



The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter
Celebrating 110 years of educational excellence in Covington
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The Final 2021-22 Edition



Alleluia! He is risen!

Welcome to Week One of summer vacation, Week Eight of spring, Week Six of the Easter Season!

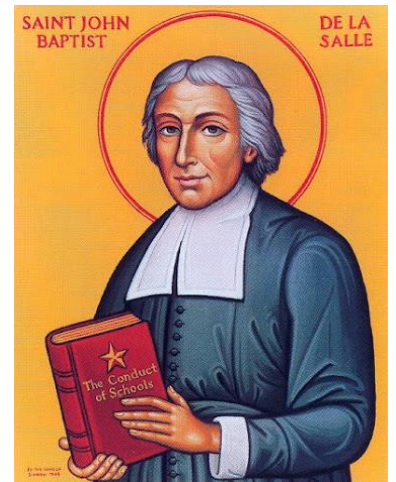
My last newsletter (I hear you cheering!) will be brief. My final Lasallian thought is the same one I use every year at this time: a short excerpt from Saint John Baptist de La Salle's last Meditation for the Time of Retreat to the Brothers entitled: *On the reward that a Brother should expect in heaven, if he is faithful in the work.*

Saint La Salle wrote this meditation because the life of the early brothers was VERY hard – and he needed to assure them that they would one day be rewarded by Almighty God. He made sure they read this meditation every year.

I shared the meditation with the faculty last week and asked them to believe that St. La Salle wrote the meditation for them, too, for their lives as teachers are challenging (especially in a pandemic!), and they need to believe they are valued by Almighty God and doing His work.

I share the excerpt from the meditation with you, too, because as parents, you are the primary educators of your children as you lead them on the path to salvation. Your work as parent is hard, but it is God's work. I believe, therefore, that Saint La Salle's words apply equally to you, too:

Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed children, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven. Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself.



Thank you for your parental ministry. I am profoundly awestruck by the responsibility you have in raising your children. I am most grateful that you have allowed Saint Paul's to share in your parental teaching ministry. I pray that the work we have done this past year will help ensure the truth of Saint La Salle's words for all of us when our day of judgment comes and that "all heaven" is resounding with the good example and instruction you provide to your children.

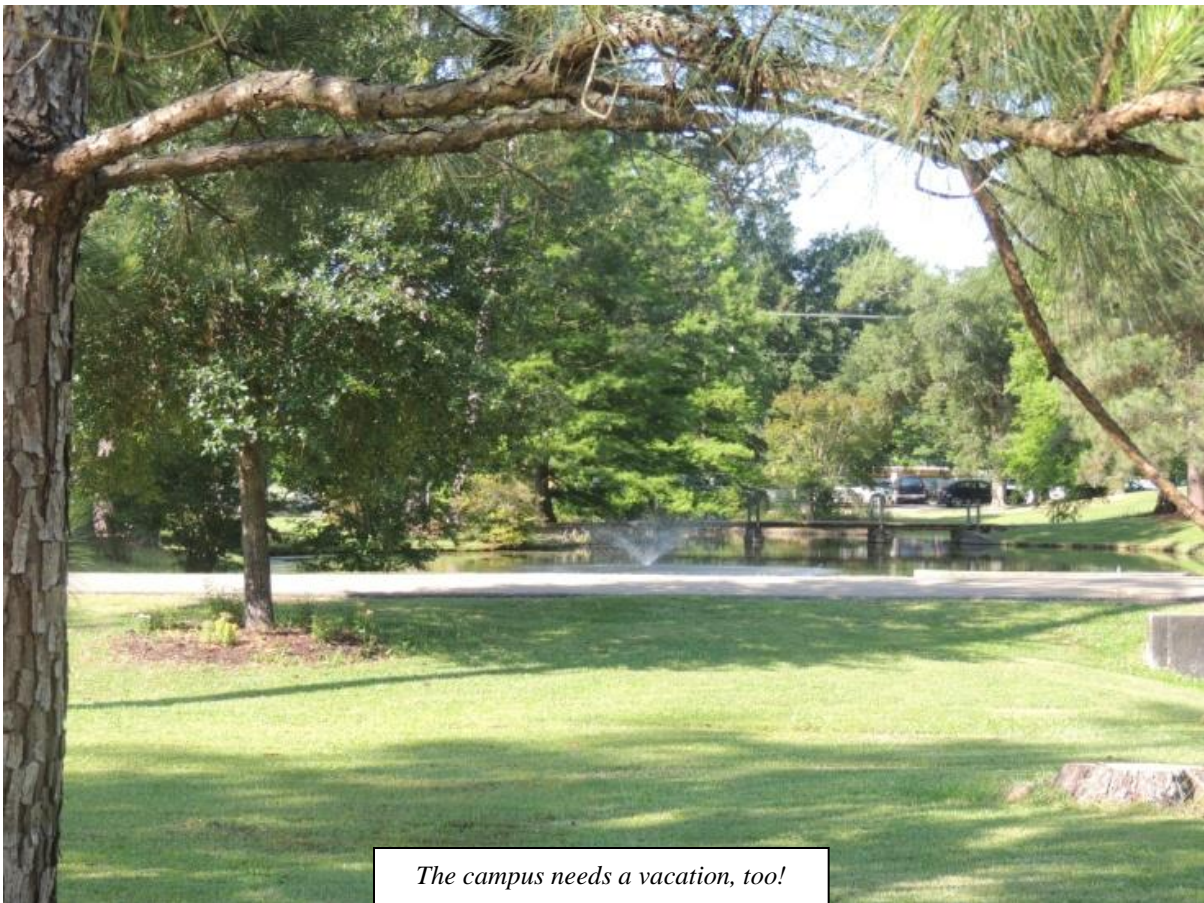
Thanks for 2021 - 22 and here's looking to
2022 - 23 – the 12th year of our second century!

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.



The campus needs a vacation, too!

ARCHBISHOP AYMOND’S MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: In the past, Archbishop Aymond issued the following letter at the end of the school year. While he didn’t issue it again this year, it’s worth reading again. I encourage our students to heed these words of the Archbishop:

- *I pray in a special way for each of the young people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Know that you are important to all of our ministries, in parishes, schools and other programs.*
- *I am aware of the educational experience you have received in regard to the use of electronic media. You know very well how to use the tools and you know intellectually the consequences when social media is not used respectfully.*
- *I want to reach out to you at the moral level and beg you to remember that it isn't how much you know that is crucial, but rather, the respect that you show for God, yourself, and others when you communicate through cell phones, computers, and other technology.*
- *Always treat other people in a manner that shows your awareness of their reflecting the image of God. In all ways let your friends, classmates, and acquaintances know that they are respected. Speak out if you know someone is being abused or bullied. Share the information with a parent, priest, or teacher who can step in and help. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has the staff available to help you in abusive or bullying situations.*
- *One of your many responsibilities at this time is to make choices which will allow you the opportunity to make decisions about your future education or career choices. Choose wisely. Choose only those opportunities and interactions which will give you a greater chance to achieve all of the goals you set for yourself and those which God has in store for you.*
- *If you need help, please let a member of the clergy, a Catholic School Administrator, a Director of Religious Education, or your youth minister know.*

ASSEMBLY: I hope the students enjoyed our final President’s Assembly on May 13. Here’s what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to Jean-Joseph Mouret’s “Rondeau” – the same piece we listened to on August 10 at the first assembly of the year. The Rondeau is a baroque piece of music that set the tone for our year of drama and excitement and majesty, and it certainly has been a year of drama, excitement and majesty! I reminded the students that today was the traditional feast day of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, who was named on this day in 1950 as the Patron Saint of Teachers by Pope Pius XII.
- Reminded the students that 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.



SPS brotherhood visible following senior graduation ceremony

- Since only three levels were present, I told the students I would “roll over” recognitions to the new school year, we were running out of time, I called attention to the empty bleachers where seniors sit and said it was time to fill those places. I asked the juniors if they were ready to assume the mantle of leadership at SPS; if they were ready to be role models for the student body; if they were ready to accept the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being seniors. They resoundingly replied, “Yes, Saint Paul’s, I’m ready!” I then said: *By the authority vested in me by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Board of Trustees of the Saint Paul’s School, the Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, I recognize and honor these young men as the Saint Paul’s Senior Class of 2023 – the twelfth class of our second century. With this recognition go all the honors, privileges and responsibilities that being a senior imparts. For they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical Christ and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul’s School in our age. Done in Covington, Louisiana on this 13th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 2022 – 112 years after the founding of Saint Paul’s School by the Benedictine Monks of St. Joseph Abbey, 104 years after the Christian Brothers assumed ownership of Saint Paul’s in 1918, and 342 years after Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools.* The juniors then rose and moved into the senior section, thus officially commencing their senior year. In honor, they sang “Rise Up O Men of God.” It was a moving experience – literally!
- We then listened to “The Amen” from Handel’s “Messiah.” **Rising Junior Peyton Kilgore** extinguished the prayer candle while “Rondeau” played in the background. I begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during these final days and to make safe choices throughout the summer. I then thanked the student body for a great year and closed by apologizing if I omitted recognizing anyone during year. I reminded the students of their obligation to love and serve the Lord and each other both now and throughout the summer. We exited to the strains of Mouret’s “Rondeau”, leaving the gym for the last time for 2021 - 11. It was a wonderful assembly – a least I thought so! I had a great time!

AWARD WINNERS: The following students won major awards at our recent ceremony:

- American Legion Citizen of the Year Award: **Marco Vargas**
- National Merit Commended Students: **Marco Vargas and Blake Weimer**
- National Merit Finalists: **Thomas Cazenavette, William Ditta, Walker Dubreuil, Gage Graham, Andrew Hightower, Carter Murphy, Zachary Nichols, Michael Olsen, Preston Orgeron, Brody Reina, Kason Shaw and Danny Whalen**
- District Attorney’s Senior High Award: **Andrew Hightower**
- District Attorney’s Junior High Award: **Connor Russo**
- Graham Thomas Jordan Memorial Award: **Trevor Flood and Peter Verges**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering Medal: **Max Hastings**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Business Medal: **Riley Hnatyshyn**
- Ponchartrain Cancer Center Biomedical Sciences Medal: **Andrew Hightower**
- Francis H. Richard Memorial Habitat for Humanity Award: **Kieffer Schwartz**
- Special Habitat for Humanity Awards: **Blake Weimer, Camden Cantrelle, President Walker Dubreuil, Vice President Preston Orgeron, Secretary William Ditta, Brian Lea, and Marco Vargas**
- Daren Boudreaux Memorial Award: **Peter Verges**
- Eric Kolb Memorial Award: **Kennedy Jackson & Dominic Roy**

- Larry McIntire Memorial Award for Social Studies Excellence: **Isaiah Ayo**
- Justin Addison Memorial Award: **Davis Peltier, Keegan Burrell, Evan Leaber, and Sean Roberts**
- 5 Year Perfect Attendance/Louis Ross Memorial Awards: **Beau Barré, Zachrey Gros, and Grant Nastasi.**
- 4 Year Perfect Attendance / Louis Ross Memorial Awards: **Daniel Bitterwolf, Anthony Davis, Nicholas Duplessis, Zachary Fenn, Kyle Kersker, and Carter Murphy**
- Al Doskey Memorial Outstanding Science Student Award: **Carter Murphy**
- Jan Neumann Outstanding Math Student Award: **Max Hastings**
- Modern Languages Outstanding Student: **Kyle Castillo**
- Quiz Bowl/Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Award: **John Palmer**
- Dr. Walker Percy/Brother Bill Parsons Writing Award: **Thomas Cazenavette**
- Walker & Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Writing Award: **Sam Gold**
- Robert Simpson Memorial Chosen Path Award: **Shawn Cooney**
- Joey Cherry Memorial Award: **Tate LeDoux and Daniel Dufour**
- Core Pack Mentor Award: **Kier Nunez**
- Francis Sharp Memorial Awards: **Clayton Cockfield, Andrew Hightower, and Carter Impastato**
- Order of St. La Salle Award for 100+ service hours:
 - Freshman: **Colin Ocman**
 - Sophomore: **Jacob Strecker**
 - Juniors: **Grayson Bulloch, Coleman Miles, and Peter Verges**
 - Seniors: **Briggs Cooper, Trey Faherty, and Nicholas Duplessis**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Augustine Galeziewski, Harrison Mayfield, Pietro Moreira, Kyle Olsen, Drake Ott, Samuel Palo, Harrison Sawyer, Ayaan Sheikh, Christian Spalitta**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal:
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Matthew Calamari, Jacob Cresson, Perrin Duhe, Adam Fields, Lathan Harrell, Andrew Kraus, and Jackson Picone**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Connor Almerico, Landon Krebs, Gray Cartier, Antonio Eversgerd, Caleb Tardo, Drew Talley, and Blake Williams**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **William Coles**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Kaiden Klebba and Preston Olivier**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Nicholas Achee, Keegan Burrell, Jacob Gracianette, and Sean Roberts**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Samuel Gold, Kilian Henderson, Ethan Wilson, and Peter Verges**
- 12th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **William Ditta, Walker Dubreuil, and Preston Orgeron**
- 12 Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Joseph Cresson**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Connor Russo**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Andrew Danenhower**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Nicolas Perdigao**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Eddie d’Hemecourt**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Shawn Cooney**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Joseph Mire**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **John Palmier**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Evan Leaber**

- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Andrew Hightower**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Carter Murphy**
- Christian Brothers Provincial Award: **Gabriel Simpson**
- Signum Fidei Award: **Briggs Cooper & Carter Murphy**

And I annually give out awards to our faculty, celebrating years of service in multiples of five.

- Completing 05 Years of SPS Service: **Mrs. Kelly Hightower, Mrs. Kathy Morlas, & Mr. Josh Pereira**
- Completing 10 Years of SPS Service: **Mr. Barrett Baumgartner, Mrs. Gina Hall, Mr. Vic Morlas, & Mrs. Christine Woodard**
- Completing 15 Years of SPS Service: **Mr. Sam Francis and Mr. Sean Moser**
- Completing 20 Years of SPS Service: **Mr. Chris Stipe**
- Special retirement gifts were presented to **Mr. John Carambat and Mr. Trevor Watkins** for their many years of service in the cause of Lasallian Education.
- Finally, I presented the Brother Charles Crouzet Award (our highest faculty award) to **Mrs. Rachel Peak.**

Whew! There were MANY more awards, but space does not allow for a comprehensive list. We are proud of our students who excelled this year. We look forward to even more achievement next year.



Pre-freshman Connor Russo and senior Andrew Hightower receive the District Attorney Award from Assistant District Attorney (and SPS alum, Class of 1999!) Collin Sims. Thanks to DA Warren Montgomery for continuing to sponsor these awards in the schools of the 22nd Judicial District.

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

- The new member camp will be July 11 - 13, 9-12:30 each day.
- The full band camp will be July 18 - 22. 9:00-6:00 each day
- Contact Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, at andrewm@stpauls.com for more info.
- Band is a GREAT way to become involved, become part of a wonderful SPS tradition, and have fun, too.

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.
- **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>

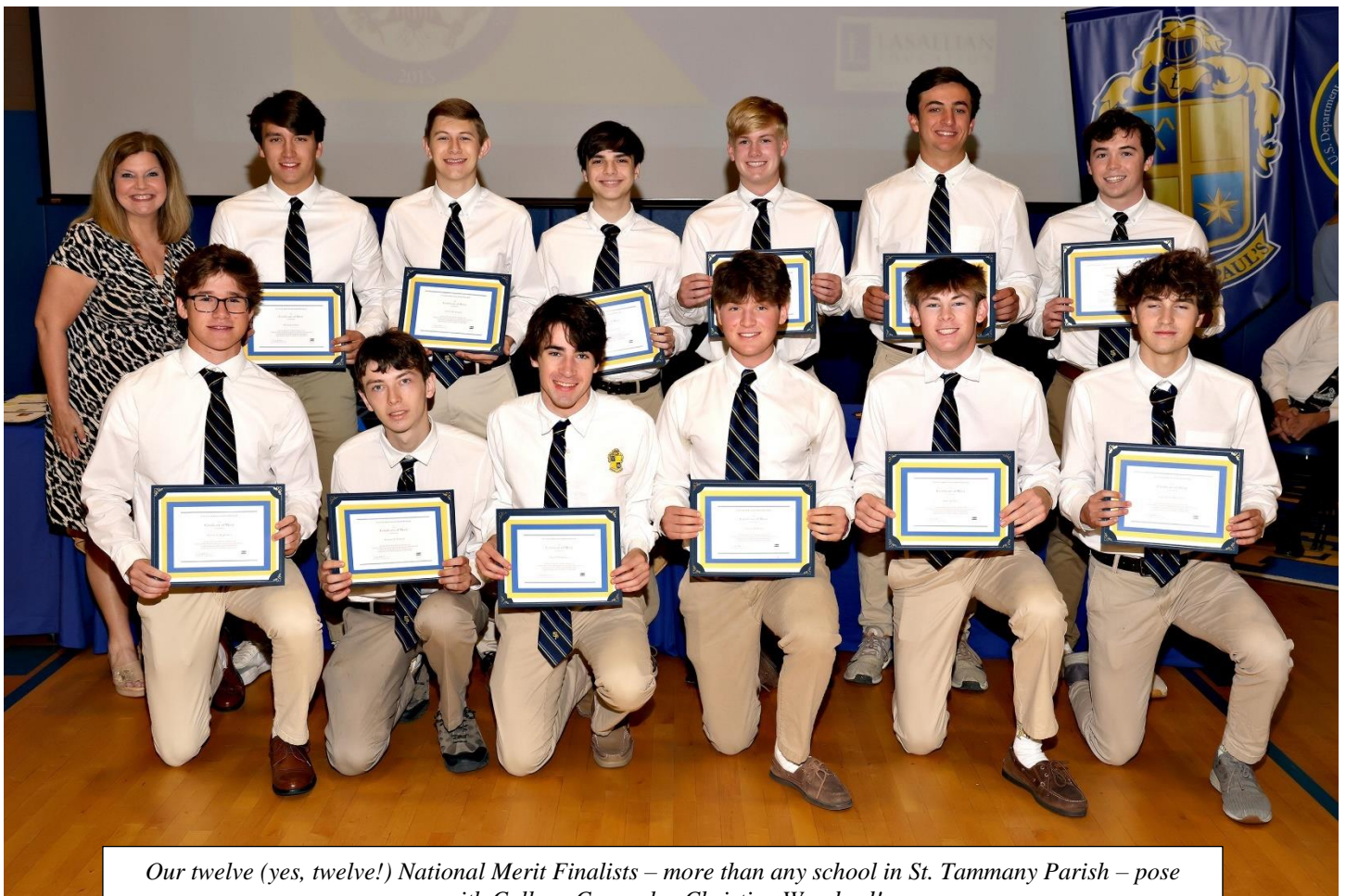
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: We received our quarterly check last week: \$38.50. And while I am grateful for any amount, this was a bit disappointing. I think we have been overlooking this absolutely free money with no strings attached. Please encourage your sons to submit the box tops, which are found on 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. Please save those Box Tops for Education over the summer!

CALENDAR FOR 2022-23:

Mon - Tues, Aug 1 & 2	Teacher Meetings
Tue, Aug 2	Orientation for 8 th grade and new 9 th grade students (5-7 pm)
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.



Our twelve (yes, twelve!) National Merit Finalists – more than any school in St. Tammany Parish – pose with College Counselor Christine Woodard!

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

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 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 (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 book store may be worn under 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 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 clogs are not allowed.
 - On dress uniform days, dress shoes (not tennis shoes) are required.
 - Students must wear SPS 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.

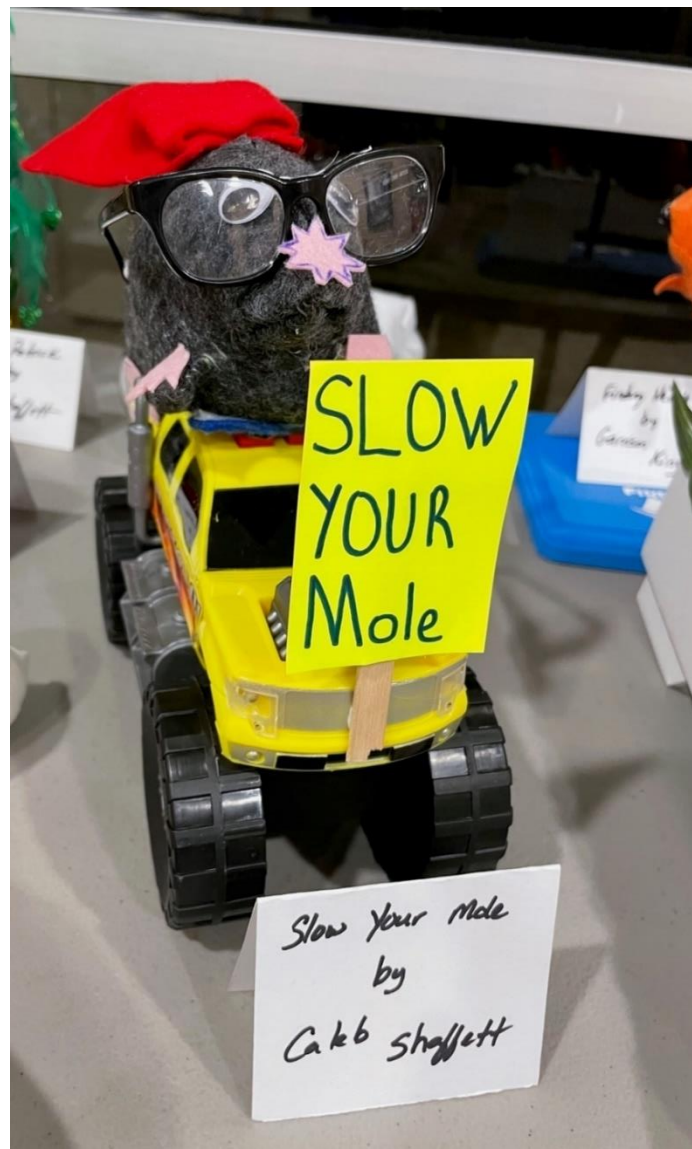
Thank you for supporting our efforts to have our students look as good as they are!



Senior Habitat for Humanity Club members pose with their Habitat awards – hammers encased in the Habitat logo. Mr. Richard Pichon moderates the club.

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!



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LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuition for 2022-23 is due on June 1st; the first payment for bank-financed tuition is also due. Students cannot start school in August if tuition/bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Thursday, August 4, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2022 - 23 school year calendar has been published in my newsletter for several months. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

NEWS WORTH NOTING: Volunteerism boosts self-esteem. The Journal of Adolescence reported that volunteering to assist strangers yielded more long-term benefits in teens than helping family or friends. In addition to having positive psychological impacts on teens, volunteering can increase physical exercise and prevent loneliness. Helping others does not have to be done on a grand scale, a small act of kindness is a great place to start. [Read more on this story.](#)

SCHEDULING FOR NEXT YEAR: Students have selected their courses for next year. **Only registered students were allowed to schedule classes.**

REPORT CARDS will be emailed on May 27, although grades will probably be visible on Plus Portals beginning Wednesday.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2022 - 23: The school administration and Mothers Club are working to streamline the school supply process. Info should be sent out soon.

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 – IMPORTANT DATES: The new student council is hard at work and has issued the following calendar of events for 2022-23, which have been approved the school administration:

- August 12 Back to School dance for 10th/11th/12th (BAC approved)
- August 19 8th grade class officer elections
- Sept 24 8th/9th Homecoming Dance (BAC approved)
- Sept 26-30 Homecoming Week
- Sept 30 Homecoming field day and pep rally

- Oct 1 10th/11th/12th Homecoming Dance
- Dec 1 luminarias
- March 14 Challenge
- April 1 Prom (BAC approved)
- April 17-21 Leadership Week
- April 18 Leadership Breakfast
- April 20 Leadership Week speaker; Executive Board speeches and election
- April 21 Year in Review
- April 24-28 Class level elections



Carter, Zach, Kyle, Daniel, Anthony & Nicholas receive the Louis Ross (SPS Class of 1924) Memorial Scholarships from Coach Sears for FOUR years of perfect attendance! Thanks to Citizens Bank for sponsorship!



Zachery, Grant, & Beau receive the Louis Ross (SPS Class of 1924) Memorial Scholarships for FIVE years of perfect attendance from Coach Sears! Thanks to Citizens Bank for sponsorship!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: We will gradually start reducing our summer office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, we will soon start closing the office at 1, so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. I will be available throughout most of the summer if needed. Call or email me if I can be of assistance. I'll be working enough to "earn my keep" and justify my existence at SPS but will take an occasional day off. We will resume full office hours on July 25.

SERVICE HOURS: Summer is a great time for your son to earn his mandatory ten hours of service – and to do even more, perhaps even earning the Brother Alfred Service Award or Order of St. La Salle Service Award.

SUMMER READING – VERY IMPORTANT: This is a reminder that all students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in an **Honors or A.P. Civics or U.S. History** course do as well (juniors and seniors only). Please take note of the following to ensure that your son completes these assignments as efficiently as possible.

All summer reading questions and titles for English and social studies (if your son is in Honors or AP U.S. History/Civics) are posted on our website. Go to the *Academics* tab on our site; then, click *Summer Reading*.

Lastly, all titles for your son's English course for the school year are posted under the *Academics* tab too. Click *English Paperback Lists*. Please obtain copies of these titles so your son is prepared throughout the year. Most of our families choose Amazon as their vendor, but please use whatever is most cost effective and convenient.

If you have any questions about your son's placement in English or social studies, please contact our Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.

Please encourage your son to take his summer reading obligation seriously. We deliberately limit the number of books to be read in order not to make this an onerous task, and we certainly encourage more reading that just what we are requiring. Toward that end, I offer the following:

- We often see that a student's weakest ACT score is in reading. Why? Students don't like to read! Solution? Read more! PLEASE insist your son devote part of each day (30 minutes? 15? 10?) to reading. He's used to this in school with SSR (I hope you know what SSR is!) This could be a family activity – set aside time when the whole family reads. Turn off the TV, i-pad, X-Box, phone, the computer – and read.
- And speaking of ACT /SAT scores, summer provides an excellent opportunity to prepare. There are local formal courses, but both ACT and SAT offer on-line prep programs at very reasonable costs. Or just purchase one of the many test preparation books on the market and ask your son to spend 15 minutes a day preparing. Long-term preparation is the only solution. You can't "cram" for an ACT or SAT.

TAYLOR SCHOLAR AWARDS: Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, named for Mr. Patrick Taylor for whom the TOPS program is named, we presented qualified students last week with Taylor Scholar Awards. For a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the award grants one-year free admission for student and one parent/guardian to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectariums, Audubon Zoo, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist and educational reformist who wanted all students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.

If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or maybe treat some students who didn't earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.

Taylor Awards were distributed at level awards assemblies.



Mrs. Rachel Peak receives the Brother Charles Crouzet Award (aka Teacher of the Year) award from yours truly. Yours truly presents a retirement gift to "Renaissance Man" teacher Mr. John Carambat for his 19 years of service to SPS!

TUITION INVOICES: Tuition invoices for 2022-23 have been emailed and tuition is due June 1. 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.

VAPING: ALERT! VAPING IS ON THE RISE. Accordingly, Ochsner Hospital presented a special vaping education program to our students recently. **THE INFORMATION WAS EXCELLENT – AND COMPELLING!** But even with Ochsner and our own education, **WE CAN'T CONTROL IT WITHOUT PARENTAL HELP!**

WEEKLY HUMOR: I'll end the year with some memorable quotes from sports figures, past and present:

- *"Last year we couldn't win at home and we were losing on the road. My failure as a coach was that I couldn't think of anyplace else to play." -- Harry Neale, professional hockey coach*
- *"I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect." -- Doug Sanders, professional golfer*
- *"I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles. Eighty percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad you're having them." -- Tommy Lasorda, LA Dodgers manager*
- *"My theory is that if you buy an ice-cream cone and can make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play tennis. If you only stick it on your forehead, your chances aren't as good." -- Vic Braden, tennis instructor*
- *"When they operated, I told them to add in a Koufax fastball. They did but unfortunately, it was Mrs. Koufax's." -- Tommy John, N.Y. Yankees, recalling his 1974 arm surgery*
- *"I don't know. I only played there for nine years." -- Walt Garrison, Dallas Cowboys fullback when asked if Tom Landry ever smiles*
- *"The film looks suspiciously like the game itself." -- Bum Phillips, New Orleans Saints, after viewing a lopsided loss to the Atlanta Falcons*
- *"When I'm on the road, my greatest ambition is to get a standing boo." -- Al Hrabosky, major league pitcher*
- *"I have discovered in 20 years of moving around the ball park, that the knowledge of the game by a fan is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats." -- Bill Veeck, Chicago White Sox owner*
- *"I have a lifetime contract. That means I can't be fired during the third quarter if we're ahead and moving the ball." -- Lou Holtz, Arkansas football coach*
- *"I won't know until my barber tells me on Monday." -- Knute Rockne, when asked why Notre Dame lost*
- *"I tell him 'Attaway to hit, George.'" -- Jim Frey, K.C. Royals' manager when asked what advice he gives George Brett on hitting*
- *"I learned a long time ago that 'minor surgery' is when they do the operation on someone else, not you." -- Bill Walton, Portland Trail Blazers*
- *"Our biggest concern this season will be diaper rash." -- George MacIntyre, Vanderbilt football coach surveying the team roster that included 26 freshmen and 25 sophomores*
- *"The only difference between me and General Custer is that I have to watch the films on Sunday." -- Rick Venturi, Northwestern football coach*

Well, I wasn't brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! But you get a break as the newsletter goes on summer vacation. I'll only be sending things out periodically during the summer.

On a personal note, I apologize to anyone whom I've overlooked recognizing this year or offended or disappointed in any way by something I did, didn't do, said, or didn't say. I'm very aware of my failings and limitations, and I will definitely try to do better this coming year.

Thanks for having been part of the 2021 - 22 edition of Saint Paul's – the ELEVENTH year of our second century of existence. If the next 89 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence.

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 the school 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!

Enjoy the final days of May. May they be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

And to the Class of 2022, this is your last newsletter! Rejoice! Thanks for putting up with me during your SPS years! Godspeed and blessings to the Class of 2022! Your graduation was wonderful!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe the 2021-22 Edition of Saint Paul's School is Over 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.

Have a great Lasallian summer but remember: The Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

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

******* SPS begins for all students on August 4 with a full day of instruction *******



*Class of 2022 celebrates at close of graduation ceremony on May 14th!
God bless the Class of 2022!*

8th Graders await start of their promotion ceremony on May 12!



2022-23 Student Council President Ben Barousse blesses the 8th graders in the name of the school.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND
YOUR SUMMER BY THE POOL?**



LIFEGUARDS WANTED

- **Must be 16 years or older to apply**
 - **Must be lifeguard certified or willing to successfully complete the Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Program (Paid for by the City of Covington)**
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**GO TO:
WWW.COVLA.COM/CITY-DEPARTMENTS/HUMANRESOURCES
FOR A FULL JOB DESCRIPTION
AND EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION.**





Aiden Barrios



William Ditta



James Dubreuil



Brady Bollinger



Andrew Hightower

Class of 2022 Valedictorians



Carter Murphy



Charles Ward



Preston Orgeron



Michael Olsen



Daniel Whalen



Brody Reina

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



High School Cotillion Program

Northshore Chapter

The High School Cotillion Program is a licensed program of NLJC® designed specifically for high school students in the 9th through 12th grades. New etiquette and character development topics which are pertinent to the high school years, such as interviewing for scholarships and jobs, positive self-esteem, handling peer-pressure and etiquette in the era of social distancing will be presented and discussed at each class. This program will bridge the gap for today's high schooler between their education and the real world in a meaningful way.



Life skills topics covered include:

- Job and Scholarship Interviews
- Social Etiquette
- Register to vote
- Electronic Etiquette
- Modern Manners
- Tip in a restaurant
- Reputation and Image
- Character Development
- Business Etiquette
- Write a check
- Make a budget
- Dining Etiquette
- Social Media Do's & Don'ts
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Networking
- Many more topics

Interested in enrolling your student? For more information and to enroll, please visit our website at www.nljc.com/chapter/northshore or contact the Director, Catherine Lagarde at catherine.lagarde@nljc.com or (504) 884-6575.



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

Save time and money by ordering your school supplies through [Ramrock School Supplies](http://www.ramrock-school-supplies.com). 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.ramrock-school-supplies.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](http://www.ramrock-school-supplies.com) 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](mailto:mary@ramrock-school-supplies.com) (mary@ramrock-school-supplies.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](http://www.ramrock-school-supplies.com)

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		



That's all Folks!