



The SPS President's Newsletter
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
October 15 – October 21, 2023



Dear Parents,

As we begin the second quarter, and re-commit ourselves to the Lasallian Mission, I offered the following words of St. John Baptist de La Salle to our faculty this week and encouraged them to use these words of to inspire their work. I offer them to you, too, with slight adaptation, as you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children:

- *It is God who has called you to [parenting];*
- *Every day God calls you to the needs these children have;*
- *It is God's own work that he entrusts to you;*
- *Your presence among your children brings salvation to them;*
- *Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied with it, but do not spare yourself in what you can do with grace; and believe that, if you want it, you can do more with God's grace than you think.*
- *In you, and through your parental ministry, these children encounter God, who knows each of them by name, who loves them, and who goes out searching endlessly for those who have gone astray.*

Right: The image of St. La Salle is from an original oil painting that hangs in the Counseling Center. It was painted by famous Louisiana folk artist Eddie Mormon, known for his distinctive style of vivid colors, lots of paint, and use of a knife, not a brush for bold strokes. It was commissioned by a former SPS student who left here before he graduated – but who is doing well and remains grateful for his time at SPS.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, October 15

- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 16 – GABC

- Soccer Tryouts grades 8 and 9
- **Morning Prayer Service**

Tuesday, October 17 - DEFG

- ACT Test for Seniors in School
- Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr
- Soccer Tryouts grades 8 and 9
- Sudden Impact - Baumgartner - Per G

Wednesday, October 18 – ABCD

- Feast of Saint Luke, evangelist
- Principal's Assembly
- Soccer Tryouts grades 8 and 9
- 9th/JV Football v.
- JV/V Basketball Blue and Gold game
- Shadow Day

Thursday, October 19 – EFGA

- Soccer Tryouts grades 8 and 9
- Snack Day
- Swim Meet
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Friday, October 20 – BCDE

- Pep Rally Schedule for Home Football game v.
- Soccer Tryouts grades 8 and 9 V Football
- Legacy Lunch
- PSAT Test for Periods A&B

Saturday, October 21

- JV/V Cross Country District Meet
- Pre-Freshmen Football

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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. Please encourage friends and neighbors to take a look at Saint Paul's by attending Open House. Thank you!

Visit Us!



OPEN HOUSE

Sat, Oct 28
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.


Register Online
or
Walk-Ins WELCOME

Rain or Shine Event


WWW.STPAULS.COM
(985) 892-3200 x1903
admissions@stpauls.com



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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND MU ALPHA THETA INDUCTION CEREMONY:

The National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony was held this past Monday, Oct 2nd in the Briggs Assembly Center. This ceremony honored those students who have met the rigorous requirements of membership in each group. Both of these groups are large and very active on our campus, providing tutoring opportunities for many students and representing Saint Paul's in competition. Congratulations to this year's inductees.

MAO Inductees are Patrick Balisteri, Will Becnel, Henry Bidleman, Jordan Crouch, Benjamin Curran, Blake Dallimore, Andrew Danenhower, Joseph Donahue, Andrew Dunne, William Dwyer, Augustine Galeziewski, Grayson Guevara, Marcus Hidalgo, Andrew Iennusa, Benjamin Johnson, Luke Jones, Cooper Kelsey, Patrick LaRocca, Rogan Martinez, Harrison Mayfield, Parker McCollum, Austin McInteer, Blaise Mugira, Kyle Olsen, Drake Ott, Samuel Palo, Jude

Romeo, Jeffery Roth, Connor Russo, Harrison Sawyer, Kohler Schenck, Caleb Shartle, Ayaan Sheikh, Christian Spalitta, Samuel St. Pierre, Evan Vanderbrook, Julian Whiteman and Ethan Ward,

And the NHS inductees are Jude Angelette, Callahan Arch, Luke Badon, Maerek Barberito, Matthew Blanchard, William Blessey, Patrick Curren, Brody Delaune, Conner Dobie, Everett Enk, Jeromy Ferguson, Jack Freret, Morgan Garvey, Matthew Gay, Grayson Guevara, Theo Hadskey, Brady Johnson, Nathan Jones, Kevin Kelsey, Matthew Kleinschmidt, Aryan Kumar, Garrett Legg, Vince Licata, Bryce Loisel, Jacob Marcel, Jonny McGinnis, Vinceio Montalbano, Sebastian Mutter, Jax Parkman, Don Peltier, Colin Pendergrass, Seth Picou, Jacob Rebaudo, Luca Rodas, Henry Saucier, Luke Short, Thomas Simoneaux, Dylan Underwood, Julian Whiteman, and John Paul Ziifle

National Honor Society officers are Joseph DiGiovanni, Peyton Kilgore, Richard Maninno, Steven Meyers, Joey Mire, Bennett Barecca, and William Coles

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS: Saint Paul's School celebrates its National Merit Scholars on continuing the successful 113-year tradition of providing a quality education to the young men entrusted to its care. These eight outstanding scholars join the ranks of 64 National Merit Scholars over the last 5 years from Saint Paul's School whose relentless pursuit of academic rigor has prepared them well for a future of limitless opportunities in college and beyond.



ACT TEST – PERFECT SUBJECT SCORES (SENIORS): Congratulations to the following seniors who have scored a perfect subject score on the recent ACT tests in English, Reading, Math and Science. We continue to add to the list as more students achieve perfect scores. Stay tuned for even more perfect results in subsequent tests:

October 22nd ACT 2022

William Coles—36 English
Shawn Cooney—36 English
Jack Freret—36 Reading
Joseph Mire—36 English

December 10th ACT 2022

Alexander Bradford—36 English
Shawn Cooney—36 English
Brock Duncan—36 English
Dominic Muguira—36 English
Preston Olivier—36 English

February 11th ACT 2023

Jack Freret—36 Reading

School Day ACT March 7th 2023

Alexander Bradford—36 English

William Coles—36 Math; 36 Reading; 36 English

Joseph DiGiovanni—36 English

Joseph Mire—36 Math

Dominic Muguira—36 Reading

Jake Theriot—36 Reading

June 10th ACT 2023

Andrew Blossman—36 Reading

Dominic Muguira—36 Reading

July 15th ACT 2023

Jack Freret—36 Science

September 9th ACT 2023

Austin Asher—36 Reading

John Baricev—36 Reading

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Thanks to all grandparents who attended Grandparents Day last Friday. The Briggs Assembly Center was at capacity with over 1400 grandparents and students. Thanks to the Mother's Club for organizing and hosting the event. I hope grandparents found the time worthwhile.

Right: Rhett Nastasi, Deke Carpenter welcome grandparents.



CAFETERIA SERVICE SURVEY: As you may know, the cafeteria food service at Saint Paul's is handled through the Archdiocese of New Orleans Food and Nutrition Program. They are asking for parent input on their service. Please take a moment to fill out the brief survey at the link below. Thanks.

Parent Survey: <https://forms.gle/rqFvtdAhmcp8rgqp8>

YET ANOTHER SURVEY: Springtide Research Institute is conducting a survey as a third party, with the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans, to understand more about your student(s)' experiences at their school—specifically focused on their belonging and thriving. This survey will follow up on our findings from last year. It's very important that we hear from you and that you feel like you can share openly. We need to learn as much as we can about how you truly feel in order to help the school change things that aren't working well and keep things that are working well. To that end, it is also important to note that we will be giving a student version of this survey as well. As an important participant in this study, we need to hear from you! This survey should take you 6 minutes or less. All responses are confidential. If you have any questions specific to the survey, please email jaclyn@springtideresearch.org.

Please click this link to take the survey:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7553711/SFNO-Belonging-Parents-Saint-Pauls-School>

DADS' CLUB: The Dads' Club has been very active lately. Board Members have been chosen and they are actively getting things organized. Two weeks ago we had the first Dads' Mass here on campus. The next dads Masses are scheduled for 10/27, 11/17, and 12/15 so book your calendars.

On October 21 we have the first Campus Beatification Morning. Many other events and activities are in the works. You will be hearing about these soon. 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 to the right.

The current Dad's Club Executive Board are listed below. Thanks to these men for agreeing to spearhead the Club this year.

Dads' Club Executive Board

President: Trevor Landry
Vice President: Eddie Powell
Secretary: Grayson Hicks
Treasurer: Kevin Kelsey
Communications: John Curren
Formator: Jason Angellette

Board Member/Committee Chair: Kevin Champagne
Board Member/Committee Chair: Thomas Dyer
Board Member/Committee Chair: Jeremy Ferguson
Board Member: Art Sevin



DADS' CLUB CAMPUS BEATIFICATION MORNING: Book your calendar if you can spare a couple of hours on the morning of October 21. On that morning dads will gather to help spruce up the campus in anticipation of Open House the following weekend. **A sign up sheet with equipment needs will be sent out Monday so be on the lookout if interested.**

DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS: Research shows that young people often first gain access to drugs in their own homes. Usually it is because we adults are negligent about properly disposing of prescription drugs that may no longer be needed or that have expired. The Covington Police Department has a convenient solution. They provide a secure bin at the Covington Council Chambers/Police Department Annex where we can safely dispose of these drugs. The bin is located at the Police Annex office. At 222 E. Kirkland, approach the Council Chambers entrance. Do not enter. Instead, take a hard left to the police annex lobby. The MedReturn Drug Collection Unit is in the lobby.



Left: Police Annex Office at Kirkland Street in Downtown Covington

Right: The Drug Collection bin in the lobby.



COATS FOR KIDS: Looking to clean out the closet clutter? Coats for Kids is an annual clothing drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 12906, St. Peter Church, and endorsed by local ministries, the Mayor, and the Parish President. These new and slightly used coats, jackets, and sweatshirts will be distributed to the needy youth of Covington before both Thanksgiving and Christmas. They also accept adult coats for those in need. The collection box is located in the main school building lobby.

PREFRESHMEN RETREAT: The Saint Paul's retreat program consists of an annual retreat for each grade level and focus on different aspects of our Lasallian Catholic identity. On Thursday, October 12th, the Class of 2028 embarked on the first retreat of its Saint Paul's career. The day was centered around the five *core principles* of a Lasallian Catholic education: quality

education, inclusive community, respect for all persons, concern for the poor and social justice, and faith in the presence of God. In the spirit of brotherhood, the pre-freshmen journeyed through the day in small groups facilitated by members of our senior class who have evidenced great leadership throughout their Saint Paul's career.

At Camp Living Waters in Loranger they were blessed with beautiful weather and enjoyed the day together. It was a wonderful day!



Above: Pre-Freshmen gather for a group photo at retreat.

Right: A group session at retreat.



Below: Fun times at Pre-Freshmen retreat.



CELL PHONES:

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

DRUG TESTING: Please speak with your son. We have resumed drug testing. We had suspended testing due to COVID but are comfortable in resuming the tests. We use a Random Plus approach: some students will be chosen randomly and some for “cause” (e.g. drop in grades, behavioral problems, etc.) If a student tests positive, he is allowed 100 days before a re-test is given. A second positive results may well jeopardize his enrollment at SPS. We pray that our program serves as a deterrent and is not viewed as punitive. We remain convinced that drug

usage is detrimental to adolescent development. BTW, legit medication (for ADD, etc.) is screened by the test. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way if he is selected to be testing. **Results are confidential to counselor and administrators.** And, yes, you may refer your son to us for testing. We pray....

SERVICE REQUIREMENT 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.

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL:

Student Council and HOSA are sponsoring **Chick Fil A Spirit Week** at the **Covington Highway 190** Chick Fil A from Monday, October 16 through 5:00 PM on Friday, October 20. Both organizations will earn a portion of the week's proceeds and we are competing against the Mandeville Chick Fil A for most participation. For mobile orders use code: wolves. Stop in for three meals a day this week!

Friday, October 20, Student Council and HOSA will host a PINK shirt day for minimum **\$1 donation** to benefit Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Students may wear an appropriate pink shirt with the rest of the school uniform. That day we will celebrate with a pep rally and PINK OUT football game. The first 1000 people at the game will receive a coupon for a free Chick Fil A sandwich!

Student Council is selling large pepperoni pizzas for \$10 each which will be delivered **Friday, October 27**. See any Student Council officer to pre-order. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Orders end Wednesday, October 25.

EVEN MORE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL: The Student Council hosted a battleball tournament in the new and old gym this week. Wolfnation was treated to great competition as teams ran around the gym to catch balls and throw people out. The tournament will continue next week and a winner will be crowned at the Pink Out Pep Rally on Friday.

Pictured below are seniors Sam Drez, William Coles, Brandt Lorio, Kaiden Klebba, Jacob Strecker, Caleb Tardo, Aiden Hayes, Luke Ward, Jake Theriot ready for battle!



MEET SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER LANCE TOUPS: We are once again fortunate to have SRO Toups on staff this year at Saint Paul's. In case you wanted to know more about him here are some background facts:

- Graduated from Amite High School (1995)
- Attended Southwest Mississippi Community College (Summit, MS.) on a football scholarship.
- 1997 Joined the United States Army and served three years active duty as an Infantryman. Served last 18 months deployed in South Korea.
- November 2000, separated from the Army with an Honorable Discharge.
- January 2001, Employed with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Deputy.
- August 2002, August 2020 Employed with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office. Worked in Criminal Patrol, Corrections, and Training and Education as a Sergeant.
- November 2021, Employed with the Covington Police Department as a Patrol Officer, and Detective.
- Became School Resource Officer (SRO) at Saint Paul's January 2023.

Here is what Officer Toups had to say about his time so far at Saint Paul's. "Prior to becoming the SRO at Saint Paul's, I worked as a Detective with the Covington Police Department. When the position opened up I thought long and prayed hard and felt as if I was being steered to the school. As a practicing Catholic when I was given a tour prior to students returning from the New Year's break, I was lured in by the beauty and rich history of the campus and knew this was where I was meant to be.

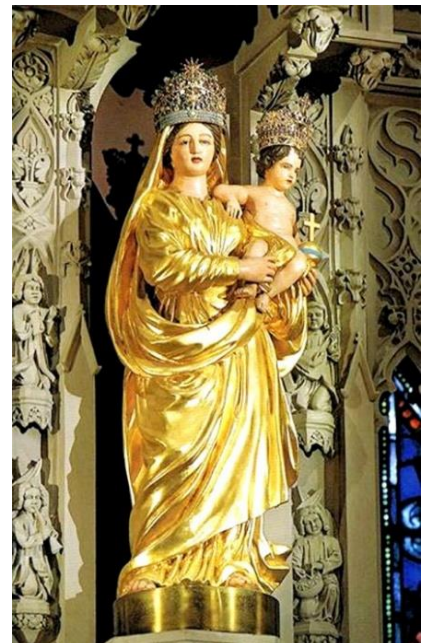
Now that I'm here I feel like I'm part of something very special. The relationship I have with the students is tremendous, and I feel part of my duty as a Police Officer is to set a positive example. Professional Athletes say they didn't sign up to be a role model, I cherish the opportunity to positively influence each student I interact with daily. I feel welcomed everyday by our staff and have built relationships already with most of them. I love my job."

Right: Principal Joe Dickens and Officer Toups comparing notes on security matters on campus this week.



EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: Since we are in 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.



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) or if you have questions about travel, costs, etc.



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

WOLVES FOR LIFE: The Wolves for Life will meet weekly during lunch in Mrs. Tonry's classroom, Benilde 304. New members are welcome. Check with Mrs. Tonry for meeting days and times.

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE 2024: Saint Paul's joins the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the annual March for Life Pilgrimage. Details are below. Any student wishing to attend the annual March for Life Pilgrimage can see or e-mail Mr. Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com) or Mrs. Tonry (c.tonry@stpauls.com) for a registration packet and additional information. The deadline to turn in initial paperwork and deposit is Tuesday, October 3rd. ***Space is limited***

- **What?...** A life-changing pilgrimage that includes the 51st Rally & March for Life, visits to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the St. John

Paul II National Shrine, opportunities to see national historical sites such as the Smithsonian Museums and various memorials/monuments along the National Mall, as well as daily celebration of the sacraments, nightly youth ministry programming, and more!

- **When?...** Tuesday, January 16, 2023 (evening departure) – Sunday, January 21, 2023 (evening return)
- **Where?...** Washington, D.C. metro area (hotel located in Arlington, Virginia)
- **Who?...** All 8th -12th graders are invited
- **Cost?...** \$750 includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, 7 out of 14 meals, and all activities/admissions.

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety remains paramount for all of us. Promote safety with your son. The media has reported recent arrests of students in St. Tammany b/c of inappropriate threats. Take every appropriate opportunity to do the same with your sons. Safety is our priority – and it is EVERYONE’S JOB. Report ANY rumor or threat to safety about which you hear. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a Visitor’s Pass. You may not just wander the campus. Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year to continue and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.

SILENT SUSTAINED READING: Daily, we do SSR (Silent Sustained Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone reads silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved test scores, increased knowledge on many topics, and increased reading out of school. Students must bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. **Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared every day thereafter.** He should bring a PRINTED READING MATERIAL – not electronic material **Consider initiating a family SSR time, too!**

SLOW YOUR ROLL. This week is the four-year anniversary of Mayor Mark Johnson’s initiative to improve driving habits within Covington – one of his main campaign pledges. Did you know:

- Two of the most often repeated complaints to the candidates in the last election were speeding and the running of stop signs? And SPS students/parents came in for their fair share of blame!

- On any given weekday, over 15,000 people drive into and out of Covington?
- Many of our streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of the automobile, thus not designed for cars?

Mayor Mark's goal is "to change driving habits in our city...to have each of us understand that speeds over 25 MPH are not safe on most of our streets." The Mayor is asking everyone to "relax, take a deep breath and slow down. We applaud the Mayor's initiative and pledged to him our support. Please reinforce this with your sons. And please set a good example yourself, as in the words of Saint La Salle: **"Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."**

SOCIAL MEDIA: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our website, or you can follow us at

Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana

Twitter @SPSWolfpack

SOCIAL MEDIA II: Speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. SPS reserves the right to impose consequences for social media misuse.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: The first quarter ended 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.

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!

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.**

CHECKING OUT YOUR SON: Most efficient way to check out your child:

- Either the night before or early the morning of desired check out day, send an email to attendance@stpauls.com giving your child permission to check out. Include the name of your child and the time you would like them to get out of class.
- Have your child come to the attendance office (Main Building) at some point before said check out time to get his “get out of class pass.”
- At the said dismissal time, your child will come to the attendance office and scan his ID. If he drives, he can go to his car, if you are picking him up, he can come out to you as soon as he scans his ID.

TARDIES and ABSENCES: Please note, the tardy policy has changed. For every 10 tardies or absences, your child will have to make up seat time on a specified Saturday morning. **ONLY DOCTOR NOTES** can “exempt” both absences and tardies.

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!

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 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.

Left: The pre-owned closet at the Administration Building

BASKETBALL: The basketball season for upperclassmen has begun! The players and coaching staff are excited for the upcoming season, which begins with scrimmages at the end of October and the first regular season game November 14th at Lakeshore High School. Tryouts for the ninth-grade team will be held November 3-4. Pre-freshman tryouts will follow on November 6-7.

SOCCER: Anyone planning to participate in soccer this year at Saint Paul's must get athletic paperwork to Ms. Claire before participating. All paperwork can be found on the school website or in Ms. Claire's office. Soccer grades 10-12 will start practicing the week of Oct 9-13 and grades 8th and 9th will start the week of Oct. 16- 20. Get your paperwork to Ms. Claire now.

CROSS COUNTRY: The Cross-Country Wolves competed at the Bruce O’Krepki Invitational on Saturday at Saint Thomas Aquinas. Several runners posted their season best times and congratulations to the junior high squad who finished in first place in their season finale.



Left: Jr. High CC team at their final meet.

WRESTLING: Wrestling has begun their official season last week. Interested in wrestling? There is still time to sign up. See Coach Pinero for information.

Mondays - Thursdays - Varsity Practice (3-5pm); Junior High Practice (3-4:30pm)

Fridays - Varsity & Junior High Practice (3pm-4:00pm)

“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: It was yet another banner week for the football program! Unfortunately, the 8th grade game was canceled but the 9th Won 7-0 vs Northshore and the JV dominated 32-0, also vs Northshore. Not to be outdone by the younger teams, the Varsity secured first place standing in District with a 9-7 win over Northshore. Check out the NOLA.com article about the game at: https://www.nola.com/sports/high_schools/st-pauls-northshore-decided-by-last-minute-defensive-stop/article_55096eac-69f0-11ee-827e-0f21c55e4a57.html

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 \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](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



WOLVES OF NATURE: St. Paul's Wolves of Nature promotes interest in the outdoors by providing opportunities to participate in various adventure trips and to teach our participants to become stewards of creation. Our mission goals are achieved through club meetings, outdoor activities and other educational events and service learning projects. Student-led and faculty-facilitated, our outdoor club introduces students to a variety of experiences through kayaking, fishing, camping, hiking, and mountain biking. The goal is to try new things, see new places, and make new connections.



Left: Jacob Paillet displays his redfish caught in Lake Pontchartrain.

Right: Damian Rae swings into the Bogue Falaya River.



THEATER ANYONE? SSA presents *Alice in Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole* later this month. See the flyer at right for more information.

ST. SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY'S
Benedictine Players
 PROUDLY PRESENT

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

an adaptation by Mark Landon Smith

October 18th and 19th at 6:00pm
 October 21 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm
 at the Fuhrmann Auditorium

Director Amanda Ansel Fraisse '99
 Co-Director Reagan Hightower '17

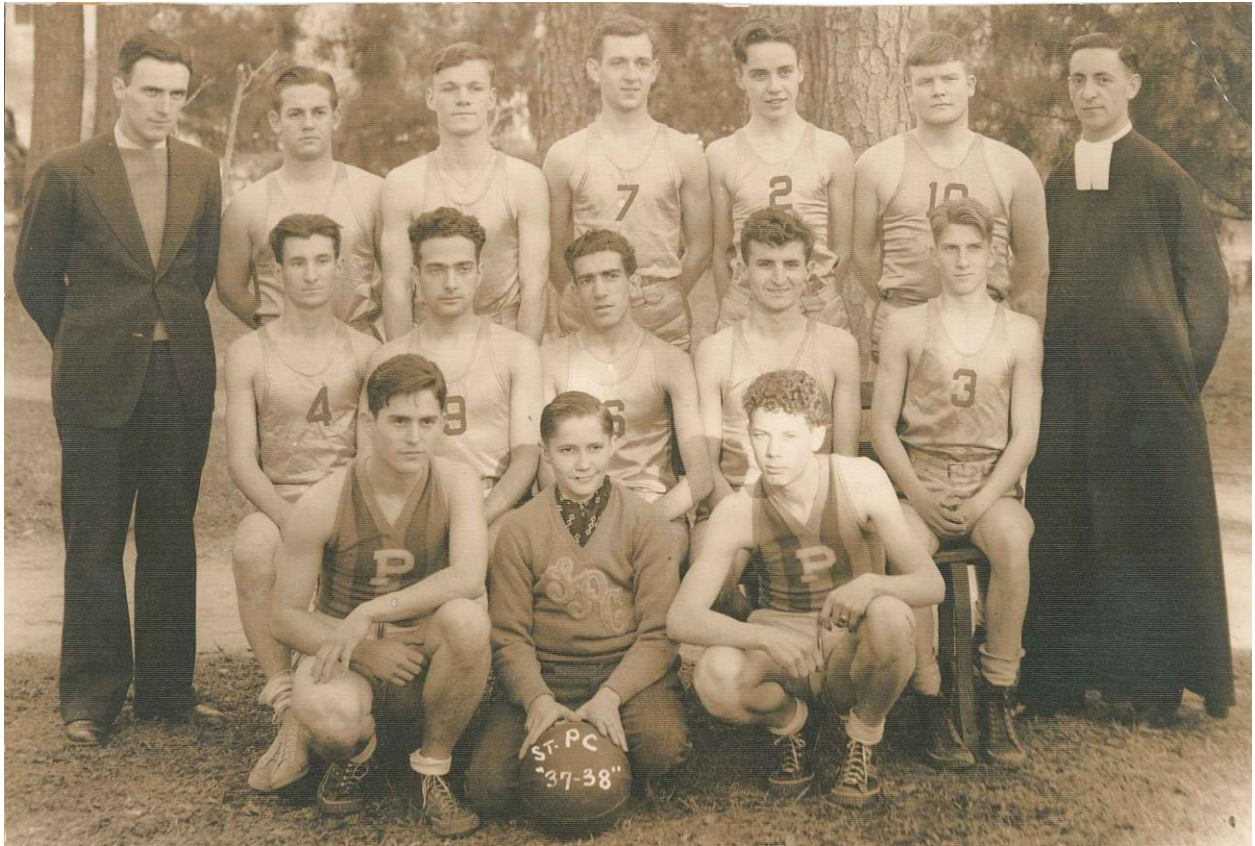
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FROM THE FILES: Each week the newsletter will include a few historical events or moments of Saint Paul's School (College) captured by photographers through the years. So far, the focus has been on the first two decades from the last century. If there is something in particular that you would like me to include, please let me know and I will try to locate a photo or document related to the subject to include in future newsletters.

The Weekly Activity Sheet (partially pictured below) was written by the juniors to inform parents of activities taking place at the school.

S.P.G.C. JUNIORS	ACTIVITY SHEET	FEBRUARY 20, 1939
<u>IN MEMORIAM</u>		
<p>Our holiday was touched with sadness, Friday, as the reason for it was not a happy one. The Pope, a world leader is dead.</p> <p>We attended Mass in our chapel for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.</p> <p>J. BLANCO</p>		
<u>VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT</u>		
<p>Our singles in volleyball are now a memory of the past. Thirty-five Juniors entered the tournament.</p> <p>The winners in the first play-off were: R. Johnson, T. Dulany, H. Shall, P. Guidry, R. Gumprecht, R. Laudumiey, P. Godoy, Oscar Ramos, S. Hardwick, M. Douglas, W. Gainer, D. Moseley, and J. Guidry. L. Ruiz and P. Shall rode "byes" through the first round.</p> <p>The second series left Johnson, the two Guidrys, Ramos, Ruiz, P. Shall, Gainer, and Pelegrin in the race.</p> <p>J. Guidry, Ramos, Ruiz, Gainer and Johnson survived the the third play-off.</p> <p>The fourth round caused all to fall by the way except, Ramos, Ruiz and J. Guidry. Ramos put Ruiz out and Guidry stopped Ramos to take the tournament and the prize.</p> <p>R. RAMIREZ & L. RUIZ</p>		
<u>IT CAN BE DONE</u>		
<p>During the past week, not one point in deportment was lost by the whole Junior Department. The spirit of cooperation and helpfulness is doing much to make all the boys happy. We can, all, get 100% every week, if we try hard enough. Keep up the good work boys.</p> <p>HUGH SHALL</p>		
<u>CARNIVAL</u>		
<p>Some of the Juniors were surprised when Brother Paul, our principal, announced that no permissions to attend the Carnival activities in the city would be granted.</p> <p>We are sure of lots of fun here and as we have school the next day the time in the city would be too short anyway.</p> <p>ANTHONY CRISTINA</p>		
<u>GARDENS</u>		
<p>Every year the Juniors find much fun and interest in making gardens. Some of the boys have succeeded very well in the past years, but the gardeners of this year seem to be determined to do even better. They have already started working on their</p>		
<p>plots. Some are improving on last year's efforts, while others are making new gardens.</p> <p>Those who are most interested and who are spending a lot of time on their gardens are: L. Reid, D. Moseley, Tasker Dulany, R. Gumprecht, E. Helwick, Hugh and Philip Shall, and H. Broussard. Others are sure to become interested when the warm days of spring arrive.</p> <p>We wonder who will receive the prize. We also hope the results will equal the efforts, for if they do there will be some beautiful gardens.</p> <p>CALVIN CRISTINA</p>		
<u>LENT</u>		
<p>Brother Abel told us yesterday that the very best way we could spend the time of lent would be to study harder, be better in class and eat our share of all that is given us in the dining hall. He said that if we would do that we would not need to do much more to have spent a very good lent.</p>		
<u>SOFT BALL</u>		
<p>Last Friday the Juniors went to Ponchatoula to play St. Joseph's School soft ball. St. Joseph's team was small, but they put up a good fight.</p> <p>Our first team played just the first inning and scored seven times. The rest of the game was played by those who had not practiced. Those who played were: E. Pechon, H. Caserta, J. & P. Guidry, S. Zuppardo, R. Gumprecht, A. Diamond, R. Fielding, C. Cristina, R. Ramirez, R. Carra, O. Ramos, R. de la Houssaye, Lemos, and J. DelCristo. If the first team had played the whole game the score would not have been eight to seven in our favor.</p> <p>We are looking forward to many more games of softball. Nearly all the Juniors made the trip.</p> <p>L. Ruiz & S. LaVergne</p>		
<u>J.C.U. MEETING</u>		
<p>The meeting of last Saturday was a very active one. The wolf was the subject of F. Bonansinga's talk and much discussion followed.</p> <p>The members voted to become members also of the Audubon Junior Club. They have applied for admittance and expect to get their certificates soon.</p> <p>ROY GUMPRECHT</p>		

1937-1938 Saint Paul's College Basket Ball Team



Below: Saint Paul's College Track Team Circa 1935





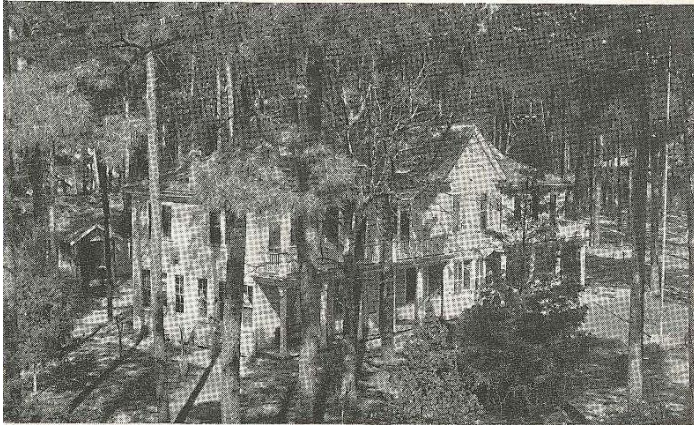
Above: 1933 Saint Paul's College Football Team

Below: Track and Field Circa 1935, site of present-day Hunter Stadium.

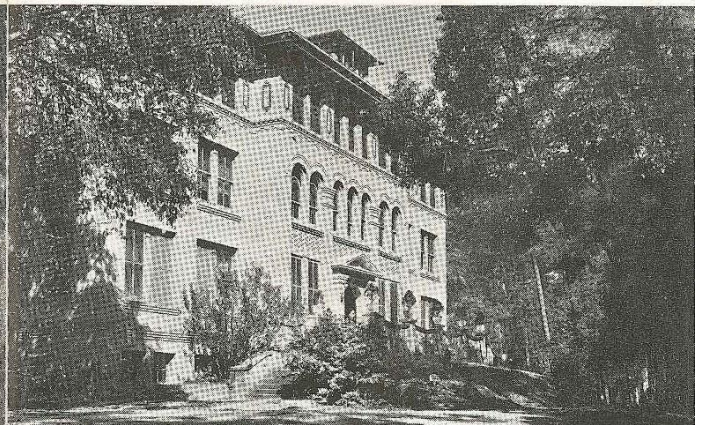


Below: Advertisement for Saint Paul's College 1935

A Boarding School for Boys and Young Men



Infirmary



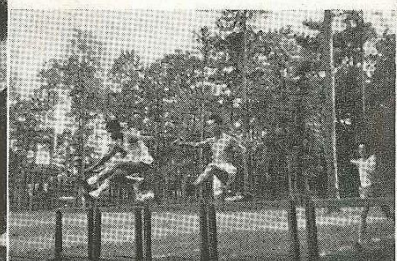
Main Building

Let your boy grow under the most beneficial circumstances: the healthful climate of the Ozone Belt, the restful influence of the country, the intellectual and religious guidance of experienced and devoted teachers "the Christian Brothers".

Paternal discipline and serious work will make a man out of him.

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ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE
COVINGTON, LA.

TELEPHONE:
LONG DISTANCE
COVINGTON 22



Below: Advertisements from local businesses in a Play Program, Circa 1935. Some of these business continue to operate in Covington today!

<p>Compliments of The Altar Boys</p>	<p>W. H. Kentzel & Son "The Prompt Printers" Covington, - - La.</p>
<p>Compliments of LeBlanc Bottling Works Covington, La.</p>	<p>Compliments of Hebert Grocery Covington, - - La.</p>
<p>Compliments of Quality Food Store Everything Good to Eat</p>	<p>Compliments of A. P. Dubarry Groceries Phone 6 - Covington, La.</p>
<p>Compliments of Oliver Hebert Druggist Phone 55 - Covington, La.</p>	<p>Compliments of The Spanish Boys</p>
<p>Compliments of The St. Paul's Mothers' Club New Orleans, - - - - La.</p>	

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Buck Hise, Ben's henchman.....Edward Burke
Ralph Bolton.....Frank Lombardo
Edward Piddock, Ralph's pal.....Edward Delery
Artemus Wetherby, Ralph's wealthy uncle.....Tom O'Sullivan
Jarley Meech, Wetherby's valet, a timid soul.....Andrew Swago
Cedric Daintry, a playwright.....Noel Labourdette
Sammy Tucker, one of Cedric's band.....William Bell
Sugarfoot Jones, a dusky member of Cedric's band
Frank Boudousquie
Ole Swanson, master of the "Water Witch".....Emile Bascle
Abijah Brackett, captain of the "Bets & Sal".....Jerry Owens
Jabez Fog, captain of the "Grampus".....Ferdinand Mire

J. W. FLEETWOOD
Contractor and Builder
Phone 392
Covington, - - - Louisiana

Below: 1936 picture of grammar school students.



SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:



Left: Swimmers take a break from the meet this weekend to observe the solar eclipse.

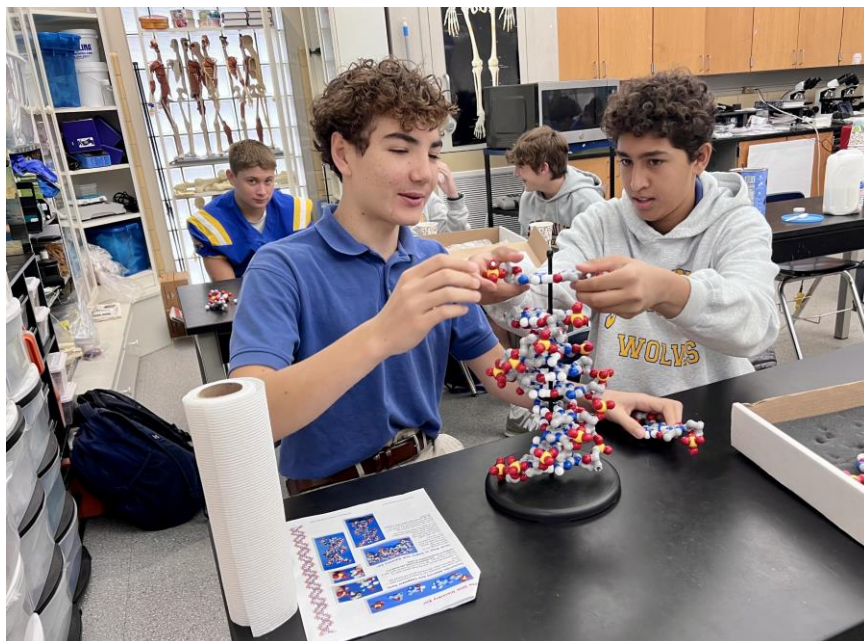
AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN: *Students take advantage of the library's after school hours to stay on top of their academic work.*



*CORE PACK: Cole Catanzaro
working with Adam
Adamcewicz in the Halloween
Bake Off.*



*Left: Perry
Beaumont and
Jacob Revere,
juniors in our
Garden Club, help
out with pond
cleaning.*



Left: PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science students, Esteban Bazan and Dev Patel, are assembling a DNA model. In this unit, students discuss the concepts associated with the human genome for forensics to determine if the blood evidence matches a victim or persons of interest.

Below: Students try out the new steel pan instruments as part of their percussion class.



Right: Connor Russo on base notes in the newly formed Steel Pan ensemble.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Don't forget to mark your calendar for parent/teacher conferences on October 23 from 5-7 pm in the BAC.

A Look Ahead:

October

- 23 – FGAB - Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
- 24 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 25 – GABC – (PSAT Gardner Period G)
- 26 – DEFG – Late start (Wellness Screening)
- 27 – ABCD – (PSAT Gardner Period A)
- 28 – Open House for Prospective Students/ ACT Test Date
- 31 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day

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

Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever!

Trevor C. Watkins, AFSC
President



Saint Paul's School 2023 - 2024 Calendar

Fri - Mon, Aug 4 & 7	Teacher Meetings
Tues, Aug 8	Teacher Prep Day
Wed, Aug 9	School Opens with full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 21	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 24	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 25	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 28	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 04	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 06	Fall Break Holiday
Fri, Oct 13	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 13	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 28	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon, Nov 06	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students) (tentative)
Mon-Fri, Nov 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 27	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri - Wed, Dec 15-20	Semester Exams
Wed, Dec 20	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Wed, Jan 03	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 15	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 05	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 09	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 12 -16	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 19	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 8	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Mar 29 – Apr 05	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 08	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Mon-Thu, Apr 29 – May 02	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 16	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 18	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Fri – Wed, May 17 - 22	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Thu, May 23	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Fri, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

- In case of emergency closings, make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. PLEASE do not schedule vacations during school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.
- Note that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.
- In case of closings, we will make up days from holidays. Also, check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

2023-2024 Period Rotation Schedule

First Semester Period Rotation

October

- 23 – FGAB - Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
- 24 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 25 – GABC – (PSAT G & A)
- 26 – DEFG – Late start (Wellness Screening)
- 27 – ABCD – (PSAT A & B)
- 28 – Open House for Prospective Students/ ACT Test Date
- 30 – EFGA
- 31 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day

November

- 1 – FGAB – Mass w/ SSA (dress uniform day)
- 2 – CDEF – 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- 3 – GABC – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
- 6 – Archdiocesan Formation Day for Faculty (no classes)
- 7 – DEFG – Pack Time
- 8 – ABCD – 10th Grade HR Breakfast
- 9 – EFGA – 11th Grade HR Breakfast
- 10 – BCDE – 12th Grade HR Breakfast
- 13 – FGAB
- 14 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day (Public School)
- 15 – GABC
- 16 – DEFG
- 17 – ABCD
- 20 - 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – Pack Time (Luminarias)
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF

December

- 1 – GABC
- 4 – DEFG
- 5 – ABCD – Principal's Assembly
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – Late start/ 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 – 8th HR Breakfast
- 18 – FGAB – 9th HR Breakfast
- 19 – CDEF – 10th HR Breakfast
- 22 – GABC
- 23 – DEFG – President' Assembly
- 24 – ABCD – 11th HR Breakfast
- 25 – EFGA – Mass – Feast of St. Paul; Snack Day (dress uniform day)
- 26 – BCDE – 12th HR Breakfast
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 31 – GABC

February

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 5 – EFGA – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
- 6 – BCDE – Principal's Assembly
- 7 – FGAB – Junior Retreat
- 8 – CDEF – Junior Retreat
- 9 – Faculty retreat (no classes)
- 10 – ACT Test Date
- 12 - 16 – Mardi Gras Holiday
- 19 – GABC – Beginning of Lent Prayer Service
- 20 – DEFG – Pack Time/ Teacher Appreciation/ Snack day

- 21 – ABCD – All Sophomores will take Pre-ACT
- 22 – EFGA – All 9th Graders 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