

### The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington 341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world March 21 -27, 2022



## Repent and Believe the Good News!

Welcome to the second week of the fourth quarter and the third full week of Lent! Time flies!

#### Mon, Mar 21 (D E F G)

• This Day in History: In 1765, the British government passes the Stamp Act, levying a tax on all materials printed for commercial and legal use in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and

dice which stirred a storm of protest in the leading to the slogan "No taxation without representation."

• Goof Off Day: SPS will not celebrate this day!

• Basketball: End of Season Awards Banquet

• **Baseball:** 7<sup>th</sup> v. DLS; 9<sup>th</sup>/JV at Covington

• Track: Pics after school in the BAC

#### Tue, Mar 22 (Assembly; Blood Drive; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 2019, funeral services were held in the new gym for **Brother Jeffrey Calligan**, the 16th Christian Brother president of SPS. The entire student body, many Christian Brothers, former students, family, and friends gathered in a beautiful tribute to Jeff's earthly life.
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Slidell; 9<sup>th</sup>/JV in intrasquad game
- **Bowling:** State playoffs at All Star Lanes in Kenner
- Lacrosse: Varsity at Bro. Martin
- Golf: Wolves in Northshore League Play at TCC
- Track: JV in Mandeville Meet
- Spring Musical begins its second week

# Azaleas give praise to Mary by their beauty.

#### Wed, Mar 23 (E F G A)

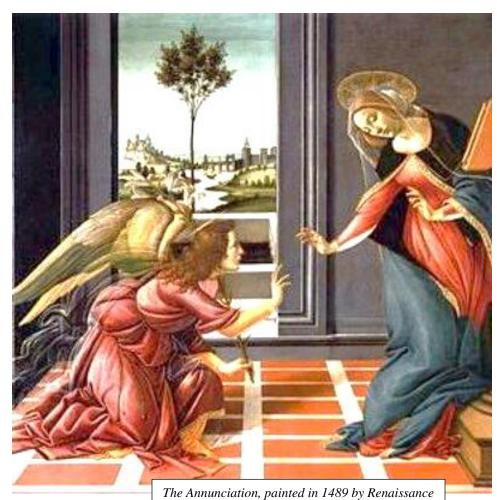
- **TDIH:** In 1775, Patrick Henry memorably declares: "Give me liberty or give me death!"
- TDIH: In 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" (not "The" Messiah!) had its London premiere. During the famous Hallelujah Chorus, King George II was so moved by the music that he involuntarily rose from his seat. The audience, out of respect for the king, also stood up. Ever since, it has been a tradition that the audience rises during the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.
- Near Miss Day: On March 23, 1989, a huge asteroid came within 500,000 miles of hitting Earth. In interstellar terms, it was a near miss. Had it collided with Earth, its effect would have been catastrophic.
- Chip & Dip Day: Enjoy!
- Legacy Lunch: Current SPS students with SPS alum dads and granddads celebrate their Lasallian bond!
- Ultimate Frisbee: Wolves play Holy Family Homeschool Team this afternoon. Geaux UFWs!

#### Thu, Mar 24 (B C D E; 12th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast)

- **TDIH:** In 1954, RCA manufactured its first color TV set and began mass production. We've come a long way! Today's students probably can't imagine a black and white TV set!
- Chocolate Covered Raisin Day: Enjoy!
- **Pecan Day:** Name the only nut tree native to North America. ... You guessed it....... Pecan trees. Celebrate Pecan Day by cracking open and eating a few pecan nuts. Or have some pecan pie.
- Vaffeldagen (Waffle Day): While primarily a Swedish celebration, it's a good excuse to eat a waffle today! And you can add pecans to the batter for a double celebration!
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> at Northshore (5); Varsity v. Slidell (6:30)
- Track: Jr Hi in Strawberry Relays at SLU
- Spring Musical
- CORE Pack & Mentors in St. Tammany Parish Special Olympics

#### Fri, Mar 25 (F G A B)

Feast of the Annunciation: The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son. The feast of the Annunciation began to be celebrated on this day during the fourth and fifth centuries, soon after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalized throughout the Church. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all. This point of our salvation was deeply discussed by many Church fathers, to explain it to the faithful and to show the deep love God has for us. Rejoice! Christmas is exactly 9 months away!



painter Sandro Botticelli.

Manatee Appreciation Day:

Cherish the endangered manatee today! Here's a poem:

I Like Manatees swimming in the sea / Manatee, manatee/ Come play with me! Big and gray, In the bay, eating plants all day. /I like manatees swimming in the sea. Manatee, Manatee, come play with me.

- Spinach Day: Enjoy this wonderful veggie today! I love spinach!
- **Baseball:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Hammond
- Track: Varsity in Ponchatoula Invitational
- Spring Musical

#### Sat, Mar 26

- **TDIH:** In 1979, In a ceremony at the White House, Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin sign a historic peace agreement, ending three decades of hostilities between Egypt and Israel and establishing diplomatic and commercial ties.
- **Rugby:** SPS v. Germantown (time TBD)
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity play this morning
- Lacrosse: JV B in Lafayette; Var. v. St. Paul's Episcopal
- Powerlifting State Championship at UL Monroe; Geaux defending Power Lifting State Champs!
- Ultimate Frisbee: Wolves play at Rummel this morning. Geaux UFWs!
- Closing performance of *How to Succeed in Business*

#### Sun, Mar 27

- **TDIH:** March Madness is born when, on this day in 1939, The University of Oregon defeats The Ohio State University 46–33 to win the first-ever NCAA men's basketball tournament.
- Quirky Country Music Song Titles Day: Celebrate by playing such classics as Lou Carter's If I Had a Nose Full of Nickels, I'd Sneeze Them All Atchoo or Johnny Cash's Flushed from the Bathroom of Your Heart or Kenny Chesney's Being Drunk's a Lot Like Loving You or Dan Hicks' How Can I Miss You When You Won't Go Away – and, no, I'm not making these up & these are other titles not printable by a Catholic school president who wants to keep his job!



Geaux Bowling Wolves as you enter state playoffs this week!

# Rise Up, O Men of God

**ADMISSIONS:** We are now registering our newly accepted Wolves for next year and will now entertain qualified transfer applicants. Both the quality and quantity of the Class of 2027 for SPS are fine – thanks for spreading the good news at SPS. We will still entertain new applications, so if you know of an interested family, please have them contact us soon. Thank you!

**ANNUAL APPEAL:** Many thanks to those who have responded. Every week I receive a few more responses. Thanks. **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large. If you contribute to the Capital Campaign or financially support SPS in another way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation? Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.

**ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS:** We are blessed with supportive grandparents, so many of whom attended GP Day. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. I don't. In fact, I did not mention donating at GP Day. But we need their donations, so I ask that you inform your son's grandparents about donating, or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the information directly. Just provide me with contact info. 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.



Beau honors both St. Patrick and St. Joseph by choosing a green donut!

It will taste better, Beau, with your shirt tail tucked in!



**ATTENDANCE:** If your son is absent, phone Suzy in the Attendance Office before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1980, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns** 

**BLOOD DRIVE**: The St. Paul's Spring Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, March 22 in the lobby of new gym lobby from 8 am until 2 pm. The Student Council encourages all students and parents who are eligible to donate. Donors must be 16 years of age and at least 130 lbs. or 17 years or older and at least 110 pounds. Permissions slips must be turned in the day of the drive for all student donors and can be obtained by emailing Dr. d'Hemecourt at <a href="mailto:s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com">s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com</a> Don't forget to eat a good meal before donating and bring your ID! Sign-up at the following link. <a href="https://www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/46060">https://www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/46060</a> Thank you Wolfnation for Giving the Gift of Life!

**BOOKSTORE:** Monday through Friday: mornings 7:30 am-8:15 am; lunch time 11 am-12:30 pm

**BOOKSTORE CHARGING POLICY CHANGES:** Effective immediately—Students will no longer be able to charge on their bookstore account. Parents may add money on their students account for purchases. As always, students may call a parent while in the bookstore and we can take a credit card number over the phone. If you have an outstanding balance, please take care of it as soon as possible.

# Saint Paul's School 2022 - 2023 CALENDAR – NEXT YEAR (Subject to change if needed)

Mon - Tues, Aug 1 & 2 Teacher Meetings Wed, Aug 3 Teacher Prep Day

Thurs, Aug 4 School Opens with a full day of instruction

Mon, Aug 15 New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)

Thu, Aug 18 Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day

Fri, Aug 19 Senior Ring Holiday

Mon, Aug 22 Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)

Fri, Sep 2 Lasallian Convocation for Faculty (no classes for students)

Mon, Sep 5 Labor Day Holiday

Fri, Oct 7 End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal

Fri., Oct 7 Grandparents Day (11:30 – 1:00) Mon, Oct 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7

Sat, Oct 29 Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)

Mon-Fri, Nov 21 - 25 Thanksgiving Holidays

Mon, Nov 28 Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday

Tues - Fri, Dec 13-16 Semester Exams

Fri, Dec 16 Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams

Tues, Jan 03 Classes resume & Second Semester begins

Mon, Jan 16 Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 06 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7

Fri, Feb 17 Faculty Retreat Day

Mon-Fri, Feb 20 - 24 Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays

Mon, Feb 27 Classes resume

Fri, Mar 10 End of Third Quarter

Fri – Fri Apr 07 – 14 Easter Holidays

Mon, Apr 17 Classes resume from Easter Holidays

Wed-Fri, Apr 26 – 28

Thurs, May 11

Senior Final Exams

Pre-Freshmen Promotion

Sat, May 13

Senior Graduation (4 pm)

Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11

Wed, May 24

Conflict/Makeup Exam Day

Thurs, May 25 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 time.

#### **CALENDAR FOR 2021 - 22:**

Fri – Fri Apr 15 – 22 Easter Holidays
 Mon, Apr 25 Classes resume from
 Wed-Fri, Apr 27 – 29 Senior Final Exams

• Thu, May 12 Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)

Sat, May 14
 Tues – Fri, May 17 - 20
 Mon, May 23
 Tues, May 24
 Senior Graduation (4 pm)
 Final Exams for Grades 8-11
 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day

# **WOLVES ON WHEELS - Visit to "Northshore Woods" - Woodshop and Metal Shop in Mandeville.** Tour by Geoff Philippus (father to Reese Philippus, freshman)





WOOD SHOP







FIVE CORE DINNER: Do you consider yourself a partner in the Lasallian Catholic education being provided to your son at Saint Paul's School? Can you identify the 5 Core Principles that are the charism of the Lasallian mission? Want to learn more about how the Christian Brothers and faculty of Saint Paul's School are touching hearts and teaching minds? Join faculty and student leaders at a FREE Lenten 5 Core Principle Dinner on Thu, Apr 7 at 6:30pm. More details at <a href="https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/five-core-dinner/">https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/five-core-dinner/</a>



Ashton, Elijah, & Sam are all smiles after St. Joseph Snack Day!

# **HELPING SAINT PAUL'S:** Don't forget these painless ways to help:

- Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) & SPS receives 5% of purchase!
- Box Tops for Education these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.
- And, of course, there's AmazonSmile!

**HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THIRD QUARTER:** We had to re-schedule two of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter dates as we inadvertently scheduled two HRBs on Fridays – which are in Lent and, hence, meatless. See calendar below for dates of the third quarter HRBs.

#### LAST WEEK:

- **Alumni Association Fishing Tournament:** Our inaugural tournament was successful, and we owe thanks to alumni director Al Nastasi and his dedicated alums who organized this popular event.
- **Baseball:** BIG win over PJP last week. The Wolves are back on track (well, baseball track that is!)
- **Bowling:** Congratulations on going 7-5 in the regular season and qualifying for the State Team Tournament, which begins on March 22. Good luck Bowling Wolves! The Wolves were led this season by seniors Kasey Gottschalk, Trystan Melerine, and Jack Bertucci. The difficult district schedule will help the Wolves prepare for a tough opponent in the first round of the State Championships. Our Hammond Regional District will host 4 teams in the 32-team bracket. Senior Jack Bertucci, with a 197 average, will advance to the State Singles competition on April 1st at All-Star Lanes in Baton Rouge.
- CLEP Testing: One of Joe Dickens latest academic initiatives began last week: CLEP testing. For over 50 years, the College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) has offered exams at a fraction of the price of a college course, saving students hundreds of dollars. CLEP exams let a student test out of introductory courses and move to more advanced courses sooner, saving time toward their degree. And now high school students can take them. We are confident that many of our students will take advantage of this program. We began with English but will be expanding the offerings soon. Thanks, Joe!
- **Drama:** *How to Succeed...* played to rave reviews last week and will do so again this week. Hope you can attend and encourage your sons to do so, too.



- **Father-Son BBQ:** 500+ SPS fathers and sons filled the BAC to celebrate this special relationship. Thanks to the Dads' Club for sponsoring this event.
- **History Wolves:** HWs racked up lots of awards at WW II Museum competition on Sat. Details to follow soon. We are very proud of what History Teacher of the Year Kim Gardner has done with our Wolves!
- Lacrosse: Lots of games on Sat but I don't have scores. But I am sure we did well. Geaux LWs!
- Mass: I thought our Friday mass in honor of St. Joseph was extremely well organized with excellent singing and participation. It was spiritually renewing for all of us especially me, which I needed!
- **Retreats:** From the feedback we received, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades enjoyed their special retreats last week. Thanks to campus minister Jeff Ramon for a lot of hard work that went into the logistics, including dealing with weather delays.
- **Rugby:** I know we played Friday night but I don't have a score. I am sure we did well! Geaux, RWs!
- Scheduling Assemblies: Thanks, counselors, for your hard work in preparing course selection sheets!
- Snack Day: Wow. 1100 red, white, and green Italian do-nuts had the boys in sugar heaven Friday afternoon. But the fava beans and holy cards were the lasting treat! Thanks, MC, for ALL you do.
- **Tennis:** Wolves headed to Mobile to participate in prestigious McGill-Toolen tourney.
- **Vernal Equinox** (arrival of spring), arrived Sun at 10.33 am (CDT) when the Sun crossed directly over the equator. Easter is fixed as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Day and night grow equal; more wonderfully, day grows longer than night. Winter is over. Ancient Jewish & Christian poets saw the equinox as the anniversary of creation, with spring equinox as lovelier and richer of the two because it's followed by light winning over dark, an image of paschal mystery. Our redemption is nigh!

• **Weather:** Our early morning "late start" text message on Tuesday due to stormy weather was well-received – and the right thing to do as we didn't want our boys on the road in hazardous driving conditions. We were ready to do the same on Friday, but the predicted severe storms didn't materialize. We are grateful.

**MOTHER – SON DINNER:** Because of the overwhelming response, the MC has had to move this event to the Castine Center – the Biggs can't accommodate all who registered. See flyer below.

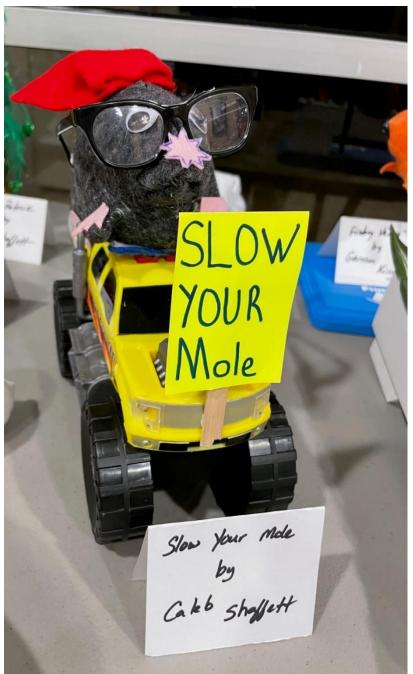


**SENIOR GRADUATION:** We intend to return to pre-COVID protocols and issue each senior eight (8) tickets for the graduation ceremony on May 14 at 4 pm in the BAC. This assumes no capacity limitation will be placed by civil authorities on indoor gatherings. Do not request more tickets as there is no more room in the BAC

**SENIOR RETREAT:** Parents of seniors were emailed two weeks ago the details about the fast-approaching senior retreat. If you did not receive the email, please email retreat co-coordinator Mr. Lee Pierre at <a href="leep@stpauls.com">leep@stpauls.com</a>

**SPRING MUSICAL:** Marian Players open this week with their spring production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Tickets have gone on sale and are selling quickly. This show will sell out, especially in the second weekend, so have purchase tickets now. We extend our thanks to Director Gordon Carmadelle and Assistant Director Barrett Baumgartner and their outstanding case.

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



STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL: Ben's Den (aka the library) opens every afternoon (Monday-Friday) until 4:00. 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. The space is supervised.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:

- Junior Senior Prom tickets will go on sale soon--watch your email for the link. Prom will take place Saturday, April 2 from 7:30-11 in the Briggs Assembly Center with lock-in from 8:30PM until 10:30PM. **Dress:** Attire should be suitable for a Catholic high school function: For males, tuxedo is the norm, but not necessary. Suits are acceptable. For females, dresses must be full-length. Slits in dresses may be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Dresses may not have a low open back. There should be no immodest cutouts, openings, or low cut, revealing necklines. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.
- Any 8th-11th grader who wishes to run for class or Executive office is required to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 30 from 3-4:30PM in room 107. The

meeting will address job descriptions, election rules, and leadership skills. Executive board elections will take place during the week of April 4 and class elections will take place during the week of April 25. A student will not be obligated to run if he attends the meeting.

• Save the date: all SPS and SSA students are invited to attend Challenge Night, Tuesday, April 5. This event features competitive games pitting the Wolves against the Doves to win the coveted Challenge cup. Listen for announcements to sign up to play. Doors to the SPS gym open at 5:45 and the event takes place from 6-7:30 PM. The \$5 admission charge will go to the LA Student Council charity.



**STUFF THE BUS:** The six Catholic schools of western St. Tammany will again help the Northshore Food Bank stock up for the summer with our annual Stuff the Bus. Please encourage your son to bring ravioli – the item assigned to SPS. The drive ends on Apr 1 when AP Joe Dickens will drive one of our busses to the other Catholic schools for "stuffing" and then to the food bank for delivery.

**THIRD QUARTER:** Report cards were emailed last Friday. Please email teachers if needed as we have no parent-teacher conferences at this time.





**WEEKLY HUMOR:** Some St. Patrick's Day humor – better late than never!

- What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy? A rash of good luck
- What do you call a fake Irish stone? A shamrock!
- David: Mom, I met an Irish boy on St. Patrick's Day. Mom: Oh, really? David: No, O'Reilly!
- What did the leprechaun say when the video game ended? Game clover!
- Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover? You might press your luck!
- What happens if you fall in the Irish Sea on St. Patrick's Day? You get wet!
- What musical instrument did the show-off musician play his St. Patrick's Day tunes? His brag-pipes.
- What do you call leprechauns who collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles? "Wee-cyclers!"
- How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your joke? He's Dublin over with laughter!
- How can you tell if a potato is not from Ireland? When it's a French fry.
- What does a leprechaun say when you tell him Bono is his favorite singer? You too?
- What's Irish and stays out all night? Paddy O'Furniture. [LOL! Get it?]
- What did the baby leprechaun find at the end of the rainbow? A Potty Gold!
- Why do leprechauns love to garden? They have green thumbs!
- What happens if a leprechaun falls into the ocean? He gets wet, of course.
- Why shouldn't you borrow money from a leprechaun? Because they're always a little short.
- When does a leprechaun cross the road? When it turns green!
- Why do leprechauns climb over the rainbow? To get to the other side!

- What do you call a leprechaun who broke the law? A lepre-con!
- How did the leprechaun win the race? He took a shortcut.
- OK, I'll stop!

#### **Second Semester**

#### March

- 21 DEFG
- 22 ABCD President's Assembly
- 23 EFGA
- 24 BCDE 12th HR Breakfast
- 25 FGAB -
- 28 CDEF 11th HR Breakfast
- 29 GABC -8th HR Breakfast
- 30 DEFG 9th HR Breakfast / Senior Retreat
- 31- ABCD -10th HR Breakfast / Senior Retreat

#### April

- 1 EFGA -Senior Retreat
- 2 Jr Sr Prom
- 4 Blue Ribbon Holiday
- 5 –8 Leadership Week
- 5 BCDE -Leadership Breakfast
- 6 FGAB- Leadership Speaker
- 7 CDEF Founder's Day Mass
- 8 GABC Year-In-Review Assembly
- 11 DEFG Late Start
- 12 ABCD President's Assembly
- 13 EFGA Passion Play
- 14 BCDE Mandatum
- 25 FGAB Last Pack Time
- 26 CDEF President's Assembly
- 27 GABC Senior Exams
- 28 DEFG Senior Exams
- 29 ABCD Senior Exams

#### May

- 2 EFGA
- 3 BCDE Pack Time
- 4 FGAB
- 5 CDEF
- 6 GABC
- 9 DEFG 8th Grade Exams
- 10 ABCD Last Assembly / 8th Grade Exams



fava beans and St. Joseph prayer cards.



Snacks are guaranteed to brings smiles to Wolves. Thanks, Mothers' Club!

- 11 EFGA 8th Grade Exams
- 12 BCDE 8th Grade Promotion
- 13 FGAB
- 14 12th Grade Graduation
- 16 CDEFG (5 Period Day)
- 17 20 9th -11th Final Exams
- 20 Last Day of School noon dismissal

I invite you to join me in praying for peace:



#### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O Prince of Peace, once more we hear the guns of war,
Once more we see the faces of frightened children.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace;
We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace;
We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part
Of peacemaking in this world. O Prince of Peace,
Lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding
Of the global human family, so all may break bread together
In the secure embrace of peace. Amen.





As Christmas 2021 fades more and more, let us not forget the inspiration by Student Council on luminaria night: AGAPE!

Even though we have moved past mid-March 2022, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to anymore since it stopped broadcasting but I still remember it and LOL): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Know of my prayer for you and your family! Again, thanks for being part of SPS 2021 - 22!

Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we march forward (pun) through 2022! Hard to believe 2 ½ months of 2022 are now history! Again, thanks for being part of the 2021 - 22 edition of SPS!

#### Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe We're in the Last Full Week of March and I'm Still the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School – A Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School



.... by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing our Lasallian Mission, living courageously, respecting all people, and living the Gospel! Let's give it our best this week as befits a Lasallian Catholic National Blue-Ribbon School.





