



*The SPS President's Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington*  
*343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*  
*September 11 – September 17, 2023*



Dear Parents,

In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus said to his disciples, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” As I was assembling the pictures for the last section of this newsletter I came upon the pictures of students praying in the chapel. As I copied and pasted a picture or two for the newsletter, it occurred to me how common “gathering in His name” for prayer is on our campus. It is so common, in fact, that sometimes we take it for granted.

We pray to start and end the school day. We pray to start every class. We pray when our religion classes visit the chapel. We pray any time a group of students or teachers gathers for any reason. We pray at prayer services. We pray at school masses. We pray at athletic events. We have visual reminders to pray all over the campus on walls and on the grounds. Chapel chimes, not buzzers, indicate class changes on our campus, reminding us to pray as we transition. We encourage our students to take quiet moments to reflect and pray for anything anytime.

In every Lasallian school around the world you continuously hear the phrase, “Let us remember...that we are in the Holy Presence of God”. As Lasallians we take to heart the words of Jesus to his disciples. He is in our midst and our continuous prayer is more of a comforting, ever-present conversation than something we wait for on an “occasion”.

I invite you to talk to your son about his (and your) prayer life. Ask him about prayer at school. Encourage him fully engage when he prays. Let us (always) remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God, and not take it for granted.



*Above: Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers and Founder of the Lasallian Christian Brothers.*

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

### **Sunday, September 10**

- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Monday, September 11 - EFGA**

- Mothers Club Dinner
- Etiquette Training for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PE Periods G&A

### **Tuesday, September 12 - BCDE**

- Principal's Assembly
- Shadow Day for prospective students

### **Wednesday, September 13 – FGAB**

- St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
- 9<sup>th</sup>/JV Football at Chalmette High – 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:45, JV to follow

### **Thursday, September 14 – CDEF – Happy Birth Day Saint Paul's!**

- Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
- Free Physicals for Band members and athletes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football v. Brother Martin – 5:30 – Hunter Stadium
- SPS Birthday Parade and Snack Day
- Swimming at Pelican Invitational – 3:00 at PAC

### **Friday, September 15 – GABC**

- Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
- Varsity Football v. De La Salle- 7:00 pm at Hunter Stadium
- Cross Country at BSN Sports Invitational at St. Thomas Aquinas
- Cross Country team pictures – Location TBD
- Etiquette training for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PE Periods B&C

### **Saturday, September 9**

- Wolf Cup Academic Competition (6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup> Grade) in BAC all day

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**MOTHERS CLUB SOCIAL:** Tomorrow, Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center, the Mothers Club invites all mothers of SPS students to a wine and cheese social.

**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. Students must report to the New Gym after school with paperwork completed. Contact Claire Courtrado, at [clairec@stpauls.com](mailto:clairec@stpauls.com) for details.

**DADS' CLUB:** The Dads' Club is up and running after our first meeting last Wednesday. Thanks to all the dads who were able to attend. An organizational committee of dads has been formed to plan for future activities. Stay tuned. If you have not signed up yet but would like to join the club or any of its activities, please do so by using the QR code.



Saint Paul's Dads' Club

**THE PAPER WOLF:** If you are looking for a far more entertaining source of news about SPS, I invite you to read The Paper Wolf, the official online student news source of Saint Paul's School. The link is, [thepaperwolf.com](http://thepaperwolf.com) or you can access the "paper" under the Student Life tab on the school website.

**ETIQUETTE TRAINING:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PE classes are in the midst of their etiquette training classes. Thanks to the Development Office for sponsoring this event and to the many moms who have assisted with the meals.

**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

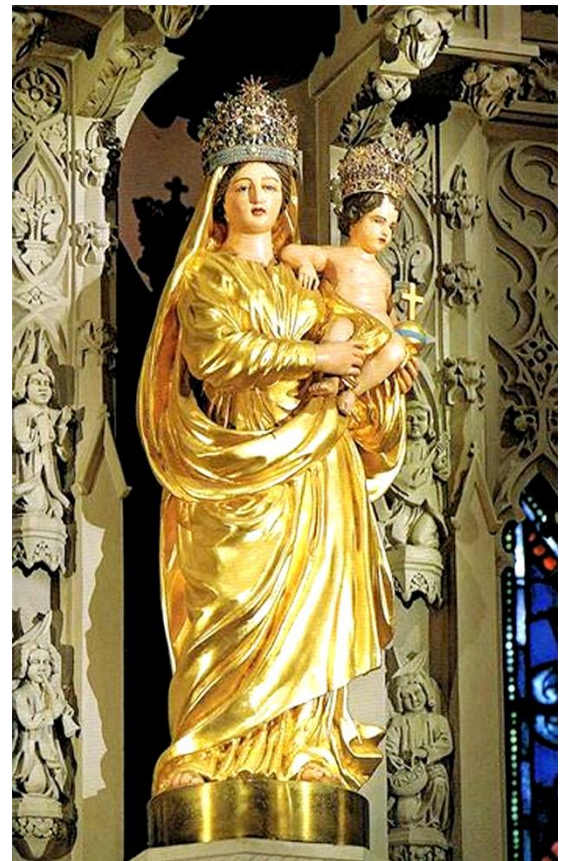
TOPS: Taylor Opportunity Program for Students  
LOSFA: Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance

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!

**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!

*Right: Image of the iconic statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at the National Shrine on the grounds of Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, the oldest continuously operated Catholic school in the United States.*



**SERVICE REQUIRMENT FOR SPS STUDENTS:** Between the start of each student's sophomore year and January 1st of his senior year, each Saint Paul's student is required to complete 50 non-compensated service hours. Of those 50 service hours, 30 of those hours must be in either direct service of the poor/marginalized or through organizations which benefit the poor/marginalized. The remaining 20 of those hours can be completed through campus



organizations that benefit the Saint Paul's community or events that benefit the St. Tammany Parish community. All service hours must be reported using the MobileServe platform. All 10th-12th grade students were onboarded to the platform over the last few weeks. This week, all 8th and 9th grade students will go through their onboarding process. Information regarding a webinar for parents addressing the service requirement and the MobileServe platform will be in next week's newsletter. Visit [this page](#) for more information . Address any questions to our Campus Minister, Jeff Ramon, at [j.ramon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com).

**FATHER-SON CAMINO DE SANTIAGO:** The Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) is a historic pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The pilgrimage is made by nearly a half million pilgrims each year and originates from many places in Spain, Portugal, and France. Saint Paul's is planning a father-son Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in June 2024. We will hike the famous final 100km of the Camino Frances (appx. 60 miles over 5 days) beginning in Sarria and ending in Santiago de Compostela. We are in the preliminary stages of planning by gauging interest in the pilgrimage. Dads, if you and your son are interested in being part of this one in a lifetime experience, please express interest with Jeff Ramon ([j.ramon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com)) or if you have questions about travel, costs, etc.



*Above: Pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago on their way to Santiago de Compostela (left).*

**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!

A promotional graphic for Saint Paul's School. The top left features a circular photo of two boys in school uniforms with the text "A good place to grow up!". The top right has the school name "SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL" in yellow on a blue background. The center shows a group of five boys in white shirts and ties. Below them, a yellow box contains the text: "SHADOW DAYS Aug 29 - Sept 12 and 19 - Oct 3, 18 and 31 - Nov 14 OPEN HOUSE Sat, Oct 28 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.". At the bottom left are the school crest and two accreditation logos, with the website "www.stpauls.com" and phone number "(985) 892-3200 x1903" in between.

**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:** Yearbook Purchase deadline is June 20<sup>th</sup>. For 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. The senior Ad deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**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.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE:** We hear/think that this is no longer needed but if you have ever tried to reach the DMV for information...Until we verify this, here is what WAS? needed. 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/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)



**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.



**PIZZA NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE MARCHING WOLVES:** See the advertisement to the right.

**SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!**  
**IT'S PIZZA NIGHT!**

Use **RHHSPMW** on 9/7/23 and Papa Johns will donate **20%** of each purchase price to your school



**Thank you for supporting  
Saint Paul's Marching Wolves!**



**Covington & Abita Springs**  
1200 Business 190 985.893.9191

**Mandeville**  
2995-A US Hwy 190 985.674.4000

**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.

**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, it was a busy week for SPS Football. Unfortunately, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade v. Archbishop Rummel was canceled due to weather but the Freshmen trounced Brother Martin 49-9 and the JV did likewise 35-0 yesterday. On Friday, the Varsity Wolves fell to Brother Martin in a hard fought 23-10 loss at Hunter Stadium. This week the Varsity his home again against De La Salle High School, a fellow Lasallian school in New Orleans.

**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.

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



**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 on Saturday, September 23, from 7-9 PM. The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade dance will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 8-10 PM. Both dances will take place in the Briggs Assembly Center. **Tickets may be purchased using the student's email account at [www.myschooldance.com](http://www.myschooldance.com). To purchase tickets the students should log into [www.myschooldance.com](http://www.myschooldance.com) by hitting the G+ and connecting to their Saint Paul's email. Students and their guests must electronically sign the dance agreement. Additionally, a parent of both the Saint Paul's student and guest must also sign the agreement which will require a separate email address for each person.**

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.

## SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:

*Right: Phoenix Bigler and his dad, Ben, enjoy the performance by his fellow Marching Wolves last week at Touro Hospital in New Orleans.*



*Below: The band enjoying a moment together with Phoenix.*



*Right: Students search for items at the first Pack Time Scavenger Hunt.*







*Left: Using examples from online images students work on model structures during Mrs. Peak's Civil Engineering and Architecture class.*

*Below: Pre-Freshmen enjoy a meal as they put into practice what they have learned in the Etiquette Training class.*







*Left and Below:*  
**RELIGION CLASSES HONOR MARY'S BIRTHDAY:** *Saint Paul's students gather in the chapel at the beginning of religion class to pray the rosary in honor of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as "an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ." Mary, mother of God, pray for us.*







*Above: Students in the CORE Pack and their mentors practice the school fight song prior to the assembly.*

*Below: SPS Alumni faculty and staff gather for a group photo.*







*Left: Paula, campus peahen, takes a look at the commemorative alumni bricks in the LaSalle Hall Courtyard.*



*Right: Dominic Muguira and Eddie d'Hemecourt at the CC meet last Saturday*



*Left: Seniors lead the cheers at the first pep rally.*





*Left: Talon Boudreaux carries the Wolfnation flag to hype up the crowd at the first pep rally.*



*Above: Golden Blues perform at halftime at the football game on Friday.*



*Left: The Marching Wolves drum section makes some noise.*

*Right: Wolfnation Cheers on the Wolves Friday, September 8, at Hunter Stadium*



**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**

- 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:** It is common among our faculty to play with words. We compare words, we analyze words, we even make up words now and then. It's a “nerdy” habit inherited from Brother Ray, the ultimate “word nerd”. So, I will give you a word or two to describe our prayer life at Saint Paul’s. From the Oxford dictionary: ***Ubiquitous**: present, appearing, or found everywhere and **Omnipresent**: widely or constantly encountered; common or widespread.*

You should know that the Brothers who live on our campus pray for the entire Saint Paul’s community every day, even when we are not here. Prayer, therefore, is ubiquitous and omnipresent here. Please also remember these dedicated men in your daily prayers.

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

- 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 – 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/ 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 – All Sophomores will take Pre-ACT
- 22 – EFGA – All 9thGraders 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 – 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