



The SPS President's Newsletter
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
October 30 – November 5, 2023



Dear Parents,

We have all had the experience of hosting or attending an open house. We may have been selling or buying a house. Perhaps we just wanted to invite neighbors and friends to come by for a visit. Or, we may have enjoyed a nearby Mardi Gras parade from the open house of a friend lucky enough to reside along a parade route.

There are some very special aspects to hosting or accepting an invitation to an open house compared to other more structured social events. From the hosts point of view there are many challenges and questions. They need to choose a convenient date for most. They have to make sure the home is clean and prepared. They have to decide what parts of the home to open up and what to keep private. They need to get the invitations out to potential guests and guess how many might actually attend. The hosts need to decide what to serve or what not to serve. They need to consider where guests will all fit!

And then there are the questions. Is the date chosen the best for the potential guests? What do we want the guests to see or not see in our home? Who do we invite and how do we invite them? How many guests will actually show up? Do we ask other family and friends to help us host? Will the weather cooperate? There are so many uncertainties to hosting an open house.

Such was the case yesterday and for the past few weeks as we prepared for and hosted the Saint Paul's Open House. Countless people planned and prepared for the day.

So, how did it go yesterday? I am pleased to say that the 2023 Open House was a huge success! A record number of prospective students and their families accepted our invitation to take a look at Saint Paul's. About a hundred students, parents, faculty, and staff gave up their Saturday afternoon to host hundreds more guests. I heard only positive remarks from our visitors about the whole event, especially about our student hosts. They were the stars of the day and by all accounts they did an exemplary job.

I am most grateful to so many people of stepped up to make the day as success:

- Mimi Monteiro and Jeaneen Schmidt in admissions and public relations
- Mr. Dickens and the administrative team
- The many dads who showed up for the campus beatification day and who helped host
- The countless moms who helped check in families and opened the Wolf Den for guests
- Sargent Pressley and the Maintenance Department for giving that extra polish to the campus
- The 50+ Student Ambassadors and hosts who acted as hosts and tour guides
- The many teachers who spoke along the tour route and helped keep things moving
- The counselors for being on hand to answer questions
- The student musicians who provided melodic noise throughout the campus
- Dean Sears for organizing the morning campus clean-up
- The PJ's student crew who provided samples at the end of the tour
- Coaches who scheduled Saturday practices to show off their sports
- Club moderators who were present to show some of the many SPS offerings

Thank you to all involved and congratulations on a job well done. Now we wait on the results....and begin to plan for Open House next year!



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, October 29

- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 30 – EFGA

Tuesday, October 31 – BCDE

- Principal's Assembly/ Shadow Day
- Teen Life Counts 8th grade

Wednesday, November 1– FGAB

- Mass with SSA – Dress Uniform Day
- 9th/JV Football at Fontainebleau High -5:30
- Teen Life Counts for 8th Grade

Thursday, November 2 – CDEF

- 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- Teen Life Counts for 8th Grade
- JV/Varsity Basketball Scrimmage at Denham Springs -5 pm

Friday, November 3 – GABC

- 9th Grade HR Breakfast
- Joel A. Champagne, Jr. /Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament
- Varsity Football v. Fontainebleau – Hunter Stadium – 7 pm
- Swimming Metro Championship Meet at Franco's Athletic Club
- Varsity Cross Country Meet @ City Park

Saturday, November 4

- Swimming Metro Championship Meet at Franco's Athletic Club

GENERAL INFORMATION:

ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25: Thank you to all who encouraged prospective students and their families to attend Open House yesterday. A record number of families walked the campus guided by student ambassadors. Teachers, coaches, moderators, and administrators were on hand to help visitors tour the campus facilities and to interact with families. Thanks for spreading the word about Saint Paul's and please continue to encourage any families with young men who want the best education around!

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.



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:

8TH Grade – November 2

9TH Grade – November 3

10TH Grade – November 8

11TH Grade – November 9

12TH Grade – November 10

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. In fact, we expect to add to this list soon as another ACT test was administered on our campus yesterday. 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

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>

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.

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. 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



Also, congratulations to senior Shawn Cooney for winning the editor-in-chief (EIC) position for this year's Paper Wolf, as well as junior Vinceio Montalbano (pictured on next page with Mr. Guarisco), who earned the senior managing editor (SME) position.



These students competed with several other qualified for candidates for each position. They gave speeches to the class and received a majority of votes from their classmates

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....

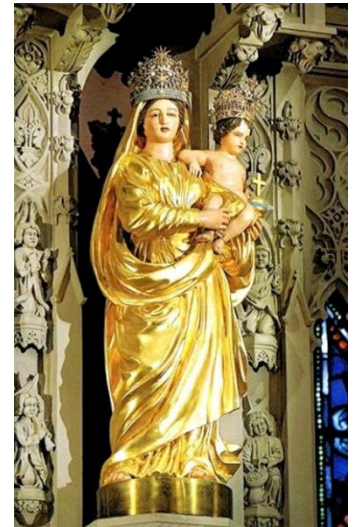
SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR SPS STUDENTS: Between the start of each student’s sophomore year and January 1st of his senior year, each Saint Paul’s student is required to complete 50 non-compensated service hours. Of those 50 service hours, 30 of those hours must be in either direct service of the poor/marginalized 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.

And speaking of Service Hours:

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

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: Even though we are past 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.



SUICIDE PREVENTION TALKS FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS: If you are the parent of an 8th grader you should have received a letter from Mrs. Gina Hall, 8th grade counselor, to alert you all that a guest speaker from the Jewish Family Service’s Teen Life Counts will be visiting pre-freshmen religion classes during October 30th thru November 9th. Teen Life Counts is an educational suicide prevention program designed to help teens learn the warning signs of suicide and how to seek help if they need personal assistance or if they believe a friend is in danger. Through participation, students learn to be more sensitive to their friends’ comments and feelings as well as how to appropriately deal with personal challenges in their own lives.

Because of the rising suicide rate in St. Tammany Parish, St. Paul’s takes this issue especially seriously. Believing it is beneficial for both our students and their families, our pre-freshmen have participated in Teen Life Counts for many years. For additional information about the program, visit <http://www.jfsneworleans.org/programs-services/teen-life-counts/>.

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.


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

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Saint Paul's School Library

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Email: 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.

BOOK STORE: The Mothers’ Club Bookstore will be open 7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm each school day. **PLEASE patronize the MC’s Bookstore when possible.**

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: We are already two weeks into the second quarter! 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.



Rise Up, O Men of God

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

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.

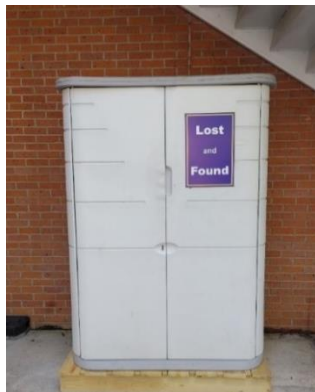
Download the Box Tops for Education app

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

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

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE: The exam schedule for the first semester has been posted by Principal Joe Dickens. A copy can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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)

FOOTBALL: It was another banner week of the SPS football program!

In their final game of the season the wolf pups dispatched Shaw 14-0. This brings their season record to 4-3. Congratulations to the 8th graders on a winning beginning season.

Not to be outdone by the 8th graders, the 9th Grade team beat Ponchatoula 14-6 and the JV beat Ponchatoula 33-14.

AND...Congratulations to Coach Sears and the Varsity football team on their 20-19 last second victory over Ponchatoula on Friday night. This win propels the Wolves to the first-place title in District, even though we still have one district game to play! See the complete NOLA.com story here: https://www.nola.com/sports/high_schools/st-pauls-ponchatoula-decided-by-last-second-field-goal/article_cf2971c6-74e2-11ee-a48d-83a4418109b8.html

The football wolves finish their district season this Friday at Hunter Stadium against Fontainebleau and then it's on to playoffs!

SOCCER AND BASKETBALL: These winter sports are off and running. I look forward to reporting more when games are played. I am told that teams have been chosen and schedules set. Congratulations to those athletes who made the teams. If your son did not make the team this year, encourage him to consider trying another sport. Saint Paul's offers countless opportunities in other sports that do not have limited rosters. Encourage him to speak to Mr. Sam Francis, Athletic Director, about other possibilities that he may not have considered. More often than not student athletes are surprised to find that they enjoy and are good at something they had never played before.

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.

1941 Basketball Team





Above: 1942 Seventh Grade Class at the original archway entrance. Below: 1942 Cheerleaders





Above: 1943-44 Football team

Below: Mothers Club 1945





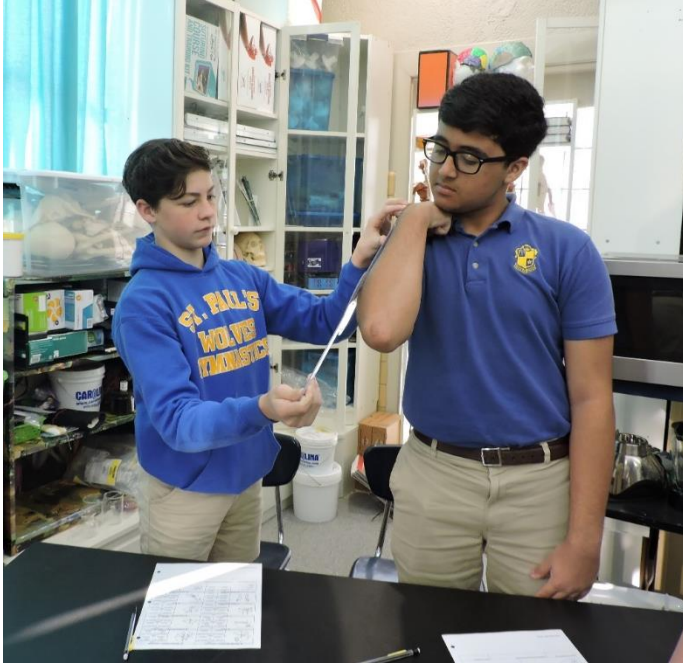
Above: Glee Club 1945

Below: Incredible WWII headlines for a school newspaper!



SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:

Students in Ms. Freeman's PLTW Human Body Systems class are studying range-of-motion (ROM) to assess their joint motion and provide a measure of overall flexibility. This student-favorite activity is directed by physical therapist Tiffany Thieme, MPT (mother of senior Trey Higgins). The summary task draws upon the students' prior knowledge and incorporates precise terms that describe the direction of motion at a joint and the relationship of one body part to another.



Right: Tiffany Thieme MPT and Trey Higgins

Left: Kaden Romig and Ayaan Sheikh measure range of motion.



Below: Group retreat in Mr. Barwick's religion class.





In Mrs. Freeman's PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science class Wyatt Nicaud and Reece Deville (above) and Christian Boyer (below) dissect hearts.





Left: Joseph Donahue, Joshua Deas, and Culver Stone work out the math in a cantilever project in Mr. Orphys' Principles of Engineering Class.

Below: Mr. Pinero and Mr. Fancis coach the tour leaders in preparation for Open House.





Above: School of Rock class at a recent practice in the Music Hall.

Below: Students in David Hyman's Science 8 class (period D) design & build autonomous vehicles with the purpose of using them to assist with natural disasters.





Above: Seniors in Paul Scoriels' period D Civics class listen to a presentation by Staff Sergeant Christian Coalgrove of the Louisiana Army National Guard.



Key Club members helped prepare the campus for open house by mulching, weeding, and trimming various beds around the Main School Building. Left to Right: Jacob Cresson, Brandt Putfark, Henry Bildeman, Talon Boudreaux, Caleb Tardo, Max Figarino, Joseph Gagliano, Ben Boyle, Latham Harrel, Brady Barre. Not pictured: Mr. Moore, Key Club moderator.



Left: Neil Woodall '04 telling junior religion students about his addiction recovery story.

Below: Father Michael celebrates the monthly Dads' Club Mass at Our Lady of Peace Chapel last Friday.

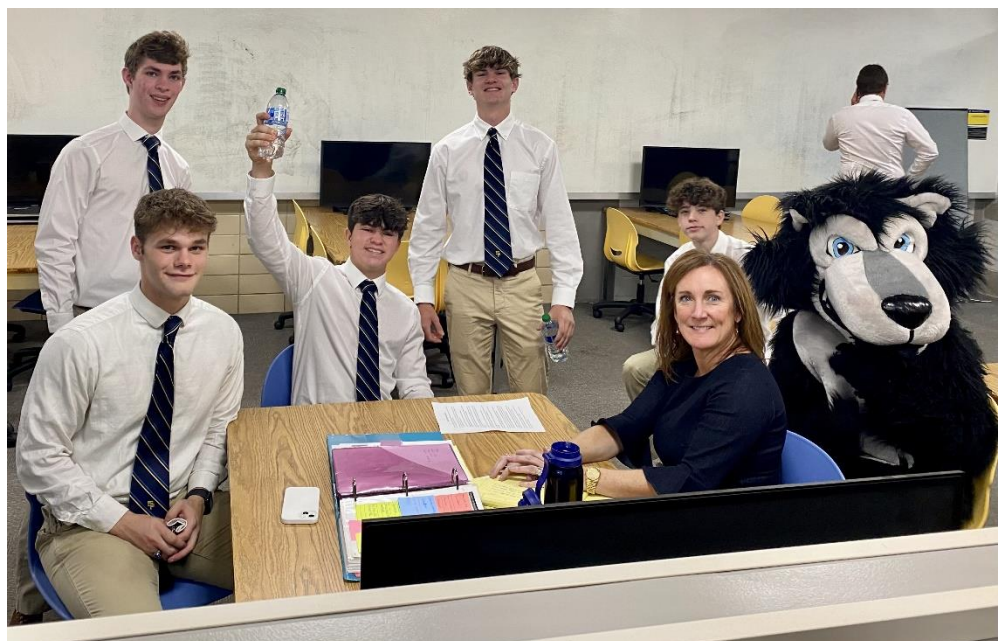


AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN: Students take advantage of the library's after school hours to stay on top of their academic work.



Left: Band members provide entertainment during Open House

Below: Mrs. Miller and a pack of student hosts in the Library at the end of the tour.



Right: Moms prepare to welcome guests to Open House



A Look Ahead:

November

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

14 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day (Public School)

15 – GABC (Tentative: Sophomore Service Day & Food Drive)

20 - 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays

28 – BCDE – Pack Time (Luminarias) (Sudden Impact - Tonry Period E)

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



First Semester Exam Schedule 2023

Wednesday, December 13 – DEFG

Regular Schedule w/ SSR (84 min.)

CHIMES 8:00

BLOCK 1 8:05- 9:34

BLOCK 2/SSR 9:41-11:20

LUNCH 11:20-12:00

BLOCK 3 12:05-1:29

BLOCK 4 1:36- 3:00

Thursday, December 14 – A Review/A Exam (BC)

CHIMES 8:00

PERIOD A REVIEW 8:10 -8:55

Break 8:55-9:05

PERIOD A EXAM 9:10 -10:40

PERIOD B REVIEW 10:50 – 11:30

LUNCH 11:30 – 12:10

PERIOD C REVIEW 12:15 – 1:00

DISMISSAL 1:00

Friday, December 15 – BC (DE)

CHIMES 8:00

PERIOD B EXAM 8:10 – 9:40

PERIOD C EXAM 9:50 – 11:20

LUNCH 11:20 – 11:50

PERIOD D REVIEW 11:50 – 12:20

PERIOD E REVIEW 12:30 – 1:00

DISMISSAL 1:00

Monday, December 18 – DE (FG)

CHIMES 8:00

PERIOD D EXAM 8:10 – 9:40

PERIOD E EXAM 9:50 – 11:20

LUNCH 11:20 – 11:50

PERIOD F REVIEW 11:50 – 12:20

PERIOD G REVIEW 12:30 – 1:00

DISMISSAL 1:00

Tuesday, December 19 - FG CHIMES 8:00

PERIOD F EXAM 8:10 – 9:40 P

PERIOD G EXAM 9:50 – 11:20

DISMISSAL 11:20

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.

First Semester Period Rotation

Updated 10/20/2023

November

- 1 – FGAB – Mass w/ SSA (dress uniform day)
- 2 – CDEF – 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- 3 – GABC – 9th Grade HR Breakfast--Pep Rally???
- 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 (*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/ Luminaries/ Snack day
- 8 – FGAB – Mass- Feast of Immaculate Conception (dress uniform day)
- 9 – ACT Test Date
- 11 – CDEF
- 12 – GABC
- 13 – DEFG
- 14 - 19 – First Semester Exams
- 19 – Faculty Luncheon
- 20 – Conflict/ Make-up Day

Second Semester Period Rotation

January

3 – ABCD – Classes Resume; Senior Retreat
4 – EFGA – Senior Retreat
5 – BCDE – Senior Retreat
8 – FGAB
9 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly/ BioMed Day
10 – GABC
11 – DEFG – Late start
12 – ABCD
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 - 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 3rd 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 – 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 – Academic Awards – dress uniform day
10 – ABCD – Athletic Awards; 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