

February 7, 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*“We must never forget that Black History is American History.
The achievements of African Americans have contributed to our nation’s greatness.”*

Yvette Clarke

Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month. This month honors African American people’s rich range of experiences, struggles and achievements throughout history.

Peace & Greetings,

Happy Super Bowl Sunday ... the food, the commercials, the halftime show and, of course, the game! As you know, the Super Bowl might as well be a national holiday as it is traditionally marked by parties and gatherings. However, this year experts warn us that COVID spread comes from these kind of events where asymptomatic people let their guard down, take off their masks to eat and drink and unknowingly spread the virus. I ask that you celebrate responsibly cognizant that the U.S. saw a spike in COVID + cases after each of the recent holidays. Hopefully, better days are ahead, but to get there requires still more sacrifices on our part. Be careful ... be safe!

EVENING REFLECTION & PRAYER

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. (Mark 1:30-31).

Let us pray,

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Have a great week (and let’s go Chiefs!)

Fr. Glen, Chaplain

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week of February, 8 – 12, 2021

Monday, **No School – Walkathon Day-off**, Tuesday (Day 2), Wednesday (Day 3), Thursday (Day 1) and Friday (Day 2).

Rotation

	Day 1 Drop G & H	Day 2 Drop E & F	Day 3 Drop C & D
7:45-8:26	A	A	A
8:34-9:10	B	B	B
9:28-10:22	C	G	F
10:30-11:54	D	C	H
12:02-12:56	E	D	G
1:14-2:08	F	H	E

WINTER BREAK: There is no school next Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16.

WEEKDAY MASS

Our weekday Mass this week will be held for the special intentions of the Girls Basketball Team on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:15 am. All are invited. Please enter St. Gregory the Great Church by the side parking lot entrance.

2021 – 2022 RE-REGISTRATION

A reminder that re-registration forms for the Class of 2022 are due in the Guidance Office by this Friday, February 12, 2021. Please see your school counselor if you have any course scheduling questions.

WINTER FEST 2021



With Storm Cooper dumping over 12” of freshly fallen snow earlier in the week, the scenic backdrop was perfect for this year's Winter Fest.

Thursday's virtual activities were full of surprises and prizes. Special guests stopped by to add to the virtual festivities. Thomas Pauloz, 2020 class president, stopped into our virtual bingo with some motivational advice and Byron Jones, '10, defensive back for the Miami Dolphins stopped into our virtual events with an impromptu Q&A with our students. We ended the evening with a competitive round of bingo and three winners: Dylan Bird, Mia Gonzalez and Charlie Hergott.

Friday's activities included building snowmen, competitive outdoor games of kickball, corn hole, can jam and street hockey. We had a thrilling 3-point shootout, vintage video games and a heated chess competition that will be continued this week. We wrapped up the weekend with an intense House Challenge Quiz Bowl:

- 1st Place – Philippians House
- 2nd Place – Galatians House
- 3rd Place –Thessalonians House

Thanks to all who participated in making the Winterfest such a fun event!

2021-2022 TUITION ASSISTANCE

St. Paul Catholic High School uses an independent consultant, *FACTS Grant & Aid*, to evaluate financial need. Anyone who wishes to be considered for tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year will need to apply to FACTS Grant & Aid. The online application, FAQs and more detailed information about the process can be found at www.spchs.com/parents/tuition-assistance. Applications for returning students were due to FACTS Grant & Aid **by February 5, 2021**, with the required documentation and application fee of \$35. If you haven't submitted your application yet, please make it a priority this week, thanks.

GUIDANCE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Seniors on their recent college acceptances:

Nathan Defranco	Marist College, Miami University
Erik Evjen	University of Nebraska, University of South Florida
Joshua Konikowski	Johnson & Wales University, West Virginia University
Thomas Lorenzetti	University of New England
Joshua Silva	U.S. Naval Academy Annapolis
Benjamin Shea	Endicott College, Sacred Heart University, University of New Haven
Katelyn Sulvester	Endicott College, Keene State College, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, Stonehill College, University of Rhode Island

Seniors are reminded to notify their school counselor if they want their college acceptances to be acknowledged.

ATHLETICS – SP GYM SCHEDULE

Week of February 8 –14

Monday	JV/V Girls BB 9:30 – 11:30 am; Fr. Girls BB 11:45 – 1:45 pm; Fr. Boys BB 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Tuesday	Fr. Girls BB 2:30 – 3:30 pm; Cheer & Wrestling 3:45 – 4:45 pm; JV/V Girls BB 5:00 – 6:45 pm
Wednesday	JV/V Girls BB 2:30 – 4:30 pm; Indoor Track 4:45 – 6:15 pm
Thursday	Fr. Boys & Girls BB 2:30 – 3:30 pm; Cheer & Wrestling 3:45 – 5:00 pm; JV/V Girls BB 5:15 – 7:00 pm
Friday	Fr. Girls BB 2:30 – 3:30 pm; JV/V Girls BB 3:45 – 5:45 pm; Fr. Boys BB 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Saturday	Indoor Track 8:00 – 9:30 am; Fr. Girls BB Game vs Holy Cross @ 11:00 am; JV/V Girls BB TBA
Sunday	JV/V Girls BB 1:00 – 3:00 pm

A reminder that practice schedules for Indoor Track, Boys and Girls Freshman Basketball, & Wrestling can be found in Arbiter Live (see the attached link) - <http://www.arbiterlive.com/School/20121>) which can also be accessed under Sports Schedules in the Athletic Section of the school website.

ST. PAUL WINTER SPORTS – FAN POLICY

Consistent with the fall season, we will begin the season with **NO FANS** (recommendation of the CIAC although leaving the final decision to the respective leagues) allowed at our home games. The NVL has established a league policy restricting visiting fans from any schools. The focus of our Athletic Department will be managing COVID-19 mitigation protocols for St. Paul and visiting student athletes in an effort to create the safest possible environment. After the first few games, we will re-evaluate our fan policy and determine if it is prudent to allow family members to attend home games on a limited basis. Hopefully, we're able to make that happen. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

A reminder that all levels of our home basketball games will be streamed live (and taped for later viewing) via the **NFHS Network**. Information for registering for the Network can be found in the Athletic Section of the school website. All NVL schools are working on various applications to live stream all basketball games. That information will be disseminated to the appropriate teams before their away games. We will also designate an area on the school website to access that information. The boys swim team co-op will also be live streaming home contests, details for that will be shared by the swim team coaching staff.

Please contact Mr. Dennehy, ddennehy@spchs.com, with any questions regarding Winter Sports.

MEALS FOR NEIGHBORS PROGRAM

Corinthians House will sponsor Mission Club's February initiative to provide beverages and macaroni & cheese to Zion Lutheran's Meals for Neighbors program. Donations can be placed in a collection box outside the Main Office starting the **week of February 17 – 22**. As always, anyone can donate.

List of requested items: Tea (instant or bags); Coffee (ground or instant); Hot chocolate; Macaroni & cheese (any shelf-stable type, but especially gluten free).

CONCESSION STAND CARD CLUB

If interested in getting into a new hobby or looking to build on your current passion, you are welcome to attend the new Concession Stand Card Club. Come discuss all things trading card related. Discussing market trends, new releases, and comparing collections are just examples of the activities planned. Meetings are every Wednesday after school in Coach Joe's office or join remotely.

Zoom Information Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85068848602?pwd=dXlTTDQwYThmUnBiakxjcWpSOENRZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 6884 8602

Passcode: 982319

See Coach Joe for more information.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE – PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Advancement office is gearing up for two big events this spring! Our annual **Forever Falcons Gala**, postponed from November 2020, will be held virtually this year on May 7, 2021 and our 2021 Alumni Golf Tournament will be held in June.

We need your help! We are looking for parent committee volunteers for both events. Expectations include attending occasional Zoom committee meetings, help secure sponsorships and auction items, participation at the event, etc. Contact Shelley Mendoza at smendoza@spchs.com for more information or to volunteer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (February 8 – 14)

Happy Birthday to: Zachary Caron, Ainsley Fabrizio, Tristan Gambuzza, Devin Hinkson, Alexis Irazabal, Camryn Lefrancois, Matthew Maglio, Cassandra Palumbo, Angela Ragaini, Mariah Ruiz, Benjamin Speaker, Evan Zimnoch, Adam Zwolinski and Mrs. Glynn.

FINAL WORD



**Keep it up ... stay vigilant.
It takes all of us, all of the time!**

MASK UP

Make sure your mask is covering **BOTH** your nose and mouth at all times.

WASH HANDS

Wash hands more frequently throughout the day whether that be with soap and water or sanitizing before entering each class and at lunch.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Keep your 6' distance whenever possible, that includes in the classrooms, study halls, lunch line, study hall and after school

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Let me conclude by expressing, on behalf of our faculty and staff, a heartfelt thanks to our students and parents who sent a message of encouragement. They were absolutely overwhelming! To conclude, I thought we had a needed, albeit abbreviated, uplifting and fun Catholic Schools Week. **THANK YOU** all for calling St. Paul home!

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day



Student Appreciation Day



Enjoy the game and your earned day off tomorrow. Be **KIND** to yourself and each other! We'll see you on Tuesday.

St. Paul, pray for us!

Cary M. Dupont '72
President/Chief Administrator