



June 8, 2020

## MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

Good morning!

Trust you and your family are in good health. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Class of 2020 who celebrated their graduation from St. Paul last Tuesday and now join the ranks of over 7,500 Falcon alumni. It was a memorable day! The photo above shows a rainbow shining over our campus just as the Senior Class Mass began Monday evening. Another sign along our journey that we are not alone!

Today is the last instructional day for the 2019-2020 academic year. Needless to say, it is not how any of us envisioned the end of the year. On behalf of the faculty and administration, I want to emphasize how proud we are of each of you during this unplanned distance learning period. Collectively, the St. Paul community, students, parents, faculty and staff exceeded expectations. That is not to say it was easy for anyone and may have been more difficult for some but I'm no less inspired by all of you! We will continue to work with you to successfully complete the 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period and then hopefully turn our sights to returning back on campus in the fall.

As always, let us begin this day in prayer.

### MORNING PRAYER

We **PRAY** for the doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals, many of them our parents, relatives, and alumni who serve as the front line of defense and put their own life in harm's way to care for those afflicted by this deadly virus. We **PRAY** for emergency and military personnel, scientists searching for a cure, truck drivers and grocery store workers who keep the food supply chain going. There are many other everyday ordinary people doing extraordinary works of mercy and kindness, all of them unsung heroes.

***#lovethyneighbor***

Pope Francis has condemned the "sin of racism" and also stated, "We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. Silence during these times is tolerance." In light of the current

events happening across our country and the world, St. Paul Catholic High School stands in solidarity with Pope Francis and the Catholic Church against all forms of injustice.

*We **PRAY** for peace, civility and an end to the violence that erupted across our country following the tragic death of George Floyd and others. May hope be restored, respect for life preserved, racism eradicated and justice served. We believe every person is made in the image and likeness of God and has value and worth. Let this call to action to be a “force for good” begin within each of us, our families and our school.*

#### **Prayer to Overcome the Evil of Racism**

Mary, friend and mother to all,  
through your Son, God has found a way  
to unite himself to every human being,  
called to be one people,  
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son,  
seeking forgiveness for the times when  
we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son  
the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism  
and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,  
so that prejudice and animosity  
will no longer infect our minds or hearts  
but will be replaced with a love that respects  
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,  
the Spirit of your Son Jesus  
warms our hearts:  
pray for us.

*citation:*

[Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love  
A Pastoral Letter Against Racism](#)

*The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops*

#### **ACADEMIC CALENDAR (6/8 – 6/12)**

Today, June 8 is the last instructional day for juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Students can use Tuesday, June 9 through Friday, June 12 to complete assignments, papers and projects or schedule a time to make up any missed quizzes or tests. Faculty will be available for extra help or 1:1 Zoom appointments during this time. **Grades will close for the Fourth Quarter on Friday, June 12 at noon.**

## LOCKER CLEAN OUT (6/9 – 6/12)

The time windows for juniors, sophomores and freshmen to pick up any awards and clean out your lockers were previously announced. Reference is made again to the attachments to this email. **In all cases, safe social distancing guidelines will be observed including wearing a mask/gloves and limiting entry numbers to 8-10 students at a time.**

Class of 2021: Tuesday, June 9  
Class of 2022: Wednesday, June 10  
Class of 2023: Thursday, June 11

To comply with social distancing, we are spreading out the alphabet so you are not assembled together by your lockers. **Siblings in different grades can choose either assigned window.**

### Window Number and Time

1	9:00 AM	7	11:00 AM
2	9:20 AM	8	11:20 AM
3	9:40 AM	9	11:40 AM
4	10:00 AM	10	12:00 PM
5	10:20 AM	11	12:20 PM
6	10:40 AM	12	12:40 PM

Friday, June 12 will be the make-up date for students unable to come to St. Paul at their assigned date and time. The schedule (by last names) for Friday will be:

ABC	9:00 AM	MNO	11:00 AM
DEF	9:30 AM	PQR	11:30 AM
GHI	10:00 AM	STU	12:00 PM
JKL	10:30 AM	VWXYZ	12:30 PM

**After Friday, June 12 all the lockers will be cleaned out by staff including any leftover personal belongings.**

## USED UNIFORMS, USED BOOKS, BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG, LIBRARY BOOKS, ART/RELIGION PROJECTS

- Any donated used uniforms can be dropped off on the table in front of the main office. Donated or books for resale in the bookstore (i.e. receive a percentage of those books that are purchased for next year) can be dropped off in Rooms 117 and 119.
- Mr. Duffany sent a reminder last week. Just after Ash Wednesday we distributed baby bottles to collect coins for Carolyn's Place - a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Waterbury. When you come to clean out your lockers, bring your baby bottles with you. There will be a drop off table in the front lobby.

- Mrs. Zillich requests that you return all library books when you come to clean out your lockers. A table for returned library books will be located in the front lobby.
- Mrs. Balliett invites you to pick-up your art projects from either the art room or hallway wall when you come to clean out your lockers. In addition, Sr. Mary Mercy invites you to pick-up your religion project from her classroom.

## YEARBOOKS

Due to COVID-19 many printing plants have been shut down or are running at 50% capacity. Unfortunately, the 2020 Yearbooks will not be printed and delivered to St. Paul until sometime after school is closed for summer vacation. When they arrive, we will plan arrangements for yearbooks to be picked up or delivered to those students who ordered a copy.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

**Writing the College Essay**, instructed by Ms. Catherine Strycharz, is geared toward rising seniors (maximum 25) who will begin writing their college admission essays. The course will teach students how to respond to college essay questions, focus on developing students' ideas into an effective piece of writing, read and analyze sample college essays, and discuss the positive and negative aspects of those sample writings. Students will also receive 1:1 instructional time with the teacher to edit and revise their college essay. The course will be offered online unless social distancing restrictions allow for in-person instruction. **Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.** Cost for the workshop is \$75.00. To preregister, email Mrs. Lindquist, [mlindquist@spchs.com](mailto:mlindquist@spchs.com).

Week 1:	July 13 – 17	9:00 am – noon	<b>CLOSED</b>
Week 2:	July 20 – 24	9:00 am – noon	<b>10 SEATS LEFT</b>

Other summer programs will be announced as we have a clearer timeline and social guidelines for reopening Connecticut.

## GUIDANCE

- Reminder to all students in the Class of 2021 to fill out this one question form ASAP. Your school counsellors need to know who you asked for your letters of recommendation for college. Thank you! <https://forms.gle/w2hMxLpeB3v9aiki7>.

## ATHLETICS

- The CIAC has released their ***“Resocialization of Interscholastic Athletics and Activities Guidelines”*** requiring a gradual phase-in approach that accounts for participants and community safety. They are predicated upon complying with the executive orders of Governor Lamont in re-opening Connecticut. Following the CIAC guidelines and in consultation with the Archdiocese of

Hartford and our local health district, St. Paul will be outlining our resocialization plans for our student-athletes in the coming weeks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Class Elections:** The Class of 2021 election for Senior Class officers are taking place today on ecampus from 8:45 am – 1:00 pm. Rising sophomores and juniors will vote for class officers when we return to school in the fall.
- **Happy Birthday** wishes for this week and through June go to: Edward Adorno, Alecia Barbieri, Sophie Bogdanski, Marissa Calcagni, Gabrielle Castonguay, Isaiah Conner, Jack Del Debbio, Tandung “Young” Dinh, Matthew Grinvalsky, Nicholas Grinvalsky, Julia Hannan, Charles Hergott, Joshua Kolano, Joshua Konikowski, Isabella Lis, Olivia Lozefski, Maxwell Mango, Samantha Millerick, Benjamin Mwanza, Isabel Nelthropp, Daniel Oppel, Jacob Patterson, Maisyn Rader, Shaela Rasmussen, Scott Raymond, Rocco Simone, Kacie Therrien, Gillian Winegar, Dr. Gnoza, Mrs. Jalbert and Mrs. Kendrick.

## FR. HECTOR’S FINAL BLESSING

It is with mixed emotions that I shared at graduation that Fr. Hector will be leaving St. Paul after serving the last four years as our school chaplain. He has been a true gift to our and will be genuinely missed as a spiritual leader and friend.

I am excited for Fr. Hector in his new assignment as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Rose of Lima Churches as they merge into Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and the enthusiasm he brings in opening the All Saints Catholic Academy in New Haven this fall. We will keep him in our prayers and I ask that you join me in wishing him well.

Dear St. Paul's family,

It has been a great honor and blessing to be your spiritual leader for the last four years. As most of you already know the Archbishop has appointed me as administrator in New Haven CT, in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish which is a merging from Saint Francis and Saint Rose of Lima. I have to be there full-time starting June 15th.

I am very grateful to Mr. Dupont, students, faculty, staff, parents and the whole St. Paul's family. I assure you of my constant prayers and hope you guys can pray for me as well. I was able to experience a great example of a real Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Thanks be to God.

This weekend, our Gospel reading is taken from the fourth Gospel, the account of St John. We hear the words of Jesus spoken to Nicodemus **"For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"**.

The Father fully revealed His compassion and mercy in and through His Son, Jesus Christ. He was sent not to condemn but to save all who turn to Him, repent of their sin, and follow Him. That message is spoken to you and me, this weekend.

How are we responding? The Holy Spirit has been given to empower us to respond in an ever-deepening way - and to bring all men and women in a community of believers.

Let's pray,

*Father,  
you sent your Word to bring us truth  
and your Spirit to make us holy.  
Through them we come to know the mystery of your life.  
Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons,  
by proclaiming and living our faith in you.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
— Amen.*

*The Lord be with you.  
and with you Spirit.*

*May the Lord bless you, your families, the Church, and the Nations of the world on this Trinity Sunday,  
In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Enjoy and stay safe this summer!



This will be the last weekly MMA update for this school year. While plans for the 2020-2021 academic year remain uncertain, be assured that we will communicate with you throughout the summer as the fall academic program takes shape consistent with the Governor's plans to reopen the K-12 school system in Connecticut.

Please continue to check your school email frequently the next few weeks as we continue to finalize class schedules, etc. for next fall and then check regularly throughout the summer for other announcements and updated information.

Recognizing that there remain many unanswered questions, at this time, we hope that future plans will become clearer in the next several weeks. Similar to the last three months, I ask for your patience and trust recognizing this is a process out of our control. However, we will continue to get through this adversity together. Be assured that the safety and well-being of our faculty, staff, students and their families remains our priority in reopening up our campus this fall. That said, we look forward to the day when we will all be together once again.

**We miss you!** Juniors lead us out of here ... you soon begin your senior year journey!

Stay safe, be well ... enjoy your summer,

Mr. Dupont '72  
President/Chief Administrator