



## The President/Principal's Newsletter for January 21-26, 2014



### 2014 -- A Year of Family and Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans

I hope your three day weekend is a pleasant one. Here's my annual Martin Luther King message:



In thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King, I annually remember one of his statements that has become a favorite of mine: *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed or Shakespeare wrote. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle wrote a similar thought to the first Brothers -- and thus to us today. In his last *Meditation for the Time of Retreat*, Saint La Salle tells the brothers: *Oh! What glory there will be for those persons who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving! Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself!*



**I believe both quotations are equally applicable to parents and to students. Just think if each of us did our job so well that *all the hosts of heaven and earth* paused to recognize our efforts!**

**This must be our daily goal! I wish you a great week!**

#### Mon, Jan 20 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

- **This Day in History:** In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated for his second term. It was the first time presidents were inaugurated on Jan 20. Previously, Inauguration Day was on March 4. This amount of time was needed in the past for the winner to travel to Washington since modern communication and travel were not invented.
- **TDIH II:** In 1961, John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President and utters famous “Ask not what your country can do for you...” Poet Robert Frost read (from memory!) at the Inauguration Ceremony.
- **Penguin Awareness Day:** Today we give serious consideration to our tuxedo-wearing waddling friends. Did you know penguins mate for life? Or that the word penguin means 'fat winged' one in Portuguese?
- **National Cheese Lovers Day:** Indulge and enjoy!

#### Tue, Jan 21 (Assembly; F G A B)

- **Assembly:** Our assembly this morning will be a prayer service on the one year anniversary on the death of Justin Dakota Addison, an SPS junior who died from injuries sustained in a biking accident and who is sorely missed. It will be in the BAC. A group of students has planned the service and invited Justin's family.
- **This Day in History:** 1793, King Louis XVI is executed. The people eat cake.
- **National Hugging Day:** No whining today! Hug someone you love!
- **Squirrel Appreciation Day:** We have enough squirrels on our campus, so enjoy them today. Of course, the day could also apply to the human variety of squirrel!
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity v. Covington

- **Soccer:** Varsity at Covington

**Wed, Jan 22 (Special Schedule; 2:20 DISMISSAL; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** in 1973, the Supreme Court of the US legalizes abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision.
- **TDIH II:** In 2013, SPS student Justin Dakota Addison dies of injuries sustained in a biking accident. The school continues to mourn his passing and remembers him as outstanding in every respect.
- **Day of Penance & Prayer:** The Bishops of the US have declared today, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a Day of Penance and Prayer: penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life. We join our penance and prayer today to those of all who are concerned with the dignity of life.
- **NOSF District Leadership Pastoral Visit:** We welcome the Leadership Team of the New Orleans – Santa Fe District (L to R: Brother Peter Tripp, Brother David Sinitiere, Mr. Charles Legendre, Brother Tim Coldwell, Mr. Mike McMurray & Mr. Bob Carrejo. Brother Michael Livaudais is missing from picture) to school on Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday. Details below. **Note early dismissal.**
- **SPS Dad's Club (6:30 at Abita Brew Pub)**

**Thu, Jan 23 (Regular; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Wham-O Toy Company rolls out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--known as the Frisbee. Toss a Frisbee today in honor of its birth!
- **National Pie Day:** Indulge!

**Fri, Jan 24 (Regular; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1965, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, dies in London at the age of 90. Churchill was a brilliant orator and writer and the source of some wonderful Churchillian quotations such as: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Google Winston Churchill quotations for a real treat today!
- **National Belly Laugh Day:** Celebrate the gift of laughter today!
- **National Compliment Day:** Let's all give each other compliments today – deserved or not!
- **National Peanut Butter Day:** Indulge!
- **Wrestling:** Varsity in NO Classic at Holy Cross through Sat
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Ponchatoula
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Ponchatoula

**Sat, Jan 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul)**

- **Today's feast** recalls the wonderful story of Saul of Tarsus being struck down and hearing the words "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" May all of us continue our daily conversions away from sin and toward God!
- **TDIH:** 1924, the first Winter Olympics are held at Chamonix in the French Alps.
- **Soccer:** SPS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
- **Macintosh Computer Day:** On Jan. 22, 1984 in a Super Bowl ad which aired only once in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the Macintosh got introduced. Steve Jobs then presented it to the world on Jan. 24, 1984 and it went on sale



*Brother Duane congratulates senior Thomas Ruli on his Spring Hill golf scholarship signing.*

to the public the next day on Jan. 25, 1984. Wanna' view this classic ad? Here's the link:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zfqw8nhUwA>. Apple is planning a big 30th Anniversary event today.

- **Indoor Track** in meet at LSU
- **Basketball:** 8th in Catholic League play in NO; SPS JV Tournament
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi & JV in Jesuit Tournament
- **Rugby** at Audubon

**Sun, Jan 26 (Catholic families – please attend mass; non-Catholic families, please worship at place of your choice.)**

- **TDIH:** In 1725, Pope Benedict XIII recognized the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools as an official Religious Congregation of the Church. De La Salle had died five years earlier and the Brothers' future was unsure. Church approval, therefore, provided them with legitimacy, purpose, & promise. We continue that work here at SPS.

**Life and Dignity of the Human Person:** As we approach anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, it's most appropriate to remember the Church social teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. From the US Catholic Bishops Web Site: *In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.*

**Right to Life March:** Several Wolves will travel to Washington, DC this week with other students from the Archdiocese of NO to participate in this annual event. We are proud of their willingness to support life and offer them our prayer and support.

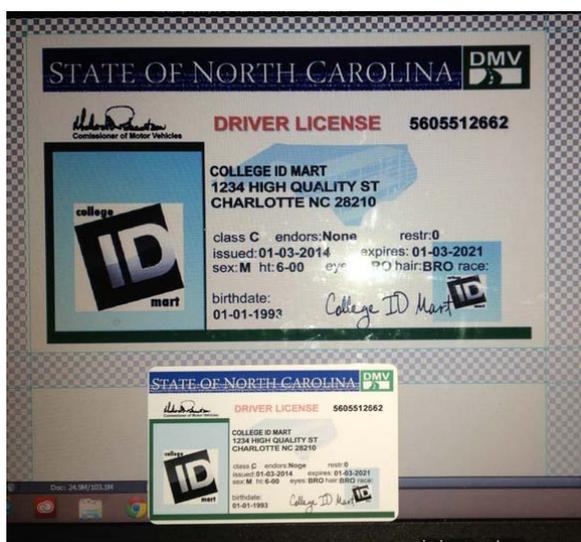
**2014-15 School Calendar:** Next year's calendar appears at the end of the newsletter. We basically follow the public school schedule but start one day earlier, on August 7, with a full day of instruction.

**Prayer & Support:** We offer our prayer and support to the Reverend Raymond Fitzgerald, S.J., President of Jesuit High School. He has recently been diagnosed with ALS and has begun treatment. He will step down at end of the school year. My dealings with Father Fitzgerald have all been positive. Here's what he wrote me after I emailed congratulations following Jesuit's win last February in the state soccer finals and apologized for the less than Lasallian behavior by some of our fans: *My thanks for your most gracious email. I always look forward to any event of any kind with St. Paul's, which combines excellence, spirit, and zeal and puts all in the service of faith. Our two schools are good brothers to one another. Of course, as any man who grew up with brothers will*



*We are very proud of our Soccer Wolves!*

tell us, a brother-on-brother game can be pretty spirited; but everyone leaves with a greater respect for the other. All God's blessings on you and the fine young men who attend St. Paul's. I ask for your prayers for us here. You have our prayers, Father! For an inspiring article on Father's address to the Jesuit student body on his condition, click here: <http://www.jesuitnola.org/2014/01/16/harbor-doubts-source-encouragement-joy-consolation/>



### The Ugly Dept:

- We discovered last week that one of our students was selling fake ID cards via website designed for this purpose. How did we discover this? The Covington Chief of Police informed us! How embarrassing. Chief Lenz was most gracious and allowed us to handle the disciplinary action, which we did. We confiscated the fake IDs, offered them to the parents of the boys involved, and suspended the seller. While one boy admitted using it to purchase alcohol, the other said it was to “get into concerts.” Anyway, the fake driver’s license factory can be found at <http://www.collegeidmart.com>. **Parents: be aware of this Collegeidmart site and others like it. Speak to your son about the danger and illegality of using fake ID.**

- And we suspended three students for attempting to shoplift at a local store – in their SPS uniforms no less! This is a direct violation of our handbook. The young men were fortunate that the store owner did not have them arrested. Nevertheless, Saint Paul’s took disciplinary action. **We remind all that any action, on or off campus, which harms the reputation of the school subjects a student to disciplinary action.**

**Archdiocesan Strategic Plan Grade Configuration:** As I’m sure you know, last week the Archdiocese of New Orleans denied all requests for waivers of the new grade-level configuration (pre-K-7 for elementary schools, and 8-12 or pre-K-12 for high schools.) This will affect about 30 schools in the Archdiocese. While this decision does not affect SPS, De La Salle or Rummel, it drastically affects Christian Brothers School in City Park, which is a grades 5-7 middle school. For the past few months, the Leadership Teams of the Brothers and CBS have worked hard to comply with the Archdiocesan mandate and have consulted with experts in the fields of education, insurance, construction and even officials of City Park. The unanimous opinion of these experts was that it would pose serious issues for CBS to comply. Accordingly, we were confident of a waiver, but that is not to be the case. The Brothers and CBS leadership are now in consultation about our next step. As one wise CBS Trustee said, however, even St. La Salle often had difficulty complying with directives from the local bishops! With the eyes of faith that our Founder encouraged us to view everything, a way will be found for CBS to continue the Lasallian Mission of providing a human and Christian education – and doing it extraordinarily well! To read CBS President/Principal Joey Scaffidi’s letter to his parents, click here: <http://www.cbs-no.org/StrategicPlan/ArchdiocesanStrategicPlanGradeLevelConfiguration.pdf>

### Letters of Application: More unedited excerpts:

- *I know ya’ll are one big happy family and I want to be part of that family.*
- *I would be a good addition to your school because I am intelligent and hard working*
- *There are so many great experiences I have had on campus, from going to countless sports camps, to learning how to ride a bike. I got on my first bike at St. Paul’s. I also fell off my first bike at St. Paul’s. In a way, St. Paul’s has been my childhood.*

- *When I attended Open house, I was so static [sic] at the fact they actually had biomedical classes. [let's hope he's dynamic, too]*
- *My dad went to Rummel so I wanted to go to Rummel but we live on the northshore. Then I heard about St. Paul's which is an excellent choice, if not better. [We certainly think it is!]*

### Musings on Last Week:

- **Wolf Packs:** I hope the boys enjoyed last week's Wolf Pack. Much discussion ensued in my Pack as students discussed their pets, named the countries they had visited, and counted letters in their names!
- **Soccer:** Congrats to Varsity for wins over Mandeville and condolences on the OT loss to Northshore. As Coach Moser said: "It will be a learning experience."
- **Wrestling:** Wolves represented us well in the LA Classic.
- **Drama Field Trip:** Our drama guys went to MQP school to read poems to the first graders. Wonderful!
- **Basketball:** Our hoopsters played with determination last week and won a thriller v. Mandeville. 9<sup>th</sup> also beat Mandy. The two game winning streak ended, however, against Northshore on Fri but Wolves played hard. And I watched the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team beat Rummel on Saturday in a VERY physical and intense game. **Congrats 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BBall!**
- **Science Fair:** Lots of projects were brought in last week. Thanks to Sci Dept for encouraging projects!
- **Student Council:** Thanks to Amy Marshall and the SC for representing us well at the LASC convention over the MLK weekend. The group traveled to Metairie. Congrats to Sam Giberga for running for president.
- **Rugby:** Our newly formed Rugby Wolves swung into action on Saturday
- **Lacrosse:** And our LAX Wolves were busy as usual this weekend, too!
- **Fighting Math Wolves:** And a busload of FMWs were up and at 'em early Sat morn, heading to Brother Martin High School for spirited and intense math competition! The FMWs returned with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy, losing only to Baton Rouge Magnet & Ben Franklin Magnet (but beating that school on Carrolton & Banks!) Congratulations, FMWs! We are so proud of you!



*Lee Pierre gives instructions to a group of seniors on senior retreat.*

### 2014-15 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** registration information will be emailed during the week of January 21. **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to return for 2014-15 will have until Jan 31 to re-register.** Unregistered spots will be offered to new 9<sup>th</sup> grade applicants during February. I need to know your intentions about next year so I know how many new 9<sup>th</sup> graders we can accept. Contact me if you have any questions.
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades:** registration will take place in early - Feb. You don't need to do anything now
- **Current 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2014-15! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involved the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**

**Annual Fund:** Thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we are not sending requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son’s grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I’ll personally appeal. I’ll send them a nice “thank you” note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What’s important is that everyone participates.
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other 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. Many thanks!



*#4 prepares to contact the soccer ball in a recent 8<sup>th</sup> grade game.*

**Sweatshirts & Cold Weather:** With the exceptionally cold weather last week, we relaxed our rule and allowed heavy coats and other warm weather gear. Now that things are more seasonal, we return to policy: **ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted.** If this presents a problem, please contact me.

**Saint Peter Parish Father-Son Human Sexuality Program** for fathers and their 11-14 year old sons will be held Sun, Feb 16, 2014, from 5-8 PM in St. Mary’s Hall, St. Peter Church, Covington. Fathers and sons are invited to grow together in God’s special gift of human fertility and the wonder of growing up and becoming a man. Topics include: the changes in a young man’s body as it prepares for fatherhood; the functions of the male and female reproductive systems; the sacredness of human life; appreciation and reverence for our sexuality and the virtue of chastity; and a confidential question and answer segment. The program is based on the teachings of Pope John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body”. The program provides an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss the important topic

of growing up and establishes a foundation for continued communication between parent and child. Presenters include peers, health care professionals and fathers. For more information, please contact Melody Baroussa, St. Peter Office of Marriage and Family Life, 985.892.9353 or email [mfl@stpeterparish.com](mailto:mfl@stpeterparish.com). The cost of the program is \$25. We also have registration forms in our Campus Ministry office.

**Future Lawyers Opportunity:** The Louisiana Bar Association High School Summer Legal Internship Program is now accepting applications for this great June 09-27 program. This program is available to incoming high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates who are interested in the legal profession. Students will participate in a one week legal institute, during which they will attend an abridged law school session and a two week internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts. The students will also participate in field trips. Students who complete the program will receive a \$250 stipend. Interested students should see Mr. Logarbo for

information or check out the LBA website at [www.lsba.org/goto/suitup](http://www.lsba.org/goto/suitup).

**SPS Dad's Club:** After a 3 month hiatus, the St. Paul's Dads' Club will kick off 2014 with a meeting Wednesday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Abita Brewery Visitor Center. We would like to invite all dads to join us for socializing. There is no cost, and refreshments will be served.

**Mary, Queen of Peace Parish JANUARY 23 Ecumenical Prayer Service (7 pm):** Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 West Causeway, Mandeville, is hosting an ecumenical celebration of God's Word on January 23. Please join us as we celebrate our common mission to serve Christ in the poor, the hungry, and the imprisoned. A free-will offering will benefit the Covington Food Bank and the Samaritan Center. A reception will follow the prayer service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



*Provincial Brother Tim Coldwell  
(center) and his leadership team*

**New Orleans-Santa Fe Christian Brother District**

**Leadership Team Visit:** On Tue and Wed, the leadership team of the NOSF District will be on campus for a Pastoral Visit. The purpose of this visit is:

- To celebrate our history at the NO-SF District
- To encourage and accompany our Lasallian family as it organized into new structures of association
- To recognize the Lasallian charism and distinctive NO-SF character at work in each of our ministries in these areas:
  1. Lasallian Formation
  2. Living Faith
  3. Community Life
  4. Creativity
  5. Vocation Promotion

During their visit the leadership team will confer with the SPS administration on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning they will lead the school in a prayer service in the Gym. Afterwards individual members of the team will visit various classes during periods C and D to talk to and visit with our students. They will also meet with student representatives during the end of Period D and with a faculty focus group over lunch on Wednesday. The visit will end with an all-faculty meeting in the Theater at 2:25.

**We will dismiss at 2:20 on Wednesday for this meeting.**

**Humor of the Week:** More student excuses!

- *Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.*
- *Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.*
- *I kept Tommy home because he had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size he wears.*
- *Billy won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.*
- *Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.*
- *Please excuse Casey from school. It was Take Your Son to work day. I don't have a job, so I made him stay home and do housework.*
- *Please excuse Tommy for being absent as he was feeling good yesterday.*
- *Please excuse Johnny for being late for late for class. The bell rang before he got there.*
- *My son didn't come to school yesterday because he was feeling like he was going to be sick, but thankfully he wasn't!*

- *My son said he had a severe case of lethargy so I let him stay home.*
- *Please excuse my son for being absent from school yesterday as he was home sick with the flue.*
- *Student to teacher: "Teacher will you get mad at me for something I didn't do?" Teacher: "No." Student: "Promise?" Teacher: "Yes." Student: "Ok, I didn't do my homework."*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**Paper Wolf Update:** Please encourage your son to read The Paper Wolf on line ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. I know I don't read it often enough. Subscribe. Support the future.

**Report Cards and Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Report cards and invites to HR breakfast (where warranted) have been emailed. Let me know if you have not received your report card or if your son made the honor roll and you didn't receive the invitation. HR Breakfasts begin next week and schedule is below.

### **A Look Ahead**

January 27-12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
 January 28 – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast – Pack Time during HR Breakfast  
 January 29 – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast  
 January 30 – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast – Career Day for Juniors  
 February 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Breakfast  
 February 3-7 – PLAN Test for Sophomores  
 February 3 – Parent/Teacher Meetings in Briggs Center (5-7 pm)  
 February 4 – President/Principal's Assembly – Snack Day  
 February 5 – Pack Time  
 February 13-14 Juniors on Retreat/Angola Trip  
 February 17 – ROTC Inspection  
 February 18 – President/Principal's Assembly  
 February 27 – End of Third Quarter; Mardi Gras/Lent Holidays begin at 3 pm  
 February 28 – Faculty Retreat (no classes)  
 March 10 – Classes resume; St. Joseph Altar (all periods meet)  
 March 11 – President/Principal's Assembly  
 March 13 – Celebrity Waiters Dinner  
 March 14 – 9:30 Late Start (Periods DEF meet)  
 March 17 – Pack Time  
 March 18 – ACT testing on campus for all juniors/ Explore of all 9<sup>th</sup> Graders  
 March 19 – Mass – Feast of St. Joseph



*Geometry student proudly displays his geometry project.*

**Closing Quotations:** It's appropriate this weekend to close with additional MLK quotations:

- *A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.*
- *Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*
- *In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*
- *We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.*
- *We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*
- *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*

- *The time is always right to do what is right.*
- *Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

Now let's go out there this week to be light and love to the children entrusted to our care, either as parents or teachers.

And even though it's 2014, I will still close with a 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!

Again, please 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.

Know of my prayer for you and your family, as we march forward through 2014! Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Thanking God Daily for the Privilege of Being the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul's School

**Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for poor & social justice, faith in God's presence – our mantras this week, throughout 2014, and always!**



**...and where we do ordinary things extraordinarily well!**

## **Saint Paul's School 2014-15 School Year Calendar for Saint Paul's School**

Mon, Aug 04	New Teacher Meeting
Tue - Wed, Aug 05 & 06	All Faculty Meetings
Thu, Aug 07	School Opens <b>with full day of instruction</b>
Mon, Aug 18	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 21	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Ceremony
Fri, Aug 22	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Sep 01	Labor Day Holiday
Mon, Sept 08	Parent - Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Oct 10	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 10	Grandparents' Day begins at 11:30
Mon-Fri, Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays

Mon, Dec 01	Classes resume from Holiday
Mon, Dec 01	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Tue - Fri, Dec 16-19	Semester Exams
Fri, Dec 19	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:00 following exams
Mon, Jan 05	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Wed-Fri, Jan 07-09	Senior Retreat
Mon, Jan 19	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 02	Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm
Fri, Feb 13	Teacher Retreat Day (no classes)
Mon-Fri, Feb 16-20	Mardi Gras/ Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 23	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Apr 03-10	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 13	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Sat, May 02	Junior - Senior Prom
Wed-Fri, May 06-08	Senior Final Exams
Mon, May 18	8 <sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony
Tue - Fri, May 19-22	9, 10 & 11th Final Exams
Mon, May 26	Memorial Day
Tue, May 27	Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays.

In reviewing the proposed SPS calendar, please keep the following in mind:

- While state law only requires 175 instructional day, archdiocesan policy requires 177 days.
- A minimum of 3 faculty days must be scheduled.
- The Year must be evenly divided into two semesters.
- St. Tammany public schools open on Aug 8 – a day after I'm proposing
- St. Tammany returns from Christmas on Jan 5 (the day I'm proposing) which is a Monday.
- St. Tammany ends the year on May 22, the same day I'm proposing
- As we did this year, we eliminate Book Day and begin on Aug 7 with a full day of instruction.