



The SPS President's Newsletter
Opening of the 2023 - 24 School Year Edition
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
July 30 – August 05, 2023



Welcome to the 2023 - 24 school year, a year in which we will strive to keep the best of our 340+ year Christian Brother tradition with our 112-year Saint Paul's tradition while always looking to improve in the future. I remind you that Saint Paul's School is a part of the San Francisco New Orleans District of Christian Brothers which is made up of a dynamic network of 18 secondary schools, three middle schools, one elementary school, two Universities, and an Educational Center, as well as

14 Brothers' communities stretched across the western and southern United States, and Tijuana, Mexico. In the New Orleans area Christian Brothers School (two campuses), De La Salle High School, and Archbishop Rummel High School are also Lasallian schools.

Our San Francisco New Orleans District is one of four districts in North America and thirty others around the world. Saint Paul's school is one in a family of over 1000 Lasallian educational institutions located in 80 countries. Your son joins over a million other active students and millions more alumni that proudly call themselves Lasallian. When you join Saint Paul's you are becoming part of a worldwide family! For a closer look at the Lasallian Christian Brothers world click on this link: <https://lasallian.info/where-we-are/worldwide-regions/>

Following the example set by Brother Ray I intend to email the newsletter on Sunday mornings. I will not even pretend to be as entertaining or insightful as he was. But, I promise to do my best to keep you informed of our successes (and occasional missteps) and important matters related to your son's tenure with us. If you have suggestions as to how I can make the newsletter more helpful and informative, let me know. Just email me a question or suggestion or topic to be addressed.

This first Sunday newsletter mostly looks backwards, reviewing and recognizing the many events of the summer. Next Sunday the newsletter will mostly look forward. Much of the information contained therein has already been disseminated to you over the course of the summer by counselors and administrators but I will try

to put it all together in one place for your review in case you missed something or are only just beginning to pay attention to the fact the summer is about to end!

First and foremost, I hope and pray that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well. I hope that you have found time during summer for some rest and recuperation.

And now on to August! According to *The Miriam-Webster* website, *August comes from the Latin word augustus, meaning "consecrated" or "venerable."* ... In 8 B.C., the Roman Senate honored Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, by changing the name of their month "Sextilis" to "Augustus." Middle English speakers inherited the name of the month of August. At SPS, it's Opening of School Month. I'm excited and hope you are, too. Thanks for being with us!

The Week Ahead:

Monday, July 31 – Administrators at Archdiocese Convocation in NO.

Tue, Aug 1 – De La Salle Drive will be closed for pavement striping. Use alternate entrances for access.

Wed, Aug 2

- **Feast of the Transfiguration:** *In a resplendent cloud, the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him. May we listen to the Lord on every day!*



Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 4

- Wolf Den (Bookstore) open for new families only 9:00AM-3:00PM
- Faculty Meetings Begin

SUMMER ACTIVITY:

WRESTLING TEAM CAMP AT UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – LITTLE ROCK

The Saint Paul's Wrestling team attended a team camp at the University of Arkansas - Little Rock from July 12-15. A group of over 35 Wolves made the trip and were divided into two teams for competition. The Saint Paul's Gold Group earned a 9-1 record over the course of the camp, falling only in the championship final match.

Next Page: Wrestling team in Little Rock



CORE PACK:

The SPS CORE Pack students and parents spent several Saturdays during the summer giving their classrooms a fresh coat of paint. Many thanks to Mr. Zimmer and all the parent and student painters for their hard work.



Left: CORE PACK students Matthew and Christopher hard at work (I think) painting their classroom.

FOOTBALL: The football wolves recently concluded their summer work with camp at Nicholls State University in Thibodeaux. After long hours in the weight room and on the soccer varsity field (they have been in “exile” as the Hunter Stadium field is resurfaced), they are ready for another exciting season on the newly improved (and cooler) turf. Go Wolves!

Below: Coach Sears addresses his charges at Nichols



Below: Coach Ancar takes a moment to pose with his squad.



BAND CAMP: The Marching Wolves (Band and Golden Blues) spent last week on campus preparing for the upcoming marching season. This band this year has 75 boys and 33 girls. New members are always welcome. You do not need to know how to play an instrument to join the band. Reach out to Mr. Moran about joining. We would love to have you be a part of the face of Saint Paul's School.



Left: On Wednesday, former southern university drum major and owner of Drill Band and Drum Major Training, to work with the band for the day. This is Keith Morgan with senior Shawn Cooney and junior Beau Thomas.

Right: Golden Blues practice in the BAC.



Below: Band practices diagonals on the Varsity Soccer Field.



SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS:

It was a busy summer for Saint Paul's Summer Sports Camps. The 11 camps that were held included Basketball, Football, Baseball, Soccer, Golf, Powerlifting, Speed & Strength, Wrestling, Lacrosse, Rugby, and Cheerleading. Over the course of the summer, nearly 1100 young campers attended our camps and got to spend time on our campus. Our outstanding coaches and student-athletes did a great job of providing fun opportunities for the campers to grow in their sports.



SUMMER DRAMA CAMP:

Saint Paul's Drama Department hosted a summer drama camp. Below is the cast in action during our camp show of "Finding Nemo Jr".



HOSA: Future Health Occupations

Several students were active over the summer putting their Biomedical Sciences class knowledge to work in various activities related to health professions. Jacob Trosclair, Christian Lueg and Shawn Cooney volunteered at St Tammany Hospital. They were each assigned different departments in the hospital, shadowing the leading professionals in each of their departments.

Hyland Authement completed 3 different internships with different specialists: endocrinologist, radiologist, forensic pathologist. Aryan Kumar, Max Gremillion, and Lawton Peltier worked as junior volunteers at North Oaks Health System. Aryan Kumar attended the International Leadership Conference. He became eligible to compete for the Clinical Laboratory Science event by winning first place at the state level at SLC in March.



Left: Aryan Kumar and Mrs. Tammy Freeman at the International Leadership Conference.

Below: Steven Meyers completed 4 weeks of shadowing health professionals, conducting research, and presenting lab findings with the Ochsner STAR program. The STAR Program is not easily accepted and nor is it easy to apply for. He earned an embroidered lab coat, 130 service hours, multiple awards, and even witnessed a full heart transplant, his experience with Ochsner was one he will take with him for the rest of his life.





Pictured above: Junior Volunteers for North Oaks Health System. The 3 St Paul's School students that attended were Aryan Kumar, Max Gremillion, and Lawton Peltier. Aryan Kumar attended the International Leadership Conference. He became eligible to compete for the Clinical Laboratory Science event by winning first place at the state level at SLC in March.

MATH BRIDGE AND ALGEBRA BOOSTER CAMP:

The annual Math Booster and Algebra Bridge Workshops were a huge success this summer. Our newest Wolves brushed up on their basic math skills while our older students focused on specific algebra skills needed for their next math course.



Left: Math Booster students work together to solve problems.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ATTEND VISION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:



Student Council officers Peyton Kilgore, Eddie d'Hemecourt, Kaiden Klebba, and Harrison Murr attended the VISION leadership conference at Collinsville High School in Collinsville, Illinois. Highlights of the conference included team building, national networking, and participating in a service project for the local children's hospital. Along with advisors Shannon d'Hemecourt and Joanna Case, the students also enjoyed an outing to St Louis which included visits to the St Louis Basilica, St Louis Arch, Cahokia Indian Mounds, City Museum, and a Cardinals/Astros baseball game. The group is excited to implement many new ideas from the conference!

Above: SC officers at the Leadership Conference in Illinois.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTEND LASC WORKSHOP

In June student council members Connor Russo, Avery Estrade, Eddie d'Hemecourt, Deke Carpenter, and Luke Ramirez attended the Louisiana Association of Student Council Summer Workshop along with their advisor Shannon d'Hemecourt who served as a Senior Counselor. During their week at Northwestern State University, they had the unique opportunity to share ideas with students from 64 high schools around the state. The boys attended sessions on running a meeting, communication skills, officer training, faculty-student relationships, fundraising, and community services. The group has already begun to brainstorm how to implement many new ideas that they learned during the workshop.



Above Right: SC members at LASC workshop at Northwestern State University.

BOY'S STATE

At Boy's State William Coles was elected the Commissioner of Insurance and Joey Mire was President of the Senate. Congratulations to both and thanks for representing SPS so well at Boy's State! Below: Will Coles (left) and Joey Mire (right)



SUMMER EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL:

Many of our students took advantage of SPS educational travel experiences this summer. From Iceland to Japan to Costa Rica, SPS Wolves traveled abroad and throughout the United States to experience firsthand what they had learned in the classroom or in extracurricular activities. These trips are not just tourist hopping voyages. Rather, they are culminating experiences associated with classes or activities taught at Saint Paul's during the year, exchange programs with other Lasallian schools, or educational experiences that compliment work done prior to the trip.

ICELAND: Three groups of Saint Paul's students traveled to Iceland as part of Dr. Shawn Mullet's class on "Energy, Food, and Water." In addition to visiting a geothermal power plant, students explored and experienced the pristine natural beauty of the country. For drone footage of all the places visited go to

[YouTube.com/@spsiniceland](https://www.youtube.com/@spsiniceland)

Right: Members of the first of three groups of Dr. Shawn Mullet's class on "Energy, Food, and Water." visit a geothermal energy plant.





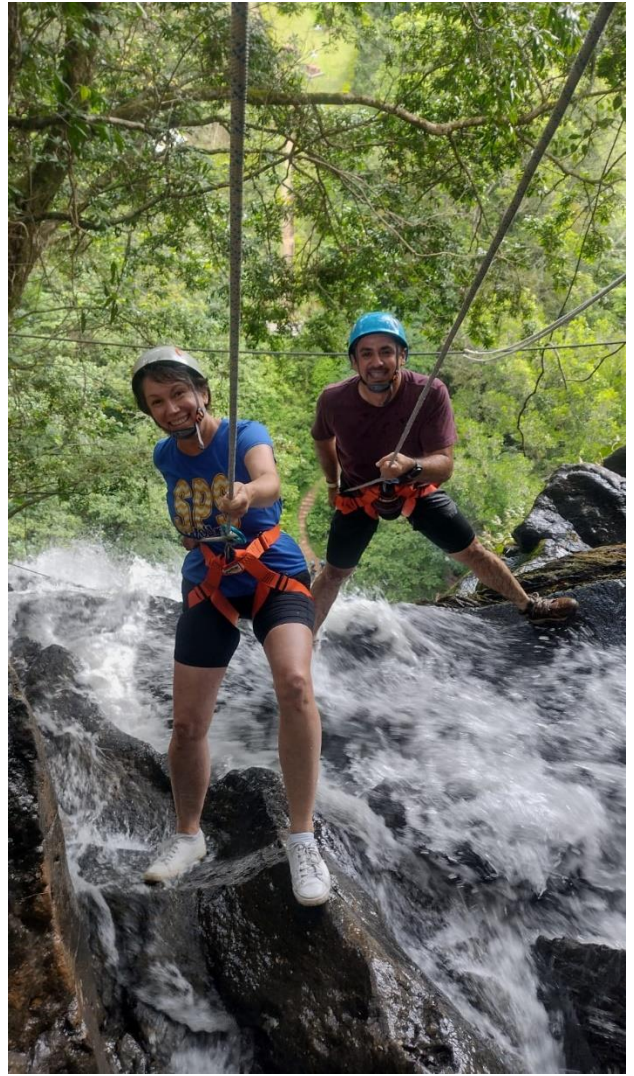
Above: Trey Higgins, Alex Bradford, Jack Freret, Bennett Barreca, Taylor Baggett, Preston Olivier, Talon Boudreaux, Dylan Underwood visit Jokulsarlon, Iceland to learn about icebergs and glaciers.

CALIFORNIA: From July 15-21, a group of Saint Paul's student leaders traveled to Saint Mary's College of California to join 150 other young Lasallian leaders from throughout the San Francisco New Orleans District high schools. Days included prayer, skill sessions, keynotes, committee work, and evening social time. The Saint Paul's delegation returned to campus with a renewed zeal for making more evident the Five Core Principles in our community!



Left to Right: Mr. Paul Scoriels, Alexander Klemp, Jeremiah Ferrante, Aidan Hayes, Dominic Muguira, Jacob Strecker, Braden Magliolo, Slate Dominique, Gunnar Gavel, Shawn Cooney, Jake Theriot, Preston Olivier, Brady Barre, Mr. Jeff Ramon (Campus Minister)

COSTA RICA: Saint Paul's has exchange programs with various Lasallian schools in other countries. Among these is our exchange program with Colegio La Salle in San Jose, Costa Rica. This summer a group of SPS and SSA students participated in our annual exchange. As Mrs. Liz Brett, Spanish Department Chairperson, stated, "I have watched our guys grow in their appreciation for other cultures and their willingness to have these new experiences. They have opened their hearts to all things Costa Rican...food, people and extreme sports! Our trip has been full of Spanish classes, regular classes and a few extreme sporting events. Yes, I can't believe that I even did these things! What a great way to begin our summer!"



Above: Mrs. Brett rappels down a waterfall.

Left: Claude Scarpelli ziplines through the Costa Rican rainforest.



FRANCE:

Evan Leaber'23, recently sent us this picture of William the Conqueror's castle. Evan said it is located in Falaise, which was the final battle of the Battle of Normandy. In case you missed this at the end of last year, Evan won a full expense paid 11-day trip to France from the Normandy Academy. This Academy is an educational journey that challenges high school and college students to delve deeper into the experiences of the Allied forces throughout the Battle of Normandy. Congratulations, Evan, and safe travels!



NEW YORK: Not to be outdone by their students, several teachers spent two weeks at Manhattan College, a Lasallian University in New York City, studying at the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies. This three-summer program leads to a master's degree in Lasallian Education, a much-coveted degree among teachers in Lasallian schools.



Above: Left to Right: Mrs. Rachel Peak, Mrs. Carla Barwick, Mr. Mark Robertson, Mr. Barrett Baumgartner, Mrs. Emily Travers, Mrs. Gina Hall and Mr. Josh Pereira

Below: Participants from all over the world from New Zealand to Covington and all points in between assemble at Manhattan College, New York City. Can you find our teachers in the crowd? Hint: They are the smart ones!



JAPAN: In July a small group of recent SPS graduates, Riley Hidalgo, Ashton Martin, and Davis Peltier, traveled with Dr. Shawn Mullet to Japan. In addition to experiencing the dynamic activity of Tokyo, the students spent a week in the cultural capital of Japan, Kyoto, where they visited a variety of shrines, temples, and natural features distinct to Japan. The group also traveled to Nagoya to attend one of the six major sumo tournaments held each year.

SUMMER CAMPUS UPGRADES:

Summers are always busy at Saint Paul's with teacher professional development sessions, counselors scheduling of new and returning students, replacing old equipment, technology and furniture with new upgraded versions, and intense cleaning of all interior spaces. Among all of this maintenance and office work the campus plays host to 15 sports and academic camps, which means it's a very busy place during the summer. On top of all this activity, this summer we undertook several physical plant improvements. Listed below are just some of these projects.



De La Salle Drive Paving: De La Salle Drive was milled and repaved from Jahncke Avenue to 14th Street. After years of patching the old surface it was time to complete a total replacement of the old surface which had begun to fail in several spots. Re-striping the surface will take place this Tuesday, August 1st, giving the main campus roadway a fresh smooth surface.

Left and below: De La Salle Drive gets a new surface.



Parking Lot / Oak Tree Project: The majestic oaks along De La Salle Drive at the Administration Building were lifting the nearby concrete with their every expanding root systems. It was time to give the trees their due and remove a couple of broken-concrete spaces. In the process we eliminated a number of pedestrian tripping hazards. Hopefully this will allow these trees to continue to grace the area for generations to come.



Left and below: Broken pavement is removed and fixed to allow the oaks to spread their roots unencumbered.



Chapel Refurbishing: Last year we noticed water stains on the ceiling of Our Lady of Peach Chapel. Upon further inspection we realized that the old roof needed immediate replacement before more damage was done. This led to floor refinishing, ceiling repair and repainting and now, finally, the refinishing of the 60+-year-old pews. These improvements should give the chapel a new refreshed look just in time for the opening of school.



Left: Workers prepare the pews for refinishing.

Theater Completion: This summer work was finally completed on the much storm-delayed renovation of the 120-year-old Theater (Odeon) building. Significant shoring work needed on the foundation was an unpleasant discovery when we began the project. Workers have since made the building structurally sound, painted, reroofed, added insulation, and upgraded the backstage area. Still to come: upgraded sound and AV equipment and possibly new seating (depending on the budget).



Left: Roofers work on the theater roof.

Track and Field Resurfacing: Work is nearing completion on the track and field at Hunter Stadium. We hope to finally have access to the site this week as workers put the finishing touches on the track surface. Improvements to the facility include a new turf carpet with a special heat reducing in-fill, impact padding under the surface for improved safety for athletes, increased “green space” in the south D-zone of the field and a new track surface.

Below: Workmen rush to give the track surface the final coat.



Hunter Stadium Press Box: The termites are gone but they left significant damage that we needed to repair to make the press box safe to use. New framing, walls, and roof deck were installed. The refurbished press box is now again ready to host the Wolves winning games!

I draw the following timely points of information to your attention:

PHOENIX BIGLER: As I am sure you have heard, senior Phoenix Bigler suffered a severe brain injury due to a heart event earlier in the summer. Phoenix has made great progress but has a lot of healing to go. He is currently in Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans but will soon be moving to Touro Infirmary for intensive neuro rehabilitation. Please continue to keep Phoenix and his family in your prayers.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: Help your son develop proper attitudes and habits for success. Show confidence in his ability; work with him to set realistic academic goals. Help him develop an orderly study environment. Teens enjoy chaos, so the trick is to help your son create enough order in his chaos for proper study to occur. Designate a place and time to study. **Require 1-2 hours of study per night. Do not accept the "I have no**

homework" excuse. He always has homework -- review, study, and advanced preparation. At the end of his study session, have him organize books, assignments, PE clothes, etc. for the next day.

WOLF DEN BOOK STORE: The Mothers' Club Bookstore will open:

Back to School Opening

New Families Only: Friday, August 4, 2023 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Open to All:

Saturday, August 5 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Monday, August 7 – 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 8 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



- If you need something during summer for a birthday, etc. contact the school office.
- School supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel (except uniform shirts.)
- **If you have a returning student who has outgrown his SPS apparel, we gladly accept gently used items for bargain prices re-sale. Just drop the items off at the Administration Building.**

PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible. Proceeds not only help fund wonderful activities throughout the year, but the proceeds also help with campus needs. This summer, the MC donated \$15,000 towards teacher requests for equipment and materials. Thanks, MC!



CAFETERIA FOOD SERVICE:

- SPS participates in the federal school lunch/breakfast program managed by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Saint Paul's does not directly manage the food service program; we follow the directives of the Archdiocese and the cafeteria workers are employed by the Archdiocese, not Saint Paul's.
- Families may choose to use this service or may send a bag lunch with their son.
- **Breakfast will be \$2.75 and lunch \$4.00** If a student wants "seconds", though, he must pay for the additional lunch along with any "extras" he wants (ice cream, etc.) Meal signage will be posted for all items so the boys need to be cognizant of not getting charged for double meals because they're grabbing things willy-nilly.
- **Students may not "order out", e.g., pizza, or have lunches delivered. WE CANNOT DELIVER LUNCHES TO STUDENTS. Please do not ask us to do so.**
- **Students participating in the cafeteria program must make an initial payment before school opens. This may be done on Aug 1 - 5 Between 7 and 2:30. A separate check will be needed. Students may NOT "charge" a meal if no money is on account.**
- **Students MUST use their ID cards for check out in the cafeteria. A temporary ID will be issued them on their first day of school. Once they receive their permanent school ID on the first or second day of school, the temporary ID will no longer be valid.**
- **Please monitor your son's account to keep track of his breakfast/lunch spending.**
- **Free and reduced meal applications can be found on the cafeteria website: <https://schoolcafe.org/>**

LOOKING AHEAD (much more to come next Sunday)

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE, AUGUST 11:

Saint Paul's and Saint Scholastica will jointly host back to school dances. The underclassmen dance will take place at the SPS Briggs Center. The upperclassmen dance will be held at the SSA gym. Here are the details of both:

8th and 9th Grade Dance:

SSA and SPS 8th graders will report to Saint Paul's Briggs Assembly Center at 6:30 PM for a Social with games and ice-breakers to get to know one another. SSA and SPS 9th graders will join them at 7:00. The dance will last from 7:00-9:00 PM and all are expected to remain for the entire time.

10th-12th Dance:

SSA and SPS 10th, 11th, 12th graders will report to the SSA gym for the dance which lasts from 7:00-9:00 PM. All are expected to remain for the entire time. All students will be breathalyzed. Admission is \$10 cash at the door. Attire is casual and is themed "Through the Decades". Seniors wear traditional togas (boys wear t-shirts underneath)

ATTENDANCE:

Please follow SPS attendance regulations in the Student-Parent Handbook and make Mrs. Kelsey'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. **Do not allow your sons to miss school for less than very serious reasons.**



EMAIL ADDRESSES: An SPS email address (printed on the schedules) is issued to all students. The format is Firstname.Lastname.gradyr@stpauls.com, e.g., John.Smith.2023@stpauls.com. This will allow us to better communicate with students. The student may keep this email forever, thus allowing us to continue contact with him as an alumnus. Naturally, we will delete the email upon graduation at the student's request. Your son's email will be printed on the schedule that you receive. **Since 95% of our communication with you is via email, please let us know if you change your email address.** And check your spam filter as sometimes our emails end up there.

NEW PARENTS: We traditionally hold a **welcome reception and information** meeting for **new parents**. **This year, it is scheduled for** Monday, August 21, at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The program will be over by 8:00.

NEW 8TH GRADE AND NEW 9TH GRADE STUDENT ORIENTATION: Our Lasallian Student Leaders are planning an Orientation Session for our incoming 8th graders and NEW 9th graders on Tue, August 7, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. An invitation was sent to you, and we hope you have marked this date on your calendars and plan to be present. Naturally, attendance is optional, but the evening will be an informative introduction to SPS. Do not worry, however, if you cannot make it. We will “orient” you when school begins. Please RSVP by emailing our Lasallian Youth Leader moderator, Mr. Jeff Ramon, at j.ramon@stpauls.com.

OFFICE DEPOT: If you shop at Office Depot, give SPS school code (70041640) or just mention our name and we receive 5% of purchase!

PE UNIFORMS: Students in PE must wear PE uniforms, available at the bookstore. We will be lenient the first week or so, but please have your son start bringing his PE uniform to school if he is taking PE.

PICTURES: Ordering school pictures is optional;

PHYSICALS: No student may participate in our athletic program or our band program without the necessary paperwork having been completed, including an LHSAA official physical form.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: All individuals planning to volunteer with St. Paul's must complete safe environment training as mandated by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

SUPPLIES: Needed school supplies are posted on our school web site (www.stpauls.com). Just click on the link on the homepage. Supplies are listed by COURSE. While we encourage you to shop at the Mothers Club bookstore, if **you shop at Office Depot, give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5%!**

STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK SIGNATURE CARD: The Student-Parent Handbook is posted on the Student Life page of our website. All students and parents must be familiar with our policies and agree to follow them. As evidence of that agreement, **students and parents must sign a form attesting that they have read the Handbook, understand the rules contained within the document, and intend to follow them.** **Print out the signature card (posted on the website under “recent news” and which is also the last page of the handbook) and bring it on their first day of school.**

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: 988: On July 16, 2022, Louisiana joined the rest of the nation in launching 988, the new three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to make it easier for people to receive assistance during a mental health crisis. When you call (multiple languages), text (English only) or chat 988, you will be connected to trained, compassionate crisis counselors who will listen to your concerns, provide support, and connect you with local resources. The chat feature is available through the Lifeline’s [website \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/). People can use 988 if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



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STARTING TODAY: It now only takes three digits to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. People who need to talk to trained professionals can dial or text 988.

bit.ly/3odaQUI

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



Please discuss this service with your sons!

In case you wanted to see your son's class schedule for the Month of August:

The Week of August 9-11

Wednesday, August 9 – Periods ABCD meet

(Assemblies/80-minute classes/No SSR)/Religion Classes to BAC for Photos

CHIMES	8:00
Block 1	8:05
Assembly	8:10-8:30
BLOCK 1	8:35-9:55
BLOCK 2	10:02-11:22
LUNCH	11:22-12:07 (longer)
BLOCK 3	12:12-1:32
BLOCK 4	1:39-3:00

Thursday, August 10 – Periods EFGA meet

(Assemblies/80-minute classes/No SSR)/Religion Classes to BAC for Photos

CHIMES	8:00
Block 1	8:05
Assembly	8:10-8:30
BLOCK 1	8:35-9:55
BLOCK 2	10:02-11:22
LUNCH	11:22-12:07 (longer)
BLOCK 3	12:12-1:32
BLOCK 4	1:39-3:00

Friday, August 11 - BCDE--Back to School Dance (8/9)

(Assemblies/80-minute classes/No SSR)

CHIMES	8:00
Block 1	8:05
Assembly	8:10-8:30
BLOCK 1	8:35-9:55
BLOCK 2	10:02-11:22
LUNCH	11:22-12:07 (longer)
BLOCK 3	12:12-1:32
BLOCK 4	1:39-3:00

Week of August 14-18

Monday, August 14 - FGAB (First SSR)

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, August 15 – CDEF - Mass Schedule (dress uniform day)

MASS SCHEDULE (No SSR)

(70 minute periods)

BLOCK 1	8:05 - 9:20
MASS	9:26 - 10:36
BLOCK 2	10:42 – 11:52
Lunch	11:52 – 12:32
BLOCK 3	12:32 – 1:42
BLOCK 4	1:48 – 3:00

Wednesday, August 16 – GABC

Principal's Assembly--No SSR

MORNING ASSEMBLY (No SSR)

CHIMES	8:00
ANNOUNCE.	8:05-8:10
ASSEMBLY	8:15-8:55
BLOCK 1	9:00-10:15
BLOCK 2	10:22-11:37
LUNCH	11:37-12:17
BLOCK 3	12:22-1:37
BLOCK 4	1:44-3:00

Thursday, August 17 - 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

Friday, August 18 - ABCD

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

A Look Ahead:

August

- 21 – EFGA – New Parent Reception
- 22 – BCDE – Pack Time (Intro + Get Involved); senior BBQ; get involved day at lunch
- 24 – CDEF – MTTA/ Senior Unity Day/ Senior Ring Ceremony
- 25 – GABC – Senior Ring Holiday/8th grade officer class elections
- 28 – DEFG – Parent Teacher Mini-Schedule Night/ Safety Week Drills
- 29 – ABCD –Principal's Assembly/Shadow Day
- 30 – EFGA – Safety Week Drills
- 31 – BCDE –Safety Week Drills

NEED MORE INFORMATION? For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Joe Dickens 985-892-3200 Ext.1920, Assistant Principal Lee Pierre Ext.1942, or Curriculum Coordinator Matt Pinero Ext.1982. For discipline, attendance, or dress code questions, call Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students Ext. 1981. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin Ext. 1905 or me. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Mr. Sam Francis, Athletic Director Ext. 1983. Naturally, call me if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1901, my email is trevorw@stpauls.com or hit “reply” to this email!**

FINAL WORD:

I will close with the passage that Brother Ray liked to use at the beginning of each new school year. He had been using it for 35 years, but it still makes sense today! It was written in the 1960's by the headmaster of St. Alban's School in New York. It provides food for thought for all of us:

The raising of children is a lot of fun and a lot of pain, whether it has to do with cars, books, the opposite sex, parties, or drinking, but it is also the greatest privilege we can have in life. We shall do it well or poorly, depending upon the quality of life we ourselves have been able to develop, the way we are able to learn, the humility of heart that is ours, which helps us to recognize that we do not have all the answers and that we can learn from each other, occasionally from our children, through whom God has been known to speak even to parents, and especially from that teacher who we recognize as The Teacher, Jesus the Lord.

I hope that I did not overwhelm you with information in this first Sunday Newsletter. I imagine there is a point or two of information that you wish I had included (or excluded). Remember what I wrote at the top, I will include much more “looking forward” information in the newsletter next Sunday. **Email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.** Please pray for us daily! Thanks for being part of SPS! May our year be one of grace and blessing!

Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever!

Trevor C. Watkins, AFSC

President

A Prayer for the Start of the School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff of our Catholic schools that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen



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.
- Note that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.
- In case of closings, we will make up days from holidays. **School begins with all students on Wednesday, August 9th for a full instructional day (8 – 3).** Also, check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

The archway awaits the arrival of the 2023-2024 students.



