

The President/Principal's Newsletter for Sep 2 - 8, 2013

Before I begin, HELP ME, PLEASE! If you haven't taken your **CLASP Survey** please do so now. I want to keep my job! The Catholic Lasallian Assessment Process on-line survey ends **THIS WEEK**. This is very important and it only takes a few minutes. You were sent the link in an email. I really need you to do this! Thanks! Here's the link again in case you've lost it:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VRTBHY2>

Again, I need all parents to take the survey. The students did theirs last week. Now, on to the newsletter!

Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now:

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the early Brothers:



- *You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks of you.*
- *If, then, you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?*
- ***Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.*
- *You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important** and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.*
- ***God has called you, destined** you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.*

I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work -- nothing less**. And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching him to be a man of God.

May this comfort, inspire, and strengthen us – you as parent and us as teachers -- both this week and in the year ahead!

Mon, Sep 2 – Labor Day Holiday (no classes)

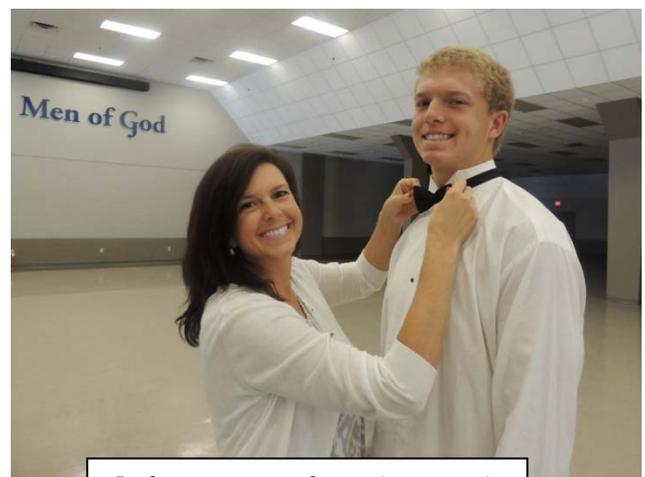
- **TDIH:** In 1790, Brother Solomon, FSC, is martyred by French authorities bent on Church suppression. The Christian Brothers Website says once Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette were overthrown, the next target was the Church. In 1790, the state took over the French Church. To function, priests & religious had to swear support. Most Christian Brothers refused and had to abandon schools and disband. Eventually, the Institute was deprived of legal status – ironic since the Institute began in France. Brothers Solomon, Roger, Leon & Uldaric were imprisoned for refusing to take the oath. Solomon was executed on Sep 2. Roger, Leon & Uldaric later died while confined in prison ships. Because of their heroism, these Brothers were beatified – one step away from official sainthood. May their heroic lives give us strength in times of difficulty! May their devotion to Christian education inspire all of us!
- **National Blueberry Popsicle Day:** Enjoy a popsicle today! Popsicles were invented in 1905 by 11 year-old Frank Epperson. He accidentally left a stirring stick in a fruit-flavored drink on his porch one winter night. In the morning, it was frozen into an icy treat. He first named this delight the "Epsicle." This name was changed eighteen years later

Tue, Sep 3 (Pack Time schedule; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1783, the American Revolution officially ends when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain & France sign a treaty, signifying America's status as a free nation. Trivia question for the week: what is the name of this famous treaty? Answer at end of newsletter!
- **TDIH II:** In 1752, British citizens “lost” 11 days when the United Kingdom “left” the Julian calendar and adopted the Gregorian calendar, already in effect in the rest of the world (you know those independent British!) As a result, Sep 3 instantly became Sep 14 simply by an Act of Parliament. The people were outraged and demanded their 11 days back. Moral: make the most of each day God gives us; while it’s a shame to lose a day, it’s even worse to waste it.
- **Lazy Moms Day:** OK, moms, here’s your day to relax and take it easy. Let them fix their own meals; wash their own clothes; find their own rides to practice, etc. In short, “let them eat cake” today! They’ll appreciate you tomorrow!
- **Wolf Packs Meet Today after Block E**

Wed, Sep 4 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1951, President Harry S. Truman's opening speech before a conference in San Francisco is broadcast across the nation, marking the first time a television program was broadcast coast to coast.
- **Newspaper Carrier Day** honors Barney Flaherty, the first newspaper carrier or paperboy hired in 1833 as, as well as all current newspaper carriers – whose jobs were downsized when the TP went digital last year.
- **Rosh Hashanah** begins today at sundown: The late Blessed (soon to be Saint) Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to learn more about our Jewish heritage and form closer ties with our Jewish



Jackson prepares for senior portrait.

brothers and sisters. Accordingly, it is only appropriate that we take a moment and recognize the great feast of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year, which begins at sundown, today, Sep 04. It is the year 5774 in the Jewish calendar. The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are commonly known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur. One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are penance, prayer, & good deeds – great practices for people of all faiths. These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the common greeting during this time is "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*" (May you be written [in the book of life] for a good year! We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed Rosh Hashanah! "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*")

- **Football:** 9th & JV at Fontainebleau (5:30)



Thu, Sep 5 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1774, the First Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia. Thank you, Founding Fathers!
- **Be Late For Something Day:** Observe this day at your peril! We will still enforce deadlines and expect all to be on time. Feel free to be late after 3 pm.
- **National Cheese Pizza Day:** Enjoy – if your arteries permit!

Fri, Sep 6 (7:45 faculty meeting; 8:30 school start; C D E F)

- **Late Start:** Students do not need to report until 8:30. It's perfectly OK, though, for them to come at regular time. Supervision will be provided in Founders Circle, Wolf Dome, Library, and Cafeteria (which will provide breakfast at regular time.)
- **TDIH:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28-year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. President McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever.
- **Read a Book Day:** This should be EVERY day!
- **Football:** Varsity v. Edna Karr in season opener (7) Geaux Wolves!

Sat, Sep 7

- **TDIH:** In 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a New York meat packer, who supplied barrels of beef to the US Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers referred to the food as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper ran the story on this date and Uncle Sam gained widespread use as the nickname for the U.S.
- **Google Commemoration day:** Today celebrates the creation of Google on this day back in 1996 "I dunno, just Google it" has become a phrase uttered multiple times a day, all around the world. And,

of course, there's the memorable quote from former President Bush when he referenced "the Google." Useless info: Google's First Tweet was, "01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01110101 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010," which is binary code for "I'm Feeling Lucky." Also, Instead of hiring a grounds crew at Google, Google rents goats, a herder and a border collie to help cut down the amount of weeds and brush. (Hmmm... I wonder if I can have goats in Covington?) We've all been lucky, I guess, to have Google available to us!

- **Salami Day:** From the Salami Day website (who knew?) *Salami is a too-often overlooked meat in the world of deli meats, and the Salami Appreciation Society felt that it, too, deserved its day in the sun. It holds a special place in all of our hearts. Salami has a rich history and is definitely a part of a healthy diet, providing important nutrients such as protein and potassium. It can be eaten on sandwiches, crackers, in pita wraps, tortilla wraps, or even by itself. No one can resist the ultimate duo of salami and cheese, for that matter! Share the joy that salami brings!*
- **Cross Country** begins its season in St. Michael's Bayou Boogie Classic. Go Wolves! No salami, though, as a pre-run meal!
- **Football:** 8th v. Jesuit (10)

Sun, Sep 8--Attend church today. We especially encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today. This is important!

- **TDIH:** In 1935, Senator Huey Long is shot in the Louisiana state capitol building. He died about 30 hours later. Also, Star Trek premiers on TV in 1966. Live long and prosper!
- **Pediatric Hematology / Oncology Nurses Day:** Each day, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses care for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders. We honor them today and thank them.
- **National Grandparent Day:** The impetus for National Grandparents Day originated with *Marian McQuade*, a WV housewife. Her motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the **first Sun after Labor Day**. Know of my prayer for all Saint Paul's grandparents!



Wolves (and Cooper) help beautify campus.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Safety Week:** I hope your son spoke to you about our safety drills last week: tornado, fire, evacuation, and intruder. I was pleased with the efficiency and seriousness of all. Many thanks to all who helped prepare our crisis manual. And thanks to the Covington Police Department for their assistance last week in helping us with our drills.
- **Jamboree:** Congrats to the Craig, Kenny & all the FB Wolves for an excellent showing. And thanks to Marching Wolves, Band Boosters, Ticket Takers, and all who helped make the evening so special as we highlighted our common Lasallian heritage with Rummel.

- **Marching Wolves:** Thanks to Boosters and MWs for performing at SSA last Wed night.
- **Congrats:** to Cross Country for a great Meet the Team last Thursday.
- **Allstate Sugar Bowl Prep Showcase Press Conference:** Craig Ketelsen & Kenny Sears represented us very well! On to the Dome on Sep 13!
- **Last Wed:** The Archbishop requested that each high school be represented at a special service last Wed at Notre Dame Seminary to commemorate the 50th anniversary of MLK's I Have a Dream Speech. Thanks to Campus **Barrett Baumgartner** for arranging for **Michael Burke, Dominic Davenport, Francois Elzy, Casey Fitzmaurice, Marcus Gaines, Jalen McClaskey, Bernard Penn, & Peter Yager** for representing us. If you'd like to see the 2 minute NOLA video, click here: http://videos.nola.com/times-picayune/2013/08/dr_martin_luther_kings_histori.html. You don't see our students, though; they were probably already on the bus heading for lunch!
- **Dads Club:** Many thanks to the MANY SPS dads who turned out for last week's meeting. The group continues to grow and is making many plans to help SPS and have a good time in the process.

Last Tuesday's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 27 assembly. Here's what we did:

- Listened to Johann Sebastian Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3 – one of my all time favorites which I listen to regularly. I told the students that Bach (1685-1750) was one of the greatest of the Baroque composers who polished the “rough pearl” (the meaning of baroque) of his musical talent in incredible ways. The Brandenburg Concerto #3 is one of six concertos presented in 1721 to the ruler of Brandenburg (called a Margrave), a province of Germany, as a type of job application for Bach. The Margrave didn't appreciate them, didn't pay Bach (much less hire him) or even thank him and didn't bother to perform the concertos. Bach didn't allow himself to become discouraged and went on to accomplish even greater things. Little did Bach know that the Brandenburgs (as they came to be called) would become some of the world's favorite musical selections, still immensely popular over 250 years after his death. So what is the lesson that I gave the students? We must give our best effort whether others appreciate it or not. We must take the rough pearls that life gives us and make them polished and smooth. We must not become discouraged when someone doesn't recognize our talent. Let's all take the “rough pearl” of 2013-14 and make a pearl of great price! To do so, I exhorted them to make the most of each moment of their lives – in school, with their families and friends, and with their God.
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Kole Gorney**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: **Mrs. June Kissgen**, grandmother of freshman **James Kissgen**; **Mrs. Luella Miller**, grandmother of senior **Benny Miller**; **Christopher Rogers'** grandmother; **Mr. GG Hayno**, uncle of sophomore **Dalton Mott**, & **Mr. Charles Luke**, grandfather **Dominick '03 and Jacob '13 Luke**.
- Recognized and congratulated Saint Paul's Religion Teacher and Alumnus **Mr. Robert Simpson**, on the birth of his fifth child, a daughter, **Sarah Frances Simpson**.
- Recognized and congratulated sophomore **Francois Elzy** who saved a young boy from drowning during the summer while Francois was working as lifeguard at Peter Atkins Pool in Covington.

- Recognized and congratulated sophomore **Christian Flick** & senior **Adam Cannon** for winning **FIRST PLACE** in the Fiction Category in their Divisions for the Southeast Louisiana Writing Project out of SLU. Read Christian and Adam's winning stories at the following link: https://www.selu.edu/acad_research/programs/slwp/slwpwrites/slwp_writes_antholog/slwp_writes_2013.pdf
- Recognized, congratulated, and presented certificates to seniors **Zachary Albright & DC Lipani** for being named to the Louisiana Sports Writers All State Track Team.
- Recognized and congratulated sophomore **Tristan Smith** who was one of only 38 teens accepted into the North Oaks Hospital Junior Volunteer Program, "a unique opportunity for community service and health care career exploration in an environment of commitment and responsibility."
- Recognized and congratulated our Lasallian Young Leaders for the great 8th grade orientation they planned prior to the opening of school at which over 140 of our 172 8th graders attended. I had the LYLs stand and the whole school applauded vigorously.
- Recognized and congratulated the following Lasallian Young Leaders for representing SPS at the Lasallian Young Leaders Conference in California last summer: **Thomas Huval; Burke Irwin; Ross Allbritton; Bryan Livaudais; Eric Boudet; Michael Stewart; Thomas Ruli & Will Saucier.** And I thanked LYL chaperones **Myrle Wiggins, Brad Marchese and Erin Abney**



As we remembered Katrina last week, here's a photo of a pre-Katrina March through the Arch. How the landscape has changed!

- Recognized, congratulated and presented a certificate of merit to SPS Science Teacher and Alumnus **Mr. Mark Richards '72** for being named a Distinguished Teacher of the Year by the New Orleans Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute for his commitment to teaching, resourcefulness, professional involvement and community service. Mr. Richards was honored recently at the organization's annual luncheon in NO.

- Recognized and congratulated the Environment Science Club, led by Mr. Richards and President **David Conroy**, for placing 5th in last year's recycling competition, earning a \$2000 grant which will be used for the club's activities. I thanked all the students who cooperated with the recycling, chided those students who didn't, and disappointedly told the student body that our program has ceased since the local waste management company discontinued the recycling program since it was not

economically viable, thus giving a valuable lesson to our student about the role of economics in social issues.

- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song in support of all of the activities going on around school.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Peyton Tabor**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Bach’s “Brandenburg Concerto #3.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

Archdiocesan Principals’ Meeting: Here’s some of what the 23 HS principals in the Archdiocese discussed last week:

- **Catholic Schools Strategic Plan:** Superintendent Jan Lancaster assured us the plan is moving forward. A big controversy is the grade level configuration: elementary schools must be pre-K through 7; high schools must be 8-12. This directly affects Christian Brothers School in City Park, the premier middle school (grades 5-7) in NO. CBS and the Christian Brothers are currently preparing to petition the Archbishop for an exception to this configuration, as it would have serious implications for the school. We pray for the best.
- **Newman Connection:** The Archbishop is greatly concerned over the increasing numbers of Catholic college students who “drop out” of practicing their Catholic faith. In help curb this trend, the Archdiocese is initiating an effort to get high school seniors connected with the Newman Centers on their college campuses BEFORE they graduate from high school. I’ll be enlisting the support of our Counseling and Campus Ministry departments to assist in the project.
- **St. Gerard Majella High School:** Who? you are probably asking now. St. Gerard is the alternative high school in the archdiocese for girls enrolled in other Catholic high schools who become pregnant. St. Gerard’s is no longer financially sustainable and, hence, has closed. The Archdiocese is exploring options for these girls.
- **LHSAA:** What would our meeting be without a heated discussion about our favorite organization? The main goal this year seems to be to keep the “select” v. “non-select” playoff systems from spreading into other sports. Stay tuned. The group agreed that we need to tone down the rhetoric about splitting from LHSAA and the legislature is still very much in the picture.
- **Admissions:** Again, what would our meeting be with this topic? Fortunately, we didn’t hit this topic until the third hour of our meeting (!) and we voted to table it until next time.

Parent Mini Schedule: On Mon, Sep 9, beginning at 6:30 PM, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son’s academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that. Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening.

The Paper Wolf, our school digital newspaper, is up and running. It's updated regularly by the Journalism class and is a great source of info. Here's the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

Southern Methodist University in Dallas will be visiting St. Paul's on Tue, Sep 3rd at 2:00PM. Interested juniors and seniors should see Mrs. Miller for a pass to be excused from class. Check out SMU at www.smu.edu.

Wolves Football:

- **Texas Roadhouse** will be hosting St Paul's Night – Thu, Sep 5th – Here's a great reason to take the family out to dinner and support St Paul's at the same time...bring your friends and family to Texas Roadhouse, let the wait staff know that you are there for St Paul's night and a portion of your total bill will be donated to St Paul's. The next Texas Roadhouse night will be Thu, Sep 26th. Thanks for your support.
- The Wolves football team is hard at work getting ready for their upcoming 2013 season...At Hunter stadium, you can also be ready for upcoming football season by purchasing reserved seating, reserved parking, and stadium banners to advertise your business. We encourage fans to wear game day shirts to all football games. Contact debbie@carcsllc.com or call Debbie at 985-502-1315 to purchase or inquire about any of the above!! *GO WOLVES!!*
- **Football Game Day Shirts:** Game day shirts are on sale for \$15 dollars. This year's shirt theme is "We are Brothers!" Students may wear these on football game days instead of their uniform shirt (unless it conflicts with a dress uniform day.)
- **Adult Dance in the BAC on Sat, Sep 14:** This is a fun, casual way to meet new families of SPS and reunite with the old ones. The Band is *This Issue*. \$25.00 at the door or call to reserve a table...Cocktail Party Start from 7-8 – Band from 8-11:00...once you attend one you will always come to the next one. For details, call Debbie Bodenheimer at 985-502-1315.

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

And Speaking of Edline: Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grade and SPS life. Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.

After School Issues: Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed. Some do but some didn't last week and we had parents in a quandary wondering where their sons were.

Lunch Boxes: I'm considering opening a "used lunch box" store. I would have enough inventory to stock it just by walking around campus picking up all the leftover lunch boxes. It's amazing. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

Tutoring: Tutoring has begun by the National Honor Society each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It's much easier to be tutoring early in the quarter than to wait until later in the quarter. The tutors are very friendly and helpful!

Jazz 'N Roll: Please JOIN US for Jazz 'N Roll "Rebirth" being held on Sat, Oct 5th. Jazz 'N Roll is in its 24th year and is filled with great food and beverages, a silent and verbal auction, the "Boogie Falaya" band, and an opportunity to visit with good friends. Tickets are available now in the Development Office or online at www.stpauls.com (scroll to the bottom of the home page for the Jazz 'N Roll link).

Unauthorized SPS Merchandise: The website Prep Sportswear is selling Saint Paul's School merchandise WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION. SPS receives NOTHING from this unauthorized vendor. DO NOT patronize them. Here's their website: <http://prepsportswear.com/> which pops up on NOLA.com high school sports window. To add insult to injury, the shirt they are selling has a grammatical error! They spell "Saint Pauls" with no apostrophe! Now that really hurts me! How rude!

From the Saint Paul's Student Council President David Conroy:

1- We are having a short food drive this week from Tuesday morning through Friday night's football game. We are doing this in addition to our annual Fall food drive because the shelves of the Samaritan Center are bare. Our traditional Thanksgiving Food Drive will help the Covington Food Bank. And since our Bogalusa families have requested that their donations go to the Bogalusa Help Center, that's fine, too. All the student needs to do is bring proof from the BHC of how many cans he donated. This food drive will be grade level competition. Whichever grade donates the most cans of food will win either a class pizza day or a class smoothie day. Teachers WILL NOT be giving bonus points for this food drive. Cans can be dropped off with Sgt. Pressley before school, between classes, lunch, and after school.

2- St. Paul's has entered a photo contest sponsored by RackRoom shoes via Facebook. The picture we have chosen to represent our school is of the arch, driveway, and large oak tree. The purpose of this competition is to help us try to win a \$50,000 computer lab for our school. People can cast votes once a day, every day, through Monday, September 9th. Votes can be cast at this link: https://apps.facebook.com/btsphotocontest/contests/326429/voteable_entries/68772169. Share this with friends, family, church groups, sports teams, etc.

Useless Fact of the Week: Why do people clink glasses before drinking a toast? It was common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering a poisoned drink. To prove that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

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- *Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?*
- *Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?*
- *You know that indestructible black box on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??*

- *Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?*
- *Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?*
- *If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?*
- *Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?*
- *Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Words of Encouragement Dept: Notes from three 2013 alums as they began their college careers last week:

- *I wanted to thank you for the BEST five years of my life. St. Paul's has made me the person I am today and I absolutely do not regret any moment of being at this wonderful school.*
- *Saint Paul's is truly a great place to grow up. I'm so happy I decided to stay.*
- *I recently attended one of LSU's orientation sessions and at the beginning of each meeting and speech I felt myself dumbfounded due to the fact that I was saying, "let us remember". I still haven't gotten over the uncomfortable feeling of not saying it each day but I knew you would enjoy it! Anyway, God bless!*

A Look Ahead:

September 9 – Parent Mini schedule 6:30 PM
 September 10 – President/Principal's Assembly – Snack Day
 September 11 – CLASP visit begins – COMPLETE your survey by Sep 5!
 September 12 – CLASP focus groups meet
 September 13 – **No classes meet** for CLASP faculty/staff meetings. Students do not report to school.
 September 16 – 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-service
 September 17 – ASVAB test given to seniors in the BAC
 September 24 – Pack Time
 September 27 – All school mass – DRESS UNIFORM DAY FOR ALL.
 September 28 – Jr. High Homecoming Dance
 October 1 – President/Principal's Assembly – First sophomore Sudden Impact field trip
 October 4 – Homecoming – Pep Rally Schedule
 October 5 – Jazz 'n Roll in BAC
 October 8 – Pack Time
 October 11 – Periods AB meet/ Grandparents Day in BAC/ End of First Quarter
 October 14 – Late start for Teacher in service
 October 15 – President/Principal's Assembly – FAB meets
 October 16 – PSAT test to 10th Graders in BAC
 October 17 – 9th Grade Retreat/Service Day
 October 18 – 9th Grade Retreat/Service Day – Redi-Step test to 8th Graders
 October 21 – Teen-Life-Counts (TLC) program begins for sophomores during religion classes
 October 22 – Pack Time – TLC for sophomores
 October 23 – TLC for sophomores
 October 24 – TLC for sophomores
 October 25 – TLC for sophomores

Prayer Request: The sister of Pre-freshman Jackson Roberts, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jessica Danos, a Navy Seabee Reservist, is being deployed to Afghanistan, leaving behind a 2 year old son, a great husband, and a very large family. We pray for her safety and her swift return to her family.

Whew! Enough for now! Sorry I was so long-winded this week (so what made this week different from other weeks, right?)

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now as I finish writing the newsletter and LOLing as I do so): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to September as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul's School

PS: Here's the answer to the Sep 3 Trivia Question: In 1783, the American Revolution officially ends when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain & France sign **The Treaty of Paris**.

Parents -- take the CLASP Survey! Please! The link is at the top!

CAN YOUR SON RECITE THE FIVE CORE LASALLIAN PRINCIPLES FROM MEMORY?

CAN YOU?

Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for the Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God

And remember to the ordinary things extraordinarily well – our theme for the year!

