



The President's Newsletter
Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington
342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world



Dear Parents,

This early summer newsletter is intended to accomplish three tasks. First, I would like to thank the parents of our recent graduates for entrusting your sons to us over the past few years. I hope Saint Paul's lived up to your expectations and that your sons have grown to become the young men you envisioned. Please know that we continue to consider you part of the Saint Paul's family, and by extension, part of the greater Lasallian world. This will be the last newsletter you receive from us but remember you can always access this information on our website in case you need some entertaining Sunday morning reading.

My second task is to welcome parents of new students. Thank you for entrusting your most precious possession to us for his high school education. We are honored to partner with you to help guide him through these formative years. Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers, left a formidable educational model that forms the basis of all that we do at Saint Paul's School. You should know that you are not just becoming part of Saint Paul's School, but that you are now part of a worldwide Lasallian educational network of over 1000 schools and universities that teach more than a million students in over 80 countries. Over time I hope you come to understand what this means at Saint Paul's and that you come to appreciate the impact on your son's education. Shortly you will be receiving more specific information via email to the newest members of the Wolf Pack. Keep checking your email.

Beginning in August you will receive a weekly newsletter similar to this that will update you on all that is happening at Saint Paul's School. I use this means to deliver news about Saint Paul's School, keep you abreast of the liturgical calendar, impart some humor, and hopefully keep you informed about upcoming events at school.

My third task with this newsletter is to make you aware of some needed information for the summer as you prepare for the opening of school in August. Contained in this newsletter you will find answers to frequently asked questions that come to us during the summer. If there is something I missed, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will try to help you with answers. In the meantime, the following numbers may be helpful during the summer:

School Main Number: 985-892-3200

Phone Extensions:

Reception: 1900

President: 1901

Admissions: 1903

Finance Office: 1905

Principal: 1920

Athletic Director: 1983

Counseling: 1940

Summer Camp: 1982

Music Hall: 1965

As new parents we will be in touch now and then throughout the summer to keep you informed as the need arises. I hope that this will suffice for now.

Rise Up, O Men of God

ADMISSIONS: We are now scheduling our newly accepted Wolves for next year and will now entertain qualified transfer applicants. We are very pleased by the quality and quantity of the Class of 2028 for SPS – thanks for spreading the good news at SPS. We will still entertain new applications, so if you know of an interested family, please have them contact us soon. Thank you!

ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have responded. Every week I receive a few more responses. Thanks. **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 contribute to the Capital Campaign or financially support SPS in another way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation? Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.

ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS: We are blessed with supportive grandparents, so many of whom attended GP Day. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. I don't. In fact, I did not mention donating at GP Day. But we need their donations, so I ask that you inform your son's grandparents about donating, or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the information directly. Just provide me with contact info. **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.

ARCHBISHOP AYMOND'S MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: In the past, Archbishop Aymond issued the following letter at the end of the school year. While he didn't issue it again this year, it's worth reading again. I encourage our students to heed these words of the Archbishop:

- *I pray in a special way for each of the young people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Know that you are important to all of our ministries, in parishes, schools and other programs.*
- *I am aware of the educational experience you have received in regard to the use of electronic media. You know very well how to use the tools and you know intellectually the consequences when social media is not used respectfully.*
- *I want to reach out to you at the moral level and beg you to remember that it isn't how much you know that is crucial, but rather, the respect that you show for God, yourself, and others when you communicate through cell phones, computers, and other technology.*
- *Always treat other people in a manner that shows your awareness of their reflecting the image of God. In all ways let your friends, classmates, and acquaintances know that they are respected. Speak out if you know someone is being abused or bullied. Share the information with a parent, priest, or teacher who can step in and help. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has the staff available to help you in abusive or bullying situations.*
- *One of your many responsibilities at this time is to make choices which will allow you the opportunity to make decisions about your future education or career choices. Choose wisely. Choose only those*

opportunities and interactions which will give you a greater chance to achieve all of the goals you set for yourself and those which God has in store for you.

- *If you need help, please let a member of the clergy, a Catholic School Administrator, a Director of Religious Education, or your youth minister know.*



The new turf is laid over the gravel and impact pad base on the stadium field.

BAND: The Marching Wolves invite ALL students to consider joining one of the premier band programs in the area. **Even beginners are welcome!** Note the following:

- The new member camp will be July 17 - 19, 9-12:30 each day.
- The full band camp will be July 18 - 22. 9:00-6:00 each day
- Contact Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, at andrewm@stpauls.com for more info.
- Band is a GREAT way to become involved, become part of a wonderful SPS tradition, and have fun, too.

The Band boosters will be sending out a separate invitation to new students in the next few days. Be on the lookout for that mailing.

8th GRADE PHYSICALS (SPORTS AND BAND): All students who participate in band and /or athletics must have an LHSAA physical form on file with the school. Band camp, for example, will be in July. No summer commitment is made of 8th grade students for sports. Fall sport participation (football, swimming, cross country) will begin once school commences. If your son plans to play sports or participate in band next year, he will need a physical. Forms are available on our web site. <https://www.stpauls.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/00.-Complete-Athletic-Packet.pdf>

DID YOU KNOW?: Brother Charles Crouzet, a member of Saint Paul's founding community of Brothers in 1918, is memorialized in Founders Circle with the plaque pictured below. He was one of 19 French Brothers who had to leave France during the persecution of the Church at the turn of the last century. Fleeing France to Mexico, they were assigned the difficult task of opening schools for the rural poor there. The French Brothers had to learn Spanish and adapt to a new culture.

No sooner had their newly opened schools begun to flourish when they were again uprooted during the Mexican Revolution of 1917. Barely escaping with their lives from the notorious Pancho Villa, they were scattered throughout the United States in various religious communities who housed these refugee Brothers.

At some point their superior in exile became aware of a school, Saint Paul's College, for sale in Covington, Louisiana. Thinking that French was likely spoken in a town so close to New Orleans, they were reunited from all over the United States and assumed the ownership of the school from the Benedictine monks who had founded the school in 1911. Little did they know that this part of Louisiana was not welcoming of the French, much less in a school that had been run by much admired Benedictine Monks of German descent.



Once again, they had to quickly learn a new language and a new culture, all while trying to establish themselves in a skeptical community. World War II was raging and the New Orleans area was suffering a yellow fever

epidemic when the Brothers reopened the school in 1918. Within days of opening, most students left and went home, upset at the change from the respected Benedictines to this unknown group of Frenchmen.

But Brother Charles and his confreres did not give up. Believing that His work must be done here, they set out to convince families to give them a chance and send their sons back to school. Within a short few months the local community began to accept the Brothers. From these very inauspicious beginnings, the founding Brothers would lay the foundation for what we know today as Saint Paul's School. If you are ever in the Founders Circle area of campus, please say a prayer of thanksgiving for the Benedictine Monks and Lasallian Brother Founders of Saint Paul's. We all owe them a great deal. I ask that in a special way you remember Brother Charles Cruzet who spent most of his teaching life here. In fact, he taught me typing (does anybody know what that is?) when I was a student here and he was well into his 80s!

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 is now THE WOLF DEN: The Mothers' Club Bookstore has a new name, THE WOLF DEN. This name was chosen by students after a ballot initiative to rename the Bookstore. The many volunteers of the Mothers' Club will still be handling the purchasing of merchandise and all day to day operations.

The Wolf Den will be closed for the summer in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. The Wolf Den will reopen for Back to School Week on Friday, August 4 thru Tuesday, August 8 excluding Sunday, August 6.



DRESS CODE – VERY IMPORTANT: Due in part to the challenges of COVID the past two years, the boys became a bit lax in complying with our dress code, particularly in the areas of grooming and pants/shorts. As our first priority was keeping the school open (which we did) and providing quality education (which we also did), and as the boys were challenged with ever-changing safety protocols (which they were), we eased up a bit on enforcement of dress/grooming. That will change in August, as we envision a much more normal school year ahead.

As some of you begin your “back to school” shopping during the summer sales, **know that we will insist this coming year on dress code compliance – especially concerning pants / shorts. We may even start sending repeat violators home (as done in other schools) if they are out of compliance with our dress code.**

Accordingly, we ask that as you shop for school clothes this summer, you do so with our dress code in mind. In particular, we insist on compliance with the pants/shorts regulation as we will be vigilant in terms of enforcement, especially pants / shorts. Here is what the handbook says:

- o Cargo-style pants/shorts are not allowed.
- o No oversized or droopy pants/shorts are allowed.
- o **Shorts must be conventional, British tan khaki (Catholic school khaki), walking style shorts.**
- o Shorts may not extend below the knees.
- o **No running shorts, PE shorts, or SWIM SUIT STYLE shorts allowed.**
- o **NO PFG or “FISHING” SHORTS ALLOWED.**
- o Pants/shorts may be pleated or unpleated.
- o **All pants/shorts must have a ZIPPER, belt loops, and pockets.**
- o **A plain, solid brown belt must be worn with pants or shorts.**
- o Acceptable pants & shorts are available at many vendors: Lands’ End, JCPenney, WalMart, GAP, Old Navy, Sears, etc. You DO NOT need to spend a lot of money to comply with the regulations. Just tell your son what he's going to wear or call me and I'll tell him. Again, we have many pre-owned pants, so feel free to come to the office and look through the stock.

Thus, the following example is NOT acceptable:



This example is acceptable:



Here is the rest of the dress code as printed in the Student-Parent Handbook:

- **Hair:** Hair **must NOT touch the shirt collar** or extend below eyebrows. Hair must be styled neatly and conventionally. The Dean of Students is the ultimate judge as to compliance. No dyed hair colors, Mohawk or other **unconventional** haircuts, including undercuts, are allowed. **Students may NOT return from summer vacation with dyed or sun-bleached hair.** Students must be **clean shaven** at school and at school sponsored events.
- **Jewelry.** No earrings or facial jewelry are allowed at school or school sponsored events. No chains may be hung from clothing. We **DISCOURAGE** expensive watches, bracelets or neckwear.

Shirts:

- **Only Saint Paul's BLUE uniform shirts as sold by Bayou Uniform Company are allowed.** Shirts **MUST** fit appropriately. Shirts may not be torn or have holes in them. **Bayou will be ready to sell blue uniform shirts by the end of June.** Bayou is located at 13488 Seymour Myers in Covington (893-3700).
 - Shirts must be tucked in at ALL times during the school day.
 - **ONLY PLAIN white, blue, gray or gold tee shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt.** In cold weather, **ONLY** long-sleeved tee shirts sold in book store may be worn under a uniform shirt.
 - **We have a supply of pre-owned shirts in fair to very good condition. If finances are tight and you would like to avail yourself of these shirts, feel free to come by the office. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way by this.** And the Mothers' Club Book Store will be selling pre-owned shirts and pants in very good condition at a very low price during the first week before school. We also have a supply here in the administration building, which you are welcome to come take.
- **Socks & Shoes:**
 - **Shoes must be in good condition. Tennis shoes with laces meeting these criteria are allowed on regular school days.**
 - **Sandals, slip on beach shoes with no laces, boots of any kind, or clogs are not allowed.**
 - **On dress uniform days, dress shoes (not tennis shoes) are required.**
 - **Students must wear SPS uniform socks (available at Bayou or the Mothers' Club Book Store).**
 - **Cold Weather Outerwear:** **ONLY** SPS sweatshirts / outerwear sold in our bookstore are allowed.
 - **Caps or Hats:** Caps and hats are **NOT** allowed on campus during the school day.
 - **Formal dress uniform:** A "formal" uniform is worn on special occasions (school masses, ceremonies, field trips, special programs, etc.) This uniform includes a school tie (available at Bayou Uniform or the Mothers' Club Bookstore), any white long-sleeve shirt, and long khaki pants (preferably with dark shoes), socks, and belt are also part of the uniform which are purchased anywhere by the student.
 - **IDs:** As an additional level of safety, students will be **REQUIRED** to **WEAR THEIR ID CARDS** on a daily basis. We will supply them with an SPS lanyard when they receive their cards on either Aug 4 or 5. This will also help with the cafeteria, as ID cards are used to check out and also with the attendance office, as ID

cards are used to check in if a student is late. Students who do not have their ID on any day will be subject to detention. Lost ID cards must be replaced for a fee of \$10. And do not let your son use the ID card as a teething ring! Ask him to see the ID from time to time and encourage good dental hygiene!

Note: The Dean of Students is the final judge in all clothing and grooming issues. The school assumes that parents, by enrolling their son at Saint Paul's, will support us in these decisions.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to have our students look as good as they are!

HELPING SAINT PAUL'S: Don't forget these painless ways to help:

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



Above: Campus she-wolf and her whelp await summer campers. (Sculpture by John Carambat)

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuition for 2023-24 is due on June 3rd; the first payment for bank-financed tuition is also due. Loans are still available at Resource Bank. Students cannot start school in August if tuition or bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Wednesday, August 9, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2023 - 24 school year calendar has been published in my newsletter for several months and is the last page of this newsletter. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

NEWS WORTH NOTING: Volunteerism boosts self-esteem. The Journal of Adolescence reported that volunteering to assist strangers yielded more long-term benefits in teens than helping family or friends. In addition to having positive psychological impacts on teens, volunteering can increase physical exercise and prevent loneliness. Helping others does not have to be done on a grand scale, a small act of kindness is a great place to start. [Read more on this story.](#)

SCHEDULING FOR NEXT YEAR: Students have selected their courses for next year. **Only registered students were allowed to schedule classes.**

REPORT CARDS will be sent tomorrow, Saturday, although final grades are visible on Plus Portals prior to that. If you do not receive your son's report card, please let us know.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Parents: please stress with your sons the consequences of inappropriate social media posting. Cyber-bullying is against the law and has legal implications. And the school will take strong measures against any inappropriate posting. Students: **THINK** before you post

SUMMER 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/>.



STUDENT COUNCIL – IMPORTANT DATES: The new student council is hard at work and has issued the following calendar of events for 2023-24, which have been approved the school administration:

- August 11 Back to School Dance 8th/9th: 8th grade Social 6:30-7; dance 7-9
- August 25 8th grade class officer elections
- Sept 18-22 Homecoming Week
- Sept 22 Homecoming Day
- Sept 23/10th/11th/12th Homecoming Dance
- Sept 30 8th/9th Homecoming Dance
- Nov 28 Luminarias Pack Time
- Dec 7 Luminarias Evening
- January 13-15 LASC Convention
- February Valentine Candy Gram sale
- March Madness Tournament
- March 23 Prom
- April 8-12 Leadership Week
- April 9 Leadership Breakfast
- April 11 Leadership Week speaker; Executive Board speeches and election
- April 12 Year in Review
- April 15-19 Class level elections

SUMMER MATH BRIDGE AND ALGEBRA BOOSTER PROGRAMS: Both programs are for Saint Paul's students only. Emails will go out to students and parents this week.

The dates and descriptions are as follows:

MATH BRIDGE (for incoming pre-freshmen)

July 10-14 8:00-10:00 Room L201

A review of topics from elementary school.

ALGEBRA BOOSTER

July 10-14 10:30-12:30 Room L201

A review of Algebra Concepts needed in their next math course.

Algebra Booster

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ezXYdamVxpNDtk0k5z1yIJ1athaGxv8k-Z_HpYdVhew/edit?usp=sharing

Math Bridge

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14nZNL9oFLwxwtEE3vDHrj9fSjKVwya26v87C28hzBt4/edit?usp=sharing>

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: We will gradually start reducing our summer office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, we will soon start closing the office at 1, so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. We will resume full office hours on July 25.

SERVICE HOURS: Summer is a great time for your son to earn his mandatory ten hours of service – and to do even more, perhaps even earning the Brother Alfred Service Award or Order of St. La Salle Service Award.

SUMMER READING – VERY IMPORTANT: This is a reminder that all students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in an **Honors or A.P. Civics or U.S. History** course do as well (juniors and seniors only). Please take note of the following to ensure that your son completes these assignments as efficiently as possible.

All summer reading questions and titles for English and social studies (if your son is in Honors or AP U.S. History/Civics) are posted on our website. Go to the *Academics* tab on our site; then, click *Summer Reading*.

Lastly, all titles for your son’s English course for the school year are posted under the *Academics* tab too. Click *English Paperback Lists*. Please obtain copies of these titles so your son is prepared throughout the year. Most of our families choose Amazon as their vendor, but please use whatever is most cost effective and convenient.

If you have any questions about your son’s placement in English or social studies, please contact our Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.

Please encourage your son to take his summer reading obligation seriously. We deliberately limit the number of books to be read in order not to make this an onerous task, and we certainly encourage more reading that just what we are requiring. Toward that end, I offer the following:

- We often see that a student’s weakest ACT score is in reading. Why? Students don’t like to read! Solution? Read more! PLEASE insist your son devote part of each day (30 minutes? 15? 10?) to reading. He’s used to this in school with SSR (I hope you know what SSR is!) This could be a family activity – set aside time when the whole family reads. Turn off the TV, i-pad, X-Box, phone, the computer – and read.
- And speaking of ACT /SAT scores, summer provides an excellent opportunity to prepare. There are local formal courses, but both ACT and SAT offer on-line prep programs at very reasonable costs. Or just purchase one of the many test preparation books on the market and ask your son to spend 15 minutes a day preparing. Long-term preparation is the only solution. You can’t “cram” for an ACT or SAT.

TAYLOR SCHOLAR AWARDS: Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, named for Mr. Patrick Taylor for whom the TOPS program is named, we presented qualified students last week with Taylor Scholar Awards. For a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the award grants one-year free admission for student and one parent/guardian to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectariums, Audubon Zoo, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist and educational reformist who wanted all students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.

If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or maybe treat some students who didn’t earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.

Taylor Awards were distributed at level awards assemblies.

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I invite you to join me in praying for peace:

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O Prince of Peace, once more we hear the guns of war,
Once more we see the faces of frightened children.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace;

We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace;

We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part

Of peacemaking in this world. O Prince of Peace,

Lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding

Of the global human family, so all may break bread together

In the secure embrace of peace. Amen.



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TUITION INVOICES: Tuition invoices for 2023-24 have been emailed and tuition is due June 3. Many thanks to those who are already responding. Allow me to express the following:

- Saint Paul's is a tuition driven school. Without tuition, we would not exist.
- A comparison of our tuition with other all-boy high schools shows that our tuition is one of the lowest.
- Tuition does NOT cover the cost of educating a student and providing him with the environment we all want. Thus, SPS relies on a limited number of fundraisers, which are critical to our moving ahead.
- Thus, we NEED you to pay tuition on time in order to meet our obligations to faculty and vendors.
- Thank you for your understanding and support of Saint Paul's School – and your investment in your son's future via tuition payment.

THE LAST WORD: And finally, on a personal note, I am appreciative of the outpouring of support towards me and the faculty, staff and students of Saint Paul's during the very difficult last few months as we dealt with the pain and sorrow surrounding Brother Ray's battle with cancer and passing. Your patience and prayers were felt and valued. I pledge to all that I, in collaboration with all of the faculty and staff at Saint Paul's, will do my best to live up to the high expectations of leadership that he modeled during his long tenure at the helm of this school.

Thanks for having been part of the 2023 - 24 school year at Saint Paul's – the ELEVENTH year of our second century of existence. If the next 88 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence. May your summer days be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

And to the Class of 2023, this is your last newsletter! Thank you for your leadership during difficult times! Godspeed and blessings to the Class of 2023! Your graduation was wonderful!



Have a great Lasallian summer but remember: The Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care, Vigilance, Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!

*Trevor C. Watkins '79, AFSC
President*



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****** SPS begins for all students on
August 9 with a full day of instruction**

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
Thurs - Tues, Dec 14-19	Semester Exams
Wed, Dec 19	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.

