



The Weekly Newsletter
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April 24-30



Welcome to the 7th week of the 4th Quarter.

Schedule of Events for Next Week:

Mon, April 24 (EFGA)

- Golf at Regional Tournament
- Art Show in BAC
- Tennis at State Tournament

Tues, April 25 (BCDE)

- Art Show in BAC
- Wed, April 26 (FGAB)
- Senior Final Exams
- Baseball Regional Playoffs

Thurs, April 27 (CDEF)

- Senior Final Exams
- Track and Field Regional Meet
- Baseball Regional Playoffs

Fri, April 28 (GABC)

- Senior Final Exams
- Baseball Regional Playoffs (third game if needed)
- Pre Freshmen Evening of Reflection

Sat, April 29

- Lacrosse Super 8 Tournament
- Rugby v. Warren Easton at City Park

Sun, April 30

This Day in History: 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.

April 24th

TDIH: Pope Benedict XVI officially assumes his rule as Pope and successor to Pope John Paul II after celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Square in 2005.

TDIH: In 1898 Spain declared war on the United States.

TDIH: US President John Adams approves funds for the founding of the Library of Congress in 1800 which eventually became the largest library in the world.

April 25th

TDIH: The Hubble Telescope, an optical observatory, was placed into orbit by the United States in 1990.

TDIH: In an attempt to save money, the water supply of Flint, Michigan was switched from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to the Flint River in 2014. This caused many people to be exposed to dangerously high levels of lead and a national crisis.

TDIH: In 1901, New York became the first state to mandate license plates on motor vehicles.

TDIH: Construction began on the Suez Canal in 1859. It lasted ten years and eventually connected the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

April 26th

TDIH: In 1986, a devastating explosion and fire at the nuclear power plant Chernobyl in Ukraine resulted in large amounts of radioactive material being released into the atmosphere.

TDIH: The Condor Legion of the German Air Force, supporting the Nationalists during the Spanish Civil War, bombed the city of Guernica in 1937. This event inspired the famous painting by the same name by Pablo Picasso.

TDIH: Hermann Goring formed the Gestapo in 1933 which was the political police of the Nazi Party and responsible for rounding up Jews.

TDIH: Two days after assassinating President Abraham Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth is killed at a farm in Virginia.

TDIH: John James Audubon, who became a famous ornithologist for his sketches of birds, was born in 1785 in Haiti. The park on St. Charles Ave in New Orleans is named after him.

TDIH: The first permanent English settlement is established in the New World in what is now known as Jamestown, Virginia.

April 27th

TDIH: Pope John Paul II is canonized a saint by Pope Francis in 2014.

TDIH: Ulysses S. Grant, who commanded the Union Forces late in the American Civil War, was born in 1822. He would go on to serve two terms as President from 1869-1877.

TDIH: Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan who was attempting to circumnavigate the globe was killed when fighting erupted in the Philippines in 1521.

April 28th

TDIH: Benito Musolini, dictator of Italy during World War II, was captured when trying to flee Italy and killed in 1945.

TDIH: American author Harper Lee, who wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*, was born on this day in 1926.

TDIH: Billy the Kid, American Outlaw, escaped from prison in Mesilla, New Mexico where he had been found guilty and sentenced to death in 1861. He was killed a few months later by Sheriff Pat Garrett.

TDIH: James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, was born on this day in 1758. He is famous for his Monroe Doctrine which limited European intervention in the Americas.

April 29th

TDIH: In 2011 Prince William of Great Britain married his longtime girlfriend Catherine Middleton in a lavish ceremony broadcast to millions of viewers.

TDIH: Hirohito, who was emperor of Japan during World War II, was born on this day in 1901.

TDIH: The US Seventh Army liberated a Nazi Concentration Camp in Dachau, Germany in 1945.

April 30th

TDIH: George Washington the first President of the United States was inaugurated at Federal Hall in New York City in 1789.

TDIH: John Baptist de La Salle was born in Reims, France in 1651. He is the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and is the Patron Saint of Teachers.

TDIH: The South Vietnamese capital Saigon was captured by the North Vietnamese troops during the Vietnam War in 1975. Its name was changed to Ho Chi Minh City.

TDIH: Adolf Hitler and his wife Eva Braun committed suicide in their German bunker as Allied forces closed in on Berlin in 1945.

TDIH: American Country Star Willie Nelson was born on this day in 1933.

TDIH: US President William McKinley signed an act making Hawaii an official US territory in 1900.

Compiled by Brother Javier Hansen, FSC

General Information and Recognitions:

STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY: YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED!

In an effort to prepare for the administrative leadership change at Saint Paul's, the SPS Board of Trustees has directed the Administrative team to prepare an updated strategic plan for the school. Various stakeholder groups will be providing their feedback. For parents, we have designed a short survey enabling you to provide your opinions on various aspects of the school. It is an anonymous survey as the data will be sent directly to CARA – Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

We are asking that each family household complete one survey by either clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code provided in the attached document. It will take 10 – 12 minutes to complete your survey. At the end of the survey are two open-ended questions where we would like you to submit your personal responses which are due back by Monday, May 1, 2023.

Thank you for taking the time to help us make Saint Paul's an even better school! Link: bit.ly/40czTb9

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/>.



GYMNASTICS: Congratulations to Kaden Romig who single-handedly brought home a 3rd place finish for St. Paul's at the Gymnastics State Championships in Baton Rouge. Kaden is the only student on the Saint Paul's team. We encourage other gymnasts or potential gymnasts to join Kaden on our team.

LEADERSHIP WEEK: It was a busy week at Saint Paul's during leadership week. On Tuesday prospective leaders, as identified by peers and teachers, were treated to a breakfast where they heard words of wisdom from Ben Boyce '02 about how his time at Saint Paul's was instrumental in his current leadership roles.

On Thursday the whole student body assembled to hear a motivational guest speaker, Mr. Daniel Ellender with Carpe Momentum. Then on Friday we welcomed the Golden Jubilarian class of 1973 to be inducted into the Confraternity of Golden Jubilarians at a ceremony in the New Gym. While there, the Class of '73 officially welcomed the Class of 2023 into the Saint Paul's Alumni Association by assisting us in the pinning ceremony and offering words of wisdom to the soon-to-be graduates.



Left: Student enjoy breakfast as they listen to Ben Boyce '02.



Left: Alumni Director Al Nastasi '91, Ben Boyce '02, and Assistant Principal Lee Pierre after the Leadership Breakfast talk.



Above: Mr. Daniel Ellender, guest speaker, with SC President Benjamin Barousse after the assembly.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Congratulations to the following students who were elected to the 2023-2024 SC Executive Board. This week students will elect class level representatives. Stay tuned for a complete list of our student leaders for next year once those elections are complete.

President- Gunnar Gavel

Vice President- Peyton Kilgore

Secretary-Eddie d'Hemecourt

Philanthropy Coordinator- Kaiden Klebba

GOLF: Good luck to our golfers Joshua Achord, Seth Gardiner, Nick Kelsey, Maerek Barber, Ben Chiasson, Grant Garcia, John McWilliams, Parker Church, Timothy Wolfe, Nathan Guillot, Bennett LaNasa who compete at the Regional Tournament this Monday!

LUNCH DROP-OFF (there is no such thing): For the safety of everyone on campus we insist that you do not pull onto campus to drop off lunch for your son. This is against school policy. We do not allow ANYTHING at ANYTIME to be dropped off without checking into the office first. If your son forgets his lunch and needs to purchase a cafeteria meal, have him see me if he needs to borrow a few bucks for a meal.

SPEAKING OF LUNCH: Please note the following from the Archdiocesan School Food Service. They have asked us to:

1. Assist managers in making parents and faculty aware of the need to pay for meals in advance.

- Support the School Food Service recommendation that no cash will be accepted for payment. Reasons 1.) no audit trail and 2.) safety of our employees with bank deposits.
- Encourage parents to take advantage of our on-line payment option at www.schoolcafe.org.
- Notify parents in the school newsletter or web page of the need to pay in advance.
- Provide a prominent place (e.g. book days/orientation) for the cafeteria manager to collect funds.
- Support the School Food Service recommendation of paying 10 or 20 days in advance (minimum of 10 days).

2. Encourage new students to apply for free or reduced price meals before school begins, but after July 15, 2023.

- The 2023-2024 free/reduced meal application will be available online at www.schoolcafe.org.
- Parents may call or email Donna David at (504)596-3452 or ddavid@schoolcafe.org if they have any questions.

Meal Payment Policy for the 2023-2024 School Year

1. School Food Service does not allow charging for school lunch, breakfast or extra sale items.
2. Food Service Managers are not required to serve paying students (paid or reduced) who have not paid for their meal.
3. If a principal requires that a meal be served to a student who does not have money, the principal will be responsible for payment to the cafeteria.

GOLDEN JUBILARIAN ASSEMBLY: Every year St. Paul's holds a reunion honoring the graduates from 50 years ago. This year the class of 1973 were honored guests at the weekly assembly. During this assembly we also take the opportunity to induct the senior class into the Alumni Association. The golden jubilarians assist us in the induction by personally welcoming the class of 2023 as alumni and pinning each with a St. Paul's crest pin.



Above: New Members of the Confraternity of Golden Jubilarians of 1973 gather in the New Gym after the assembly.

Below: Col. Mike Duggar '73 welcomes senior Colin Simon to the Alumni Association.



YEAR IN REVIEW ASSEMBLY: As part of Leadership Week the Student Council traditionally hosts a year-review-assembly where the outgoing SC President presents a year-in-review video along with some remarks to the assembled school. Congratulations and thanks to the outgoing Student Council on a job well done.



Left: Outgoing SC President Ben Barousse addresses the student body for the last time during the Year-In-Review assembly.

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 8th 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/>

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

- Monday – Friday 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
- By appointment. Email spsbookstore16@gmail.com
- All proceeds from the bookstore are used for the benefit of our students!

Special Bookstore Hours: During New Student Scheduling Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. All Welcome

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.**

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.



CALENDAR FOR SPRING SEMESTER:

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

CAMPUS UPDATE PART I - THEATER: (updated)

Work is now complete on the renovation of the 118-year-old Theater Building, the only remaining original structure on campus. Did you know that this building was originally a gym, built by then Dixon Academy? In those days basketball gymnasias did not have established dimensions or shapes. So, the Odeon, as it was then known, served as the first gym when Dixon Academy, purchased by the monks of St. Joseph Abby, became St. Paul's College in 1911. In 1914 St. Paul's defeated LSU in this building! The annex to the side, now a classroom, was originally an indoor pool. Brother Ray likes to say that "it was the PAC of its time".

When I was a student at St. Paul's the building was known as L5, meaning Large Classroom #5. It hosted lectures given by teachers to a whole level once a week when St. Paul's followed what was known as Modular Schedules. A whole generation of SPS graduates continue to call it by this name.

Current renovations to the building include substantial shoring work to the basement (yes, basement) and foundation, waterproofing the masonry, electrical and plumbing upgrades, a complete paint job, a new roof, added insulation for improved efficiency, and sealing openings to keep out bats. I hope the current renovations will help L5 last another 118 years!

Finally, should funding become available, we would like to replace the current aging (and squeaky) audience seating.

Interested in assisting us in funding this project? Several naming opportunities are available!



Left: Work on Theater roof during renovation.

Below: Theater roof and cupola after work was completed.



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 music 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!

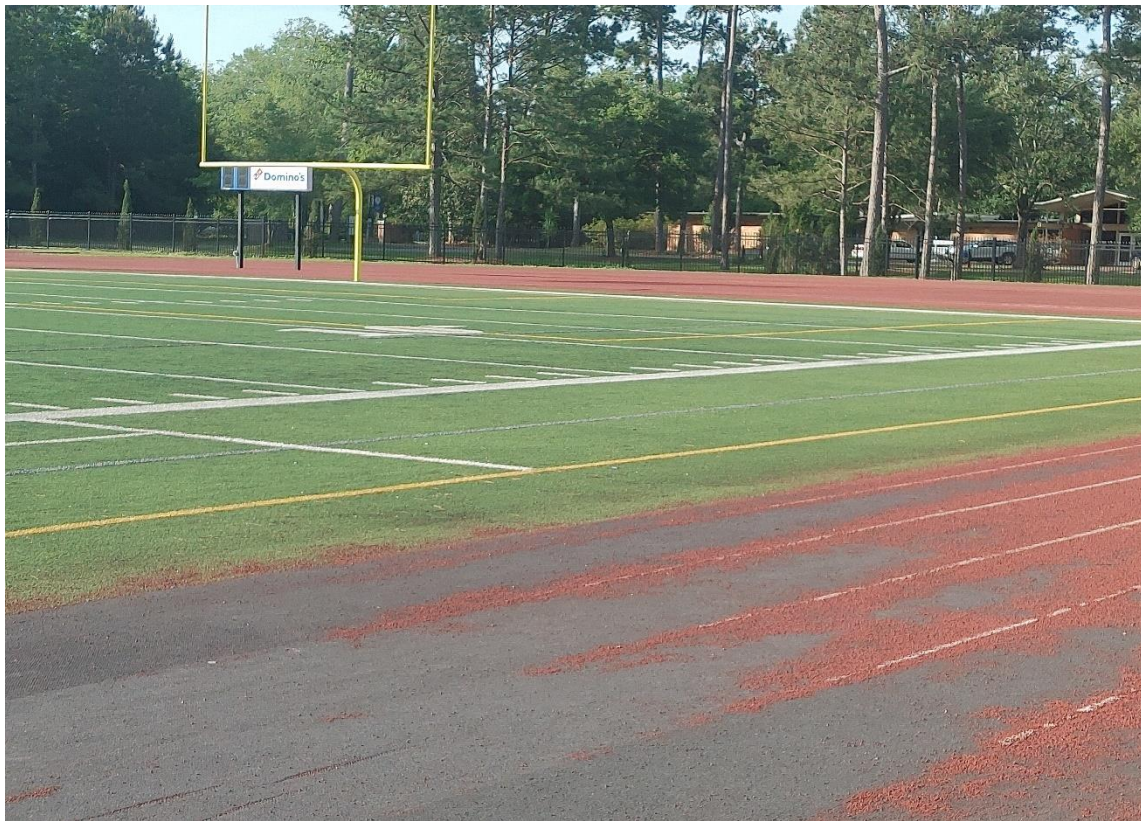
CAMPUS UPDATE PART II – TRACK AND FIELD: On Monday work will begin on the replacement of the existing track and field at Hunter Stadium. The field will receive its third carpet of artificial turf since this work was first completed in 2009. The track will be resurfaced as well. Several improvements and upgrades to the facility are part of the replacement plan. These include the addition of an impact pad below the surface of the grass and a new infill product called BrockFILL™. This product is a highly engineered wood particle infill specifically designed to improve traction and reduce artificial turf heat. Gone will be the little rubber particles that end up in your wash cycles.

These two upgrades will significantly improve the safety and usability of the field, especially during the heat of summer. We will also add turf in the south D-zone, giving field users additional warm up and practice space. Also, and equally important to our PE and track athletes, the track will be completely replaced as well, bringing the entire facility a major facelift and extending the life of this much used facility.

Last, during a recent inspection we discovered major termite damage to the press box at Hunter Stadium. Work was just completed to make the structure safe for use again in the upcoming football season.

Interested in helping fund these repairs and improvements? Several naming opportunities are available!

Below: One last look at the existing track and field before resurfacing begins.



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.

DRIVING: I call the following to your attention:

Please watch for Paula and other fowl as you drive through campus!

- **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. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside the Attendance Office.

CRAWFISH COOK-OFF: Congratulations to Al Nastasi '91 and the Alumni Association for organizing a fantastic event yesterday on the SPS campus. Record crowds descended on St. Paul's to enjoy fun, food and music. Proceeds from this event support Saint Paul's and the Children's Advocacy Center.



Left: Keith Frentz '96, RJ Shea '97 and Al Nastasi '91 help clean up after the event.



Above: A group of volunteer students assist SPS maintenance crew in getting the campus cleaned up after the Crawfish Cookoff.

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

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!

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.

THE LAST WORD: Borrowed from the San Francisco/New Orleans Lasallian District Website:

Third Sunday of Easter

Intention: That we may be a people of life, speaking for the dignity and needs of all people, especially the poor, the oppressed, the exploited, the misunderstood, and the forgotten.

Today's Gospel | Luke 24:13-35

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were

opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

From the Meditation for the Third Sunday After Easter | Saint John Baptist de La Salle

Because the joy of the just is caused by God’s love deep in their hearts and because this love is directed to a good that is inalterable, immutable, and eternal, it follows that the just cannot be disturbed in the possession of that delightful satisfaction as long as charity unites their souls to God.

Does your joy come from within? Or are you not sometimes self-absorbed by vain and entirely exterior joys?

Prayer

Eternal Father, you sent your Son to be our light in the midst of darkness and our sustenance in the midst of want. Open our eyes to your saving presence, especially in times of frustration and confusion. May we grow in faith, always ready to trust in your presence and follow your call to build your Kingdom. We ask this of you who lives and reigns with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts forever.

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

Live Jesus in our Hearts.....Forever!

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 with full day of instruction
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.