



***The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter***  
***Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***  
***October 31 – Nov 06, 2022***



Welcome to the fourth week (can you believe it?) of the second quarter!



*The BAC was ready on Sat to receive prospective families. Unfortunately, the pleasant morning weather gave way to a monsoon right before and during Open House!*

Our annual Open House for prospective students for 2023 - 24 occurred on Sat. While I usually have no idea as to how many people (if any) will attend, I had some advanced notice this year as families registered for Open House. Of course, walk-ins were welcomed! But Mother Nature decided to unleash a monsoon that afternoon, which affected attendance!

While much of our preparation was what we have done in the past, we also made some substantive changes. As always, maintenance cleaned, sanitized,

and polished, student tour guides were briefed on safety, and faculty presented well. Thanks to Jeaneen, Mimi, Joe, Lee, department chairs, Development, student tour guides, Andrew Dart, Matt Pinero, Mothers Club, Dad's Club & maintenance for all the hard work. In view of the weather, the results were gratifying!

As always, our student tour guides were invaluable and didn't let the weather affect their enthusiasm and willingness to help! They braved the elements in the finest tradition of Lasallian education. I am incredibly grateful to them!

So how will SPS fare? In spite of the weather, if we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle's directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission, in spite of the many challenges we face, and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and in the next life.

***Domine, Opus Tuum – no better message for us to remember as we prepare for  
2023 - 24 – our 113<sup>th</sup> year!***

**Thanks for being part of Lasallian education here at Saint Paul's School!**

## Mon, Oct 31 (G A B C)

- **Happy Halloween!** I offer you a traditional Scottish prayer: *From ghoulies and ghosties / and long-leggeddy beasties / And things that go bump in the night, / Good Lord, deliver us!*
- **This Day in History:** In 1517, the priest & scholar Martin Luther nails a paper to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg. The paper contained the 95 revolutionary opinions that began the Protestant Reformation.
- **Tennis:** SPS scrimmages Catholic at Stone Creek (3-5) Geaux Wolves!
- **TDIH:** In 1940, the Battle of Britain ends. Beginning on July 10, 1940, German bombers and fighters had attacked coastal targets, airfields, London and other cities, as a prelude to a Nazi invasion of England. British pilots of Spitfires and Hurricanes show down over 1,700 German aircraft while losing 915 fighters. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill.
- **TDIH:** In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. It contains 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four presidents – representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion/conservation. Trivia: can you name the four presidents? Answer at end.
- **Forgiveness Day:** The mission of FD (last Sat of Oct) is to encourage people to ask for forgiveness and to forgive one another while creating an understanding of the power of love, the joy of forgiveness, and the peace of humility in the hearts of positive people. **I ask anyone whom I've offended to forgive me and will offer my forgiveness to anyone who wants it** – but I'm not easily offended so very few people fall into that category!
- **Knock-Knock Joke Day:** Drive all crazy today by telling K-K jokes. It's always on Halloween.

## Tue, Nov 01 (D E F G; Feast of All Saints – All School Mass – Dress Uniform for students)

- Today we remember those who lived their lives in such union with God that this union was complete at death. These are SILENT saints who far outnumber "official" saints, and are often more cherished than "canonized" saints. John Baptist de La Salle wrote: *yearn as the saints did for the happiness which they now enjoy, considering...not the visible things, but the invisible, because the visible things are temporary, whereas the invisible are eternal.* **SSA will join SPS for a outdoor mass in the stadium this morning. We welcome the opportunity to worship with**
- **TDIH:** In 1512, ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time. Here's the link to the Vatican Museum site in order to view this incredible artistic achievement:  
[http://mv.vatican.va/3\\_EN/pages/CSN/CSN\\_Main.html](http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/CSN/CSN_Main.html)



Development Office Interns Slate & Cavin help prepare Open House.



- **TDIH:** In 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School opened with just 12 students. In 1874, the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools in America.
- **Authors' Day:** Read your favorite author today!
- **Tennis:** SPS scrimmages Catholic at Stone Creek

**Wed, Nov 02 (A B C D – 8<sup>th</sup> Honor Roll Breakfast in the BAC – PACK Time)**

- **All Souls Day:** Today we remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life.
- **Deviled Egg Day:** Enjoy!
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. F'bleau



*Aqua Wolves in District Championship – again!  
I hear Handel playing! Geaux Wolves!*

### **Thu, Nov 03 (E F G A) – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Breakfast in the BAC**

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika
- **Sandwich Day:** Enjoy!
- **Love Your Lawyer Day: No lawyer jokes today!**
- **Cliché Day:** From the NCD website: *Every dog has his day. And evidently, so does every minuscule detail of modern society, including the cliché. Not to beat around the bush about it; we'll just come right out and tell you that, as hard as this fact may be to swallow, today is National Cliché Day. Really, we're not just yanking your chain. We wouldn't pull your leg about something as serious as National Cliché Day. By the time National Cliché Day is over, a good time will have been had by all.* Use your favorite clichés today.
- **Love Your Lawyer Day:** No lawyer jokes today!
- **Men Make Dinner Day (1<sup>st</sup> Thu of Nov):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight or make sandwiches – or take the family out to eat!
- **Basketball:** JV & Var scrimmage at Lakeshore

### **Fri, Nov 04 – (B C D E) – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Breakfast in the BAC**

- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history.
- **Use Your Common-Sense Day:** While CS should be used EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **Football:** Varsity in regular season finale at F'leau. Geaux Wolves!
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in Metro Meet through Sat
- **Cross Country** runs in Regional Meet in NO
- **Football:** Varsity at F'Bleau in regular season finale! Geaux Wolves!

### **Sat, Nov 05**

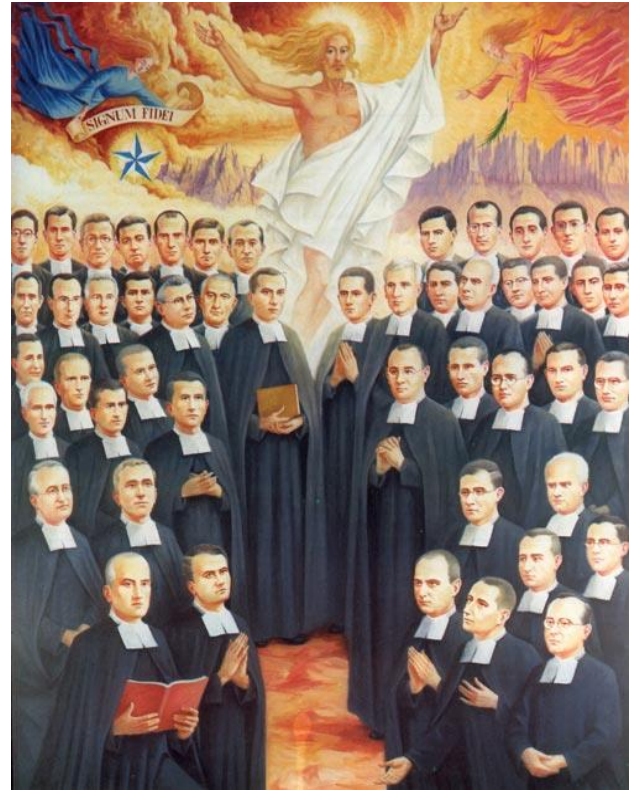
- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. The day is celebrated in England with bonfires and fireworks. Only the British!
- **Football:** SPS at Fontainebleau in regular season finale
- **Ultimate Frisbee:** Var & JV at Catholic in BR

### **Sun, Nov 06 -- Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time ends at 2 am. Fall back! Enjoy the extra hour!**

- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, was born. Play some basketball today! Or in my case, watch some basketball today!



- **TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.



- **Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today! Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass, TX) who is recorded to have first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the restaurant after it had closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!
- **Saxophone Day:** Adolphe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. I wish you could have the Marching Wolves sax section play for us today!

# 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 almost half-way through the second quarter! If your son is struggling, insist that he go seek help. See info about free tutoring below. Help your son develop attitudes/habits for success.

**ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24:** Only two Shadow Days left (Nov 9 & 15). Individual tours are provided on request. 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 applying.
- **Spread the word, especially to public school families who don't know we start early.**





**ASSEMBLY ON OCT 25:** I hope the students enjoyed our Tue assembly. Here is some of what we did:

- Entered the gym to the strains of Italian Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi's magnum opus "The Four Seasons", in which he musically interprets each of the four seasons. We listened to "Autumn" which musically depicts the farmers harvesting the crops sown in the spring and tended in the summer. It is an uplifting, joyful piece as the workers bring their harvest season to a close. I chose this piece because we are in the season of Autumn, which began on Sep 22 with the autumnal equinox, which I explained and gave the etymology. While junior Cayden Arnold lit the prayer candle, we prayed...
- Welcomed a large group of shadow day students and their families. I hope they had a positive experience.
- Reminded the students that we were in the third week of the second quarter and to make the most of their academic time. I again explained quarter grades v. semester grades and how the latter were the grades entered on transcripts and used to calculate GPAs.
- Recognized and congratulated the five faculty members who attended the two week seminar on Lasallian education which was held on the campus of Manhattan College, a Lasallian college.



Recognized and congratulated the following for building a Blessing Box for Covington: Mr. Ray Herndon, Will Herndon, Will Cambre, Max Biggs and Mr. Gerald Ancar.

*Habitat Wolves hard at work!*



- Recognized and Congratulated the large number of Wolves who participated in the last two Habitat for Humanity Club work days: John Palmer, Joseph DiGiovanni, Nick Kelsey, Landon Lewis, Chris Agrillo, Joshua Pichon, Jacob Trosclair, Christian Lueg, Joseph Mire, Nicholas Achee, Riley Hidalgo, Owen Spath, Kieffer Schwartz, Owen Becker, Alex Bradford, Gray Cartier, Kilian Henderson, Hayden McWilliams, Ben Salvant, Christopher Roberts, Matthew Roberts, Keegan Burrell, Andrew Kraus, alum Max Tepper '17, Coach Kevin Moore '91, and moderator Mr. Richard Pichon. Seniors Keiffer Schwartz and Nicholas Achee gave reflections on their work with Habitat.

- Recognized and congratulated the five National Merit Hispanic Commended Students: Peter Verges, Preston Tate, Vincent Ruiz, Riley Hidalgo, Dominic Muguira, & Ethan Wilson. Their accomplishments boost to 15 the total number of Saint Paul's National Merit Scholars!
- Then, as if by magic, Richard Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" started playing, which meant it was time to introduce athletic director Sam Francis for an update of SPS athletics. Coach recognized:
  - Josh Achord for placing third in the prestigious American Junior Golf Association Tournament;
  - SPS Football for 9<sup>th</sup>, JV, & Varsity football for their wins over Mandeville last week;
  - The Cross Country team for winning the District Championship! The Team (Tyson Burns, Eddie d'Hemecourt, Henry Englehardt, Joseph Gagliano, Braden Magliolo, Dominic Muguira, and Preston Tate) along with Coach Al Nastasi & Coach Kevin Moore presented the championship trophy to AD Francis.
  - Recognized and extended best wishes to the Aqua Wolves who participate in the District
- As we were running out of time, other recognitions will roll over. To close, I reminded the boys of:
  - Not to litter
  - To respect all people
  - To ask for help if they need it
  - To make the most of each day
  - To rise each day as a Man of God
- We then closed with the student body singing "Hail Holy Queen" in honor of October being a month devoted to our Blessed Mother. The boys were GREAT.
- As junior Sam Drez extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the boys that the light of the candle may be extinguished, what the light represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
- It was a great assembly. At least I thought so!



*Will, Max, and Will and decorate a Blessing Box In Mr. Ancar's Art class for use in Covington.*







**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LEE PIERRE** says this is the last week to complete the survey – which is important to SPS's future. Please do so if you haven't already done so.

*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>*

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**



**ST. PAUL'S BLOOD DRIVE**  
Wednesday, Dec. 7  
8am - 2pm  
New Gym

**sign up here!**

**BOOK STORE:** The Mothers' Club Bookstore will be open 7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm each school day. **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible.**



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

[https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\\_code=R26O6QQ0](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=R26O6QQ0)

Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through

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

**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.

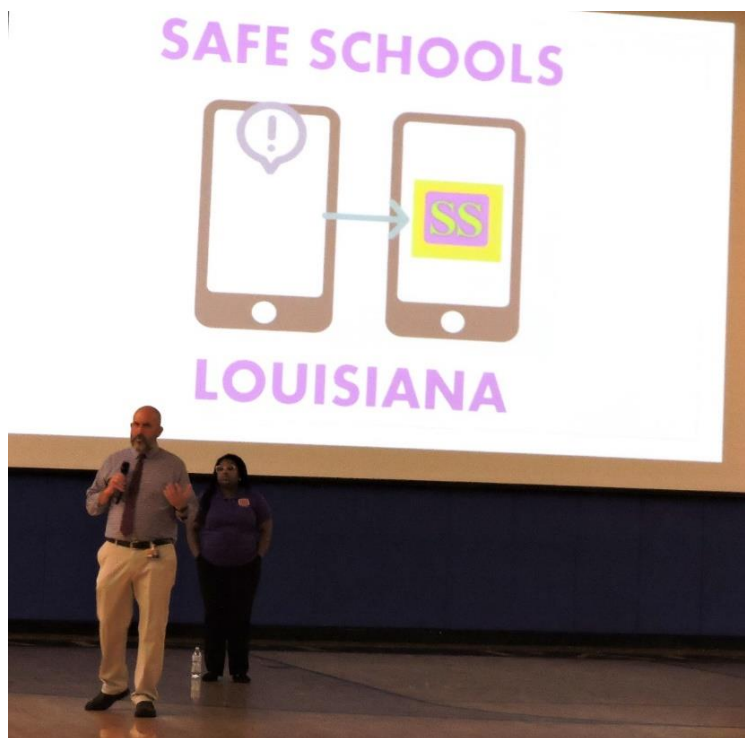
**DRESS CODE:** Students must comply with the dress code. **“Note: We have clean, pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition. If the family budget is tight, ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student; no one will know. Thanks to those who supply us with their outgrown uniforms.**

**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!



*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-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.



*Paula the Peacock adds her plumage to our Fall decorations!*

**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....

**FEAST OF ST. JUDE & SAINT PAUL’S:** I neglected in last week’s newsletter to explain why we at Saint Paul’s should care about St. Jude, Patron Saint of Impossible Causes, whose

feast we celebrated last Friday. In 1955, the school needed a new gym. Our “old gym” (now the Alumni Memorial Theater) had been ruled unsuitable for games by the LHSAA and the basketball team was actually practicing at Covington High (which is where the now William Pitcher school is located) and there were no home games. But the school was in poor financial straits. Nevertheless, with the eyes of Faith, the Brothers undertook construction of a “new gym.” In a Hollywood-worthy story-line (which you can read in The Saint Paul’s Story), the gym was completed in April of 1956 for the incredible price of \$40,000. The then-President of SP, Brother Carl Conrad, named the building the “St. Jude Center”, since everyone had thought that it would be impossible to get a fine gym like this so quickly and at so low a cost. I guess I should have prayed to St. Jude during construction of the band building. BTW: Brother Conrad left SP at the end of that year. I think he was worn out! Hmmm.... Maybe I should follow his lead now that the building is finally finished? Some would hope so!

**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.



**LAST WEEK:**

- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV games were cancelled; 8<sup>th</sup> lost but played everyone, and Var WON against Ponchatoula, 21-7! 8<sup>th</sup> grade season is over; 9-12 will conclude regular season this week against F'Bleau.
- **Moms for Mums:** Many thanks for all the mums, pumpkins, etc. that are currently beautifying SPS! Our moms are the best! The campus looks GREAT!
- **National Honor Society / Mu Alpha Theta Induction:** 75 Wolves were inducted into this prestigious organization last week. Great organization by moderators and officers made everything go smoothly.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** We had a great turnout. Thanks to all of you who attended. I hope the time was profitable for you and your son.
- **Picnic Tables:** The new tables look GREAT! Many, many thanks to Trevor Watkins and his helpers (mostly from the Dads' Club) who constructed the 50 tables in record time.
- **Shadow Day:** Lots of positive comments from prospective Wolves and their parents. Thank you!
- **Swim Team:** DISTRICT CHAMPS – AGAIN! Yes, I'm shouting while listening to Handel!
- **Tennis:** Congrats to Wolves on their 4-1 victory over Brother Martin in last week's scrimmage.
- **Wellness Day:** Many thanks to those staff members who took advantage of this free, confidential program which is designed to keep our medical premiums as low as possible.

**NOVEMBER:** In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!

**RIP:** Two long-time SPS stalwarts died last week: Mr. Jon Craig and Mr. Mike McMurry. Jon taught at SPS for 31 years, acting as science department chair and our first IT Director. His contributions to Lasallian education cannot be overestimated. He was a student favorite and promoter of the latest innovative techniques in science teaching. Mr. Mike McMurray was a long-time employee in our Business office – in addition to being a 1963 alum. During his time as a student, he was an outstanding basketball player. During his time as employee, he was a dedicated and conscientious accountant. Thank you, good and faithful servants of the Lord and SPS, of SPS! May you rest in peace! We are better for your service.

***Dress uniform day on Tue, Nov 1, for all-school  
mass with SSA***

**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 were emailed last week. 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 3 – 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 8:20. The student and his parents are invited.
- **Honor Roll students report directly to the BAC on their assigned day. They do not report to first block class. Lists of honor roll students have been posted and you should have received an invitation.**

**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.



*Caden lights prayer candle at assembly.*

**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.

# CALLING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS WHO ARE ST. PETER ALUMS

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR PART-TIME AFTERCARE HELP

- Up to 2 hours per day
- Flexible schedule (3:45 – 5:15pm or similar)
- Lead crafts & activities
- Lead sports

Email Mr. Kraus, Principal  
[mkraus@stpetercov.org](mailto:mkraus@stpetercov.org)



Come back to your alma mater and make a difference in a student's life while earning \$12 per hour!

**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.



## SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS:

Our counseling department has arranged for a special parental program on suicide on Wednesday, November 30, at 6 pm in the BAC. We hope parents will attend this program on this difficult subject.



WDSU News

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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.



## 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

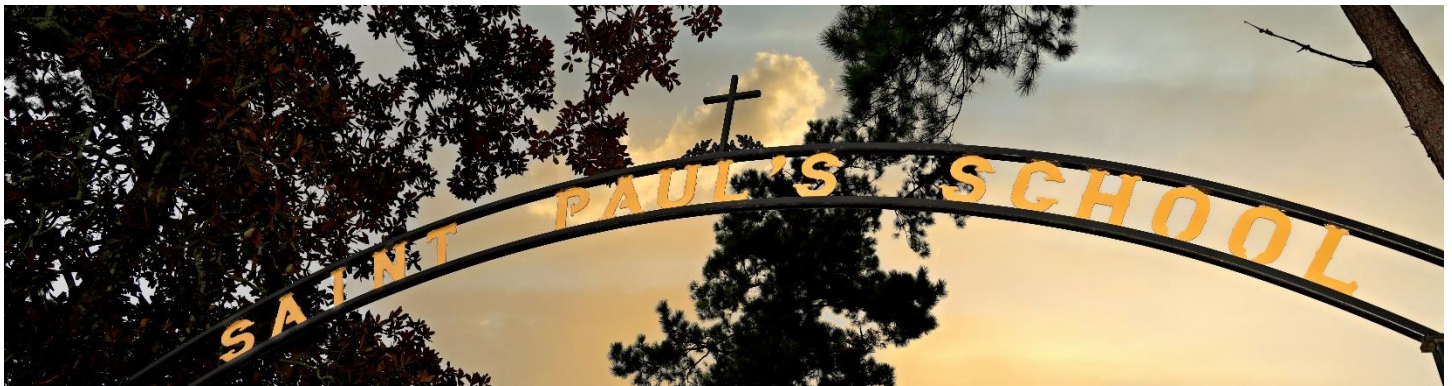
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**TUTORING:** The National Honor Society provides free tutoring at lunch. Signage is all over campus as to location. Encourage your son to take advantage of this service as soon as he needs it. First Quarter report cards are only a few weeks away! Get help now if needed!

**WEEKLY HUMOR:** Some Halloween jokes:

- *Why do ghosts go on diets? So they can keep their ghoulish figures*
- *Where does a ghost go on vacation? Mali-boo.*
- *Why did the policeman ticket the ghost on Halloween? It didn't have a haunting license.*
- *Why do demons and ghouls hang out together? Because demons are a ghoul's best friend!*
- *Why did the ghost starch his sheet? He wanted everyone scared stiff.*
- *What does a panda ghost eat? Bam-BOO!*
- *Why did the ghost quit studying? Because he was too ghoul for school.*
- *What's a ghost's favorite dessert? I-Scream!*
- *Where do ghosts buy their food? At the ghost-ery store!*
- *How do you know when a ghost is sad? He starts boo hooing.*
- *What's a ghost's favorite play? Romeo and Ghoul-iet.*
- *What does a ghost mom say when she gets in the car? Fasten your sheet-belts.*
- *What kind of horse do ghosts ride? A night-mare*
- *What room does a ghost not need in a house? A living room.*
- *How do ghosts send letters? Through the ghost office.*



*Photo by Bert Burr's Professional Photography*

***Dress uniform day on Tue, Nov 1 for all-school  
mass with SSA***



# 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**

- 31 – GABC – Happy Halloween! And, yes, we have a full day of school!

### **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\*
- 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



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



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

# First Semester Exam Schedule 2022

## Monday, December 12 – DEFG

Regular Schedule w/ SSR (84 min.)

CHIMES	8:00
BLOCK 1	8:05- 9:34
BLOCK 2/SSR	9:41-11:20
LUNCH	11:20-12:00
BLOCK 3	12:05-1:29
BLOCK 4	1:36- 3:00

## Tuesday, December 13 – A Review/A Exam (BC)

CHIMES	8:00
PERIOD A REVIEW	8:10 -8:55
Break	8:55-9:05
PERIOD A EXAM	9:10 -10:40
PERIOD B REVIEW	10:50 – 11:30
LUNCH	11:30 – 12:10
PERIOD C REVIEW	12:15 – 1:00
DISMISSAL	1:00

## Wednesday, December 14 – BC (DE)

CHIMES	8:00
PERIOD B EXAM	8:10 – 9:40
PERIOD C EXAM	9:50 – 11:20
LUNCH	11:20 – 11:50
PERIOD D REVIEW	11:50 – 12:20
PERIOD E REVIEW	12:30 – 1:00
DISMISSAL	1:00

## Thursday, December 15 – DE (FG)

CHIMES	8:00
PERIOD D EXAM	8:10 – 9:40
PERIOD E EXAM	9:50 – 11:20
LUNCH	11:20 – 11:50
PERIOD F REVIEW	11:50 – 12:20
PERIOD G REVIEW	12:30 – 1:00
DISMISSAL	1:00

## Friday, December 16 - FG

CHIMES	8:00
PERIOD F EXAM	8:10 – 9:40
PERIOD G EXAM	9:50 – 11:20
DISMISSAL	11:20



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***Let's end with 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.*

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 November 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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Answer to Oct 31 Trivia Question: The four presidents on Mount Rushmore are George Washington (founding), Thomas Jefferson (political philosophy), Abraham Lincoln (preservation) & Theodore Roosevelt (expansion/conservation.)

# *SPS's 15 National Merit Scholar*

