

The Weekly Newsletter Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington 342 Years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world May 1-7



Welcome to the 7th week of the 4th Quarter.

Schedule of Events for Next Week:

Mon, May 1 (DEFG) – No Mass Today Memorial Service for Brother Ray – 6:30 pm in BAC

Tues, May 2(ABCD) Golf at State Tournament – Lafayette

Wednesday, May 3 (EFGA)

Golf at State Tournament – Lafayette Track and Field Family Banquet

Thurs, May 4 (BCDE) – 9:00 Late Start

Rugby parent meeting, LaSalle Hall, 6:30 pm

Fri, May 5 (FGAB)

Lacrosse Semi-Finals 8th Grade Exams begin Alumni Fishing Rodeo

Sat, May 6

Free Athletic/Band Physicals, at Avala Ortho Alumni Fishing Rodeo Track and Field State Meet Lacrosse Championships Band Concert – 2:00 in BAC

Sun, May 7

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.

May 1st

TDIH: Rickey Henderson surpassed Lou Brock's MLB stolen bases record in 1991. He would steal 1,406 bases in his career.

TDIH: Francis Gary Powers who worked for the CIA is shot down and taken captive while on a reconnaissance flight over the Soviet Union in 1960. This became known as the U-2 incident.

TDIH: The Empire State Building was opened in New York City in 1931. For four decades it was the tallest building in the world.

TDIH: The Battle of Manila Bay was the final battle of the Spanish-American War which resulted in United States control over the Philippines in 1898.

May 2nd

TDIH: Osama bin Laden, founder of al-Qaeda and mastermind of the September 11th Attacks, was killed by US forces in Pakistan in 2011.

TDIH: The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803. It consisted of 828,000 square miles of which the United States paid about 3 cents per acre.

TDIH: The King James Version of the Bible was first published in 1611. It was considered the standard English translation of the Bible from the 17th century to the 20th century.

TDIH: Henry VIII's second wife Anne Boleyn was committed to the Tower of London and eventually beheaded on charges of adultery in 1536.

May 3rd

TDIH: Margaret Thatcher was elected first female Prime Minister of Great Britain and also the first woman in Europe to hold the post in 1979.

TDIH: Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica which he named Santiago in 1494.

May 4th

TDIH: An anti-vietnam protest at Kent State University resulted in four unarmed students being shot and killed by the Ohio National Guard in 1970.

TDIH: The first Grammy Awards were presented in 1959. Some of the first winners included Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, and the Kingston Trio.

TDIH: The Battle of Chancellorsville takes place in Northern Virginia which resulted in the death of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, one of the South's greatest generals in 1863.

May 5th

TDIH: In 1862, Mexico repelled French forces at the Battle of Puebla. Although Mexican forces would lose the war, this victory became a symbol of resistance to foreign intervention.

TDIH: English Pop Singer Adele was born on this day in 1988.

TDIH: Alan Shepard, Jr. became the first American Astronaut to travel in space in 1961.

TDIH: A Japanese balloon bomb exploded killing six Americans out for a picnic in Oregon in 1945.

These were the only deaths in the continental United States during World War II.

TDIH: Cy Young pitching for the Boston Americans (later Red Sox) recorded the first perfect game in 1904.

May 6th

TDIH: The Hindenburg which was traveling across the Atlantic Ocean crashed while landing in New Jersey in 1937. 36 of the 97 passengers on board were killed.

TDIH: South African-born entrepreneur Elon Musk founded Space X which has helped usher in the era of commercial spaceflight in 2002.

TDIH: Steve Jobs introduced the highly successful iMac personal computer in 1998.

TDIH: Successful American actor George Clooney was born in 1961. He has also become a respected director and screenplay writer.

TDIH: Roger Banister of Great Britain became the first person to run a mile under four minutes in 1954.

TDIH: Babe Ruth hit his first major league home run in 1915. He would finish his career with 714 home runs, a record which would hold until 1974.

TDIH: US President Chester Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882. This was the first and only major federal legislation which suspended immigration for a specific nationality.

May 7th

TDIH: Sony Corporation, a major Japanese manufacturer of electronic products, was founded in 1946.

TDIH: A German delegation met at the headquarters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower in Reims, France to sign surrender documents ending the European phase of World War II in 1945.

TDIH: A German submarine sank the British ocean liner the Lusitania, which indirectly led to the entry of the United States into World War I.

TDIH: H.H. Holmes was hanged after his conviction in 1896. He is considered the first American serial killer admitted to as many as 130 murders but some believe more than 200.

Compiled by Brother Javier Hansen, FSC

General Information and Recognitions:

BROTHER RAY: (in case you did not see this letter I reprint it here)

On behalf of the St. Paul's Christian Brothers community, the faculty, staff and students of Saint Paul's I wish to thank you for the outpouring of support that we have received since Brother Ray's passing on Monday morning. Your many kind words and gestures have been a blessing during a very difficult time for all of us who populate this campus. I am especially grateful to Archbishop Gregory Aymond for his personal words of comfort both to me and to members of the Brother's community.

I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of arrangements for Brother Ray. Following Brother's wishes, his funeral will be (was) private for his family and Brothers. On Monday, May 1 at 6:30 pm, there will be a memorial service in the Briggs Assembly Center here on campus. All are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the live stream link is:

Link: https://youtube.com/live/DxN82kb6jgc

Brother insisted in his instructions for any gathering that I make everyone aware of the following:

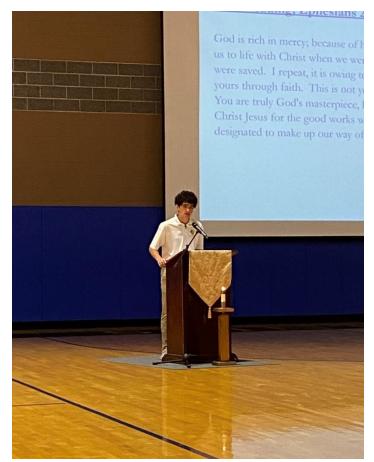
"Make sure the word gets out that I am not offended by people not coming. Preferably no flowers, but at most one small flower arrangement is allowed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Saint Paul's School or the Christian Brothers."

In his final meditation John Baptist De La Salle writes of what is waiting for the teacher who dies. He describes the scene in heaven upon the welcome of one who has served multitudes of students over the years. "On the reward that a Brother of the Christian Schools should expect in heaven, if he is faithful in his work. Oh what a joy a Brother of the Christian Schools will have when he sees a great number of his students in possession of eternal happiness, for which they are indebted to him by the grace of Jesus Christ! What a sharing of joy there will be between the teacher and his disciples! What a special union with one another there will be in the Presence of God! It will be for them a great satisfaction, sharing together the blessings for which the call of God had given them hope, the wealth of the glorious heritage of God in the dwelling of the saints."

This meditation describes the heavenly reward given to those who have been faithful servants to the young people entrusted to them. There has been no greater example of service and care for youth, than Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC. We are lucky to have been in that number touched by his life. His legacy will remain a part of this school he loved and devoted his life to its care.

We will grieve this loss together as a community and alone as we each cherish our own memories with Brother. We, at Saint Paul's, will continue to carry on the Mission and follow the example of this amazing man.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR BROTHER RAY: Last Tuesday morning instead of our usual assembly, we held a prayer service for Brother Ray. Students, faculty, and staff all gathered in the new gym to participate in this prayerful moment together. Mr. Ramon, Campus Minister, led the congregation with the assistance of several students.



Left: Peter Verges leads the school in prayer.

STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY: *YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED!*

In an effort to prepare for the administrative leadership change at Saint Paul's, the SPS Board of Trustees has directed the Administrative team to prepare an updated strategic plan for the school. Various stakeholder groups will be providing their feedback. For parents, we have designed a short survey enabling you to provide your opinions on various aspects of the school. It is an anonymous survey as the data will be sent directly to CARA – Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

We are asking that each family household complete <u>one</u> survey by either clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code provided in the attached document. It will take 10 - 12 minutes to complete your survey. At the end of the survey are two open-ended questions where we would like you to submit your personal responses which are due back by Monday, May 1, 2023.

Thank you for taking the time to help us make Saint Paul's an even better school! Link: bit.ly/40czTb9

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

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



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

TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS! The Saint Paul's varsity tennis team established themselves as the state's top high school tennis team earlier this week at the LHSAA State Championships in Monroe, Louisiana, where the Wolves claimed the title on the very first day of play. Led by a coalition of seniors, the Wolves played their best tennis of the year when it mattered the most, securing the trophy with 15 total team points (one point is awarded for each match won). The second-place team, Jesuit, only got 9 points, a considerable margin of difference. Many thanks and congratulations to Mr. Smith and Brother Ken for their leadership of the team this year.

A few standouts at the State Tournament:

- Reece Beckendorf and Kieffer Schwartz made it to the final round in the doubles draw, earning state Finalist.
- Caedan Bayle and Will Gustafson made it to the semifinal round in the doubles draw.
- Harrison Rollins and Myles McCormick made it to the quarterfinal round in the doubles draw.
- Brody Sawyer made it to the final round in the singles draw, earning state Finalist.
- Grisham Hall made it to the second round in the singles draw, bowing to the eventual singles champion.



Above: Tennis team celebrating their State Championship!

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: Congratulations to the following students who were elected to Student Council offices for 2023-2024.

Executive Board

President Gunnar Gavel Vice-President Peyton Kilgore Secretary Eddie d'Hemecourt Philanthropy Coordinator Kaiden Klebba

CORE Pack Representative John Martinez

Senior

President Jacob Strecker

Vice-President Luke Ramirez Secretary—will be decided Monday

Junior

President Deke Carpenter Vice-President Carter Plaisance Secretary seat not filled

Sophomore

President Avery Estrade Vice-President Noah Comeaux Secretary Andrew Danenhower

Freshmen

President Luke Greiner Vice-President Jackson Short Secretary Ross Bieber

OUR LADY OF PEACE GROTTO: On Saturday a group of seniors gathered to spruce up the gardens around the OLP grotto outside the chapel. This grotto is dedicated to Brother Ray's parents. Years ago, Brother noticed a similar grotto in Madisonville. He commissioned Brother Alfred Baltz to build a similar grotto on our campus. Today the grotto needs refurbishment. I regret not getting to this task before Brother Ray passed. If any dads out there with carpentry skills are willing to help me in this job I would me most appreciative.



Left: Shawn Conney and his fellow seniors at the grotto yesterday.

GOLF: The Saint Paul's golf team is gearing up for the LHSAA State Tournament in Carencro, La. after winning the district championship and finishing second in the regional tournament. The team is led by captain Joshua Achord, the reigning individual state champion and future University of South Alabama golfer.

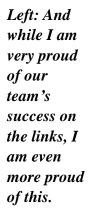














LUNCH DROP-OFF (there is no such thing): For the safety of everyone on campus we insist that you do not pull onto campus to drop off lunch for your son. This is against school policy. We do not allow ANYTHING at ANYTIME to be dropped off without checking into the office first. If your son forgets his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

SPEAKING OF LUNCH: Please note the following from the Archdiocesan School Food Service. They have asked us to:

- 1. Assist managers in making parents and faculty aware of the need to pay for meals in advance.
 - Support the School Food Service recommendation that no cash will be accepted for payment. Reasons 1.) no audit trail and 2.) safety of our employees with bank deposits.
 - Encourage parents to take advantage of our on-line payment option at www.schoolcafe.org.
 - Notify parents in the school newsletter or web page of the need to pay in advance.
 - Provide a prominent place (e.g. book days/orientation) for the cafeteria manager to collect funds.
 - Support the School Food Service recommendation of paying 10 or 20 days in advance (minimum of 10 days).
- 2. Encourage new students to apply for free or reduced price meals before school begins, but after July 15, 2023.
 - The 2023-2024 free/reduced meal application will be available online at www.schoolcafe.org.
 - Parents may call or email Donna David at (504)596-3452 or ddavid@schoolcafe.org if they have any questions.

Meal Payment Policy for the 2023-2024 School Year

- 1. School Food Service does not allow charging for school lunch, breakfast or extra sale items.
- 2. Food Service Managers are not required to serve paying students (paid or reduced) who have not paid for their meal.
- 3. If a principal requires that a meal be served to a student who does not have money, the principal will be responsible for payment to the cafeteria.

LACROSSE: The lacrosse team is currently 6-4 in league play. We are ranked 5th in the state and made the playoffs. Our next game is a playoff game against Newman and will be played this Saturday April 29th. The game will be played at St. Thomas Moore. Best of luck to the Lacrosse Wolves in their playoff run.



Junior Jeremy Lauterbach, Senior Braden Couvillion, Sophomore Matthew Kleinschmidt and Senior Shaffer Peters prepare to play defense against the Captain Shreve Gators.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: For those who want to avoid the hassle of shopping for school supplies, the Mothers' Club is offering 2023-2024 school supply boxes via Ramrock. Order online at www.ramrockschoolsupplies.com. A list of items included in the supply box is located on the Ramrock site. Questions can be sent to spsbookstore@gmail.com or mary@ramrockschoolsupplies.com

Please notice that ALL orders MUST be picked up from Saint Paul's Wolf Den during Back to School Week from Friday, August 4 – Wednesday, August 9 excluding Sunday, August 6. See the attachment for more details.

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

- · Monday Friday 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
- · By appointment. Email spsbookstore16@gmail.com
- · All proceeds from the bookstore are used for the benefit of our students!

NEW SCHOOL LEADER AT ARCHBISHOP HANNAN HS: Congratulations to Mrs. Nancy Baird who was recently appointed as the new Head of School for Archbishop Hannan High School. Congratulations and thanks to outgoing Head of School Mr. Chad Barwick, brother of our own Luke Barwick and Carla Barwick. Mr. Barwick was appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Mobile. Mr. Barwick has been a valued colleague during his time at Hannan. We wish both of these school leaders all the best and look forward to collaborating with Mrs. Baird to further Catholic education on the north shore.

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.**

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.



CALENDAR FOR SPRING SEMESTER:

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

ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have responded. For clarity, we offer the

following: Almost all private schools conduct annual funds; many are high-pressure; ours is not – but we 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, the \$2.5 million music building, and now the \$1.2 million track and field replacement/upgrade)

- 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!

CAMPUS UDATE PART II – TRACK AND FIELD: On Monday work began on the replacement of the existing track and field at Hunter Stadium. The field will receive its third carpet of artificial turf since this work was first completed in 2009. The track will be resurfaced as well. Several improvements and upgrades to the facility are part of the replacement plan. These include the addition of an impact pad below the surface of the grass and a new infill product called BrockFILLTM. This product is a highly engineered wood particle infill specifically designed to improve traction and reduce artificial turf heat. Gone will be the little rubber particles that end up in your wash cycles!



Left: AD Sam
Francis
inspects the
removal of the
turf surface at
the old STP
logo.

These two upgrades will significantly improve the safety and usability of the field, especially during the heat of summer. We will also add turf in the south D-zone, giving field users additional warm up and practice space.

Also, and equally important to our PE and track athletes, the track will be completely replaced as well, bringing the entire facility a major facelift and extending the life of this much used facility.

This facility is used every day by PE and other classes as well as seasonally for practices and games/meets by football, cross country, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, ultimate frisbee, and track and field. Since it is an all-weather facility it can be used when many events on a natural field would have to be canceled. We also use the facility for numerous summer camps and school activities such as field days and pep rallies. It is the most widely used facility on our campus!

Last, during a recent inspection we discovered major termite damage to the press box at Hunter Stadium. Work was just completed to make the structure safe for use again in the upcoming football season.

Interested in helping fund these repairs and improvements? Several naming opportunities are available!



Above: The old field surface awaits disposal.

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.

CAMPUS UPDATE PART III: OUR LADY OF PEACE STUDENT CHAPEL

A few weeks ago, I wrote about roof leaks at OLP Chapel that caused extensive ceiling damage. Upon further inspection it was discovered that the roof was in urgent need of replacement. On Monday of this week work will begin to replace the roof of the chapel.

You will notice barricades around the chapel during this time. I apologize for the inconvenience but this work must be done as soon as possible to avoid further damage to the interior of the building.

Interested in helping fund these repairs and improvements to the chapel? Please give me a call.



Flashing and facia show their age at Our Lady of Peace Student Chapel.

DRIVING: I call the following to your attention:

Please watch for Paula and other fowl as you drive through campus!

- **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.

ATHLETIC SIGNINGS: Saint Paul's School is pleased to announce three student-athletes have signed National Letters of Intent to participate in collegiate athletics: Jack McNamara will head to Loyola (New Orleans) as part of the Wolf Pack swim team; Reece Seicshnaydre will play basketball at Loyola (New Orleans); and Landry Barker will continue his wrestling career at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Congratulations, Wolves!



Left to Right: Jack, Reece and Landry at the recent signing event.

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.

PRE-FRESHMEN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION: On Friday the pre-freshmen gathered after school for a few hours of reflection and fun. Campus Minister, Mr. Jeff Ramon led the boys through a series of events to help them reflect on their year together and enjoy each others company as they wind down their first year at Saint Paul's.



Above: Mr. Ramon, Campus Minister, and Brother Javier, gather the 8th Graders in the

Chapel at their Afternoon of Reflection last Friday.

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.

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.



8th GRADE SCIENCE LAB:

Left: Preston Pelloat, Ross Bieber, Max Gremillion, and Daniel Eversgerd conduct an antibiotic effectiveness lab.

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!

If I may be of assistance please do not hesitate to call or write.

Live Jesus in our Hearts.... Forever!

Trevor C. Watkins, AFSC Interim President



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

Fri, May 24 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.