



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington
342 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
September 05 – 11, 2022



Welcome to the fifth week of the 2022 - 23 school year! Time marches on!

Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now and that we take time to read it again – now more than ever in these challenging times!

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the early Brothers:

- *You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks.*
- *If you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?*
- ***Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.*
- *You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important** and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.*
- ***God has called you, destined you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.***



I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work (Domine, Opus Tuum!)** -- nothing less. And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching them to be people of God. **Thanks for supporting Lasallian Catholic education here at Saint Paul's School!** May this comfort, inspire, and strengthen us in the year ahead!



Student body practices one of our safety drills – which we pray we will never have to use.

Mon, Sep 5 -- Happy Labor Day! No classes! Chillax!

- **This Day in History:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28-year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever. Trivia: While TR was the youngest person to assume the presidency, who was youngest man ELECTED president? Answer at end – yes, I remembered to include the answer this week (unlike last week!)
- **Read a Book Day:** Today and EVERY day!
- **Fight Procrastination Day:** If you don't have time today for this, put it off until later.

Tue, Sep 6 – A B C D – Pack Time

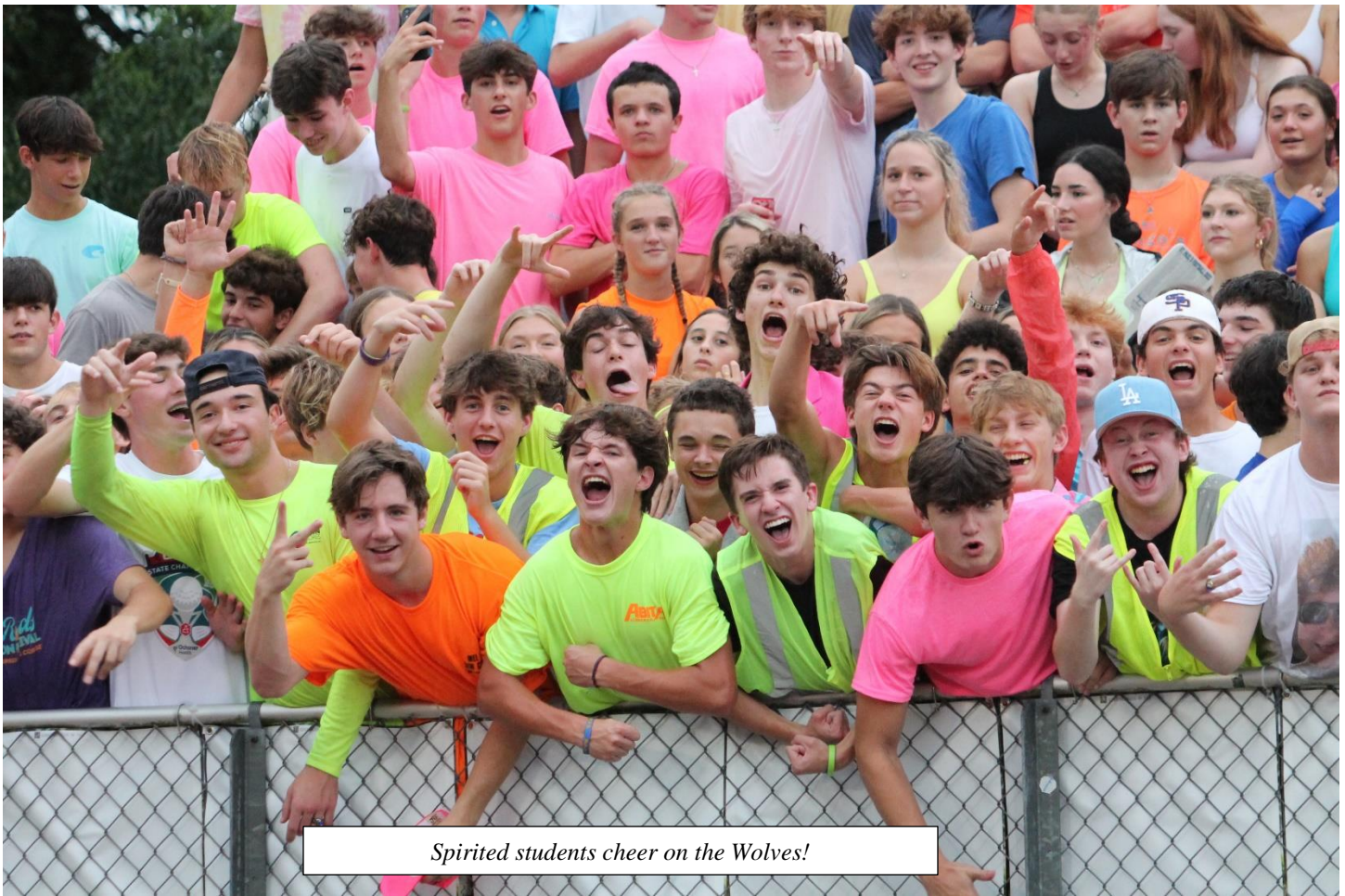
- **TDIH:** In 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a New York meat packer, who supplied barrels of beef to the US Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers referred to the food as "Uncle Sam's." The newspaper ran the story on this date & Uncle Sam gained widespread use as the US nickname.
- **TDIH:** in 1940, the German Luftwaffe begins its Blitz Bombing campaign against London during WW II.
- **TDIH:** In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I is born to King Henry VIII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn. During her reign, Britain became a world power by defeating the Spanish Armada. The irony is that Henry did not think a woman capable of leading the kingdom. Shakespeare wrote many of his plays during her tenure.
- **Google Commemoration Day:** Today celebrates the creation of Google on this day back in 1996. "Just Google it" has become a phrase uttered multiple times a day, all around the world. And, of course, there's the memorable quote from former President Bush when he referenced "the Google. Useless info:" Google's First Tweet was, "01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01110101 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010," which is binary code for "I'm Feeling Lucky." Also, instead of hiring a grounds crew at Google, Google rents goats, a herder and a border collie to help cut down the weeds and brush. (Hmm..... wonder if I can have goats in Covington?) We've all been lucky, I guess, to have Google available!
- **Salami Day:** From the Salami Day website (yes, it really exists!): *Salami is a too-often overlooked meat in the deli world, and the Salami Appreciation Society felt that it deserved its day in the sun. Salami has a rich history, providing important nutrients such as protein and potassium. It can be eaten on sandwiches, crackers, in pita wraps, tortilla wraps, or even by itself. No one can resist the ultimate duo of salami and cheese, for that matter!*

Wed, Sep 7 – E F G A – Etiquette Training Classes begin for 8th graders in PE Periods A & G

- **TDIH:** In 1565, the first Catholic settlement in America was founded in St. Augustine, FL.
- **TDIH:** In 1935, Senator Huey Long is shot in the Louisiana state capitol building. He died about 30 hours later. Also, Star Trek premiers on TV in 1966. Live long and prosper!
- **Pediatric Hematology / Oncology Nurses Day:** Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses care for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders. We honor them today and thank them.
- **Balfour Senior Products presentation**

Thu, Sep 8 -- B C D E (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) – All School Mass; DRESS UNIFORMS!

- **TDIH:** In 1900, a Category 4 hurricane hit Galveston, TX. The U.S. Weather Bureau ignored the warnings, convinced that the storm was on a curved path that would take it up the Eastern Seaboard. The Great Galveston Hurricane killed 6,000 to 12,000 people, and remains the deadliest natural disaster in US history.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax pitches the eighth perfect game in major league history, leading the Dodgers to a 1-0 win over the Chicago Cubs.
- **Teddy Bear Day:** Admit it: we all like Teddy Bears and we adults miss the ones we had as children. So today, it's OK to spend time with Teddy -- a special friend who's cuddly, lovable, and makes us feel secure & safe in an otherwise insecure and unsafe world. Confession: I keep one in my office for tough days.
- **Adoration:** First Friday adoration will begin today during period C through end of day tomorrow. Feel free to stop in at the beginning of the period to join the boys in this important Catholic devotion.
- **Football:** 9th v. Bro. Martin (5:30)



Dress uniform day for mass on Wed, Sep 8!

Fri, Sep 09 -- F G A B

- **TDIH:** In 1776, the Continental Congress formally declares the name of the new nation to be the “United States” of America. This replaced “United Colonies,” which had been in use. In the Congressional declaration dated September 9, 1776, the delegates wrote, “That in all continental commissions, where, heretofore, the words ‘United Colonies’ have been used, the stile be altered to the “United States.”
- **TDIH:** In 1942, a Japanese floatplane drops incendiary bombs on an Oregon state forest-the first and only air attack on the U.S. mainland in the war.
- **TDIH: In 1504,** Michelangelo unveiled his sculpture, *David*. The project was first imagined more than 30 years earlier, in 1463, when the sculptor Agostino di Duccio accepted a commission to sculpt a biblical figure for one of the buttresses of the Santa Maria del Fiore, a cathedral in Florence. Duccio was given a block of marble more than 19 feet high, but he gave up after a rough attempt at the feet and legs. The commission was passed to another sculptor, Antonio Rossellino, who also gave up.

The piece was forgotten for a while, and the hunk of marble sat in a courtyard until 1501, when the Church authorities revived their project. It was about that time that they started referring to the sculpture as *David*.

The Church settled on awarding the commission to 26-year-old Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni. Michelangelo was undaunted by the huge piece of marble, even though it had the mistakes of the two previous sculptors already carved into it. He began sculpting in the fall of 1501 and finished less than two years later, in the summer of 1503. A group of artists — including Botticelli, Filippino Lippi, and Leonardo da Vinci — assembled to decide where to move the statue, since the idea of using it as a buttress for the cathedral seemed less practical now that the marble was weakened from years of exposure to the elements, and because the statue was 17 feet tall and weighed several tons. It took a huge effort to move *David* to its new location outside the Palazzo della Signoria. The diarist Luca Landucci wrote about the *David*, which he called 'the giant,' in his diary: "During the night stones were thrown at the giant to injure it, therefore it was necessary to keep watch over it. It went very slowly, being bound in an erect position, and suspended so that it did not touch the ground with its feet. There were immensely strong beams, constructed with great skill; and it took four days to reach the Piazza. It was moved along by more than 40 men. Beneath it there were 14 greased beams, which were changed from hand to hand; and they labored till the 8th July, 1504, to put it in place."

- **Football: Varsity v. Bro. Martin (7)**

Sat, Sep 10

- **TDIH:** In 1940, due to the destruction inflicted on London by German bombing raids, aka "the Blitz," British Cabinet instructs British **bombers over Germany to drop their bombs** "anywhere" if unable to reach targets.
- **Swap Ideas Day:** Swap your good ideas with others! I'm always in need of good ideas, so send 'em here.
- **Suicide Prevention Day:** I list many ridiculous observances in my newsletters, but this one is very serious. St. Tammany Parish has a high suicide rate. Unfortunately, each year we deal with students who feel that suicide is the answer to the problems of life. In October, we will begin an annual suicide prevention program for all sophomores. Please speak to your students about this issue if the occasion arises. Pray for all who think that it is a solution. We ask God's help. And we are compliant with LA Law that mandates the publication of suicide prevention hotlines on our ID cards and suicide training for our faculty.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves open their season by running in Episcopal (BR) Round Table Meet
- **Football:** JV v. Bro. Martin (10)

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Sun, Sep 11

- **TDIH:** Today we remember the terrorist attack on our country in 2001. We pray for all who lost loved ones. We pray for an end to terrorism of all kinds, foreign and domestic. We pray for men and women who defend our freedom in all parts of the world. We pray for all people of peace, regardless of race or creed.
- **Make Your Bed Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! I make mine every day!

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Biomed Wolves visit St. Tammany Coroner's Office to learn!

Rise Up, O Men of God

I draw the following to your attention, in alphabetical order, not necessarily in order of importance.

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ACADEMIC SUCCESS: We reach the mid-point of the first quarter this week! If your son is struggling in any class, insist that he go seek help. Help your son develop proper attitudes and habits for success. Show confidence in his ability; work with him to set realistic academic goals. Help him develop an orderly study environment. Teens enjoy chaos, so the trick is to help your son create enough order in his chaos for proper study to occur. Designate a place and time to study. **Require 1-2 hours of study per night. Do not accept the "I have no homework" excuse.** He always has homework -- review, study, and advanced preparation. At the end of his study session, have him organize books, assignments, PE clothes, etc. for the next day.

ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24: Yes, it is time to think about NEXT year! We will soon begin our Shadow Day program for current 7th or 8th graders considering SPS for NEXT year. We count on you to spread the good news about SPS to your friends and neighbors. Here is the Shadow Day Sign Up info

- The link to create an account and sign up for a shadow day is <https://forms.rediker.com/stpauls>
 - This is also the link for Open House and submitting an application.
- Spread the word, especially to public school families who don't know we start early.



The graphic features a yellow background with a blue border. At the top left is the school crest, followed by the text "SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL" and "WWW.STPAULS.COM". Two circular logos from the U.S. Department of Education are shown. A circular inset photo shows two students talking. The bottom half features three smiling students in blue school attire. A yellow box on the left lists "SHADOW DAYS" and "OPEN HOUSE" dates. Contact information is at the bottom left.

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SHADOW DAYS

- Aug 23
- Sept 13 and 27
- Oct 11 and 25
- Nov 9 and 15

OPEN HOUSE

- Sat, Oct 29
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

(985) 892-3200 x1903
admissions@stpauls.com

ST. PAUL'S SOCCER

ATTENDANCE: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

BOOK STORE: The Mothers' Club Bookstore will be open 7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm each school day. **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible.**



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Box Tops for Education continues to be an easy way to earn money for Saint Paul's. The traditional clip box tops have been replaced with an easy-to-use app. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and twice a year, our school receives a check.

Download Box Tops for Education app here:

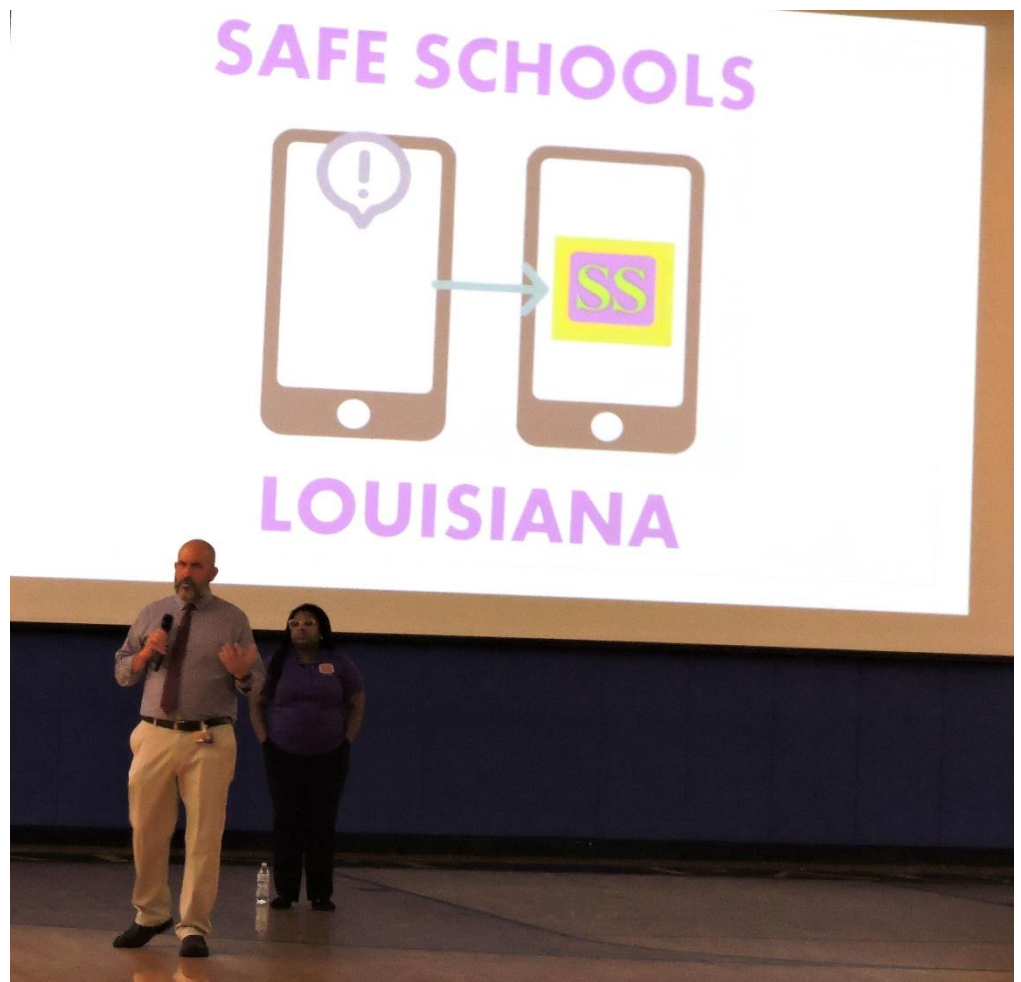
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Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2023, while supplies last! If you have any questions email Shannon d'Hemecourt at s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com

Safety is paramount at Saint Paul's School, and as such, Ms. Tkiani Pullins of the Louisiana Safe Schools program spoke to the student body about the importance of "breaking the silence" by using the Safe Schools Louisiana Anonymous Reporting App. The app is a free resource designed with the goal of keeping students, or someone they know, safe from threats, harmful behaviors, or dangerous situations by providing them the ability to communicate their concerns anonymously.

Joe Dickens introduces speaker from Crime Stoppers who focused on the LA Safe Schools App – which your son should have downloaded to his phone.

Speak to him about the Assembly and how to use the app.



CALENDAR FOR 2022-23:

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 24	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. Do not schedule vacations during school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

Note that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.

In case of closings, we will make up days from holidays Check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

CAR LINES: There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder’s Circle as a departure point, **cars must drop off students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – you may not block traffic in the right lane to discharge the occupants. Dropping off at La Salle Hall or by the BAC is OK. Traffic will be heavy heading into Covington this week as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

CELL PHONES:

- State Law: Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand-held wireless communications device while traveling through school zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- SPS Law: students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during lunch. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

DRESS CODE: Students must comply with the dress code. “Nuff said. **Note: We have a number of clean, pre-owned SPS uniform shirts in good condition. If the family budget is tight, feel free to ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student and no one will know. Thanks to those families who supply us with their outgrown uniforms.**

DRIVER’S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE: Your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner’s permit **and another one** when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn’t have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act; don’t blame me!

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: With the approach of the peak of hurricane season, allow me to comment on emergency or weather-related closings. Ordinarily, our procedure is to follow the civil parish. Thus, Saint Paul’s School would follow the same decision of closure as the public-school system of St. Tammany Parish. The announcement concerning emergency closures would be broadcast on local television stations in the metropolitan area of NO when possible. School messaging will be activated with updated information and situations unique to SPS. For multi-day closings, Saint Paul’s reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants. In the meantime, we pray: **Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!**

ETIQUETTE TRAINING FOR 8TH GRADE This annual event, sponsored by SPS Development Team, begins this week. Pre-freshmen parents have received info on what day their son will experience a very nice formal lunch combined with etiquette training. It’s always a treat to see our youngest Wolves learn how to eat soup, what fork to use for salads, and how to break bread. Let’s hope lessons learned last beyond this week!

EXTRACURRICULARS/GET INVOLVED DAY: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, was held on Aug 16. Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. had displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students spoke to representatives from these clubs, etc. and to decide if they wish to join. Encourage your son to get involved. So far, we’ve had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we’ve had call outs for football, drama, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Nature Club, Fantasy Football Club – to name just a few.

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Wolves prepare for a great season!

FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS: Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the retired Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do **NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- SSA students **DO NOT** get in free.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3rd quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**

- During the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be ABSOLUTELY QUIET. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is NEVER permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- The LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR ADULTS: With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise
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HELPING SPS: Don't forget – If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase! We also collect Box Tops for Education (have your son bring them to his math teacher) and we receive a portion of sales from Amazon Prime. These are painless ways to help SPS.

ID CARDS: Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day. No one has to pay for an ID card unless you want an extra one. We will give one to your son on picture day. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him or if for some reason you want an extra one.

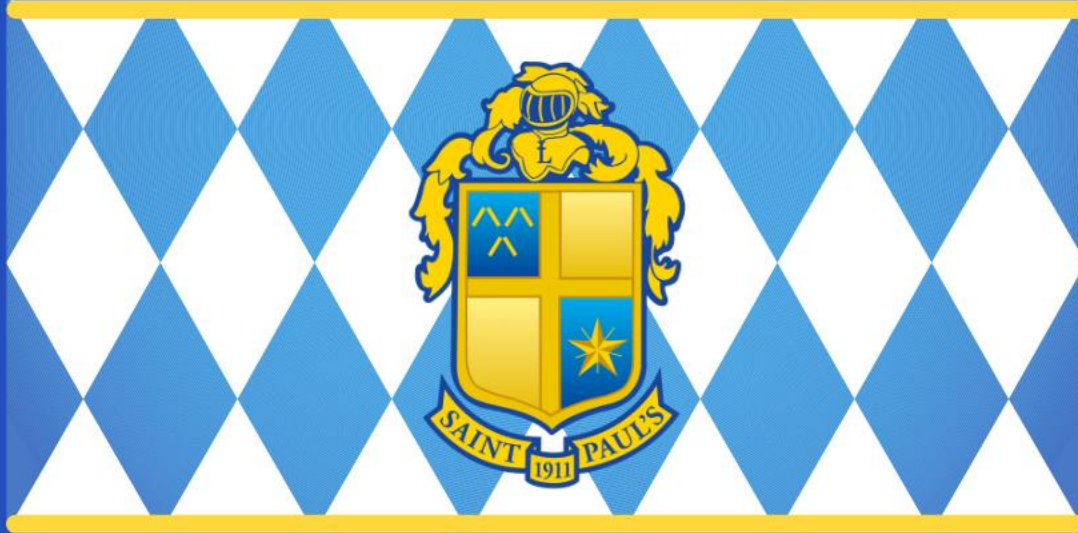
GRANDPARENT DAY: Our annual Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 7, beginning at 11:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. If your son's grandparents are interested, please inform them of the date and time. More info in future newsletters and registration link in next week's newsletter. Thanks

LAST WEEK:

- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks, Danielle Lavie, for a GREAT issue.
- **NOLAsallian Convocation:** Our faculty enjoyed celebrating our Lasallian heritage with their colleagues from De La Salle, Rummel, and Christian Brothers School last Friday at DLS on “the Avenue.” I hope your son enjoyed his day off!
- **Mothers' Club Welcoming Social:** In spite of the monsoon, a nice crowd of moms gathered to celebrate the MC – which does so much for SPS. We must express our gratitude whenever we can!
- **Sudden Impact:** the 1st group of sophs experienced this powerful program on Tue. All went well. Thanks to LA State Police and Lakeview Hospital.
- **Biomed Field Trip:** All returned safely and a bit more knowledgeable about this aspect of life from their time at St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office. Thanks Coroner Dr. Charles Preston for hosting the boys.
- **Football:** A great week for SPS football:
 - 8th lost a tough one by one point!
 - 9th beat Jesuit 20 – 0!
 - JV beat Franklinton 49 – 0!
 - Varsity: Big win over West Jeff made senior night special!
- **Ed & Jeff Drivon:** Thanks to Ed and Jeff for helping remove the bees that have been making themselves at home in the theater! Did you know they were beekeepers? The painters are especially grateful!
- **Guest Speaker:** A highlight of Luke Barwick's junior religion class is a talk by SPS alum Neil Woodall – an outstanding student and athlete during his SPS career. Yearly, Neil recounts how, after a successful college and employment career, he became addicted to pain pills to assuage an athletic injury. He vividly describes his descent into addiction hell – and ultimate recovery, relying on God, his family, and treatment. It's a powerful story that holds the students spellbound – with lots of affirmation afterwards. Thanks, Neil!
- **Fire Drill:** The state mandated monthly drill took place last Thu.
- **Safety:** The unfortunate incident at Jesuit last week reinforces the exposure that all of us face. We, too, will take all threats seriously and pursue all legal avenues. Please stress this at every opportunity. Parents – PLEASE speak with your sons!
- **Engineering Design:** I had the pleasure of watching our engineering students in the capstone PLTW class present their preliminary design for their “shark tank” projects. A panel of engineer judges critiqued the projects but gave the boys rave reviews. Thanks to John Carambat for guiding this group and to Hornbeck Offshore Services for sponsoring the program!

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OKTOBERFEST

EST. 2021
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00PM



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OKTOBERFEST: Holy Schnitzel! Oktoberfest is back!! Dust off your dirndl dress, launder your lederhosen and join us for an EPIC day of stein slurping with your best mates! The German-inspired adult celebration will make its oom-pa return with contest traditions for best costume, stein-holding and the best chicken dance, along with dancing, live entertainment and an array of authentic, Bavarian food. For more information, click here:

<https://saintpaulsschool.salsalabs.org/oktoberfest2022/index.html>

PE UNIFORMS: We now return to our pre-Covid policy: students in PE must wear PE uniforms, available at the bookstore.

PHYSICALS: No student may participate in our athletic program or our band program without the necessary paperwork having been completed, including an LHSAA official physical form. Need a free physical? Here:



Children's Hospital
New Orleans
LCMC Health

Free Physicals provided by LCMC Health

Who:

All St. Paul's Athletes and Band Members

When:

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time:

3:00 pm

Where:

St. Paul's Gym

917 S. Jahncke Avenue, Covington, LA

located on the corner of Jefferson and 14th

What to bring to free physicals

1. Athletic Physical Packet (see link below)
filled out completely including parent signatures
2. Birth Certificate (for new athletes only)
3. Copy of Insurance Card

[Click here for Athletic Packet](#)

RIP: We mourn the recent passing of Mr. C.J. DiPalma, former band director at SPS and who also served as a dormitory prefect when we had a residential program. CJ helped take the Marching Wolves to “the next level” and was a dedicated employee. May he rest in peace.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: all individuals planning to volunteer with St. Paul's must complete safe environment training as mandated by Archdiocese.

SCHOOL MASS: We will have an all-school mass this Wednesday, Sep 8 at 9:25 in the gym. Parents are invited, but please email me if you plan to attend so we can arrange seating. **DRESS UNIFORM** for students!

SCHOOL SAFETY: School safety remains paramount for all of us. Promote safety with your son. In our faculty meetings, we reviewed all safety procedures that we have in place – and they are many. Safety is our priority – and it is EVERYONE’S JOB. Report ANY rumor or threat to safety about which you hear. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a Visitor’s Pass. You may not just wander the campus. Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.



Sudden Impact Louisiana · Follow

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Today was the kickoff of the Sudden Impact Program for the Northshore schools. Presenters Shay and Rosa of [Lakeview Regional Medical Center](#) and Trooper Huggins of [Louisiana State Police](#) share the true consequences of driving impaired and high risk decisions behind the wheel. We would like to thank [Saint Paul's School](#) for the years of dedication to the program. Together, we are saving lives.



SEPTEMBER: Welcome to the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of four months with 30 days. September in Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere. In the Northern hemisphere, Sep 1 is the beginning of the meteorological autumn. In the Southern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological spring is on the 1st of Sep. September begins on the same day of the week as December every year, because there are 91 days separating September and December. September (from Latin *septem*, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months on the oldest known Roman calendar, with March (Latin *Martius*) the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 153 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which

added a day. September is National Cholesterol Education, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, National Honey Month, National School Success Month, Whole Grains Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month & Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness month. That’s more than you wanted to know about September! Have a great one!

SILENT SUSTAINED READING: On Thursday, we began daily SSR (Silent Sustained Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved test scores, increased knowledge on many topics, and increased reading out of school. Students must bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. **Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared every day thereafter.** He should bring a PRINTED READING MATERIAL – not electronic material **Consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I'll keep you posted as to how things go.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at
Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana
Twitter @SPSWolfpack

SOCIAL MEDIA II: Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Last week, we received a strongly worded letter from LHSAA Executive Director Eddie Bonine concerning poor sportsmanship incidents in pre-football season events. Saint Paul's will be adamant in insisting on proper behavior from players, coaches, students, & fans. We will not be penalized by the LHSAA.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Saint Paul's School will host Homecoming dances for SPS students and their guests. All young ladies will need to be accompanied by a SPS student.

- The 8th and 9th grade dance will take place Saturday, September 24, from 7-9 PM.
- The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade dance will take place Saturday, October 1, from 8-10 PM.
- Both dances will take place at the Briggs Assembly Center on the Saint Paul's campus.
- **Dress code:** Young ladies may wear formal or semi-formal dresses with a modest and appropriate fit. Ladies may wear above the knee dresses which are no shorter than fingertip length. Please consider a fit that is comfortable for sitting as well as dancing. There should be no immodest cutouts, openings, or low cut, revealing necklines. Spaghetti straps, one-shoulder and strapless dresses are allowed. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.
- Shoes should be worn at all times—consider changing into comfortable shoes for dancing.
- Saint Paul's students must wear a tie, long pants, and dress shirt. Coats are not required but are allowed. Shirts are to remain tucked in and ties must remain on throughout the dance.
- Tickets will be available for purchase online through the St. Paul's student's email account.

STUDENT EMAIL: Students MUST use their SPS-issued email when communicating with teachers.

Dress uniform day for mass on Wed, Sep 8!

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: 988: On July 16, 2022, Louisiana joined the rest of the nation in launching 988, the new three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to make it easier for people to receive assistance during a mental health crisis. When you call (multiple languages), text (English only) or chat 988, you will be connected to trained, compassionate crisis counselors who will listen to your concerns, provide support, and connect you with local resources. The chat feature is available through the Lifeline's [website \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/). People can use 988 if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



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STARTING TODAY: It now only takes three digits to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. People who need to talk to trained professionals can dial or text 988.

bit.ly/3odaQUI



988

The mental health
version of 911 is set to
launch nationwide July 16.

TUTORING: The National Honor Society has begun free tutoring at lunch. Signage is all over campus as to location. Encourage your son to take advantage of this service as soon as he needs it.



National Honor Society tutoring begins on Tuesday, Aug 16

Algebra I and II - Geometry
Science - Math XL - Test Prep
Homework Help



TUTORING

Mon - Tue - Wed - Thurs

Lunch Period

LaSalle Hall L202





Another one of the many campus fauna looking for a snack!

WEEKLY HUMOR: I use these puns every Labor Day because they are worth repeating. Some job woes:

- *My first job was in an orange juice factory, I couldn't concentrate on the boring rind, so I got canned.*
- *Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.*
- *I tried working in a donut shop, but I soon got tired of the hole business.*
- *I manufactured calendars, but my days were numbered.*
- *I tried to be a tailor, but I wasn't suited for it because it was a sew-sew job, de-pleating and de-pressing.*
- *I took a job as an upholsterer, but I never*

recovered

- *Next, I tried working in a car muffler factory, but that was exhausting.*
- *I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it.*
- *Then I was a pilot, but tended to wing it, and I didn't have the right altitude*
- *I studied to be a doctor, but I didn't have enough patients for the job.*
- *I became a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it.*
- *I tried my hand at a professional career in tennis, but it wasn't my racket. I was too high strung.*
- *I became a baker; it wasn't a cakewalk, & I couldn't make enough dough.*
- *I was a masseur for a while, but I rubbed people the wrong way.*
- *I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.*
- *Then I was a gym personal trainer, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.*
- *I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it.*
- *Next, I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me.*
- *I tried teaching, but I soon lost my principal, my faculties, and my class.*
- *I turned to farming, but I wasn't outstanding in my field.*
- *I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had its ups and downs.*
- *I sold origami, but the business folded.*
- *I took a job at UPS, but I couldn't express myself.*
- *I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout.*
- *I became a banker, but I lacked interest and maturity, and finally withdrew from the job.*
- *I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.*
- *I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot.*
- *I worked at Starbucks, but I quit because it was the same old grind.*

YEARBOOKS: the 2021-2022 yearbooks will be distributed on Tuesday, September 6th during pack time to those who ordered one. 2022-23 yearbooks are now on sale. To purchase a 2022-23 yearbook, go to yearbookforever.com and currently they are as cheap as they will be. They go up in price later on

Holy Guardian Angels



Holy Guardian Angels,
guide and guard us.



God Bless the Saint Paul's Class of 2023 – our 112th senior class!

A Look Ahead:

September

5 – Labor Day Holiday

6 – ABCD – Pack Time

7 – EFGA – Etiquette training for G & A (8th)

8 – BCDE – **Mass (dress uniform day)**/Etiquette training for D & E (8th)

9 – FGAB

12 – CDEF

13 – GABC – President's Assembly/ Shadow Day

14 – DEFG – Teacher Appreciation Lunch/SPS Birthday Parade/ Snack Day*

15 – ABCD – late start*

16 – EFGA

19 – BCDE

20 – FGAB

21 – CDEF – Morning prayer service/ International Lasallian Days for Peace

22 – GABC – Etiquette training for B & C (8th)

- 23 – DEFG
- 24 – Jr High Homecoming Dance
- 26 – ABCD – Homecoming Week begins
- 27 – EFGA – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
- 28 – BCDE
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDE* Field Day followed by pep rally w/ SSA

October

- 1 – Senior High Homecoming Dance
- 3 – FGAB – Morning Prayer Service/Guardian Angels Theme – Sudden Impact/Falk. F Block
- 4 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 5 – GABC
- 6 – DEFG
- 7 – AB – End of 1st Quarter/Grandparents Day – 11 AM Dismissal
- 10 - CDEF
- 11 – GABC - President’s Assembly/ Shadow Day/Teacher Appreciation Lunch/ Snack Day
- 12 – DEFG - PSAT*
- 13 – ABCD – late start*
- 14 - EFGA
- 17 – BCDE – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
- 18 – FGAB – Senior in-school ACT
- 19 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG
- 24 – ABCD – Sudden Impact/Ramon A Block
- 25 – EFGA – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
- 26 – BCDE
- 27 - FGAB
- 28 – CDEF – Pep Rally
- 29 – Open House for Prospective Students
- 31 – GABC

November

- 1 – DEFG – Mass w/ SSA (outdoor/dress uniform day)
- 2 – ABCD – Pack Time/ 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- 3 – EFGA – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
- 4 – BCDE – 10th HR Breakfast
- 7 – Archdiocesan Formation Day for Faculty (no classes)
- 8 – FGAB - Arch Day(no classes for seniors)*
- 9 – CDEF - President’s Assembly/Shadow Day (Wed.)
- 10 – GABC -11th HR Breakfast
- 11 – DEFG - 12th HR Breakfast/Core Walk-a-Thon?
- 14 - ABCD
- 15 – EFGA - **Pack Time or President’s Assembly/Possible Shadow Day for Public Schools**

16 – BCDE– Sudden Impact/Ramon B Block
17 – FGAB -- late start*
18 – CDEF
21-25 – Thanksgiving Holidays
28 - GABC
29 – DEFG - Pack Time – Luminarias
30 – ABCD – Sudden Impact/Ramon C Block*

December

1 – EFGA – Luminaries Tonight*/Snack day
2 – BCDE
5 – FGAB
6 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
7 – GABC
8 – DEF – * late start for remediation & make-up work/mass (dress uniform day)
9 – GABC
12 – DEFG
13-16 – First Semester Exams
16 Faculty Luncheon

January

3 – ABCD – Classes Resume
4 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (Wed.)
5 – BCDE
6 – FGAB
9 – CDEF
10 – GABC – Pack Time – Sudden Impact/Falk. G Block
11 – DEFG
12 – ABCD – late start*
13 – EFGA
16 – MLK Holiday
17 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
18 – FGAB – 8th HR Breakfast
19 – CDEF – 9th HR Breakfast
20 – GABC – 10th HR Breakfast
23 – DEFG
24 – ABCD – Pack Time
25 – EFGA – Mass – Feast of St. Paul (dress uniform day)/Snack Day
26 – BCDE – 11th HR Breakfast – Sudden Impact/Falk. B Block
27 – FGAB - 12th HR Breakfast
30 – CDEF
31 – GABC – President’s Assembly

February

1 – DEFG

- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
- 7 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 8 – CDEF – Pre-ACT 10
- 9 – GABC – Pre-ACT 9
- 10 – DEFG – Pre-ACT 8
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (dress uniform day)/Snack day
- 15 – BCDE – Junior Retreat
- 16 – FGAB – Junior Retreat
- 17 – Faculty retreat (no classes)
- 27 – CDEF
- 28 – GABC – Pack Time

March

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – Junior in-school ACT
- 8 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
- 9 – GABC – Core Pack Breakfast/Late start
- 10 – DEFG – End of 3rd Quarter
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFG – SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Stadium*
- 15 – ABCD
- 16 – EFGA – late start*/5 Core Meal
- 17 – BCDE – Mass (dress uniform day)/Snack day
- 20-24 – Senior Retreats*
- 20 – FGAB
- 21 – CDEF
- 22 – GABC
- 23 – DEFG – 8th HR Breakfast
- 24 – ABCD – 9th HR Breakfast
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
- 29 – FGAB – 10th HR Breakfast
- 30 – CDEF – 11th HR Breakfast
- 31- GABC – 12th HR Breakfast



*Our Lady of Prompt Succor!
Hasten to help us!*

April

- 1 – Junior-Senior Prom
- 3 – DEFG
- 4 – ABCD – Pack Time*

- 5 – EFGA – Passion Play for Juniors
- 6 – BCDE – Mandatum (dress uniform day)
- 7 - 14 – Easter Holidays
- 17-21 – Leadership Week
- 17 – FGAB
- 18 – CDEF – Leadership Breakfast/Teacher Appreciation Lunch/Snack Day
- 19 – GABC – Leadership Guest Speaker
- 20 – DEFG
- 21 – ABCD – Year in Review Assembly
- 24 – EFGA – Last Pack Time for Seniors; Class Level Elections
- 25 – BCDE – President’s Assembly (last for seniors)
- 26 – FGAB – Senior Exams
- 27 – CDEF – Senior Exams
- 28 – GABC – Senior Exams

May

- 1 – DEFG – Mass (dress uniform day)
- 2 – ABCD – Pack Time (last one)
- 3 – EFGA
- 4 – BCDE – late start*
- 5 – FGAB
- 8 – CDEF – 8th Grade Exams
- 9 – GABC – Last President’s Assembly / 8th Grade Exams
- 10 – DEFG – 8th Grade Exams/Senior Grad Night
- 11 – ABCD – Athletic Awards/8th Grade Promotion
- 12 – EFGA – Academic Awards – dress uniform day
- 13 – 12th Grade Graduation
- 15 – BCDE
- 16 – FGAB
- 17 – CDEFG*
- 18-23 – Final Exams
- 23 – Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Luncheon

Let’s End with A Labor Day Prayer

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day’s work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question.

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I miss listening to while writing the newsletter since it no longer broadcasts but I still LOL thinking about it!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It to September and I'm Still 17th Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul's School

Answer to Sep 5 Trivia Question: John F. Kennedy was the youngest man (at age 43) to be ELECTED president; Teddy Roosevelt was the youngest man to BECOME president (at age 42) when he assumed the presidency after the death of President William McKinley.

“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

Did I mention we have a dress uniform day for an all-school mass on Wed, Sep 8?

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...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing the Mission, and living courageously, respecting all persons and living the Gospel, and praying to our guardian angels to protect us!