



# SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year which promises to be enjoyable and eventful. I'm writing to update you on some policies, to implore you for support, and to inform you of all that we're doing to sustain a safe learning environment while maintaining the essence of what makes us Lasallian and familial.

First, we sincerely need your support with our dress code and grooming policies which are lucidly defined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Our teachers and administrators will be checking grooming (haircuts, facial hair, etc.) as well as the proper dress code throughout the day. Please pay close attention to acceptable shorts, footwear, outerwear (for cold days), and dress uniforms. We have added a couple of extra dress uniform days to stress the importance of appearance to your son as he grows and prepares for life beyond SPS. Please pay attention to dress code and grooming violations before signing the Handbook Signature Card due on the first day of school. There will be a tiered penalty system to bring some gravitas to habitual offenders. Lastly, **students who are non-compliant will not be allowed to take ID/yearbook photos during the first two days of school.** We appreciate your support and understand our policies are the most effective when they are reinforced at home.

Check with your sons to ensure that they have completed their summer reading assignments before the first day of school. The accompanying work can be found on our site here:

<https://www.stpauls.com/academics/summer-reading/>, and your son's titles for his English class during the school year can be accessed here:

<https://www.stpauls.com/academics/english-paperback-lists/> .

We are tentatively scheduled to repave De La Salle Drive from Jahncke Avenue to 14th Street beginning the week of July 24, weather permitting. Although the main entrance will be closed for a few days, the campus will remain open. Park in one of our lots on 11th Street or Jefferson Avenue if you have business on campus. Of course, this work must be completed before the opening of school on August 9th.

Please see the attached flyer from the Archdiocesan food service which contains information regarding meals and pricing for the upcoming school year.

Schedules will be emailed on Monday, July 17. If you are new to Saint Paul's, you'll also receive PlusPortals (student portal/grades site) and Gmail registration information. **If you do not receive your son's schedule, there is a financial hold on your account. Please contact our finance office immediately.**

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Please check your son's schedule for accuracy. If you have any questions, contact your son's counselor directly.

- Gina Hall (8th & 9th) [ginah@stpauls.com](mailto:ginah@stpauls.com)
- Christine Woodard (10th & 11th) [christinew@stpauls.com](mailto:christinew@stpauls.com)
- Renee Miller (12th) [reneep@stpauls.com](mailto:reneep@stpauls.com)

The new student orientation will be on the evening of Monday, August 7. Mr. Jeff Ramon, our campus minister, will send details next week.

The bookstore, aka the Wolf Den, will have the following hours prior to school opening for you to pick up supplies, athletic gear, etc.:

### **New Families Only**

Friday, August 4 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

### **Open to All**

Saturday, August 5 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Monday, August 7 – 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 8 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Next, we would like to update you on continued safety initiatives:

- We're continuing the Random+ hair testing for drugs that detects marijuana, cocaine, opioids, etc., as it is defined in the handbook.
- We're also continuing our mental health curriculum that addresses social and emotional needs and preventative measures. Beyond that, we will also continue *Teen Life Counts*, a suicide prevention program, at the 8th and 10th-grade levels.
- We will continue the *Sudden Impact* program for sophomores. We have partnered with the State Police and local hospitals for the last decade to ensure that our students understand the dangers of impaired and distracted driving.
- We have spent countless hours evaluating the school's safety procedures and have updated our Crisis Plans. Administrators have updated their intruder training via the Louisiana State Police and Department of Homeland Security. As a result, administrators will be using the *Rave Panic Button* which is an app that instantly alerts authorities to an intruder, a medical emergency, a fire, or other crisis.
- All students who drive to school will again be asked to register their vehicles on our website. While registering, students will be charged a **parking fee (\$15) and assigned a sticker**. These procedures add another layer of security, and we are trying to obviate incidents where a student has parked illegally or unconventionally. We'll contact you and your son when the registration and payment links are activated.
- Students will again be asked to register with the *Safe Schools Louisiana App* which allows them to report anonymously regarding threats, bullying, harassment, narcotics, weapons,

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- vandalism, etc. The tips are vetted by Crimestoppers and disseminated to SPS administrators. Moreover, instructions for registering will be published in the updated Student/Parent Handbook.
- We have completed our annual review and revisions for our crisis management procedures, and we will continue to have a school resource officer. I'm glad to announce that Covington Officer Lance Toups will continue in this role. We're fortunate to have someone with his level of expertise and experience. He has quickly and sincerely become part of our community and has a great rapport with the boys.
  - Our administrators attend regular meetings hosted by the Covington Police Department to stay abreast of local and national issues that put teens at risk. The open forum allows all local administrators from public and private schools to discuss current issues while working toward solutions to keep our students safe.

Lastly, educational research continues to manifest that an involved student is a happier, more successful one. Please encourage your sons to try one or more of the 50+ clubs and organizations or one of the 18 sports teams.

I am sincerely proud to be the principal of Saint Paul's and take the responsibility very seriously. Our fantastic team of administrators, faculty, and staff are always in a mode of continuous improvement, and we collectively thank you for entrusting your sons to our care. We look forward to continuing our 343-year Lasallian tradition which has thrived in Covington since 1911.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts! Forever!

*Joe Dickens*

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Principal

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