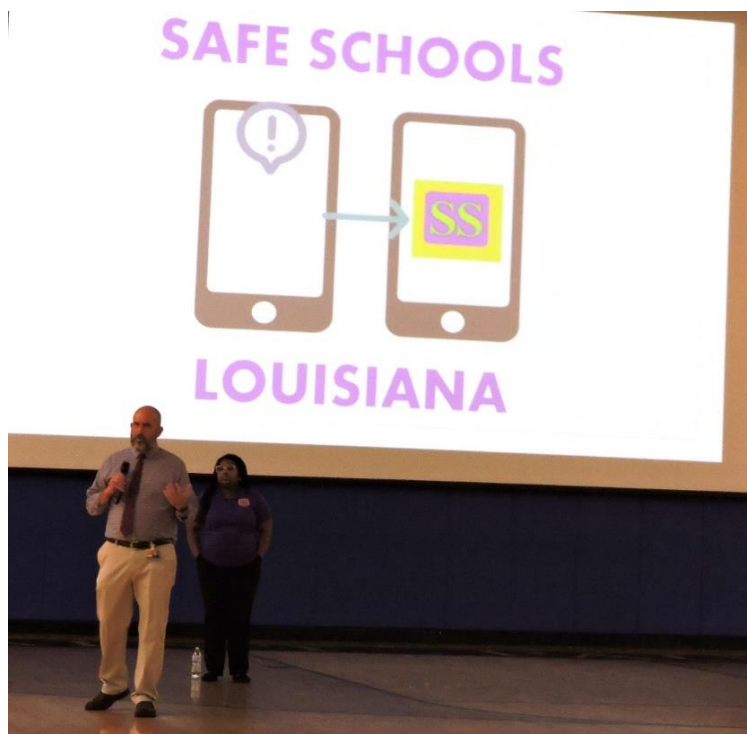
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Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2023, while supplies last! If you have any questions email Shannon d'Hemecourt at s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com

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

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



CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF 2022-23

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.



A proud grandmother with her two SPS grandsons at GP Day last Friday!

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 only** – you may not block traffic in the right lane to discharge the occupants. Dropping off at La Salle Hall or by the BAC is OK. Traffic will be heavy heading into Covington this week as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

CELL PHONES:

- **State Law:** Motorists are prohibited from using 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.



FESTIVAL OF THE LAKE: From Our Lady of the Lake: *Well, it's that time of year again! We need volunteers and enjoy seeing St Paul's young men around:*

*Our Lady of the Lake Festival
November 11th, 12th and 13th
Festivalofthelake.com , " get involved" signup genius link
for booths and shifts*

We encourage our OLL alumni Wolves to help their elementary school that prepared them well for SPS!

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.**
- 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.

GYM: Last week I listed the major donor of our new gym. I need to apologize to Mr. John Curren for omitting his name as the sponsor of one of the dressing rooms. Sorry, John – a loyal alumnus and current parent!

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 Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDPA) 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*

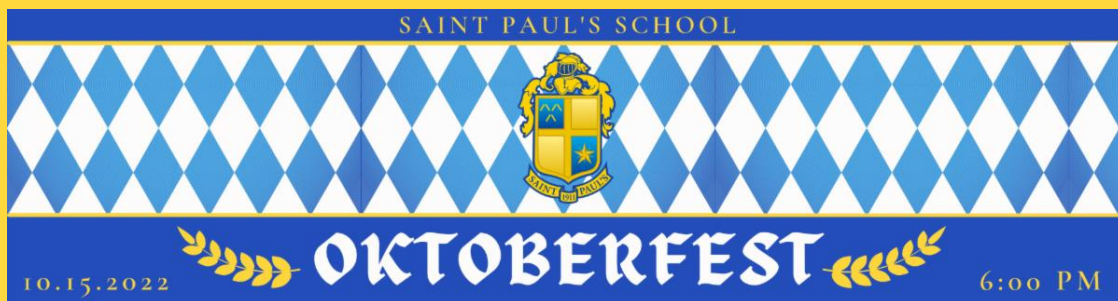
and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!

LAST WEEK:

- **Guardian Angels Prayer Service:** Wonderful! Thanks, Jeff. Let's remember our GAs today and always.
- **Sudden Impact:** Positive reports from the latest group for this powerful program. Thanks, LASP!
- **Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, & Cheerleaders** were great on Fri – as always. Of special note was the Battle of the Bands between Marching Wolves & Marching Lions. Great competition, and the two band jointly played the National Anthem. Great show of sportsmanship! Congrats to them!

- **Don Pressley & Maintenance** continue to receive MANY requests – often at last minute. Please be sensitive to what you ask the guys to do.
- **Football:** 9th & JV beat Cov; 8th lost a close one to Jesuit; Var fought to the end but fell to the lions.
- **Grandparent Day** was a huge success. Thanks to the Mothers Club (especially GPD chairs Cindy Leaber and Shelly Roberts), Physical Plant Department, Campus Ministry (especially Evan Leaber & Drew Bode who gave excellent GP reflections) and all who helped make the day special.
- **The Paper Wolf:** Wow. A plethora of well-written, informative, and entertaining articles! Great job TPW!
- **Adoration:** Thanks to Rel Dept for continuing his important Catholic devotion!
- **CORE Pack Field Trip:** Students and their mentors/teachers had fun and exercise in the Y's pool.
- **Ultimate Frisbee:** Brother Javier and the Frisbee Wolves started their season on Sat v. Bro. Martin. The discs were flying and the boys were running. JV lost a close one but Varsity beat the Crusaders decisively.

OKTOBERFEST: Holy Schnitzel! Oktoberfest is here – this Saturday!!! 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 WEEK 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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Oompah, I'm coming! Reserve my table!

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



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.

REPORT CARDS AND SEMESTER GRADES: We will email first quarter report cards on this Thursday. Check your spam folder if you don't receive it. **Remember: the first quarter accounts for 40% of the semester grade, with the second quarter accounting for 40% and the semester exam accounting for 20%. The only grade that really counts is the SEMESTER grade – that's the one that goes on transcripts and is used to calculate grade point average.**

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. The media has reported as least four arrests of students in St. Tammany b/c of inappropriate threats. Sheriff Randy Smith: *"We will continue to take threats like this very seriously. Parents, please talk to your children and explain the seriousness of making comments like this, even in a joking manner."* Take every appropriate opportunity to do the same with your sons. 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.



Students stand and sing Rise Up O Mem of God at GP Day prayer service last Friday!

SENIOR PARENTS: March through the Arch pictures are in! These are provided you at no charge, courtesy of Expressions Photography. I avoid giving them directly to the seniors as in the past, many never made it home and were discovered at bottom of book bags or back of cars. You may pick up the pic yourself in the Admin Building during business hours or give your son a note authorizing him to obtain the pic. BTW, they are GREAT and are a perfect memento of that memorable morning.

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.

SLOW YOUR ROLL. This week is the three-year anniversary of Mayor Mark Johnson's initiative to improve driving habits within Covington – one of his main campaign pledges. He sent out a reminder email this week, urging compliance. Did you know:

- Two of the most often repeated complaints to the candidates in last year's election were speeding and the running of stop signs? And SPS students/parents came in for their fair share of blame!
- On any given weekday, over 15,000 people drive into and out of Covington?
- Many of our streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of the automobile, thus not designed for cars?

Mayor Mark's goal is "to change driving habits in our city...to have each of us understand that speeds over 25 MPH are not safe on most of our streets." The Mayor is asking everyone to "relax, take a deep breath and slow down. I applaud the Mayor's initiative and pledged to him our support. Please reinforce this with your sons. And please set a good example yourself, as in the words of Saint La Salle: **"Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."**

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



Proud grandparents with their SPS grandsons at GP Day last Friday.

SOCIAL MEDIA II: Speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. SPS reserves the right to impose consequences for social media misuse.

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 \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/). People can use 988 if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



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STARTING TODAY: It now only takes three digits to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. People who need to talk to trained professionals can dial or text 988.

bit.ly/3odaQUI



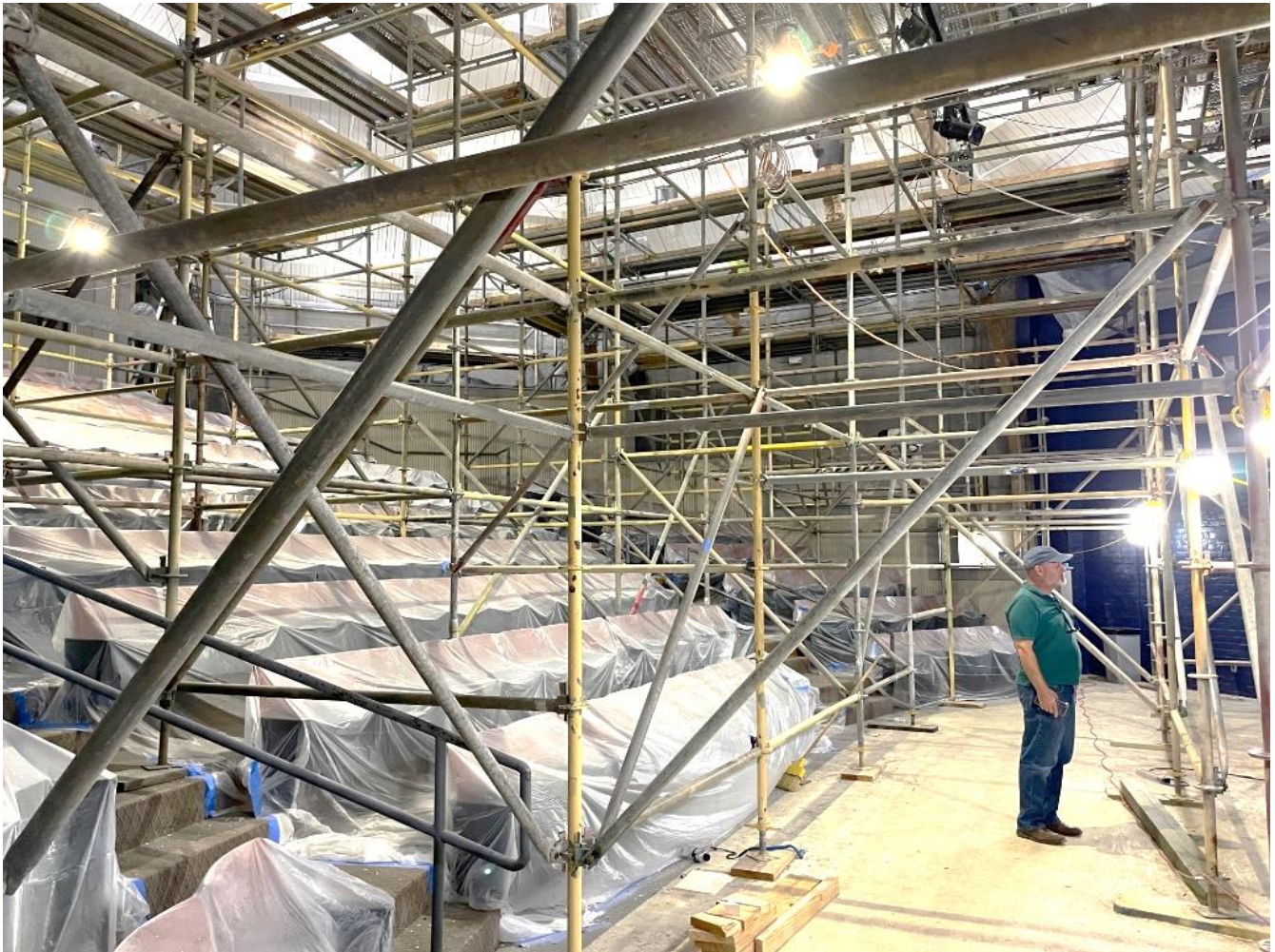
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The mental health
version of 911 is set to
launch nationwide July 16.

THEATER: In case you are wondering about the renovation of the theater, which is nearing completion of Phase I, I offer the following:

- The theater sustained damage from Ida. The structural engineer theorized that a microburst hit the building and dislodged some of the support structures. Emergency, but temporary, repairs were made to allow us to use the building for the remainder of the school year.
- Upon further review, the engineer discovered additional needs that may or may not have been caused by the storm. The building was built in 1906, and at 116 years old, it's showing its age.
- During the summer of 2020, the Board of Trustees allocated money (along with the music hall) to do cosmetic work on the building. Due to supply chain issues of COVID, that work was never done. So, we "coupled" the structural repairs from Ida and old age with the cosmetic repairs that were previously authorized. Here is what has been done and will be done so far:
 - Roof: We are still negotiating with insurance about the roof. We want a new roof; they want a repair. Regardless of outcome, we will replace whole roof with additional insulation. The roofers are waiting for backlogged materials.
 - Masons have repaired storm damaged walls and pointed up old mortar joints where needed. They also closed off some windows in the backstage area that were no longer needed.

- Painters are working on the interior and exterior and are almost finished. The plumbers have replaced the damaged drainage pipes and moved the backstage sinks to a new location.
- Larry Jones (structural engineer) has found subfloor issues that need repair in the basement. We have a sub already doing that work.
- To top it all off, we had bats in the building again. We hope that we can properly seal the building to make it bat proof as the renovation progresses.
- We hope to have occupancy of the building by November, in time for the fall production of the Marian Players fall production, “And Then There Were None” by Agatha Christie.
- Roofing still need to be done as well as flooring and some under the stage shoring, but we can have occupancy of the building while this work is done.



Trevor inspects painting and repairs in 116-year-old Alumni Theater Building, which was originally called The Odeon (look it up!)

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: Here are some newspaper headlines that should have been proofread:

1. *Protestors Tried to Spoil Play But Actors Succeeded*
2. *Many Antiques at Senior Citizens' Sale*
3. *Lack of Brains Hinders Research*
4. *Policemen Help Dog Bite Victim*
5. *Prisoners Escape after Execution*
6. *High School Dropouts Cut in Half*
7. *War Dims Hope for Peace*
8. *4 Battered in Fish and Chip Shop*
9. *Goldfish is Saved from Drowning*
10. *20 Year Friendship Ends at Altar*
11. *Thieves Steal Burglar Alarm*
12. *Low Pay Reason for Poverty, Study Says*
13. *Experts Sure Dow Will Either Rise or Fall*
14. *Iraqi Head Seeks Arms*
15. *Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says*
16. *Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers*
17. *Enraged Cow Injures Farmer with Ax*

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 and the Holy Spirit.



Drew & Evan give moving reflections on the grandparents on GP Day.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ON
OCT 24, 5 – 7 PM. MORE INFO TO COME.**

Holy Guardian Angels



Holy Guardian Angels,
guide and guard us.



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

October

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

January

- 3 – ABCD – Classes Resume
- 4 – EFGA – President's Assembly (Wed.)
- 5 – BCDE
- 6 – FGAB
- 9 – CDEF
- 10 – GABC – Pack Time – Sudden Impact/Falk. G Block
- 11 – DEFG
- 12 – ABCD – late start*
- 13 – EFGA
- 16 – MLK Holiday
- 17 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 18 – FGAB – 8th HR Breakfast
- 19 – CDEF – 9th HR Breakfast
- 20 – GABC – 10th HR Breakfast
- 23 – DEFG

- 24 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 25 – EFGA – Mass – Feast of St. Paul (dress uniform day)/Snack Day
- 26 – BCDE – 11th HR Breakfast – Sudden Impact/Falk. B Block
- 27 – FGAB - 12th HR Breakfast
- 30 – CDEF
- 31 – GABC – President’s Assembly

February

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
- 7 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 8 – CDEF – Pre-ACT 10
- 9 – GABC – Pre-ACT 9
- 10 – DEFG – Pre-ACT 8
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (dress uniform day)/Snack day
- 15 – BCDE – Junior Retreat
- 16 – FGAB – Junior Retreat
- 17 – Faculty retreat (no classes)
- 27 – CDEF
- 28 – GABC – Pack Time

March

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



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

- 24 – ABCD – 9th HR Breakfast
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 29 – FGAB – 10th HR Breakfast
- 30 – CDEF – 11th HR Breakfast
- 31- GABC – 12th HR Breakfast

April

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

May

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

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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 the Second Quarter 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)

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...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing the Mission, and living courageously, respecting all persons and living the Gospel, and praying to our guardian angels to protect us!