



# *Saint Paul's School*

*The President's Newsletter for July 2021*

*Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington*

*and*

*341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world*

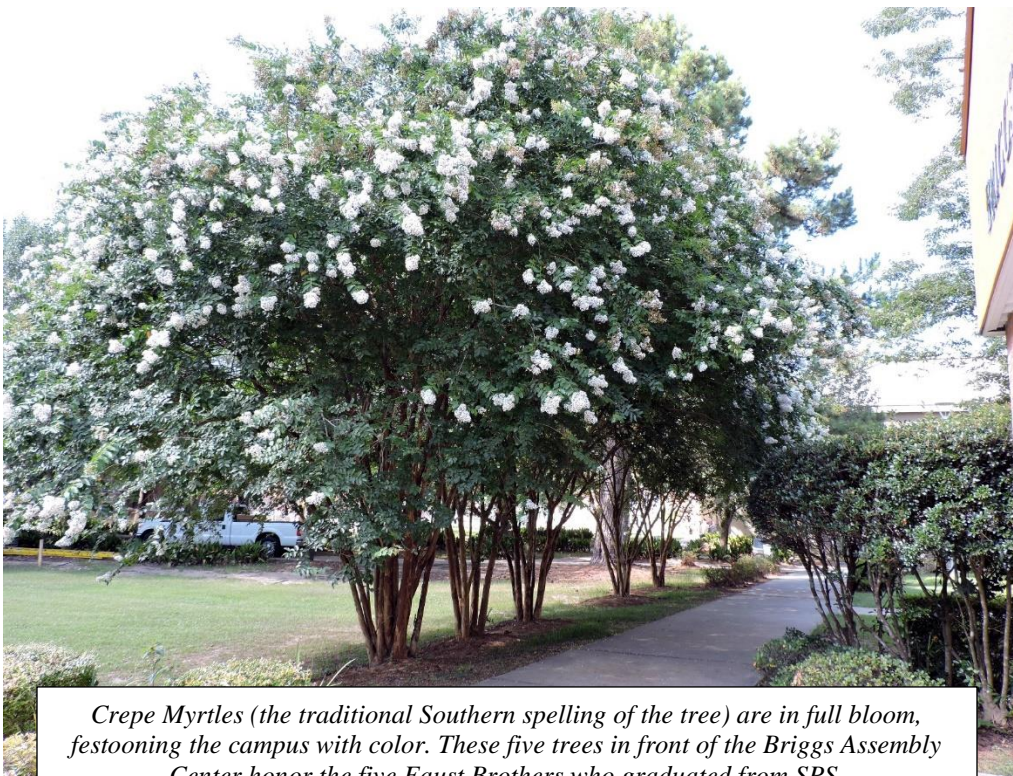


*"Wholly direct your thoughts to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, and worthy of praise. Then will the God of peace be with you."*

*--Saint Paul to the Philippians*

Welcome to July – the seventh month of the year, named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth. And Happy Fourth of July! As we celebrate our wonderful country's 245<sup>th</sup> birthday, I thought it appropriate that I communicate briefly with you.

First and foremost, I hope and pray that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well, protected from any illness or harm.



*Crepe Myrtles (the traditional Southern spelling of the tree) are in full bloom, festooning the campus with color. These five trees in front of the Briggs Assembly Center honor the five Faust Brothers who graduated from SPS.*

And I hope you are rejoicing with me that Saint Paul's is on track to open as normally as possible with in-person instruction beginning August 5!

But first, we celebrate July – which has something for all. Did you know that July is *Air-Conditioning Appreciation Month* (Amen!), *Disaster Education & Awareness Month*, *Cell Phone Courtesy Month* (and boy, do we need this!), *Family Reunion Month*, *Family Golf Month*, *Freedom From Fear of Speaking Month*, *Independent Retailer Month* (let's support our local businesses!), *International*

*Zine Month* (I had to look this one up to find out what a zine was!), *National Blueberries Month* (love 'em!), *National Grilling Month*, *National Ice Cream Month*, *National Horseradish Month*, *National Hot Dog Month*, *National Make A Difference to Children Month* (we do this every month at SPS!), *National Recreation & Parks Month*, *National Share A Sunset With Your Lover Month*, *National Wheelchair Beautification Month*, *Nectarine and Garlic Month*, *Sandwich Generation Month*, *Smart Irrigation Month*, *Social Wellness Month*, *Tour de France Month*, & *Women's Motorcycle Month* (be careful, ladies!) So enjoy July!

And here are some individual celebrations you may want to observe in July:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – National Country Music Day – listen to your favorites when you celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>!
- July 6<sup>th</sup> -- International Kissing Day – kiss the ones you love, especially your teenagers – though it may have to be a virtual kiss if practicing social distancing!
- July 6<sup>th</sup> – National Fried Chicken Day – enjoy, if your health allows fried food!
- July 7<sup>th</sup> – Chocolate Day – again, indulge if your health allows!
- July 8<sup>th</sup> – Blueberry Day – almost everyone enjoys these healthy berries!
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Cheer Up the Lonely Day – very relevant in these days of social distancing!
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – Pecan Pie Day – indulge in this Southern classic!
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Bastille Day – think French today! Hum *La Marseillaise*!
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – Cow Appreciation Day! Thanks to our bovine friends!
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Hug Your Kids Day! Your teenagers will resist, but hug them anyway!
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Vanilla Ice Cream Day and National Hot Dog Day! Enjoy!
- July 28<sup>th</sup> – National Milk Chocolate Day
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – National Lasagna Day
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – National Cheesecake Day

As I write each year at this time, I hope summer is proving to be a renewing one for your family, as we continue our road to normality. Too often, summers become hectic and chaotic with plans and projects – such as celebrating all those things in the paragraph above! With so much happening, it is easy to lose focus about important things. May the above words of Saint Paul – which I use each year -- help us to refocus! And even though we might be enjoying blueberries or horseradish, we need to "direct [our] thoughts to all that is true!" By doing so, the "God of peace" will be with us. Such is my prayer for you.

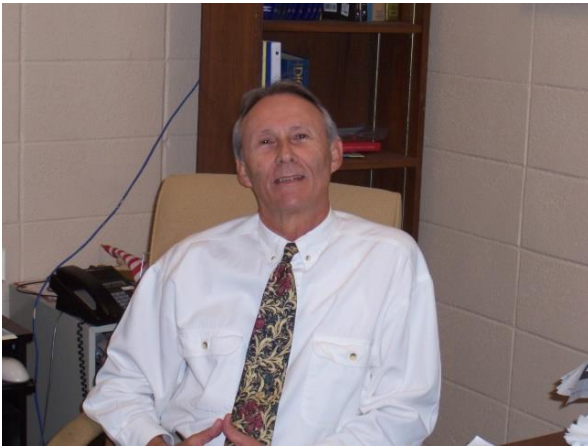
I hope, too, that you are preparing for the opening of the 2021 – 22 school year – a year that continues the unbroken chain of educational quality that began at Saint Paul's back in 1911 and continues the Lasallian Catholic transformational educational experience that began in 1680. August 5th will soon be here! We are doing much work to prepare. In the meantime, enjoy July and pray for the safety of all, especially our students.



**Rise Up, O Men of God**

**Please note the following (which I have printed in alphabetical order, not order of importance):**

**ACT:** Is your son doing any ACT prep work this summer? If so, please congratulate him for me. If not, please encourage him to do so. While we are very proud of our already high ACT scores, we want even higher ones – and they come with practice.



**ANNIVERSARY:** July 4 is the eleven-year anniversary of the death of Coach Gene Bennett, iconic SPS Lasallian educator who faithfully served Saint Paul's School for 48 years. Today we remember Gene and give thanks for his Lasallian vocation to our school. We continue to offer our prayer and support to his family as they continue to adjust to life without his earthly presence. **We continue to honor him with the Gene Bennett Sports Complex! A couple of naming opportunities remain in the new gym. Let me know if you are interested. And we would love to have a name for the new gym! I am sure Gene would approve, too!**

**ANNUAL FUND:** Thanks to those of you who have contributed. Even during the summer, I continue to get donations. **If you have not contributed and are able to, even to a small degree, please do so now so, as the 2021 Annual Fund Drive ends July 31.** Thanks. So far, we have used the funds to provide continuing education opportunities for faculty members, to upgrade technology, to fund curricula, and to help pay for the Benilde Hall renovations and for the new band hall -- and much more.

**ATHLETICS:** From the Athletic Director, Coach Sam Francis: *Any student who wishes to play a sport must have his athletic paperwork (including a physical on a school medical history form) turned in to the office BEFORE the start of practices. Football, CC, and Swimming will begin the first week of school for new students.* Paperwork can be found online at <https://www.stpauls.com/athletics/forms/>. Please contact Athletic Director Sam Francis ([samf@stpauls.com](mailto:samf@stpauls.com)) or Administrative Assistant Claire Coutrado ([clairec@stpauls.com](mailto:clairec@stpauls.com)) with any questions.

**BAND:** The Marching Wolves invite ALL students to consider joining one of the premier band programs in the area. **Even beginners are welcome!** Note the following:

- The new member camp will be July 12-14, 9-12:30 each day.
- Percussion camp will be July 12 and 13, 9-4, and July 14, 9-12:30
- The full band camp will be July 19-23. 9:00-6:00 each day
- Contact Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, at [andrewm@stpauls.com](mailto:andrewm@stpauls.com) for more info.
- Band is a GREAT way to become involved, become part of a wonderful SPS tradition, and have fun, too.

**BOOK STORE:** The Mothers' Club Bookstore will be open on the following days:

- Mon, Aug 2            9:00am to 3:00pm
- Tue, Aug 3            9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wed, Aug 4            9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Thu, Aug 5            Bookstore Regular Hours (7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm)



- If you need something during summer for a birthday, etc. contact the school office. We can open the bookstore.
- School supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel (except uniform shirts.)
- **If you have a returning student who has outgrown his SPS apparel, we gladly accept gently used items for bargain prices re-sale. Just drop the items off at the Administration Building.**
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible.** Proceeds not only help fund wonderful activities throughout the year, but the proceeds also help with campus needs.

**CAFETERIA/FREE & REDUCED MEALS:** The cafeteria has announced that breakfasts and lunches will again be **FREE** until further notice. **Note that only the basic breakfast and lunch is free.** If a student wants seconds or extras such as ice cream, water, etc., he will be charged. At present, we anticipate cafeteria service but with reduced offerings. Prices for 2020-21: \$2.25 for breakfast; \$3.25 for lunch – for extra lunches.

**CALENDAR FOR 2021 - 22: Here is our calendar for the coming year. The calendar assumes that we are in full operation.**

Mon - Tues, Aug 2 & 3	Teacher Meetings
Wed, Aug 4	Teacher Prep Day
Thurs, Aug 5	School Opens <b>with a full day of instruction</b>
Mon, Aug 16	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30 – tentative)
Thu, Aug 19	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, & Evening Ring Ceremony
Fri, Aug 20	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 23	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 06	Labor Day Holiday
Friday, Oct 01	Fall Break—no classes for students
Fri, Oct 8	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 8	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 30	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon, Nov 08	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Nov 22 - 26	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 29	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon - Thu, Dec 13-16	Semester Exams
Thu, Dec 16	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Mon, Jan 03	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 17	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 07	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 25	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 28 -Mar. 04	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays

Mon, Mar 7	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 11	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri Apr 15 – 22	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 25	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 27 – 29	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 12	Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 14	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Tues – Fri, May 17 - 20	Final Exams for Grades 8 - 11
Mon, May 23	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Tues, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.

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

In case of emergency closings, we will take make-up days from scheduled holidays. **Note that school begins with all students reporting on Thursday, August 5th for a full instructional day.** 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.



*Congratulations to the SPS Class of 2021!*



**CLASS SCHEDULES:** We will email schedules on or about July 20 – if tuition payments are current.

**COVID PROTOCOLS:** SPS MUST follow any COVID protocols as promulgated by the LA Department of Health, the LA Department of Education, the Department of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and our healthcare partner Children’s Hospital. At present, we are awaiting their direction. We hope that any protocols will be few and acceptable to all.

**DADS’ CLUB:** As usual, the Dads’ Club will have a campus cleanup day in late July. As soon as they settle on a date, we will let you know and invite participation. Thanks, Dads’ Club!

All SPS dads are encouraged to participate and get involved with the Dads’ Club. Their mission is to assist SPS in any way they can – and they do! If you want to sign up for the Dads’ Club email [spsdadsclub@gmail.com](mailto:spsdadsclub@gmail.com) This year’s president is Chris Brown, father of Matthew Brown ’23. He succeeds an excellent president, Shea Duet, father of Alex ’17 and Carter ’21. I’m grateful to Dads’ Club founder and former president, Mike Sibley, whose last son, Oliver, graduated in 2017.

**DRESS CODE – VERY IMPORTANT!** As I know that some of you begin your “back to school” shopping during the summer sales, **know that we will insist this coming year on dress code compliance – especially concerns pants / shorts.**

Due in part to the challenges of COVID last year, the boys became a bit lax in complying with our dress code, particularly in the areas of grooming and pants/shorts. As our first priority was keeping the school open (which we did) and providing quality education (which we also did), and as the boys were challenged with ever-changing safety protocols (which they were), we eased up a bit on enforcement of dress/grooming. That will change in August, as we envision a much more normal school year ahead.

Accordingly, we ask that as you shop for school clothes this summer, you do so with our dress code in mind. In particular, we insist on compliance with the pants/shorts regulation as we will be vigilant in terms of enforcement, especially pants / shorts. Here is what the handbook says:

- Cargo-style pants/shorts are not allowed.
- No oversized or droopy pants/shorts are allowed.
- **Shorts must be conventional, British tan khaki (aka Catholic school khaki), walking style shorts.**
- Shorts may not extend below the knees.
- **No running shorts, PE shorts, or SWIM SUIT STYLE shorts allowed.**
- Shorts and boots are not an acceptable combination.
- Pants/shorts may be pleated or unpleated.
- **All pants/shorts must have a ZIPPER OR BUTTON FLY CLOSING, belt loops, and pockets.**
- **A plain, solid brown belt must be worn with pants or shorts.**
- Acceptable pants & shorts are available at many vendors: Lands' End, JC Penney, Wal Mart, GAP, Old Navy, Sears, etc. You DO NOT need to spend a lot of money to comply with the regulations. Just tell your son what he's going to wear or call me and I'll tell him. Again, we have many pre-owned pants, so feel free to come to the office and look through the stock.

Thus, the following example is NOT acceptable:



This example is acceptable:



Here is the rest of the dress code as printed in the Student-Parent Handbook:

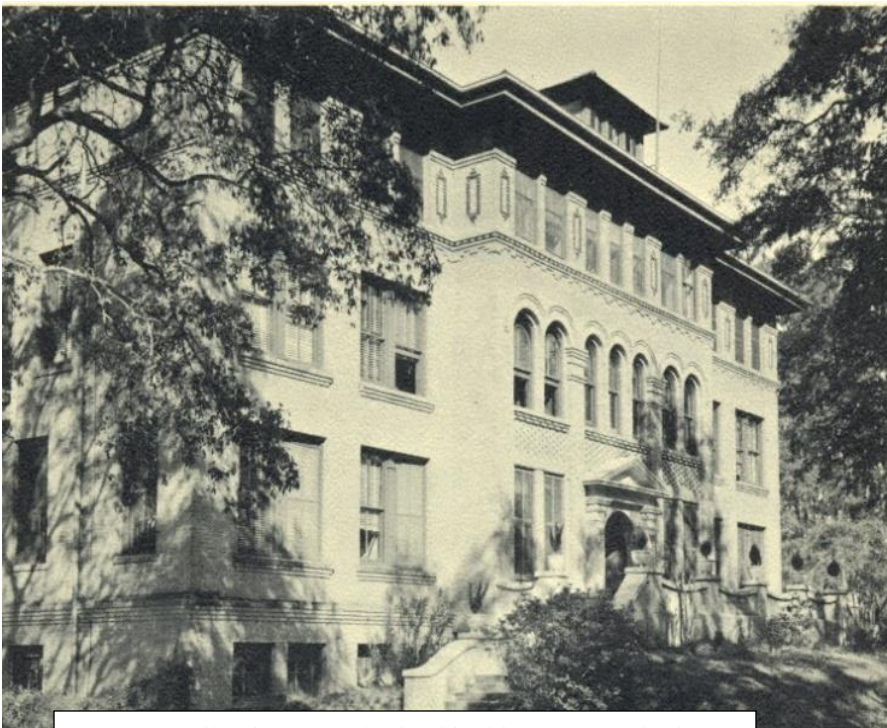
- **Hair:** Hair **must NOT touch the shirt collar** or extend below the eyebrows. Hair must be styled neatly and conventionally. The Dean of Students is the ultimate judge as to compliance. No dyed hair colors, Mohawk or other **unconventional** haircuts, including undercuts, are allowed. **Students may NOT return from summer vacation with dyed or sun-bleached hair.** All students must be **clean shaven** at school and at school sponsored events.
- **Jewelry.** No earrings or facial jewelry are allowed at school or school sponsored events. No chains may be hung from clothing. We DISCOURAGE expensive watches, bracelets or neckwear.
- **Shirts:**
  - **Only Saint Paul's BLUE uniform shirts as sold by Bayou Uniform Company are allowed.** Shirts MUST fit appropriately. Shirts may not be torn or have holes in them. **Bayou will be ready to sell blue uniform shirts by end of June.** Bayou is located at 13488 Seymour Myers in Covington (893-3700).
  - Shirts must be tucked in at ALL times during the school day.
  - **ONLY PLAIN white, blue, gray or gold tee shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt.** In cold weather, **ONLY** long-sleeved tee shirts sold in the book store may be worn under the uniform shirt.
  - **We have a supply of pre-owned shirts in fair to good condition. If finances are tight and you would like to avail yourself of these shirts, feel free to come by the office. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way by this.** And the Mothers' Club Book Store will be selling pre-owned shirts and pants in very good condition at a very low price during the first week before school. We also have a supply here in the administration building, which you are welcome to come browse through and take.
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- **Socks and Shoes:** SPS uniform socks (available at Bayou or the Mothers' Club Book Store) are required. Student may NOT roll down the socks. Shoes must be in good repair and presentable. Tennis shoes that meet these criteria are allowed.
- **Cold Weather Outerwear:** ONLY SPS sweatshirts / outerwear sold in our Bookstore are allowed.
- **Caps or Hats:** Caps and hats are NOT allowed on campus during the school day.
- **Formal dress uniform:** A "formal" uniform is worn on special occasions (school masses, ceremonies, field trips, special programs, etc.) This uniform includes a school tie (available at Bayou Uniform or the Mothers' Club Bookstore), any white long-sleeve shirt, and long khaki pants (preferably with dark shoes), socks, and belt are also part of the uniform which are purchased anywhere by the student.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** As an additional level of safety, students will be REQUIRED to WEAR THEIR ID CARDS on a daily basis. We will supply them with an SPS lanyard when they receive their cards on either Aug 6 or 7. This will also help with the cafeteria, as ID cards are used to check out and also with the attendance office, as ID cards are used to check in. Students who do not have their ID on any day will be subject to detention. Lost ID cards must be replaced for a fee of \$10. And do not let your son use the ID card as a teething ring! Ask him to see the ID from time to time and encourage good dental hygiene!

**Note: The Dean of Students is the final judge in all clothing and grooming issues. The school assumes that parents, by enrolling their son at Saint Paul's, will support us in these decisions.**

Thank you for supporting our efforts to have our students look as good as they are!



*Dixon Hall – the original school building for SPS, built in 1906 when Dixon Academy was the school's name. The building stood in what is now Founders' Circle.*

**DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE:** If your son is getting his driver's license, state law requires you to provide the DMV with a Proof of Attendance form. **These forms are available here in the Admin Building.** If you go to DMV without one, they will turn you away – even if you have sat there for an hour or more! And make sure it's signed in blue ink or they will turn you away, too! And don't blame me for this regulation! It was a legislative act.

**FOOTBALL: Opportunity from Football Booster Club** – High school football is back to normal this Fall but with larger than normal crowds expected! If your business would like to be a

football sponsor this season, we have several opportunities. Your business commercial and/or graphic could be displayed during home game streaming of football games on our NEW Wolf Pack Broadcast Network. Contact Mike Arnold at [wolfpackbroadcastnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:wolfpackbroadcastnetwork@gmail.com) for more information. We also have in-stadium opportunities such as business banners, scoreboard commercials and game day sponsorship packages. Contact Tommy Buckel at 985-688-2356 or Melissa Biggs at 985-264-3449/ [spswolvesbusiness2021@gmail.com](mailto:spswolvesbusiness2021@gmail.com) for more information. Forms can be found at [www.stpaulswolvesfootball.com](http://www.stpaulswolvesfootball.com).

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 5:** At the present time, we fully intend to open with a full campus. Accordingly, here is how the opening days will work:

- **Thursday, August 5, is a FULL DAY OF CLASS INSTRUCTION.** Here's the plan:
  - Books will be in the classrooms, and teachers will distribute them directly to students;
  - Pictures and ID cards will be taken and issued during religion classes during the first two days (Aug 5 & 6). You will be sent information for ordering pictures.
  - The cafeteria will be open M - W, Aug 2 - 4, from 7-2:30 for you to place money on deposit if your son will be using the Archdiocesan Food Service. Students must have money on account for them to receive food from the cafeteria. Current prices have not been sent to us, but last year, breakfast was served for \$2 and lunch for \$3. It's a bargain – unless your son loads up with extra servings!
- The complete 2021 - 22 calendar can be found on our web site ([www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com)). NOTE: To comply with the State of Louisiana attendance policy, we are vigilant in insisting that students not miss school. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.
- NOTE: **All students must wear their DRESS UNIFORM on either Aug 5 or 6 – the days they will take school pictures.** Students will take pictures during RELIGION CLASSES, so if your son's religion class is during Period A, B C or D, he wears his dress uniform on Thu, Aug 05. If his religion class is during Period E, F, or G, he wears his uniform on Fri, Aug 6. How will you know? The schedule we will email you in mid to late July will indicate the religion period.

#### **HELPING SPS:**

- Don't forget to mention SPS when you shop at Office Depot. OD gives a 5% store credit to SPS on all of your purchases.
- Save those Box Tops for Education and have your son bring them to his math teacher. This is FREE money for SPS.
- If you order from Amazon Prime, please designate SPS, which will receive a portion of your purchase.

**MASKS:** At the present time, the mask requirement has been lifted by Governor John Bel Edwards. Yay! Should the Governor re-impose the mandate, we will naturally comply. In the meantime, we pray!

**ORIENTATION FOR PRE-FRESHMEN AND NEW FRESHMEN:** Our Lasallian Youth Leaders are planning a special **Orientation Session for our incoming pre-freshman (8<sup>th</sup> graders) and NEW freshmen (9<sup>th</sup> graders).** Here is some info:

- When? Tuesday, August 3, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Who? Pre-freshmen & NEW freshmen. This is for students only. We will have a new parent welcoming on Monday, August 16, at 6:30. I will send more info on this event later, but you may want to put the date on your calendars.
- Where? On our beautiful Saint Paul’s School campus!
- Why? Meet your teachers, learn about the school, acclimate to the campus, meet each other
- What to wear? Comfortable, appropriate T-shirts, shorts & shoes good for a lot of moving around
- What else? We will provide a pizza supper.
- Cost? None!
- **An RSVP to Campus Minister Mr. Jeff Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com) by Friday, July 23, will be helpful in planning purposes.** Mr. Ramon will send more info later, but we hope you will mark this date on your calendars, RSVP, and plan to be present. Naturally, attendance is optional, but the evening will be a fun and informative introduction to SPS.

**RETURNING STUDENTS:** If you were at Saint Paul’s last year and did not return school-owned books, computers, and supplies, please bring them to the administration building. We need them for the upcoming year and cannot afford to replace them unnecessarily. Thanks!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** An order form for Mothers’ Club Bookstore school supply packs was sent several weeks ago.

**SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS:** Note these important dates:

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| Senior BBQ                 | Tue, Aug 17, 5 – 7 pm (SENIORS ONLY)               |
| Senior March through Arch: | Thu, Aug 19, 8 am                                  |
| Senior – Parent Breakfast: | Thu, Aug 19, 8:45 am (cafeteria and “al fresco”)   |
| Senior Ring Ceremony:      | Thu, Aug 19, 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center |
| Senior Ring Holiday:       | Fri, Aug 20  |



**SLOW YOUR ROLL --** Mayor Mark Johnson’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. I applaud the Mayor’s initiative and pledge to him our support. Reinforce this with your sons whenever possible. And set a good example yourself!

## **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

- **Parents: stress with your sons the consequences of inappropriate social media posting. Cyber-bullying is against the law and has legal implications. And the school will take strong measures.**
- Students: THINK before you post!

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES:** We continue to be busy this summer. So far:

- Summer athletic teams are practicing according to the LHSAA rules.
- Summer camps are in full swing – in accordance with state camp guidelines. So far, we have held baseball, football, soccer, strength/speed conditioning, and drama camps. Basketball and wrestling camps remain on the schedule. For info on our remaining camps, check out our website at [www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com)
- Lots of cleaning, upgrading, and repairing are going on.
- Wrestling Team traveled to Iowa for an Iron Sharpens Iron camp.
- Summer baseball is underway.
- COVID-19 Casualties: Here are just some of what we were NOT able to do this summer:
  - Eight SPS teachers were not able to travel to at Manhattan College in New York (a Lasallian college) to attend a two-week national program on Lasallian education.
  - Trevor Watkins and I were not able to travel to Napa, CA (roughing it, of course!) to spend time with presidents and principals of the 22 schools of the San Francisco New Orleans Province of Christian Brothers sharing best practices among our schools.
  - A group of SPS Lasallian Youth Leaders was not able to travel to St. Mary's College in CA to spend attending a Lasallian Youth Conference.
  - A number of teachers were not able to study or attend conferences to upgrade their skills for this year, especially for our engineering and bio-medical programs.

**SUMMER READING AND VIRTUAL BOOKSTORE:** From Assistant Principal Joe Dickens:

- *Welcome to a new school year. This is a reminder that all students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in an **honors or A.P.** US History or Civics course do as well. Please take note of the following to ensure that your son completes these assignments as efficiently as possible.*
- *To make obtaining his English reading materials as facile as possible, our virtual bookstore opened for summer reading and for the school year on May 22. Any novel, play, or workbook he will need for English will be listed including new and used editions, and in some cases, eBooks.*
- *Simply go to our website at [www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com), click the “Buy Books Online” button at the top, and you’ll be directed to our virtual bookstore. You’ll choose his titles for summer reading and for the school year based on his placement in English. Payment will be handled on-line through MBS Direct, and the books will be shipped by UPS straight to your home.*

- *Next, all summer reading questions for English and social studies (if your son is in honors or AP US History or Civics) are posted on our website. **Please note that your son will independently have to obtain his own summer reading books for social studies if he is in honors or AP.** Click on the link for summer reading on our homepage, [www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com), and find the class(es) applicable to your son.*
- *If you have any questions about your son's placement in English or social studies, please contact our Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, at [joed@stpauls.com](mailto:joed@stpauls.com).*

**TAYLOR SCHOLAR AWARDS:** Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, named for Mr. Patrick Taylor for whom the TOPS program is named, we presented qualified student with Taylor Scholar Awards. F

- For a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the award grants one-year free admission for student and one parent/guardian to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectariums, Audubon Zoo, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.
- We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist and educational reformist who wanted all students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.
- If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or maybe treat some students who didn't earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.
- Taylor Awards were distributed at level awards assemblies at the end of the year. Unfortunately, **Pre-freshmen had already finished and were not here. If you wish to claim this award for your now-freshman son, just stop by the office. We will distribute any leftovers when school begins in August.**

**TEMPERATURE BRACELET:** At the present time, students will not need to wear their temperature bracelets. Should things change, we will notify you so don't dispose of them – just in case.

**TUITION: Please note:**

- **Tuition was due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you financed tuition with Resource Bank, the first bank payment was also due in June.**
- **Late tuition is subject to a 1% finance charge. Late loan payments will incur bank charges.**
- Call our Business Office at ext. 1905 or me at ext. 1901 for questions.
- **Class schedules will not be sent** to students who owe tuition or who are not current in their bank payments. Tuition bank payments must be current in order for students to begin school on August 6.
- **Please inform me if your son will not be attending Saint Paul's.**

**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY HUMOR:** OK, I've used these before, but how many 4<sup>th</sup> of July jokes are there? Besides, they still make me smile!

- *Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor? Because she cannot sit down.*

- *Does Europe have a 4th of July? Of course. It comes right after July 3.*
- *What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware? "Get in the boat, men!"*
- *What do you call an American drawing? A Yankee doodle!*
- *Alvin: My great-grandfather fought with Napoleon, my grandfather fought with the French and my father fought with the Americans. Alex: Your relatives could not get along with anyone, could they?*
- *Teacher: More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War. Student: Wow! They must have been pretty strong -- four men defeating a whole army*
- *What was the patriots' favorite food in the Revolutionary War? Chicken Catch-a-Tory!*
- *Where did the Founding Fathers sign the Declaration of Independence? At the bottom!*
- *What is red, white and blue? A sad candy cane!*
- *Teacher: What are the last words of "The Star-Spangled Banner"? Johnny: "Play ball!"*
- *What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party? Tea-shirts!*
  
- *If you crossed a vegetable with our first president, what would you get? George Squashington*
- *If you crossed a rooster with the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, what would you get? John Hancock-a-doodle-doo*
- *What would you get if you crossed George Washington with cattle feed? The Fodder of Our Country*
- *If you crossed a Patriot with a curly-haired dog, what would you get? Yankee Poodle*
- *If you crossed the American national bird with Snoopy, what would you get? A bald beagle.*
- *If you crossed a famous Founding Father with a famous monster you'd get Benjamin Franklinstein*
- *What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country? Beneduck Arnold*
- *What did Americans do because of the Stamp Act? They licked the British.*
- *Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Concord? The horse was too heavy to carry.*
- *Why did British cross the Atlantic? To get to the other tide.*
- *The joke about the Liberty Bell cracked me up.*
- *What was the most popular dance in 1776? Indepen-dance.*
- *The biggest jokester in Washington's army was Laughayette*
- *Do flags talk to other flags? No. They just wave.*
- *Who is a fake patriot? Uncle Sham.*
- *Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? At the chopping mall.*
- *What kind of tea did the American colonists want? Liberty.*
- *What was George Washington's favorite tree? The infantry.*
- *Which colonists told the worst jokes? Punsylvanians*
- *Teacher: "True or False? The Declaration of Independence was written in Philadelphia." Student: "False. It was written in ink."*
- *Why did the British soldiers wear red coats? So they could hide in the tomatoes.*
- *How was the food at the Fourth of July picnic? The hot dogs were bad, but the brats were the wurst!*
- *Why is the Liberty Bell like a dropped Easter egg? They are both cracked.*
- *What is Uncle Sam's favorite snack? Fire-crackers.*
- *What did King George think of the American colonist? He thought they were revolting!*
- *How did American colonists' dogs protest against England? The Boston Flea Party.*



- *Brother Ray, the aging school president, visited an American history class last year and asked the students to name the 50 states. They could only come up with 45. Brother Ray jokingly told them that when he took American history, he could name all the states. One student raised his hand and said, “Yes, Brother, but in those days, there were only 13 states.” Ouch!*
- *OK, I’ll stop! Happy Fourth of July!*

Well, I was not brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! Thanks for being part of the 2021 - 22 edition of Saint Paul’s – the eleventh year of our second century of existence. If the next 109 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul’s will have had an incredible second century of existence. Call if I can be of assistance. **Our July summer office hours (through July 20) are 8 am – 1 pm**, Monday through Friday. While we will usually be in the office earlier than 8 and later than 1, your best bet for contacting us is in that time frame. Enjoy the final weeks of summer! May they be ones of grace, blessing, and good health! Know of my prayer for you, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Another Year as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School (those hoping for my retirement are again disappointed!)

**Regular Weekly Newsletters resume on Sunday, August 1! Enjoy the next three Sundays without them cluttering up your email inbox!**

*Have a great Lasallian summer but remember:*

*The Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!*

*Care, Vigilance, Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!*

