



The SPS President's Newsletter
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
August 20 – August 26, 2023



The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that Mary is the Immaculate Conception; that is, in preparation for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in her womb, she was conceived without the corruption of sin through the foreseen and infinite merits of her Son, Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, as saints and theologians reflected on how Mary pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of Christ in her holy heart, as attested in Scripture, her pure heart was recognized as something to be imitated. Devotion to Our Lady's purity of heart began to flower—so much so that in the 17th century, St. John Eudes promoted it alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion rose to a new level after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, when Mary revealed an image of her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. (Source: Morning Offering)

My wife and I visited Fatima this summer during our stay in Portugal. While there we happened upon a Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Rosary. While not as large, and a simpler setting than La Villa de Guadalupe in Mexico City or the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, nevertheless one can sense the sacred presence of Mary and see the intense devotion to Our Lady by those assembled.



On the Saint Paul's campus, we have several monuments to Our Lady, a testament to the devotion of the Brothers to the Mother of Jesus. The student chapel is named Mary, Queen of Peace Student Chapel. Outside of the chapel is the small Marian grotto dedicated to Brother Ray's parents. (It is currently being restored and will soon be back in its place.) In front of the Theater there is a bronze statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a fitting place since our theater troupe goes by the name, Marian Players. Needless to say, Her presence is seen and felt throughout our campus.

May Mary continue to bless and watch over the students and staff of Saint Paul's, not just in August, but throughout the rest of the 2023-2024 school year.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday August 20

- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 21 – EFGA

- Regular Schedule
- New Parent Reception 6:30 in Briggs Assembly Center

Tuesday, August 22 – BCDE

- Memorial of the Queenship of Mary
- Pack Time
- Get Involved Day

Wednesday, Aug 23 – FGAB

- Pre-Freshmen Football at Ponchatoula Jr. High

Thursday, August 24 – CDEF

- Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- March Through the Arch Ceremony
- Senior Unity Day and Ring Ceremony

Friday, August 25 – GABC

- Senior Ring Holiday
- Varsity Football Jamboree v. Archbishop Rummel – 5:30 @ Hunter Stadium
- Pre-Freshmen Student Council elections

Saturday, August 26

OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION (Still)

SSR: Last week we began Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) time. SSR is a daily 15-minute time period when everything in school goes quiet for 15 minutes of quiet reading. This usually occurs during 15 minutes added to the beginning of the second block of the day. Students (and teachers and staff) are free to read any PAPER book or journal (remember those?) during this time so long as it is appropriate and not related to one of their classes.



We instituted SSR a few years ago to encourage students to read by doing something very simple... giving them time to read. Over the years school data show that this simple exercise has had significant impact on overall reading scores of our students. Research also shows that SSR increases reading comprehension and vocabulary acquisition. It has also been shown to instill good reading habits over time.

You can help multiply the positive results of school SSR at home. Ask your son what he is reading. Take him to the local library or bookstore to pick out books of his interests. Show an interest by providing him with reading material you know he will enjoy. Model reading in your own home by giving him a quiet space and time to read. Together we can make a reader of him!

PACK TIME: Our first Pack Time will meet this Tuesday morning. Pack time is a multi-level, multi-year group of students who meet every other Tuesday morning. Your son's unique Pack Time is led by a teacher who will remain the moderator year to year.

Pack Time serves as a homeroom, advisory, information sharing opportunity for students. It is a time where upperclassmen and underclassmen can interact and get to know each other. For example, the first Pack Time is devoted to getting involved. Upperclassmen will share their experiences in different extracurricular offerings and encourage the new students to get involved.



GET INVOLVED DAY: Tuesday is Get Involved Day. As mentioned above, the Pack Time on this day is devoted to encouraging new (and some old) students to get involved. Educational research clearly shows that an involved student is a better student. Saint Paul's so strongly believes in this that we go out of our way to provide countless opportunities for students to belong to something, do something, experience something, besides their seven classes at school. If we do not offer something that interests your son, tell him to talk to me or his Pack Time moderator. We will make every effort, within reason, to add that activity to our offerings.

So how does Get Involved Day work? On Tuesday at lunch, most organizations will man informational tables and booths outside in the break areas. Students simply have to approach a table and talk to students or moderators who will explain what the group does, what is expected of members, and how to enroll. Your son simply needs to sign up at a table and he will be contacted by someone from that group about joining. It's that simple.

You can help by encouraging him to consider joining one or more groups. Preview with him the school offerings on our website under **STUDENT LIFE**.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: With the approach of the peak of hurricane season, please be aware of our emergency closing policies. Ordinarily, our procedure is to follow the civil parish. Thus, Saint Paul's School would follow the same decision of closure as the public-school system of St. Tammany Parish. The announcement concerning emergency closures would be broadcast on local television stations in the metropolitan area of NO when possible. School messaging will be activated with updated information and situations unique to SPS. For multi-day closings, Saint Paul's reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants. In the meantime, we pray: **Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!**



Above: Saint Paul's School is proud and blessed to recognize our 22 alumni faculty and staff members. Thank you to Mark Richards '72, Mick Nunez '88, Kevin Moore '91, Trevor Watkins '79, Al Nastasi '91, Shawn Mullet '92, Kristian Gibbe '00, Ryan Spencer '01, Jeff Drivon '01, Andrew Dart '03, Whitney Brown '05, Barrett Baumgartner '06, Nick Guarisco '08, Jeff Ramon '08, Eric Orphys '09, Josh Pereira '09, Gabe Emerson '12, Aaron Falkenstein '12, Marc Robertson '12, Kenny Sears '16, Oliver Sibley '17 and Grant Hughes '18 for your continued commitment to Lasallian education. This is why Saint Paul's is a great place to grow up!

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 (including his SSR book), 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.**



Above: Student Council President Gunnar Gavel and VP Peyton Kilgore lead the faculty to pledge their commitment to hold themselves and each other to the highest standards set forth within the Lasallian mission.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Please **DO NOT drop off or pick up students on the shoulders of roads or on the roads around campus.** Officer Toups has mentioned that he still sees a couple of impatient violators in this regard. This is a hazard to pedestrians and other drivers.

DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE: Your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit **and another one** when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act; don't blame me!

SCHOOL PHOTOS: By now you should have received an email link from Barberito Photographers to view and order the school ay protriats taken the two first days of school. If you cannot locate the email, please check your spam folder. If you did not receive the link and would like to order school pictures, please reach out to Barberito Photographers directly at contact@barberitophotographers.com. Please include the student's school, first and last name and grade.

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 .

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.

CELL PHONES:

- **State Law:** Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand-held wireless communications device while traveling through school zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- **SPS Law:** Students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during lunch. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

HELPING SAINT PAUL'S:

From Mr. Moran, Director of Music: Crumbl Cookies in Mandeville will be hosting a band night where they will donate 15% of sales back to the band on Wednesday, August 23rd 4-7 with Pep Band 5:30-6:30.

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

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

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. I will speak briefly about the club on New Parents Night. If you are a new dad you will be able to sign up at that event.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 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 for details.

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](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/) (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.



Please discuss this new service with your sons!

SCENES FROM THE SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL:

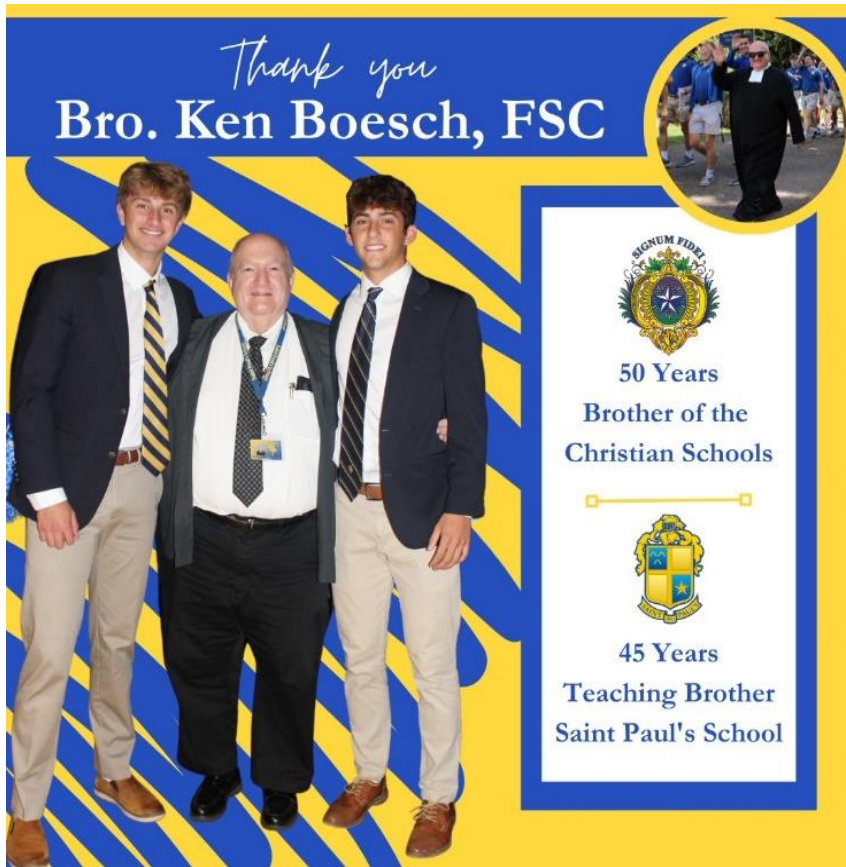


Left: Pre-Freshmen anxiously await the entrance to their first assembly in the New Gym.



Above and Below: Pre-Freshmen are welcomed into their section of the New Gym to a standing ovation from the rest of the student body as Brother Ken pounds out his rendition of "Ode to Joy", melody of the final movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's final symphony.





Left: Gunner Gavel and Payton Kilgore congratulate Brother Ken at the Wednesday assembly on his 45th anniversary of teaching at Saint Paul's.

Below: Newly commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist pose for their first group picture after the first school Mass on Tuesday.





Above: John Baricev reads at the Mass of the Assumption of Mary as Brother Ken and Father Mark look on.

Below: Father Mark prepares to bless the Extraordinary Ministers before they serve their first school Mass.



Below: Newly commissioned Extraordinary Ministers offer communion to family members at the Mass of the Assumption.



FOOTBALL: Congratulation to the Varsity Football Wolverers as they began their season with a scrimmage v. John Curtis this past Wednesday. By all accounts the team acquitted themselves with an impressive showing in their first outing. See the NOLA.com story at this link:

https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st_tammany/corales-scores-twice-as-st-pauls-scrimmages-defending-state-champion-curtis/article_cba9758-3cb8-11ee-bd66-736ecb4862d1.html

The team continues its season at home at Hunter Stadium this Friday v. Archbishop Rummel at 5:30. Wear something cool and come out to support the Varsity Football Wolves.

CROSS COUNTRY: No news reported yet but I have seen the runners pounding the pavement early in the mornings so I hope to have some news soon.

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.

SPEAKING OF DANCES: Tuxedos to Geaux will be on campus to offer to students and their families cost-effective homecoming suits and blazers. Over the years our students have found that buying from this company is much less expensive than renting formal wear. See the flyer attached from Tuxedos to Geaux if interested.

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 Briggs Assembly Center. During the breakfast, Mr. Lee Pierre, assistant principal, and Mrs. Renée Miller, 12th 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.



Left: Moms help seniors prepare for senior portraits in the New Gym lobby.

- **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.

FLYING HIGH: Congratulations to Myles McCormick who was selected to receive the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) foundation scholarship. This flight training scholarship, worth \$10,000, is awarded to only 80 students in the US. The scholarship is based on GPA, passing the private



pilot written exam, essay questions, and letters of recommendation. It is my understanding that Myles took Mr. Barwick for a fly-around of South Louisiana a few weeks ago. I'm waiting for my invitation!

NEED MORE INFORMATION? For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Joe Dickens at (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 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.**

Rise Up, O Men of God

A LOOK AHEAD

August

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
- 9 – ACT Test Date
- 11 – EFGA – (8th grade etiquette training/PE periods GA)
- 12 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day

THE LAST WORD: This Friday, August 26, we celebrate the birthday of Saint Mother Teresa who was born in 1910. In honor of her birth, I invite you to pray and practice a famous prayer which is purported to be hers. It's always worth re-reading:

*People are often unreasonable, irrational, & self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
 If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.*

If you are honest & sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest & sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Saint Mother Teresa! Pray for us!



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 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, 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

- 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 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- 3 – GABC – 9th 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/ Luminaries/ 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 – 8th HR Breakfast
- 18 – FGAB – 9th HR Breakfast
- 19 – CDEF – 10th HR Breakfast
- 22 – GABC
- 23 – DEFG – President' Assembly
- 24 – ABCD – 11th HR Breakfast
- 25 – EFGA – Mass – Feast of St. Paul; Snack Day (dress uniform day)
- 26 – BCDE – 12th 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 3rd 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 – 9th HR Breakfast
- 21 – GABC – 10th HR Breakfast
- 22 – DEFG – Principal's Assembly
- 23 – Junior-Senior Prom
- 25 – ABCD
- 26 – EFGA – 11th HR Breakfast
- 27 – BCDE – 12th 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; 8th Grade Exams
- 13 – EFGA – 8th Grade Exams
- 14 – BCDE – 8th Grade Exams
- 15 – FGAB – 8th Grade Exams/ Senior Grad Night
- 16 – CDEFG* – 8th Grade Promotion
- 17-22 – Final Exams
- 18 – Graduation
- 22 – Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Luncheon