



*The SPS President's Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
*September 4 – September 10, 2023*



Dear Parents,

Brother Ray used to write this note every Labor Day. Over the years I found it very inspirational so I have taken the liberty of reprinting his words for this occasion:

Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now and that we take time to read it again – now more than ever in these challenging times!

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the early Brothers:

- *You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks.*
- *If you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?*
- ***Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.*
- *You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important** and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.*
- ***God has called you, destined** you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.*



I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum!*)** -- nothing less. And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching them to be people of God. Thanks for supporting Lasallian Catholic education here at Saint Paul's School! May this comfort, inspire, and strengthen us in the year ahead!

## **THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S**

### **Sunday, September 3**

- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Monday, September 4 – Labor Day Holiday**

### **Tuesday, September 5 - CDEF**

- Pack Time
- Etiquette training for 8th (Periods E & F PE classes)
- Sudden Impact for Mr. Ramon's Period C class.
- ACT Boot Camp for Seniors 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, September 6 -GABC**

- Prayer Service
- ACT Boot Camp for Seniors 6:30 pm
- Dads' Club meeting 6:30 in Cafeteria

### **Thursday, September 7 – DEFG**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Football v. Bro. Martin at 5:30 – Hunter Stadium
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football @ Archbishop Rummel – 5:30

### **Friday, September 8 – ABCD**

- Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Varsity Football v. Brother Martin- 7:00 pm at Hunter Stadium
- Cross Country team pictures – Location TBD

### **Saturday, September 9**

- ACT Test Day
- JV Football v. Bro. Martin – 10:30 am at Brother Martin
- JV/Varsity Cross Country Meet at Episcopal (Highland Road Park, BR)



**Rise Up, O Men of God**

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**ACT BOOT CAMP:** The ACT Boot Camp is an intensive ACT prep program provided to current seniors. The program consists of four two-hour sessions in each section of the ACT Test (English, Reading, Science, and Math). This program is free of charge, and all seniors are strongly encouraged to attend each of the evening sessions. Each session is led by a faculty member who attended an ACT workshop designed to provide students with simple yet effective tips that can be used while taking the test.

The first two sessions were held last week. The final two sessions are Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It's not too late to sign up for the last two sessions. The registration link is on the class of 24 Google classroom.



*Above: Seniors at the first ACT Boot Camp session.*

**PHEONIX BIGLER:** It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. If so, then a video must be worth a million. Certainly, the following video is. I hope you are as inspired as I was. The example of perseverance, faith, and the power of prayer contained herein are life lessons for us all. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJ1MTSGYJeg>

**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.

**DADS' CLUB:** Over the years the SPS Dads' 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. We have big plans for the revamped Dads' Club this year. If you are interested in joining the Dads' Club or have ideas of what the club could do, please fill out the short survey by using the QR code on the left.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter I sent to all dads last week with more details on the activities of the Club. Our first Dads' Club meeting will be this Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 in the Cafeteria. I hope to see you there.



**ETIQUETTE TRAINING:** When Saint La Salle founded the first schools in France he was not only concerned about reading, writing, and math for poor students who would otherwise never have the opportunity of a formal education. He was also convinced that children deserved to learn proper manners and etiquette in order to be accepted in French society of the time. De La Salle even wrote a book, *The Rules of Christian Decorum and Civility*, where he meticulously lays out how a “Christian gentlemen” should behave. As the translators of his work state, “*De La Salle sought to revive the concept and the reality of the gentleman, the person who acts with decorum (bienséance), self-controlled modesty, and propriety, even when alone, and with civility (civilité), evangelical courtesy practiced in the presence of others. The many details of decorum and civility which De La Salle describes show that he is concerned with refinement in all its forms and that to make his point, he is willing and able to describe how the most common details of daily living ought to be carried out.*”

Some of these “details” can seem quite humorous to us today. For example, he writes a whole section on “The Nose and the Manner of Blowing Your Nose and Sneezing”. On the other hand, he also tackles more serious topics such as, “The Truth and the Sincerity That Decorum Requires in Speech” or, “How You Violate Decorum When You Speak Against the Law of God”. These and many others were not topics usually considered the purview of the school, but rather of the family. In Lasallian schools, however, we see our role as partners with parents in this regard.

Following De La Salles’ example, we try to compliment what you are doing at home with your sons in the area of etiquette. Most of the time this happens organically within the school setting simply by the example set by the adults on campus. Saint LaSalle had much to say to teachers about how to behave as well, especially as it relates to the example of our actions in the classroom.

Sometimes we do this through formal instruction such as when we teach how to properly tie a tie, how to address adults, how to enter or leave a room, when more formal or informal language is appropriate, how to hand write a thank you note, and so on. I could give many more examples, but I hope you get the point.

Another formal learning opportunity for the boys is mealtime Etiquette Training. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in this experience where we invite a local restaurant to instruct the boys on such things as proper posture while seated at table, what utensils to use when, how to ask for something, how to tip in a restaurant and so on. It's a fun way to teach the boys table manners while enjoying a meal. This program is offered free to our students and is sponsored by our Development Office. If your son is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade you should have received information about this program.

I hope you agree that working together we can help your sons mature into gentlemen who understand and practice the "Rules of Christian Decorum and Civility".

**MINI-SCHEDULE NIGHT:** Thanks to everyone who braved the stormy weather to attend Mini-Schedule night last Monday. I hope the sessions were informative. Please feel free to email teachers with any concerns. It is much easier to deal with emerging academic issues than to wait until quarter or semester grades are posted. Curriculum Coordinator, Matt Pinero ([m.pinero@stpauls.com](mailto:m.pinero@stpauls.com)), is a master of early intervention. Write him a note also if you have concerns. Counselors stand ready to help as well.

*Right: Juniors Lucas Gremillion and Ian Anderson, along with Mrs. Mimi Monteiro, assisted parents at the recent Mini-Schedule night.*



**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!

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS: We reach the mid-point of the first quarter this week! If your son is struggling in any class, insist that he go seek help.** 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.

**ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25:** Yes, it is time to think about NEXT year! We have begun our Shadow Day program for current 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders considering SPS for NEXT year. We count on you to spread the good news about SPS to your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

**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.**

**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) . We did have some issues with the site. Thanks to those parents who made us aware of the mistake. You should have no trouble now.

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.

**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!

**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/c2jldifkw?referral\\_code=R26O6QQ0](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jldifkw?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)

**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.

**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.

**MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE GROTTO RESTORED:** Last Thursday many students gathered for a short prayer service in honor of the restoration of the Queen of Peace Grotto. The Grotto has been restored and the statue of Mary, dedicated to the memory of Brother Ray's parents, has been returned to the place of honor outside the Student Chapel that bears her name. Many thanks to Mr. Greg Scarpelli and his son Claude for their restoration work, and to Mr. Geoff Philippus for his donation of the beautiful sinker cypress lumber used in the reconstruction.

*Below: The restored grotto.*



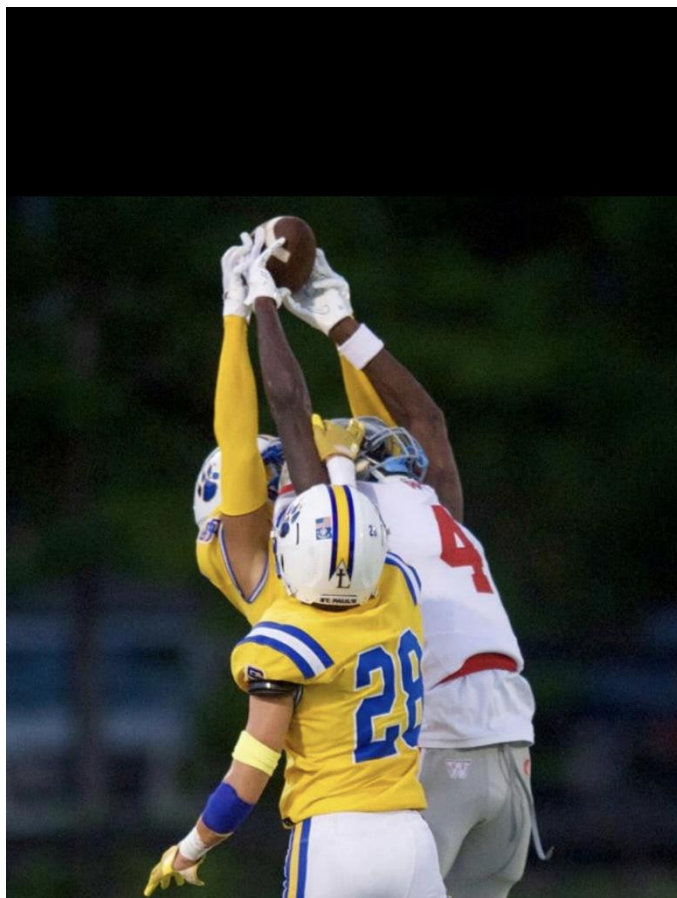
*Below: Reese Philippus and Claude Scarpelli, along with Campus Minister, Jeff Ramon, move the statue back to the grotto.*





**FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS:** While we have not had serious incidents this year so far, I would like to remind everyone about proper conduct at football games and at all on campus events for that matter:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the retired Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do **NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- No outside beverages, food, or containers of any type may be brought to the game.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, **ALL** are to be **ABSOLUTELY QUIET**. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he **MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS** (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is **NEVER** permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that **ALL** of us can unite around one of the most successful



programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.

- The LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

**FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR ADULTS:** With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- The LHSAA strictly limits who may enter the field area before, during, and after the game. This is for the safety of players, officials, and coaches. No one other than those specifically designated by the Athletic Director may have access.
- No outside beverages, food, or containers of any type may be brought to the game.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise
- LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

**FOOTBALL:** Speaking of football, congratulations to the Varsity Wolves who vanquished the West Jefferson Buccaneers in their season opener. On to Brother Martin next week, again at Hunter Stadium!

*Right: Austin South drags down a Buccaneer.*



**WOLVES FOR LIFE:** The WFL Club meets every other Wednesday, during lunch, in Mrs. Tonry's classroom. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 13. They will be talking about and raising awareness for all respect life issues, including the unborn, the disabled, physician assisted suicide, and the death penalty. All students are invited to attend.

**SAFETY WEEK:** Every year at the beginning of school we have a week dedicated to practicing all our procedures related to safety. These include tornado drills, intruder drills, fire drills and so on. During these drills we invite the Covington Fire and Police Departments to observe and critique our performance and ask them for suggestions to make our procedures better. Once we finish with Safety Week we evaluate how things went, make changes as needed, and then incorporate these improvements into later drills, held regularly during the year. My constant prayer is that we never have to use these protocols for an actual emergency. But, if we do, I hope that we are as prepared as we can be.



*Left: Students line up in their muster zone during the recent fire drill.*

**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/](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.



**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.

**HOMEcomings 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.** No refunds will be issued.

**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:**

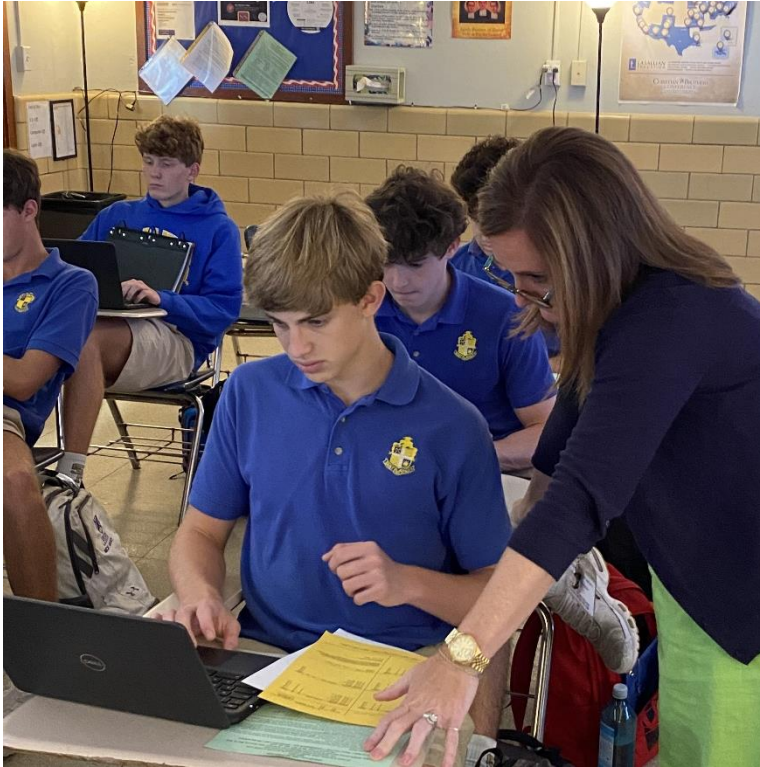
- Dresses must be long. Tea length is acceptable. High/Low dresses are acceptable if the shortest part of the dress is below the knee.
- Slits in dresses may be no more than 4 inches above the knee.
- Dresses may not have a low open back. The back must be at the natural bra line.
- Strapless and one 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.

**Archdiocesan Handbook Policy:**

Archdiocesan high school Formal and Semi Formal events Girls' dresses must be long length all the way around, consisting of solid opaque material. The front must be modest. The back of the dress must not be any lower than at or near the bottom of the shoulder blade at mid back, and must consist of solid opaque material. Cutouts are not permitted, even if lined with sheer material.

## SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:

*Senior guidance counselor, Renee Miller, guides seniors in Mr. Paul Scoriels' civics class through the online college application process.*



*Below: The SPS Marching Wolves drumline perform at the recent assembly.*





*Above and Below: The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wolf pups vanquished the formidable Franklinton Demons this past week. 8-0 was the final tally of this outing.*



**BIBLE STUDY:** Every Monday at lunch all students are invited to this student-led bible study group in Mrs. Tonry's classroom. The next meeting is on Monday, September 11.



*Left: Rhodes Hidalgo leads students at the Monday bible study meeting.*

**FAFSA/TOPS/LOSFA:** Sound confusing? We educators throw around these terms all the time and assume that parents know what we are talking about. So here goes:

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

TOPS: Taylor Opportunity Program for Students

LOSFA: Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance

Why do I offer these definitions? Because Saint Paul's School senior parents are invited to FAFSA presentation at SSA (Saint Scholastica Academy) gym on 9/21/23 at 6pm!

There are a lot of changes happening to FAFSA, which impacts TOPS and other scholarships. SSA scheduled a meeting with the LOSFA representatives to come to visit with SSA & SPS senior parents and explain those new things on **September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** (SSA GYM). We will meet in the gym for about an hour and get all the details that are currently available. This meeting is for parents of all seniors. Even if you have been completing the FAFSA for years, you will want to attend as EVERYTHING is changing. The new FAFSA opens for seniors and their parents to complete on December 1, 2023. Please email Christine Woodard ( [christinew@stpauls.com](mailto:christinew@stpauls.com) ) if you plan to attend so that we can give SSA a head count for chair set-up. Hope to see you there!

**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:**

### **September**

9 – ACT Test Date

11 – EFGA – (8th grade etiquette training/PE periods GA)

12 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day

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)

21 – BCDE - Principal's Assembly (Homecoming)/ Shadow Day

22 – FGA - Field Day followed by pep rally w/ SSA

23 – Jr High Homecoming Dance

26 – FGAB – Pack Time

27 – CDEF — Mass (International Lasallian Days for Peace) (dress uniform day)

28 – GABC – Late Start

30 – Senior High Homecoming Dance

## **THE LAST WORD**

From the United States Department of Labor:

“Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America’s strength, prosperity, and well-being.”

While less inspiring than Brother Ray’s words at the beginning of this newsletter, it’s important to remember the importance of this day. I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and restful Labor Day. May God bless all who labor. May He keep them safe and able to enjoy the fruits of their labor, especially on this day.

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

### 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
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### 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 9 – EFGA – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- 10 – BCDE – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – 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 – All Sophomores will take Pre-ACT
- 22 – EFGA – All 9th Graders take Pre-ACT
- 23 – BCDE – All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders take Pre-ACT 8 (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 – School Day ACT for Juniors - SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Gym\*
- 13 – DEFG
- 14 – ABCD
- 15 – EFGA – Late start / Snack Day
- 18 – BCDE
- 19 – FGAB – 8<sup>th</sup> 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