



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 108 years of educational excellence in Covington
*March 09 - 15, 2020 -- **Second Week of Lent***



We are dust and to dust we shall return!



Welcome to the final week of the 3rd quarter & the second week of Lent!

Mon, Mar 09 (9 am class start for 7:45 faculty meeting; B C D E)

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time began at 2:00 am yesterday. I hope you sprang forward!**
- **This Day in History: In 1916**, Poncho Villa raids United States. This matters to SPS. What I've printed here is a repeat, but it's a foundational story – in our history and God's plan -- and needs to be read yearly.



From the History Channel's "This Day in History" for Mar 9: **Poncho Villa Raids U.S.**
On March 9, 1916, several hundred Mexican guerrillas commanded by Francisco "Poncho" Villa cross the U.S.-Mexican border and attack the small border town of Columbus, New Mexico.... President Woodrow Wilson orders the U.S. Army into Mexico to capture the rebel leader dead or alive. Why should we at SPS care about this anniversary? Because in an unwitting and unintentional way, Poncho Villa (left) helped found Saint Paul's School.

According to historical records of the Christian Brothers of the former New Orleans - Santa Fe Province, Mexican revolutionaries besieged the city of Zacatecas in 1914, where the Brothers had conducted a school for six years. Two Brothers were killed and 14 were imprisoned. *On July 6, the sister of the finance minister to the First Chief of the Revolutionaries hosted Poncho Villa for dinner. During this meal she interceded for the Brothers. Her son had attended the Brothers' school at Monterey. Villa consented and the Brothers were conveyed by rail coach under guard to El Paso. The Jesuit priests took them in, gave them necessities and advised them to travel to Santa Fe. The French consul arranged for train tickets, and the Brothers arrived at Santa Fe on July 13. Some of these Brothers later returned to France. Others were sent to different American communities, while some remained and helped establish the new District of New Orleans-Santa Fe. The unknown Brother who wrote the Historical Sketch, awed by the courage and dedication of these Brothers, remarked, ". . . for a more exemplary or edifying body of religious men, it would be very difficult to find."*

Some of those same brothers, exiled from France in 1904 due to religious persecution and who went to Mexico only to be driven out in 1914, would eventually settle in Covington to assume ownership of Saint Paul's School. The rest, as they say, is history. Had Poncho Villa not released the Brothers from prison, they may never have found their way here.

Scripture tells us that God's ways are not our ways. Could there be a more relevant example of how God brings good out of evil, strength out of weakness, salvation out of despair? Could the Hand of God be any more obvious in our school's existence? Could we have any doubt that our work today is God's work -- a continuation of that miraculous journey to Covington, those incredible stories of heroic men giving their lives for the sake of the Lasallian Mission?

Today, we are the ones entrusted with that Mission. Today, we must be faithful. Today, we are the cooperators with God in His plan of salvation. Today, we must honor our ancestors and, yes, thank Poncho Villa for granting the Brothers a release from prison and a safe journey from Mexico. Who knows what good will come from our work today -- even when times are tough and the future blurry? May our Lenten journey give us eyes of faith and merciful hearts!

- **National Get Over It Day:** We all have something to “get over.” Do it today! Can’t think of something? Ask your friends what they tire of hearing you complain about!
- **National Panic Day:** Who knew? Try to stay calm today although with all this activity, it will be hard.
- **National Napping Day** (day after DST to help us adjust): SPS will not observe this day – at least not until 3:15 pm!
- **Baseball:** JV v. Lakeshore (6)
- **Drama:** Special in-school showing of “Damn Yankees” for all pre-freshmen



Juniors culminate social justice study with field trip to Angola.

Tue, Mar 10 (Wolf Packs; F G A B)

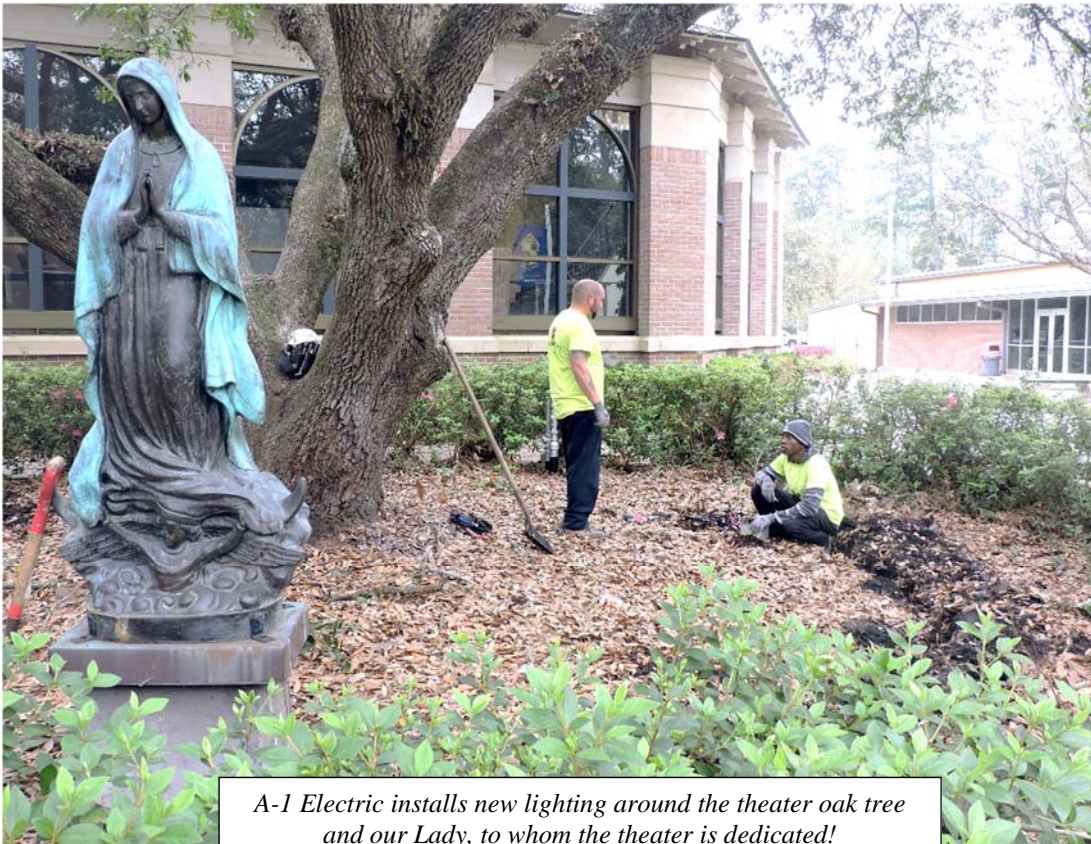
- **TDIH:** In 1876, the first telephone call occurs when Alexander Graham Bell says "Watson, come here; I want you."
- **Mario Day:** A day for all persons named Mario. Using the abbreviation for the month of March, i.e., MAR, with the day, i.e., 10, you get the name spelled out: MAR10 – who knew?
- **Middle Name Day:** How often do we think of our middle names? Spend some time discussing their history today.
- **Tennis v. Slidell at PAC**
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Brother Martin (4:30)
- **ACT for Juniors today in the BAC.** This is a real ACT! The advantages for our guys is that it’s during a school day (instead of Sat morning) and they are taking it surrounded by friends. GEAUX, Juniors!
- **Drama:** “Damn Yankees” (7)

Wed, Mar 11 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1818, Mary Shelley publishes *Frankenstein*, called the first science fiction novel. BTW, Frankenstein is NOT the name of the creature! It's the name of the scientist who created the creature.
- **Johnny Appleseed Day:** Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was a real person, a settler captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree planted, the legend grew. Eat an apple today in honor of Johnny.
- **World Plumbing Day:** Appreciate plumbing today, something we all too often take for granted. And I guess we should give a shout out to plumbers, too! Where would we be without them?
- **Engineering Classes Field Trips**
- **Drama: "Damn Yankees" (7)**
- **Baseball:** 8th at Franklinton (5:30)
- **Tuxedos to Geaux during lunch**

Thu, Mar 12 (Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1622, Pope Gregory XV canonized a pretty extraordinary group of men and women, making them saints in the Roman Catholic Church: Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, & Ignatius Loyola. May these saints pray for us in our work at SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first "fireside chat" radio address. Today he would probably have sent out a tweet!
- **Genealogy Day:** Spend time today researching your ancestors or at least giving thanks for them!
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. St. Stanislaus (6)
- **Track:** JH in Strawberry Relays at SLU
- **Golf:** Wolves in N'shore League Play
- **Tennis v. Catholic High at PAC**
- **Drama:** "Damn Yankees" (7)



A-1 Electric installs new lighting around the theater oak tree and our Lady, to whom the theater is dedicated!

Fri, Mar 13 (Regular; End of Third Quarter; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 2013, Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis I.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, the US Army begins training dogs for War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps."
- **Baseball:** JV v. Covington
- **Lacrosse:** Wolves v. Brother Martin
- **Baeball:** Varsity v. Terrebone at Mike Miley
- **Track:** Varsity in Judy Baehr Relays at Walker HS
- **Celebrity Dinner:** Thanks to all who help make this event, which funds SPS Renaissance, a great success!

Sat, Mar 14

- **TDIH:** In 1879, Albert Einstein is born, in Ulm, Germany to a Jewish electrical engineer. Einstein's theories of special and general relativity drastically altered our view of the universe, and his work in particle/energy theory helped make possible quantum mechanics and, the atomic bomb.
- **Pi Day:** Pi, Greek letter (π), is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day is celebrated by around the world on March 14th (3/14) since $\pi = 3.1415926535\dots$ Get it?
- **Learn About Butterflies Day:** Some scientists think the health of the butterfly supply has implications for the health of the rest of the earth. Learn about the beautiful, helpful butterfly today!
- **Potato Chip Day:** Snack away!
- **International Ask A Question Day:** Ask questions today!
- **Drama:** *Damn Yankees* (2 & 7) Final performances of our spring musical!
- **SAT on campus this morning**
- **Rugby:** SPS. V. Strake Jesuit (Houston) on rugby field (10)
- **Lacrosse:** JVA v. Lower Alabama (noon); Varsity at 4:30
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. ED White (Mike Miley), JV at Covington; 8th Grade Round Robin Tournament (Heap)
- **Marching Wolves in St. Patrick's Day Parade in Covington (noon)**

Sun, Mar 15

- **TDIH: Beware the Ides of March!** Julius Caesar was assassinated on this day in 44 BC. According to Shakespeare, when stabbed by close friend, Marcus Brutus, Caesar uttered *Et tu, Brute!*
- **Incredible Kids Day:** Celebrate by letting your kids know how good they are, and how much you love them.
- **Corn Dog Day:** Celebrate if you want! I'll pass, thank you.



Rise Up, O Men of God

I draw the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance:

ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. But I need everyone to participate – no amount is too small (of course, no amount is too large, either!) Gifts of stock are also welcome.

ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS: We are blessed with many supportive grandparents. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. Again, I do it differently than other schools that directly solicit grandparents. I ask that you inform your son's grandparents or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the information directly if you wish. Just provide me with the information. **I do not want to ask grandparents without your consent but we need their support.** I have already received a number of grandparent gifts. Again, no gift is too small – and, of course, no gift is too large.

Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our March 03 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of Antonio Vivaldi's "Spring" from his famous "Four Seasons Suite." I explained that Vivaldi is a famous Baroque era Italian composer who lived from 1678 – 1741. I reminded them that Baroque music is dramatic and powerful and that Vivaldi musically interpreted the difference seasons with amazing precision. And why was I emphasizing the season of spring? In addition to signs of spring springing up all over, we are in the season of Lent – and the word "lent" comes from an Old English word meaning "spring." It's a time for our relationship with God to "bloom" just like the spring flowers. It's a time for us to bask in the warmth of God's love, just like we bask in the warmth of spring following the cold of winter. And as the days lengthen, it's a time for us to lengthen our commitment to "put off the things of night" and walk in the daylight.

While the music played, **junior Alvin Marks** lit the prayer candle – now purple for Lent. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: *Mrs. Judy LaBrosse, grandmother of Jack '20 & Sam '23 Bedell, Mr. Paul Harrison, Grandfather of Collin Harrison '24, and Christopher Jude Pigg, 7-week-old brother of Michael Pigg '23*

- Reminded students that we were in the 8th week of the 3rd quarter and that our Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus.
- Recognized and congratulated Coach Stephen Dale on the birth of his daughter, Maggie Jane, and presented him with a gift for Maggie.
- Recognized and congratulated Coach Sean Moser and the SPS Varsity Soccer Wolves for winning the Division I State Championship – for the 7th time in the past ten years! As we will have a special state championship assembly later in the year, I didn't spend a lot of time on soccer but we wanted to recognize their incredible accomplishment.
- Then, as if by magic, the "Ride of the Valkyries" from Richard Wagner's opera **Die Walkure** started playing, which meant it was time to recognize our Wrestling Wolves' State Runner-Up status. While the music played, Team Captains presented the trophy to AD Craig Ketelsen while I projected the state finalists:
 - **Peyton Ward - State Champion at 152**
 - **Jake Houser - State Runner-Up at 106**
 - **Carter Duet - State Runner-Up at 120**
 - **Blain Cascio - State Runner-Up at 170**
 - **Evan Ulfers - State Runner-Up at 182**

- **Cole Ulfers - State Runner-Up at 220**
 - **Grant Nastasi - 4th Place at 138**
 - **Ben Davidson - 4th Place at 160**
 - **Michael Rader - 6th Place at 126**
 - **Sean Cripple - 6th Place at 132**
 - **Joshua Sabadie - 6th Place at 182**
- Recognized and congratulated Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo for again sponsoring the Saint Joseph Day altar.
 - Recognized and congratulated the juniors who participated in a 24 hour SILEN (NO PHONES!) retreat at historic Manresa Retreat House. I projected slides of the boys at Manresa while the rest of the student body remained quiet and reflected. I then challenged everyone to take time away from their devices, find a quiet nature spot, and listen to God. Congrats to **Ian Bertrand, Ben Broussard, Adam Cazayoux, Chandler Copeland, Cameron Darr, Anthony Elwell, Lucca Ferrante, Chris Franke, Jacob Harris, Grant Harrison, Davis Lagarde, Scott Messa, Adam Philippe, Charles Sandoz, Michael Silvestri, Grant Vicknair, and Harrison Weisinger.**
 - Recognized and congratulated the Robotics Wolves for their showing at the recent Holy Cross VEX Robotics Tournament:
 - **Pre-freshmen team (Austin Asher, Phoenix Bigler, Cohen Cluney, Brogan McGough) - made it to quarterfinals**
 - **Junior team (Cullen Duval, Magnus Laue, Matthew Roberts (9th), Ryan Daly) - made it to quarterfinals**
 - **Sophomore team (Gavin Dominique, Hayden Vogt, Alex Tepper)- made it to the semi finals**
 - **Pre-freshmen team (Eli Petrich and Reese Hamaker) - made it to semi finals**
 - **BLAKE INZINNA attended as mentor with Mrs. Childs & Mrs. Beck**
 - Recognized and congratulated The Marching Wolves and Golden Blues for their incredible Mardi Gras performances: eight parades, including the Walmart Special needs parade. Wow! I showed a film clip of the MWs at the Bacchus extravaganza – they were wonderful. Geaux Marching Wolves!
 - **Encouraged and reminded the students of the following:**
 - **Slowing their roll, to cooperate with Covington Mayor Mark Johnson’s safe driving campaign**
 - **Attending the Wednesday morning 7:15 am mass as a great Lenten practice.**
 - **Attending the Thursday morning 7:40 adoration**
 - **Attending the daily morning 7:50 one decade of the rosary**
 - Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions – which will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with the whole student body standing and singing a very moving rendition of that Lenten favorite, “O That Shame.” It was powerful. **Junior Charles Gahagan** extinguished the prayer candle while Vivaldi’s “Spring” from “The Four Seasons” played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during this Lenten season and to make safe choices. I closed by reminding

the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God’s love to all whom they meet.

- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR--2020-21: Here is tentative calendar for next year (for those who plan!)

THIS IS NEXT YEAR’S CALENDAR, NOT THIS YEAR’S CALENDAR!

Thurs, Aug 6	School Opens with full day of instruction (same day as public schools)
Thu, Aug 20	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 21	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 24	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 7	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 2	In-service for faculty (no classes for students)
Fri, Oct 9	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 9	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:30)
Mon, Oct 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 31	Open House for Prospective Students (1 – 3 pm)
Tues, Nov 3	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Nov 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 30	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon - Thu, Dec 14-17	Semester Exams
Thu, Dec 17	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams

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Mon, Jan 4	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Jan 6-8	Senior Retreat
Mon, Jan 18	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 1	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 12	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 15-19	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 22	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 12	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri Apr 2-9	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 12	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 28-30	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 13	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 15	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Tues – Fri, May 18-21	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Mon, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Tues, May 25	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

Remember that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.

CASH BACK PROGRAMS: Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Amazon Smile: This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul’s School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- Office Depot: We receive store credit from customers who give SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul’s will do. This will help a lot.
- Box Tops for Education: Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..



Celebrity Dinner This Friday: This dinner is the ONLY event that funds our Renaissance Program! Our Renaissance Program helps fund non-athletic activities at Saint Paul's. Students can enjoy activities such as: Pre-freshmen Etiquette Class, Life Skills Class for Seniors, Honor Roll Breakfasts, Robotics competitions and field trips, Wolves on Wheels competitions, Faculty/Staff continuing education, and many more activities. Renaissance also contributes to our Tuition

Assistance program for those in need. For more information, contact the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext 1970 or development@stpauls.com or check out the website at: [Celebrity Dinner!](#)

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CORONAVIRUS: We continue to monitor information from the CDE, La Dept of Health, local officials, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. While COVID19 has **NOT** been identified in our community, please maintain good hygiene and avoid school or work when ill. Out of an abundance of caution, SPS is taking **additional steps to sanitize all buildings and surfaces** on a regular basis. We have also contracted with DIS.IN.FX to disinfect the entire school on a regular basis.

This link will familiarize you with the CDC’s guidelines, including those for travel. We ask that all school families conform to these practices.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Please reinforce the following practices:

- Stay home when sick
- Appropriately cover coughs and sneezes

- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Wash hands often
- Send your son to school with a filled, personal water bottle(s) each day
- Remind your son not to share food and drinks

Please join me in praying for the safety of our school community and for those throughout the world whose lives have been affected by this virus.



Wolves at the White House – with Zach Barnett (left), an SPS alum and now a D.C. lobbyist!

CROSSWALKS: The law requires vehicles to STOP when pedestrians are in a crosswalk. Several students were ticketed last week by CPD for failure to yield to pedestrians. Please speak with your sons who drive!

DAMN YANKEES: Tickets have gone on sale for our spring musical (which opens this week) and are selling quickly. Encourage your students to attend. This show will sell out, especially in the second weekend, so purchase tickets now. The show will be well worth their time. Good luck, Gordon and Marian Players!

DAMN *Yankees*



Directed by Gordon Carmadelle
Musical Direction by Jonathan Sturcken

March 5-14, 2020

MARIAN PLAYERS THEATER- ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

DAMN YANKEES is presented through special arrangement through Music Theater International (MTI) All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

LAST TWO WEEKS:

- **Baseball:** A loss to Curtis offset by strong wins over Destrehan, St. Amant, and Dutchtown. Go Wolves!
- **Basketball:** Even though we lost decisively on Fri, we are very proud of our season. Thanks, BB Wolves!
- **Bowling:** A young team is working hard!!
- **CLOSE UP:** Wolves in the White House? Wow! The boys learned a lot about government last week.
- ***Damn Yankees:*** WOW! Again I say: WOW! GREAT opening, Marian Players! Go see DY!
- **District Rally:** Wolves fared very well – as usual. Details in a future newsletter.

- **Father-Son BBQ:** Thanks to Dads' Club for a successful event. Congrats to student speakers: Reid Brasuell, Joey Keller, Mica'h and Michael Crockett. Parent & SPS alum Scott Ballard did a good job, too!
- **HOSA:** A successful convention saw the Wolves walking away with 3rd place overall! Congrats, HOSA!
- **Junior Retreat/Angola Trip:** All went very well and Luke said it was the best trip in years. And Angola didn't retain any our students!
- **Lacrosse:** Wolves defeated a tough Newman squad 10 – 8 on Fri night. And on Sat, JV 1st a squeaker to St. Paul's of Mobile, 9-7, but Varsity won big, 18 – 3. Congrats!
- **Religion Dept:** Thanks for Lenten AND First Friday devotions last week! *O That Shame...*
- **Rugby** beat Brother Martin 24 – 8. Wow. Geaux Rugby Wolves!
- **St Joseph Altar:** Another special event by Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo! Thanks, Doc, for your devotion to St. J!
- **Tennis:** I know we competed but didn't get results. I am sure we did great. Geaux Tennis Wolves!
- **Track:** Varsity finished FIRST in Ponchatoula Invitational, while Jr Hi finished 7th out of 14 in their inaugural meet in Hammond. Coach says the future looks bright.

LEGAL WATCH: On January 22, the Supreme Court heard a challenge to Montana's "Blaine Amendment" in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*, a case with national implications. As described by the Institute for Justice (IJ), "The case was accepted by the High Court after the Montana Supreme Court struck down that state's new scholarship tax-credit program in 2018 under its state constitution solely because some of the children receiving scholarships attend religious schools." While there is no way to predict how the Court will rule, a Wall Street Journal story covering the oral arguments said, "The Supreme Court appeared ready Wednesday to reinstate a Montana program providing state aid to religious schools, after arguments in which conservative justices cited anti-Catholic sentiment in the 19th century that led many states to bar public support for sectarian education." Private school advocates are hoping for that and more, as a broad ruling could strike down Blaine amendments nationwide. However, Chief Justice Roberts has developed a reputation for favoring less sweeping rulings that are able to assemble larger majorities of justices. A decision should be announced by the end of June. This certainly could have implications for Catholic schools everywhere, included LA.

LIGHTING UPGRADE: A-1 Electric has finished replacing all of the campus fixtures with LED, energy efficient ones. The light is brighter (too bright in some cases – I had to remove some of the bulbs in my office!) and “cooler” than the older bulbs. Now let's hope we see the energy savings that were promised! A total of 1758 bulbs were replaced with new LEDs! That's a lot of bulbs! And that doesn't include Benilde Hall and a few other spots that were already equipped with LEDs!

PHONES: Please stress with your sons the need to follow school phone rules. Students must turn OFF phones in class and may only use them outside (between classes or at lunch.) A \$10 fine is assessed for violating the rule – which, unfortunately, is happening way too frequently.

PROM: Juniors and Seniors: It is time for Prom! Prom will take place on Saturday, March 28 in the BAC from 7:30-10:30 PM. All information, including dress code and expectations for behavior, may be found in room 107. Prom registration and payment are due no later than Tuesday, March 24 at 3:30 PM.

RE-REGISTRATION OF CURRENT STUDENTS FOR 2020-21: ALL registrations for next year are now overdue. **If your son is returning, please register him. If he is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know.** We will soon begin scheduling classes, and non-registered students will not be allowed to choose classes. Thanks for your understanding.

ROSARY: a group of students recite one decade of the rosary each morning in the chapel, beginning at 7:40 on M, T, Th, and F and following mass on W. They would love to have your son join them.

SCHEDULING ASSEMBLIES FOR 2020-2120: Students will soon choose classes for next year. Only, students who are registered for next year will be allowed to select courses. Students who are NOT registered will NOT be allowed to request classes. If your son is not registered and you wish him to return for next year, please register him this week, otherwise he will not be able to request classes. Thank you for understanding. If your son is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know.

SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION: Senior graduation is Sat, May 16 at 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors will open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only**. Each senior will receive eight tickets. **Due to the large number of seniors, EXTRA TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS: Mimi has started posting seniors on our Facebook page. They will reflect on their SPS experience. They are excellent. Check it out. Thanks, Mimi!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church is in great need of help at their annual Lenten fish fry! Assistance is needed from 4:00-7:00 pm on Fridays during Lent (3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, and 4/3). Contact Mr. Steve Bubrig (sbubrig@gmail.com) for more information.



SLOW YOUR ROLL is Mayor Mark Johnson's initiative to improve driving within Covington. Did you know:

- Two of the most often repeated complaints to the Mayor are speeding and the running of stop signs.
- 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 traffic.

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. In October, we will be stating more firmly the need to slow down. In November, there will likely be consequences.” I applaud the Mayor’s initiative and pledge to him our support. Reinforce this with students whenever possible. I will do so with parents. 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.”** **And know that traffic tickets are being written by Covington PD! And watch crosswalks!**

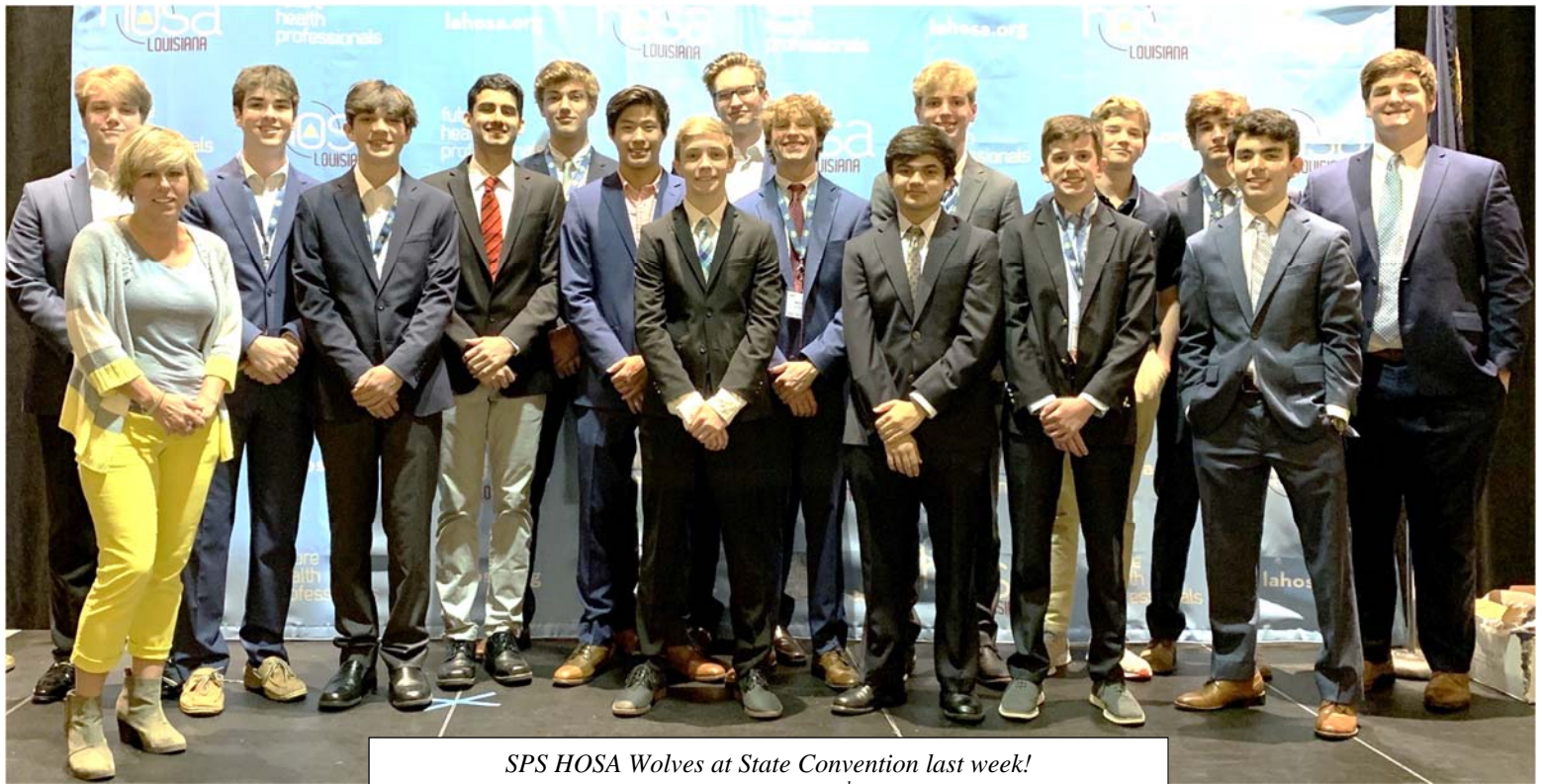
STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL: the library is open every afternoon (Monday-Thursday) until 4:30. Students are free to come and go by signing in and out. You are encouraged to mention this service to your sons who are on campus after school with nothing to do or who may be waiting for a late ride or a practice to begin. All we ask is that they treat the facility with respect and that they are quiet. Faculty supervise the space. We will offer this **service as long as there is a demand for it.**

TUTORING: National Honor Society tutoring takes place in the library at lunch. Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so. Math XL help and essay-proofreading services are available.**

UNIFORM SHIRTS: We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have a number of khaki pants available – all for the taking.

WEEKLY HUMOR: In honor of Pi Day on 3/14, here are some math jokes. You may need a student to explain a couple of them to you!

- *What's an opinion without 3.14? It's just an onion!*
- *Why should you never talk to Pi? Because he'll go on and on and on and on and on and on....*
- *What is the official animal of Pi Day? The pi-thon.*
- *What was Sir Isaac Newton's favorite dessert? Apple pi.*
- *What do you get when you take the sun and divide its circumference by its diameter?...Pi in the sky.*
- *What do you get when you take green cheese and divide its circumference by its diameter?... Moon Pi.*
- *Come to the nerd side. We have pi.*
- *When students saw the math teacher holding graph paper, they knew she was plotting something!*
- *What's a math teacher's favorite sum? Summer!*
- *Wh did the calculator say to the student? You can always count on me.*
- *There are three types of people in the world...Those who can count, and those who can't!*
- *Why was the student upset when his math teacher called him average? It was a mean thing to say!*
- *Why was the geometry lecture so long? The professor kept going off on a tangent!*
- *Wh didn't the quarter roll down the hill with the nickel? Because it had more cents.*
- *What did the students call their algebra teacher after he spent all summer at the beach? A tangent.*
- *Why couldn't 4 get into the club? The bouncer thought he was 2 square!*
- *Why couldn't the angle get a loan? His parents wouldn't cosine.*
- *What do you call two dudes who bond over math? Algebros!*
- *Where do math teachers go on vacation? To Times Square!*
- *Those parallel lines have so much in common... It's a shame they'll never meet...*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



*SPS HOSA Wolves at State Convention last week!
They returned with 3rd place!*



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Order yearbook before Mar 14's price increase.*

YEARBOOKS for 2019-20 school year are now available.

- Order online at www.yearbookforever.com. This is the only option for ordering a yearbook, cash or checks are not accepted at school for pre-orders. We do not order extras.
- Remember to spell out the word Saint when searching for Saint Paul's School on the website.
- Price
 - \$65 Oct 13 - Mar 13
 - \$75 Mar 14 – May 29
- Seniors **do not** order a yearbook; it is included in senior fees.

Email Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions about yearbooks.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF SPS: If you have not seen the campus virtual tour that two of our seniors did, it's worth a look – and words of congratulations to the boys. Click [HERE](#) for the virtual campus tour produced by Blake Inzinnia '20 and Jay Reich '20 as a project in Saint Paul's STEM Engineering Design & Development Class.

A LOOK AHEAD AND SECOND SEMESTER PERIOD ROTATION: For those who plan, here is the second semester period rotation. Use when making unavoidable doctor appointments, etc. so your son will know what classes he will miss.

March

- 9 – BCDE – Late Start
- 10 – FGAB – Pack Time – Juniors in ACT
- 11 – CDEF
- 12 – GABC
- 13 – DEFG –End of Third Quarter
- 16 - ABCD
- 17 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 18 – BCDE
- 19 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 23 – GABC
- 24 – DEFG – Pack Time
- 25 – ABCD
- 26 – EFGA – 9th Retreat/Field Trip
- 27 – BCDE – 9th Retreat/Field Trip
- 30 – FGAB – 12th HR Breakfast in Café
- 31 – CDEF – President’s Assembly

April

- 1 – GABC - 8/9th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 2 – DEFG – 10/11th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 3 – ABCD – Jubilarian Assembly
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – Pack Time
- 8 – FGAB – Passion Play Schedule
- 9 – CDEF – Mandatum Schedule
- 20 – GABC – Late Start
- 21 – DEFG – President’s Assembly
- 22 – ABCD – Leadership Breakfast
- 23 – EFGA – Assembly Schedule
- 24 – BCDE – Assembly Schedule
- 27 – FGAB
- 28 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 29 – GABC - Senior Exams
- 30 – DEFG - Senior Exams

May

- 1 – ABCD – Senior Exams
- 4 – EFGA
- 5 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
- 6 – FGAB
- 7 – CDEF – Athletic Awards
- 8 – GABC – Academic Awards
- 11 – DEFG – 8th Grade Exams
- 12 – ABCD – President’s Assembly – 8th Exams
- 13 – EFGA – 8th Exams
- 14 – BCDE – 8th Exams
- 15 – FGABC
- 16 – Senior Graduation (4 pm; admission by ticket only)
- 18 – DEFG (Review for Period A Exam)
- 19 – Exam Schedule
- 20 – Exam Schedule
- 21 – Exam Schedule
- 22 – Exam Schedule

Whew! Enough for now. Even though it’s March of 2020, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which is no longer on the air but I still LOL thinking about it): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we move into February! Again, thanks for being part of the 2019 - 20 edition of SPS!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for the Grace of Lent for All as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

And has your son start singing our Lenten favorite:

Oh that shame! Now ended in his glory! O that pain, now lost in joy unknown! Tell it out with praise, the whole glad story, human nature at the Father’s throne!



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ACT 36 SUBJECT SCORES

SAINT PAUL'S
SCHOOL

John Aertker (English)
Brady Billiot (Science, Reading)
Thomas Bitterwolf (English)
James Bradford (36 composite)
Adam Cazayoux (English)
Jesse Cheng (English)
Brenden Dauterive (36 composite, Science, English)
Ben Davidson (English)
Cameron Dougherty (English, Reading)
Frank Galeziewski (English)
Miles Gensler (English, Science)
Joseph Giberga (English)
Gabe Gros (Reading)
Jake Holincheck (Reading, Science)
Adam Janney (Science, Reading)
Hunter Kergosien (Reading)
Benjamin Klein (36 composite)
Ian Kramer (36 composite, Math, Reading)
Andrew Lacoste (English, Math)
Davis Lagarde (English, Reading)
Darrin Lea (Math, English)
James Lee (Science)
Josh McLain (Reading)
Thomas Miller (Science)
Scott Montreuil (English)
Aiden Plauché (Science)
Abhijay Purohit (English)
Nicholas Reardon (English)
Adam Smith (Math, English, Science)
Scott Sonnier (Reading)
Scott Woodard (Reading)
Luke Vargas (Reading)

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Mother/Son Dinner

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

6:30 pm

Briggs Assembly Center

\$23 per person

Dinner provided by Keith Young's Steakhouse

Check-in time begins at 5:30 pm

Photos may be taken from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm and after dinner

Please arrive on time to be seated before
the prayer service begins at 6:30 pm

*Sunday dress attire is recommended

Dinner is for currently enrolled students and their Mothers. **Registration deadline is February 21st.**

We have limited capacity and may not be able to accommodate late registrations.

Questions regarding reservations can be emailed to tracishaw@charter.net.

You may return this portion with a check payable to **SPS Mothers Club**
either by mail to: St Paul's Mother/Son Dinner - P.O. Box 822, Madisonville, LA 70447
or to drop off locations: Administration Office, Counseling, or Bookstore

Mother's Name: _____ Son: _____ Grade: _____

Phone: _____ Son: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____ Son: _____ Grade: _____

Total number in party x \$23 each = _____ amount enclosed



Each senior receives a coveted retreat cross – which they often wear long after their graduation from SPS. Non-Christian students receive a symbol of their religion. It's a moving moment as senior move toward culmination of the SPS careers.



Thanks, Band Boosters, for the new trailer with stunning graphics!