



The President/Principal's Newsletter for Dec 02 - 08, 2013



I pray that your celebration of Thanksgiving was a blessed one and that our students are rested and ready for the final three weeks of the first semester.

Let me begin by wishing you **Happy New Year!** We begin the month of December celebrating the season of Advent – which is the beginning of the new Catholic Church year -- a time of waiting. Advent commemorates the centuries of our awaiting the Messiah. Catholic families put out Advent wreaths, the priest wears purple vestments, and Jesse trees spring up – all to remind us of the season of waiting for the "fullness of time."

I like Advent. I know I'm in the minority here, but I find it a very human season. I know, too, that our students don't like Advent because they don't like the concept of waiting. They routinely grumble about waiting in the cafeteria line, about how far away a particular event is that they are looking forward to, etc. Somehow, in our instant gratification society that emphasizes getting what you want as quickly as possible, patience is no longer promoted as a virtue. In a world where we upgrade to faster computers, buy faster Internet access, text and tweet instead of talk, deliver overnight, buy faster cars, patronize establishments that offer "lunch in ten minutes or it's free" and emphasize that time is money, our students no longer know how to wait. And yet think about how much time we do spend waiting: in store lines, in traffic jams, for the check that's in the mail, for a happy time to occur or a difficult time to end.

Think about your son and how much time you have spent and continue to spend waiting for him: to be born, to learn to talk, to take his first step, to develop his talents, in the car pool line, to come home from a date, to see the importance of grades, to learn to appreciate family and life, to mature.

Advent teaches us to turn times of waiting into times of grace. At the beginning of Advent, at Tuesday's assembly, I will remind the students of one of the oldest prayers in the Church. It consists of just one word: **Maranatha**, which is Aramaic for "Come, Lord." If we can fill our time of waiting with God's presence, then the whole concept of patience will take on a new and more fulfilling meaning. What a wonderful way to fill periods of waiting! Use it as a greeting, too. Your spirits will be renewed and your time of waiting will be filled with blessing.

Maranatha! Come, Lord!

Mon, Dec 2 (Assembly; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1823, during his annual address to Congress, President James Monroe proclaims a new U.S. foreign policy initiative that becomes known as the "Monroe Doctrine" which forbade European interference in the American hemisphere but also asserted U.S. neutrality in regard to European conflicts.
- **National Fritters Day:** Indulge with a fritter, a fried cake filled with fruit or meat.

- **National Mutt Day:** For those of you with one of these, celebrate today!
- **Cross Country State Championship & Swim Team Recognition Assembly this AM**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences in the BAC (5-7)** We moved the time up a bit to accommodate the Saints game and coaches have adjusted their practice schedules. The format for tonight is simple: teachers will be seated at tables and parents visit those teachers they want. We ask that conversations be limited a couple of minutes, especially if a teacher has many parents waiting in line. If longer conversation is needed, set an appointment with the teacher.

Tue, Dec 3 (Assembly; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1947, Marlon Brando's famous cry of "STELLA!" first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience during the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
- **International Day of People with Disability** promotes support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. As Lasallians, we aim to build an inclusive community which respects all. We celebrate this day.
- **President/Principal's Assembly: I look forward to recognizing student accomplishments!**
- **Archdiocesan Principals Meeting:** I will meet at De La Salle this afternoon with my 22 colleagues from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese -- always an educational experience!
- **Soccer:** 8th v. Monteleone (5:30) & Varsity at Hammond (7) in district opener. Go, Wolves as you defend your district title!

Wed, Dec 4 (Regular; A B C D)

- **National Cookie Day:** Enjoy! DYK that the English word "cookie" comes from the Dutch word "koekje," which means little cake? Dutch bakers tested oven temps on small amounts of batter so they would not waste the entire cake mix if the temp wasn't right. They soon discovered that these tiny pieces of cooked batter were actually quite tasty!
- **Principals and Police:** Our monthly meeting will focus on ways to keep our schools and community even safer.
- **Basketball in CYO Tournament through Friday**
- **Wrestling:** JH/JV/V v. Catholic

Thu, Dec 5 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1901, **Walter Elias Disney** is born. Watch a Disney classic today!
- **Blood Drive on Campus:** Eligible and interested students (age 17) will bring home a permission form for parents to sign. Parents are also welcome to come to campus between 8 & 2:30 if they wish to donate.
- **Environmental Science Class** will be involved in a cypress tree restoration project today in the Lacombe area.
- **Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society Induction Ceremony:** we look forward to honoring our matheletes.

Fri, Dec 6 (Pack Time; B C D E)

- **St. Nicholas:** From American Catholic.org: *Eastern and Western Churches honor Nicholas; it is claimed that, after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. We can*

pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of tongue, Santa Claus—expanding the example of generosity showed by this holy bishop.

- TDIH:** In 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers place a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of the Washington Monument
- BB:** 8th in Rummel Tourney thru Sat
- Wrestling:** Varsity in Trygg Tourney at Grace King thru Sat
- Soccer:** JV & Varsity v. Mandeville (5:30 & 7)

Sat, Dec 7

- TDIH: Pearl Harbor Day.** In 1941, The Empire of Japan attacks Pearl Harbor. This “day which will live in infamy” forced the US into World War II. We remember those who gave their lives, fighting for our freedom.
- Basketball:** 9th in Fontainebleau Tourney
- Cross Country Christmas Fun Run:** Best wishes, CC Wolves, for a successful event! Come out and have some fun with the State Champion Cross Country Wolves!
- Wrestling:** JV in Catholic High JV Tournament
- Soccer:** 9th v. Jesuit (10)

Sun, Dec 8 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- **I encourage our families, especially our Catholic ones, to attend Church today.**
- TDIH:** In 1980, John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed pop music in the 1960s, is shot and killed by an obsessed fan in NYC. All he was saying was give peace a chance.
- TDIH II:** 11660, a female actress appeared as **Desdemona** in Shakespeare's *Othello*, probably the first appearance by a woman actress in England. For years, female roles were played by boys or men. The British saw women on stage much earlier when a traveling troupe from France included women as well as men. But they were not received well — according to one audience member, the women were "hissed, hooted, and pippin-pelted off the stage." In 1632, William Prynne published a 1,100-page document condemning the theater, particularly female actresses. But by 1660, actors were confident enough to feature a woman as Desdemona in *Othello*. There is no record of who the actress was, but scholars guess that it was Margaret Hughes, whom Samuel Pepys described as "a mighty pretty woman."
- National Brownie Day:** Enjoy this chewy, chocolate treat!
- Luminaries – 6 pm.** Come join this annual Christmas display on our campus! Many hundreds of lighted candles in white bags make for a powerful display as they “light the way” for the coming of the Lord into our lives. Lighting is at 5:30, caroling at 6, prayer service at 6:30 and refreshment follow. Thanks to Student Council, Mothers' Club, Campus Ministry, Physical Plant, Liturgical Band, Marching Wolves and all who help with this incredible “festival of lights” on our campus. The

Christian Brothers were one of the first ones to bring this holiday treat to the Covington area since they were knowledgeable about it from their schools in New Mexico.

Prayers Requested for the repose of the soul of Mr. Michael Hand, father of SPS Senior Matthew Hand and SPS alumnus Patrick '09. Mr. Hand died on Thanksgiving Day after several weeks in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. We will support Matthew through this difficult time.

Hanukkah began at sundown on Nov 27 and lasts until Dec 05. As we Christians prepare to celebrate the great feast of Christmas, we extend our very best wishes to our Jewish brothers and sisters who are celebrating Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. Unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25, Hanukkah is a movable feast and this year is one of the earliest dates possible. Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple. It also commemorates the miracle of the oil that burned for 8 days. We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed and joyful celebration of Hanukkah!

Phone Problems: Our phone system was out all of last week, so if you tried calling, you were frustrated. In case it goes out again, I'll send an email with some back up cell phones number. The phone system is working again but is on life support. It's old and obsolete, so we're searching for a new system. If you are in the business and would like to bid, give me a call – if you can get through!

The Annual Fund: This week, I will officially launch our Annual Fund Drive – just like almost every other private school. I'm humbled, however, by the number of you who have anticipated the drive and have already sent in your donations. I'll be spelling out the details of the drive in an email and a brochure that will be mailed, but know that its success is critical to Saint Paul's. Please keep this in mind as you plan your end of year giving. Again, thanks to all who have already contributed. We need everyone, to at least some degree, to follow suit.

The Ugly Dept: Even at Thanksgiving, the sad news continues:

- Our hearts are saddened and our prayerful support goes out to Covington High on the arrest of two of their students who threatened the safety of that school. Here's the link if you didn't see the story. [Covington High students booked on terrorizing charge after making verbal threat at school, cops say](#)
Again, I call on all of us to be especially vigilant in the three week before Christmas. Parents, speak with your sons about the need to report ANY potential destructive acts. Speak to them about conflict resolution. Make sure any weapon is safely secured and accounted for.
- Even Yale University was not immune to campus disruption as they went through a shelter in place lockdown last week on the suspicion of a gunman on campus.

Man Proposes, God Disposes Dept: Some of you are aware that **Brother Jeffrey Calligan**, my immediate predecessor for nine years as principal of Saint Paul's, has just completed a seven year assignment with the Lasallian Education Services in the District of Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Papua New Guinea. Jeff requested that he be assigned to Saint Paul's and Brother Tim Coldwell, Provincial, agreed. Jeff was scheduled to arrive this week to join our staff. Unfortunately, God had other

plans, as Jeff sent me the following last week: *I am at this moment in Cabrini Hospital in Malvern. Last night I was admitted because I was having problems breathing. The culprit is my heart! As predicted a couple of years ago the heart valve that was degenerating has done so. It can no longer function. It has to be replaced immediately. The doctors are going to take the rest of the week to strengthen me and then they will operate. They are excellent and I have every confidence in them. I am told convalescence before any long flight home will be 8 to 10 weeks...so February is a possibility. I am grateful for the care and love of the doctors and staff here. I am delighted to be surrounded by my religious community and friends here. God is good. Be confident and pray for all to be well. It will be.* We pray for Jeff's swift and complete recovery and return "home" to SPS; when he can, we will welcome him warmly. I look forward to his return.

Cross Country State Championship: I can't say enough great things about his incredible group of young men and their coaching staff. Day after day throughout the summer and fall, these guys run literally hundreds if not thousands of miles. Week after week, very early on Sat mornings in the fall, these guys gather in Guiteau Plaza at 5:30 am to travel to their race site. To say that their state win this year was impressive is an understatement. It was phenomenal. And what's more, the quality of human beings in these guys is outstanding. Kudos, Coaches Chatham, Nastasi & Wiggins!

The Aqua Wolves: Ditto the above for the Aqua Wolves, who receive very little acclaim. Their fourth place finish in state deserves special mention. A small but determined group of swimmers represented us in an exemplary manner! With only seven swimmers (**Griffin Guzan, Harrison Prieto, Will Warwick, Jack Dubreuil, Jacob Elliott, William Munn & Kyle Hladky**), we had one of the smallest entries among the top 15 schools, but the quality of our swims outscored the quantity swims of others. For the first time, we had All State swimmers in three events: our 200 medley relay, Griffin Guzan in the 100 fly and Harrison Prieto in the 100 backstroke. Team alternates **Max Morvant, Nicholas Sibley** and **Brenton Larmann** did a great job keeping the cheering very lively. Many thanks to all the parents who came and cheered the team on, and kept an eye on things at the motel. And thanks to **Ms. Emilie Allen**, faculty moderator, who helped with the arrangements. And a big shout out goes to **Coach Bill Babcock** for getting the most out of this small but talented group of swimmers. Geaux Aqua Wolves!

Suicide Prevention: In case you did not see the two articles last week, here are the links. SPS is mentioned in both: Ricky Blanke, an SPS sophomore who took his life a number of years ago, and Kaycee Jarrett, sister of SPS sophomore Christian Jarrett. I thought the reporters; Bob Warren & SPS alum parent Kim Chatelain did a good job in their stories about this difficult topic:

- [Death in a classmate's family hits home during suicide prevention program at St. Paul's School in Covington](#)
- [Hoping to erase stigma and save lives, St. Tammany Parish confronts suicide issue](#)

Parents, please speak with your sons about this issue. It's not easy, but it's needed. Already this year, we have intervened with several students who voiced or wrote potentially suicidal thoughts.

Musings on Last Two Weeks:

- v **Food Drive:** Congrats to Student Council for a very successful food drive. Over 9 tons of canned goods were delivered to Covington Food Bank. If you didn't see this photo montage on NOLA, it's worth a click. BTW, the photographer, Ted Jackson, is the father of SPS alum Chris Jackson '96: http://photos.nola.com/4500/gallery/st_pauls_school_delivers_over_95_tons_of_food_to_food_bank/index.html#/0
- v **SPS TV Driving Story:** Thanks for your support on WWL's story on our students' driving. I've met with Mayor Cooper and Chief Lenz, Ken Sears has spoken with neighbors, Trevor did outstandingly on the TV interview, Ashley Rodriguez was very understanding, many parents and alums voiced support, some students have been issued Saturday School consequences for their poor driving, more supervision is on duty at dismissal and many students apologized to me. Good resulted.
- v **AP American History** field trip to Oak Alley Plantation to begin their Civil War study went very well. And now the real work begins!
- v **Athletics:** Wrestling, Soccer, & Basketball practiced and played hard during the entire holiday! Too many wins to list!
- v **Mission & Ministry** Councils of New Orleans Santa Fe and San Francisco Provinces of Christian Brothers visited our campus on 11/20. They were very pleased with what they saw.
- v **Huether Conference:** This gathering in New Orleans of over 400 Lasallians from throughout the region went very well. Our faculty attended on Fri, Nov 22, and profited from the experience.
- v **Liturgical Band** received a standing ovation from the Huether Conference attendees for their outstanding prayer service on Thursday's opening night. They did us proud. Thanks to Christi Simoneaux and the Liturgical Band Wolves.
- v **Chapel Repairs:** The overhangs were entirely rebuilt as they were about to collapse. In the process, a colony of bats was discovered! Who knew? The bad news? 4000 unbudgeted dollars per overhang!
- v **La Salle Parking:** Concrete repairs were made to La Salle Parking Lot. Fortunately, concrete was under warranty!
- v **Fewer Trees:** CLECO came, wanting to remove eight trees that were threatening power lines. Six were dead so it was a no brainer; one pine was still alive but leaning precariously close to the power line so I didn't object, but one red oak still had life and was not that much of a threat so I begged for its life. CLECO spared the tree.
- v **Botanical Wolves** didn't stop their planting binge over the holidays. New irises, mulch, & other stuff, too! Thanks, BWs!
- v **Repairs:** Classroom flooring tiles were repaired in several rooms, gym lights were replaced, & two more school building classrooms were equipped with IDEA paint, on which you can use markers directly on the whole wall. A lot of work was done on campus over the holiday.
- v **Wolf Tracks:** Holidays didn't deter Mrs. Danielle Lavie in our Development Office from sending out the end of November Wolf Tracks. It's great! Here's the link if you didn't receive it: <http://www.stpauls.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/November-30-20131.pdf>

Senior Parents:

Each year, the family of SPS Alum Matthew Booth '99 arranges for a picture of your son marching through the arch to be taken and given to you as a gift in memory of Matthew, who died in an auto accident a couple of years after his graduation. The pictures are finally here. You may pick them up at parent conferences tonight or when you are on campus. If you want your son to bring it home, just

send a note. I'm reluctant to give it to the boys without your knowledge as it may end up at the bottom of his book bag. **A thank you note to the Booth family is appropriate and encouraged.**

· Senior Retreat is just around the corner. You should have received an email with all the details from Renee Miller and Lee Pierre, retreat coordinators. If you didn't receive this email, please email Renee at reneep@stpauls.com or Lee at leep@stpauls.com.

Application Letters: I annually publish some memorable lines from next year's application letters.

Here's the first batch:

- *At Open House students talked about how teachers get to school early. That will benefit me when I have questions.*
- *When I shadowed, the teachers truly knew what they were doing and reflected God in all they did. All the things I saw at Saint Paul's proved it is a school like no other.*
- *I hear from many people that the principal, Brother Ray, is an amazing principal. [This guy will be accepted and is destined for a successful career in sales!]*
- *The main reason I want to go to Saint Paul's is the way the students acted. They were so motivated to learn and welcoming to new students that I was extremely impressed.*

The President/Principal Travels: On Sat morning, I leave for Santa Fe to attend our Province Council meeting. Santa Fe is the western end of the New Orleans-Santa Fe Province. I look forward to incredible scenery, cold, dry western weather, and delicious northern New Mexico cuisine at one of my favorite restaurants. OK, I look forward to a margarita, too, sitting in front of the restaurant's fireplace where I will propose a toast to all of you! Trevor Watkins is in charge during my absence. God willing and Southwest Airlines cooperating, I return Monday evening.

A Word about Exams: Semester exams begin on Dec 17. Remember that exams are SEMESTER exams which will cover the entire semester. The **semester grade** (the only grade that counts in GPA and the only grade on the transcript) will be averaged in the following manner: 40% for Quarter 1; 40% for Quarter 2; 20 % for the semester exam. Encourage your son, therefore, to take his exams seriously. **It's time to start reviewing.** A good review lasts several weeks and avoids last minute cramming. Learning how to study for semester exams will aid your son considerably in college. The complete exam schedule is posted on Edline.

Thanksgiving to Christmas: This period of the school year can be a real challenge. While it should be a time of good will and cheer, often we find ourselves handling a crisis. The best way to prevent any difficulty is through the Lasallian virtues of caring and vigilance – which will be in full force. Teachers will teach until the very end. **Parents, please remind your students to adhere to ALL procedures & policies.** We will show care to the students, but we will be vigilant.

Adopt A Family: We again have identified several needy families in the local St. Tammany Parish area and have "adopted" them in order to provide them with a wonderful Christmas. Students on each level will shop, wrap and deliver the gifts. It's a very educational endeavor in social justice. We encourage your son to participate if he is able. Donations will be accepted for the next two weeks.

Mission Collections, Adopt a Family Projects, and Other Worthy Causes: We encourage our students to be generous with these causes. However, I again want to reassure parents that we DO NOT want to cause an economic hardship for our families. Please speak with your son about charitable giving. Perhaps you can reread as a family the parable of the Widow's Mite. Our teachers are aware that not every student can give or give a lot. PLEASE let me know if your son is feeling uncomfortable with our appeals. And that goes for you, too. Let's face it – tuition does NOT cover the cost of running Saint Paul's. Hence, we have fundraisers. I will soon be launching our Annual Fund Drive, and if you can give, that's great. If not, I understand. We pray for the financial health of all.

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. I have a number of pre-owned SPS sweatshirts in good condition. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** Remember that ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.

A SERVE TEN Reminder: Five service hours are due. Students must fill-out and turn in completed "Serve Ten" forms to the Counseling Department in order to get credit for their service hours. We have been advertising MANY service opportunities. Remember that service hours are mandatory, not optional.

2014-15 Admission Process: We are accepting application for next year. If you know of someone interested, they should already have filed their application. We do allow a "grace period" but it's really time to submit the application if they are interested. Naturally, interested parties should feel free to contact me if they have questions.

Current Student Re-Registration for 2014-15: For those of you who plan ahead, here's the process:

- Current 8th graders will be asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8th graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new 9th graders we can accept.
- Current 9th – 11th grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12th graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2014-15, a \$300 registration fee will be due.
- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning for the second semester of this year, please let me know ASAP.**

Mary Queen of Peace Christmas Mini Market Info: *The Holiday's are here! Get a start on your Christmas shopping at our annual MQPCS Christmas Mini Market. It will be held in the Parish Center on Friday, December 6th, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. You will be able to find many handcrafted items such as jewelry, frames, embroidered items and much, much more. Hands on Christmas Crafts for the children...Fun, Fun, Fun! The cost for admission is a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to benefit the Samaritan Center. Bring your Christmas list for some great shopping!*

Important Driver's License Requirement: Effective September 16, a new requirement was added to the driver's license issuance process for all minor applicants. All minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license.

PLEASE: Our Attendance Office is being taxed to the max. Under ordinary circumstances, it is difficult enough to keep track of the students. When you call Erin and request "immediate" dismissal for a student, it places an unfair burden on her. If a student must leave school early, please send a written note with your student and have him check in with the attendance office when he comes to school to get a dismissal slip for the time requested. This is the policy in our handbook – which you pledged to uphold at the beginning of the year when you signed. And we just can't stop everything to deliver an assignment, a lunch, a message – we just don't have the personnel. Thanks for understanding.

Humor of the Week: In honor of Advent, more church bulletin classics! (And you thought I had run out of these!):

- *Evening Massage - 6 p.m. Ushers will eat latecomers.*
- *The concert held in the Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which, as usual, fell upon her.*
- *On a church bulletin during the pastor's illness: GOD IS GOOD. Pastor Hargreaves is better.*
- *Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts...*
- *Glory of God to all and peas to his people on earth!*
- *Lift up our Messianic brothers and sisters in Israel who are suffering during our prayer time.*
- *Following services on Sunday we will have our monthly feelowship.*
- *We have received word of the sudden passing of Rev. Smith this morning during the worship service. Now let's sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."*
- *The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved... the final secretary gave a grief report.*
- *Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

The Paper Wolf: The all new DIGITAL Paper Wolf is updated each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. The students are very excited about this new venture. So support them and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

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.

Tutoring: The National Honor Society offers tutoring 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 easier to be tutored early in the than to wait until later in the quarter. Get a jump on exam study by visiting our NHS tutors! The tutors are friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial "put these men to work!"

Community Coffee Seals: We are now collecting these, too, which can be redeemed for cash to help SPS. Your son should bring them to his math teacher.

PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING: Parents – set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

A Look Ahead

December 2 – Parent/Teacher Meetings in BAC (5–7 pm – time change is due to Saints! Blame them!)

December 3 – President/Principal’s Assembly

December 5 – Blood Drive

December 9 – Mass

December 10 – Pack Time

December 12 – Snack Day

December 11-13 – Reconciliation in Chapel

December 17-20 – Exams

December 20 -- Christmas (not “winter”) holidays begin at 11:10

January 06 – Classes resume from Christmas holiday; second semester begins with periods A B C D

January 08-10 – Senior Retreat

January 20 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Whew! I’ve worn you out again this week, but you got a break last Sunday as the newsletter went on Thanksgiving holiday!

As usual, I’ll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to as I write and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Let me know if there’s an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others.

Pray that things go well! We’re already reached the seventh week of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul’s – our 102nd year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Renewed from Thanksgiving Holiday and Ready for the Last Three Weeks of the Semester as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul’s School

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near!

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

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extraordinarily well!**

