

The SPS President's Newsletter Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington 343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world September 18 – September 24, 2023



Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated the 112th birthday of Saint Paul's School. Many old timers in Covington will tell you that we should trace our beginnings to an earlier date, 1902, with the opening of Dixon Academy. Professor Dixon first opened a school on these acres as an attempt to provide local students for Tulane University. Dixon Hall, my senior dormitory building back in 1979, was the first school building. The Odeum, today the theater, was built as the first gym and included a spring fed indoor pool (today T140 classroom). Dixon Hall burned in 1981 but the Alumni Memorial Theater still stands as a testament to the roots of Saint Paul's School.

The next (first?) chapter in the history of the school begins in 1911 when the Benedictines at nearby Saint Joseph Abby purchased the school from Tulane and renamed it Saint Paul's College. The Benedictine ownership lasted until 1918 when a group of twice-exiled French Christian Brothers purchased the school from them in 1918. Today we mark 1911 as our founding year since the name and the Catholic identity of Saint Paul's begins in that year. So, Happy 112th Birthday, Saint Paul's School!



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, September 17

• 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 18 – DEFG

- Principal's Assembly
- Swim Meet at Tchefuncte CC 3:00 pm
- Homecoming Activities (see note below)

Tuesday, September 19 - ABCD

- Afternoon Prayer Service with DCAA
- Homecoming Activities (see note below)

Wednesday, September 20 – EFGA

- 9th/JV Football v. Slidell 9th @ 5:30 followed by JV Hunter Stadium
- Homecoming Activities (see note below)

Thursday, September 21 – BCDE

- Principal's Homecoming Assembly
- 8th Grade Football at Brother Martin @ 5:00 pm
- Jr. High Cross-Country meet at St. Thomas Aquinas
- Alumni Breakfast
- Homecoming Activities (see note below)
- FAFSA College Application Information for Senior parents at SSA @ 6:00 pm

Friday, September 22 - FGA

- Homecoming Football Game v. Slidell @ 7:00 pm
- Field Day followed by Pep Rally with SSA

Saturday, September 23

- 8th/9th Homecoming Dance in Briggs Assembly Center
- JV/Varsity Cross Country meet @ St. Thomas Aquinas

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NATIONAL MERIT: Saint Paul's School is excited to announce Joey Mire, William Coles, and Preston Olivier as 2023 National Merit Semifinalists. Saint Paul's School continues our mission of providing a #QualityEducation to all of our students, including 64 National Merit Scholars in the last five years. Congratulations to these outstanding scholars!



GRANDPARENTS DAY: Saint Paul's will host grandparents at the traditional Grandparents Day event on October 13. See the attached flyer for detailed information.

DADS' CLUB: The Dads' Club is up and running. An organizing committee will meet on September 28 to lay out plans for the year. Thanks to all the dads who are part of the committee. You should be hearing from them soon. 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.

DADS' MASS: Speaking of dads, the first Dads' Mass will be held September 29th at noon at Our Lady of Peace Chapel on the SPS campus. Fr. Michael Luxbacher LC will be the celebrant. It should last under 30 minutes and all dads are encourage to attend.



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

DCAA (**District Chief Administrators Association**): This week if you hear loud noises emanating from downtown Covington it is because the DCAA will be holding their annual meeting at the Southern Hotel here. This organization is made up of all the principals and presidents of the 22 Lasallian schools of the San Francisco New Orleans District. The presidents and principals of the middle and secondary schools meet two times a year to share challenges and insights, to promote professional and spiritual enrichment, and to advance District-wide initiative on behalf of the Lasallain mission.

Principal Joe Dickens and yours truly will represent Saint Paul's. We will also provide a tour of Saint Paul's School to the visiting administrators and they will join the students in a prayer service on Tuesday.

The SFNO District is one of three Lasallian Districts in the North American Region (RELAN) of the Christian Brothers. SFNO is made up of approximately 100 Brothers and 2000 Lasallian Partners serving over 21,000 students. This is the link to the website in case you want to learn more. https://delasalle.org/who-we-are/. Listed below are the schools that will send representatives to Covington.

Schools & Universities San Francisco New Orleans District

Arizona

San Miguel High School, Tucson, AZ

California

Cathedral High School, Los Angeles, CA Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento, CA Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School, Oakland, CA

De La Salle Academy, Concord, CA

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De Marillac Academy, San Francisco, CA

Justin-Siena High School, Napa, CA

La Salle College Preparatory, Pasadena, CA

Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, San Francisco, CA

Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA

Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley, CA

Colorado

Mullen High School, Denver, CO

Louisiana

Archbishop Rummel High School, Metairie, LA

Christian Brothers School, New Orleans, LA

De La Salle High School, New Orleans, LA

Saint Paul's School, Covington, LA

New Mexico

Saint Michael's High School, Santa Fe, NM

Oregon

De La Salle North Catholic High School, Portland, OR

La Salle Catholic College Preparatory, Milwaukie, OR

Texas

Cathedral High School, El Paso, TX

Washington

La Salle High School of Yakima, Union Gap, WA

Baja California, Mexico

Centro de Formación Integral La Salle, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico

Other District Works

Christian Brothers Retreat & Conference Center, Napa, CA

Lasallian Resource Center, Mont La Salle, Napa, CA

Lewis University-Albuquerque (co-sponsored with Midwest District)

St. Joseph's Camp, Duncans Mills, CA

HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES: Student Council is pleased to present Homecoming

Week 2023: The Five Core Principles

Monday: Quality Education: Students May wear an appropriate college shirt with rest of

regulation uniform

Tuesday: Faith in the Presence of God: prayer service

Wednesday: Concern for the Poor and Social Justice: mission collection

Thursday: Respect for All Persons: Religion classes write notes of encouragement to CORE pack **Friday:** Inclusive Community: field day-students may wear SPS t shirts and PE type shorts. We

will have games and activities all afternoon with snowballs and concessions for sale.

Be sure to purchase your tickets for the Homecoming Dance—see your email for the link.

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

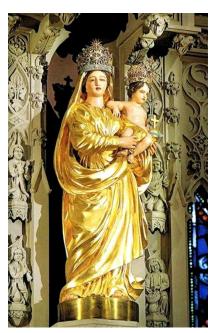
Why do I offer these definitions? Because Saint Paul's School senior parents are invited to FAFSA presentation at SSA (Saint Scholastica Academy) gym on 9/21/23 at 6pm!



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 <u>September 21st at 6:00 p.m.</u> (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 (<u>christinew@stpauls.com</u>) if you plan to attend so that we can give SSA a head count for chair set-up. Hope to see you there!

SPEAKING OF COLLEGE: On October 10 and October 11, St. Tammany Parish Public Schools will host two **Career and College Expos**, where more than 100 universities, community colleges, trade schools, military recruiters, and local businesses will be on hand to speak to students about opportunities for their future. This is a community-wide event and is open to the public, so the students at St. Paul's are invited to attend.



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!

Left: 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.

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 (<u>j.ramon@stpauls.com</u>) 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 are nearing the end of the first quarter in a couple of weeks. If your son is struggling in any class, insist that the 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.

FREE NHS TUTORING: Speaking of academic success, National Honor Society students offer free tutoring in any subject. Tutoring is held Monday-Thursday outside Room L201 at lunch. Encourage your sons to attend if needed!

ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25: Yes, it is time to think about NEXT year! We have begun our Shadow Day program for current 7th or 8th 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: Yearbook Purchase deadline is June 20th. 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 15th

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: We have confirmed that this is no longer needed. Alleluia!

NOTRE DAME SEMINARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS: I had the pleasure of attending the 100th anniversary celebration of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans last Thursday evening. While there is was great to catch up with three alumni who are current seminarians. The "three Christians" spoke glowingly of their time at Saint Paul's and of their experience so far at the Seminary. May God bless them on their path to the priesthood. See the add Saint Paul's placed in the program.



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

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 <u>s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com</u>

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, preowned 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 3rd 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.

"Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

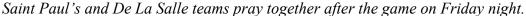
FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR ADULTS: With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- 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: It was a busy (and very successful) week for the SPS Football. The 8th Grade Team came away victorious over Brother Martin 14-6. The JV defeated Chalmette 33-6 and the Freshmen also defeated Chalmette 20-14.

The Varsity Team won a defensive struggle against fellow Lasallian school, De La Salle, 14-6. In a scene that would have made Brother Ray very happy, both schools ended the night in prayer together. Brother Ray was a graduate of De La Salle and begin his teaching career on "the avenue".





CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to the junior high cross-country team (at right) for earning first place in their debut at the BSN Sports Invitational held at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Hammond on 9/15. The varsity team (below) finished second in the division, and the junior varsity athletes competed well in a non-scored event.

Once again, several season and personal bests were attained, and our veteran runners are beginning to regain their top form.





WOLVES FOR LIFE: The WFL Club meets every other Wednesday, during lunch, in Mrs. Tonry's classroom. 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.

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.

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/). 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.



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 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. To purchase tickets the students should log into 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.

KEY CLUB: The Saint Paul's Key Club is a very active group on our campus and in the community. Among the many acts of service is the Saturday morning, after home football game, neighborhood clean-up. After every home varsity game Mr. Moore and members of the club gather to pick up any trash left on campus and surrounding streets left by departing fans. If time permits, they then help out with some campus landscaping. If your son is looking for a group to join, I encourage you to talk to him about joining the Key Club. There he will find comradery, fun, a chance to put his muscles to good use, and the satisfaction of knowing he has made the world a better place.



Right: Key Club members and Mr. Moore at work on campus.

COTILLION PROGRAM: The North Shore Chapter of The National League of Junior Cotillions is once again offering their local program for high school students. They offer an impressive list of skills that are much needed by young people today. Their brochure with information is to the right.



The National League of Junior Cotillions North Shore Chapter

MANNERS MADE FUN!

High School Program

Grades 9th - 12th

Life Skills Covered:

- Modern Manners
- Business Etiquette
- Social Etiquette
- Write a check
- Register to vote
- Make a budget
- Dining Etiquette
- Electronic Etiquette
- Job and Scholarship Interviews
- Social Media Do's & Don'ts
- Tip in a restaurant
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Reputation and Image
- Networking
- Character Development
- Many more topics

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Space limited, first-come, first-serve

For more information email Catherine Lagarde @ catherine.lagarde@nljc.com or visit the chapter website @ www.nljc/chatper/northshore

FROM THE FILES:

Below: 1899 advertisement in the local newspaper for the opening of Dixon Academy. Dixon Academy would last about a decade before the Benedictine monks at Saint Joseph Abbey bought the property and renamed the school Saint Paul's College in 1911. Note the tuition at the time.

Dixon Academy WILL OPEN OCTOBER 1st, 1900.

The school year will be divided into three terms, as follows:

FALL TERM, OCTOBER ist TO DECEMBER 21st, 1900.

WINTER TERM, JANUARY 27th TO MARCH 30th, 1901.

SPRING TERM, MARCH 31st TO JUNE 15th, 1901.

No Student will be Received for a Shorter Period than One Term.

Wm. A. DIXON, Principal.

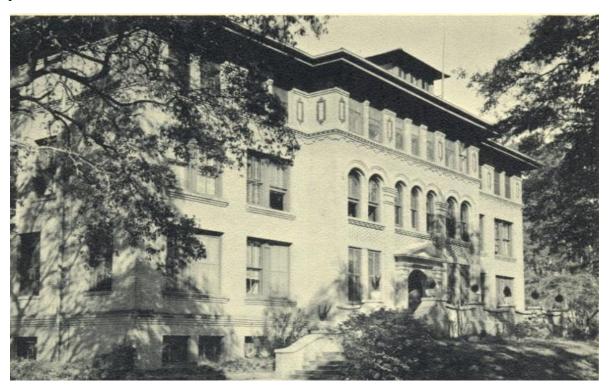


Left: Father Augustine Unser, OSB, 1st President of Saint Paul's College 1911 - 1918

Right: Brother Niammon Laurent (Lawrence) 1918-1920, First Lasallian Christian Brother President



Below: Dixon Hall (after the third floor was added by jacking up the roof). It stood where the present Founder's Circle is located.



Below: Graduating class circa 1915. Note the densely wooded campus and the goats in the background. They were used for livestock and for keeping the campus grounds "mowed".



Parentsi

Soyez sages et circonspects dans le choix d'une école pour votre fils. Vous souhaitez un endroit idéal pour sa santé et une institution réputée pour le sérieux des études et la valeur de la formation morale et chrétienne de l'enfant; vous trouverez tout cela à

St. Paul's College COVINGTON, LA.

N'hésitez pas pour y envoyer votre fils : vous n'aurez jamais à vous en repentir. Les Frères des Ecoles Chrétiennes jouissent d'une renommée mondiale comme éducateurs.

Grammar School, High School and Commerce

LES CLASSES RECOMMENCENT LE LUNDI SEPT. 7

Left:
Advertisement
for Saint Paul's
College circa
1912 in a
Lafayette area
newspaper.
Note it is
written in
French.

SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:

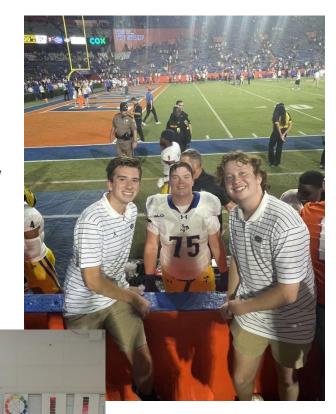
Saint Paul's Birthday Parade:

The Marching Wolves lead the parade through the neighborhood.

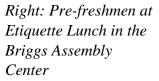




Right: Ethan Wilson '23, Sam Gold '23, and Hayes Creel '22 meet up after the University of Florida/ McNeese State football game on September 9 in Gainesville.



Left: Students in Mr. Ancar's Art class.







Above: Joseph DiGiovanni, Paul Brown, William Gahagan, James Hicks, Alex Lobdell, Luke Ramirez, Owen Spath, Britcher Ulmer, and Lucas Wayert pound the keys in the new piano class.



Above: Noah Mire lights the candle at the assembly.



Above: Andrew Kraus invites fellow students to join in the morning rosary.



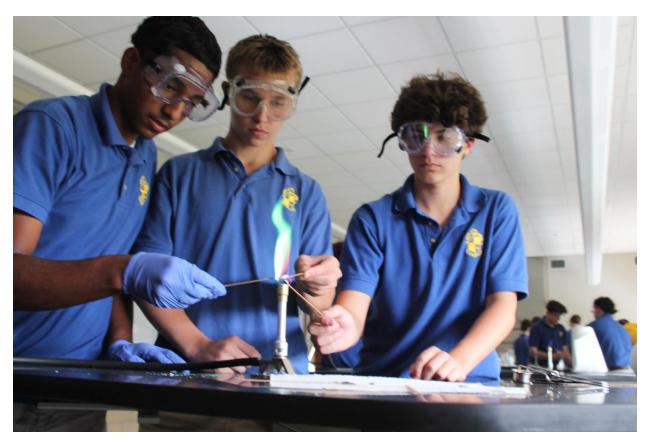
Above: Key Club landscaping and cleaning up on Saturday morning after Friday night football game. Left to Right: Andrew Blossman, Benjamin Boyle, Christian Cambre, Jackson Short and Alex Klemp and Eli Cavalier. Not pictured, Dylan Underwood.



Above: Seniors Jacob, Jeremy, Will, Alex, Dominic, Peyton and Cooper introduce themselves to 33 prospective students for the Shadow Day experience.



Left: Wildfowl visiting the campus pond this week.



Above: Students in Mr. Smith's chemistry class doing something that I am sure our insurance company would disapprove of.



Lunchtime at Horak Pavillion



Left: Campus minister Jeff Ramon '08 educates his religion students on the monuments and memorials around campus before sending them on a scavenger hunt created by alumnus and longtime teacher Robert Simpson '88.

Right: President Trevor Watkins '79 discusses the events of the evening with Student Ambassadors at the President's Annual Fund Dinner.





Left:Mr. Hyman's Medical Detectives class began a unit on studying the effectiveness of antibiotics.



On Saturday
SPS hosted the
first Wolf Cup
Academic
Competition
for local JH
Schools. Left:
Competing
students use
clues in the
scavenger
hunt.

Below: On Thurday, September 14 Saint Paul's Student Council hosted a rally for member schools of Louisiana Association of Student Council's District II. Over 75 students from 8 schools attended. During the rally students networked, shared ideas, and learned parliamentary procedure.



Left: Kaiden Klebba, Eddie d'Hemecourt, Peyton Kilgore, and Jacob Strecker run a session on parliamentary procedure.

RIP BROTHER MICHAEL LIVAUDAIS, FSC: I am sad to announce the passing of Brother Michael Livaudais, FSC, last week at the Brother's Retirement Community in Napa, California. Brother Michael was known for his prodigious career in theater at a number of Christian Brothers schools, including at Saint Paul's from 1971 to 1979. I knew him as a good friend. May he rest in peace.



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

- 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

October

- 2 ABCD MAO/NHS Inductions
- 3 EFGA Principal's Assembly/ Shadow Day
- 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

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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 Fall Break Holiday Fri, Oct 06

End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal Fri, Oct 13

Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00) Fri., Oct 13 Mon, Oct 23 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7

Prospective Student Open House (1 - 3 pm)Sat, Oct 28

Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students) (tentative) Mon, Nov 06

Thanksgiving Holidays Mon-Fri, Nov 20 - 24

Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday Mon, Nov 27

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm Mon, Feb 05

Fri, Feb 09 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students) Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays Mon-Fri, Feb 12 -16

Mon, Feb 19 Classes resume Fri, Mar 8 End of Third Quarter Easter Holidays Fri – Fri, Mar 29 – Apr 05

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)

Senior Graduation (4 pm) Sat, May 18 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

- 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

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
- $18 FGAB 9^{th}$ 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 All Sophomores will take Pre-ACT
- 22 EFGA All 9thGraders take Pre-ACT
- 23 BCDE All 8th 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 3rd 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 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