



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington
342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
November 07 -13, 2022



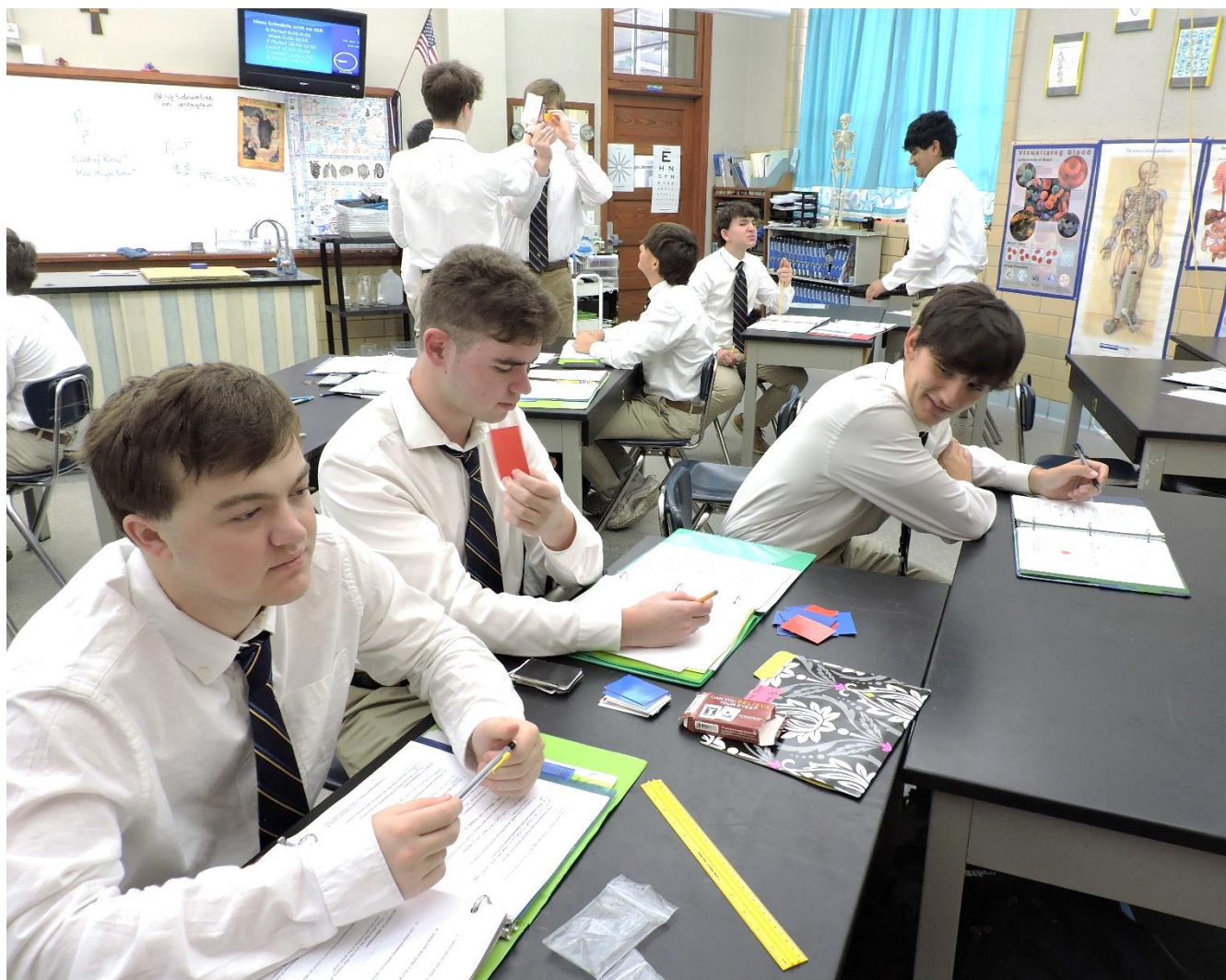
Welcome to the fifth week (can you believe it?) of the second quarter!



"Let all creation help you to praise God. When you are walking alone, listen to the sermon preached to you by the flowers, the trees, the shrubs, the sky, the sun and the whole world. Notice how they preach to you a sermon full of love, of praise of God, and how they invite you to proclaim the greatness of the one who has given them being."

–St. Paul of the Cross





Mon, Nov 7 (Archdiocesan Formation Day for Faculty; No classes for students)

- **This Day in History:** In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected to a fourth term as president.
- **Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day:** Indulge!

Tue, Nov 8 (F G A B; Senior Day with Archbishop Aymond; Election Day – Pray and then Vote!)

- **TDIH:** In 1793, the revolutionary French government opens the Louvre as a public museum. The Louvre has is one of the world’s richest collections, with artwork spanning of 11,000 years.. Spend time on The Louvre’s website (www.louvre.fr/en) to absorb some culture.
- **TDIH:** In 1892, Former president Grover Cleveland beat incumbent Benjamin Harrison and became only president to win nonconsecutive terms.
- **Abet and Aid Punsters Day:** a day to make dreadful puns. See H of the W for my contributions!
- **Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day:** Here in SE Louisiana, that’s easy to do! Enjoy!
- **Senior Day with Archbishop Aymond:** We are blessed to have an Archbishop who is deeply concerned with “the young Church.” Today, at Our Lady of the Lake, the Archbishop will host the senior classes of the four Catholic high schools in St. Tammany: Archbishop Hannan, Pope John Paul II, Saint Scholastica and Saint Paul’s. Seniors will report to school at regular time. Following announcements and roll, we will board buses for trip to OLL. The program, which includes lunch, will end at 1 pm. We will then return to SPS by bus and seniors will be allowed to leave if they have been cooperative with the morning program,
- **Basketball:** 8th grade tryouts begin

Wed, Nov 9 (C D E F – President's Assembly – Shadow Day)

- **TDIH:** In 1938, in a Holocaust foreshadowing, German Nazis terrorized Jewish people and destroyed their homes & businesses in Germany and Austria. The violence, which continued through Nov 10, was later dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," after the countless smashed windows of Jewish-owned businesses.
- **TDIH:** In 1989, the Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War.
- **Chaos Never Dies Day:** Get used to it – life is always going to be chaotic!
- **Soccer:** JV & Var at Catholic (BR)

Thu, Nov 10 (G A B C; 11th grade HR Breakfast in BAC)

- **TDIH:** In 1969, "Sesame Street," a TV show that would teach generations of children the alphabet and how to count, debuts with its memorable theme song ("Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street"), SS is the most widely viewed children's program in the world, airing in more than 120 countries.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, following the British victory at El Alamein in North Africa during WW II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."
- **TDIH:** In 1951, the first long distance phone call without operator assistance took place.
- **Tongue Twister Day:** Peter Piper and the girl selling sea shells by the seashore are child's play in comparison to what is considered, according to Guinness Book of World Records, the most difficult tongue twister in English: "The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick." Practice it!
- **USMC Day** celebrates the United States Marine Corps, created by the Continental Congress on Nov 10, 1775. We give thanks to the Marines for all of their sacrifices so that we can enjoy freedom.
- **Basketball:** Varsity v. De La Salle



Prospective families tour the new Music Hall during Open House.

Fri, Nov 11 (D E F G; 12th HRB)

- **Veterans Day – We salute and honor all who have served!**
- **TDIH:** At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, WW I ended, leaving 9 million soldiers & 5 million civilians dead and 21 million wounded. The “War to End All Wars” didn’t. We pray for all who have served our country, especially those who made "the ultimate sacrifice." We pray for an end to war.
- **TDIH:** 1620, Mayflower Compact was signed becoming the government basis for all American colonies.
- **Young Readers Day:** READ today – both the young and the young at heart!
- **Football:** It’s not official until this afternoon, but we should have a home playoff game tonight!



Kristian & Parents enjoy Honor Roll Breakfast!

Sat, Nov 12

- **TDIH:** In 2015, we celebrated Trevor and Joe’s return from Washington with our Blue-Ribbon award with a special school assembly and treats from the Mothers’ Club. It was a magical day for us!
- **TDIH:** In 1954, Ellis Island, gateway to America, closes; more than 12 million immigrants landed there .
- **TDIH:** In 1920, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is elected first baseball commissioner.
- **Pizza with the Works except Anchovies Day:** Enjoy, but hold the anchovies.
- **Soccer:** JV & Var at Ocean Springs; 8th at Jesuit
- **Robo Wolves:** RW in competition at Haynes Academy
- **Basketball:** Meet the Team (noon)
- **Funeral Liturgy for Jon A. Craig, AFSC:** 10 am visitation; 11 am funeral liturgy.

Sun, Nov 13

- **TDIH:** In 1805, Johann George Lehner, a Viennese butcher, invents the "frankfurter." Enjoy a hot dog!
- **TDIH:** In 1956, US Supreme Court rules racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.
- **TDIH:** In 1789, Ben Franklin wrote this famous phrase: **"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."** The words were the second half of a sentence he'd written in a letter his friend Jean-Baptiste Leroy. It was shortly after the United States Constitution had been ratified, and his entire sentence was this: "Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency, but in this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."
- **Kindness Day:** perform an act of kindness today – and every day!



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 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. 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/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

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.



SPS & SSA celebrate mass in Hunter Stadium on the Solemnity of All Saints.

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)
Mon-Fri, Nov 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Holidays
Fri - Wed, Dec 15-20	Semester Exams; Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
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Mon-Fri, Feb 12 -16	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Fri, Mar 8	End of Third Quarter
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
Fri, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

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. 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....

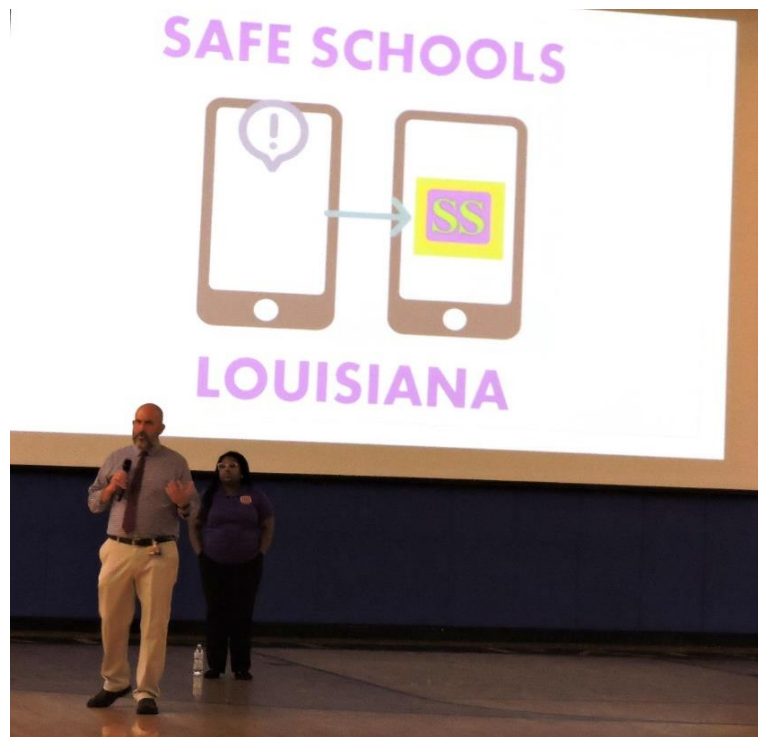
FALL FOOD DRIVE: The annual Fall Food Drive to benefit the Northshore Food begins Tuesday, November 8th and runs through 8am on Friday, November 18th. Saint Paul's is one of the largest supporters of the Northshore Food Bank, and our assistance is relied upon to help members of our community remain food-secure 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.

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

- **All Saints Day Mass:** Thanks to all who helped, especially Jeff Ramon.
- **Cross Country:** 5th in Regionals! Congrats!
- **Dia de los Muertos:** Thanks to Spanish Dept, especially Liz, for keeping this meaningful tradition alive.
- **First Friday Adoration:** Thanks to the Religion Dept for continuing this important Catholic devotion.
- **Football:** BIG wins over F'bleau by 9th, JV & Varsity! Congrats! On to the playoffs!
- **HR Breakfasts** went well. Physical Plant crew did a masterful job in setting up, the Development Team did a masterful job in arranging for food. Thanks, too, to SPS parent Rick Gonzales, proprietor of Chick-fil-A.
- **Marching Wolves:** Kudos to the MWs for an outstanding football season!
- **Soccer:** A successful Meet the Team set the stage for a successful season. Geaux Soccer Wolves!
- **Tennis:** Wolves bested defending state champ Catholic, 4-1 last week. Geaux tennis wolves!
- **Swimming:** We competed in regionals but I don't have results. I am sure Aqua Wolves did well!

- **Wolf Packs:** A timely topic with good discussion in my WP!
- **Ultimate Frisbee:** Inclement weather caused cancellation of this much anticipated match!
- **Wrestling:** Congrats to Matt & Wrestling Wolves on their big win (62-12), beating Mandeville. Wow!

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: *"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 -- 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. 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 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 Music Hall. We hope parents will attend this program on this difficult subject.



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



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

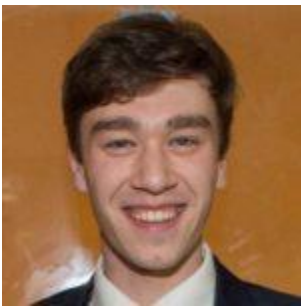


Come back to your alma mater and make a difference in a student's life while earning \$12 per hour!

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK, NOV 6 - 12: To follow up on Tuesday's Pack Time, National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the US dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Former Brother General Robert Schieler, FSC, wrote in a 2017 letter, *as Lasallians, we need to invite young people to, "come and tell us where they find community, what gives the deepest meaning to their lives, what causes and concerns move them to action, and where they meet God in their lives?"* Here is the Brothers' Vocation Website: <https://brothersvocation.org/>

WEEKLY HUMOR: Abet a Punster Day may have come and gone, but the puns remain:

1. *What do you call a pile of kittens? A meowtain.*
2. *Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.*
3. *What's a writing utensil's favorite place to go on vacation? Pencil-vania!*
4. *Where do beef burgers go to dance? The meatball.*
5. *What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.*
6. *Want to hear a roof joke? The first one's on the house*
7. *What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.*
8. *What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.*
9. *What did Mr. and Mrs. Hamburger name their daughter? Patty!*
10. *What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.*
11. *Why are teddy bears never hungry? Because they're always stuffed.*
12. *What do you call a group of friends who love math? AlgeBROS.*
13. *Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.*
14. *There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of you will get this.*



W O F E: At this time of year, I re-read alum John Cresson's (Class of 2016) talk at our Blue-Ribbon assembly seven years ago this week. John has since graduated from Notre Dame and is employed in the financial world of New York. His words are equally true today. I re-read it in honor of the seven-year anniversary of our first Blue-Ribbon School award – which expired last year! But we have another one to take its place! John's words are still outstanding and worth a reread.

Today we mark a milestone in our storied 104-year history. Today, we celebrate an award that was not made to us as individuals, but, rather, to us as a community. It is not something we have, like a presidential scholar, or a national merit finalist, but something we are. We are a national Blue-Ribbon School. It is something that we can all take pride in, because we all contributed to it, students and faculty alike. This is an award that serves to memorialize our past, celebrate the present, and propel us into the future.

This blue ribbon remembers all the hard work of the Christian Brothers and lay teachers of the past who established the foundation of this school, a foundation which all those who have followed have only solidified and built upon. It remembers the thousands of students, now proud alumni, who have walked these beautiful grounds and have helped make St. Paul's what it is today. They set academic precedents, created new clubs and sports, and established the traditions that we now hold dear to our hearts.

This accolade celebrates where we stand today. It celebrates the hard work of the administrators whose drive and vision have grown and transformed St. Paul's into the exemplary school that we have come to experience. It celebrates the dedication of our current teachers who help us students to grow not only academically, but also, and more importantly, as men of God. I believe that it is due to the hard work and caring attitudes of the teachers that we have reason to celebrate in this assembly center. Lastly, this award celebrates us, the current students of St. Paul's whose different passions and talents and characteristics have created a diverse, intellectual, friendly, encouraging, and brotherly environment. I have no doubt that this environment contributed greatly to us receiving this award.

Finally, this award propels us into the future. We do not stop to celebrate, but celebrate as we begin because with this achievement, we turn the page and begin to pen a new chapter in St. Paul's history. A chapter in which years from now the halls will be crowded with students, where teachers push their students to work harder and to go further and to continue to reach for the stars, and where students are state champions in math and football alike. The possibilities are endless, but amidst this change, amidst this progress, the mission of St. Paul's endures. As a student (and faculty member I'm sure) it is truly an exciting time to be at St. Paul's. It is exciting to remember and glorify the past. It is exciting to celebrate and live in the present. And it is exciting to consider the future. It is truly exciting to say with pride and passion that we are a National Blue-Ribbon School.

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

- 7 – Archdiocesan Formation Day for Faculty (no classes)
- 8 – FGAB - Arch Day(no classes for seniors)*
- 9 – CDEF - President's Assembly/Shadow Day (Wed.)
- 10 – GABC -11th HR Breakfast
- 11 – DEFG - 12th HR Breakfast
- 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

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



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

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

May

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

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

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 17th Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul's

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

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



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

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SPS's 15 National Merit Scholar

