



*The SPS President's Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
*August 13 – August 19, 2023*



On the first day of school Mr. Dickens and I met with the pre-freshmen in a level assembly. I told them that they were now part of a world-wide organization made up of millions of Lasallians who are current or former students of a thousand+ institutions in 80+ countries. I invited them to learn what that means by listening, observing, and learning about what makes Lasallian Christian Brothers schools unique. I also introduced them to the theme of the year: *Rise up, O Men of God*. Coincidentally, the song by the same name, authored by William P. Merrill (1911), is a common anthem sung by our students.

In the context of the death of Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC, many are asking if and how Saint Paul's will change. I suggested to the pre-freshmen that if we do as Brother asked i.e., to Rise up as Men of God, that Saint Paul's will continue to grow and prosper as a strong and vibrant Lasallian school.

I asked the assembled students what the phrase *Rise Up O Men of God* might mean for them. One student confidently answered, "To live like Jesus." Another responded, "to Be kind to one another." I suggested to them that this year could be a new beginning, a fresh start, a time to

leave behind old grievances and bad habits. I encouraged them to make new friends, seek new experiences, and commit to “live like Jesus” and “to be kind to one another.”

Fast forward to this morning’s Second Reading from Paul to the Ephesians,

*Brothers and sisters:*

*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,  
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

*All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling  
must be removed from you, along with all malice.*

*And be kind to one another, compassionate,  
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

How timely as we start the new school year! Please join us in encouraging your sons to take full advantage of this unique moment and opportunity in his life. Encourage him to “Rise Up” as a man of God, to be done with lesser things, to give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings! Or, following the wisdom of our pre-freshmen, “live like Jesus” and “be kind to one another.”

## **THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL’S**

### **Sunday August 13**

- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Monday, August 14 – FGAB**

- Regular Schedule

### **Tuesday, August 15 – CDEF**

- First All-School Mass – Feast of the Assumption
- Dress Uniform Day

### **Wednesday, Aug 16 – GABC**

- Principal’s Assembly – Ask your son about what happened at Assembly
- Football Scrimmage v. John Curtis at Hunter Stadium – 5:30

### **Thursday, August 17 – DEFG**

- Regular Schedule

### **Friday, August 18 – ABCD**

- Regular Schedule
- Football Meet-the-Team at Hunter Stadium 7:00 pm
- ID and Yearbook photo make up day

### **Saturday, August 19**

**CORRECTION:** My apologies for giving the wrong date for the New Parents Reception in the Newsletter last week. The NPR is on August 21 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center.



## **OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

**ENROLLMENT:** We open this year with a healthy enrollment. I am humbled and proud that so many parents are willing to entrust their sons to us and make the sacrifices necessary to do so. **Please stress with your son that he is being given a gift – a gift that others want. He must use this gift wisely and make good choices.**



**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.

**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.**

**CAR LINES:** There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder's Circle (plaza area by the flag poles) as a pick up or drop off point, **cars must drop off and pick up students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – do not block traffic in the right lane. Dropping off at La Salle Hall Parking Lot or the Jefferson Avenue Parking lots is OK. **Please DO NOT drop off or pick up students on the shoulders of roads around campus.** This is a hazard to pedestrians

and other drivers. **I encourage you to consider picking up your son after 3:10 if possible rather than lining up before 3:00 when school lets out.** The carline is usually done by then and you will find it much easier to navigate De La Salle Drive. Traffic will be heavy heading into and out of Covington as schools open. Please plan accordingly.



*Left: Student Council President Gunnar Gavel welcomes the faculty and staff to the new year at our recent meetings.*

**ID AND YEARBOOK PHOTO MAKE UP DATE:** The make-up date for yearbook and ID photos will be this Friday, August 18, during lunch. Please make sure that your son is well-groomed and meets all school regulations. Each student will need to wear the dress shirt and school tie for the photo but may change into the regular uniform during the day.

**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

**2023-2024 YEARBOOKS:** Start the year off right by purchasing the 2023/2024 yearbook now! If you enter the promo code EarlyBird you will receive \$10 dollars off your total order. This discount is a limited-time offer so go use it while there is still time. You can purchase a yearbook by going to [Yearbooksforever.com](http://Yearbooksforever.com) .

Senior parents, the price of the yearbook for seniors is included in the senior fee. If, however, you wish to purchase a senior ad in this year's yearbook, now is a great time to get a head start on the process. If you also use the promo code EarlyBird, you will receive a \$10 off coupon for senior ads. This promo code will also expire soon so use it while you can.



*Left: Alumni Director Al Nastasi distributing yearbooks recently to the class of 2023. Al is with Matthew Longo (signing the spreadsheet), Keegan Burrell, and Evan Leaber.*

**DRIVING POLICY:** The driving habits of some students (speeding, horn blowing; engine revving, tire screeching, etc.) cause grief for the neighbors. We have spoken at length with some neighbors and also with the Covington PD. As our handbook states, driving and parking on our campus is a privilege, not a right. Thus:

- Covington Police will increase their presence and issue tickets;
- Neighbors have been instructed to take pictures or get license plates of speeding or unsafe drivers;
- SPS has increased the number of faculty street supervisors after school;
- SPS has a series of monetary fines (beginning at \$50 for a first offense) against students shown to be violating traffic laws around school;
- SPS reserves the right to revoke the driving to school privilege – which we have done in the past.
- And remember: **it's against Louisiana law to use a cell phone (except hands free) during school zone times. Don't drop your son off while using a cell phone – it's against the law and sets a bad example.**
- Parents of students who drive to school – please practice safe driving with your sons.



**DE LA SALLE DRIVE PAVING:** Many thanks to Mr. Chris Pierson '91 who advised me from beginning to end on the recent repaving job. Along the way he enlisted the assistance of his son, Blake DiSalvo '20, and his internship employer, Tommy Buckel, at Duplantis Design Group, to provide an estimation of the asphalt quantities associated with the milling and overlaying of LaSalle Drive. I am most grateful for their advice and assistance.

**EXTRACURRICULARS:** New parents often ask how their sons find out about our extracurricular program. On August 22 we will introduce students to our offerings at Pack Time meetings and Get-Involved-Day activities. In the meantime, I encourage you to take a look at the numerous offerings available to SPS students on our website under STUDENT LIFE.

**HELPING SAINT PAUL'S:**

**OFFICE DEPOT:** If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Box Tops for Education continues to be an easy way to earn money for Saint Paul's. The traditional clip box tops have been replaced with an easy to use app. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and twice a year, our school receives a check. Download the Box Tops for Education app here: [https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\\_code=R26O6QQ0](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=R26O6QQ0)

Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2024, while supplies last! Traditional paper box tops that have not expired can still be turned in to your son's math teacher. If you have any questions email Shannon d'Hemecourt at [s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com](mailto:s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com)

**MINI-SCHEDULE NIGHT:** We will hold our annual mini-schedule for parents on Monday, August 28, beginning at 6:30. Come follow your son's schedule with ten-minute classes and meet his teachers. This is always a popular event, so place it on your calendars. Thanks



**LOST AND FOUND:** The Lost and Found Closet is located under the outside stairs behind the large wall at Founder's Circle. Tell your son to look there for any misplaced items. Lunch boxes, sweatshirts, PE uniforms, book bags, and sports equipment are some of the most frequent items "lost". Misplaced phones, keys, ID cards, and electronics are handled by Mrs. Claire's office.

**DADS' CLUB:** Over the years the SPS Dad's Club has been a very active organization that has served the school in innumerable ways. However, the club has never had a formal organizational structure. In the near future you will be hearing from me about "rebooting" the Dads Club into a more formal organization. If you would like to be a part of the Dad's Club or have ideas for how to make it an even better organization please look out for correspondence from me in this regard in the next few days.

**DRESS CODE AND GROOMING:** The vast majority of students arrived in compliance with the dress and grooming codes. Thanks for holding them accountable. A few students tried to push the boundaries. Refer to previous newsletters or the student handbook on our website for particulars if you are still unsure.

**BARGAIN UNIFORMS:** We have a number of clean, pre-owned SPS uniform shirts and shorts in good condition. If the family budget is tight, feel free to ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student and no one will know. Thanks to those families who supply us with their outgrown uniforms. If you have a returning student who has outgrown his SPS apparel, we gladly accept gently used items. Just drop the items off at the Administration Building.

## 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.
- **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.)
- **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 7 - 8 Between 7 and 2:30 at the Cafeteria Building. A separate check will be needed or you may pay online at [stpauls.com](http://stpauls.com) under Student Life – Cafeteria. There you will find a link to set up your cafeteria account. 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.**
- **Free and reduced meal applications can be found on the cafeteria website:**  
<https://schoolcafe.org/>

**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](mailto: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 RECEPTION:** 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.**



**PICTURES:** School pictures were taken the first two days of school during religion classes. Students received their permanent school ID at the same time. Ordering additional pictures is optional.

**ID CARDS:** Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day. No one has to pay for an ID card unless you want an extra one. Students may order additional school IDs anytime from Sgt. Pressley. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him, or if for some reason you want an extra one.

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



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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](https://bit.ly/3odaQUI)



**988**  
The mental health  
version of 911 is set to  
launch nationwide July 16.



Please discuss this new service with your sons!

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** All individuals planning to volunteer with St. Paul's must complete safe environment training as mandated by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Contact Claire Courtrado, at [clairec@stpauls.com](mailto:clairec@stpauls.com) for details.

**FREE 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. LCMC Children’s Hospital will be providing free athletic/band physicals in the new gym after school on September 14th. If your son intends to participate in sports or band this year, this is a quick, easy, (and free!) way to get his physical done. Contact Claire Courtrado, at [clairec@stpauls.com](mailto:clairec@stpauls.com) for details.

## SCENES FROM THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL:



*Left: Paula, campus peahen, made her return to school after the summer away. Her “attendant”, Mrs. Miller, serves her expected daily breakfast at La Salle Hall. She rejoins the menagerie of wildlife (besides the students) that inhabit the campus including foxes, various water fowl, fish, squirrels, countless birds including a couple of hawks, and owls and other assorted seasonal visitors.*

*Right: A student takes a moment to reflect at the pond.*





*Above: Pre-freshmen Payne Weileman, Christian Buffa, and John d'Hemecourt celebrate a successful first week at Saint Paul's school with popsicles provided by Mr. Watkins and the alumni staff.*

*Right: Varsity football team gather at center field on the new turf after practice.*





*Left: Coach Mick Nunez instructs the pre-freshmen on how to tie a tie.*

*Below: Hanging out at a shady spot at the pond during lunch.*





*Above: Mr. Sibley, religion teacher, and Officer Touns, School Resource Officer, get to know each other on the first day of school.*

*Below: Mr. Emerson, Mr. Richards, Mr. Drivon and Mr. Lacour await picture taking.*



*Left: Young Lasallians waiting for their yearbook and school ID picture taking session.*

*Below: Students trying to impress at the Back-to-School Dance in the Briggs Assembly Center.*



*Right:  
Students  
having fun  
at Back-to-  
School  
Dance*



## **HOMECOMING DANCES:**

Saint Paul's School will host Homecoming dances for SPS students and their guests. A Saint Paul's student may bring one young lady as his date. All young ladies must be escorted by a Saint Paul's student.

The **8th and 9th grade dance** will take place Saturday, **September 23**, from 7-9 PM. The **10th, 11th, and 12th grade dance** will take place Saturday, **September 30**, from 8-10 PM. Both dances will take place in the Briggs Assembly Center. Students will receive an email link to purchase tickets approximately one month prior to the dance. Please note the dress code for young men and young women:

### **Dress Code for Saint Paul's Homecoming dances:**

Attire should be suitable for a Catholic high school function. **A violation of the dress code will result in a phone call to the student's parents and dismissal from the dance.**

### **Boys are expected to adhere to the following dress code for the Homecoming dance:**

- Dress pants, dress shirt, and tie. Jackets are not required.
- Shirts must remain tucked in and ties remain around the neck.
- Young men should be clean-shaven.

### **Girls are expected to adhere to the following dress code for the Homecoming dance:**

- Dresses must be full-length. The entire dress must reach the floor and must not be sheer.
- Slits in dresses may be no more than 4 inches above the knee.
- Dresses may not have a low open back. The back must be at the natural bra line.
- Strapless and one shoulder dresses are acceptable as are spaghetti straps.
- There should be no immodest cutouts, openings, or low-cut, revealing necklines.
- No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended.

## **UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS: (Parents of underclassmen can skip this section)**

Tuesday, August 22: Senior BBQ from 5-6:30 under the Wolf Dome. A group of senior parents is organizing this event. Your son is encouraged to attend and share fellowship with his fellow seniors.

### **Thursday, August 24:**

- **Senior March through the Arch:** This moving ceremony begins promptly at 8 am. Seniors must be here by 7:15 am for pictures. They are to be dressed in their dress uniform with dress shoes. They must be in full compliance with the school's grooming and hair codes in order to participate. Parents are encouraged to attend. The March is over by 8:30.

- **Senior Breakfast Meeting:** Following the March, seniors and their parents are invited to a continental breakfast in the student center. During the breakfast, Mr. Lee Pierre, assistant principal, and Mrs. Renée Miller, 12<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, will provide you with some important information that is relevant to senior year and **college admissions**. If no parent will be present for a senior, please let Renée know so she can send you the information. The breakfast meeting is over by about 9:30.
- **Senior Unity Morning:** Following the breakfast meeting, seniors will report to the theater for Unity Day. This traditional event is remembered as an important part of the senior year. Attendance by seniors is mandatory, and they are allowed to change into their normal school uniforms.
- **Senior Unity Day Lunch:** We will provide a pizza lunch to the seniors following Unity Morning.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony Practice:** Following lunch, we will practice for the Senior Ring Ceremony. **Attendance at the practice is mandatory.** I will dismiss the seniors from school as soon as practice is finished. This will probably be before 3 (but is determined by senior cooperation!) Last year we dismissed shortly after 2 pm.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony:** This significant senior event **begins at 6:30 pm sharp**. Seniors must be present by 6:15 at the latest and are allowed to wear any dress shirt, tie, slacks, belt, socks, and dress shoes. They do not have to wear their dress uniforms again but must be “dressed up.” They must be in full compliance with the school’s grooming and hair codes in order to participate. Some other points about the senior ring ceremony:
  - The ceremony, which is a Catholic Liturgy of the Word, lasts about one hour twenty minutes.
  - We do not place a limit on who can attend and have managed to accommodate everyone in the past, but, obviously, we ask you to limit guests to about 4-6 per senior.
  - If a senior has a ring from a vendor other than Jostens or is using a family ring, he should bring it to the counseling office to Renee Miller **PRIOR** to Thursday so that we can arrange for it to be placed properly. **Note: if you did purchase a ring from Jostens, payment must be made before Jostens will allow us to present the ring at the ceremony.**

**Friday, August 25, is the Senior Ring Holiday.** Seniors **do not** have to report to school.

**Rise Up, O Men of God**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SSA:** Congratulations to SSA on the ribbon cutting for their newly upgraded library. Mr. Dickens and I were invited to the opening and we were most impressed by the new facility.



*Above: Ribbon Cutting at New SSA Library and Classrooms Left to right: Madeline LeBlanc Cottrell, Martha Mundine-Deputy Superintendent of Catholic Schools Archdiocese of New Orleans, Mark Johnson-Mayor of Covington, Reverend Monsignor Frank J. Giroir-St. Anselm & SSA Chaplain, Paysee McWilliams-SSA Advisory Board, Sheri Gillio - SSA Head of School, Katie Rose Norman - SSA Alumnae Board President, Jennifer Thibodeaux-SSA Parents Club Past President*

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

## **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

## **THE LAST WORD:**

I will once again 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! I wish I could take credit for the quotation, but 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 and I'm sure is especially relevant after the first few days of school:

*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.*

Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever!

Trevor C. Watkins, AFSC  
President



## 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 <b>with full day of instruction</b>
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, make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. PLEASE do not schedule vacations during school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic 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. 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.

# 2023-2024 Period Rotation Schedule

## First Semester Period Rotation

### August

- 2 & 3 – New Teacher Orientation / Senior Portraits
- 4 & 7 – Faculty Meetings
- 7 – New Student Orientation
- 9 – ABCD - First Day of School – Pictures during religion periods/Level assemblies after announcements
- 10 – EFGA – Pictures during religion periods/Level assemblies after announcements
- 11 – BCDE – Level assemblies after announcements/ Back to School Dance (8th/ 9th)
- 14 – FGAB
- 15 – CDEF – Mass – Feast of the Assumption (dress uniform day)
- 16 – GABC – Principal's Assembly (Wednesday)
- 17 – DEFG
- 18 – ABCD
- 21 – EFGA – New Parent Reception
- 22 – BCDE – Pack Time (Intro + Get Involved); senior BBQ; get involved day at lunch
- 23 – FGAB
- 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

### September

- 1 – FGAB – Safety Week Drills
- 4 – Labor Day Holiday
- 5 – CDEF – Pack Time (8th grade etiquette training/PE periods EF)
- 6 – GABC – Prayer Service
- 7 – DEFG
- 8 – ABCD
- 9 – ACT Test Date
- 11 – EFGA – (8th grade etiquette training/PE periods GA)
- 12 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day
- 13 – FGAB
- 14 – CDEF – Teacher Appreciation Lunch/SPS Birthday Parade/ Snack Day
- 15 – GABC – (8th grade etiquette training/PE periods BC)
- 16 – Wolf Cup
- 18 – DEFG – Morning Assembly (Practice for DCAA); Homecoming Week begins
- 19 – ABCD – Afternoon Prayer Service (DCAA)
- 20 – EFGA

- 21 – BCDE - Principal's Assembly (Homecoming)/ Shadow Day
- 22 – FGA - Field Day followed by pep rally w/ SSA
- 23 – Jr High Homecoming Dance
- 25 – BCDE
- 26 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 27 – CDEF – Mass (International Lasallian Days for Peace) (dress uniform day)
- 28 – GABC – Late Start
- 29 – DEFG
- 30 – Senior High Homecoming Dance

### **October**

- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA – Principal's Assembly/ Shadow Day
- 4 – BCDE
- 5 – FGAB
- 6 – No School – Fall Break
- 9 – CDEF – (PSAT C & D)
- 10 – GABC – Pack Time
- 11 – DEFG – Respect Life Prayer Service; (PSAT D & E)
- 12 – ABCD - 8th Grade Retreat; (PSAT A & B)
- 13 – EF – End of 1st Quarter/Grandparents Day – 11 AM Dismissal
- 16 – GABC
- 17 – DEFG – Senior in-school ACT
- 18 – ABCD – Principal's Assembly (Wed) / Shadow Day / Snack Day
- 19 – EFGA – Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- 20 – BCDE – (PSAT B & C)
- 23 – FGAB - Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
- 24 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 25 – GABC – (PSAT G & A)
- 26 – DEFG – Late start (Wellness Screening)
- 27 – ABCD – (PSAT A & B)
- 28 – Open House for Prospective Students/ ACT Test Date
- 30 – EFGA
- 31 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day

### **November**

- 1 – FGAB – Mass w/ SSA (dress uniform day)
- 2 – CDEF – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 3 – GABC – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 6 – Archdiocesan Formation Day for Faculty (no classes)
- 7 – DEFG – Pack Time

8 – ABCD – 10th Grade HR Breakfast  
9 – EFGA – 11th Grade HR Breakfast  
10 – BCDE – 12th Grade HR Breakfast  
13 – FGAB  
14 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day (Public School)  
15 – GABC  
16 – DEFG  
17 – ABCD  
20 - 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays  
27 – EFGA  
28 – BCDE – Pack Time (Luminarias)  
29 – FGAB  
30 – CDEF

### **December**

1 – GABC  
4 – DEFG  
5 – ABCD – Principal's Assembly  
6 – EFGA  
7 – BCDE – Late start/ Luminarias/ Snack day  
8 – FGAB – Mass- Feast of Immaculate Conception (dress uniform day)  
9 – ACT Test Date  
11 – CDEF  
12 – GABC  
13 – DEFG  
14 - 19 – First Semester Exams  
19 – Faculty Luncheon  
20 – Conflict/ Make-up Day

## **Second Semester Period Rotation**

### **January**

3 – ABCD – Classes Resume; Senior Retreat  
4 – EFGA – Senior Retreat  
5 – BCDE – Senior Retreat  
8 – FGAB  
9 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly  
10 – GABC  
11 – DEFG  
12 – ABCD – Late start  
15 – MLK Holiday

16 – EFGA – Pack Time  
17 – BCDE – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
18 – FGAB – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
19 – CDEF – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
22 – GABC  
23 – DEFG – President’ Assembly  
24 – ABCD – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
25 – EFGA – Mass – Feast of St. Paul; Snack Day (dress uniform day)  
26 – BCDE – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
29 – FGAB  
30 – CDEF – Pack Time  
31 – GABC

### **February**

1 – DEFG  
2 – ABCD  
5 – EFGA – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC  
6 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly  
7 – FGAB – Junior Retreat  
8 – CDEF – Junior Retreat  
9 – Faculty retreat (no classes)  
10 – ACT Test Date  
12 - 16 – Mardi Gras Holiday  
19 – GABC – Beginning of Lent Prayer Service  
20 – DEFG – Pack Time/ Teacher Appreciation/ Snack day  
21 – ABCD – 8th Pre-ACT  
22 – EFGA – 9th Pre-ACT  
23 – BCDE – 10 Pre- ACT (SSA Sweetheart Dance)  
26 – FGAB  
27 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly  
28 – GABC – Late Start  
29 – DEFG

### **March**

1 – ABCD  
4 – EFGA  
5 – BCDE – Pack Time / Mother-Son (10-12th)  
6 – FGAB  
7 – CDEF – Mother-Son (8-9th)  
8 – GABC – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
11 – DEFG  
12 – ABC – SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Gym\*  
13 – DEFG

- 14 – ABCD
- 15 – EFGA – Late start / Snack Day
- 18 – BCDE
- 19 – FGAB – 8th HR Breakfast — Mass – Feast of St. Joseph (dress uniform day)
- 20 – CDEF – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 21 – GABC – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 22 – DEFG – Principal's Assembly
- 23 – Junior-Senior Prom
- 25 – ABCD
- 26 – EFGA – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 27 – BCDE – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 28 – FGAB – Mandatum (dress uniform day)
- 29 - Apr 5 - Easter Holidays

### **April**

- 8-12 – Leadership Week
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC – Leadership Breakfast
- 10 – DEFG – Mass - (dress uniform day)
- 11 – ABCD – Leadership Guest Speaker
- 12 – EFGA – Year in Review Assembly
- 13 – ACT Test Date
- 15 – BCDE
- 16 – FGAB – Pack Time (last for seniors)
- 17 – CDEF
- 18 – GABC – Teacher Appreciation Lunch/ Snack Day
- 19 – DEFG – Class Level Elections
- 22 – ABCD
- 23 – EFGA – Principal's Assembly (last for seniors)
- 24 – BCDE
- 25 – FGAB
- 26 – CDEF – Prayer Service; Senior Exams (elective)
- 29 – GABC – Senior Exams (elective)
- 30 – DEFG – Senior Exams

### **May**

- 1 – ABCD – Senior Exams
- 2 – EFGA – Senior Exams
- 3 – BCDE – Late start
- 6 – FGAB
- 7 – CDEF – Last Principal's Assembly
- 8 – GABC
- 9 – DEFG – Athletic Awards



- 10 – ABCD – Academic Awards – dress uniform day; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
- 13 – EFGA– 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
- 14 – BCDE – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
- 15 – FGAB –8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams/ Senior Grad Night
- 16 – CDEFG\* –8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
- 17-22 – Final Exams
- 18 – Graduation
- 22 – Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Luncheon