



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington
341 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
May 09 - 15, 2022



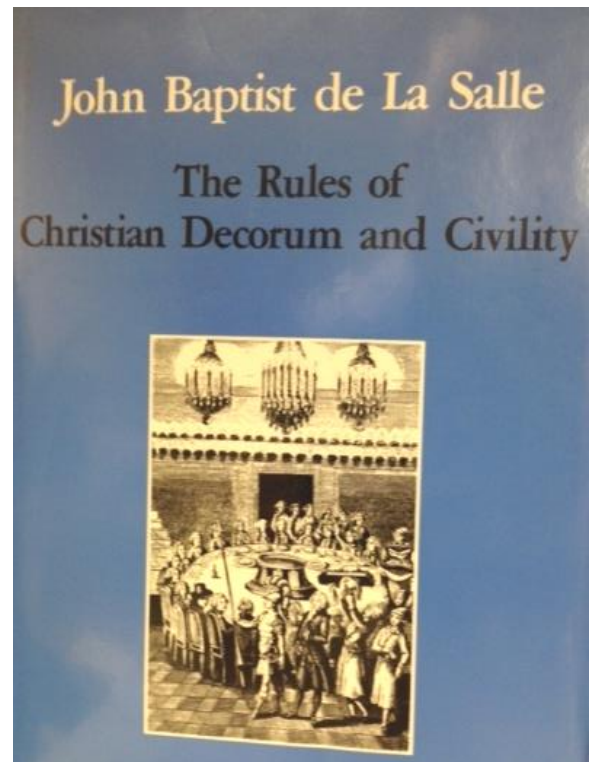
The Penultimate Edition -- Alleluia! He is risen!

Welcome to Week Eight of the fourth quarter, Week Seven of spring, Week Four of the Easter Season – and the penultimate week of the 2021 - 22 school year!

The first Monday of the second full week of May begins National Etiquette Week (NEW), designed to raise awareness of the importance of courtesy, civility, and good manners in everyday life. Civility is a vital part of the professional and social realms—business, social, dining, travel, technology, wedding, and international protocol. But we need civility in everyday life.

Civility was so important to Saint John Baptist de La Salle that he wrote a student reader entitled “Rules of Christian Civility and Decorum.” It’s a masterpiece. Here is a very small sampling of topics covered:

- *What decorum permits in regard to interrupting others*
- *How to act when meeting someone*
- *Things you should do before eating; how to eat politely; how to request things at the table; how to take portions for yourself; what to do with gravy and fruit; how to eat soup; how to carve meat; how to leave the table*
- *The nose and the manner of blowing your nose and sneezing*
- *How to greet a person you are visiting.*
- *Faults committed when you speak against your neighbor*
- *How to wear a hat*
- *How to question, inquire, correct and give your opinion*
- *The manner of dressing and undressing*
- *Parts of the body which should be covered and the necessities of nature [I’m sure you can guess what these are!]*



Almost any human action you can imagine (especially in the life of boys!) is covered in this book – which was used to teach reading as well as manners. While parts are humorous by

today’s standards, the overarching message is that civility and decorum are not optional traits. And our job as educators and your job as parents is to help students adapt to the civil and decorous demands of modern-day life. Please encourage our students, your sons, to practice civility, especially manners, this week – and always – and let’s all commit **to setting the example** for the young people entrusted to our care.

In these days of COVID precautions and growing impatience, Christian decorum and civility are needed more than ever! And we need new chapters of this book on twenty-second hand washings, how NOT to shake hands – and much more! Civility & Decorum – rules forevermore!

Mon, May 09 (D E F G)

- **This Day in History:** The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee opens impeachment hearings against President Richard Nixon. They will vote to impeach him on July 30.
- **TDIH:** In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issues a presidential proclamation officially establishes Mother's Day holiday to celebrate America's mothers.
- **8th Grade Exams** through Wed.

Tue, May 10 (A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1869, the first transcontinental railroad is completed.
- **Lupus Awareness Day:** Lupus is a debilitating, potentially fatal autoimmune disease capable of damaging virtually any part of the body, including the skin, heart, lungs, kidneys, and brain.
- **Clean Up Your Room Day:** OK let's do this for mom today!
- **Band Awards (6:30 in the BAC)**

Wed, May 11 (E F G A)

- **TDIH: In 1997 the chess-playing computer Deep Blue beat human chess champion Garry Kasparov.** Kasparov won the first game easily. In the second game, he laid what he considered to be a foolproof trap for the computer — but the computer didn't go for it. It made a completely unexpected move. That rattled Kasparov, and he was confused even more when the computer's next move was a really bad one. Kasparov was visibly frustrated, and eventually got up and left the stage, forfeiting the game. It turns out that that unexpected move by Deep Blue was probably due to a software glitch. It was faced with so many choices that it couldn't decide, so it made a random move. In game six, with the match tied at two and a half games, Kasparov misplayed his opening. Deep Blue took advantage and defeated him in 12 moves. Deep Blue has retired and now lives in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.
- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day:** We remember those who serve in our armed forces and the sacrifices their families make during deployment. Say a prayer for all military spouses today.
- **Eat What You Want Day:** Health permitting, go ahead and indulge today!
- **Athletic Awards Ceremony** this morning in the gym. I have said it before and I will say it again: I will match our athletic program against any school. And ditto for our coaches – and not just for their knowledge of their sport, but for the content of their character, their commitment to Lasallian values, and their unswerving dedication to our students. We have had a great year. While I know the purpose of this morning is to honor the students, our coaching staff deserves great recognition, too. How many schools can boast what we regularly accomplish at district, parish, region, state and national levels? Wow. Go Wolves!
- **Grad Night:** The senior parents will fete the Class of 2022 from 5 – 8 this evening.



Thu, May 12 (B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 2016, the **Walker Percy Serenity Circle** was dedicated at the Madisonville Library. Dr. Percy, one of the 20th century's most significant novelists, lived just a few blocks from SPS. He and his wife, Bunt, often walked through the campus and attended mass with Brothers. Three of his four grandsons are alumni of SPS and two of his great-grandchildren are current students. Upon his death, the family directed memorial donations to SPS, which continue to fund the Walker and Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship Award. We remain grateful to the Percy Family. Read a Walker Percy novel if you never have – or even if you have! SPS is blessed with autographed first edition copies of all of his works, and I am blessed with a dedicated volume, given to me as a gift.
- **Limerick Day** (a five-line anapestic meter poem with a rhyme scheme of a a b b a – but you knew that.) Here's what many consider the best limerick ever (at least one that can be printed in a Catholic newsletter!), written by American poet & humorist Ogden Nash:

*A flea and a fly in a flue
were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue*

- And here's another by Carolyn Wells:
*A tutor who tooted the flute
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot,
Said the two to the tutor
"Is it harder to toot or
To tutor two tutors to toot?"*

- And from poet Martin Smith:
*A goat on a stroll near a brook
Found an old movie film and partook.
"Was it good?" asked his mate.
Said the goat "Second rate"
Not nearly as good as the book!"*



They are smiling after reading the limericks!

- **Eucharistic Minister Training:** We have received permission from the Office of Worship to conduct training for our juniors who wish to be EMs next school year, both at school and in their home parishes. I am pleased that 30 juniors have asked to undergo training and serve in this ministry. We are blessed and the future of the Church is blessed, too. Thanks to CM Jeff Ramon for organizing and promoting this ministry.
- **Academic Awards Ceremony this morning in the gym for grades 9 -12. Seniors will be notified if they are receiving an award so they can be present; 8th grade will receive their awards at tonight's promotion ceremony.**
- **Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony:** Tonight, we honor our pre-freshman for completing their first year of Lasallian education and promote them to ninth grade. It's always special to see them looking grown up & singing robustly. We are blessed with the Class of 2026 and look forward to more accomplishments

Fri, May 13 (F G A B)

- **Final President's Assembly:** In addition to some end of year recognitions, we will end with the traditional "moving over" ceremony for the juniors, thus making them seniors. I will tell the juniors that I honor and recognize them as the SPS Class of 2023. I will remind them that (in a paraphrase of the words of St. Peter): **"They are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School."** And we will, I hope, have time to listen to Baroque genius George Frideric Handel's **"Amen"** from his masterpiece, *Messiah* (not "The Messiah"!)) and exit to Mouret's *Rondeau from Sinfonie de Fanfare*.
- **Frog Jumping Day:** Be kind to frogs today! They are all over our campus! This day can be traced back to Missouri author Mark Twain, and his first short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" – which is worth reading today

Sat, May 14

- **TDIH:** 1948, in Tel Aviv, the State of Israel, is established, the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.
- **Chicken Dance Day:** OK with me if you dance like a chicken today – but not at graduation!
- **One Hundred Eleventh Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School.** We pray for the 161 members of the Class of 2022!



Our campus egret fishes for a meal in our pond!

Sun, May 15

- **Traditional feast of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.** Today, Lasallians around the world celebrate this amazing saint and his educational commitment to young people, especially the poor and those in need.
- **TDIH:** In 1950, Pope Pius XII declares John Baptist de La Salle "Patron of All Teachers of Youth." Here are the Pope's words: *Having carefully considered the matter, we now, with sure knowledge and due deliberation, and in the exercise of our apostolic authority, constitute and proclaim, for all time, St. John Baptist de La Salle, Confessor, principal patron before God, of all teachers of youth, and we accord him all liturgical honours and privileges appropriate to that title.. Given at Rome, from St. Peter's, and sealed with the Fisherman's ring, this 15th day of May, feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, in the twelfth year of our pontificate.* All teachers should celebrate our Patron's feast!
- **TDIH: In 2011, the One Hundredth Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School occur.** Elliott Reid Thompson was salutatorian and Harrison Marc Richard was valedictorian. Elliott is currently an MD in internal medicine in Shreveport and Harrison, after graduating from Duke, is in the world of high finance! We are proud of them and all of our centennial graduates!
- **Chocolate Chip Day:** go ahead and indulge with a cookie or CC ice cream!

Rise Up, O Men of God

ADMISSIONS: We are now scheduling 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**

ATTENDANCE II: I need to express my disappointment at the number of non-necessary absences of late – especially among the upper grades.

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.
- **Bookstore annual Sidewalk Sale will be Saturday morning, May 7.** Details next week.
- **The Mothers' Club is offering school supply boxes via Ramrock.** Orders can be placed via the St. Paul's link below, dropping off form in the bookstore, or mailing form to Brenda Melancon (see form for address). Paper orders will be accepted until May 31, 2022 and online orders will be accepted through July 15, 2022. Please notice that ALL orders MUST be picked up from St. Paul's bookstore during Back-to-School Week from Friday, July 29 – Wednesday, August 3 excluding Sunday, July 31.

<https://www.ramrockschoolsupplies.com/collections/st-pauls-school-supply-packs>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: We received our quarterly check last week: \$38.50. And while I am grateful for any amount, this was a bit disappointing. I think we have been overlooking this absolutely free money with no strings attached. Please encourage your sons to submit the box tops, which are found on many, many grocery items that I know our families use. The math department, in the past, has been a leader in this drive. I hope it continues.

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
Sat, May 13	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Thurs – Tues, May 18-23	Final Exams
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.

CAMP ABBEY: Although most staff positions for summer camp have been filled, there are still a few spots they are still working on:

- Boys Camp Senior Counselor (8 available positions) – young men in college and graduating HS Seniors (May 31-June 4 training, June 5-July 2 Boys Camp)
- Summer Camp Nurse (1 week session available)
- Boys Camp Junior Counselor (2 available positions) – HS Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors (June 4 training, June 19-July 2 Boys Camp Weeks 3 & 4)
- Interested parties may apply at <https://campabbey.org/index.php/summer-camp/staff-app> Questions may be directed to Billy O'Regan at boregan@arch-no.org

CARE AND VIGILANCE: Parents, please stress with your sons that we still have several days 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.



FIRST Robotics team with their robot!

COURSE SELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR: Last week, we emailed to returning students the courses they are scheduled to take next week. Please note: this was just a listing of the classes they signed up for, not the order in which the periods will run. If your son is registered and he did not receive this email, please let us know. Any changes must be done NOW before we run the final schedule in the next few weeks. If your son is not returning and you have not notified us, please have the courtesy (see note on civility and decorum) to do so.

DRESS CODE – VERY IMPORTANT: Due in part to the challenges of COVID the past two years, 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.

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 concerning pants / shorts. We may even start sending repeat violators home (as done in other schools) if they are out of compliance with our dress code.**

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.**
- **NO PFG or “FISHING” SHORTS ALLOWED.**
- Pants/shorts may be pleated or unpleated.
- **All pants/shorts must have a ZIPPER, 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 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.** 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 very 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.

- **Socks & Shoes:**

- Shoes must be in good condition. Tennis shoes with laces meeting these criteria are allowed on regular school days.
- Sandals, slip on beach shoes with no laces, boots of any kind, or clog-styled shoes are not allowed.
- On days when students are required to wear dress uniforms, dress shoes (not tennis shoes) are required.
- Students must wear Saint Paul's uniform socks (available at Bayou or the Mothers' Club Book Store).

- **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.

- **IDs:** 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 4 or 5. 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 if a student is late. 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!

GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS is currently occurring in Rome. A General Chapter assesses the needs of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the global Lasallian family and seeks creative responses to ensure those needs are met. Typically held every seven years, the Superior General and General Councilors are elected and entrusted with the vision of the Chapter. The first General Chapter was held in 1694 with 13 Brothers, including Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The three primary themes for the 46th General Chapter are: association for mission, leadership, sustainability and governance, and life of the Brothers. After the General Chapter, the decisions will be published. Leaders in the Regions, Districts and Delegations will determine how to implement the decisions locally. Please say a prayer for this important gathering of the Brothers.

GYM FLOOR DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY: One year ago this week, we dedicated the new gym floor in honor of the George Boudreaux Family – who were present in force for the ceremony. In view of George’s long and substantial support of Saint Paul’s (to say nothing of him being an alumnus along with his four sons and now grandsons), this honor was long overdue. Signage, courtesy of B & K Signs, was installed. Thanks to Danielle and her Development Team for pursuing this dedication and making it a reality. Let’s hope there are other Boudreaux Families out there who will support SPS at their level for many years to come!

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:

- **AP Testing:** Thanks to Joanna, Trevor, and Joe for a great start to our AP testing. We wish the boys well!
- **Band Concert: Outstanding! Bravo!** Congrats to the Musical Wolves! I was deeply touched by the final number: Ecstasy of Gold from The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly! Who needs YoY o Ma? (ask your son!)
- **End of Season Ceremonies:** Congrats to Rugby, Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, and Track for great seasons and enjoyable celebrations last week. Thanks to coaches who give up so much time! Special thanks to the Impastato Family for treating Frisbee wolves to dinner at Sal & Judy’s for their celebration!
- **Football:** Spring practice has gone well! It all ends Friday with the Pie Bowl!
- **Give NOLA Day:** 88 donors raised \$13,220 last Tuesday – to assist us in repairing, replacing, and improving Ida damages on campus which were not fully reimbursed by insurance. Over the past eight years, we have garnered over \$80,000 from GiveNola! Thanks to ALL who helped. Special thanks to Danielle & Mimi for promoting this event so skillfully.
- **Golf:** 3rd in State in Division I! Well done, Wolves! And special congrats to Josh Achord for winning the individual boys’ championship! Well done, Josh! Congrats Coach Barwick and Golfing Wolves!
- **MC Bookstore Sale:** Lots of bargains and lots of shoppers kept the MC Bookstore staff busy on Sat!
- **MC Day of Reflection:** Hope the day on Friday led to peace and serenity in the busy lives of our moms.
- **Pack Time:** My pack ended on an upbeat note; hope yours did, too. Thanks, Jeff, for all of your work preparing Pack Times this year! We want to make them even more meaningful next year!
- **Physicals:** Thanks to the Doctors and staff of AVALA Ortho Covington for providing FREE physicals for our athletes and band members. LHSAA & SPS regs require a YEARLY physical for participation.
- **Vaping Presentations by Ochsner:** Great information presented to sophs and juniors. Let’s pray the info takes hold in our students’ habits! Parents, please reinforce the message!

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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.



PRE-FRESHMAN PROMOTION CEREMONY INFO:

- Mon, May 9: exams; promotion practice
- Tue, May 10: exams; promotion practice
- Wed, May 11: 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 per family.
- A reception by the Mother's Club is after the ceremony. Attendance at this is optional.
- In the past, this ceremony takes place within a Catholic Liturgy of the Word.
- **If your son will not be attending the ceremony, please let me know so we can arrange proper stage seating. If he is not attending, you may pick him up after exams. He is excused from practices.**



SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION:

- **On Apr 29, each senior was issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets were handed directly to the senior. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced. Caps/gowns were also issued on that day.**
- Mon – Fri, May 09-13: seniors **do not** report to school except for AP Exams and the following:
 - Wed, May 11: Senior Grad Night (5-8 pm) – see poster below
 - 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**. Seniors report to cafeteria at 3:15. The beautiful ceremony, within the context of a Catholic mass, **lasts about two hours**.
- Note: Everything seniors need to know was part of printed set instructions given to them on Friday, Apr 29.
- **The ceremony lasts about two hours.**

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR GRAD NIGHT



- May 11th
- Under the Wolf Dome
- 5pm-8pm
- Check-in 5pm-5:15pm
- Food, Games, and Prizes!
- SENIORS ONLY!

BIG GIFT BINGO STARTS AT 7PM



**MUST BE PRESENT THE ENTIRE TIME TO RECEIVE
YOUR RAFFLE GIFTS**

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

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL: All elections are over; congrats to da' winners:

Saint Paul's Student Council 2022-2023

Executive Board:

President Ben Barousse
Vice President Ethan Wilson
Secretary Sam Gold
Treasurer Grant Voyles

Class of 2023

President Peter Verges
Vice President Christian Cowley
Secretary Mason Schwall

Class of 2024

President Jacob Strecker
Vice President Peyton Kilgore
Secretary Kaiden Klebba

Class of 2025

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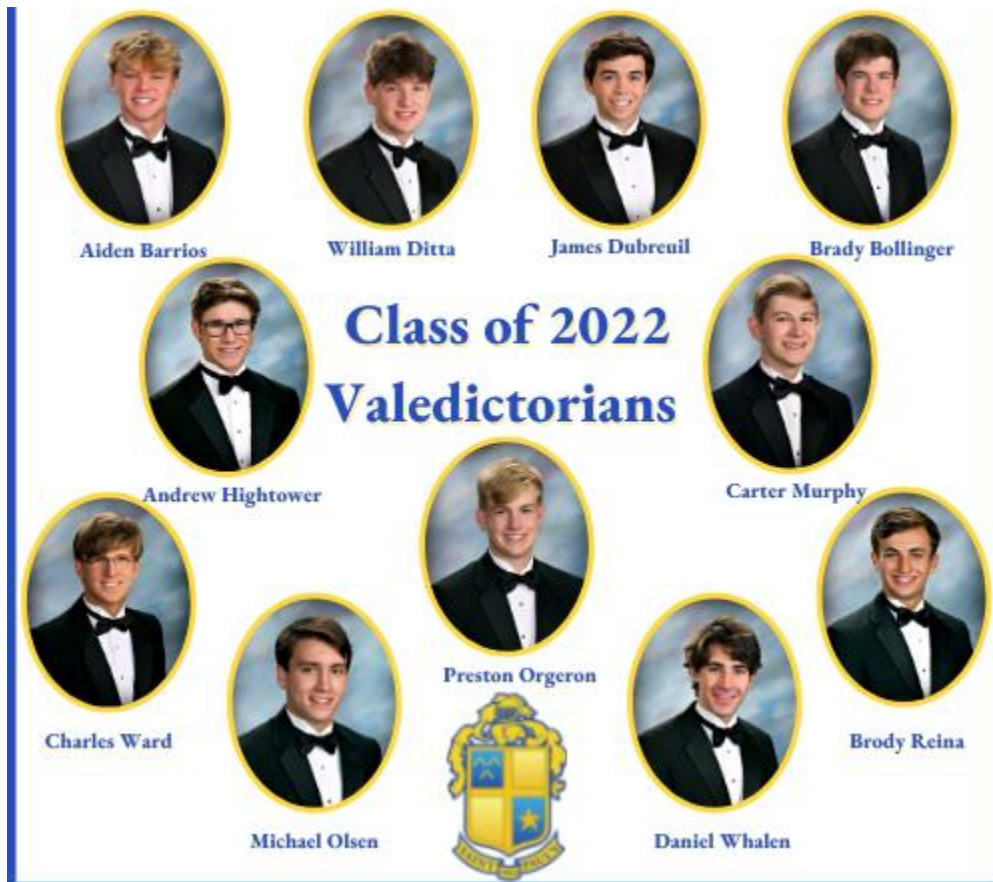


Seniors keep coming back!

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.

VAPING: ALERT! VAPING IS ON THE RISE. Accordingly, Ochsner Hospital presented a special vaping education program to our students last week. **THE INFORMATION WAS EXCELLENT – AND COMPELLING!** But even with Ochsner and our own education, **WE CAN'T CONTROL IT WITHOUT PARENTAL HELP!** After having made headway against this insidious habit, we are discovering increased levels of usage by some students. Please stress this with your sons. We have made our position very clear – it is prohibited and strong consequences are imposed if it is discovered. But we can't police outside of school – parents, **PLEASE** insist with your sons that the dangers of his trend are not worth the risk. Do not allow him to become addicted. We have made too much progress in this area to go backwards.



A collection of ten oval portraits of young men in tuxedos, arranged around a central text block. The text reads "Class of 2022 Valedictorians". Below the portraits are the names of the students. In the center, below the text, is the school crest featuring a shield with a cross, a star, and a banner that says "SAINT PAULS".

Aiden Barrios William Ditta James Dubreuil Brady Bollinger

Andrew Hightower **Class of 2022 Valedictorians** Carter Murphy

Charles Ward Preston Orgeron Brody Reina

Michael Olsen Daniel Whalen



A collection of two oval portraits of young men in tuxedos, flanking a central school crest. The text above the portraits reads "Class of 2022 Salutatorians". The crest is the same as in the previous block, featuring a shield with a cross, a star, and a banner that says "SAINT PAULS".

Class of 2022 Salutatorians

Camden Cantrelle Kason Shaw



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



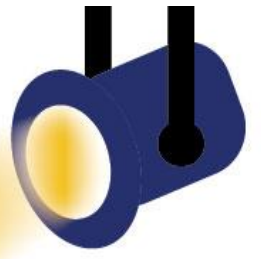
July 18-22 - Rugby

- 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



WOLF JAM



FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022
5-9 PM
COVINGTON TRAILHEAD

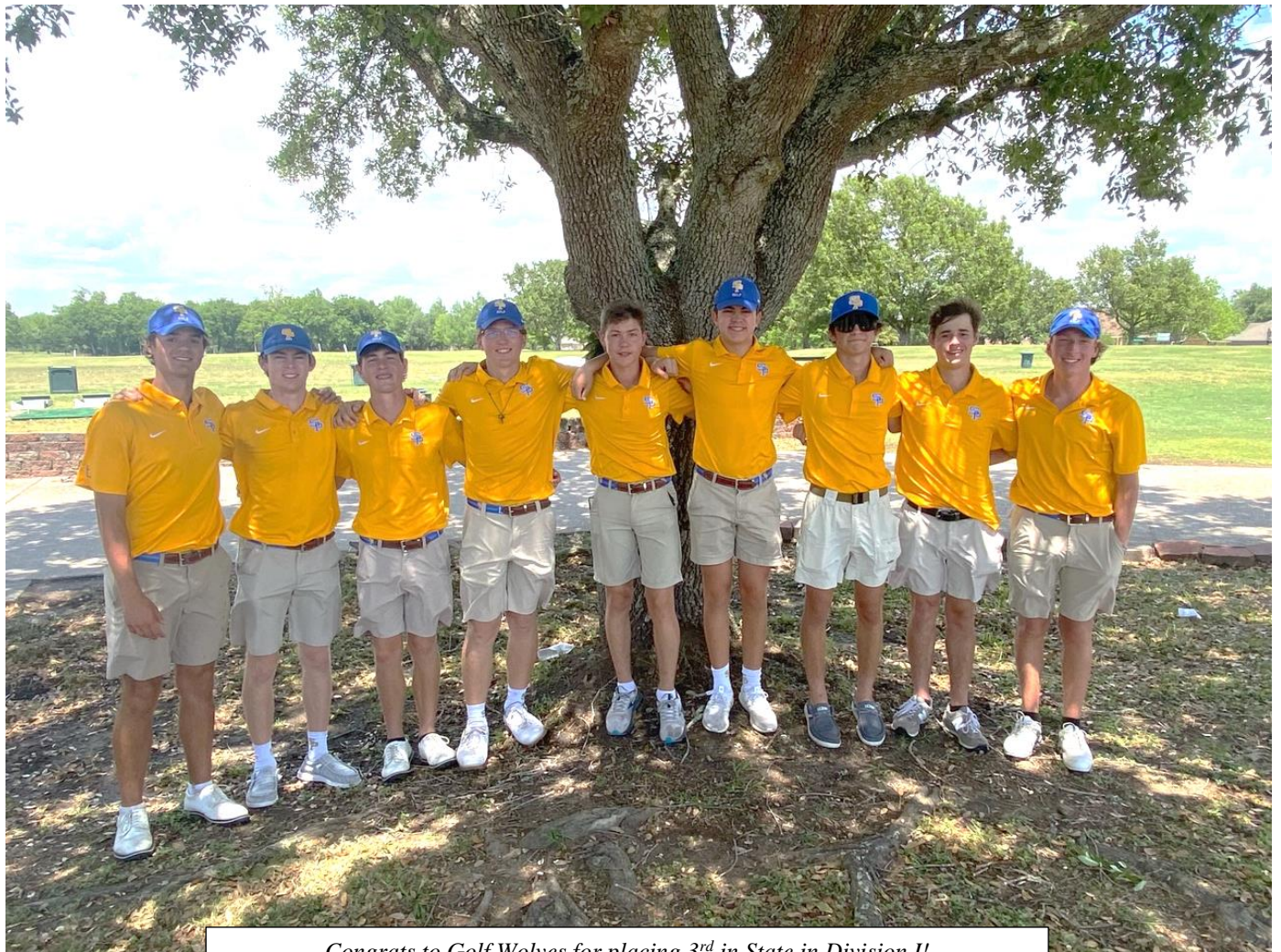
ALUMNI AND STUDENT RUN
BATTLE OF THE BANDS

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IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

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WEEKLY HUMOR:

- *What do you call a fork with three prongs? A threek!*
- *What do you call a sleeping paper towel? A napkin.*
- *Why did the chewing gum cross the road? 'Cause I stepped on it.*
- *Dad: I am on a seafood diet. Kid: What is that? Dad: I see food and I eat it!*
- *What did Obi Wan say to Skywalker when he was teaching table manners? Use the forks, Luke.*
- *What do you call houses who have good behavior? Manors.*
- *My friend told me I was bad at chewing. I found that rather hard to swallow.*
- *Have you ever tried eating a clock? It's really time-consuming... especially if you go for seconds!*
- *What state has the best table manners? Con-etiquette!*
- *What did the Vulcan manner's teacher say to his students? Live long and proper.*
- *My friend got fired from his dairy farm job because of behavior. He was a danger to himself and udders.*
- *My mom said that sitting on a computer 8 hours a day is unhealthy. I said that's why I use a chair.*
- *It's proper manners to knock on the fridge door before opening it in case there's a salad dressing*
- *How does Reese eat cereal? Witherspoon.*
- *What do you call a nearsighted cowboy? Squint Eastwood.*
- *Why did the Jedi cross the road? To get to the dark side.*
- *What kind of noise does a witch's vehicle make? Brrrrooom, brrrooom.*



Congrats to Golf Wolves for placing 3rd in State in Division I!

A LOOK AHEAD:

May

- 9 – DEFG – 8th Grade Exams
- 10 – ABCD - 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
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

(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
11:25-12:00	Lunch
12:00 -12:45	Review Period (B)
12:55- 1:40	Review Period (C)

Wednesday, May 18

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
11:25-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:45	Period D Review
12:55-1:40	Period E Review

Thursday, May 19

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
11:25-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:45	Period F Review
12:55-1:40	Period G Review

Friday, May 20

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



for 2022-23 School Supply Boxes \$89 Early Bird Price*

Save time and money by ordering your school supplies through Ramrock School Supplies. Locally owned and operated, they'll handle all your school supply needs by providing exactly what is on St. Paul's school supply list using high-quality items.



8 th - 12 th Grade School Supply Boxes		
*Early Bird Deadline	May 31, 2022	\$89
Final Deadline	July 15, 2022	\$96

How to Order – There are 2 ways to order school supply boxes:

Paper Order: Drop this order form off at St. Paul's bookstore or mail to: *Brenda Melancon, 731 Place Saint Etienne, Covington, LA 70433*. Final deadline for paper orders received through the school is May 31, 2022.

1) **Online Order:** Order online at www.ramrockschoolsupplies.com or scan the QR Code below. Deadline for online orders at the discounted price is May 31, 2022. Final deadline for ordering online is July 15, 2022.

Payment –

- 1) **Cash or Check:** Send in cash or a check payable to St. Paul's Mothers' Club with the order form.
- 2) **Credit Card or PayPal:** Order online or order in person at Ramrock located at 3701 Hwy 59 in Mandeville. (*Sales tax will be added to all in-store and online orders.*)

Delivery: Deliver to St. Paul's High School: School supply boxes will be delivered directly to St. Paul's High School to be picked up during Book Week (7/29/22 – 8/3/22) at St. Paul's Bookstore.



Boxes will be available for pick up during
Back to School Week
Friday, Jul 29th – Wednesday, Aug. 3rd
(Excluding Sunday, July 31st)
at the St Paul's Bookstore.

Questions? Contact Mary at Ramrock School Supplies (mary@ramrockschoolsupplies.com) or (985) 951-2595.

FOR YOUR RECORDS, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF A NOTE OF YOUR ORDER AND YOUR FORM OF PAYMENT

St. Paul's Mothers' Club – Ramrock School Supply Order Form

Complete this form and return to St. Paul's Bookstore by May 31, 2022.

St. Paul's High School 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Print Student's Name Circle the Student's 2022-23 Grade

Print Additional Student(s)/Grade

Print Parent's Name Phone Number Email

2022-23 Grade <i>(Next School Year)</i>	Quantity	*Discounted Price <i>(Includes Tax)</i>
8 th - 12 th Grade Supply Box		\$89 \$96
Total # of Boxes:		Total \$:
Payment form of a check is payable to: St Paul Mothers' Club		

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 penultimate week of the school year, 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!



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Can't Believe We Are in the Penultimate Week of 2021-22 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.