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***The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter***  
***Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***  
***October 17 - 23, 2022***



Welcome to the second week of the second quarter!  
 Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.

As we begin the second quarter, and re-commit ourselves to the Lasallian Mission, I offered the following words of St. John Baptist de La Salle to our faculty this week and encouraged them to use these words of to inspire their work. I offer them to you, too, with slight adaptation, as you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children:

- *It is God who has called you to [parenting];*
- *Every day God calls you to the needs these children have;*
  - *It is God's own work that he entrusts to you;*
- *Your presence among your children brings salvation to them;*
- *Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied with it, but do not spare yourself in what you can do with grace; and believe that, if you want it, you can do more with God's grace than you think.*
- *In you, and through your parental ministry, these children encounter God, who knows each of them by name, who loves them, and who goes out searching endlessly for those who have gone astray.*



By the way, the image of St. La Salle above is from an original oil painting that hangs in the Counseling Center. It was painted by famous Louisiana folk artist Eddie Mormon, known for his distinctive style of vivid colors, lots of paint, and use of a knife, not a brush for bold strokes. It was commissioned by a former SPS student who left here before he graduated – but who is doing well and remains grateful for his time at SPS.



*A serious atmosphere prevailed in the BAC as students demonstrated quality education on the PSAT last week. Thanks, counselors!*

### **Mon, Oct 17 (Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; B C D E)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1989, a magnitude 6.9 earthquake rocks northern California during Game 3 of the World Series between the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics, forcing postponement of the game.
- **TDIH:** In 1974, President Gerald Ford explains to Congress why he pardoned his predecessor, Richard Nixon, rather than allow Congress to pursue legal action against Nixon.
- **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** was a 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Roman Catholic nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. We wish St. Margaret Mary Parish in Slidell a happy feast day!
- **Wear Something Gaudy Day:** "gaudy" refers to something bright, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste -- but we will stick to our regular school uniform today!
- **Pasta Day:** Enjoy one of more than 600 varieties of pasta today! Ciao!

### **Tue, Oct 18 (F G A B – ACT for Seniors)**

- **TDIH:** In 1670, 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!



- **Evaluate Your Life Day:** We reflect today upon our life -- where it's been, and where it's going. What do I need, or want, to change? I'll be evaluating!
- **Chocolate Cupcake Day:** Splurge! Enjoy.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Mandeville (5:30)

**Wed, Oct 19 (C D E F – Pack Time)** – Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions, Jesuit missionaries. By 1632, the Jesuits had a mission center in Quebec, ministering to 20,000 Huron in 30 villages. The missionaries converted about two thousand converts in their many years in Quebec. Then the enemies of the Huron, the Iroquois, who resented the French, captured, tortured, & killed the missionaries.

- **TDIH:** In 1781, as their band played *The World Turned Upside Down* (ya' gotta love the British!), the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7000 British & Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington, effectively ending the war between Britain and its American colonies. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris in 1783.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in meet at St. Martin's
- **Basketball:** Freshman Tryouts; JV – Varsity Blue Gold Game



*Paula the Peahen has become quite a campus fixture.*

### Thu, Oct 20 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1803, U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France to purchase LA Territory, doubling size of US.
- **TDIH:** In 1944, Gen. Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, thus fulfilling his promise, "I shall return!"
- **TDIH:** In 1859, John Dewey is born in Vermont. Regarded as the father of progressive education, his best-known innovation was what he called "learning by directed living," which combined learning with concrete activity. He wrote *Democracy and Education* (1916), and he founded the New School for Social Research. He was a shy, scholarly youth; a friend said that ideas were like living objects to him, and the only things he was really interested in. He spent most of his career thinking and writing about education. He said that schools were useless unless they taught students how to live as members of a community; that they wouldn't succeed in teaching children anything unless they were receptive to what children were ready to learn; and that they wouldn't get anywhere unless they treated children as individuals. He once gave a speech at Michigan in which he said there was so much knowledge at universities because the freshmen brought everything they knew to college with them, and the seniors never took anything away.
- **Legacy Lunch (11-12 in the BAC)**
- **Cross Country:** Jr Hi in CES meet

### Fri, Oct 21 (D E F G)

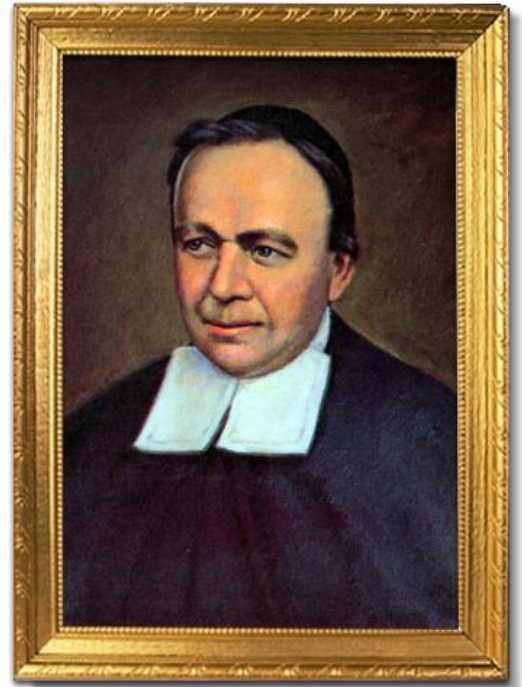
- **TDIH:** In 2015, we held the official blessing and dedication of the new gym. Gene Bennett smiled on us as it was a magical evening, with many, many supporters in attendance.
- **TDIH:** In 1879, Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his lab in Menlo Park, NJ, keeping it lit for 13 hours. We've come a long way! We have replaced ALL campus lighting with LEDs, which save electricity.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, 100,000 march on The Pentagon to protest Vietnam War.
- **Babbling Day:** Calling all blatherskites (people who babble – yes, it's a real word!): today isn't a day to remain silent. We celebrate those with glib tongues who never stop talking. They babble on and on and turn a simple one sentence statement into an endless dissertation.
- **Pumpkin Cheesecake Day:** Don't want to babble today? Then enjoy this classic fall dessert!
- **Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day:** My virtual desktop is as messy as my wooden desktop!
- **Reptile Awareness Day:** Become as aware as you want of these critters, but I'll stay clear of 'em!
- **Football:** Varsity at Mandeville (7)
- **Cross Country District Meet at Fontainebleau State Park**

### Sat, Oct 22 (Feast of St. John Paul II)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, President John Kennedy announces a blockade of Cuba in response to the discovery that Soviet missiles were being installed on the island, pushing the US to a nuclear showdown with Russia.
- **CAPS LOCK DAY: FEEL FREE TO CAPITALIZE EVERYTHING TODAY!** I will abstain.
- **Stuttering Awareness Day:** 1% of the population stutters or has some other speech impairment. Let's be sensitive to them and learn how to assist. There are some great tips on the ISAD website.
- **Smart is Cool Day:** Flaunt your IQ today! Tout your ACT score! Quote Plato and Shakespeare! Take an on-line IQ test at [www.iqtest.com](http://www.iqtest.com) and see how smart you really are!
- **ACT on campus**
- **Lacrosse:** Scrimmages 4-6
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Jesuit (11)
- **Robo-Wolves in competition at Fontainebleau**



**Sun, Oct 23** –Even though it is a Sunday, the Lasallian world celebrates today the memorial feast of Blessed Brother Arnold Reche, a Christian Brother (1838-1890) who was beatified by Pope John Paul II. From the Brothers' web site: *Arnold was born into a poor family and left school early to work as a stable boy, coachman, and for local construction. He met the Brothers while attending evening classes at their school and joined. He taught for 14 years at a boarding school in Reims. Despite a full teaching schedule, he privately studied math, theology, science & agriculture. During Franco-Prussian War of 1870, he cared for medical & spiritual needs of the wounded on both sides; he was awarded the Bronze Cross. His work won the hearts of his students by his care for their spiritual and professional development. He died at 52 with a reputation for sanctity. Work and pray so that people will say the same about our reputations! Blessed Brother Arnold— watch over and inspire us!*



- **Mole Day:** Celebrated annually on Oct 23 from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., Mole Day commemorates Avogadro's Number ( $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ ), a basic chemistry measuring unit.
- **The Swallows Depart San Juan, Capistrano** today heading for winter home in Argentina.

# 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 **HAVE BEGUN** the second quarter! If your son is struggling, insist that the go seek help. See info about free tutoring below. Help your son develop 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 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 <https://forms.rediker.com/stpauls>
- This is also the link for Open House and submitting an application.
- **Spread the word, especially to public school families who don't know we start early.**



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## SHADOW DAYS

- Aug 23
- Sept 13 and 27
- Oct 11 and 25
- Nov 9 and 15

## OPEN HOUSE

- Sat, Oct 29
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



(985) 892-3200 x1903  
admissions@stpauls.com

**Spread the word about our Shadow Days and Open House on Oct 29, especially to public school families who don't know we start early.**

**ACT – SAD NEWS: From various news sources last week:** Scores on the ACT college admissions test by Class of 2022 hit their lowest point in more than 30 years — the latest evidence of the enormity of learning disruption during the pandemic: an average ACT composite score was 19.8 out of 36, marking the first time since 1991 that the average national score was below 20.

Louisiana's composite score on a test of college readiness called the ACT fell for the fifth consecutive year. The score is 18.1 for the Class of 2022, down from 18.4 for Class of 2021. The results mean that Louisiana students fared better than those in only four other states: AL, MS, NV and OK.



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LEE PIERRE SENT YOU THE FOLLOWING EMAIL. 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](mailto:research@springtideresearch.org). Click this link to take the survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7027581/SFNO-Belonging-Parents-Saint-Pauls-School>*

**ASSEMBLY ON OCT 11:** I hope the students enjoyed our assembly last week. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the new gym to the strains of “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above”, from a CD made several years ago by the Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry. I explained that the Catholic Church dedicates October to Mary and that this song is one of the oldest and most beloved of Marian hymns. I further explained that October is the month of the Rosary and that once again, the Simpson Family, in memory of our beloved teacher and alum Robert, donated hundreds of rosaries for the students – as they do each year. I encouraged the students to get one of these rosaries from their religion teachers, keep it in their pockets, and pray the rosary whenever they have the time. They don't need to say the whole thing if they don't have time, but just a decade or even one Hail Mary as they wait at a traffic signal or walk from building to building. As junior **Joey Mire** lit the prayer candle, we prayed....
- Welcomed our special guests: 32 shadow day students; a large group of their parents; and about 30 alumni who were on campus for a meeting.

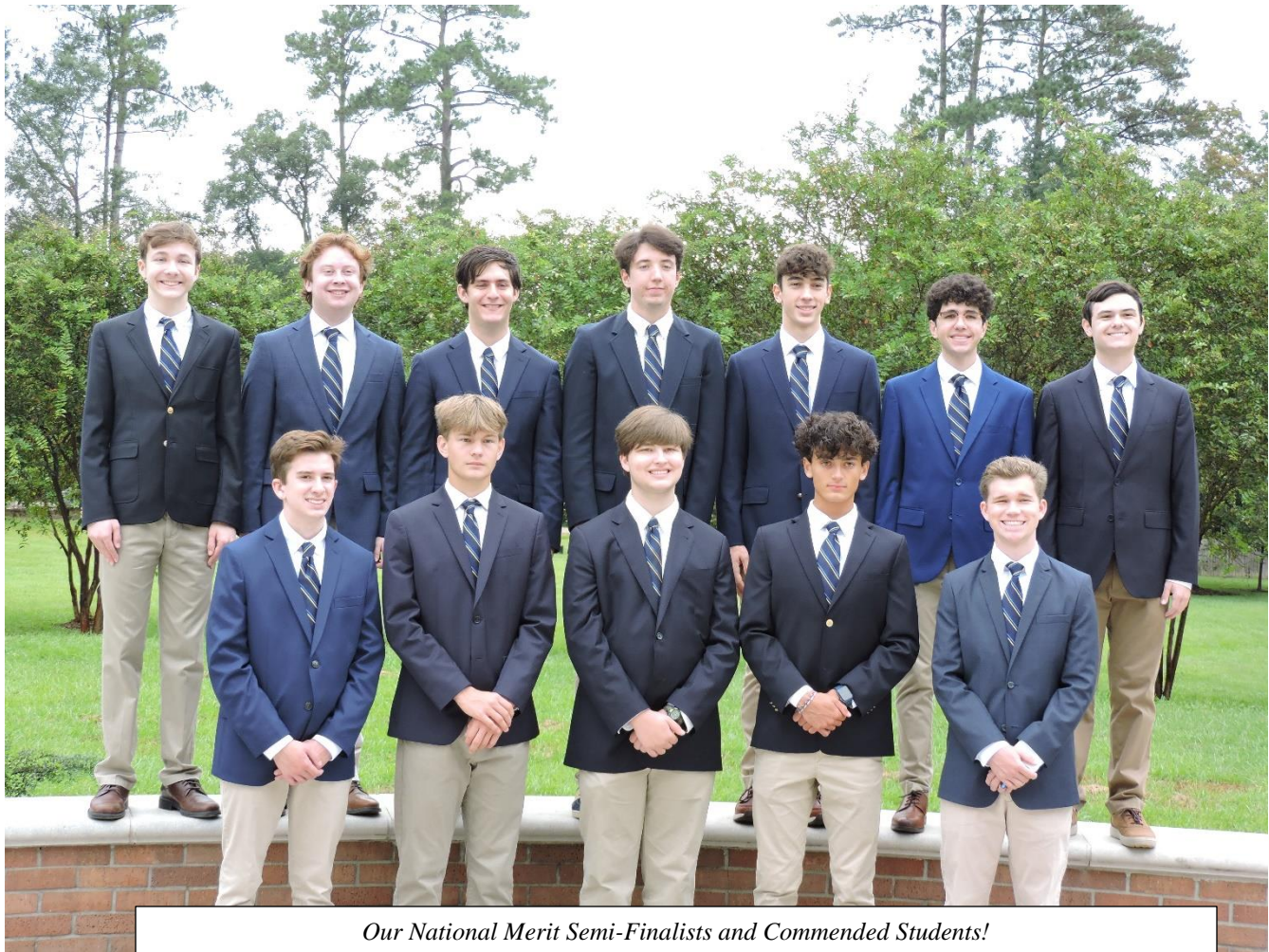


- Reminded all that our **Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus.**
- Reminded students that their first quarter report cards would be emailed that week. I informed that that quarter grades do not go on their transcripts – only semester grades do, so if they have a low grade, there is still time to raise it. I projected the following policy on the screen:
  - Semester grades are derived by the following formula:  
 First Quarter Grade = 40% of semester grade  
 Second Quarter Grade = 40% of semester grade  
 Semester Exam = 20% of semester grade
- Recognized and congratulated the Student Council for an excellent Homecoming Week. I project a bunch of slides from the week, reminding all of the good time we had and stressing the work that STUCO did. Here are the members of the Council: **Ben Barousse Ethan Wilson Sam Gold Grant Voyles Peter Verges Christian Cowley Mason Schwall Jacob Strecker Peyton Kilgore Kaiden Klebba Eddie d'Hemecourt Carter Plaisance Gordon Reese Noah Comeaux Connor Russo Andrew Danenhower, Jackson Short Ross Bieber.** They are capably moderated by Mrs. Case and Dr. d'Hemecourt
- Recognized and congratulated all who were involved with or attended Grandparent Day – over 1100 grandparents and grandsons were in attendance! It was a great morning! I projected a number of slides of the event, showing grandparents happy to be spending time with their grandsons. Gave special recognition to **Evan Leaber and Drew Bode** for their wonderful reflections about the grandparents!
- Recognized and congratulated the ten students who represented SPS at the Young Lasallian Assembly in California over the summer. Almost 200 students from Lasallian schools participated. Our guys



represented SPS in an exemplary manner. I projected slides of the event and two participants, **Peter Verges and Sam Gold**, gave short reflections on what they gained from the experience. Here are all of the students who attended: **Shawn Cooney, Christian Cowley, Joseph Di Giovanni, Gunnar Gavel, Sam Gold, Kilian Henderson, Dylan Underwood, Elijah Weitzel, Ethan Wilson, and Peter Verges.** They were chaperoned by Mr. Jeff Ramon and Mr. Paul Scoriels.





*Our National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Students!*

- Reviewed the recognition from last assembly of our 7 National Merit Semi-Finalists and introduced our 5 National Merit Commended students: **Ethan Wilson, Nikola Plazinic, Jack Hadskey, Riley Hidalgo, & Evan Leaber**. These guys
- Then, as if by magic, German composer's Ride of the Valkyries from Act III of his opera **Die Walkure** started playing – which I associated with some of our sports teams (ask your son to explain it.) This gave me the opportunity to call on Athletic Director Sam Francis to update us on our fall sports. He recognized about football program, our cross-country program, our swimming program, and our ultimate frisbee program.
- As I was running out of time, the other recognitions I have lined up will roll over to the next assembly.
- I again reminded the students of the “pearl” they were given at the start of the school year and asked them to evaluate if the pearl was increasing in value – which only they can control.
- We closed with the boys singing Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above – it was wonderful.
- As junior **Aidan Hayes** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of “Hail Holy Queen” by Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry.
- 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:

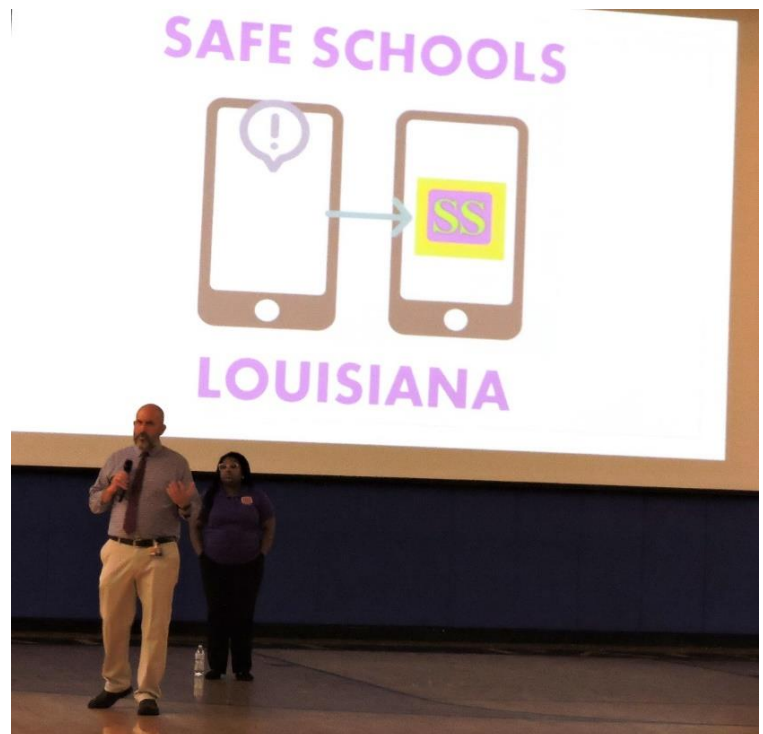
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05/31/2023, while supplies last! If you have any questions email Shannon d'Hemecourt at [s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com](mailto:s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com)

*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 in the BAC
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.



**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:** As an all-boys school, we must not overlook the teachable moments concerning issues pertaining primarily to women, and our boys need to know about this insidious disease, which can strike their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and future wives and daughters. And we have current parents and friends battling this disease. I encourage enlightened, appropriate discussion of this important health issue with our students when possible. We reach out in prayerful support to any family struggling with this issue. I invite you to pray the following:

We pray for those who are now ill. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

For those who are affected by illness, anguish and pain. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

Grant courage to those whose bodies, holy proof of Your creative goodness, are violated by illness.

O God, Source of Life, encourage them!

Grant strength and compassion to those who give loving care, support and help to overcome despair.

O God, Source of Life, strengthen them!

Grant wisdom to those who labor in the search for treatment and cures.

O God, Source of Life, inspire them!

Grant clarity of vision and strength of purpose to the leaders of our institutions and our government.

May they be moved to act with justice and compassion and find the courage to overcome fear and hatred!

O God, Source of Life, guide them and bless us all!

**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 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.

**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) 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!*



*A future scientist experiments.*

#### **LAST WEEK:**

- **Admissions:** Our campus tours and shadow day went well last week. Thank you for your cooperation. We have more lined up, so please be prepared to welcome our guests.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves represented us well in Fri's meet.
- **Football:** N'shore canceled 9<sup>th</sup> & JV games, 8<sup>th</sup> was a defensive battle with a 0-0 tie against Shaw, & Varsity won BIG over N'shore on Fri!
- **PSAT:** A flawless administration by counselors! We hope and pray for the best. The counselors want to issue a special commendation, however, to all the boys who took the test. They had to arrive at school at 7:15 am – and no one was late! Congrats and thanks, PSAT-takers!
- **MC Snack Day/ Faculty Lunch:** The MC outdid itself with beaucoup cookies for students and Mexican fare galore for faculty! Ole!
- **Fire Marshall:** We received our annual, unannounced inspection last week by the new area state Fire Marshall. Don and his crew have already rectified most of the issues identified – all minor -- and have a plan for the rest. NONE were significant – a tribute to Don and his crew. Your students are safe.
- **OKTOBERFEST:** A perfect “German evening” on our campus! Incredible work by our Development Team and their cadre of devoted volunteers! Thanks to all of you who volunteered and attended. All seemed to be having a good time.

# *Moms for Mums*

Over the next few weeks, please honor your son by donating a potted mum which will be used to beautify the campus. Please send the mum with your son or drop off at one of the planters in Founders Circle.



The Mothers' Club annual appeal for mums is scheduled for **October 17-28** just in time for our Open House for prospective students. Help make the campus ablaze with mums to celebrate the fall and to welcome visitors on Open House.

*Thanks, Mothers' Club!*



**OKTOBERFEST WAS A GRAND SUCCESS!** People dusted off their dirndl dress, laundered their lederhosen and joined us for an EPIC day of stein slurping with their best mates! The German-inspired adult celebration made 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.

**BUT WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT OUR SPONSORS! THANKS TO:**

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**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](http://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, SEMESTER GRADES, & HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS:** We emailed a report card on Thu, Oct 14. Let me know if you don't receive it, but check your spam folder first. **Remember that the first quarter accounts for 40% of the semester grade, with the second quarter accounting for 40% and the semester exam accounting for 20%. Remember that 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.**

**And HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST** invitations for parents and students will be emailed soon. To earn honor roll, students must have no grade lower than a B. A C grade is allowed if it's an honors course. **Dates for the level breakfasts are printed below in the Look Ahead calendar but here are the dates:**

- Nov 2 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- Nov 33 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
- Nov 4 – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Nov 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Nov 11 – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- Breakfasts last from 7:45 until 8:30. The student and his parents are invited.

**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.

**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

**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 COUNCIL/HOSA ANNOUNCEMENT:** *Chick-Fil-A Spirit Week- EAT MORE CHICKEN! Help us show our Wolfnation Spirit October 17-21. Chick-Fil-A is hosting a spirit week and a little friendly competition between Saint Paul's and Mandeville High School during the week leading up to our big football battle. Starting Monday, October 17 through Friday, October 21 at 5 PM, Saint Paul's will receive 10% of all sales at Chick-fil-A on Hwy 190 in Covington (near Walmart) from the patrons that indicate their support of the Saint Paul's Wolves. Help us bring home a victory against Mandeville and show your school spirit!!! This activity is being co-sponsored by Student Council and HOSA.*

**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](https://bit.ly/3odaQUI)



# 988

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

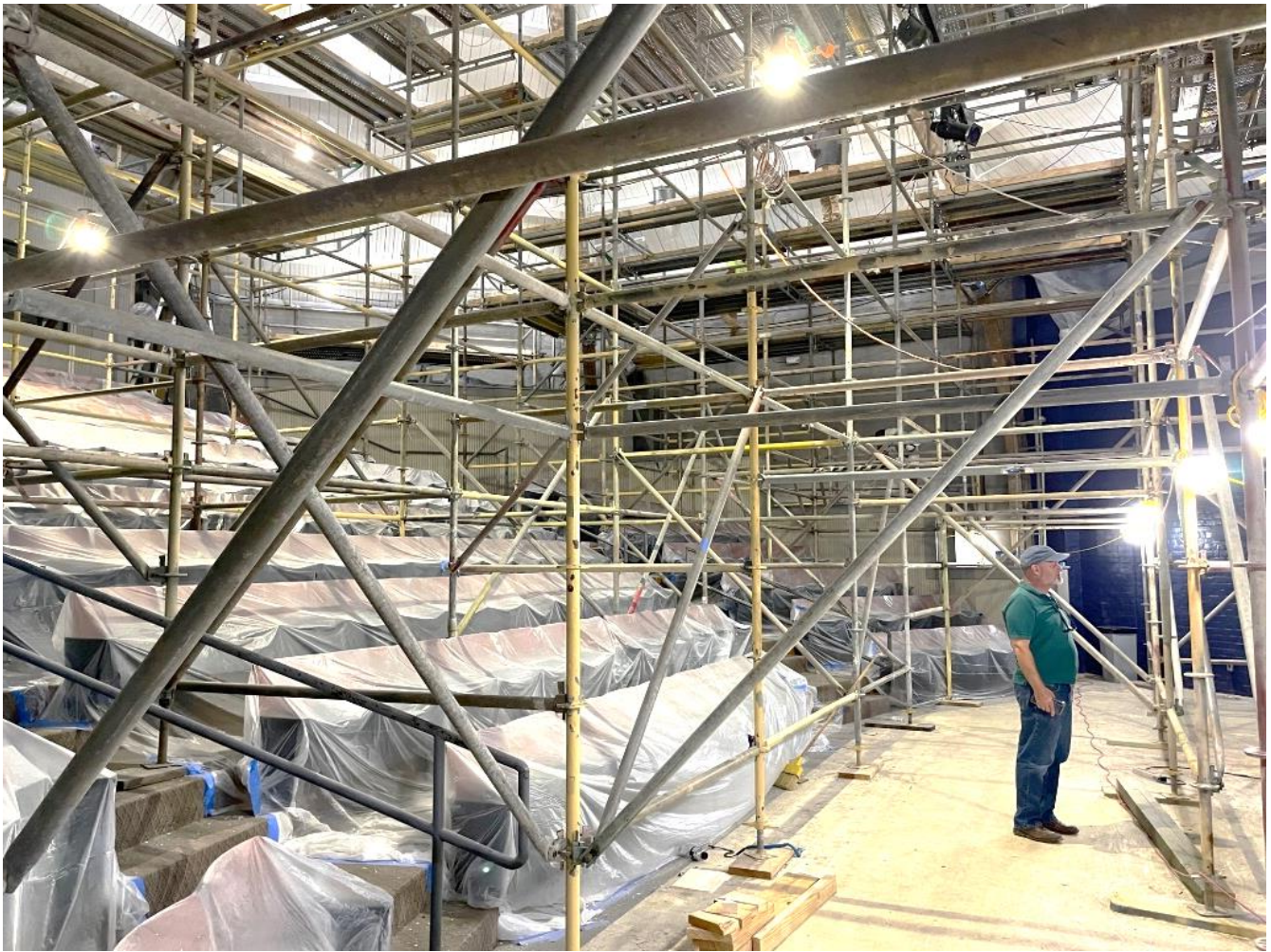
**TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK is THIS week.** Every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, TEXTING, speeding, and number of passengers. **Some sobering stats:**

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15-18 years old) in the United States.
- In 2017, 2,247 people died in crashes involving a teen driver, of which 755 deaths were the teen driver.
- Parents can be the biggest influencers on teens' choices behind the wheel if they take the time to talk with their teens about some of the biggest driving risks.
- More info? <https://www.teendriversource.org/advocacy-education/national-teen-driver-safety-week>

**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:** You may have to read some of these out loud to get the “joke” – some are hilarious!

- *Why don't ants ever get sick? Because they have anty bodies!*
- *When the cheese factory in Paris exploded, nothing was left but de Brie!*
- *Mocking birds have the worst manners.*
- *Pampered cows give spoiled milk!*
- *Why did the ducks try to bite the dog? He was a pure bread dog!*
- *What did the big flower say to the little flower? Hi, bud!*
- *How does NASA organize a party? They planet!*
- *How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh? Ten tickles!*
- *Why is a poorly dressed man on a unicycle different from a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire!*
- *The Dark Ages had lots of knights!*
- *Two goldfish are in a tank. One says to the other: “You know how to drive this thing?!”*
- *Why aren't koalas actual bears? The don't meet the koalafications.*
- *Is this pool safe for diving? It deep ends!*
- *My boss texted me: “Send me one of your funny jokes!” I texted: “I'm busy working. I'll send one later.” “That's hilarious,” he said. “Send another one!”*
- *What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis!*
- *My teachers said I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate too much. I replied, “Just you wait!”*
- *I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.*
- *What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away!*
- *What gets wetter the more it dries? A towel!*

### [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.*

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ON  
OCT 24, 5 – 7 PM in the BAC.**



# Holy Guardian Angels



Holy Guardian Angels,  
guide and guard us.



## **MARCH THROUGH THE ARCH PICTURES FOR SENIORS ARE IN:**

Expressions Photography did an outstanding job in producing this year's March through the Arch pictures for seniors. The pictures are in the Administration Building and may be picked up during business hours. If you want your son to pick up the pic, please send a note authorizing him to do so. Unfortunately, we must do this as in the past, some seniors got the pics and left them in their book bags or back car seats and the pics never made it home.

Thanks to Expressions for making this year's pics so memorable.



*God Bless the Saint Paul's Class of 2023 – our 112<sup>th</sup> senior class!*

### **October**

- 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
- 14 - ABCD
- 15 – EFGA – Pack time or Assembly; possible Shadow Day
- 16 – BCDE– Sudden Impact/Ramon B Block
- 17 – FGAB -- late start cancelled
- 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 – 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

## **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 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\*



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

- 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

## 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 – 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



*Bro. Javier & Dylan work the check-in booth  
at OKTOBERFET!*

- 17 – CDEFG\*
- 18-23 – Final Exams
- 23 – Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Luncheon

# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ON OCT 24, 5 – 7 PM in the BAC.

**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 Middle of October 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!*

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**And here is Student Council President Ben Barousse's summary of Council activity in the first quarter. It is well worth the read. Thanks, Ben, and Student Council!**



*My name is Ben Barousse, and I am the Student Body President here at Saint Paul's. Over the years, the question has loomed, "What does the student council even do?" My goal is to hopefully clear up some of the Student Council's responsibilities while also giving credit to the many students, faculty, and staff that have helped us achieve what we have in this first quarter of school. The first quarter has been a huge success, and I look forward in hope and joy to the following three quarters, along with the challenges and growth it brings all students here at Saint Paul's.*

*August -- The school year started on August 4th for students, but teachers were on campus throughout the summer getting ready to provide quality education for their students. The teachers' preparations included their retreat on Monday, August 1st. Student Body Vice-President, Ethan Wilson, spoke to the teachers, faculty, and staff and gave them praise and gratitude for all they have done in the past and for all they will do in the future. Next up were "Back-to-school" banners. On the morning of August 3rd, the Student Council gathered under the Wolf Dome to paint and hang the banners throughout the school as a welcome back to students. The Student Council also met throughout the summer, with some meetings lasting as long as three hours to discuss and plan events for the first few months of the school year. I want to thank all elected and non-elected student council members for putting in this time to plan out an easy and fun start to the school year. The next event was the Back-to-School dance on Friday, August 12th. Saint Scholastica had 8th and 9th-grade classes, while Saint Paul's had the 10th, 11th, and 12th-grade classes. Thanks to the combined efforts of both SSA and SPS student councils, we got the themes for each dance out to the students way ahead of time. As most students were getting dressed, a massive group of student council members met at SSA to hold the 8th-grade social, which takes place every year. Student Body President of SSA, Julia Case, along with the rest of the executive board, planned out games and activities for the 8th graders to enjoy. Thank you to all of the SSA student council for their efforts with this. Both events were very successful! Next up, we had the August Food Sale. The council advertised pizza sales all week and collected money. Each officer was required to sell ten pizzas minimum. I want to give a big thank you to everyone who bought a pizza and to the council and our advisors, who did a great job keeping everything organized and functioning. The following week we had the Jamboree game for football. This is always a big game for Saint Paul's and gives us an insight into how the season will look. To generate school spirit and participation, the Student Council planned a pep rally for Friday, August 26th, and offered a neon dress-down day in correspondence to the theme for the game that night. The Executive Board consisting of President Ben Barousse, Vice-President Ethan Wilson, Secretary Sam Gold, and Treasurer Grant Voyles, along with our advisors Ms. Case and Dr. D'hemecourt, put in a ton of time and effort to making this pep rally fun and engaging for the Student Body. I would also like to thank Seniors Jack Salvaggio and Jacob Johnson for being the MCs for this pep rally. They did a great job and have continued throughout the quarter. Mr. Moran and Mr. Pereria also deserve a huge shoutout. Mr. Moran is in charge of the band here at Saint Paul's, and the band's involvement plays a huge role in our pep rallies. Mr. Pereria was a massive help in getting the hype video*



created. Ethan Wilson, Eddie D'hemecourt, and Christian Cowley worked with Mr. Pereira to get clips from practices, workouts, and games. Mr. Periera did a fantastic job putting all of it together. You can check out the "Wolfnation" Instagram page to see the videos we have produced. These pep rallies require many days to plan, and most of the time, there are small things that need to be worked around for everything to go as planned. The following week we had yet another pep rally to plan. This was different because there was no school on Friday, but we still had a home game. The council decided that we would have a pop-up pep rally to give the student body something fun before their day off. The Student Council got out of the second period a few minutes before everyone else. They spent that extra time setting up games like basketball, spike ball, and cornhole, as well as getting speakers set up underneath the Wolf Dome. Thanks to Coach Dale and the basketball department for allowing us to have the basketball goals they used for camp over the summer. This event was super fun, and all the students had a great time! Another small thing is deciding on football themes. We did our best to make the themes "student decided" and put polls on Instagram to let the students decide what they wanted. During the whole month of August, the Executive Board met every Monday during lunch, and the whole council met every Tuesday.

September -- The first event held in September was the 8th and 9th-grade homecoming dance. This is the underclassmen's first homecoming inside and we are happy we were able to give them a great first experience! September's main event is Homecoming week. This is one of the Student Council's most significant events throughout the year. Leading up to homecoming week, the Student Council met to discuss what themes would go to each day and how to ensure participation. Thanks to Sam Gold, we could put up custom flyers for the themes, dance, and spikeball tournament. The themes for homecoming week were: Music Monday, Tie-dye Tuesday, Twinsday Wednesday, Jersey Thursday, and Blue and Gold Friday. This week we also held a spikeball tournament. We had twenty teams competing at lunch to win the title of champion. The students involved loved the tournament and have asked for more! Friday was the big day. The day started at lunch when we had a field day! Student Council left class 30 minutes early to set up cornhole, spikeball, basketball, frisbee, football, tug of war, canjam, and music outside, along with setting up the volleyball net for the game. We even got a Kona Ice truck to come and sell snowballs to the students! Due to some hiccups on the road, we had to host the Homecoming pep rally with SSA outside, so it required the planning of two separate pep rallies. Before going outside, we were able to have the Saint Paul's student body in the gym for the Senior vs. faculty volleyball game, grade vs. grade basketball tournament, hype video, and pushup competition. Thank you to Mr. Moran, Mr. Pereira, Mr. Guarisco, Mr. Morlas, John Borgatti, Zach Montz, Chandler Loescher, Jacob Johnson, Jack Salvaggio, Sam Gold, Rooster Cather, and Coach Stant for your involvement in making this pep rally a success. After the inside section of the day, we moved everyone outside to the visitor stands of Hunter Stadium. There, SSA's student body met us as we all loaded into the stands. Although the pep rally outside was not what we had hoped for, the executive board made the most of it and met most days two weeks in advance to get everything together. That night, the homecoming court was given a tailgate before the game to take pictures and enjoy some food. Junior class officers Jacob Strecker, Peyton Kilgore, and Kaiden Klebba assisted with the setup and clean-up of this tailgate. During the halftime presentation of the court, Senior officers Peter Verges and Christian Cowley presented flowers to each of the maids and the queen. To end the week, the Student Council put on the upperclassmen dance on Saturday, October 1st. The dance was so much fun, and everyone seemed to have a great time!

This concludes our first quarter. We thank everyone who helped us out this quarter and participated in making a healthy, prosperous, and uplifting working environment. A special thank you to Principal Joe Dickens for

*allowing us to have these events and to Ms. Case and Dr. D'Hemecourt for assisting us in planning and carrying out these events. I look forward to the next three quarters and all they will bring.*

*Best,*

*Ben Barousse*