



The President's Newsletter
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world



Dear Parents,

Beginning in August you will receive a weekly newsletter similar to this that will update you on all that is happening at Saint Paul's School. This early summer newsletter is intended to accomplish three tasks. First, I would like to thank the parents of our recent graduates for entrusting your sons to us over the past few years. I hope Saint Paul's lived up to your expectations and that your sons have grown to become the young men you envisioned. Please know that we continue to consider you part of the Saint Paul's family, and by extension, part of the greater Lasallian world. This will be the last newsletter you receive from us but remember you can always access this information on our website.

My second task is to welcome parents of new students. Thank you for entrusting your most precious possession to us for his high school education. We are honored to partner with you to help guide him through these formative years. Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers, left a formidable educational model that forms the basis of all that we do at Saint Paul's School. You should know that you are not just becoming part of Saint Paul's School, but that you are now part of a worldwide Lasallian educational network of over 1000 schools and universities that teach more than a million students in over 80 countries. Over time I hope you come to understand what this means at Saint Paul's and that you come to appreciate the impact on your son's education.

My third task with this newsletter is to make you aware of some needed information for the summer as you prepare for the opening of school in August. Contained in this newsletter you will find answers to frequently asked questions that come to us during the summer. If there is something I missed, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I will try to help you with answers. In the meantime, the following numbers may be helpful during the summer:

School Main Number: 985-892-3200
Phone Extensions:
Reception: 1900
President: 1901
Admissions: 1903

Finance Office: 1905
Principal: 1920
Athletic Director: 1983
Counseling: 1940
Summer Camp: 1982
Music Hall: 1965

As new parents, we will be in touch now and then throughout the summer to keep you informed as the need arises. I hope that this will suffice for now.

ADMISSIONS: We are now scheduling our newly accepted Wolves for next year and will now entertain qualified transfer applicants. We are very pleased by the quality and quantity of the Class of 2029. Thanks for spreading the good news at Saint Paul's. We will still entertain new applications in certain grades, so if you know of an interested family, please have them contact us soon. Thank you!

ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have responded. Every week I receive a few more responses. Thanks. **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large. If you contribute to the Capital Campaign or financially support SPS in another way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation? Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.

ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS: We are blessed with supportive grandparents, so many of whom attended GP Day. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. I don't. In fact, I did not mention donating at GP Day. But we need their donations, so I ask that you inform your son's grandparents about donating, or, if you want, I'll be happy to send them the information directly. Just provide me with contact info. **I do not want to ask grandparents without your consent, but we need their support.** I have already received a number of grandparent gifts. Again, no gift is too small – and, of course, no gift is too large.

NEW FOOD SERVICE AND DINING HALL UPDATE: Work has begun in earnest on the new Dining Hall. Demolition of interior spaces is underway, and the old kitchen equipment is being inventoried and removed. The groundwork for the addition is nearly done. New plumbing service lines for the kitchen and fire sprinkler system are being dug. The mad scramble to have everything ready for August has begun.

In the meantime, be on the lookout for information from the Advancement Office on opportunities to help fund the project. Any assistance that you can provide to help defray the cost of this major project will be much appreciated. Thanks.

Work has begun on the new Dining Hall.



BUILDING BROTHERHOOD



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, COVINGTON, LA
CAFETERIA RENOVATION



A new dining hall experience is coming to Saint Paul's School!

- **New Food Service**
- **Multiple Options for Meals**
- **Faster Service, Fewer Lines**
- **Expanded Indoor and Outdoor Spaces**
- **Open for 2024-25 Year**

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

- The new member camp will be July 15 - 17, 9-12:30 each day.
- The percussion camp will be July 15-17, 9-4:00
- The full band camp will be July 20 - 25. 9:00-6:00 each day
- Contact Mr. Andrew Moran, Director of Bands, at andrewm@stpauls.com for more info.
- Band is a GREAT way to become involved, become part of a wonderful SPS tradition, and have fun, too.

The Band boosters will be sending out a separate invitation to new students in the next few days. Be on the lookout for that mailing.

8th GRADE PHYSICALS (SPORTS AND BAND): All students who participate in band and /or athletics must have an LHSAA physical form on file with the school. Band camp, for example, will be in July. No summer commitment is made of 8th grade students for sports. Fall sport participation (football, swimming, cross country) will begin once school commences. If your son plans to play sports or participate in band next year, he will need a physical. Forms are available on our website.

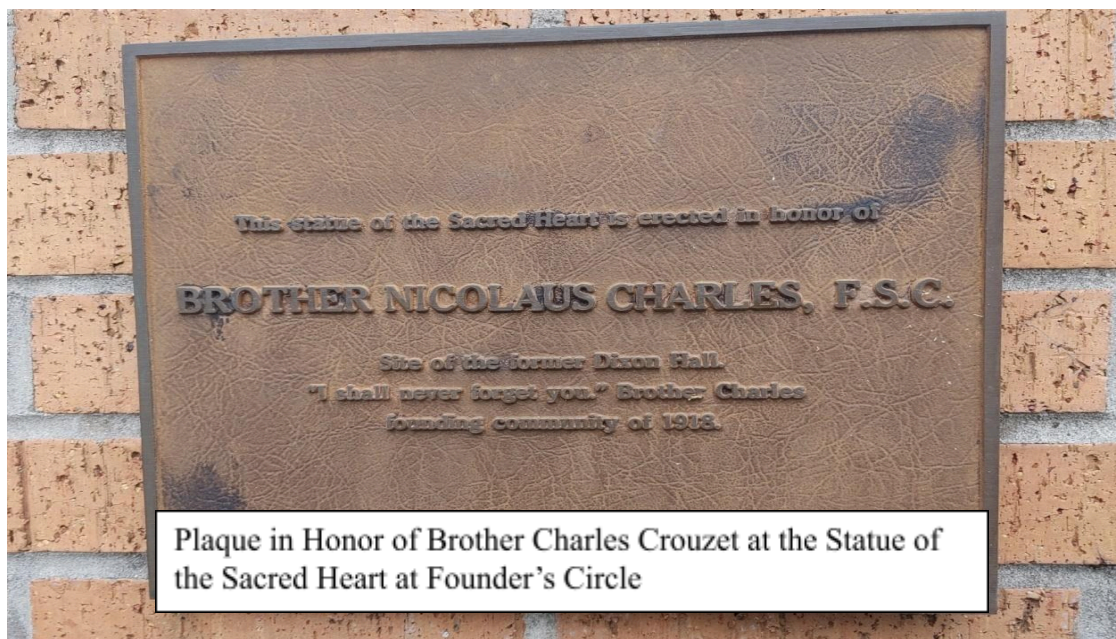
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DID YOU KNOW? Brother Charles Crouzet, a member of the Saint Paul's founding community of Brothers in 1918, is memorialized in Founders Circle with the plaque pictured below. He was one of 19 French Brothers who had to leave France during the persecution of the Church at the turn of the last century. Fleeing France to Mexico, they were assigned the difficult task of opening schools for the rural poor there. The French Brothers had to learn Spanish and adapt to a new culture.

No sooner had their newly opened schools begun to flourish when they were again uprooted during the Mexican Revolution of 1917. Barley escaping with their lives from the notorious Pancho Villa, they were scattered throughout the United States in various religious communities who housed these refuge Brothers.

At some point their superior in exile became aware of a school, Saint Paul's College, for sale in Covington, Louisiana. Thinking that French was likely spoken in a town so close to New Orleans, they were reunited from all over the United States and assumed the ownership of the school from the Benedictine monks who had founded the school in 1911. Little did they know that this part of Louisiana was not welcoming of the French, much less in a school that had been run by much admired Benedictine Monks of German descent.

Once again, they had to quickly learn a new language and a new culture, all while trying to establish themselves in a skeptical community. World War II was raging and the New Orleans area was suffering a yellow fever epidemic when the Brothers reopened the school in 1918. Within days of opening, most students left and went home, upset at the change from the respected Benedictines to this unknown group of Frenchmen.



But Brother Charles and his confreres did not give up. Believing that His work must be done here, they set out to convince families to give them a chance and send their sons back to school. Within a short few months, the local community began to accept the Brothers. From these very inauspicious beginnings, the founding Brothers would lay the foundation for what we know today as Saint Paul's School. If you are ever in the Founders Circle area of campus, please say a prayer of thanksgiving for the Benedictine Monks and Lasallian Brother Founders of Saint Paul's. We all owe them a great deal. I ask that in a special way you remember Brother Charles Crouzet who spent most of his teaching life here.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: For those who want to avoid the hassle of shopping for school supplies, the Mothers' Club is offering 2024-2025 school supply boxes via Ramrock. Order online at www.ramrockschoolsupplies.com. A list of items included in the supply box is located on the Ramrock site. Questions can be sent to spsbookstore@gmail.com.



**Saint Paul's High School
Pre-order Your School Supply Box for 2024-25
\$74.99 Early Bird Price***

We've listened and revamped the school supply list to only include the supplies that are needed. Save time and money by ordering your school supplies through *Ramrock School Supplies*. Locally owned and operated, they'll handle all your school supply needs by providing exactly what is on Saint Paul's school supply list using high-quality items.

8 th – 12 th Grade School Supply Boxes		
*Early Bird Deadline	May 31, 2024	\$74.99
Final Deadline	July 15, 2024	\$79.99



Online Ordering: Order online at www.ramrockschoolsupplies.com or scan the QR Code below. Deadline for online orders at the discounted price is May 31, 2024. The final deadline for ordering online is July 15, 2024.

Delivery: All supply packs will be delivered to Saint Paul's High School: School supply boxes will be delivered directly to Saint Paul's High School to be picked up during Book Week (8/2/24 – 8/6/24) at Saint Paul's Wolf Den.



**Supply Boxes will be available for pick up during
Back to School Week
Friday, Aug. 2nd – Tuesday, Aug. 6th
(Excluding Sunday, August 4th)
at the Saint Paul's Wolf Den.**

Questions?
Contact Mary at Ramrock School Supplies (mary@ramrockschoolsupplies.com) or (985) 951-2595.

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510 Deer Cross Road, Suite C, Madisonville, LA 70447
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THE WOLF DEN: The Wolf Den will be closed for the summer in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. The Wolf Den will reopen for Back to School Week on Friday, August 2, through Tuesday, August 6, excluding Sunday, August 4.



DRESS CODE – VERY IMPORTANT:

As some of you begin your “back to school” shopping during the summer sales, **know that we will insist this coming year on dress code compliance – especially concerning pants / shorts. We may even start sending repeat violators home (as done in other schools) if they are out of compliance with our dress code.**

Accordingly, we ask that as you shop for school clothes this summer, you do so with our dress code in mind. In particular, we insist on compliance with the pants/shorts regulation as we will be vigilant in terms of enforcement, especially pants / shorts. Here is what the handbook says:

- o Cargo-style pants/shorts are not allowed.
- o No oversized or droopy pants/shorts are allowed.
- o **Shorts must be conventional, British tan khaki (Catholic school khaki), walking style shorts.**
- o Shorts may not extend below the knees.

- o **No running shorts, PE shorts, or SWIM SUIT STYLE shorts allowed.**
- o **NO PFG or “FISHING” SHORTS ALLOWED.**
- o Pants/shorts may be pleated or unpleated.
- o **All pants/shorts must have a ZIPPER, belt loops, and pockets.**
- o **A plain, solid brown or black belt must be worn with pants or shorts.**
- o Acceptable pants & shorts are available at many vendors: Lands’ End, JC Penney, Wal Mart, GAP, Old Navy, Sears, etc. You DO NOT need to spend a lot of money to comply with the regulations. Just tell your son what he's going to wear, or call me and I'll tell him. Again, we have many pre-owned pants, so feel free to come to the office and look through the stock.

Thus, the following example is NOT acceptable:



This example is acceptable:



Here is the rest of the dress code as printed in the Student-Parent Handbook:

- **Hair:** Hair **must NOT touch the shirt collar** or extend below eyebrows. Hair must be styled neatly and conventionally. The Dean of Students is the ultimate judge as to compliance. No dyed hair colors, Mohawk, or other **unconventional** haircuts, including undercuts, are allowed. **Students may NOT return from summer vacation with dyed or sun-bleached hair.** Students must be **clean shaven** at school and at school sponsored events. NO mullet style haircuts are permitted.
- **Jewelry.** No earrings or facial jewelry are allowed at school or school sponsored events. No chains may be hung from clothing. We DISCOURAGE expensive watches, bracelets or neckwear.

Shirts:

- o **Only Saint Paul's BLUE uniform shirts as sold by Uniforms by Bayou are allowed.** Shirts MUST fit appropriately. Shirts may not be torn or have holes in them. **Bayou will be ready to sell blue uniform shirts by the end of June.** Bayou is located at 13488 Seymour Myers in Covington (893-3700).
 - o Shirts must be tucked in at ALL times during the school day.
 - o **ONLY PLAIN white, blue, gray or gold tee shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt.** In cold weather, ONLY long-sleeved tee shirts sold in book store may be worn under uniform shirt.
 - o **We have a supply of pre-owned shirts in fair to very good condition. If finances are tight and you would like to avail yourself of these shirts, feel free to come by the office. Your son will not be embarrassed in any way by this.** The Mothers' Club Book Store will be selling pre-owned shirts and pants in very good condition at a very low price during the first week before school. We also have a supply here in the administration building, which you are welcome to come take.
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- **Socks & Shoes:**
 - o **Shoes must be in good condition. Tennis shoes with laces meeting these criteria are allowed on regular school days.**
 - o **Sandals, slip on beach shoes with no laces, boots of any kind, or clogs are not allowed.**
 - o **On dress uniform days, dress shoes (not tennis shoes) are required.**
 - o **Dress boots are allowed when wearing pants**
 - o **Students must wear SPS uniform socks (available at Bayou or the Mothers' Club Book Store).**
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- **Cold Weather Outerwear:** ONLY SPS sweatshirts / outerwear sold in our bookstore are allowed.
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- **Caps or Hats:** Caps and hats are NOT allowed on campus during the school day.
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- **Formal dress uniform:** A "formal" uniform is worn on special occasions (school masses, ceremonies, field trips, special programs, etc.) This uniform includes a school tie (available at Uniforms by Bayou or the Mothers' Club Bookstore), any white long-sleeve shirt, and long khaki pants (with dress shoes), socks, and belt are also part of the uniform which are purchased anywhere by the student.
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- **IDs:** As an additional level of safety, students will be REQUIRED to WEAR THEIR ID CARDS on a daily basis. We will supply them with an SPS lanyard when they receive their cards on either Aug 7 or 8. This will also help with the cafeteria, as ID cards are used to check out and also with the attendance office, as ID cards are used to check in if a student is

late. Students who do not have their ID on any day will be subject to detention. Lost ID cards must be replaced for a fee of \$10. And do not let your son use the ID card as a teething ring! Ask him to see the ID from time to time and encourage good dental hygiene!

Note: The Dean of Students is the final judge in all clothing and grooming issues. The school assumes that parents, by enrolling their son at Saint Paul's, will support us in these decisions.

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

HELPING SAINT PAUL'S: Don't forget these painless ways to help:

- Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) & SPS receives 5% of purchase!



LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuition for 2024-25 is due on June 3rd; the first payment for bank-financed tuition is also due. Loans are still available at Resource Bank. Students cannot start school in August if tuition or bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Wednesday, August 7, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION, and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2024 - 25 school year calendar has been published in my newsletter for several months and is the last page of this newsletter. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

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

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

REPORT CARDS have been sent, and grades have also been visible on PlusPortals.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Parents: please stress with your sons the consequences of inappropriate social media posting. Cyberbullying is against the law and has legal implications. And the school will take strong measures against any inappropriate posting. Most of the serious discipline issues that we deal with are tied to social media posts. Students: **THINK** before you post.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: We will gradually start reducing our summer office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, we will soon start closing the office at 1, so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. We will resume full office hours on July 22.

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

SUMMER CAMPS: Summer camp registration is now open. Please help us get the word out regarding our quality athletic and academic programs for boys ages 8-14:



2024 SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS



June 3-7: Basketball



June 10-14: Football



June 17-21: Baseball



June 24-28: Soccer



June 24-28: Strength



June 24-28: Golf



July 8-12: S.A.S
Speed, Agility, and Strength



July 15-19 - Wrestling



July 15-19 - Lacrosse



July 15-19 - Rugby

- All camps are staffed by the coaches and athletes that make up some of the top athletic programs in Louisiana!
- Camps run Monday - Friday, 9am-3pm at St. Paul's School, 917 South Jahncke Ave, Covington, LA
- Camps are open to all boys ages 8-14 Prior experience in a sport not necessary!
- All camps have limited enrollment numbers. Sign up early to reserve your spot!
- All SPS Sports Camps held on campus will have a resource officer on duty to ensure the safety of our campers.
- All camps cost \$240 for the week. Sibling discounts are available. A lunch option is available for \$35.
- To sign-up, go to: stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp

Questions? Contact sportscamps@stpauls.com or (985) 778-9166

STUDENT COUNCIL – IMPORTANT DATES: The new student council is hard at work and has issued the following calendar of events for 2024-25, which have been approved the school administration:

- August 9: Back to School Dance 10th/11th/12th (at Saint Paul's) 7-9PM
- August 9: Back to School Dance 8th/9th (at SSA) 7-9PM
- August 23: 8th-grade class officer elections
- Sept 23-27: Homecoming Week
- Sept 27: Homecoming Day
- Sept 21: 8th/9th Homecoming Dance 7-9 PM
- Sept 28: 10th/11th/12th Homecoming Dance 8-10 PM
- Dec 5 luminarias
- February 4 Challenge
- March 22 Prom 7:30-10:30 PM
- April 7-11 Leadership Week
- April 9 Leadership Breakfast
- April 10 Executive Board speeches and election
- April 11 Year in Review
- April 28-May 2 Class-level elections

Rise Up, O Men of God

SUMMER MATH BRIDGE AND ALGEBRA BOOSTER PROGRAMS: Both programs are for Saint Paul's students only.

The Math Bridge Program is designed to do the following for **new incoming students**:

- Provide a fun, hands-on experience with two veteran teachers here at Saint Paul's
- Assist his future teachers in understanding his strengths and challenges in mathematics
- Allow teachers to customize his math curriculum based on his individual needs BEFORE the first day of class
- Review basic math skills that will be used in their future mathematics classes
- Allow these members of the Class of 2029 to become familiar with the campus as well as staff members in a relaxed environment
- Give them the practice and instruction they need to improve their achievement in math as they begin high school

Math Bridge Program Information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vEAioXIZ07SJg3hv73kWjB7mO7nxEv72RALqkDk0_hA/edit?usp=sharing

The Algebra Booster Program is designed for **returning Saint Paul's students**. Research shows that some students experience a "Summer Slide" and lose skills that they have learned over the school year. This workshop is designed to reteach and reinforce these skills so that the boys are ready to go on day one. During the Algebra Booster he will review skills that he will need in Geometry, Algebra II, and Advanced Math.

Please click here for the Algebra Booster information and registration form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sgk3LKkWUnrA7RZisvnc3DWb1Khv8Q6IXWU1xM3JSJM/edit?usp=sharing>

TRANSITION FOR SUCCESS: TFS is a readiness workshop designed for new students to get a jump start on getting to know everything our 40-acre campus has to offer. Even if your older siblings attended SPS, this is YOUR time at Saint Paul's. There may be some who are anxious and/or concerned about the newness of your new school. If this sounds like you then sign up for the workshop.

The program of the workshop includes activities that will help familiarize you with the campus. Upperclassmen will go through the student handbook and teach you how to access our grading program, Plus Portals. Older students will be here to guide you and help you acclimate to SPS. On Monday, August 5th at 2:30pm we will have a parent presentation on how to use Plus Portals as well. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn how you can have access to our teacher-family communication system.

The Transition for Success Workshop focuses on helping students prepare for the first day of High School at SPS. The program includes the following topics:

- Teaches students to self-advocate
- Familiarizes students with the campus and key faculty and staff
- Gives students a head-start with the policies and procedures of Saint Paul's
- Explores opportunities for service partnerships and extracurricular opportunities
- Provides practice with technology and popular homework applications
- Provides an early introduction to the Lasallian philosophy of the school
- Introduces new students to older peers who serve as mentors and advocates

The dates of the SUCCESS workshop are Friday, August 2nd---Monday, August 5th---Tuesday, August 6th and the times are 1pm-4pm. The cost of the workshop is \$250.00. We designed for this workshop to take place close to the opening of school so that students new to Saint Paul's will be ready to begin a new school adventure. If you have any questions about the SUCCESS workshop please just email Mrs. Gina Hall at ginah@stpauls.com.

Transition for Success Workshop Information:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q2E7guW55WARoMv2osZ_NOqSfcZMC_jR/view?usp=sharing

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

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

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

If you have any questions about your son's placement in English or social studies, please contact our Principal, Mr. Lee Pierre at Leep@stpauls.com.

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

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

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

We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist, and educational reformist who wanted all

students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.

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

Taylor Awards were distributed at level awards assemblies.

TUITION INVOICES: Tuition invoices for 2024-25 have been emailed and tuition is due June 3. Many thanks to those who are already responding. Allow me to express the following:

- Saint Paul's is a tuition driven school. Without tuition, we would not exist.
- A comparison of our tuition with other all-boy high schools shows that our tuition is one of the lowest.
- Tuition does NOT cover the cost of educating a student and providing him with the environment we all want. Thus, SPS relies of a limited number of fundraisers, which are critical to our moving ahead.
- Thus, we NEED you to pay tuition on time in order to meet our obligations to faculty and vendors.
- Thank you for your understanding and support of Saint Paul's School – and your investment in your son's future via tuition payment.

THE LAST WORD: It is with great humility, pride, and optimism that I begin my tenure as the 18th President of Saint Paul's School. I am grateful to Trevor Watkins for his 42 years of service to our institution and for his leadership as president over the last year and a half. Trevor and I have worked closely for months to ensure that the transition will be seamless, and my administrative team has diligently been planning for the upcoming school year. Of course, we will continue to habitually celebrate the Lasallian charism and traditions that make Saint Paul's unique while offering strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe, disciplined, faith-based environment. Although we recognize that our learning environment is special, we will perpetually be in an improvement mode.

I wish you and your family a blessed, restful summer and look forward to working with you in this new capacity next year. Most importantly, thank you for entrusting your son to our care.

"Remembering that God is with you will help and inspire you in all that you do." (Letter 2 from Saint John Baptist de La Salle - to a Brother, 15 May 1701.)

Live, Jesus, in our hearts! Forever!

Joe Dickens
President

And to the Class of 2024, this is your last newsletter! Thank you for your leadership! Godspeed and blessings to the Class of 2024! Your graduation was wonderful!

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

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



****** SPS begins for all students on August 7 with a full day of instruction ******



Saint Paul's School 2024 - 2025 Calendar

Thu, Aug 1	Teacher Meetings
Fri, Aug 2	Archdiocesan Formation Day for teachers
Mon, 5	Teacher Meetings
Tues, Aug 6	Teacher Prep Day
Wed, Aug 7	School Opens with full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 19	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 22	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 23	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 26	Parent-Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Aug 30	N.O. Lasallian Convocation for Teachers (no classes for students)
Mon, Sep 2	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 4	Fall Break Holiday
Fri, Oct 11	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 11	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Nov 2	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon-Fri, Nov 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Dec 2	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon - Thu, Dec 16-19	Semester Exams
Thu, Dec 19	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Fri, Dec 20	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day
Mon, Jan 6	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 20	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 28	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Mar 3-7	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Mar 10	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 14	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Apr 18 – Apr 25	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 28	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Mon-Thu, May 5 – May 8	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 15	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 17	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Mon – Thu, May 19 - 22	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Fri, May 23	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Tues, May 27	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.