



The SSP President's Newsletter
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
November 12-19, 2023

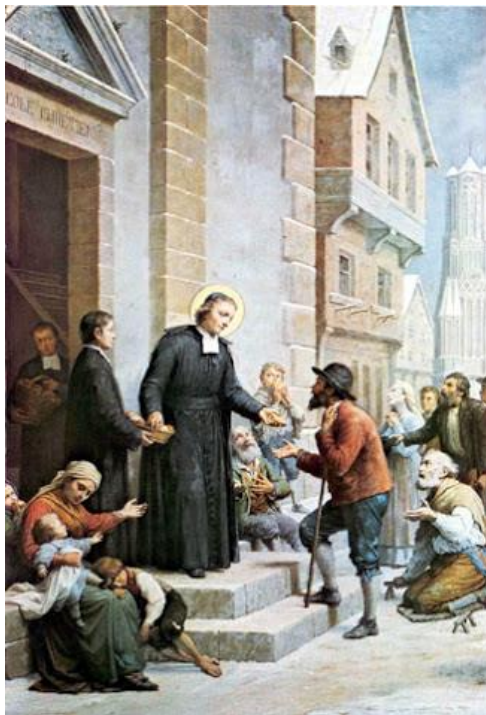


Dear Parents,

Once again, I borrow from Brother Ray's notes at this time last year. His Thanksgiving message last year read:

“Archbishop Gregory Aymond’s charge to the Catholic schools in his archdiocese is for our schools to be authentically Catholic – and that EVERY class is a religion class as we uphold Catholic values across the curriculum. I couldn’t agree more.

One of those authentically Catholic values – as espoused by Pope Francis and enshrined as one of the seven social justice issues by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops – is concern for the poor -- not coincidentally one of our five Lasallian core principles.



St. La Salle distributes bread to the poor.

In school & country, we are blessed with abundance. And so, my final pre-Thanksgiving message, in keeping with the Archbishop’s mandate, the USCCB, and our Lasallian heritage, concerns the same one I give each year at this time: the Lasallian commitment to the poor. This commitment to the poor began with John Baptist de La Salle. The first schools were endowed parish charity schools, operating on shoestring budgets and often located in less desirable parts of town. Both rich and poor were welcome, provided all agreed to be treated as equals – revolutionary in those days! All were important.

Equally revolutionary was de La Salle’s insistence on impartiality. We often speak of the need for impartiality in dealings with students. Actually, St. de La Salle was very partial. Partiality was shown to those with less attractive qualities; they were to receive the most attention. Those with the least talents were to be supported and encouraged. Those who had extra food were to share it with those who had little. De La Salle was convinced that the poor needed the schools the

most. The curriculum, therefore, combined practical & religious training, designed to help the

poor succeed. Thus, service to the poor, both directly and indirectly, must be present at SPS if we are to be faithful Lasallians.

But it's not just Saint La Salle's thinking that compels us to care for the poor. Indeed, the **Concern for the Poor and Social Justice** is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. The United States bishops write: *In a world characterized by growing prosperity for some and pervasive poverty for others, Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.*"

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those who are not blessed with material comfort. Let us strive to reach out to them. Let us find ways to welcome them to SPS.

One of the very practical ways that we at Saint Paul's can reach out to the poor of our area is through the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. I invite you to read the note below from Mr. Jeff Ramon, Campus Minister, about the food drive this year.

5 CORE PRINCIPLES OF LASALLIAN SCHOOLS



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, November 12

- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Varsity Cross Country at State Meet - Natchitoches

Monday, November 13 – FGAB

- Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
- Varsity Cross Country at State Meet - Natchitoches
- Fall Food Drive
- Varsity Soccer @ Dutchtown

Tuesday, November 14 – CDEF

- Fall Food Drive
- Principal's Assembly
- JV/V Basketball at Lakeshore

Wednesday, November 15 – GABC

- Feast of St. Albert the Great, Doctor of the Church
- Last Day of Food Drive
- Sophomore Service Day
- Soccer Meet the Team in BAC
- JV/V Wrestling Meet at Fontainebleau High School

Thursday, November 16 - DEFG

Friday, November 17 – ABCD

- Swimming at State Meet – Sulphur
- JV/V Basketball at Chalmette 5:30 & 6:30
- 9th/JV/Varsity Soccer at Lafreniere Park Tournament

Saturday, November 18

- Swimming State Meet – Sulphur
- JV Wrestling at Bulldog Brawl – Fontainebleau HS
- JH Wrestling Scrimmage in Wrestling Gym
- 9th/JV/Varsity Soccer at Lafreniere Park Tournament

GENERAL INFORMATION:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WARREN MONTGOMERY: We were saddened to hear of the passing of Saint Tammany Parish District Attorney Warren Montgomery, father of 8th grade student Elijah, after a long battle with cancer. On behalf of the entire Saint Paul's community I extend our deepest sympathy to the Montgomery family, friends, and colleagues in the Saint Tammany legal community. We pledge our support to the family in any way necessary. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

ARCHDIOCESAN CONVOCATION: Last Monday the faculty and staff of all schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans gathered for prayer, reflection, and professional development. Here on the north shore, Saint Paul's hosted the faculties of Saint Scholastica Academy and Archbishop Hannan for Mass followed by the Convocation Program.



Left: Campus Minister Jeff Ramon leads the faculties of area Catholic high schools at Mass.

Below: The faculty and staff of area Catholic High Schools gather in the Briggs Center for the Convocation Program.



ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25: Thank you to all who encouraged prospective students and their families to attend Open House. 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!

Next week, we have our final shadow day of the admissions season. A few spots remain available for anyone you may know that would like to attend.

FALL FOOD DRIVE: The annual Fall Food Drive to benefit the Northshore Food Bank will conclude on Wednesday, November 15th at 8:00am (the start of the school day). Saint Paul's is one of the largest supporters of the Northshore Food Bank, and our assistance is relied upon to help members of our community remain food-secure through the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Most needed items are-- **canned ravioli, peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, and soup**. Students are also welcome to speak to teachers about bonus point opportunities. Thank you for your support.

HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS: Congratulations to all students who earned Honor Roll for the first quarter and thanks to the Development Department for successfully hosting five breakfasts! In case you missed it, the vocabulary lesson consisted of the following words:

Splendiferous (adjective): splendid, magnificent, fine

Splendiferous is from Latin "splendor" meaning "radiance" and "ferreto" meaning to bring

Nugatory (adjective): Having no real value, trifling; worthless

Nugatory is from the Latin "nugatorius" meaning "worthless"

Stalwart (noun): a firm, brave, uncompromising, steadfast person

From the Old English *stælwirthe* meaning "serviceable worth"

Nudnik (noun): A persistently dull, boring pest *American Slang*



Left: Cooper Kelsey celebrates HR Breakfast with his parents.

*Right:
Sophomore
splendiferous
stalwarts and
their parents
at HR
Breakfast*



Below left: Stone Celestin treats his dad Don Celestine '79 to HR Breakfast.

Below right Ayaan Sheikh with his mom enjoy HR Breakfast.



*Below: Proud parents with their sons at HR
Breakfast. No nugatory nudnicks were in attendance.*



COVINGTON THREE RIVERS ART FESTIVAL WINNERS: Congratulations to the following art award winners in the 2-D Art contest. Mr. Ancar promises pictures of their art for the newsletter next week.

2nd Place: Gage Brown, St. Paul's (Teacher: Gerald Ancar)

3rd Place: Rogan Martinez, St. Paul's (Teacher: Gerald Ancar)

Honorable Mention: Owen Tusa, St. Paul's (Teacher: Gerald Ancar)

HOST A LASALLIAN STUDENT FROM COSTA RICA:

Since the end of COVID Saint Paul's has participated in an exchange program with our Lasallian partner school in San Jose, Costa Rica. From January 12-26 we will be hosting eight students. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Dr. Shawn Mullet, s.mullet@stpauls.com. Hosting an exchange student is an excellent experience not only for your son but also for your entire family.

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

HOLIDAYS: School offices will be closed during the Thanksgiving holidays. Anticipate needs before Friday. I will be around, if needed, most of the holiday week so feel free to call on me (phone or email) if you need something, but there's no guarantee I'll know how to help. Thanks for your understanding the need for the staff to have a break. They will not be responding to questions about grades, etc.

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.

GET TO KNOW THE SAN FRANCISCO-NEW ORLEANS LASALLIAN DISTRICT: It is important that we remember that Saint Paul's School is part of a larger Lasallian District, the San Francisco-New Orleans District, which itself is part of a worldwide network of over 1000 schools and universities. Below is a link to another school in our district, Saint Michael's High School in Santa Fe, New Mexico. <https://www.stmichaelsf.org/>

From the St. Mike's website: *St. Michael's High School or, as it was first known, El Colegio de San Miguel, was conceived in the mind of Jean-Baptiste Lamy, the first bishop and archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico. He began efforts to establish a school upon his arrival in Santa Fe in 1851, but it took seven years to recruit four Christian Brothers from his native France.*

Brothers Hilarien, Gondulph, Geramius and Galmier Joseph arrived on October 27, 1859, exhausted after two and a half months of travel by ship, train and covered wagon. The Brothers were welcomed warmly and set up in the first buildings of El Colegio de San Miguel, which, like most Santa Fe buildings, were made of adobe and had dirt floors. Some of these buildings, including the San Miguel Chapel, remain standing today on Old Santa Fe Trail and De Vargas Street.

Interesting Facts

Founded: 1859 by the Brothers of the Christian Schools

Chartered: 1874 by the Territorial Legislature of New Mexico

Ethnicity of Student Population

Native American: 3.98%

African American: 1.74%

Latino/Hispanic: 51.99%

Caucasian: 18.66%

Other: 23.63%

Co-Ed: Grades 7-12

Mascot: The Horsemen



San Miguel Mission Church: <https://www.sanmiguelchapelsantafe.org/> (The Oldest Church in the United States) St. Michael's High School original campus was at the site of this church and is the proud owner and caretaker of this historic treasure today.

LUMINARIAS: The “local” tradition of luminarias at Christmas was brought to Saint Paul’s by the Brothers who attended the College of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for their Novitiate. Today, this tradition has spread from the Saint Paul’s campus to many local neighborhoods. The photo above shows the San Miguel Mission Church in Santa Fe decorated with the traditional luminarias.

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!**

THE GREATER LASALLIAN WORLD:

Last week Mr. Michael Sciortino '03 sent me this picture of him and his two sons. He had just completed the New York Marathon and decided to take a look at nearby St. Patrick’s Cathedral. There he noticed the statue and side altar dedicated to Saint Jean Baptist De La Salle, testament to the long reach of Lasallian education in the United States and the world. Congratulations Michael, on completing the NY Marathon, and thank you for sending this meaningful shot. Safe travels home!

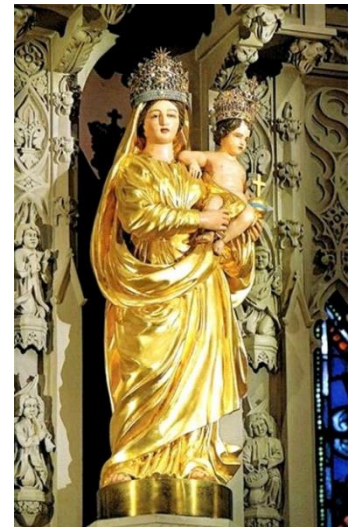


DRUG TESTING: Please speak with your son. We have resumed drug testing. We had suspended testing due to COVID but are comfortable in resuming the tests. We use a Random Plus approach: some students will be chosen randomly and some for “cause” (e.g. drop in grades, behavioral problems, etc.) If a student 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.

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!



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.

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**

****COURSES TAKE
APPROXIMATELY 6
WEEKS TO COMPLETE****



**For more info: Contact Coach Jeff Drivon
Email: j.drivon@stpauls.com**

MU ALPHA THETA: On Saturday November 4th 33 Fighting Math Wolves, along with Ms. Baudoin and Mrs. Barwick, traveled to Baton Rouge to compete in the Episcopal Math Tournament. Pictured below are the MAT mathletes.



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 six 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: 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

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/c2jdfkw?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: Now that Fall weather is upon us, the L&F closet is full of cold weather attire! Tell your son to look there for any misplaced or “stolen” items. The Lost and Found Closet is located under the outside stairs behind the large wall at Founder’s Circle. 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.

SPORTS NEWS:

SWIMMING: The aqua wolves head to Sulphur this weekend to compete in the State Championship meet. Good luck to the SPS swim team!



CROSS COUNTRY: Waiting on results from the State Meet!

FOOTBALL: The football Wolves earned a first-round playoff bye. This Friday they take on #10 ranked Tioga in the second round of state playoffs. Come out and support the Wolves this Friday at 7:00 at Hunter Stadium!

SOCCER: Soccer began its defense of the State Title last week in a scrimmage against Catholic High of Baton Rouge. The Varsity lost 0-4 but the JV prevailed 1-0 against the Bears. The varsity plays their first game away tomorrow, Monday, against a tough Dutchtown team.

Also last week the 8th grade team (pictured below) opened with a scrimmage against neighborhood rival William Pitcher. The Wolves easily won that contest 12-1. Congratulations to the Soccer Wolf Pups!



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



Left: 1944 Jr. High Basketball Team

Right: 1945 Basketball Varsity Team

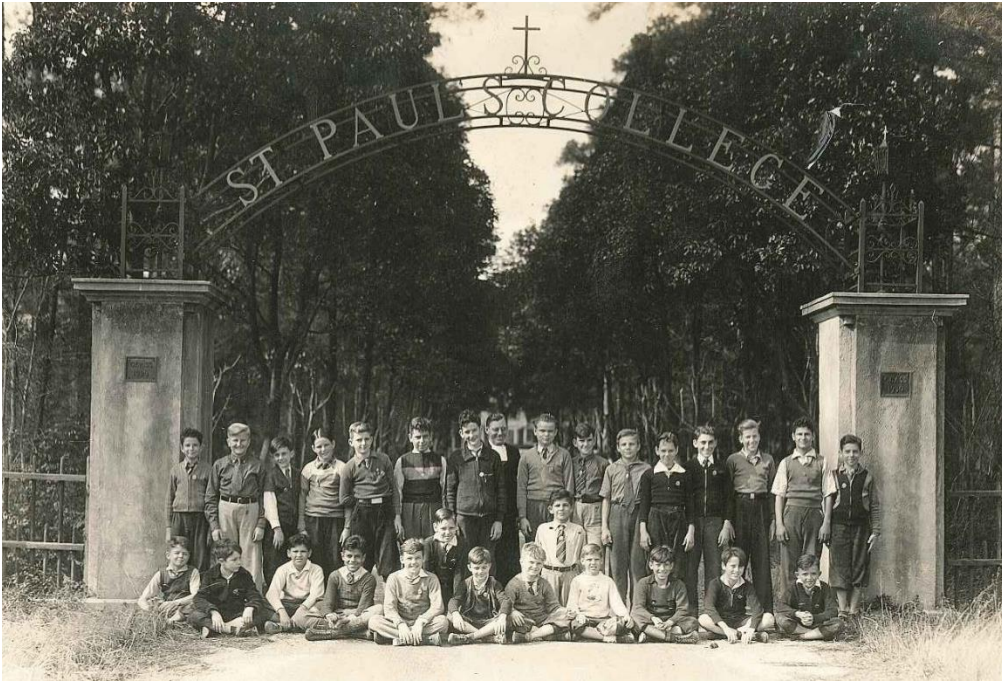


Below: 1948-49 Football Team



Below: Baseball Game 1940s. These stands were located about where the visitors stand at Hunter Stadium are today.





Left: 7th Grade class in front of original arch 1940.



Right: Class of 1941



Left: Mothers Club 1948

SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:

Below: Students compete with brains and muscles in the Crouzet Cup Pack Time competition last week.



Below: Students work on their designs in Mrs. Peak's Civil Engineering class.



Below and Right: The faculties of Saint Scholastica Academy, Archbishop Hannan and Saint Paul's School attend Mass in Our Lady of Peace Chapel during the Archdiocesan Convocation last week.



AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY REMAINS OPEN: Remember that students may take advantage of the library's after school hours to stay on top of their academic work.



A LOOK AHEAD:

November

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

December

5 – ABCD – Principal's Assembly (Sudden Impact - Ramon Period B)

7 – BCDE – Late start/ Luminarias/ Snack day

8 – FGAB – Mass- Feast of Immaculate Conception (dress uniform day)

9 – ACT Test Date

14 - 19 – First Semester Exams

19 – Faculty Luncheon

20 – Conflict/ Make-up 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



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

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November

- 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