



The SPS President's Newsletter
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
November 5-12, 2023



*Your faith should be for you
a light which guides you in all things,
and a shining light
for those whom you instruct,
to lead them on the way to heaven.*

De La Salle



Meditation 178.1
(Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist)

*You are called like the apostles
to make God known,
and for that purpose
you need great zeal.*

De La Salle



Meditation 78.2 (Battersby translation)
(Feast of St. Andrew)

Dear Parents,

At this time of year Brother Ray would share these quotes from Saint John Baptist De La Salle with the faculty and staff of Saint Paul's School. They are from the Founder to the first Brothers, but they are equally for Lasallian teachers today – and also applicable to parents – who are called to instruct their children on the way to heaven and who need great zeal in raising children in today's world. Know of the prayers from all of us at Saint Paul's School for you in your vital parental ministry as the primary teachers of your children – and please pray for us in our ministry of providing a human and Christian education for the young people entrusted to our care.

**5 CORE PRINCIPLES
OF LASALLIAN SCHOOLS**



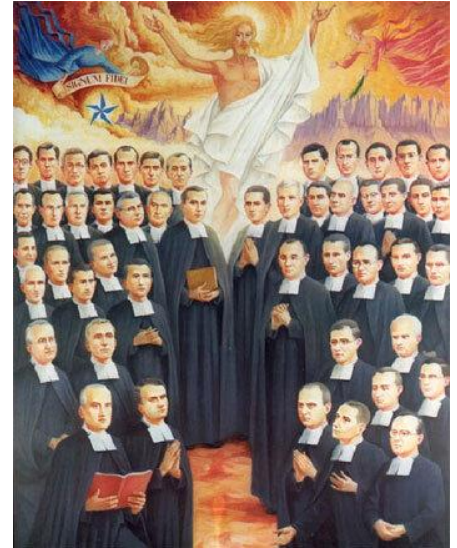
THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, November 5

- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 6 – Teacher Formation Day-No classes

On this day in 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.



Tuesday, November 7 - DEFG

- Fall Food Drive Begins
- Pack Time
- JV Soccer Scrimmage @ Mandeville – 5:30
- 9th Grade Soccer @ Mandeville - 7:00

Wednesday, November 8 – ABCD

- 10th Grade HR Breakfast
- JV Basketball Jamboree v. St. Charles Catholic @ Pearl River – 5:30
- Varsity Soccer scrimmage vs Catholic High, B.R. 5:30 – Hunter Stadium
- JV Soccer vs. Catholic BR – 7:00 – Hunter Stadium

Thursday, November 9 – EFGA

- 11th Grade HR Breakfast
- Varsity Basketball HOF Tip-off vs. St. Michael @ 6:15 pm Location: New Gym

Friday, November 10 – BCDE

- 12th Grade HR Breakfast- 12th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast

Saturday, November 11

- JH/JV/V Wrestling Dual vs. Jesuit Location: Jesuit
- Varsity Soccer scrimmage @ Ocean Springs, Ms. - 1:00
- JV Soccer @ Ocean Springs, Ms. -2:30

TDIH: At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, WW I ended, leaving 9 million soldiers & 5 million civilians dead and 21 million wounded. The “War to End All Wars” didn’t. We pray for all who have served our country, especially those who made "the ultimate sacrifice." And we pray for an end to war, especially the ongoing wars in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and in Africa.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

ARCHDIOCESAN CONVOCATION: Tomorrow, Monday, all schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will not have classes. This will be an opportunity for the faculty and staff of all schools to gather for prayer, reflection, and professional development. Here on the north shore, Saint Paul's will host the faculties of Saint Scholastica Academy and Archbishop Hannan for Mass followed by the Convocation Program. Please keep the faculty and staff of all archdiocesan schools in your prayers tomorrow as we gather.



Left: Official shield of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Right: Geographic area of the Archdiocese



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

10th Grade – November 8

11th Grade – November 9

12th Grade – November 10

Below: Pre-freshmen honor roll students are recognized at HR Breakfast last week.



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

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.

YET ANOTHER SURVEY: I know that sometimes it seems that we are bombarding you with surveys. Some come from us. Some from groups associated with us such as the Archdiocese or our Lasallian District. Please know that we all take your responses and opinions seriously and use the information gathered for decisions on how to improve Saint Paul's. 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>

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 Mary's College High School in Berkeley, California. <https://www.saintmaryschs.org> Notice the odd shape of their track. The school is landlocked within a neighborhood so they were forced to use this configuration for their track, football, baseball, and soccer fields. Talk about multi-use! I can just imagine our coaches negotiating practice and game times!

Saint Mary's College High School:

- *Originally part of Saint Mary's College (a Lasallian college to be featured later)
- *Mascot - Panthers
- *The Christian Brothers have operated Saint Mary's since 1868.
- * Over 600 students on 13-acre campus in Berkeley, California.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: On Tuesday all Spanish classes were welcomed to a Día de los Muertos (All Souls' Day) prayer service in the chapel hosted by members of the Spanish Club. All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, observed by Christians on 2 November. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate the poor souls in

purgatory and gain them indulgences. This feast day is especially celebrated in Mexico. The Spanish Club explained the significance of the day and decorated the chapel altar in the traditional decorations for the prayer service.

Below: Chapel Altar decorated for Día de los Muertos.



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 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.

Right: Vinceio Montalbano and Shawn Cooney along with Mr. Guarisco.



DISCERNING LEADERS: Faculty member and basketball coach Stephen Dale participated in the first gathering of the District of San Francisco-New Orleans' "Discerning Leaders" program. Coach Dale traveled to Mont La Salle in Napa, California for three days of meetings and discussions on mission-driven leadership and leadership sustainability in Lasallian schools. The cohort will meet every few months, with the program concluding in April of 2025.

Below: Mr. Dale (back row second from right) along with other discerning leaders from throughout the San Francisco New Orleans Lasallian District.



LASALLIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Speaking of Lasallian Formation, two faculty members, Mrs. Pool and Mrs. Monteiro (pictured at left) are at the Russian River Retreat Center in California participating in the Lasallian Women's Conference.

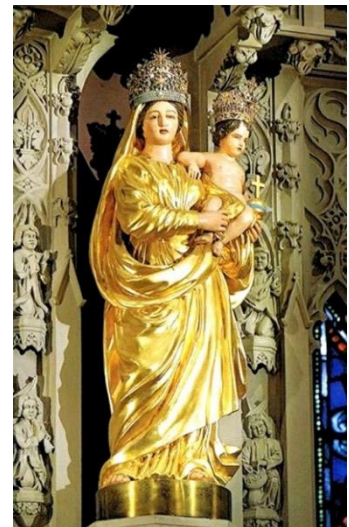
DRUG TESTING: Please speak with your son. We have resumed drug testing. We had suspended testing due to COVID but are comfortable in resuming the tests. We use a Random Plus approach: some students will be chosen randomly and some for “cause” (e.g. drop in grades, behavioral problems, etc.) If a student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

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!



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/>.


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****



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For more info: Contact Coach Jeff Drivon
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.

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 four 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.

WOLVES ON WHEELS: WOW is a student-centered organization that provides hands-on opportunities to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) as students design and build electric vehicles for competition and/or personal projects. Wolves on Wheels goal is to engage creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving and communication.

Right: Reese Phillipus and Connor Almerico work on their WOW project in the school shop.



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

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: 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:



**Northlake Regional District
Swimming Champions 2023**

SWIMMING: Congratulations to the SPS swim team who captured the Northshore Regional Swimming Championship. They were recently honored at a school assembly.

Below: Swimming Fan of the Week Kaiden Klebba pictured with senior captain Conner Dobie.



CROSS COUNTRY: The Cross Country Wolves competed at the regional meet at City Park on Friday and qualified as a team for the state meet on November 12.



Left: Dominic Muguira competes at City Park.

Right: Tyson Burns and Callahan Arch pace each other at Regionals.



WRESTLING: Congratulations to the Wrestling Wolves for their 84-0 victory over the Mandeville Skippers last Wednesday night! The team earned the maximum possible score for a single contest. The Wolves also went 8-0 in exhibition matches against the Skippers. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the team! As Mr. Dickens later described the event, “A skillfully truculent display indeed...”



The junior high Wrestling Wolves (pictured next page) competed in their first competition of the year on Saturday, November 4. The large contingent of Wolves greatly outnumbered the teams from the other Catholic schools that competed in the event, and the team far outpaced the competition in the number of wins garnered by the individuals. Numerous wrestlers won the first matches of their careers, and several went undefeated on the day.



The JV wrestling team competed in a varsity tournament hosted by Pearl River High School. Five of the Wolves placed in the top 4 spots, including two that finished as tournament champions. The placers were as follows:

Sean Parker - 1st Place
 William Coles - 1st Place
 Jake Gaudet - 3rd Place
 Connor Ayala - 4th Place
 Bray Bertucci - 4th Place

FOOTBALL: Once again the football wolves outperformed their competition this week at all levels. The freshman team finished their season with a resounding 34-0 over Fontainebleau, ending their season with a 7-2 record. This is especially impressive after their winless 8th grade season last year! The JV also won over the Bulldogs 27-6 to cap their season record 8-1. Not to be outdone by the underclassmen, the varsity team finished out their district season undefeated with a 38-21 win over district opponent Fontainebleau. Now the Wolves await their placement in the playoff bracket. On to state! See the NOLA.com article on the game here: https://www.nola.com/sports/high_schools/st-pauls-bounces-back-for-win-over-fontainebleau/article_89ede91c-7a7c-11ee-9540-5fcf3294729.html



Below: A frequent scene last Friday night at Hunter Stadium.



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.



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Classroom
1940s*

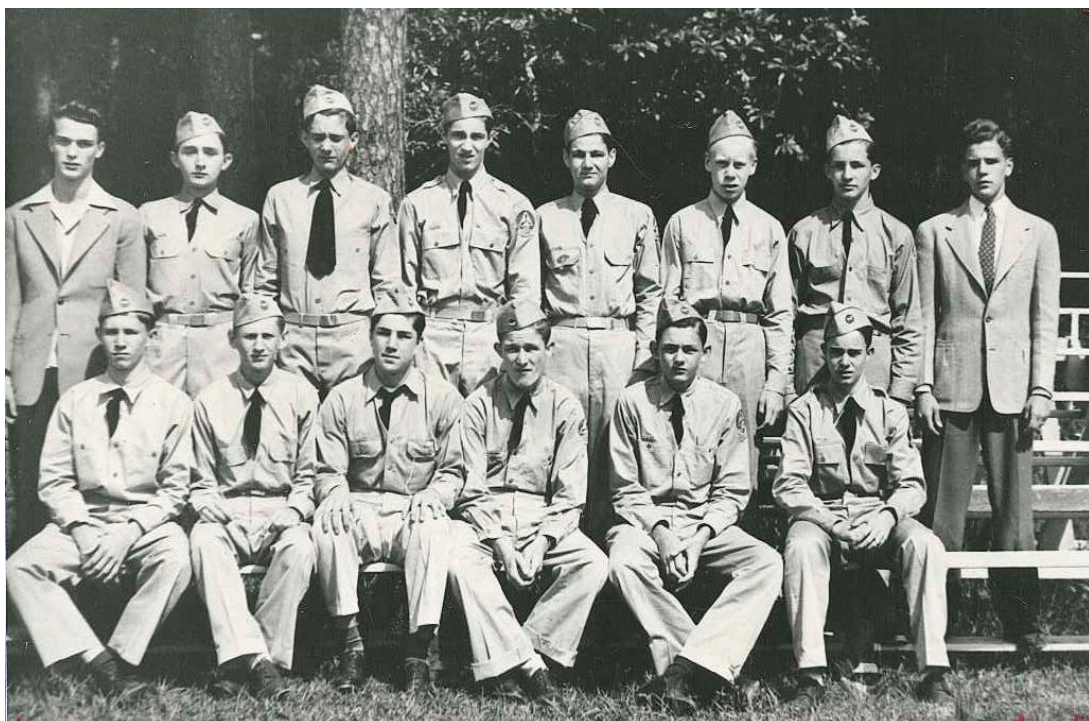


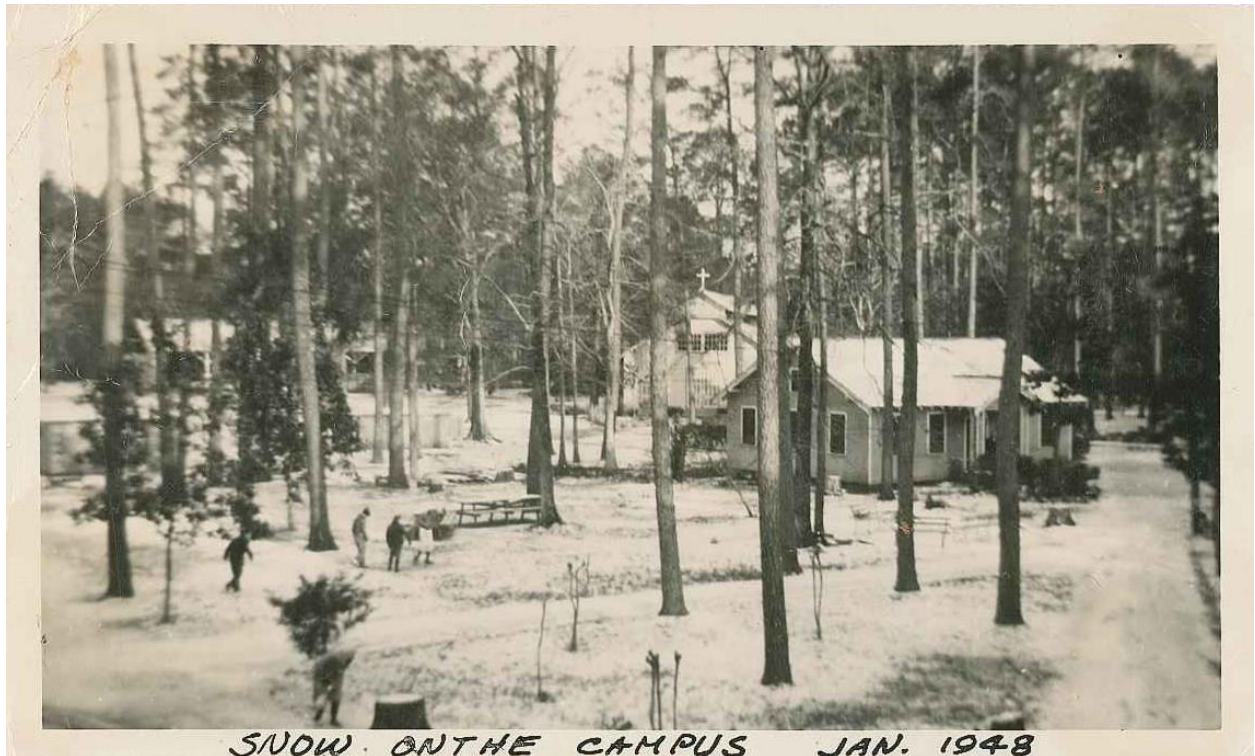
*Right: Dinner
in the dining
room Circa
1940*

Below: Formal Dance 1945



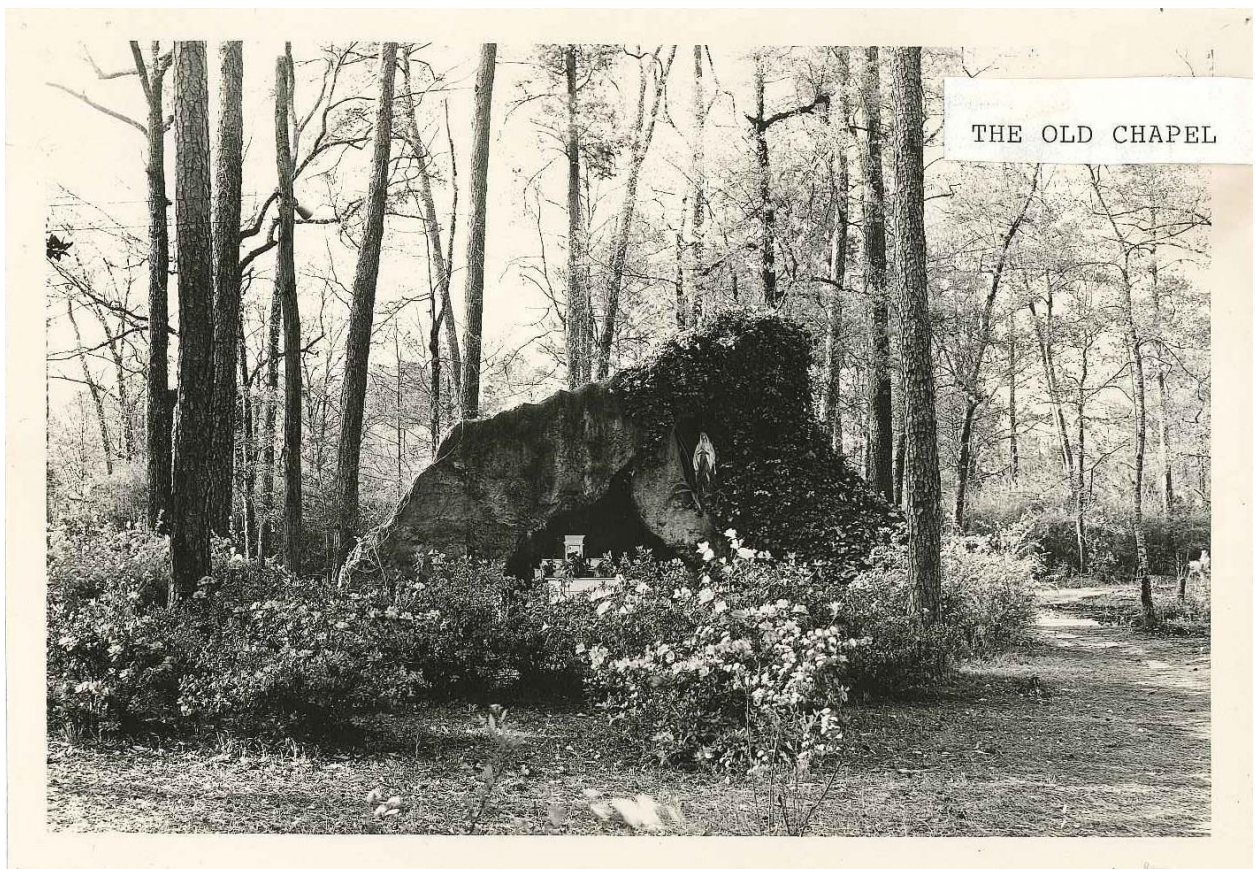
Below: Students during the WWII years.





SNOW ON THE CAMPUS JAN. 1948

Above and below: Campus scenes during the 1940s



THE OLD CHAPEL

SCENES FROM THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL:

Below: Early morning mist at Hunter Stadium



ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE: Mrs. Kim Gardner's AP Language students presented Veracious Villain speeches on Halloween. Assuming the role of a fictional villain, each student used rhetorical appeals to argue to be seen in a different light. The class heard from Voldemort, the Joker, Scar, Darth Vader, Captain Hook, Thanos, etc.

Pictured at right giving his presentation is Reid Guilbault.



Below: Mums brighten the campus



Below: Guitar class at practice



Below: Students file out to their muster zone during a fire drill.



Right: Mr. Nunez makes sure all his students are accounted for during the fire drill.



Left: Underclassmen enjoy a fall day lunch at the pond.

SPORTS MANGEMENT CLASS: As part of a unit on sport facility management, Coach Stephen Dale's Sports Management class conducted a pre-event risk assessment of Hunter Stadium before Friday's game vs. Fontainebleau.

Right: Juniors Jacob Rebaudo and Ethan Hinostroza check railings in the visitor's bleachers.



Left: Juniors Noah Montz and Nathan Luper test the water pressure and temperature in the concession stand.

Right: Fall color



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS:

Right: Kaiden Klebba, Alexander Klemp and Mrs. Brett prepare the Día de los Muertos Altar.



Above and Right: Spanish Club members lead their classmates during the prayer service.



HONOR ROLL BREAKFASTS:



Above: Freshmen at Honor Roll Breakfast. Below: Bradley Stucker and parents at HR Breakfast.





Left: Mr. Arbos' Physics Class experiments with the friction of shoes.

Below: Claude Scarpelli works on his project for Wolves on Wheels.



Below: Drumline at the assembly on Tuesday.



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS: Saint Scholastica Academy and Saint Paul's School together celebrated All Saints Day Mass in the Briggs Assembly Center. Below and next page are scenes from the Wednesday morning celebration.



Below: Father Beau Charbonnet, '87 was principal celebrant.





MARCHING WOLVES SENIOR NIGHT:



*Below: Wolf
"Conner Allen"
takes a break.*



Above: The Marching Wolves perform the National Anthem to open the game.

Senior Night for the Marching Wolves was extra special as senior Phoenix Bigler (center with Mr. Moran) was able to participate in the festivities.



VARSITY FOOTBALL WOLVES COMPLETE PERFECT DISTRICT SEASON:

Below: Wolves and Coach Sears prepare to take the field.

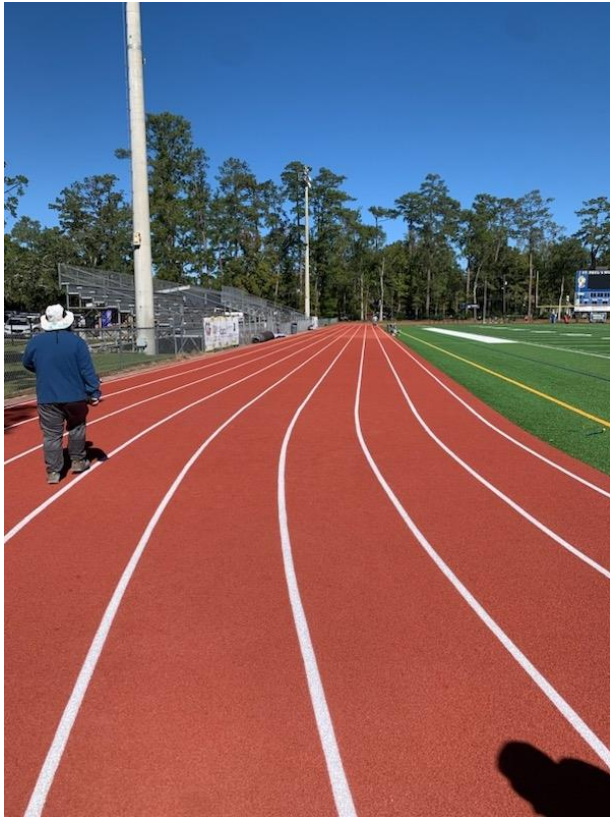




*This page: Scenes from
Friday night at Hunter
Stadium.*



AND FINALLY:



Left: The track finally gets striped, completing the track and field renovation at Hunter Stadium.

Below: Dennie Charbonnet, former SPS Drama teacher, takes a moment to visit with her son, Father Beau Charbonnet '87, before Mass.



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.



BROTHER NICK GONZALEZ: This week we were privileged to receive a visit from Brother Nick Gonzalez, FSC, Visitor (Provincial) of the San Francisco New Orleans Lasallian District. Brother spent a few days visiting the Brothers Communities in the New Orleans area, including our own here at Saint Paul's. He returns to Mont La Salle in Napa, California, today. Safe travels, Brother Nick!



A LOOK AHEAD:

November

- 14 – CDEF – Principal's Assembly / Shadow Day (Public School)
- 15 – GABC (Tentative: Sophomore Service Day & Food Drive)
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December

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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

- 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*)
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- 17 – ABCD
- 20 - 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – Pack Time (Luminarias) (Sudden Impact - Tonry Period E)
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- 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
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- 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