



The Weekly **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter  
Celebrating 111 years of educational excellence in Covington  
342 Years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world  
March 6 – 12, 2023



*Never speak to anyone  
except with kindness,  
and if you fear to speak otherwise,  
keep silent.*

*De La Salle*

Meditation #52  
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*The words from our Founder are more profound than ever in today's digital world.*

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> and final week of the 3rd Quarter and the second week of Lent.



*Mr. Ramon, Campus Minister, leads students in an outdoor Lenten Prayer.*

**LENT:** I invite you to access the Archdiocese of New Orleans website link to lenten resources.  
<https://nolacatholic.org/lent>

## Schedule of Events for Next Week:

### Mon, March 6 (BCDE)

- JV Golf at Hammond
- 9<sup>th</sup> Baseball v. Lakeshore – 4:00 pm – Heap Field

### Tues, March 7 (FGAB)

- Juniors in ACT testing on campus
- Five Guys Community Night
- Tennis v. Christ Episcopal @3:00 – PAC

### Wed, March 8 (CDEF)

- Principal's Assembly
- 8<sup>th</sup> Baseball v. Rummel @4:40 – Heap Field
- Tennis v. Covington High @3:00 pm – PAC
- Bowling v. Hammond @ Tangi Lanes
- JH Track and Field @ Trafton Academy/SSA Invitational at Covington High
- 9<sup>th</sup>/JV Baseball @4 & 6:30 pm – Hammond High School
- Little Shop of Horrors - Theater

### Thurs, March 9 (GABC) – Regular Schedule!

- Five Core Dinner – Rockin' in Reims - Doors open at 6:30 – Dinner at 7:00 – BAC
- 8<sup>th</sup> Baseball Double Header v. Bro. Martin 5 & 6:30 Heap Field
- Varsity Track and Field at Covington High

### Fri, March 10 (DEFG) – End of Third Quarter

- Lacrosse v. TBD 7:00 pm – Hunter Stadium
- JV/V Baseball v. Lakeshore @ 4 & 6:30 pm – Heap Field
- Little Shop of Horrors – Theater
- Tennis at McGill/Toolen Tournament – Mobile AL

### Sat, March 11

- Spring Musical - Little Shop of Horrors
- Tennis at McGill/Toolen Tournament – Mobile AL
- Lacrosse v. Capt. Shreve @3:00 pm – Hunter Stadium
- Golf at Basile High Classic – Kinder
- Habitat for Humanity Work Day 8:30- noon
- ACT Prep Class in LaSalle Hall 9-11:20
- V Baseball doubleheader at Lakeshore 1 & 3:00 pm
- Ultimate Frisbee v. Catholic High (BR) @ Varsity Soccer Field (Adams Street)
- JH Track and Field @ MJH/Trafton Academy – Mandeville High School

### Sun, March 12

And just in case you were missing the important events in history that occurred this week, Brother Javier has compiled the list. I've kept them separate for those of you who already knew these facts (not me) or who just wanted the school information for this week. If so, just skip past the list. Thanks, Brother Javier.

### **March 6th**

-TDIH: Shaquille O'Neal was born on this day in 1972. He was elected to the NBA Hall of Fame in 2016 and was listed on the NBA 50 Greatest Players of all Time in 1996. He played college basketball at LSU.

-TDIH: Latin American author Gabriel Garcia Marquez was born in Colombia on this day in 1927 and died in 2014. Praised as one of the greatest authors of the 20th century, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for Literature in 1982 for his work *100 Years of Solitude*.

-TDIH: A Russian chemist by the name of Dmitri Mendeleev presented the first periodic table to the Russian Chemical Society in 1869.

-TDIH: Roger Taney, US Supreme Court Justice, announced the Dred Scott Decision in 1857.

-TDIH: In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas fell to Mexican Forces led by Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

-TDIH: Michelangelo was born on this day in 1475. His contributions to Western sculpture, painting and architecture were unprecedented and remain so to this day. He was born in the Republic of Florence.

### **March 7th**

TDIH: State Troopers used nightsticks and tear gas to attack American civil rights activists as they marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama in 1965 on their way to the state capital.

### **March 8th**

-TDIH: Queen Anne became the last Stuart Monarch of the United Kingdom in 1702. Her successors would come from the House of Hanover.

-TDIH: Joe DiMaggio was born on this day in 1914. He is considered one of the greatest baseball players of all time. He married American film star Marilyn Monroe in 1954.

-TDIH: Rioting in Petrograd (St. Petersburg) marked the beginning of the Russian Revolution in 1917. This was called the February Revolution and led to the overthrow of the monarchy.

-TDIH: The New York Stock Exchange was created on this day in 1817 on Wall Street. It is one of the world's largest marketplaces for securities and other exchange-traded investments.

### **March 9th**

TDIH: On this day in 1862, the first naval battle of its kind was fought in the midst of the Civil War. Ironclads Monitor and Merrimack faced off in the harbor of Hampton Roads, Virginia.

TDIH: The toy Barbie was introduced by Mattel, inc, in 1959. It became an international sensation despite much criticism beforehand.

TDIH: Yuri Gagarin, the first man to travel into space, was born on this day in 1934. He made the voyage in 1961.

TDIH: Pancho Villa and his soldiers famously raid an American military barracks in Columbus, New Mexico killing more than a dozen people in 1916. This led to a major American expeditionary force to search him out in Mexico.

TDIH: On this day in 432 BC, the Parthenon in Athens, Greece was consecrated.

### **March 10th**

TDIH: In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

### **March 11th**

TDIH: What is believed to be the most powerful earthquake in Japan devastated the country in 2011. It is also the fourth most powerful earthquake in recorded history. It led to a major tsunami with waves raising 133 feet. Close to 20,000 people were killed.

TDIH: The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic in 2020.

TDIH: In 2004, Madrid, Spain suffered from a series of terrorist attacks by Islamist militants killing 191 people. 10 bombs were detonated in different trains and train stations.

TDIH: On this day in 1942, Allied Forces in the Pacific during World War II came under the command of Douglas MacArthur following his command on the Bataan Peninsula.

TDIH: William Howard Taft became the first US President to be buried in Arlington Cemetery in 1930.

TDIH: The first US cases of the Spanish Flu arrived in 1918. This was the last major pandemic preceding the COVID-19 outbreak.

### **March 12th**

TDIH: Mitt Romney, current United States Senator from Utah, was born on this day in 1947. He served as governor of Massachusetts from 2003-2007 and the Republican Party presidential nominee in 2012. He ultimately lost to Barack Obama who was pursuing his second term as US President.

TDIH: Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic all NATO members in 1999, shortly before the organization's fiftieth anniversary.

TDIH: US President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his first of many fireside chats in 1933 which brought much solace to Americans during the Great Depression and World War II.

TDIH: In 1804, Samuel Chase became the first and so far only US Supreme Court Justice to be impeached.

*Compiled by Brother Javier Hansen, FSC*



## General Information and Recognitions:

**RE-REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS FOR 2023 - 24:** Re-registration for 2023-2024 was due on January 20 for current 8th-grade students and on February 17 for current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. If you missed the due date but plan to re-register your son, please get your form and \$300 fee in ASAP so that we can complete our registration process for next year. A secure drop box is available next to the administration building door for after-hours drop-offs. If you do not intend to re-register your son, please let us know so that we can offer those spots to other prospective students. Thanks.

**SLIGHT CHANGE TO CALENDAR:** Please note that there is NO LATE START on March 9. School will start at the regular time on that day.

**SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS!:** Congratulations to Coach Moser and the varsity soccer team for their State Championship 2-0 victory over Dutchtown High last Saturday. This victory secures an impressive 11<sup>th</sup> state title for the soccer wolves. See the link to the WGNO Highlight video on the game.

<https://wgno.com/sports/highlights-st-pauls-wins-11th-state-soccer-title/>

See the link to the NOLA.com story:

[https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st\\_tammany/st-pauls-claims-11th-soccer-title-with-win-over-dutchtown/article\\_2bbd747e-b552-11ed-acf0-63f4bcf79c72.html](https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st_tammany/st-pauls-claims-11th-soccer-title-with-win-over-dutchtown/article_2bbd747e-b552-11ed-acf0-63f4bcf79c72.html)



*Soccer team celebrates with their fans after the 2-0 State Championship win.*

**BASKETBALL:** The Varsity basketball team wrapped up the 2022-23 season with a disappointing loss in the second round of the playoffs at Pineville High School.

Nonetheless, this past season was a great one for the Wolves! Capturing their 20th 20-win season in program history, the team finished with an overall record of 22-10. This past season was filled with buzzer beaters, record home crowds, and excitement for the entire SPS community! We look forward to another thrilling season of Wolves basketball in 2023-24.



**MORNING OF PRAYER FOR PARENTS:** A newly formed group of parents named "Our Lady's Prayer Wolves" will have a morning of prayer this coming Saturday, March 11th. Coffee and pastries will be available in the library from 8:30-9:00 am. Beginning at 9:00am in Our Lady of Peace Chapel, Jeff Ramon and Melody Barousse will offer reflections, followed by a Rosary, and Mass at 9:50am. RSVP to Jeff Ramon ([j.ramon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com)) not required, but certainly appreciated! We look forward to welcoming any parent that wishes to attend the morning!

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY:** On this day (March 3, 1952) 71 years ago, in 1952, De La Salle High School in New Orleans was dedicated. Br. Edwin, Brother Visitor, gave this speech during the dedication ceremony. (The speech by Brother Edwin is attached to this email.) Did you know that the New Orleans area boasts 4 Lasallian schools? St. Paul's, along with De La Salle High School, Christian Brothers School (on two campuses), and Archbishop Rummel High School are all part of the Lasallian Christian Brothers presence in the Greater New Orleans area.

**POWERLIFTING:** Congratulations to the SPS Powerlifters who won the South Regional Powerlifting title. On to state with numerous qualifiers. See the article about the team below:

[https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st\\_tammany/st-pauls-claims-south-regional-powerlifting-title/article\\_f650a996-b871-11ed-9ff9-57d1c2e57ad5.html](https://www.nola.com/news/communities/st_tammany/st-pauls-claims-south-regional-powerlifting-title/article_f650a996-b871-11ed-9ff9-57d1c2e57ad5.html)



*Powerlifters celebrate their Regional Championship!*

**SPRING SPORTS:** Baseball, Outdoor Track and Field, Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, and Golf are launching their seasons. Best of luck to all! I look forward to posting more about these groups in the near future.

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE:** The Ultimate Frisbee Wolves were victorious over the Crusaders of Brother Martin High School. The final score was 12-6 and the guys enjoyed their first game in Hunter Stadium. We were able to attract our biggest crowd to date and we hope our program continues to grow. Our next home game will be this next Saturday (March 11) against Catholic High on the Adams St. Practice Field. We will publish the game time when Brother Javier finalizes it, as it is still TBD.



*Above: Ultimate Frisbee in action. Below: The team*





**ROBO WOLVES:** The RoboWolves participated in the Louisiana State VEX Robotics Championship last Saturday, February 25th at the Burton Coliseum Complex in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Our mixed 9th/8th grade team called 'The Reason Why You Wear Safety Glasses', consisting of Rogan Martinez (9th) and Davis Sterbcow (8th) finished in 3rd place in the High School Division (out of 32 teams). Our all 8th grade team called 'The Mama's Boys' (dedicated to the Saint Paul's Mother's Club in thanks for their generous donation of new equipment this year) consisting of Larry Beachler, Jackson Lorenz, Max Gremillion, and Quad Mulligan finished in 4th place in the Middle School Division (out of 24 teams).



*Robo Wolves Compete in Lake Charles*

**STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE:** The Saint Paul's Student Council would like to thank everyone who donated blood at the spring blood drive. We collected 65 units of blood and topped our goal of 50. I am most impressed by the generosity of our students and faculty for giving the gift of life. I am especially pleased that many of our donors were repeat donors. Let's hope this becomes a lifelong habit.



*Jack Salvaggio donates under the supervision and support from two classmates who have already given the gift of life.*

**MORE GOOD NEWS FROM STUDENT COUNCIL:** This week the SPS Student Council presented a \$500 check to Special Olympics on behalf of the student council. Special Olympics was the recipient of the January pizza sale for charity that the student council holds monthly.



*Matthew Seal, Ben Barousse, and Gary Miller present the check to representatives of Special Olympics.*

**ROCKIN' IN REIMS:** Join us for a fun evening of dinner followed by dancing and learn more about the Five Core Principles. Help us benefit our CORE Pack Program as well as other extracurricular activities such as Habitat for Humanity, Mu Alpha Theta, Etiquette Training, and many more. Please see the attached flyer to learn more or click on the link to register: <https://saintpaulsschool.salsalabs.org/rockininreims/index.html>

**LACROSSE:** Saint Paul's School lacrosse program made the best of the Mardi Gras break this year by heading to Memphis Tennessee to play two of the top teams in Tennessee. The lacrosse team started the trip off by going to Saint Peter's Catholic church as a team for Ash Wednesday services. The team then headed to Memphis to compete against Christian Brothers High School, a fellow all boy Lasallian School. The teams fought hard and Christian Brother's walked away the victor, however, in typical brotherly fashion the Christian Brother's community invited the Saint Paul's lacrosse team to a dinner held on their campus. This gave the families, players, and coaches a chance to meet one another as well as build new relationships with another Lasallian community. On a very cold and rainy Friday, Saint Paul's faced off against the number two ranked Memphis University School. Saint Paul's fell short of the mark again, but took away a lot of lessons. The Saint Paul's lacrosse team finished their Memphis trip by attending the National Civil Rights Museum. Dr. Keith Wood from Christian Brothers High School was kind enough to come out and give the team a tour of the museum. Dr. Wood not only discussed the Civil Rights movement, but also brought in the Lasallian Five Core Principle of Concern for the Poor and Social Justice into his time with the team. Overall, the trip was a massive success and in the words of Bro. Ray, "the young men held themselves in an exemplary manner."



*Dr. Keith Woof of Christian Brothers High School, a fellow Lasallian high school in Memphis, leads our lacrosse players on a tour of the National Civil Rights Museum.*

**CRAWFISH COOK-OFF:** The Crawfish Cook-off is a charitable event presented by Saint Paul's Alumni Association. The purpose of this event is to raise funds for both Hope House of Saint Tammany and Saint Paul's Alumni Association while providing an entertaining event for all to enjoy. It allows for a good-natured competition for those in the community who wish to prove they cook the best boiled crawfish! Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm on Saint Paul's beautiful campus in conjunction with Reunion Weekend. Please contact Al Nastasi, Alumni Director, at 985-892-3200 ext 1971 for more information.

**DADS CLUB FATHER/SON DINNER:** Join us for our annual father/son dinner on Saturday, March 18, at 5 PM. See the attached flyer for details.

**MOTHERS CLUB LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION:** The theme for this event on March 10 is *Mothers Raising Up Men of God*. See the attached flyer for details.

**MOTHER/SON DINNER:** Registration for Mother Son Dinner has been closed due to maximum capacity. Please send an email to [spsmothersondinner2023@gmail.com](mailto:spsmothersondinner2023@gmail.com) to be placed on a waitlist. For those that have registered, please send an email if you are unable to attend in order to accommodate those on the waiting list.

**SUMMER CAMPS:** Summer sports camp registration is now open. Please help us get the word out regarding our quality athletic programs for boys ages 8-14:  
<https://www.stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp/>.

**KHAN ACADEMY:** A great New Year's Resolution! Preparation for success in classes and on standardized testing is a marathon, not a sprint. DAILY practice is ideal, starting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. MANY materials (often free!) are available. Here is a good one: the Khan Academy. Khan Academy has a wealth of free prep in various subjects from math to social studies to standardized and AP testing. It grows each year and has turned into an incredible free resource. Encourage your sons to use it regularly. Here is the link:  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

**LUNCH DROP-OFF (there is no such thing):** Do not pull onto campus to drop lunch off to your son during lunch or at any time. This is against school policy. We do this for the safety of all on our campus. We do not allow ANYTHING at ANYTIME to be dropped off without checking into the office first.

**AFTER SCHOOL:** The Library remains open to students until 4 pm. If your son is looking for a comfortable place to wait for his ride and get a jump on his homework, this is a good option for him.

**SPS MAINTENANCE CREW:** I often get comments on how beautiful and well maintained our campus is. You should know that much of this is due to the hard work of our SPS Maintenance Department headed by our own Sargent Don Pressley. These men and

women take great pride in maintaining and cleaning our 40-acre campus and 14 buildings every day. Safety is always our primary concern and there is much work behind the scenes that this crew handles as well. I am proud to say that our annual safety inspections by various state agencies are usually flawless, with only one or two minor notes (a blinking exit light in the last inspection). I am also happy to say that, for the most part, our students take pride in their school campus as well. Please remind your sons how lucky they are to attend such a beautiful, well-equipped, and maintained school. Please also remind them to do their part to help our maintenance crew keep it that way and even improve it more.



*St. Paul's  
Maintenance  
Crew repairing  
ceiling damage  
from a recent  
roof leak at Our  
Lady of Peace  
Student Chapel.*

**JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM:** The Junior/Senior Prom will be held Saturday, April 1, from 7:30 until 10:30 PM in the Briggs Assembly Center. Students will receive a link to order tickets and to complete behavior agreements by March 1. Only one female guest is allowed per male student, and they must enter the dance together. The dance is open to Saint Paul's Juniors and Seniors and their dates only. Please consult the dress code when making preparations:

**PROM ATTIRE/DRESS:** Attire should be suitable for a Catholic high school function: For males, tuxedo is the norm (see the attached flyer if you are interested in a great deal for a tuxedo), but not necessary. Suits are acceptable. Jackets may be removed, but students are to remain fully dressed throughout the dance. For females, **dresses must be full-length**. Slits in dresses may be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Dresses may not have a low, open back. There should be no cutouts, openings, or low cut, revealing necklines. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes. **Shoes are to be worn at all times.**

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH GUEST SPEAKER:** MQP Parish has asked us to spread the word about Brian Butler, a nationally renowned speaker, who will be presenting on March 20 at 6:30 pm.

**COSTA RICA LASALLIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM:** If you would like your son to participate in the exchange in Costa Rica in early June or you would like to host next January, please contact Dr. Shawn Mullet at [s.mullet@stpauls.com](mailto:s.mullet@stpauls.com).



*Students from SPS and SSA enjoy a trip through the Costa Rican rainforests.*

**ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have responded. For clarity, I offer the following:** · Almost all private schools conduct annual funds; many are high-pressure; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressure. · The Annual Fund funds tactical, short-term projects, e.g., technology, special programs, etc. The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation, the \$4.5 million new gym, the \$4 million Benilde Hall renovation and now the \$2.5 million band building.)

- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. WONDERFUL!
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- 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 are contributing to the Capital Campaign or supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund to increase participation?

- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

**ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS:** We are blessed with many supportive grandparents. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. Again, I do it differently than other schools that directly solicit grandparents. I ask that you inform your son's grandparents or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the information directly if you wish. Just provide me with the information. 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.

**MARIAN PLAYERS:** The Marian Players, under the direction of Mr. Barrett Baumgartner and Mr. Gordon Carmadelle, are presently performing *Little Shop of Horrors*. See the calendar above for dates and showtimes.



*Azaleas in bloom and Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe bless the Alumni Memorial Theater and all who enter this historic building.*

**ATTENDANCE:** Please follow all SPS attendance regulations in the Student-Parent Handbook and make Mrs. Suzy's job as easy as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. The State of Louisiana limits the number of days a student may miss and still receive credit. Saint Paul's adheres to these regulations. **Please do not allow your sons to miss school for less than very serious reasons.**

**BOOK STORE:** All school supplies will be available for purchase, as well as St. Paul's apparel.

Hours?

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am and 11:00 – 12:30
- By appointment. Email [spsbookstore16@gmail.com](mailto:spsbookstore16@gmail.com)
- All proceeds from the bookstore are used for the benefit of our students!

**CALENDAR FOR SPRING SEMESTER:**

Mar 20-24 Senior Retreat (tentative)

Fri – Fri Apr 07 – 14 Easter Holidays

Mon, Apr 17 Classes resume from Easter Holidays

Wed-Fri, Apr 26 – 28 Senior Final Exams

Thurs, May 11 Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30)

Sat, May 13 Senior Graduation (4 pm) in the BAC

Thurs – Tues, May 18-23 Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11

Wed, May 24 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day

Thurs, May 25 Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

**COLD WEATHER CLOTHING:** Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.

**DRIVING:** I call the following to your attention:

- **Driver's License Requirement:** You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.
- **Safe Driving:** Parents –let's set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!
- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

**HELPING SAINT PAUL'S:** Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.



**LOST & FOUND:** Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Stress with your sons to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. The Lost & Found cabinet is located outside the Attendance Office.

**MARCH THROUGH THE ARCH PICTURES FOR SENIORS ARE IN:** Expressions Photography did an outstanding job in producing the pics, which are in the Administration Building and may be picked up during business hours. Your son may pick up his pic with a note from you. We do this as in the past, some seniors got the pics and left them in book bags or back car seats and the pics never made it home.

**FREE BAND/ATHLETIC PHYSICALS:** Free Athletic/Band physicals are scheduled for 7:30 am on May 6th at **AVALA Ortho, 1200 Pinnacle Parkway, Covington, LA.** A current physical is required for all athletes and band members. Contact Ms. Claire for more information [clairec@stpauls.com](mailto:clairec@stpauls.com)

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR:** Our Lady of the Lake is in need of volunteers (students and parents) to help prepare and host its St. Joseph's altar. Students will receive service hours, and the time and dates are as follows: March 11 & 12 (9-5); March 19 (9-4).

**TUTORING:** Tutoring offered by National Honor Society members is underway and occurs every day at lunch in Mrs. Pool's room in La Salle Hall for the remainder of the school year. All students are welcome to utilize this free tutoring service. Essay proofreading services are also provided. It is not embarrassing to go for tutoring! NHS members have been working with peers since August!



The poster features the National Honor Society logo on the left, which includes a torch and the letters 'NHS'. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'National Honor Society tutoring begins on Tuesday, Aug 16'. Below this, it lists subjects: 'Algebra I and II - Geometry Science - Math XL - Test Prep Homework Help'. A row of five small photos shows students in a classroom setting. At the bottom left, it says 'TUTORING Mon - Tue - Wed - Thurs Lunch Period LaSalle Hall L202'. At the bottom right is the school's crest, which is a shield with a cross and a star, topped with a crown and the motto 'SCIENTIA FIDES CARITAS'.

**UNIFORM SHIRTS:** We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have

khaki pants available – all for the taking.

**SLOW YOUR ROLL.** This week is the two-year anniversary of Mayor Mark Johnson’s initiative to improve driving habits within Covington – one of his main campaign pledges. Did you know:

- Two of the most often repeated complaints to the candidates in the last election were speeding and the running of stop signs? And SPS students/parents came in for their fair share of blame!
- On any given weekday, over 15,000 people drive into and out of Covington? · Many of our streets were laid out PRIOR to the invention of the automobile, thus not designed for cars?

Mayor Mark’s goal is “to change driving habits in our city...to have each of us understand that speeds over 25 MPH are not safe on most of our streets.” The Mayor is asking everyone to “relax, take a deep breath and slow down. I applaud the Mayor’s initiative and pledged to him our support. Please reinforce this with students whenever possible. And please set a good example yourself!



**VAPING:** Unfortunately, vaping is on the rise, even among our students. The health message is clear: there are too many unknowns in vaping for it to be considered safe –

especially for the young (who, unfortunately, all too often ignore the warnings of science.) **Please stress this with your sons.** We have made our position very clear – it is prohibited and strong consequences are imposed if it is discovered. But we can't police outside of school – parents, **PLEASE insist with your sons that the dangers of this trend are not worth the risk. Have these important conversations.** Do not allow him to become addicted. We have made too much progress in this area to go backwards.



*New Gym on a spring morning.*

**PROFILE OF A SAINT PAUL'S ALUMNUS:** A few years ago, then Assistant Principal Mr. Dickens led the effort to compose the following Profile of a Saint Paul's Alumnus. It's worth a look. We hope you agree that this is what we hope for your sons upon graduation.

## Profile of a Saint Paul's Alumnus

The Saint Paul's alumnus lives the Five Core Principles which are the cornerstone of Lasallian Education:

- Quality Education
- Concern for the Poor and Social Justice
- Inclusive Community
- Respect for All Persons
- Faith in the Presence of God

The Saint Paul's alumnus has garnered educational experiences that will help him move more seamlessly into adulthood. Because he understands that learning never ceases, he will continue to grow intellectually throughout his life.

The Saint Paul's alumnus understands service to his community and beyond. He willingly gives his time for the betterment of others, namely the marginalized. Furthermore, he champions social justice because he believes in the dignity of all persons.

The Saint Paul's alumnus advocates for equity and equality to encourage building a community that is unapologetically inclusive.

The Saint Paul's alumnus looks at the world and its citizens through an unbiased lens. He is respectful of all persons and sees the unity that must exist in diversity.

The Saint Paul's alumnus has grown in his faith and models not only being a disciple of Christ but also a Lasallian who understands the neverending spiritual journey that he has just begun. He will always acknowledge and celebrate the Holy Presence of God.

All in all, the Saint Paul's alumnus is a Lasallian man of faith who embodies the Five Core Principles and continues to mature intellectually, spiritually, and morally beyond commencement and habitually exhibits integrity and dependability as he does the ordinary extraordinarily well.

**LAST WORD:** The reflection below is borrowed from *My Catholic Life!*, an online resource that I use at times. I thought it relevant to the *Profile of a Saint Paul's Alumnus* printed above. I wonder if we, parents, teachers, and administrators, are doing all we can to help our sons and students to, “make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue, and holiness”? I do believe that we are trying to fulfill the mission of God, so eloquently laid out for us by St. John Baptist De La Salle, here on this campus. Thank you for joining us in this endeavor.



*“Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.”*

If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Trevor Watkins, AFSC



**Next Year's Calendar:**

**Saint Paul's School 2023 - 2024 Calendar**

Fri - Mon, Aug 4 & 7	Teacher Meetings
Tues, Aug 8	Teacher Prep Day
Wed, Aug 9	School Opens <b>with full day of instruction</b>
Mon, Aug 21	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 24	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 25	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 28	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Mon, Sep 04	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 06	Fall Break Holiday
Fri, Oct 13	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 13	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 28	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon, Nov 06	Archdiocesan Formation Day (no classes for students) (tentative)
Mon-Fri, Nov 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 27	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri - Wed, Dec 15-20	Semester Exams
Wed, Dec 20	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Wed, Jan 03	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 15	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 05	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 09	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Feb 12 -16	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 19	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 8	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Mar 29 – Apr 05	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 08	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Mon-Thu, Apr 29 – May 02	Senior Final Exams

Thu, May 16	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 18	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Fri – Wed, May 17 - 22	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Thu, May 23	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Fri, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. Please do not schedule vacations during school time.