



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington
341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
April 25 – May 01, 2022



Welcome to the sixth week of the fourth quarter of the 2021-22 school year! And the final week for seniors! I pray your Easter Holidays (not spring break) were enjoyable, safe, grace-filled and physically renewing!

Mon, Apr 25 (Classes resume from Easter Holidays – not spring break; last Pack Time for seniors; F G A B)

- **This Day in History:** In 1990, the crew of the U.S. space shuttle *Discovery* places the Hubble Space Telescope, a long-term space-based observatory, into a low orbit around Earth.
- **TDIH:** In 1953, James Watson, Francis Crick, Maurice Wilkins & Rosalind first published papers in the journal *Nature* on the structure of DNA.
- **Hug a Plumber Day:** Well, we may not hug you but we sure do appreciate you! Thanks to SPS plumbing dads and alums!
- **Football:** Spring practice begins today for the next two weeks, climaxing with The Pie Bowl on May 6th
- **Golf Regional Tournament**
- **Rugby pictures in wrestling gym**
- **Wrestling awards ceremony in the BAC**
- **Football parent meeting – 7 pm in new gym**
- **Student Council Class Officer elections**

Tue, Apr 26: (President's Assembly; last one for seniors; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** 1986, the world's worst nuclear power plant accident occurs at Chernobyl nuclear power station in Russia.
- **Richter Scale Day.** Today celebrates the birth of American seismologist Charles F. Richter (1900–1985) who invented the scale in 1935. Let's hope we don't have any earthquakes in his honor!
- **Audubon Day:** John James Audubon was born on this day in 1785. He was America's foremost ornithological illustrator. In 1886 the Audubon Society for the study and protection of birds was formed. Today there are many branches of the Audubon Society, and it remains dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources. Let's take care of the flora and fauna on our campus in Audubon's honor today!

Alleluia



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- **Pretzel Day:** Eat pretzels today! Pretzels are believed to be the world's oldest snack. Pretzels date back to 610AD in Southern France. Monks baked thin strips of dough into the shape of a child's arms folded in prayer. Add a little salt, and Voila! ...the pretzel industry was born.

Wed, Apr 27 (Senior final exams begin; G A B C)

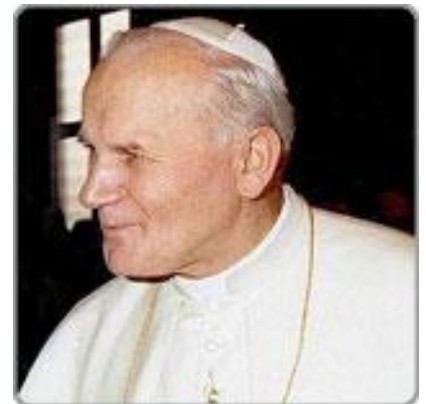
- **TDIH:** In 1941, the German army enters the Greek capital, signaling the end of Greek resistance.
- Eight years ago this Wednesday, Apr 27, Pope Francis canonized the late Pope John XXIII and the late Pope John Paul II. In the Catholic Church, “canonization” makes the person an official “saint” of the Church. The Church stresses that both former popes were canonized because of personal holiness, not politics or Church governance. Few can dispute that both were among the most influential 20th Century spiritual leaders. Accordingly, I offer you the following quotations from Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II as we begin the final month of the school year. First, from Saint John XXIII:



- *See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little.*
- *A peaceful man does more good than a learned one.*
- *Anybody can be Pope; the proof of this is that I have become one.*
- *The feelings of my smallness and nothingness kept me good company.*
- *Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.*
- *Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.*

And from Saint John Paul II:

- *As the family goes, so goes the nation and the whole world in which we live.*
- *Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.*
- *From now on it is only through a conscious choice and through a deliberate policy that humanity can survive.*
- *The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.*
- *A joyful family requires much from both parents and children. Each family member must be, in a special way, the servant of the others.*
- *Violence and arms can never resolve the problems of men.*
- *Young people are threatened... by the evil use of advertising techniques that stimulate the natural inclination to avoid hard work by promising the immediate satisfaction of every desire.*



Saints John XXIII and John Paul II – Pray for us!

- **Teach Children to Save Day:** This day is a national campaign that raises awareness about the important role that banks and bankers play in helping young people develop lifelong savings habits.
- **Sense of Smell Day:** Spend some time today appreciating the sense that most people feel they could most live without. Smell the flowers, the coffee, the Cajun spices, the cooking – all those freebies that add to life
- **Juniors submit class ring orders**

Thu, Apr 28 (Senior final exams continue; D E F G)

- **Great Poetry Reading Day:** Don't just read any poem today; read a classic.
- **Tennis State Tournament through Friday**
- **Track: Regional Meet at Zachary**
- **Scheduling Afternoon for next year's new students (3:30 – 5) in the library.**

Fri, Apr 29 (Final day for seniors; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1862, Union troops take possession of New Orleans after Confederate General Mansfield Lovell surveyed his tiny force and realized that resistance was futile. If he resisted, Lovell told Mayor John Monroe, the city would be bombed, causing severe damage and casualties.
- **Zipper Day:** Have you ever thought about what your life would be like without zippers? Backpacks, blue jeans, gym bags ... the list is endless. On April 29, 1913, Swedish-born scientist Gideon Sundback was issued a patent for his "Hookless Fastener." The rest is history. To commemorate this feat of genius, here are some fun zipper facts: The U.S. Army was one of the first users of the zipper, applying them to a variety of uniform parts and gear. Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibibaisha is the world's largest zipper manufacturer. You are likely to see "YKK" engraved on many of your own zippers. The world's longest zipper can be found at the hotel in Fort Lauderdale's Executive Airport. It measures 6,000 feet long and was commissioned as a publicity stunt for the hotel's nightclub, "Zippers."



Noah & Kennedy prepare to proffer their percussion prowess for patrons at new Music Hall dedication.

- **Shrimp Scampi Day:** Take a little pasta and a few plump, juicy shrimp, throw in a bit of butter, garlic and white wine, and what do you get? The elegance that is shrimp scampi, of course!
- **Senior caps, gowns, grad tickets, etc. distributed for those whose obligations are cleared.**
- **Lacrosse Semi-Finals**

Sat, Apr 30 (Feast of St. Pius V)

- During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the responsibility of getting the Church on its feet after being shaken by corruption, the Reformation, the threat of Turkish invasion and the bickering of young nation-states. The Church's response was the Council of Trent, and Pius implemented the mandated reforms. No easy task.
- **TDIH:** In 1789, in New York City, George Washington is inaugurated as the first US president.
- **Honesty Day:** Celebrate NHD in an open and honest way. There are few rules for this special day.....just be honest.
- **Bugs Bunny Day:** The first-time audiences saw the wascally wabbit was on April 30, 1938,

in a short cartoon called “Porky’s Hare Hunt.” In that first appearance he was called "Happy Rabbit." Bugs did not utter his famous catch phrase, "What's up, Doc?" until he came face to face with Elmer Fudd in "A Wild Hare" in 1940.

- **Happy Birthday Saint La Salle!** On this day in 1651, John Baptist de La Salle was born. Pause a moment today to give thanks for the birth of this extraordinary saint and educator whose work we continue today!
- **Happy Birthday Louisiana!** From the official Louisiana Website: *On April 30, 1812, the United States admitted Louisiana as the 18th state into the Union. Louisiana was the first state to have a majority Catholic French- and Spanish-speaking population, reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1699-1763 and Spain from 1763-1803. Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Louisiana's road to statehood was not all smooth. Federal law required citizens of a newly admitted territory to apply to congress for statehood, and the admission of the Orleans Territory as the 18th state followed years of lobbying efforts by prominent citizens—both American and Creole (French-speaking Catholics). Finally in 1811, Democratic President James Madison signed the bill allowing the people of Louisiana to form a state constitution. Following the state constitutional convention in New Orleans, on April 14, 1812, President Madison signed the bill approving statehood. The bill designated April 30, 1812, as the day of formal admission.* Join me in praying for our state on its birthday!

Sun, May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter; we encourage all of our families to worship today

- If today were not a Sunday, it would be the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. Today honors all workers, reminding us that we all have a responsibility to build the Kingdom of God on Earth through our labor. Here at SPS, that takes on special meaning.
- **Mother Goose Day:** Read childhood nursery favorites and feel the warmth of Mother Goose's embrace!
- **TDIH:** In 1933, the legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting makes local news.
- **Great American Grump Out Day:** Calling all grumps! For one whole day, there is to be no grumping, no frowning, no grouching, or complaining! I’ll try to do my part

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.

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;

- **Students may no longer charge in the bookstore** unless parents add money to their account. 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.
- **Bookstore annual Sidewalk Sale will be Saturday morning, May 7.** Details next week.



*Thanks, Father Mark, for blessing the new Music Hall!
Thanks, Jacob and Jonah, for serving delicious hors d'oeuvre, courtesy of
Pardo's Restaurant (thanks to them, too!) in Mandeville, at the ceremony.*

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 (not spring break)
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.

CARE AND VIGILANCE: Parents, please stress with your sons that we still have several weeks of school left and that we intend to teach to the end. All school regulations (especially dress code) will be in effect and we will hold students accountable for their actions. Insist that your sons comply with our very reasonable rules and regulations, including dress codes.



District Honor Band trumpeter Jake and Mrs. Iana Moran play for guests at new Music Hall Blessing and Dedication.

CHAMPIONS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION is the tuition financial aid agency of the Archdiocese. Families in need of tuition help may apply. The application window is open until Saturday, April 30. To access the Champions of catholic Education portal please follow the following steps:

- Visit <https://nolacatholicschools.org/>
- Click Admissions
 - Click Champions of Catholic Education
 - Click First Bank & Trust link
 - Create an account if one doesn't exist
 - Log in
- Click Financial Aid Champions of Catholic Education. Click "Apply for Champions of Catholic Education"

CONGRATULATIONS to SPS Powerlifting Coach Jesse Kellum for being elected to the LA State Powerlifting Hall of Fame! Jesse's 15-year tenure at SPS has been filled with success. Read the full story at https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st_tammany/article_cded273a-b238-11ec-91cb-8f8beed9193a.html

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!

GOSLING UPDATE: Mother Nature was not kind to the goslings during Holy Week. Hunting hawks took all but one of the baby geese. Our condolences to the Canada Geese parents.

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!

Saint Paul's Athletics

2022 Spring Signing Day



LAST TWO WEEKS:

- **Art Show:** Congrats to Art Wolves for a great show – first one in two years!
- **Athletic College Signings:** Congrats to the six additional seniors who signed collegiate athletic commitments during Holy Week: Sergio Romero (lacrosse at Wilmington in New Port, DE); Jack Rodgers & Cameron Smith (swimming at Montevallo in Montevallo, Grant Nastasi (track at Springhill College in Mobile, AL); Zach Fenn (basketball at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX); Thomas Rushing (football at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY); Evan Schrerer (football at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS); Trey Faherty (track at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA).

- **Baseball:** Another tough two weeks for the Wolves. On to the playoffs! Geaux BB Wolves!
- **Golf:** Regional Runner-up for the Golf Wolves! Congrats and on to state!
- **Lacrosse:** All is know is that they practiced over the holidays!
- **Mandatum:** Thanks for Campus Minister Jeff Ramon and the Student Council for a meaningful Washing of the Feet ceremony on Holy Thursday – our “mandate” to serve others as Christ served us!
- **Marching Wolves** had a great trip to Universal/Disney last week. The trip was originally scheduled for spring of 2020, but we all remember what happened then – and extended through last year. After their great football and Mardi Gras seasons, the MWs deserved this treat. As always, they represented us in an exemplary manner.
- **NCEA:** Many of our teachers attended (either in person or virtually) the National Catholic Education Association convention, which was held in New Orleans over the Easter holidays (not spring break.) This is the largest gathering of Catholic school educators in the country. I am very grateful to those faculty who gave up some of their holidays for professional development with educators from all over the US.
- **Rugby:** A loss in the semi-finals ended the rugby season – but it was a good one! Thanks, Rugby Wolves!
- **Snack Day:** Thanks, Mothers’ Club, for another amazing SD for the boys!
- **Soccer Awards:** A great season was celebrated by the Soccer Wolves during Holy Week.
- **Tennis:** Regional Champs – again! On to state this week. Geaux, Tennis Wolves!
- **Track:** FIRST place in the Ponchatoula Invitational but 4th in District! On to Regionals this week!



Patrick T. McWilliams



Paul C. McWilliams

MCWILLIAMS DONATION:
We are grateful beyond words for the generosity of the family of Pat and Paul McWilliams, twin brothers who graduated from SPS in May of 1972. We held a special recognition assembly for the family on April 12. “Work hard, play hard, and pay it forward.” That was the message Paysse McWilliams, co-owner of Voelkel McWilliams Construction, believes his uncles, Paul McWilliams ‘72 and Patrick McWilliams ‘72, would deliver to the student body on finding one’s

passion and achieving success. During their lifetimes, Paul and Patrick McWilliams earned fiscal prosperity in the oil and gas industry and attributed much of their success to the faith and work ethic they acquired while students at Saint Paul’s School. The McWilliams family presented a check for a \$1M Endowment for Academics and Athletics on behalf of the late McWilliams brothers in the interest of ensuring that Saint Paul’s School will continue to be a good place to grow for future generations.



Thank you, McWilliams Family!

PHYSICALS: FREE physicals will be given to SPS students on Saturday, May 7, from 7am - 9am with Dr. Paul Van Deventer. The office is located at 1200 Pinnacle Parkway, Covington, LA 70433. Yearly physicals are mandated for participation in any SPS athletic program or in band. Thank you, Dr. Van Deventer!

PHYSICAL PLANT STAFF: Kudos to Don Pressley & his staff, who are pulled in many directions these days. There will be many demands on the crew's time between now and the end of the year. **Our students (your sons) can help by not complicating their jobs through littering, careless use of equipment (causing it to break) or just simply acknowledging their work and saying "thank you" every now and then. These gentlemen work hard – and go unappreciated far too often.**

PRE-FRESHMAN PROMOTION CEREMONY INFO:

- Mon, May 9: Pre-freshman exams; promotion practice
- Tue, May 10: Pre-freshman exams; promotion practice
- Wed, May 11: Pre-freshman exams; promotion practice
- Thu, May 12: Promotion ceremony at 6:30 pm in the BAC. Students report to the Wolf Dome at 6:00 pm. The ceremony lasts about 75 minutes.
- Dress code for the ceremony is SPS dress uniform: white shirt, long khaki pants, school tie, dress socks, no athletic shoes. Students do not wear a jacket.
- Pre-freshman academic/service awards will also be given at the ceremony.
- While we do not limit the number of guests who may attend, we hope to average 4-6 guests only per family.
- A reception by the Mother's Club is after the ceremony. Attendance at this is optional.
- In the past, this ceremony has been a positive and impressive one, and we'll do our best to make it so again on May 12. It takes place within a Catholic Liturgy of the Word, with the boys singing a number of songs.

RIP: Mrs. Gertraud Pearson died over the holidays. "Old timers" will remember that she was CFO prior to current CFO Jo Sutherlin. For many years, Gertraud toiled efficiently and effectively in our Finance Office. Her dedication to SPS was never in question and she taught me the value of a dollar – and to not spend one more than was necessary (something we all could learn from today – she would be appalled at the waste we incur.) I relied on her financial advice more than words can say – just as I do with current CFO Jo Sutherlin. When I finally step down as CEO one day (and it's getting closer!), one of my legacies about which I will be most proud is putting the school on sound financial footing – and that has been due in large part to excellent CFOs such as Gertraud and Jo Sutherlin. Here's a link to her incredible journey from Nazi Germany to Covington: . <https://www.ejfieldingfh.com/m/obituaries/Gertraud-Pearson/Memories> Eternal rest grant unto Gertraud, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen!



SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION:

- Mon and Tue, Apr 25 - 26: regular schedules for seniors; full days of school; elective exams given
- Wed, Apr 27: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Thu, Apr 28: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Fri, Apr 29: one exam in morning followed by short graduation practice and distribution of caps, gowns, and graduation ceremony tickets. **Each senior will be issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets are handed directly to the senior on this day. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced.**
- **Tickets and caps/gowns will NOT be issued to any student who still has an obligation to the school.**
- Mon – Fri, May 02-13: seniors **do not** report to school except for the following:
 - Wed, May 11: Senior Grad Night (5-8)
 - Wed, May 11: Athletic Awards Ceremony. Only senior athletes need attend in dress uniform.
 - Thu, May 12: Academic Awards Ceremony (8 am); only seniors receiving awards need attend; they will be notified; dress uniform.
- Sat, May 14: the 111th Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul’s School; 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only**. The beautiful ceremony, within the context of a Catholic mass, lasts about two hours.
- Note: Everything seniors need to know for graduation will be part of a printed set of instructions given to them on Friday, Apr 29.

SENIOR RINGS FOR CLASS OF 2023: Juniors have received information about class rings. Ordering a ring is strictly optional, and students may always use rings from their SPS brothers or dads. While some rings are quite pricey, reasonably priced ones are available. Josten’s is our official vendor. The Jostens representative will be on campus on 4/27 for ordering



ACT 30+ Club prepares for its celebratory pizza lunch!

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



SPORTS CAMPS

SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS



2022 SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS



June 6-10: Baseball



June 13-17: Football



June 20-24: Basketball



June 27-July 1: Soccer



June 27-July 1: Powerlifting/Strength



July 11-15: Speed, Agility, Strength



July 18-22 - Wrestling



July 18-22 - Lacrosse



July 18-22 - Rugby

- All camps are staffed by the coaches and athletes that make up some of the top athletic programs in Louisiana!
- Camps run Monday - Friday, 9am-3pm at St. Paul's School, 917 South Jahncke Ave, Covington, LA
- Camps are open to all boys ages 8-14 Prior experience in a sport not necessary!
- All camps have limited enrollment numbers. Sign up early to reserve your spot!
- All camps cost \$220 for the week. Sibling discounts are available. A lunch option is available for \$35.
- To sign-up, go to: stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp

Questions? Contact sportscamps@stpauls.com or (985) 778-9166

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.

SPS SUMMER CAMPS: We offer one of the best (if not THE best) summer camp programs around. For a complete listing of offerings, here is our website link: <https://www.stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp/> Some camps are filling up fast, so register now if you want a place for your son.

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 on 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: Some rabbit jokes in honor of Bugs Bunny Day on Sat:

- *Q: How do rabbits travel? A: By hareplane.*
- *Q: What is a bunny's motto? A: Don't be mad, be hoppy!*
- *Q: How do you catch a unique rabbit? A: Unique up on it.*
- *Q: How do you know carrots are good for your eyes? A: Because you never see rabbits wearing glasses!*
- *Q: What is a rabbit's favorite dance style? A: Hip-Hop!*
- *Q: Where do rabbits go after their wedding? A: On their bunnymoon!*
- *Q: What do you get if you cross a rabbit with an insect? A: Bugs bunny.*
- *Q: What do you call a group of rabbits hopping backwards? A: A receding hare line*
- *Q: What do you call a rabbit who is angry over getting burnt? A: A hot cross bunny.*
- *Q: What do you name a rabbit who wears a kilt? A: Hopscotch.*
- *Q: What do you call a very rich bunny? A: A billion-hare.*
- *Q: Which pair of rabbits were famous bank robbers? A: Bunny and Clyde.*
- *Q: How do bunnies stay fit? A: Hare-robics.*
- *Q: What kind of books do rabbits like to read? A: Stories with hoppy endings.*
- *Q: Why did the bunny like the action movie? A: It was hare-raising.*
- *Q: What's the difference between a crazy rabbit and a fake dollar bill? One is a mad bunny and the other is bad money.*



Pre-freshmen smile after MC Snack Day!

April

- 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 – Golf State Tournament; Rugby end of year ceremony
- 3 – BCDE - Pack Time
- 4 – FGAB
- 5 – CDEF – Lacrosse end of year ceremony
- 6 – GABC – Track end of year ceremony
- 7 – Free physicals; Bookstore Sidewalk Sale; Band Concert

- 9 – DEFG – 8th Grade Exams
- 10 – ABCD - Last Assembly / 8th Grade Exams
- 11 – EFGA - 8th Grade Exams; Athletic Awards Ceremony; Senior Grad Night
- 12 – BCDE - 8th Grade Promotion & Awards ceremony; Academic Awards ceremony (grades 9-12)
- 13 – FGAB – Pie Bowl
- 14 – 12th Grade Graduation (4 pm; admission by ticket only)
- 16 – CDEFG (5 Period Day)
- 17 – 20 – 9th -11th Final Exams
- 20 – Last Day of School – noon dismissal

Pre-Freshmen End-of-Year Schedule 2022

Monday, May 9

8:00 Report to Math Exam Room
 8:10 – 9:40 Math Exam
 9:40 – 9:50 Break
 9:50 – 10:50 Spanish Exam
 10:50- 11:30 Promotion Practice
 11:30 – 12:00 Lunch
 12:00 – 1:00 Promotion Practice in BAC
 1:00 Dismissal

Tuesday, May 10

8:00 Report to English Exam Room
 8:10 – 9:00 President’s Assembly
 9:05 – 10:15 Religion Exam
 10:15- 10:25 Break
 10:25 – 11:35 Science Exam
 11:35 -12:05 Lunch
 12:05 – 1:00 Promotion Practice in BAC
 1:00 Dismissal

Wednesday, May 11

8:00 Report to English Exam Room
 8:10 -9:15 Athletic Awards
 9:25 – 10:55 English Exam
 10:55-11:25 Lunch
 11:25 – 12:25 Geography Exam
 12:30 – 1:00 Promotion Practice in BAC
 1:00 Dismissal

Thursday, May 12

6:00 PM Pre-Freshmen report to Wolf Dome
 6:30 PM Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony in BAC

9th/10th/11th Grade Final Exam Schedule 2022

(Exams given in class by period)

Monday, May 16 – CDEFG - 5 Period Day

SPECIAL 5 PERIOD SCHEDULE (No SSR)

(68 min classes; 30 min lunch)

Chimes	8:00
Block 1	8:03-9:14
Block 2/SSR	9:21-10:44
Block 3	10:51-11:59
Lunch	11:59-12:29
Block 4	12:34-1:42
Block 5	1:49-3:00

Tuesday, May 17 - Period A Review & Exam, Level Awards, Periods BC Exam Review

8:00	Chimes
8:20 -9:05	Review Period (A)
9:05-9:15	Break
9:15-10:45	Period A Exam
10:55-11:25	Level Awards
11:25-12:10	Lunch
12:10 -12:55	Review Period (B)
1:05- 1:50	Review Period (C)

Wednesday, May 19

8:00-8:10	Prayer, Roll and Announcements
8:10-9:40	Period B Exam
9:40-9:50	Break
9:50-11:20	Period C Exam
11:25-12:10	Lunch
12:10-12:55	Period D Review
1:05-1:50	Period E Review

Thursday, May 20

8:00-8:10	Prayer, Roll and Announcements
8:10-9:40	Period D Exam
9:40-9:50	Break
9:50-11:20	Period E Exam
11:25-12:10	Lunch
12:10-12:55	Period F Review
1:05-1:50	Period G Review

Friday, May 24

8:00	Chimes
8:10 - 9:40	Exam Period F
9:40 – 9:50	Break
9:55-11:25	Exam Period G
11:30	Dismissal



The Paul & Pat McWilliam's great-nephews (John, Walker, Hayden, Camden, & John) help celebrate their great uncle's \$1 million gift to SPS!

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 – the purest, highest kind of love!*

Even though it's the end of 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

Can't Believe We Are In the Final Days of April 2022 and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School – A Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School – again!

.... 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.