



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter
Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington
341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
April 04 – 10, 2022



Repent and Believe the Good News!



Welcome to the fourth week of the fourth quarter and the fifth full week of Lent!

In honor our Blue Ribbon holiday, read senior Walker Dubreuil's speech, given at our Blue Ribbon Assembly on Dec 1. It speaks to why we are a two-time recipient in the last six years:



Walker Dubreuil '22

When Coach Dickens asked me to prepare this reflection, he didn't give me much in terms of guidelines. He essentially said to discuss the things I love most about St. Paul's, and why I feel that it is worthy of being named a National Blue-Ribbon School.

So I had plenty of options. My first idea involved the mission statement. For those who aren't familiar, "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." So, basically, my plan was to write a nice hefty paragraph for each of these points, and spend the entire 5-minute speech going

down the list.

For academics, I was going to touch on our insanely-high ACT average, our absolutely outstanding faculty, and our impressive number of National Merit Semifinalists. For athletics, I was going to talk about our incredible sports programs, the mind-blowing number of state and district championships we've won, and how our teams seem to consistently improve year after year. For extracurriculars, I was going to discuss the awesome clubs here at Saint Paul's. With options like Habitat for Humanity, Wolves on Wheels, and our incredible Student Council, I was going to talk about how this school truly has options for everyone.

As a grand finale, I was going to focus on that last line of the mission statement. It calls us "to live the gospel values of Jesus." I was going to discuss how Faith is a truly integral part of everything we do here at Saint Paul's, and how our school's constant commitment to helping us form relationships with God is something that no award could ever encapsulate.

But I decided not to do that.

I decided to talk about something else entirely. I truly believe that this thing serves as a catalyst for everything else, and that it's this special factor that makes all of our achievements possible. But in order to really define what this thing is, I'm gonna have to take y'all back to the first week of my freshman year.

Now, I'm not sure how many of y'all are familiar with this, but every year here at Saint Paul's begins with a string of assemblies. Some of them are school-wide and some of them are divided by grade-level, but there are usually 3 or 4 total, and they always take place within the first week-or-so of school. Just starting off 9th grade, I wasn't quite familiar with this concept, so I got pretty nervous when Coach Sears came on the announcements and said that all Freshmen must report immediately to the cafeteria. I had no idea what was going on, but I started walking with the rest of my class, hoping that we hadn't somehow gotten in trouble.

Eventually, we had all sat down inside. We were in the presence of a whole crowd of teachers and faculty, and I still had no idea who was going to talk or what he or she was going to talk about. Suddenly, Mrs. Gina Hall from the counseling department emerged from the crowd. Immediately, I felt relieved. I hadn't spent much time in counseling during my 8th-grade year, but I knew it to be a warm, comfortable place; I knew they have couches in there, that Mrs. Anne gives you candy if you tell her your name, and that all of the counselors are always super nice. So, when I saw this, I figured that this talk would be similarly warm: a soft, gentle "The counseling department is in Lasalle; come see us if you ever need anything" kind of talk.

It turns out that I was very wrong in this prediction. She stood in front of us, and in a shockingly loud voice, she said "I'm gonna keep this real simple. I'm talking to you today for one reason: It's time for y'all to MAN UP." So I thought to myself, "Wow; I was not expecting that at all."

She continued. She told us that we aren't in the 8th grade anymore, and as 9th graders, we would have new responsibilities and expectations. She said that when an 8th grader needs something from counseling, he usually tells his mom to call, and that's fine. But the counselors don't answer calls from the moms of 9th graders: If a 9th grader needs something, he is expected to man up, walk over to counseling, and ask the question himself. She told us that the school will give us every chance to grow into strong, mature individuals, but that it was ultimately up to us whether we would rise to the challenges set before us.

I've come to realize that this call to reach for greatness is reflected in every aspect of everything we do here at Saint Paul's. At this school, teachers, coaches, and moderators will challenge you, give you the chance to grow, develop, and mature every single day. And Saint Paul's accomplishes this in the only way that truly matters: The way that actively encourages us to strengthen our relationships with Jesus Christ.

So why do I think Saint Paul's is a National Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence? Because it inspires us, every day, to Rise Up, O' Men of God. Thank you.

Thank you, again, Walker, for your eloquence and your dedication to Lasallian education!

Mon, Apr 4 – Blue Ribbon Holiday! Enjoy and celebrate our US Dept of Education BR!

- **This Day in History:** In 1968, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony outside his room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.
- **TDIH: In 1949,** twelve nations signed a treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Russia into Western Europe.
- **Landmine Awareness Day:** We pray today for all those across the globe who have been injured or killed by landmines, especially children. We pray for an end to war.
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Northshore



Wolves among the azaleas! Sculpture by SPS teacher Mr. John Carambat!

Tue, Apr 5 (Leadership Week Begins; Leadership Breakfast; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1792, George Washington casts the first presidential veto.
- **Deep-Dish Pizza Day:** Enjoy this iconic Chicago contribution to American cuisine.
- **Tennis:** SPS v. Mandeville at PAC
- **Golf:** SPS in Northshore League play
- **Challenge Night:** Our annual (only interrupted by COVID!) battle of the boys of SPS v. the girls of SSA takes place this evening from 6-7:30.

Wed, Apr 06 (Leadership Speaker Assembly; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1917, the US formally enters WW I by a Declaration of War by the Congress.
- **TDIH:** In 1896, after a 1500-year break, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece. COVID-19 will force cancellation of Olympics this summer, scheduled for Japan.
- **Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast:** This annual event honors a student from each of the high schools of western St. Tammany. It's a celebration of some of our parishes' best and brightest and always an inspiring and uplifting affair. Saint Paul's will present senior Walker Dubreuil as our S of the Y. I know you will agree that he is a most worthy selection. Yours truly will introduce him at the event.
- **Baseball:** 8th v. De La Salle (5:30); 9th/JV intrasquad scrimmage (3:30)
- **Mother – Son Dinner:** 6 pm at the Castine Center; reservations must have been made.



Religion classes pray Stations of the Cross.

Thu, Apr 07 (Today is the official Catholic Church feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle. We will have an all-school mass on this special occasion; DRESS UNIFORM DAY; C D E F)

• **TDIH:** In 1719, John Baptist de La Salle died, undoubtedly wondering if his work would last. The Institute was fragile and misunderstood. He had given away his fortune to establish his dream to educate ALL children. As we honor our Founder today (and every day) the best tribute we can pay to him, in addition to prayer and thanksgiving, would be to renew our commitment to our students, especially the ones that who aggravate us the most, who seem farthest from our influence, who try our patience and seem resistant to our message. This was La Salle's desire.

• **Day of Remembrance of Victims of Rwanda Genocide:** Today in 1994, the genocide in Rwanda began. Several years ago, noted Catholic speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the genocide, spoke movingly to the SPS students. Not familiar with Immaculee's story? Visit her website at <http://immaculee.com>. Her incredible faith in God

should inspire us all. We pray for an end to all genocidal acts.

- **No Homework Day:** Kick back and relax today!

- **Beaver Day:** Celebrate the beaver today. Even though humans and beavers often clash, these are important critters in the overall scheme of the ecosystem (or so I'm told!)
- **Student Council Executive Board Candidate Speeches and Election**
- **Baseball:** 8th v. Northshore; Varsity at Northshore
- **Tennis:** SPS at Jesuit
- **Track:** SPS in Strawberry Relays at SLU
- **Five Core Dinner:** Thanks, Development Team, for this important event.

Fri, Apr 08 (special schedule; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1974, Hank Aaron of Atl Braves hits his 715th career home run, breaking Babe Ruth's record.
- **Hanamatsuri**, literally "the flower festival", starts in Japan & commemorates the birth of Siddhartha Gautama who became enlightened as the Buddha, marking the release from suffering and sorrow.
- **Two Assemblies:** This morning we will have the annual Student Council Year in Review – always a wonderful event. After lunch, we will have the annual Golden Jubilarian Assembly, honoring the Class of 1972 on their 50th anniversary of graduation from SPS. We will also use this assembly to have the Class of 72 induct the Class of 2022 into the SPS Alumni Association – always a moving moment.
- **Baseball:** 9th & JV v. Mandeville
- **Band Hall Dedication and Blessing**



Ag students help beautify the campus last week – and have a good time in the process.

Sat, Apr 09

- **TDIH: In 1682**, Robert La Salle claims lower Mississippi River and all lands that touch it for France
- **TDIH: In 1865**, at Appomattox, VA, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders 28,000 troops to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the Civil War. During the war, 4 out of every 100 Americans (over 600,000!) were either killed or seriously wounded. Of every 100 soldiers, five died in battle and 20 died of illness or disease. It is appropriate on this day that we remember Abraham Lincoln's prayer for those who need justice and peace in their lives: *Grant, O merciful God, that with malice toward none, with charity to all, with firmness in the right as you give us to see the right, we may strive to finish the work we are in to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for those who have borne the battle...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.*
- **Cherish an Antique Day:** In better times, I would encourage you to visit an antique store or spend time with the antiques that you own. Educate students about the value of "old things." Do not let the boys call you "antique"– although I definitely qualify.
- **Winston Churchill Day:** *On April 9, 1963, Winston Churchill became the second person to become an Honorary Citizen of the United States, although this was the first time Congress had resolved that it was to be bestowed by the President of the United States, on a foreign national. This honour was bestowed upon him by President John F Kennedy. Although Churchill was not present at the ceremony, it had been hoped he would not only witness the event on television – which he did with his wife – but would be able to respond. Problems with a relay station in Cornwall prevented this from happening.* Learn something about ole Winston today. Listen to a speech of this great orator.
- **Crawfish Cookoff:** Tickets are available now and here is the link to the site. <https://www.spscco.com>.
- **Rugby:** SPS v. Jesuit (noon)
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Var at St. Thomas More; JVB at Bro. Martin
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity at Mandeville
- **State Literary Rally:** 21 Wolves travel to LSU today to compete in academics. They qualified by their performance at District Literary Rally two weeks ago. I will have details later. Geaux, Rally Wolves!

Sun, Apr 10 – Palm Sunday – Holy Week Begins!

- **Siblings Day:** Cherish your siblings today!
- **Safety Pin Day:** From the SPD website (who knew?): *Legend has it that, in 1849, Walter Hunt, inventor of the safety pin, owed a friend \$15 and decided to invent something to earn the money to repay him. His invention was the safety pin. Strong and sharp, yet safe enough to be used on clothing, safety pins are a simple yet ingenious invention. Take inspiration from Hunt and come up with a clever invention. It's a great challenge for children who love to come up with new ideas.*

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!



Zach and Josh stuff the bus to assist the Northshore Food Bank!

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.

APRIL: Welcome to April!! Can you believe it? Some facts about April:

- **Two possible word origins:** as the second month of the Roman calendar, it was dedicated to the goddess Venus and perhaps based on Apru, an Etruscan borrowing of Aphrodite, goddess of love and fertility. Also, as the fourth month of the Gregorian calendar, its name may derive from the Latin aperire ("to open"), a possible reference to plant buds opening at this time of year in Rome. Choose the theory you like better.

- **April is National Humor Month.** Let's all laugh a little more this month (maybe even laugh at ourselves when the situation warrants.) Tell a joke! Make someone laugh. We need it these days!
- **April is National Mathematics Awareness Month.** I know I'm excited!
- **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** We are reminded of the sacredness of human life and the responsibility we have, especially as Catholic school educators, to protect those placed in our care. Review our faculty in-service from Aug and your recent Safe Environment training from the Archdiocese with respect to our obligations to protect children. Review with students, where appropriate, how to protect themselves from abuse and neglect.
- **April is Internet Safety month.** In view of all we have been learning lately, let's stress this!
- **April is Jazz Appreciation Month:** SPS has a wonderfully talented jazz band!
- **April is National Poetry Month!** Read a poem a day during April and encourage students to do so, too. Don't have time to find a poem? These sites will email a Poem of the Day to you:
 - www.poets.org
 - <http://www.poetryfoundation.org>
 - To get you started, here's a fun little poem that I print every year titled "Sick" by Shel Silverstein:

"I cannot go to school today," Said little Peggy Ann McKay.

"I have the measles and the mumps, A gash, a rash and purple bumps.

My mouth is wet, my throat is dry, I'm going blind in my right eye.

My tonsils are as big as rocks, I've counted sixteen chicken pox

And there's one more--that's seventeen, And don't you think my face looks green?

My leg is cut--my eyes are blue--It might be instamatic flu.

I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke, I'm sure that my left leg is broke

My hip hurts when I move my chin, My belly button's caving in,

My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained, My 'pendix pains each time it rains.

My nose is cold, my toes are numb. I have a sliver in my thumb.

My neck is stiff, my voice is weak, I hardly whisper when I speak.

My tongue is filling up my mouth, I think my hair is falling out.

My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight, My temperature is one-o-eight.

My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear, There is a hole inside my ear.

I have a hangnail, and my heart is--what? What's that? What's that you say?

You say today is. . .Saturday? G'bye, I'm going out to play!

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**

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	Senior Final Exams
Thurs, May 11	Pre-Freshmen Promotion
Sat, May 13	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Thurs – Tues, May 18-23	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 (not spring break!)
- 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 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

CRAWFISH COOKOFF: This popular even is **BAAACCCKKK!** The date is Saturday, April 9 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Tickets are available now and here is the link to the site. <https://www.spscco.com>.

CONFESSIONS: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (aka Confession) will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday this week in the chapel at lunch. Any student that is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation should complete [this form](https://forms.gle/ASSKHh6V8T53krcDA) to register. <https://forms.gle/ASSKHh6V8T53krcDA>

DRESS CODE: Our relaxed enforcement during the height of COVID has ended and we are again enforcing our code. Parents – please assist us by insisting that your son abide by the code, especially when it comes to shorts and sweatshirts and shaving and haircuts! Thank you!

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 <https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/five-core-dinner/>

GOLDEN TORCH FORMS are now available for distribution in Mrs. Claire's Office. Students qualify for this award by earning honor roll for the 1st three quarters and participating in extra-curricular activities. If you meet these requirements, pick up a form from Ms. Claire's office. Forms are due by Friday, April 8th.

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!



LAST WEEK:

- **ACT:** Another flawless administration on Sat with the only problems being on the test.
- **Baseball:** Three District wins; one loss. Geaux BB Wolves!
- **FIRST Robotics:**
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Fantastic! Three seniors did the vocab lesson for the senior HRB. Ryan Blanchard taught the students tabula rasa and said they would become one when they left SPS – and to fill it with only good things. Gil Ward taught them “ephemeral” and told them to concentrate on the only eternal

reality – God. And Dan Whalen challenged the boys never to become stagnant, but always to keep growing and achieving. Three juniors (Sam Gold, Peter Verges, and Ethan Wilson) did the HRB vocabulary lesson last week for grades 8-11. They were incredible. Ethan challenged the students to be zealots – passionate about all they do. Peter encouraged the students never to be dawdlers but to strive for preeminence in all that they do. And Sam nailed it by challenging the students to stop kvetching (complaining) and enjoy each day that God has given them. Wow. I was speechless at the end. Thank you, Ryan, Gil, Daniel, Sam, Ethan, and Peter! You acquitted yourselves in an exemplary manner.

- **Mu Alpha Theta** felt the force of the Wolves at the convention!
- **Prom:** Thanks, Student Council, for a GREAT prom!
- **Senior Retreat:** I heard only good reports! Thanks, Retreat Team!
- **Stuff the Bus:** Another success, with SPS leading the way!
- **Ultimate:** A long day on Sat in Baton Rouge! The Ultimate Wolves had their best outing ever winning three games in a row, only losing to the host and number one seed Catholic High A Team 2-11. The Wolves beat Pine Prairie High 11-2, Archbishop Rummel 11-6, and Catholic High B Team 11-7.
- **Weather:** We give thanks for having been spared damage; we pray for those not so fortunate.

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.



The flyer features a central crest with a shield divided into four quadrants, topped with a crown and a banner that reads "SAINT 1911 PATRIS". The text is arranged as follows:

Mother/Son Dinner

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
6:30 pm
Castine Center

Same Date
Same Time
New Location

\$26 per person
Dinner provided by Keith Young's Steakhouse

WE ARE MOVING!!!

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 prayer service at 6:30 pm)

Sunday dress attire is recommended

*Only registered guests admitted

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

SOCIAL MEDIA: Parents: please 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 against any inappropriate posting.** **Students:** THINK before you post!

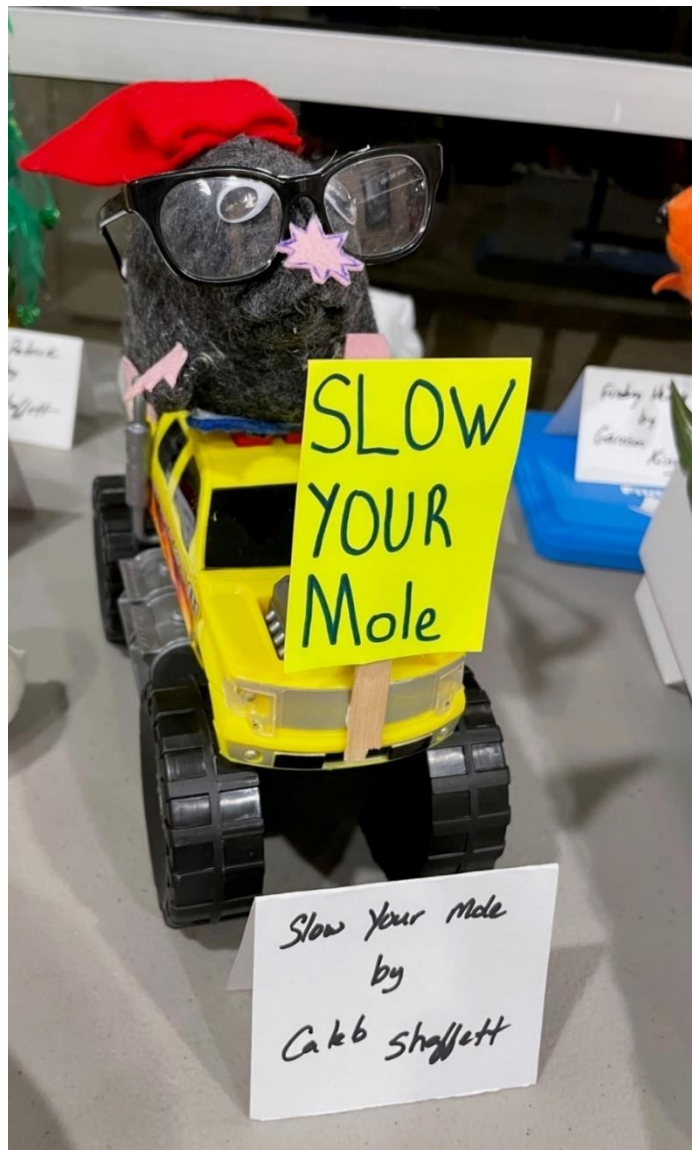
STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL: Ben's Den (aka the library) opens every afternoon (Monday-Friday) until 4:00. You are encouraged to mention this service to your sons who are on campus after school with nothing to do or who may be waiting for a late ride or a practice to begin. All we ask is that they treat the facility with respect and that they are quiet. The space is supervised.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:

- Junior Senior Prom tickets are on sale. Be sure to purchase a separate ticket for each person attending. Prom will be Sat, April 2 from 7:30-11 in the BAC with lock-in from 8:30 PM until 10:30PM. 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 revealing necklines. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.
- 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.

SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN COSTA

RICA: This year will be the first year that Saint Scholastica and Saint Paul's will be participating in a two-week exchange program in San Jose, Costa Rica. If you are interested in having your SPS son or SSA daughter participate, Mrs. Carol Ann Dufrene (SSA) and Mr. Shawn Mullet (SPS) will be hosting an information session in the library (first floor of Benilde Hall) on the SPS campus. The information session will be on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00PM. Topics to be covered include: cost, itinerary, expectations, and any questions that you might have.





8th Graders stuff the bus with ravioli for the Food Bank!

TUITION INVOICES: Tuition invoices for 2022-23 have been emailed. Many thanks to those who are already responding. Allow me to express the following:

- Saint Paul's is a tuition driven school. Without tuition, we would not exist.
- A comparison of our tuition with other all-boy high schools shows that our tuition is one of the lowest.
- Tuition does NOT cover the cost of educating a student and providing him with the environment we all want. Thus, SPS relies of a limited number of fundraisers, which are critical to our moving ahead.
- Thus, we NEED you to pay tuition on time in order to meet our obligations to faculty and vendors.
- Thank you for your understanding and support of Saint Paul's School – and your investment in your son's future via tuition payment.

WEEKLY HUMOR: I hope the following “puns” provide you with at least a smile:

- *I made a playlist for hiking. It has music from Peanuts, the Cranberries, and Eminem. I call it my trail mix.*
- *For the 10th year, my coworkers voted me the most secretive guy in the office. I can't tell you how much this award means to me.*
- *I was drinking my milkshake on a cliff and thought, Wow! This is ledge n dairy.*
- *Cop: I arrest you for illegally downloading the entire Wikipedia. Man: Wait! I can explain everything!*
- *I saw my wife fall while carrying ironed clothes in a laundry basket. I watched it all unfold.*
- *I'd never let my children watch the orchestra. There's too much sax and violins.*

- *Nothing's better than being 2,3, 5,7,11,13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, or 97 years old. Those are the years you're in your prime.*
- *Asked by date to meet me at the gym, but she never showed. Guess the two of us aren't going to work out.*
- *The average person is really mean. [get a math teacher to explain this one!]*
- *I took my 8-year-old to the office on Take Your Kid to the Office Day. As we walked around, she became cranky and cried "Daddy, where are all the clowns that you said you worked with?"*
- *My friend asked me if I wanted to hear a really good Batman impression, so I said go ahead. He shouted "Not the Kryptonite!" and I said "That's Superman." He said "Thanks, man, I've been practicing." [LOL!]*



Seniors return safely from retreat after three intense days of growing closer to each other and to God.

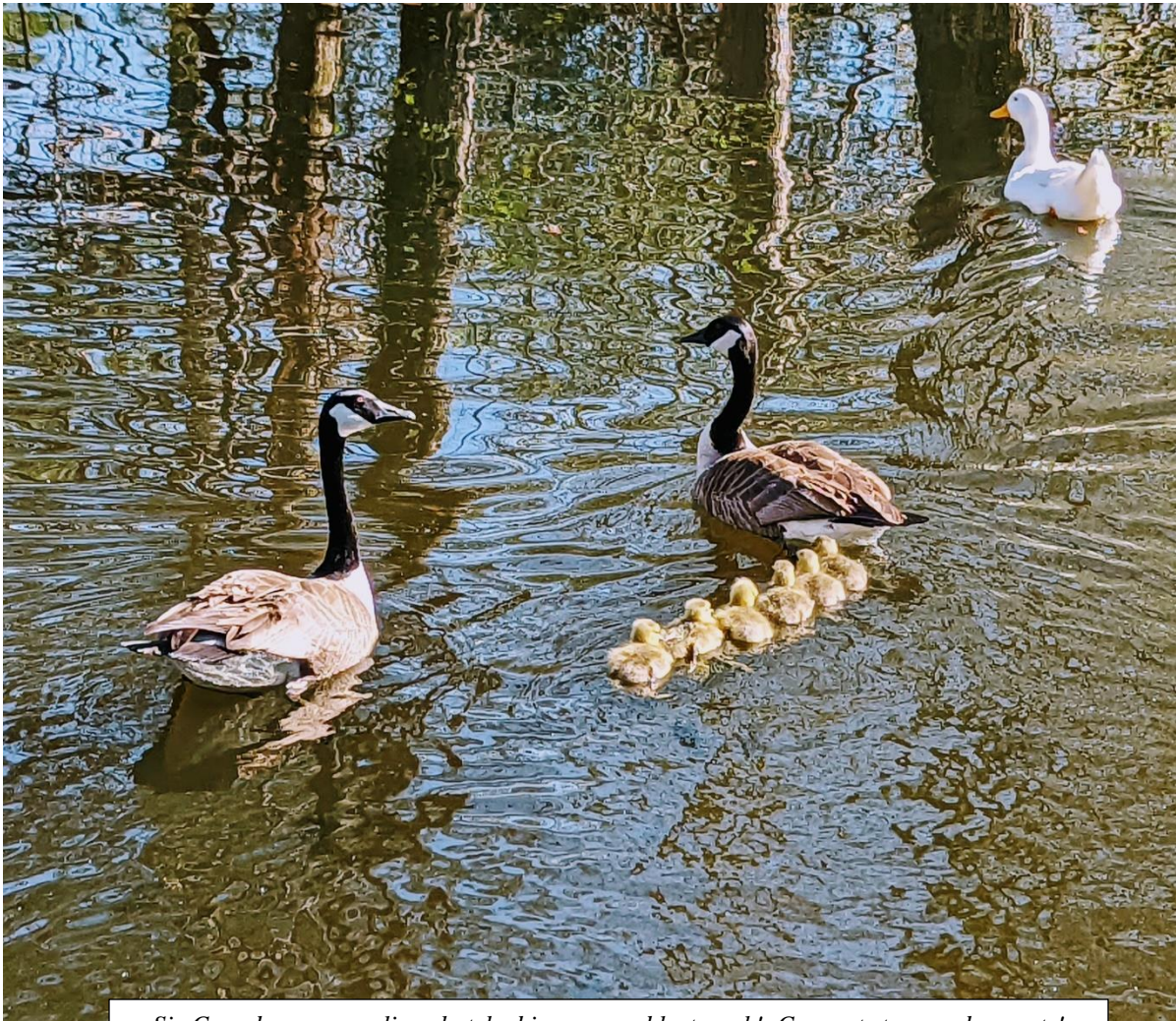
April

- 4 – Blue Ribbon Holiday
- 5 –8 Leadership Week
- 5 – BCDE -Leadership Breakfast
- 6 – FGAB- Leadership Speaker
- 7 – CDEF – Founder's Day Mass -- Dress Uniform!
- 8 – GABC – Year-In-Review Assembly and Class of 1972 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
- 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



*Six Canada geese goslings hatched in our pond last week! Congrats to proud parents!
(Pic courtesy of Brother Javier, FSC)*

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 it's April 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!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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.... 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.



Spring is arriving in full force on our campus!

