



The Weekly **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter
Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington
342 Years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
March 20-26, 2023



Welcome to the 2nd week of the 4th Quarter and the third week of Lent.

LENT: I invite you to access the Archdiocese of New Orleans website link to Lenten resources.

<https://nolacatholic.org/lent>

Schedule of Events for Next Week:

Mon, March 20 (FGAB)

- Mass – Feast of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Institute of the Christian Brothers
- Dress Uniform
- Senior Retreat
- Basketball End-of-Season Awards and Banquet 5:30 Wolf Dom
- 8th Baseball v. John Curtis – 4:00 pm, Heap Field
- Bowling – Boys Upper Bracket at Creole Lanes, Houma
- 9th/JV Baseball 4&6:30 pm at Northshore HS
- Stuff the Bus kick-off

Tues, March 21 (CDEF)

- Soccer Banquet 6:30 - BAC
- Senior Retreat
- Golf 2:30 pm Tchefuncte CC
- Tennis v.Br. Martin 3:00 pm – PAC
- Bowling – Lower bracket at Bowl -for – Lanes, Kenner
- JV Outdoor Track and Field – Mandeville High
- V Baseball v. DeLaSalle 6:00 – Heap Field

Wed, March 22 (GABC)

- Senior Retreat
- Golf, 2:30 pm at Oak Harbor CC, Slidell
- 8th Baseball at 4:30 – Heap Field

Thurs, March 23 (DEFG)

- 8th HR Breakfast - BAC
- Senior Retreat
- JH Outdoor Track and Field at Strawberry Relays – SLU
- 9th Baseball v. Lakeshore 5:30 – Heap Field

Fri, March 24 (ABCD)

- Lacrosse v. Jesuit – Hunter Stadium
- 9th HR Breakfast in BAC
- Senior Retreat
- V Outdoor Track and Field at Ponchatoula High
- JV Baseball at Rummel – 4:30

Sat, March 25

- Powerlifting at State Championships – Cajun Dome, Lafayette
- ACT Prep Class, LaSalle Hall Rm. L201
- V Baseball at Brother Martin

Sun, March 26

This Day in History: And just in case you were missing the important events in history that occurred this week, Brother Javier has compiled the list. I've kept them separate for those of you who already knew these facts (not me) or who just wanted the school information for this week. If so, just skip past the list. Thanks Brother Javier.

March 20th

TDIH: American country music singer Kenny Rogers died on this day in 2020. Some of his top hits include *Lady* and *The Gambler*. He died at the age of 81.

TDIH: Harriet Beecher Stowe published *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in 1852. An anti-slavery novel, her work had a major impact changing people's perspective of African Americans leading up to the American Civil War.

TDIH: Sir Isaac Newton, one of the most influential figures of the scientific revolution, died on this day in 1727.

March 21st

TDIH: The US federal prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay closed this day in 1963. Over the years some of the most dangerous civilian criminals spent time here including Al Capone.

TDIH: Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey sent the first public tweet in 2006.

TDIH: President Jimmy Carter said the US would be boycotting the Olympic Games in the Soviet Union to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1980.

TDIH: Mexican national hero Benito Juarez was born on this day in Oaxaca, Mexico in 1806.

TDIH: German composer Johann Sebastian Bach, who is generally considered the greatest composer of all time, was born on this day in 1685.

March 22nd

TDIH: In 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act. This placed taxes on various printed papers in the US colonies. Although eventually repealed, this led to the phrase, "No Taxation without Representation," and sparked the American Revolution.

TDIH: The Augusta National Golf Club hosted the first Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia in 1934.

TDIH: Ann Hutchinson was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony because of her liberal religious beliefs and helped found the colony of Rhode Island.

March 23rd

TDIH: Having completed the first US Overland expedition, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began their journey back home to St. Louis in 1806. Their journey began in 1804.

TDIH: The Suez Canal was blocked for six days in 2021 when a mega-freighter ran aground. The Suez Canal is one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

TDIH: In 1997, James Cameron's *Titanic* won 11 Academy Awards tying the record set by *Ben-Hur* back in 1959.

TDIH: Elisha Otis installs the first commercial elevator in a New York department store in 1857.

TDIH: Patrick Henry, a major figure of the American Revolution, delivered his famous speech where he said, "Give me liberty or give me death," in 1775.

March 24th

TDIH: A vocal critic of political oppression in El Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating mass in 1980. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018.

TDIH: Peyton Manning was born on this day in New Orleans in 1976. He is considered one of the greatest Football Quarterbacks and still holds the record for most passing touchdowns and most passing yards in a season.

TDIH: James VI of Scotland ascended to the throne after the death of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603. He became James I.

March 25th

TDIH: Robert the Bruce wins key battles against the English establishing Scottish independence and is crowned king in 1306.

TDIH: Sir Elton John, British singer, was born on this day in 1947.

TDIH: According to tradition, the city of Venice was established on this day in 451.

March 26th

TDIH: American politician, Nancy Pelosi, who was the first female Speaker of the US House of Representatives was born on this day in 1940.

TDIH: Vladimir Putin was elected president of Russia on this day in 2000. He had previously been a Russian intelligence officer.

TDIH: Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the US Supreme Court, was born on this day in 1930 in El Paso Texas.

TDIH: Tennessee Williams, famous American dramatist and author of *A Streetcar Named Desire* was born on this day in 1911 in Columbus, Mississippi.

TDIH: Famous American poet Robert Frost was born on this day in 1874 in San Francisco, CA.

Compiled by Brother Javier Hansen, FSC



General Information and Recognitions:

RE-REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS FOR 2023 - 24: Re-registration for 2023-2024 was due on January 20 for current 8th-grade students and on February 17 for current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. If you missed the due date but plan to re register your son, please get your form and \$300 fee in ASAP so that we can complete our registration process for next year. A secure drop box is available next to the administration building door for after-hours drop offs. If you do not intend to re register your son, please let us know so that we can offer those spots to other prospective students. Thanks.

SPS/SSA CHALLENGE: Our annual Challenge versus SSA was held on Tuesday, March 14, at 1:00 PM. While SSA emerged victorious in the overall competition, a good time was had by all. Thanks to the Student Councils of both schools for organizing the challenge.



Aiden Freret, appropriately arriving on his electric chariot (compliments of Wolves on Wheels Club), and Julia Case, and Kay Kergosian in her NASSA suit, kick off Challenge 2023



Students cheer on the SPS team!



Student Council officers Left to Right: Carter Plaisance, Kaiden Klebba, Payton Kilgore, Grant Voyles, Ben Barousse, Mason Scwall, Jacob Strecker, jackson Short, Sam Gold, Ross Bieber, and Peter Verges

15 STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS:

Congratulations to our 15 fantastic scholars recognized by the National Merit Corporation as National Merit Scholars. Peter Verges, Sam Gold, Nicholas Achee, John Palmer, Keegan Burrell, Sean Roberts and Jack Keller were named National Merit Finalists. Jackson Hadskey, Riley Hidalgo, Evan Leaber, Nikola Plazinic and Ethan Wilson were named Commended Scholars and Peter Verges, Preston Tate, Vincent Ruiz, Riley Hidalgo, Dominic and Ethan Wilson were named Hispanic Commended Students.



*National Merit **Finalists** Below from left to right: Peter Verges, Sam Gold, Nicholas Achee, John Palmer, Keegan Burrell, Sean Roberts and Jack Keller*



LACROSSE UPDATE: Saint Paul's varsity played two games this weekend against Byrd and Captain Shreve. In the Byrd game Saint Paul's was leading 10-3 prior to their coach causing the referees to suspend the game. On Saturday Saint Paul's beat Captain Shreve 14-5. Both teams played very well, however, Saint Paul's just seemed to be clicking on all cylinders. The team was led by Trevor Flood, Deke Carpenter, and Ben Vining. The team is now 2-0 in district play and possibly even 3-0 depending on what the league decides to do regarding the Byrd game. This would mean that we are tied with Catholic High for the number one spot in the state.

Saint Paul's Junior Varsity/ Varsity 2 team played against Archbishop Rummel this weekend. They came out on top 13-2. This is the team's first district win putting them at 1-1 on the year in district and 2-1 overall. Vincent Cruise led the team and rose to every occasion that the coaching staff asked.

The freshman team traveled to Catholic High to play in their second tournament of the year. They were hit with the injury bug and struggled to dominate as they did last weekend. The team lost to Saint Thomas More 8-1 and Brother Martin 9-1. This puts the freshman at 2-2 for the year.

This week Saint Paul's will be traveling to Catholic High. The varsity will be playing at 4pm on Friday. This game will determine who is the number 1 seed in the league as well as be our first major test in state competition. The JV team will play Catholic High on Saturday at 1 pm. Our freshman team is off this weekend as they prepare to host the freshman four tournament the following week.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CLUB: From Mr. Pichon, Moderator: *On March 11, 7 awesome guys showed up and worked so hard that we finished early. A new house is in the very early stages and we needed to smooth out the ground. We took shovels and spread the red clay that was piled up where the foundation was recently built. Then we unloaded 3 truckloads of sand to spread on top of the red clay which made it smoother. What we did prepared the way for college students who arrive Monday (March 13) to spend their spring break helping others.*



SPS boys spreading some red clay and love of neighbor.

I am most impressed by and proud of our boys who show up on Saturdays to share their skill and labor for those in need. Thanks, Mr. Pichon, for giving your time in this worthy cause.



In the group picture from left to right: Joey Mire, Club Vice President Nicholas Achee, Jacob Trosclair, Talon Boudreaux, Christian Lueg, Evan Leaber, Keegan Burrell and me in front. We worked from 8:30 to 11am. Our next work day is April 15th.



PRECIOUS NEW ARRIVAL: Congratulations to Jeff Drivon and his wife Aimee on the birth of their adoptive baby boy, George Edmond David Drivon. We look forward to welcoming George to campus and enrolling him in the class of '41.

GOLF: SPS golfers celebrate their first-place result at the Northshore Golf League Match Money Hill Country Club on March 16.

L to r: Bennett LaNasa, Maerek Barberito, Nick Kelsey, Joshua Achord, Ben Chiasson, Seth Gardener



LOUISIANA PRESS ASSOCIATION (LSPA) CONFERENCE: Congratulations to Mr. Guarisco’s journalism students and Mr. Pereira’s media students who visited the Manship School of Mass Communication at LSU (their alma maters) to attend the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association (LSPA) Conference. This is like the state championship of media!

Saint Paul’s journalism team, “The Paper Wolf,” placed 1st or 2nd in 9/10 writing categories.

- **Banks Neitzschman ('23) won 1st Place for Best Personal Column** for his column “The Case Against the MCU.”
- **Shawn Cooney ('24) won 1st Place for Editorial Writing** for his column “Forever in Our Hearts: William Cooper.”
- **Sam Gold ('23) won 1st Place for Sports Season Preview** for his column “Saint Paul’s Soccer 2022-23 Season Preview.”
- **Ethan Stenger ('23) won 1st Place for Best Feature** for his column “Creating the Movie ‘Where the Crawdads Sing.’”

- **Ethan Stenger ('23) won 1st Place** for **Best Sports Feature** for his column “How Tua Tagovailoa’s Concussions Forced the NFL to Modify Its Concussion Protocols.”
- **Nicholas Beaumont ('23) won 1st Place for Best Headline and Best Tournament Coverage** for his column: “Saint Paul’s Marching Wolves Tame the Covington Lions!”
- **Nicholas Beaumont ('23) won 2nd Place for Best News Story** for his column: “Saint Paul’s Students Donate 10,200 Pounds of Food to Northshore Food Bank.”
- As a team, *The Paper Wolf* won **1st Place** for **Best Overall Newspaper** and **Best News Website**.

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Mr. Pereira’s Broadcast Class earned **3rd Place** in Best Overall Broadcast and placed in the following categories:

Honorable Mention - News Story: “Monkeypox & Ukraine”

1st Place - Skit/Narrative/Short Film: “Part of the Game”

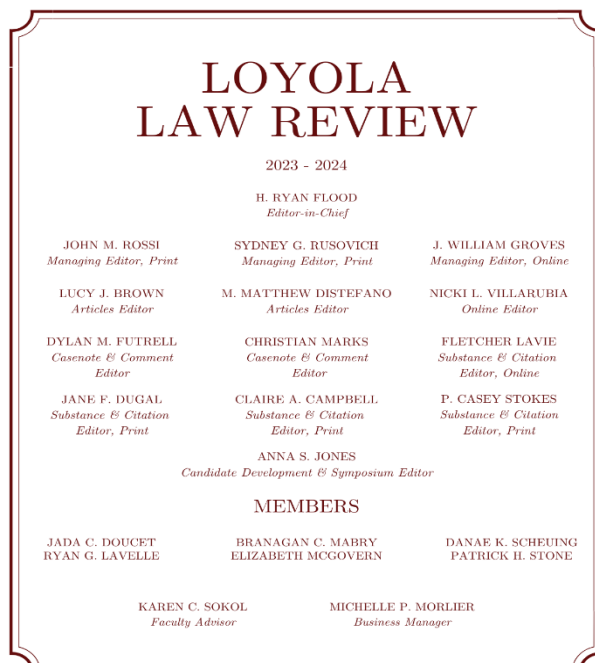
2nd Place - Skit/Narrative/Short Film: “I’m It”

1st Place - Videography: “The Deal”

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The Journalism and Broadcast teams combined to win 1st Place in Best Overall Media Sweepstakes, which was a sum total of all awards in all categories and mediums.

I invite everyone to visit this outstanding student publication at <https://thepaperwolf.com/> . Their writing puts my (not Brother Ray’s) newsletter to shame!

LOYOLA LAW REVIEW: Speaking of publications, congratulations to Dylan Futrell '07 and Ryan Flood '07 who were named Casenote and Comment Editor and Editor-in-Chief, respectively, of the Loyola Law Review. Both were outstanding writers during their time at St. Paul’s.



WRESTLING: Congratulations to Coach Matt Pinero and his wrestlers on the numerous honors received on the All-Parish Wrestling team. The NOLA.com article is linked below.

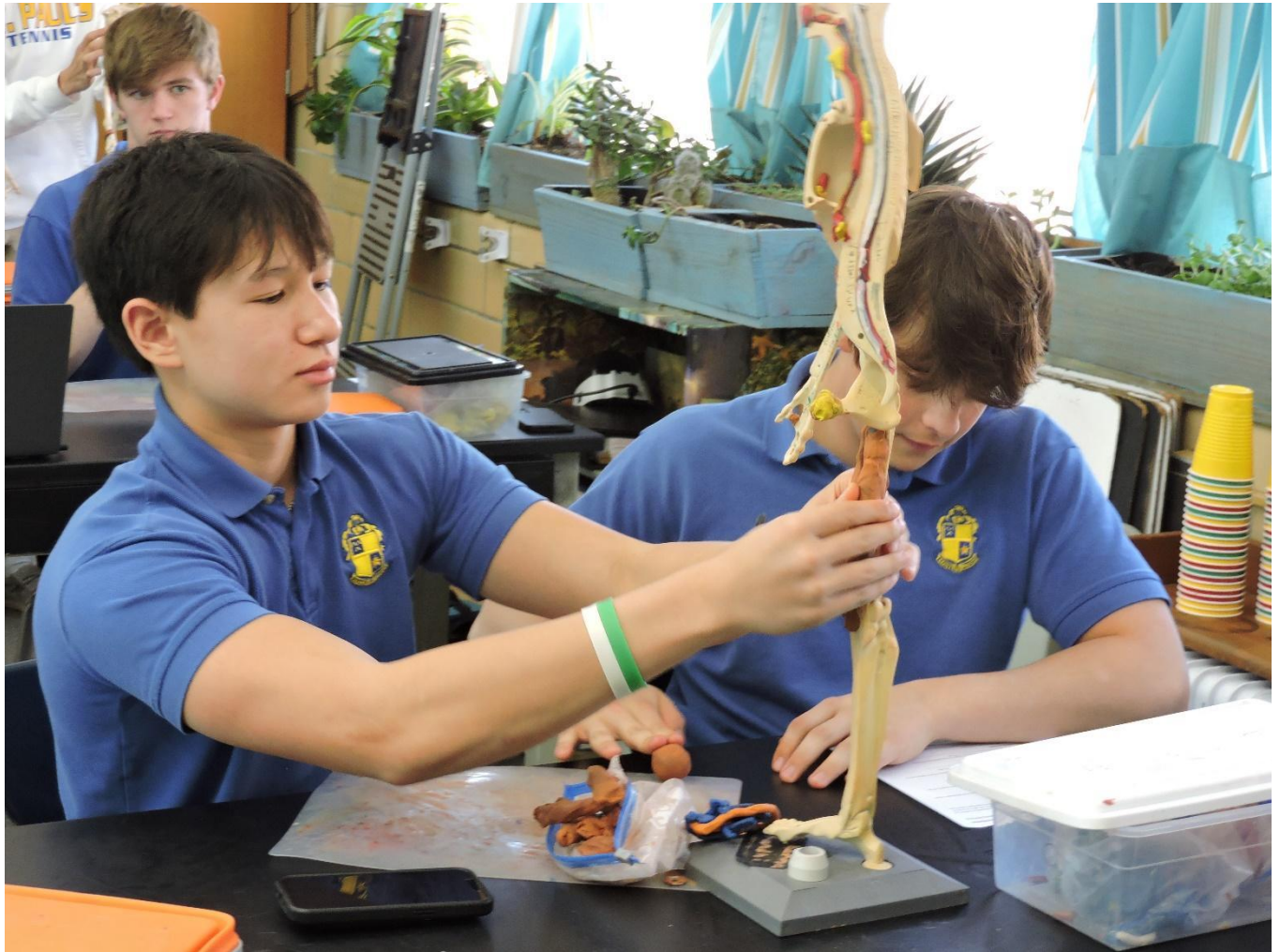
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Roman Fouchi and Connor Parchman synthesize polyester while Johnny Palmer leads his lab group in the production of nylon. Both activities were part of the investigation of polymers in Mrs. Duplantier's Chemistry II class.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: From Ms. Tammy Freeman: PLTW Human Body System students William Landers and Miguel Menendez focused on skeletal muscles in this lesson. By building the clay muscles on the Maniken®, students begin to see that how a muscle is structured is directly related to its particular function in the body. In pairs, they followed instructions to build the muscles of the chest

and various other muscle groups on their model. In later lessons, they will begin to relate muscle structure to the exercises we choose to tone and strengthen particular muscle groups. SPS students can expand their knowledge of joints and movement while investigating just how it is that muscle is able to pull on bone in this interactive activity. Manikin building is one the students' favorite part of the curriculum.



CRAWFISH COOK-OFF: The Crawfish Cook-off is a charitable event presented by Saint Paul's Alumni Association. The purpose of this event is to raise funds for both Hope House of Saint Tammany and Saint Paul's Alumni Association while providing an entertaining event for all to enjoy. It allows for a good-natured competition for those in the community who wish to prove they cook the best boiled crawfish! Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm on Saint Paul's beautiful campus in conjunction with Reunion Weekend. Please contact Al Nastasi, Alumni Director, at 985-892-3200 ext 1971 for more information.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR: Our Lady of the Lake needs volunteers (students and parents) to help prepare and host its St. Joseph's altar. Students will receive service hours, and the time and dates are as follows: March 19 (9-4).

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH GUEST SPEAKER: MQP Parish has asked us to spread the word about Brian Butler, a nationally renowned speaker, who will be presenting on March 20 at 6:30 pm.

LUNCH DROP-OFF (there is no such thing): For the safety of everyone on campus we insist that you do not pull onto campus to drop off lunch for your son. This is against school policy. We do not allow ANYTHING at ANYTIME to be dropped off without checking into the office first. If your son forgets his lunch and needs to purchase a cafeteria meal, have him see me if he needs to borrow a few bucks for a meal.

SUMMER CAMPS: Summer sports camp registration is now open. Please help us get the word out regarding our quality athletic programs for boys ages 8-14:

<https://www.stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp/>.



KHAN ACADEMY: A great New Year's Resolution! Preparation for success in classes and on standardized testing is a marathon, not a sprint. DAILY practice is ideal, starting in 8th grade. MANY materials (often free!) are available. Here is a good one: the Khan Academy. Khan Academy has a wealth of free prep in various subjects from math to social studies to standardized and AP testing. It grows each year and has turned into an incredible free resource. Encourage your sons to use it regularly. Here is the link:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

AFTER SCHOOL: The Library remains open to students until 4 pm. If your son is looking for a comfortable place to wait for his ride and get a jump on his homework, this is a good option for him.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM: The Junior/Senior Prom will be held Saturday, April 1, from 7:30 until 10:30 PM in the Briggs Assembly Center. Students will receive a link to order tickets and to complete behavior agreements by March 1. Only one female guest is allowed per male student, and they must enter the dance together. The dance is open to Saint Paul's Juniors and Seniors and their dates only. Please consult the dress code when making preparations:

PROM ATTIRE/DRESS: Attire should be suitable for a Catholic high school function: For males, tuxedo is the norm, but not necessary. Suits are acceptable. Jackets may be removed, but students are to remain fully dressed throughout the dance. For females, **dresses must be full-length**. Slits in dresses may be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Dresses may not have a low, open back. There should be no cutouts, openings, or low cut, revealing necklines. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes. **Shoes are to be worn at all times.**

ATTENDANCE: Please follow all SPS attendance regulations in the Student-Parent Handbook and make Mrs. Suzy's job as easy as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. The State of Louisiana limits the number of days a student may miss and still receive credit. Saint Paul's adheres to these regulations. **Please do not allow your sons to miss school for less than very serious reasons.**

BOOK STORE: All school supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel.

Hours?

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am and 11:00 – 12:30
- By appointment. Email spsbookstore16@gmail.com
- All proceeds from the bookstore are used for the benefit of our students!

ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have responded. For clarity, I offer the following: · Almost all private schools conduct annual funds; many are high-pressure; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressure. · The Annual Fund funds tactical, short-term projects, e.g., technology, special programs, etc. The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation, the \$4.5 million new gym, the \$4 million Benilde Hall renovation and now the \$2.5 million band building.)

- · You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. WONDERFUL!
- · Gifts of stock are welcome.
- · No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small! What’s important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- · If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund to increase participation?
- · Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS: We are blessed with many supportive grandparents. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. Again, I do it differently than other schools that directly solicit grandparents. I ask that you inform your son’s grandparents or, if you want, I’ll be happy to send them the information directly if you wish. Just provide me with the information. I do not want to ask grandparents without your consent but we need their support. I have already received a number of grandparent gifts. Again, no gift is too small – and, of course, no gift is too large.

CALENDAR FOR SPRING SEMESTER:

Mar 20-24 Senior Retreat
Fri – Fri Apr 07 – 14 Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 17 Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 26 – 28 Senior Final Exams
Thurs, May 11 Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30)
Sat, May 13 Senior Graduation (4 pm) in the BAC
Thurs – Tues, May 18-23 Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Wed, May 24 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Thurs, May 25 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING: Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.

DRIVING: I call the following to your attention:

- **Driver's License Requirement:** You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.

- **Safe Driving:** Parents –let's set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

HELPING SAINT PAUL'S: Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.

LOST & FOUND: Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Stress with your sons to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside the Attendance Office.

MARCH THROUGH THE ARCH PICTURES FOR SENIORS ARE IN: Expressions Photography did an outstanding job in producing the pics, which are in the Administration Building and may be picked up during business hours. Your son may pick up his pic with a note from you. We do this as in the past, some seniors got the pics and left them in book bags or back car seats and the pics never made it home.

FREE BAND/ATHLETIC PHYSICALS: Free Athletic/Band physicals are scheduled for 7:30 am on May 6th at **AVALA Ortho, 1200 Pinnacle Parkway, Covington, LA.** A current physical is required for all athletes and band members. Contact Ms. Claire for more information clairec@stpauls.com

TUTORING: Tutoring offered by National Honor Society members is underway and occurs every day at lunch in Mrs. Pool's room in La Salle Hall for the remainder of the school year. All students are welcome to utilize this free tutoring service. Essay proofreading services are also provided. It is not embarrassing to go for tutoring! NHS members have been working with peers since August!

UNIFORM SHIRTS: We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have khaki pants available – all for the taking.

SLOW YOUR ROLL. This week is the two-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 the last 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 students whenever possible. And please set a good example yourself!



VAPING: Unfortunately, vaping is on the rise, even among our students. The health message is clear: there are too many unknowns in vaping for it to be considered safe – especially for the young (who, unfortunately, all too often ignore the warnings of science.) **Please stress this with your sons.** We have made our position very clear – it is prohibited and strong consequences are imposed if it is discovered. But we can't police outside of school – parents, **PLEASE insist with your sons that the dangers of this trend are not worth the risk. Have these important conversations.** Do not allow him to become addicted. We have made too much progress in this area to go backwards.

PROFILE OF A SAINT PAUL'S ALUMNUS: A few years ago, then Assistant Principal Mr. Dickens led the effort to compose the following Profile of a Saint Paul's Alumnus. It's worth a look. We hope you agree that this is what we hope for your sons upon graduation.

Profile of a Saint Paul's Alumnus

The Saint Paul's alumnus lives the Five Core Principles which are the cornerstone of Lasallian Education:

Quality Education
Concern for the Poor and Social Justice
Inclusive Community
Respect for All Persons
Faith in the Presence of God

The Saint Paul's alumnus has garnered educational experiences that will help him move more seamlessly into adulthood. Because he understands that learning never ceases, he will continue to grow intellectually throughout his life.

The Saint Paul's alumnus understands service to his community and beyond. He willingly gives his time for the betterment of others, namely the marginalized. Furthermore, he champions social justice because he believes in the dignity of all persons.

The Saint Paul's alumnus advocates for equity and equality to encourage building a community that is unapologetically inclusive.

The Saint Paul's alumnus looks at the world and its citizens through an unbiased lens. He is respectful of all persons and sees the unity that must exist in diversity.

The Saint Paul's alumnus has grown in his faith and models not only being a disciple of Christ but also a Lasallian who understands the never-ending spiritual journey that he has just begun. He will always acknowledge and celebrate the Holy Presence of God.

All in all, the Saint Paul's alumnus is a Lasallian man of faith who embodies the Five Core Principles and continues to mature intellectually, spiritually, and morally beyond commencement and habitually exhibits integrity and dependability as he does the ordinary extraordinarily well.

BROTHER RAY: Brother Ray continues his battle against cancer under the care of the staff at the retirement community here at St. Paul's and his excellent team of doctors. I visit with him daily and he continues to offer advice and counsel that I value. He asks about the students and staff all the time and follows the updates on the events at school. He asks me to thank everyone for their notes of encouragement, emails and especially your prayers. On Monday Brother will have his fourth (and hopefully his last) chemotherapy treatment. Please keep him in your prayers, especially on Monday and the rest of next week as he recovers from the effects of the chemo.

THE LAST WORD: For those of you looking for a Lasallian perspective on Lent, I offer a reflection from Brother George Van Grieken, FSC, entitled *From Here to Eternity*, which I found to be instructive and encouraging. It can be found at the following link:
<https://lasallianresources.org/news/lasallian-reflection-march-2019-from-here-to-eternity/>
 Brother George is often my go-to source for resources on all things Lasallian. I encourage you to

browse the site associated with this reflection.

If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Live Jesus in our Hearts.....Forever!

Trevor Watkins, AFSC



Next Year's Calendar:

Saint Paul's School 2023 - 2024 Calendar

Fri - Mon, Aug 4 & 7	Teacher Meetings
Tues, Aug 8	Teacher Prep Day
Wed, Aug 9	School Opens with full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 21	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 24	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 25	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 28	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 04	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 06	Fall Break Holiday
Fri, Oct 13	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 13	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
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
Mon, Nov 27	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri - Wed, Dec 15-20	Semester Exams
Wed, Dec 20	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Wed, Jan 03	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 15	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 05	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 09	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)

Mon-Fri, Feb 12 -16	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 19	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 8	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Mar 29 – Apr 05	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 08	Classes resume from 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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In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.