



***The SPS President's Newsletter***  
***Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington***  
***343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world***  
***October 22 – October 28, 2023***



**THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S**

**Sunday, October 22**

- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday, October 23 – FGAB**

- Parent/Teacher conferences 5-7 in Briggs Assembly Center
- St. John of Capistrano (Memorial)

**Tuesday, October 24 – CDEF**

- Basketball JV/Varsity Scrimmage 5pm v. French Settlement/Epsiscopal at New Gym
- Pack Time

**Wednesday, October 25 – GABC**

- PSAT Testing Periods G&A
- 9<sup>th</sup>/JV Football v. Ponchatoula 5:30 and following at Hunter Stadium

**Thursday, October 26 – DEFG**

- Late start for Faculty Wellness Screening
- Tennis Scrimmage v. Catholic High at Stone Creek

**Friday, October 27 – ABCD**

- PSAT Testing Periods A&B
- Varsity Football v. Ponchatoula

**Saturday, October 28**

Open House for Prospective Students

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**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. Please encourage friends and neighbors to take a look at Saint Paul's by attending Open House this Saturday! 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**  
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**MR. JOHN MORVANT:** I am pleased to announce that Mr. John Morvant, AFSC, is returning to Saint Paul's School to assume the new position of Director of Advancement, effective Monday, October 23.

Mr. Morvant recently retired after 14 years at Christ Episcopal School. During his tenure at CES, Mr. Morvant began the school's high school division in 2009 and served for 13 years as Head of School, a period of significant growth for Christ Episcopal.

As he now returns to Saint Paul's School, I note that Mr. Morvant began his 32-year tenure on Jahncke Avenue way back in 1977. He served as a teacher, guidance counselor, and coach during his early years. Finally, he served alongside his long-time friend and colleague, Principal Bro. Ray Bulliard, FSC, as his Assistant Principal for 20 years, before departing Saint Paul's School in 2009.



We are grateful that Mr. Morvant has decided to re-join our faculty, and I believe he is uniquely qualified and experienced to lead our Advancement efforts. Please join me in welcoming John back to Saint Paul's School. He can be reached at [j.morvant@stpauls.com](mailto:j.morvant@stpauls.com).

### **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.



**LOUISIANA MUSICE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION:** Congratulations to Jake Theriot who made the LMEA All-State Honor Band. Jake was First Chair in the first round of the audition for our district.



**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

**FIRST QUARTER GRADES** Report cards were sent Friday, October 20th. Please review your son's quarter grades and help him plan for improvements if needed. Honor roll invitations for the first quarter will be sent soon. Be on the lookout for your invitation if your son has earned the first quarter honor roll.

**HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS DATES:**

8<sup>TH</sup> Grade – November 2

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – November 3

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – November 8

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – November 9

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – November 10

**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](mailto:jaclyn@springtideresearch.org).

Please click this link to take the survey:

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

### WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL PEOPLES

**CHOICE AWARD:** Noah Comeaux and his dad spent the past few years restoring a 16' wooden lake skiff that his great grandfather built. They took home the first-place prize in their division and won the people's choice award at the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival! Congratulations to both Noah and dad on this great accomplishment.



**Saint Paul's Dads' Club**

**DADS' CLUB:** On October 21 we had the first Campus Beatification Morning. Thanks to all the dads who showed up to work on the campus grounds. 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 left.

*Below: Dads and some sons gather for a break and moment of prayer during the Saturday morning Campus Beatification.*



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

**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.



**KEY CLUB:** Four Key Club members spent Saturday in Opelousas all day playing with the North Shore United Special Population softball team. It is a blend of special needs adults and



these 4 key clubbers. We never had kids do this before so I am very thankful to them and their moderator, Mr. Kevin Moore, for their service and giving up their entire Saturday to go play.

*Left: Left to right: Aiden Ankersen, Claude Scarpelli, Peyton Tate, Alex Klemp.*

**CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT WEEK WINNERS:** Congratulations Wolfnation for winning the Chick-fil-A Spirit Week. Thank you to everyone who participated in the contest. The Saint Paul's HOSA and Student Counselor will receive a check for \$1100.

*Below: Student Council and HOSA members decorate Chick-fil-A on Hwy 190 for the annual Spirit Week competition. Pictured: Jacob Zeringue, Patrick d'Hemecourt, Peyton Pear, William Authement, Theo Hadskey, Hyland Authement, Eddie d'Hemecourt*



**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.



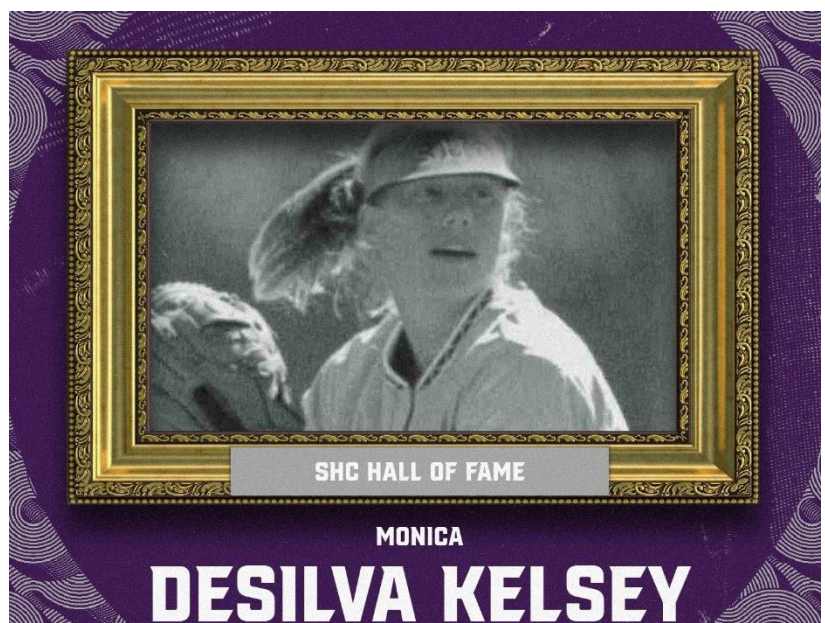
*Left: Police Annex Office at Kirkland Street in Downtown Covington*

*Right: The Drug Collection bin in the lobby.*



**MRS. MONICA KELSEY – HALL OF FAMER!** Congratulations to Spring Hill College softball alumni Monica DeSilva Kelsey ('02) and *Saint Paul's Attendance Office Secretary*, who will be inducted into the Spring Hill College Athletic Hall of Fame in the fall.

Kelsey played for the Badgers from 1998-2002. The four-time All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference selection and NAIA All-Region selection helped the Badgers to a third-place finish in the 1999 NAIA National Tournament. She is the career leader in RBIs with 122 and assists with 364. Kelsey was named a NAIA All-American in 2001. Kelsey recorded 45 career doubles, was a Daktronics National Scholar Athlete in 2002 and First-Team NAIA All-American in 2001.





## 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.

**THE PAPER WOLF:** Are you looking for school news in a much more entertaining format? Mr. Guarisco's journalism class has begun writing editions for The Paper Wolf, the official student-run newspaper for Saint Paul's School. You can read students' articles by visiting [thepaperwolf.com](http://thepaperwolf.com). The articles span from hard news stories to album, video game, and TV series reviews. Of course, there are several sports columns as well."

*Below: The Paper Wolf Staff*



**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 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).

#### **And speaking of Service Hours:**

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE FESTIVAL:** OLL will host their annual festival on November 10th, 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>. If your son is looking for a great service hour opportunity, please have him use the link: [Festivalofthelake.com](http://Festivalofthelake.com) , “ get involved” signup genius link for booths and shifts.

#### **STUDENT COUNCIL PIZZA DAYS:**

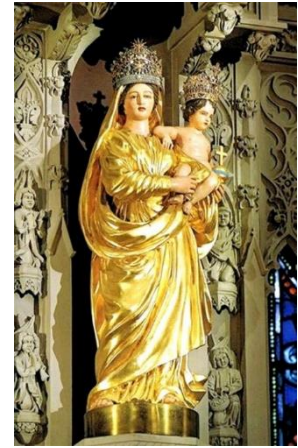
The Student Council is selling large pepperoni pizzas for \$10 each which will be delivered **Friday, October 27**. See any Student Council officer to pre-order. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Orders end Wednesday, October 25.

**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.*



**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](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com)) or Mrs. Tonry ([c.tonry@stpauls.com](mailto: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.

**DIAPER DRIVE 10/24:** October is Respect Life Month in the Catholic Church. It is a time for us to celebrate all life, from conception until natural death. We are called to support every pregnant woman through prayer, service, and education. An important way to show support to pregnant mothers is to provide them with basic needs. On Tuesday, October 24, we will hold a diaper drive to assist efforts of the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center. All donations should be brought to your Pack teacher. Packs will help earn points toward the Crouzet Cup based on how many diapers are collected. Thank you for your support!

**EARN COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH CLEP TESTING:** See the announcement below from Librarian Mr. Jeff Drivon for more information.

**\*\*EARN COLLEGE  
CLASS CREDITS\*\***

**Saint Paul's School Library**

**COLLEGE CLEP  
EXAMINATION  
COURSES**

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APPROXIMATELY 6  
WEEKS TO COMPLETE\*\***

  
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**Email: [j.drivon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.drivon@stpauls.com)**

**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.** Last week was 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."**



**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.

**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 last 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](mailto: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 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>



**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](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)

**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.

**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



**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.

**BASKETBALL:** On Wednesday, October 19th, the Varsity and JV basketball teams kicked off the 2023-24 season with the annual Blue & Gold Scrimmage. The intersquad contest was the first in a series of preseason scrimmages leading up to the first regular season game on November 14th at Lakeshore High School. The Wolves take the floor again Tuesday, October 24th when they welcome French Settlement High School and Episcopal High School of Baton Rouge for a home scrimmage.

*Below: The Wolves meet at center court for a post game huddle with Coach Dale.*





**CROSS COUNTRY:** The Cross Country Wolves competed in the District 6-5A Meet on Saturday. Several runners posted their season and personal best times as they head into regionals on November 3.

**WRESTLING:** Wrestling has begun their official season last week. Interested in wrestling? There is still time to sing 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)

**FOOTBALL:** It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. In the case below, I agree. Photo credit to Jacob Strecker. But, just in case you want more words, this is the NOLA.com link to the article on the game. [https://www.nola.com/sports/high\\_schools/st-pauls-gamble-pays-off-in-win-against-mandeville/article\\_b4e7a134-6f51-11ee-b31f-e76cf6d4ca0b.html](https://www.nola.com/sports/high_schools/st-pauls-gamble-pays-off-in-win-against-mandeville/article_b4e7a134-6f51-11ee-b31f-e76cf6d4ca0b.html)





**SWIMMING:** The Aqua Wolves were once again victorious at the Northshore Regional Swim Championships. Read more at the NOLA.com link:

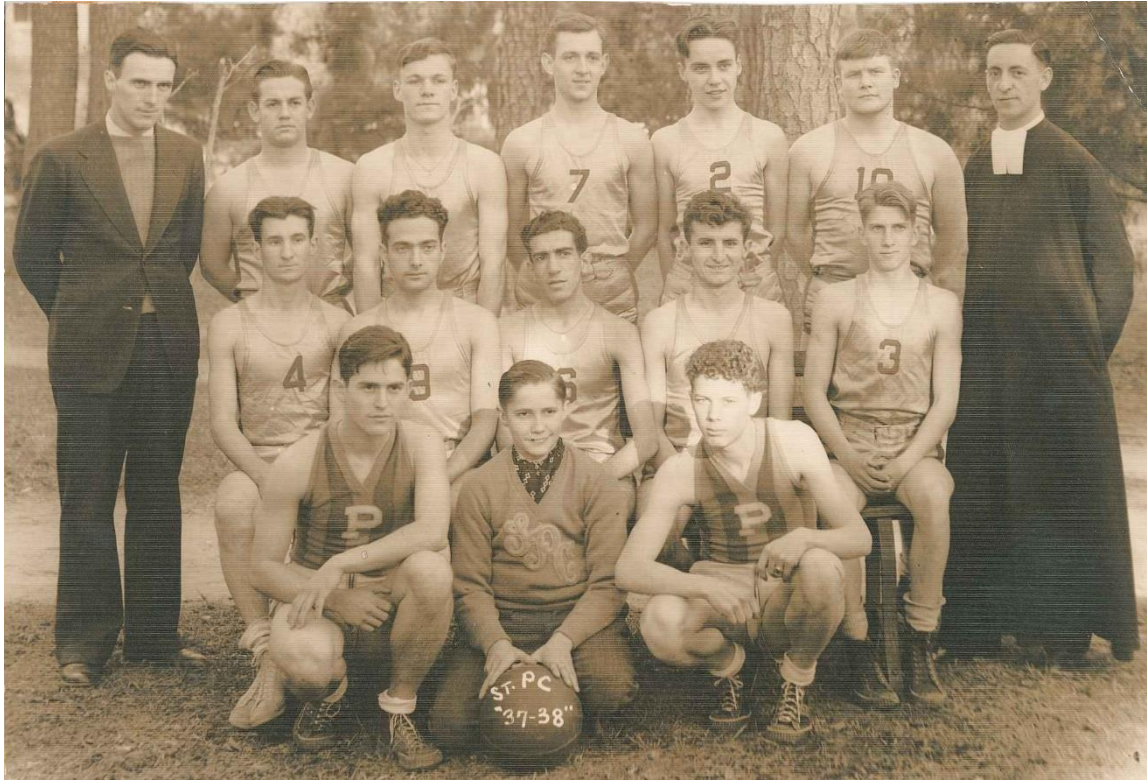
[https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st\\_tammany/ssa-st-pauls-take-home-regional-team-swim-titles/article\\_525b8842-6ebf-11ee-9864-af658fd17974.html](https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st_tammany/ssa-st-pauls-take-home-regional-team-swim-titles/article_525b8842-6ebf-11ee-9864-af658fd17974.html)

*Right: Connor Dobie completes the 400m relay to secure the District Championship win to the cheers of fans and teammates.*





**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 three 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.



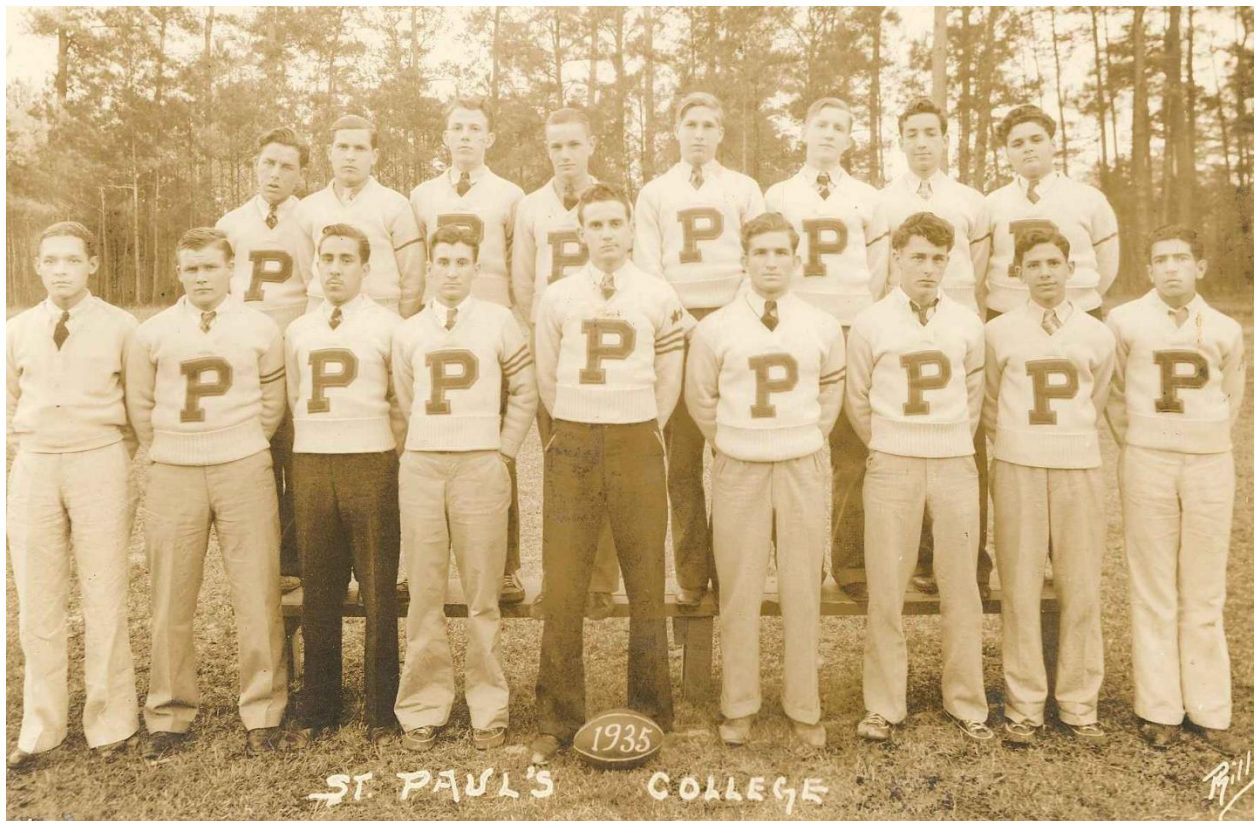
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Basketball  
team 1937-  
1938*



*Right: "Juniors"  
Basketball team  
1931*



*Below: Football lettermen 1935*



*Below: Graduation picture 1936*

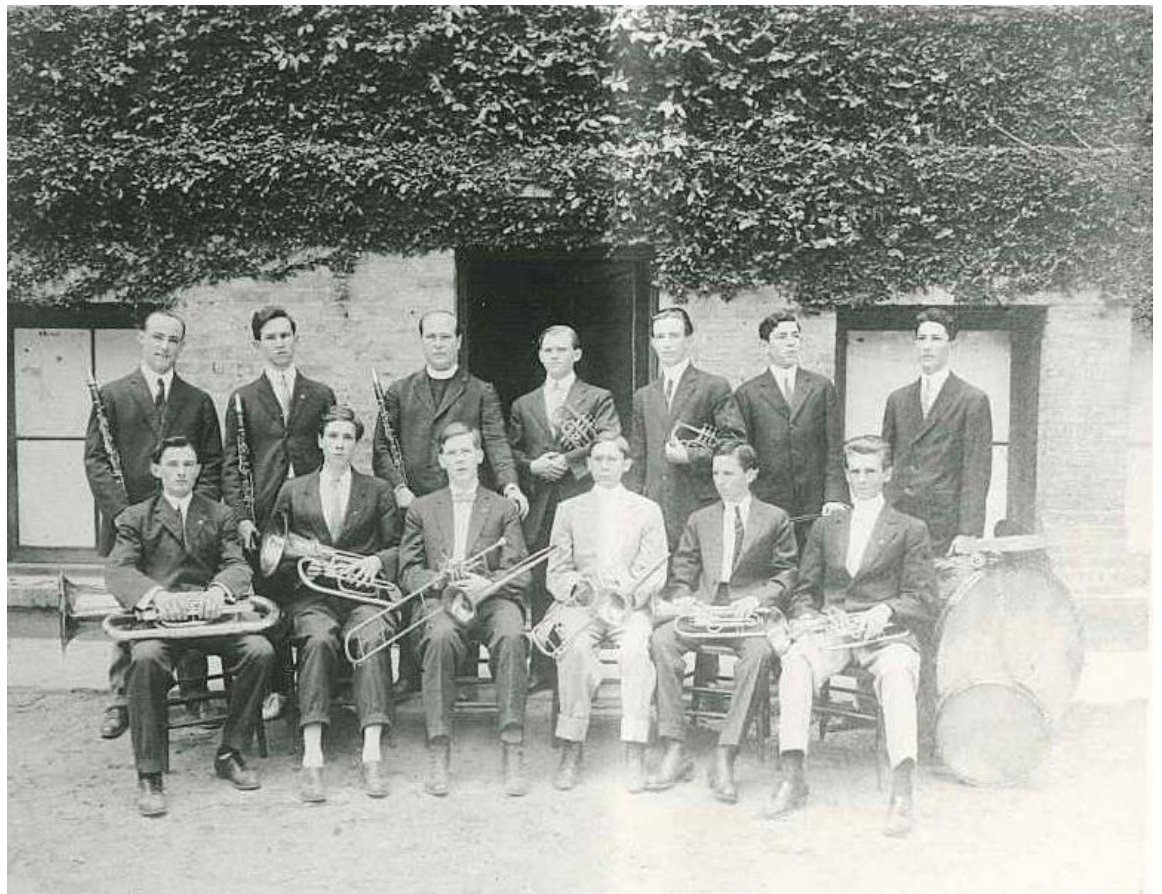




*Below: Homecoming court Circa 1935*



*Right: Band  
Circa 1936*





## SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:

*Right: (L to R): Kaiden Klebba, Jake Theriot, Landyn Dufrene, Honors Physics seniors, recorded hang time and range data to calculate the velocity, angle of release, and maximum height of their throw as a conclusion to a unit on Projectile Motion.*



*Below: Football captains (L to R) Ben Buisson, James Hardwick, Gavin Bourgeois, Matt Gower, Ford Davidson, and Tristan Davenport present the "Little Brown Jug" to Coach Sears at a recent assembly.*

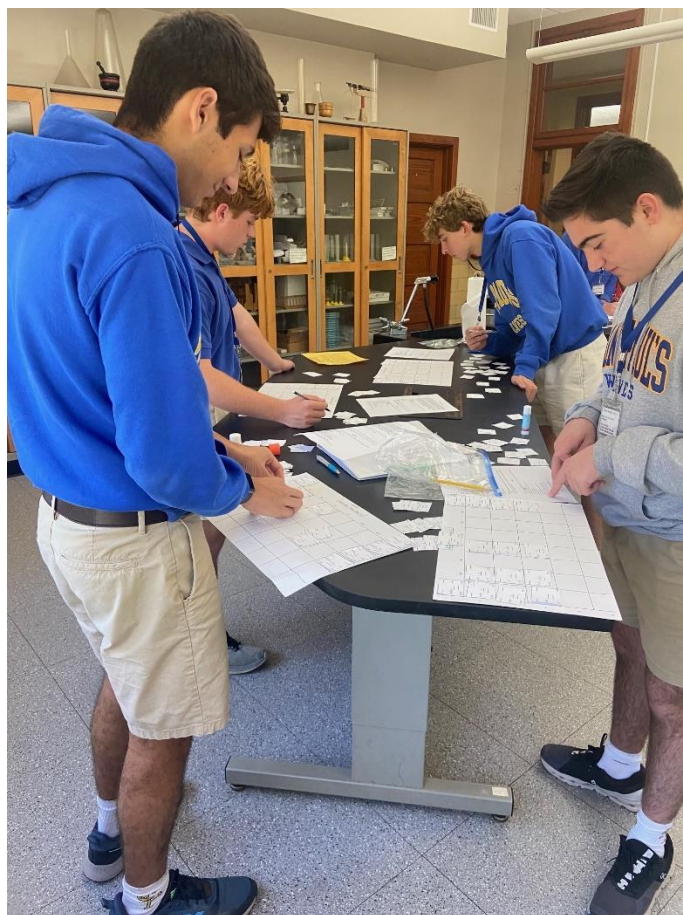




*Below: Practicing the act of prayerful contemplation during Mr. Barwick's religion class.*



*Right: In Jan Gardner's Chemistry Honors class, students Ashton Adamcewicz, Matthew Awbrey, Claude Scarpelli and Jackson Picone, identify and place elements in a blank periodic table based on clues about their structure and properties.*







*Above: Coach Mick Nunez took full advantage of the recent weather to take his H&PE class outdoors.*

*Below: Student ambassadors do a Q&A session with potential students at a recent Shadow Day.*







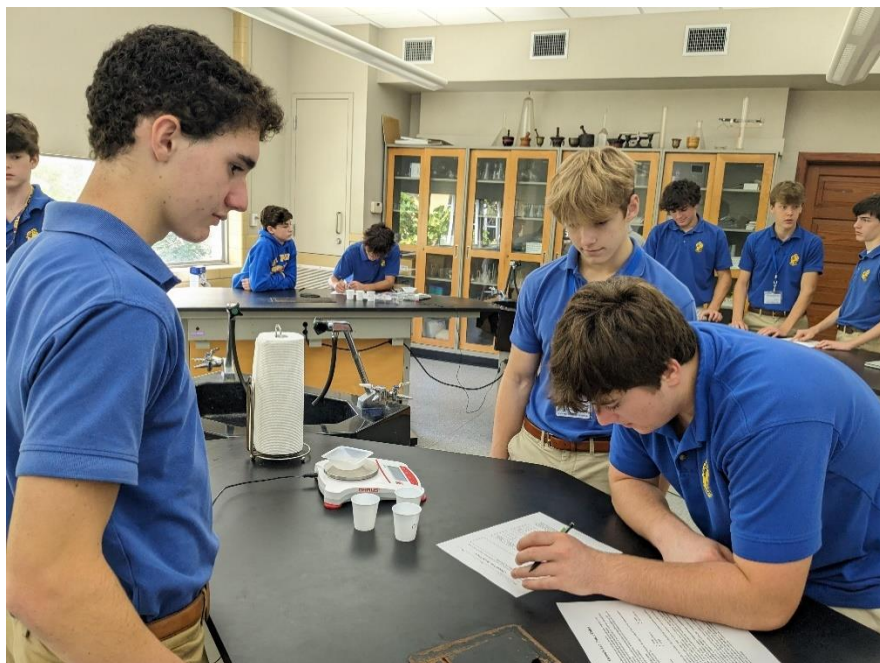
*Left: Dominic Muguira rescued a cardinal that was stunned after hitting a glass window on campus. He nurtured it back to health and then released it back into the wild. In the meantime the bird seemed to enjoy hanging out with Dominic as he went through his day.*

*Below: Harris Strickland tries out his latest project that he worked on at the Wolves on Wheels Club.*



*Left: St. Paul's Physics students Conner Dobie and Zac Dupre' calculate the circumference of the Earth by measuring shadows on the equinox. Using knowledge of the earth's tilt and orbit they calculated the distance around the globe using transverse angles and a simple ratio- the same method used by Eratosthenes in ~200 BC!*





*Left: Students in Dr. Ford's Biology Honors class recently determined the water potential of potato cells. Pictured (in the foreground): Cal Arch, Caleb Shartle, and Nate Canizaro*



*Right: Atlas Dyer and Dane Delaune working on Computer Coding for a virtual robot in Mr. Hyman's Automation and Robotics class.*





*Above: Seniors in the In-School ACT test on Tuesday.*



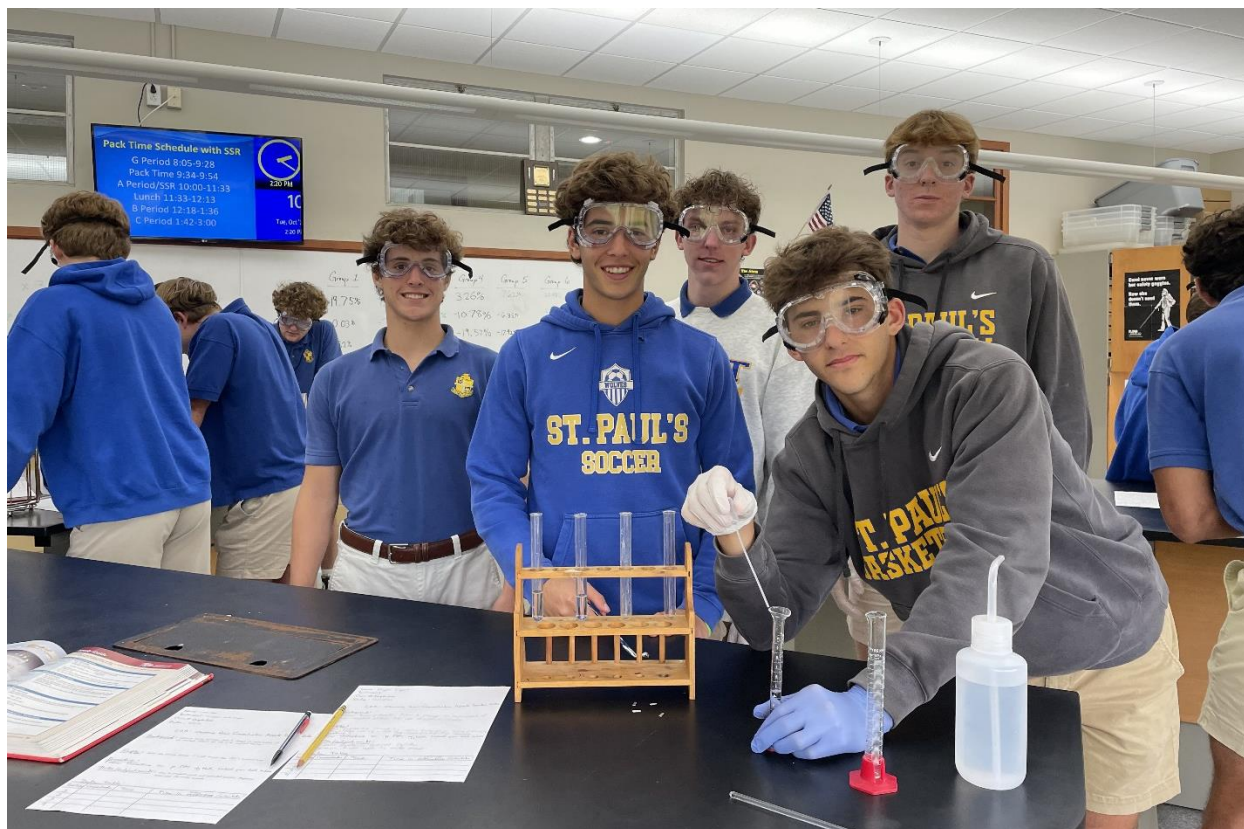
*Above: Pack Time Cahoot organized by the Student Council in Mrs. Cases' Pack on October 10.*



*Right: (L to R) : Seth Williams, Ben Danos, Will Hattier in St. Paul's Agricultural Science class till the Food Bank garden in preparation for the fall planting. Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and other frost tolerant crops have been planted and when harvested will be donated to the North Shore Food Bank to provide fresh vegetables for those in need.*



*Below: William Gahagan, Connor Allen, TJ Baggett, Peyton Kilgore and John Baricev in Honors Chemistry II conduct a lab to determine the effect of concentration on reaction rate.*





*This week Religion classes all prayed a Rosary for Peace in the Holy Land.*

*Right: Ethan Ward leads his class in reciting the rosary.*



*Left: Senior Joshua Pichon leads his class in prayer in Our Lady of Peace Chapel.*



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



***Right:*** Students enjoy snacks at Mother's Club Snack Day.





*Right: Teachers pose with the trophy after winning the Battleball Tournament. Mr. Ramon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Guarisco, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Falkenstein*

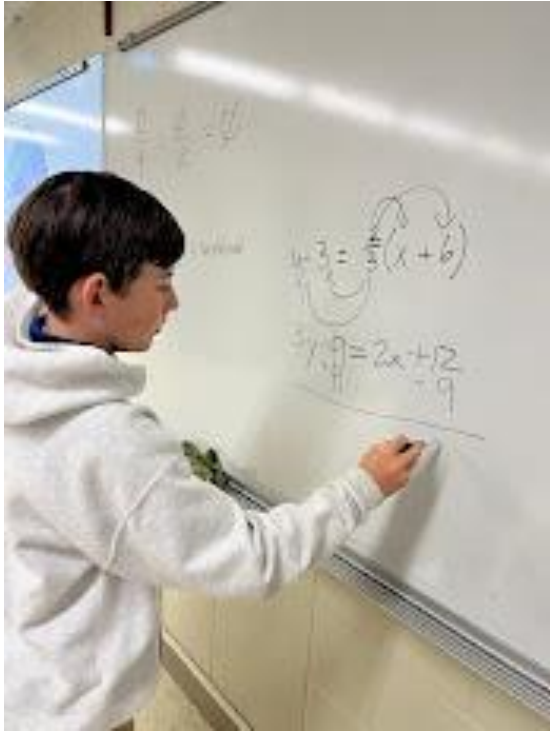


*Left: Fans at the home football game against Mandeville show their spirit.*

*Prefreshman show off their pink shirts as they get ready to donate money to fight cancer. Student Council and HOSA collected over \$560 for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.*







*Left: Nate Thomaszewski practices solving an equation in Algebra I.*



*Right and Below: Dads at work on Saturday at the Dads' Club Campus Beatification Day.*





**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**

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 <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.



# First Semester Period Rotation

Updated 10/20/2023

- 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
- 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--Pep Rally???
- 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 (*Tentative: Sophomore Service Day & Food Drive*)
- 16 – DEFG
- 17 – ABCD
- 20 - 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – Pack Time (Luminarias) (Sudden Impact - Tonry Period E)
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF

## **December**

- 1 – GABC
- 4 – DEFG
- 5 – ABCD – Principal's Assembly (Sudden Impact - Ramon Period B)
- 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/ BioMed Day  
10 – GABC  
11 – DEFG – Late start  
12 – ABCD  
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 - Career Day for Juniors  
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  
21 – ABCD – 10th Pre-ACT  
22 – EFGA – 9th Pre-ACT/ Teacher Appreciation/ Snack day  
23 – BCDE – 8th Pre- ACT (SSA Sweetheart Dance)  
26 – FGAB  
27 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly  
28 – GABC – 9th grade retreat  
29 – DEFG – 9th grade retreat

## **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 – SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Gym\*/ Junior ACT (In-school)  
13 – DEFG  
14 – ABCD  
15 – EFGA – Late start  
18 – BCDE  
19 – FGAB – 8th HR Breakfast — Mass – Feast of St. Joseph (dress uniform day)/ Snack 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 – Academic Awards – dress uniform day  
10 – ABCD – Athletic Awards; 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