



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 119 years of educational excellence in Covington
342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
November 14 – 27, 2022



Welcome to the sixth week of Quarter 2! Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond's charge to the Catholic schools in his archdiocese is for our schools to be authentically Catholic – and that EVERY class is a religion class as we uphold Catholic values across the curriculum. I couldn't agree more.

One of those authentically Catholic values – as espoused by Pope Francis and enshrined as one of the seven social justice issues by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops – is concern for the poor -- not coincidentally one of our five Lasallian core principles.



St. La Salle distributes bread to the poor.

In school & country, we are blessed with abundance. And so, my final pre-Thanksgiving message, in keeping with the Archbishop's mandate, the USCCB, and our Lasallian heritage, concerns the same one I give each year at this time: the Lasallian commitment to the poor. This commitment to the poor began with John Baptist de La Salle. The first schools were endowed parish charity schools, operating on shoestring budgets and often located in less desirable parts of town. Both rich and poor were welcome, provided all agreed to be treated as equals – revolutionary in those days! All were important.

Equally revolutionary was de La Salle's insistence on impartiality. We often speak of the need for impartiality in dealings with students. Actually, St. de La Salle was very partial. Partiality was shown to those with less attractive qualities; they were to receive the most attention. Those with the least talents were to be supported and encouraged. Those who had extra food were to share it with those who had little. De La Salle was convinced that the poor needed the schools the most. The curriculum, therefore, combined practical & religious training, designed to help the poor succeed. Thus, service to the poor, both directly and indirectly, must be present at SPS if we are to be faithful Lasallians.

But it's not just Saint La Salle's thinking that compels us to care for the poor. Indeed, the **Concern for the Poor and Social Justice** is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. The United States bishops write: *In a world characterized by growing prosperity for some and pervasive poverty for others, Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.*

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those who are not blessed with material comfort. Let us strive to reach out to them. Let us find ways to welcome them to SPS.



O-Line Dads treated their sons (& coach!) to pre-playoff game meal. Geaux O-Line!

Mon, Nov 14 (A B C D)

- **This Day in History:** In 1968, Yale University announced it was going co-ed. SPS will not imitate Yale!
- **TDIH:** Herman Melville's Moby Dick is published. Can you recite the opening line? Answer at end.
- **TDIH:** French painter Claude Monet was born in 1840. He pioneered the impressionist style in his landscapes. See some Monet's works at <http://www.claudemonetgallery.org/the-complete-works.html>
- **Loosen Up Day:** loosen up!
- **American Teddy Bear Day:** I keep one in my office for tough days!
- **Spicy Guacamole Day:** Ole! Mix up a batch of spicy guacamole and have a "Guac 'n Roll" party with lots of rock and roll music and play games such as "Guac 'n Bowl" by using plastic water bottles as pins and clean, dried, avocado seeds as bowling balls! [Who thinks of these things?]
- **Pickle Day:** If you like pickles, you're in luck: they're low in calories, have no fat and have probiotic benefits. Cucumbers were probably first pickled 4,500 years ago in Mesopotamia, and spread around the world across trade routes. Today, there are thousands of different types of pickles in the world's cuisine. Asia consumes more pickles per capita than any other region. Enjoy your favorite pickle today – but don't be one and stay out of 'em. (get it?) Interesting etymological fact: William Shakespeare actually coined the term "in a pickle" in his play, *The Tempest*. In Act V, King Alonso asks his jester, Trinculo, "How camest thou in this pickle?" What Alonso actually meant was "how did you get so drunk?" Shakespeare's original intent makes sense since many pickling processes used alcohol. Since Trinculos' drinking does cause trouble for him, the phrase morphed into meaning "being in trouble." And now you know!
- **Soccer: 8th & 9th at Mandeville (4:30)**

Tue, Nov 15 (E F G A; Wolf Packs; Shadow Day)

- **TDIH:** In 1859, Charles Dickens' serialized novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, comes to a close, as the final chapter is published. Can you quote the famous opening line? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **TDIH:** In 1864, during the Civil War, Union troops under Gen William T. Sherman burn Atlanta.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, the largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 persons marched in Washington, DC to protest the Vietnam War.
- **TDIH: In 1887,** American artist Georgia O'Keeffe (a fav) was born. She favored flowers and desert landscapes. View some of Georgia's works at https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%253BcWz_u8MTdns6vM%253Bhttp%25253A%25252F%25252Fwhitney.org%25252Fexhibitions%25252FGeorgiaOKeeffe&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%252CcWz_u8MTdns6vM%252C_&dpr=1.1&usg=_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D&ved=0CDkQyjdqFQoTCJK1h6PG9MgCFUhbHgodCRcIFg&ei=CdA4VtKMEsi2eYmuoLAB#imgsrc=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%3A&usg=_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D
- **“I Love to Write” Day:** Write today – a poem, email, journal entry, newsletter.... Enjoy!
- **Recycling Day – pretty self-explanatory!** Think globally; act locally
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Karr (6)
- **Dads' Club Mtg:** 6-8 pm at Seilers

Wed, Nov 16 (E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 2001, the British author J.K. Rowling's star creation—bespectacled boy wizard Harry Potter—makes his big-screen debut in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.
- **TDIH:** In 1959, *The Sound of Music* debuts on Broadway. “The hills are alive....”
- **UN International Day for Tolerance:** let's practice tolerance today – everywhere.
- **Take A Hike Day:** either go for an exhilarating walk or telling someone to get lost – your choice!
- **Wrestling:** Wolves v. F'bleau

Thu, Nov 17 (B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1553, the Elizabethan Age begins when Queen Mary dies and is succeeded by her 25-year-old half-sister, Elizabeth. Will Shakespeare will be born eleven years later.



Quinton lights prayer candle at last week's assembly.

- **Homemade Bread Day:** Bake bread! A great family activity!
- **Great American Smokeout Day (3rd Thursday in Nov):** The American Cancer Society marks the 45th GAS Day today by encouraging smokers to plan to quit or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for a day — smokers take an important step towards a healthier life — one that can lead to reducing cancer risk. And let's extend this to vaping, too! Remember to remain vigilant on "pen sucking."
- **Sophomore Service Day** **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Chalmette (6)

Fri, Nov 18 (F G A B) Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 3:00 this afternoon

- **TDIH:** The Walt Disney Company gives today as Mickey's exact birth date -- the release date of *Steamboat Willie*, his debut film. Happy Birthday Mickey! Celebrate by watching a MM cartoon.
- **Swimming:** State Meet in Sulphur through Sat **Soccer:** 9th, JV & Var in Bro. Martin Tourney through Sat

Sat, Nov 19

- **TDIH:** in 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivers The Gettysburg Address which consists of only 272 words yet is considered one of the most famous speeches in history. (Can you quote the first two lines?) Actually, the whole address is worth reading – better yet, hearing. Below is a link to an audio and text version of the address (you have your choice of speakers ranging from Johnny Cash to Colin Powell to Sam Waterston. I listened to both Colin and Sam.) After reading along while listening, you will be moved. At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, I encourage you to listen to President Lincoln and pray for our country. After listening, you can then click on the link at the bottom and see a copy of Lincoln's original copy. Here's the link: <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gettysburgaddress.htm>
- **TDIH II:** On this day in 1959, Rocky & Bullwinkle -- the most famous squirrel/moose combo in history – debuted. Who can forget Boris Badenov, Natasha Fatale, Dudley Do-Right, Peabody, Sherman, and Aesop and Son? Watch an episode or two on YouTube and howl!
- **"Have a Bad Day" Day:** Believe it or not, "*Have a Bad Day*" Day was created to have people stop saying "have a good day", and replace it with "have a bad day". DO NOT celebrate this day!
- **World Toilet Day:** The World Toilet Organization (who knew?) created WTD to raise global awareness of the struggle 2.6 billion face every day without access to proper, clean sanitation. WTD also informs us of the health, emotional and psychological consequences the poor endure as a result of inadequate sanitation. Wow. It's amazing the things we take for granted. Remember this as we use this incredible device today.
- **Wrestling:** JH in Bro Martin Tourney; JV in Bulldog
- **Lacrosse:** Scrimmage at 4
- **Basketball:** 9th in Lakeshore Tournament
- **Robotics:** RoboWolves in SPS tournament

Sun, Nov 20 -- Feast of Christ the King: Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat! Christus Imperat! We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass on this special day and our other families to worship at church of choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1982, the Cal wins an improbable last-second victory over Stanford when they complete five lateral passes around members of the Cardinals' marching band, who wandered onto the field a bit early to celebrate the upset they were sure their team had won, and score a touchdown. After catching the last pass of the series, Cal careened through the confused horn section and made it safely to the end zone. Then he slammed into trombone player Gary Tyrell. (A photograph from the *Oakland Tribune* of the jubilant Moen and the terrified Tyrell in the moment just before the collision is displayed triumphantly all over Berkeley.) "The Play," as it became known remains one of the most famous in college football history. Wanna see it?

Here's a link: <http://www.topendsports.com/videos/829/sports/american-football/play-1982-california-stanford-football-game/>



Brady & his dad enjoy quality time before the junior honor roll breakfast!

Mon, Nov 21

- **TDIH:** In 1691, things were not going well in the newly found Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. I quote from Brother Donald Mouton, a Lasallian scholar: *The group of teachers founded by John Baptist de La Salle was in a precarious situation. Personal antagonisms, opposition to the Founder's work, internal problems, and fragile health that almost led to his death toward the end of 1690 posed critical questions for De La Salle as to the future of his enterprise. De La Salle decided to bind himself by vow with two other Brothers, Nicolas Vuyart and Gabriel Drolin, to establish the Society of the Christian Schools at whatever the cost might be, even if all others should abandon it. This "vow of association and union" pronounced on Nov 21, 1691, often referred to as the "heroic vow" was an act of hope at a time when the work of the early Brothers was in serious jeopardy. Today, when times seem tough, the Brothers often refer to this milestone in our history. We give thanks for the "heroic vow"! Because of it, we're still around!*

Tue, Nov 22

- **TDIH:** In 1963, at 12:30 p.m. on Elm Street in downtown Dallas, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the youngest man ever elected president, is assassinated in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., the President the 35th President of the United States was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President. Camelot

ends and America changes forever (Yes, I know that's editorializing!) Like most Baby Boomers, I can vividly recall exactly where I was when we got the news!

Mon, Nov 21 – Sun, Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Holidays! Enjoy! Note: Now that we are on Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter won't list all the many events (mostly sports – related) for this week. The newsletter also needs a break (and so do you) and, hence, won't publish next Sunday. Next edition is Sun, Nov 27. Check Plus Portals calendar for events.



Honor Roll seniors "rise up" for recognition as their names are called!

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 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 one Shadow Day left (Nov 15). Individual tours are provided on request. We count on you to spread the good news about SPS to your friends and neighbors. Shadow Day registration is on our website. **Spread the word, especially to public school families who don't know we start early.**

ATTENDANCE: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

BLOOD DRIVE:



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/c2jjdfkw?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

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.



Conlan extinguishes prayer candle at assembly.

CALENDAR FOR 23 -24 – **NEXT YEAR!** We have completed our calendar for next year.

Believe it or not, people are already asking! Barring any unforeseen emergencies, here are the important dates:

Fri - Mon, Aug 4 & 7	Teacher Meetings
Tues, Aug 8	Teacher Prep Day
Wed, Aug 9	School Opens with full day of instruction (one day before public schools)
Thu, Aug 24	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 25	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Sep 04	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 06	Fall Break Holiday
Fri, Oct 13	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Sat, Oct 28	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon, Nov 06	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students) (tentative)
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Fri – Fri, Mar 29 – Apr 05	Easter Holidays
Mon-Thu, Apr 29 – May 02	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 16	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 18	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Fri – Wed, May 17 - 22	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Thu, May 23	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
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DAD’S CLUB: Dads Club meeting Tuesday night (11/15) from 6-8 at the Seiler Bar next to the Tap Room. All SPS dads are welcome!

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.

DRUG TESTING: Please speak with your son – especially as we go on Thanksgiving holiday. 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....

FALL FOOD DRIVE: The annual Fall Food Drive to benefit the Northshore Food begins Tuesday, November 8th and runs through 8am on Friday, November 18th. Saint Paul's is one of the largest supporters of the Northshore Food Bank, and our assistance is relied upon to help members of our community remain food-secure through the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Most needed items are canned beans, canned peas, canned ravioli, corn muffin mix, and oatmeal. For more items identified as "most needed," you can find that list [here](#). Thank you for your support.

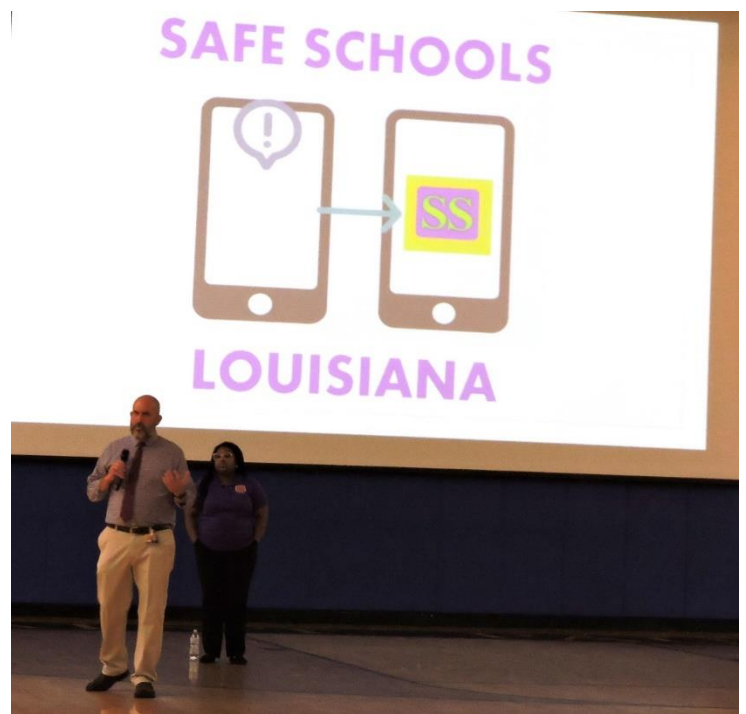
HELPING SPS: Don't forget – If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase! We also collect Box Tops for Education (have your son bring them to his math teacher) and we receive a portion of sales from Amazon Prime. These are painless ways to help SPS.

HOLIDAYS: **School offices will be closed during the Thanksgiving holidays.** Anticipate needs before Friday – especially the new form for a driver's license or a transcript. I will be around, if needed, most of the holiday week so feel free to call on me (phone or email) if you need something, but there's no guarantee I'll know how to help. Thanks for your understanding the need for the staff to have a break. They will not be responding to questions about grades, etc.

ID CARDS: **Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day.**

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.



LAST WEEK:

- **Basketball:** Hall of Fame Game on Thu went with Wolves winning!
- **Football:** Great win Fri over Holy Cross! On to north Louisiana for round 2!
- **Jon Craig's Funeral** on Sat on campus saw many friends and former students gathering to express condolences to Jon's family. Jon taught science at SPS for 31 years! May he rest in peace! Amen!
- **HR Breakfast for juniors and seniors** went well. This was my last address to the senior class, as we do something different with seniors in the second and third quarters. Thus, I gave them a review of all the vocabulary words I've used since 8th grade year – and put in Latin and Shakespeare for good measure.
- **Marching Wolves** were great Friday. Thanks, Band Boosters, for organizing this.
- **Mathletes:** 20 boarded a bus on Sat morning for competition in BR. Results to follow.
- **Senior Day with Archbishop:** The seniors were VERY cooperative! Thank you, Class of 2023!
- **Shadow Day:** All went well for our penultimate SD. Many thanks to Admissions Team for organizing!
- **Soccer:** Wolves were busy v. Ocean Springs on Sat and acquitted themselves well with wins!
- **Wrestling:** Great dual-meet win over St. Amant AND against Jesuit on Sat. Geaux, Wrestling Wolves!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: all volunteers with St. Paul's must complete safe environment training.

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: 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.



Domenic & his mom enjoy quality time before start of junior honor roll breakfast.

SENIOR PARENTS: March through the Arch pictures are in -- 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.

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. 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 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 \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](http://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 Music Hall. We hope parents will attend this program on this difficult subject.



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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

988

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



SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL PRESENTS

SUICIDE PREVENTION

A Presentation for Parents

WITH TEEN LIFE COUNT'S SPEAKER
ROBYN WILLIAMS

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30,
2022**

IN CRISIS?

National Suicide and Crisis Hotline:
988 (24/7)
VIA LINK Cope Line:
DIAL 211 (Call anytime 24/7)
Crisis Teen Text Line:
504-777-EASE (3273) (Text anytime 24/7)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

6:00 pm
New Music
Hall

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: in honor of Thanksgiving, here are my annual Thanksgiving jokes:

- *What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth Rock*
- *If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims*
- *Why can't you take a turkey to church? They use FOWL language.*
- *Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive? It had 24 carrots.*
- *What happened when the turkey got into a fight? He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*
- *What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo? A turkey that can pluck itself!*
- *Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving? A turkey, because it is always stuffed.*
- *Why did the Pilgrims sail to America in the spring? Because April showers bring Mayflowers!*
- *What did baby corn say to mama corn? Where's popcorn?*
- *If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for? Their AGE!*
- *Why do pilgrims' pants keep falling down? Because their belt buckles are on their hats!*
- *Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had the drumsticks*
- *Mother turkey to her disobedient child? "If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!"*
- *Why did the police arrest the turkey? They suspected it of fowl play*
- *What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? The turKEY*
- *What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy! I'm stuffed!*
- *What happened to the Pilgrim who was shot at by an Indian? He had an arrow escape*
- *Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"? Because they never learned good table manners!*
- *What sound does a space turkey make? A: Hubble, Hubble, Hubble!*
- *Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off!*
- *Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes - a building can't jump at all!*
- *What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus? Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving!*
- *How can you make a turkey float? You need 2 scoops of ice cream, some root beer, and a turkey!*
- *Why did the turkey join the band? Because he had drumsticks!*
- *Where did the first corn come from? The stalk brought it!*
- *How did the Mayflower show that it liked America? It hugged the shore!*

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 112th senior class!

November

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

February

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



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

March

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – Junior in-school ACT
- 8 – CDEF – President's Assembly
- 9 – GABC – Core Pack Breakfast/Late start
- 10 – DEFG – End of 3rd Quarter
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFG – SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Stadium*
- 15 – ABCD
- 16 – EFGA – late start*/5 Core Meal
- 17 – BCDE – Mass (dress uniform day)/Snack day
- 20-24 – Senior Retreats*
- 20 – FGAB
- 21 – CDEF
- 22 – GABC
- 23 – DEFG – 8th HR Breakfast
- 24 – ABCD – 9th HR Breakfast
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 29 – FGAB – 10th HR Breakfast
- 30 – CDEF – 11th HR Breakfast
- 31- GABC – 12th HR Breakfast

April

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

- 28 – GABC – Senior Exams

May

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



Student hosts write thank you notes to prospective students who attended Open House – and receive a Chick-fil-A lunch for their efforts!

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



Paula the Campus Peahen wishes you and your family a blessed and happy celebration of Thanksgiving!

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! Enough for now! **But you get a break next Sunday as the newsletter goes on Thanksgiving holiday!** Next edition is scheduled for Nov 27! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to any more since WWNO stopped broadcasting the show but I'm still LOLing over past shows on its website!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2022 - 23 edition of Saint Paul's!

I wish you and your family a blessed celebration of Thanksgiving! I give thanks daily for your being a part of Saint Paul's School in our 112th year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Giving Thanks Daily for the Privilege of Being 17th Christian Brother President / CEO of Saint Paul's School

“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99.2)



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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 Trivia Question on Nov 14: the opening line of *Moby Dick* is “Call me Ishmael.”

SPS's 15 National Merit Scholar



