

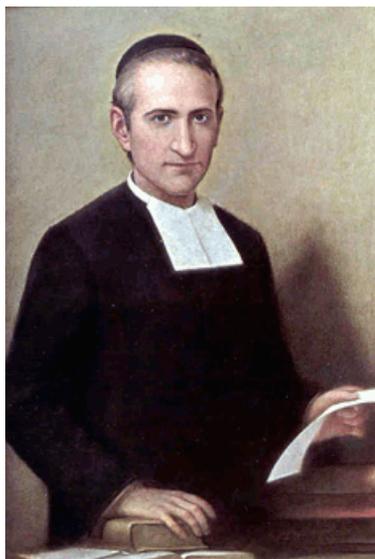


## *The President/Principal's Newsletter for February 03- 09, 2014*

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



This Sun, Feb 9, Lasallians observe the feast of **Saint Brother Miguel Febres Cordero** (1854-1940.)



Born into a prominent Ecuadorian family, and **crippled from birth**, Miguel became the **first native Ecuadorian Christian Brother**. He had such a reputation as scholar, teacher, & saint that **Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1984**. **Teaching remained Brother Miguel's priority, and his students admired his simplicity, concern for them, directness, and piety**. Miguel excelled as a teacher and looked “for every possible way to make the **lessons and work agreeable and pleasant** for students.” After Brother Miguel had taught the same material for twenty years, a confrere asked him why he **spent so much time with lesson plans**. Brother replied: ***I can find a better way of presenting it every year. If I teach this material for another 20 years, I will find newer and better ways of explaining it.*** His lessons were prepared, organized, clear and relevant -- even if he used student "lingo" to do it.

I shared the above with our faculty this week and asked them “how can we make this feast meaningful for us?” And I posed the following questions:

- **Do I prepare** lessons that are clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- As I teach the same material year to year, **do I look for ways to present it in a better way?**
- How do I improve my teaching? Through continuing education? Professional organizations? Collaboration with colleagues? Caring?
- **Can I say along with Brother Miguel, "I must engage in all the works that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls"?**

I humbly and respectfully submit that the same reflection questions could be asked by parents:

- Do I teach my children the right way to live with lessons that are clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- From year to year as my children grow, **do I look for ways to present my lessons to them in a better way?**
- How can I improve my parenting?
- **Can I say with Brother Miguel, "I must engage in all the works [of parenting] that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls [of my children]"?**

Brother Miguel is an Ecuadorian hero with stamps issued and public monuments in his honor. Even though our likeness (either as teacher or parent) may never be on a stamp or monument, **our dedication, preparation, patience, and masterful lessons as both parents and teachers will make us heroes in the lives of our children/students.**

**Saint Brother Miguel! Pray for us!**

**Mon, Feb 3 (Feast of St. Blaise; Honor Roll Breakfast schedule; G A B C)**

- **St. Blaise:** Catholic practice calls for “Blessing of Throats” today in honor of Blaise, who according to legend saved a young boy from choking as Blaise was being hauled off to prison for his Christianity. He was martyred in 316.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, a small plane crashed and killed three American rock and roll legends: Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and JP "The Big Bopper" Richardson. Singer songwriter Don McLean wrote a song about the event, "American Pie," in which he dubbed Feb 3, 1965 **the day the music died**. (*So bye, bye, Miss American Pie, drove my Chevy....*)
- **TDIH:** Four Chaplains Memorial Day. On this day in 1943, four US Army Chaplains gave their lives to save other soldiers when their troop ship, the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed in WW II. The chaplains gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out, joined hands, said prayers and sang hymns as the ship sank.
- **Honor Roll Breakfast (8<sup>th</sup>)**
- **PLAN Test for Sophomores** begins. See below for more info.
- **Soccer:** Varsity at University High in BR (6)
- **Parent Teacher Conferences (5-7 in BAC)**



*Student Council performs skit at recent LA Assoc of Student Council Convention.*

**Tue, Feb 4 (Pres/Prin Assembly; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Premier Joseph Stalin meet at city in Yalta in the Crimea to discuss and plan the postwar world--namely, to address the redistribution of power and influence. Many believe this to be the birth of the Cold War.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Hammond

**Wed, Feb 5 (HRB schedule; A B C D)**

- **TDIH:** In 1971, Apollo 14, the 3rd US manned Moon expedition, lands and Alan Shepard & Edward Mitchell walk on Moon for 4 hrs. Alan Shepard was USA’s first man in space in 1961 in a sub-orbital flight in a space capsule called Friendship 7. This was part of the Mercury Program, which had Americans just orbiting the earth. Mercury would give way to the Gemini and Apollo programs.
- **Honor Roll Breakfast (9<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Wrestling (Senior Night)**

**Thu, Feb 6 (HRB; E F G A)**

- **TDIH:** In 1952, after a long illness, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him, was in Kenya at the time of her father's death; she was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.
- **Honor Roll Breakfast (10<sup>th</sup>)**

### Fri, Feb 7 (HRB; B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** In 2009, the New Orleans Saints defy the odds and win the Super Bowl. Pigs reportedly fly as city celebrates with holidays and parades.
- **TDIH II:** On this day in 1812, Charles John Huffam Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. Celebrate the birth of this incredible writer! Read some Dickens today. Who can forget some of his immortal lines such as the opening of *A Tale of Two Cities*? *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way.*
- **Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day:** Greet your neighbors today with a big wave, but to show respect and appreciation, you must wave with all of your fingers, not just the middle one!
- **Honor Roll Breakfast (11<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Mandeville



*Biomedical Wolves at work under the supervision of Mrs. Marshall*

### Sat, Feb 8

- **Boy Scout Day:** Today celebrates the birthday of Scouting in US. On Feb 8, 1910, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create BSA. SPS is proud to have so many students still actively involved in scouting and reaching Eagle!
- **ACT** administration on campus today
- **Habitat for Humanity Work Day**
- **Wrestling** in St. Paul's Invitational
- **Lacrosse** travels to Birmingham
- **Rugby** v. Mississippi
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> in Catholic League play at Holy Cross
- **Indoor Track** in LSU meet
- **Baseball:** Varsity scrimmages Salmen

### Sun, Feb 9 – We encourage Catholic families to attend mass today & other families to worship at church of choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1825, the U.S. House of Representatives votes to elect John Quincy Adams, who won fewer votes than Andrew Jackson in the popular election in Nov of 1824, as president of the US. Adams was the son of John Adams, the second president of the United States
- **National Stop Bullying Day** – Let's all work to eradicate this scourge from our schools, workplaces and lives.

**Our Bout with Brumal (look it up!) Weather:** Thanks for your cooperation last week. Let's hope we have no more weather-related closings! Some questioned why we closed on Thursday. The reason was simple: based upon recommendation of civil authorities, the public school system closed. Had we opened and someone was injured getting to school or while at school, people would have questioned our judgment and we may have borne some liability. There are many factors in play for school closing but safety is paramount. And please – I have no

idea right now if we will have to make up days. We'll be consulting with Office of Catholic Schools for guidance. Stay tuned.

**Third Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences** will take place in Briggs Assembly Center on Monday, February 3, from 5-7 pm. We will limit conferences to 3-4 minutes in order to respect all. If a longer conference is needed, set that up with the teacher. Thanks for respecting the time of those waiting in line behind you. Naturally, if no one is waiting, feel free to speak with the teacher longer.

**Attention Sophomore Parents:** Beginning the week of February 3rd, your son will take the ACT Plan test in his World History classes (February 3-6, 2014). This will be completed over the course of two class periods. Below is a description of the ACT Plan test from the ACT website.

*ACT Plan serves as the midpoint measure of academic progress in ACT's College and Career Readiness System. ACT Plan helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive counseling resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and beyond. It covers the same subjects as the ACT test and gives the student an estimated ACT score range.*

Please remind your son to bring his **calculator** and **sharpened number 2 pencils** (NO mechanical pencils allowed). If you have any questions please contact the counseling office: Christine Woodard [christinew@stpauls.com](mailto:christinew@stpauls.com) or Renee Miller [reneep@stpauls.com](mailto:reneep@stpauls.com)



Ice forms on Ben's Fountain last week.

**Greater Lasallian World Dept:** Last week (which was Catholic Schools Week), The Christian Brothers Conference posted daily reflections from Lasallians from throughout the USA. The one by a young man from Mullen HS in Denver (part of our New Orleans-Santa Fe District and similar to SPS in many ways although it's now co-ed), is particularly good. Here's the link: <https://plus.google.com/photos/104625794036410748728/albums/5973572088973767601/5973572087543109490?pid=5973572087543109490&oid=104625794036410748728>. To see and read all of the reflections, click here: <http://lasallian.info/2014/01/24/lasallians-celebrate-catholic-schools-week-2/>

**How I Spent Last Thu & Fri:** I attended the LHSAA annual convention on both Thu and Fri and participated with over 300 principals as we voted on over 40 proposals affecting high school athletics in LA. As predicted, all Classes (1A-5A) voted to keep the select and non-select playoff systems. The vote was 33-24 for Class 5 A (SPS's class.) When put to a vote of the entire association, the proposal failed 205-93 (ouch.) There was a minimum of rhetoric, however. People's minds were made

up. All of the public school principals in our District again voted to oust us from playing them in the playoffs. I guess I shouldn't have been surprised. Some other significant proposals and a bit of my cynicism:

- The proposal to split ALL sport playoff into select and non-select (a la football) was tabled.

- The civil parish boundary line shall now serve as the athletic attendance zone for all member school in the parish. This will be positive for SPS students becoming eligible their first year.
- The “success factor” proposal which would move schools that consistently win championships into higher classifications failed big time. I guess those non-select schools that win year after year don’t want to give that up for themselves – just force the select schools to do so. Oops! I’m editorializing! I retract!
- All newly appointed principals, athletic directors and head coaches must now take an LHSAA Handbook Certification Class. Whew! Thank goodness I’m grandfathered in!
- Rules pertaining to length and number of athletic practices passed. We’ll see how much they are followed!
- The LHSAA can now hire a private investigator to investigate alleged rule violations (has it really come to this?)
- Baseball pitchers are now limited to how many innings they can throw in a game or over consecutive days. Seems like only Louisiana and Hawaii don’t have such a rule.
- Football players can now wear helmets any time during the year but can only wear pads during FB & spring seasons.
- And there were other proposals that dealt with transfers (not sure I understand yet the full implications) and a host of other issues, but my all time favorite proposal (which narrowly failed, 128-122!) would have fined a home soccer team \$50 per game if the home team wore anything but white jerseys and (get this) SOLID WHITE socks! Where’s the ACLU? Think I’ll treat our soccer guys to some blue and gold socks!

**SPS Board of Trustees:** At the Jan 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Trustees:

- Authorized the architectural firm of Fauntleroy Latham Weldon Barre (fLWB) to begin a feasibility study for a major renovation and expansion of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex. This decision does not need authorization the Louisiana Lasallian Education Corporation, although the projected \$5 million price tag to do the project will need such authorization. This is, obviously, a major decision that will cause me sleepless nights, but our gym is inadequate for the over 650 students involved in our athletic program.



*Pre-freshmen cooperatively learn in Earth Science class.*

- Continued their Summative Evaluation of me as President/Principal (hope I keep my job!)
- Received permission from the Louisianan Lasallian Education Corporation to accept a donation of six parcels of land northeast of Abita Springs. The donation was made by an alumnus. While the land is not very valuable now, it is zoned into a residential community, and if Parish growth continues, the lots may provide a future SPS administrator with a blessing. BTW, the LLEC must approve land donations to make sure that no negative effects of accepting land will occur – like accepting polluted sites!
- Reviewed the monthly financial reports and enrollment trends for this year and next year.
- Had a conference call with Christian Brothers Investment Services in which the manager of our meager portfolio discussed investment options. BTW, CBIS (which is valued in the billions of dollars) only accepts

Catholic clients and participates actively in Socially Responsible Investments, eschewing investments in those companies which engage in activities contrary to Catholic teaching (e.g. pharmaceutical companies that produce abortion-related products) or those which engage in social injustice issues (e.g. child labor, human trafficking, etc.)

- Accepted my reports showing that I am in compliance with the policies of the Board and the LLEC – one of the primary tasks of the Trustees.

### Musings on Last Week:

- **Career Day:** Postponed!
- **Sudden Impact:** Another sophomore class was exposed to this powerful program.
- **Wrestling:** Great showing in the Ken Cole Tourney!
- **Senior Honor Roll Breakfast:** Mr. John Dubreuil, representing the SPS Renaissance Board, gave a wonderful talk to our senior honor roll students. Thanks, Mr. Dubreuil! Your words were much better than some ole' vocabulary lessons that the usual presenter gives!
- **Soccer:** Wow. A 12-0 win over Ponchatoula and an 8-1 win over Slidell. Another (ho-hum) District Championship! 20 goals in 2 days. Incredible! Well done, Soccer Wolves! On to the playoffs! And the 9<sup>th</sup> grade tournament this weekend was a success, with the Wolves finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. While they took the heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Catholic in the finals hard, they had a fantastic season and we are very proud of them.
- **Catholic Schools Week Mass:** Postponed!
- **B'Ball:** Great 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity wins over F'bleau on Thu; tough loss on Fri against Slidell. Go Wolves!
- **Marching Wolves:** The MWs were a hit at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School Pep Rally.
- **Fighting Math Wolves** were up and at 'em early Sat morn heading to BR for math competition. Geaux FMW!
- **Lacrosse & Rugby:** They did something this weekend but I have no results!



*Mr. John Dubreuil is congratulated by Vice President for Development Al Nastasi after giving a stirring HR Breakfast talk to seniors.*

### Humor of the Week: More scientific laws!

- Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, people whose seats are furthest from the aisle always arrive last. They will leave their seats several times to go for food and leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
- Law of Biomechanics-The severity of an itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
- Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
- Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
- Law of Logical Argument-Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
- Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

- Oliver's Law of Public Speaking- A closed mouth gathers no feet.
- Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy -As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
- Doctors' Law- If you don't feel well, make a doctor's appointment. By the time you get there you'll feel better... But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.



*Soccer wolves play intensely!*

**Mary Queen of Peace Youth Rally:** As part of the 25th Anniversary celebrations at MQP, a special Youth Rally, featuring noted youth minister Mike Patin, will be held on Sun, Feb 9 from 2:30 – 7 (mass included.) The event is open to all youth on the North Shore and MQP would love to see some St. Paul's students at this event. I encourage our students to attend this afternoon of faith, food, and fun – a winning combination. For more info, contact Stephen Johnson at [sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org](mailto:sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org) or call (985) 626-6977.

**2014 Children's Hospital "Prom of Champions"** is a magical night of music, dancing, food, games, and friends for local teens with cancer and blood disorders. The hospital is seeking gently used/new gowns and cocktail dresses to provide

free of charge to the young lady patients who will be attending. For more information, please visit their website, [www.PromOfChampions.org](http://www.PromOfChampions.org) or email: [PromOfChampions@chnola.org](mailto:PromOfChampions@chnola.org)

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

- **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** registration information was emailed on Jan 23. **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to return for 2014-15 will have until Feb 05 to re-register. (I extended the date due to last week's crazy schedule.)** 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 or problems.
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades:** registration will take place in early – Feb – probably next week. 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!

**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.** We have some pre-owned sweatshirts in good condition which I'll be happy to distribute. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son.

**Saint Peter Parish Father-Son Human Sexuality Program** for fathers and their 11-14 year old sons will be held Sunday, February 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.



*Wolves enjoying lunch!*

**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).

**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. Here's the HR Breakfast schedule:

Mon, Feb 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wed, Feb 5 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thu, Feb 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fri, Feb 7 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Breakfasts begin at 7:40 and end at 8:20.

We are MOST grateful to Mark and Liam Dixon, owners of A Broken Egg Café in Mandeville, who are providing the food for our HR breakfasts. The senior breakfast last week was a feast! Mark and Liam are parents of Francis Dixon '08 and August Dixon '14. And Mark himself is an alumnus of the Class of 1981! Thanks Mark and Liam! Patronize A Broken Egg!

**Words of a Young Alumnus:** I received the following recently from a **2013 graduate** who actually sent an Annual Fund donation along with this letter:

*I truly do miss Saint Paul's. It was a second home to me, somewhere that can never be replaced. As I arrived home for Christmas break, I asked my younger siblings when they finished with school. I got the answers, followed by my brother saying "you're lucky you are done; I still have a week left" – to which I replied, "no, you're lucky as you have a week left because you will be at Saint Paul's." This is when I realized how much I truly do miss everything about his institution from the faculty, to the academics, to the athletics, to the brotherhood, and the unwavering friendly smiling faces that inhabit the campus. Saint Paul's has been the best experience of my life and I thank you, all of the brothers, and the faculty for that. As has been mentioned many times, Saint Paul's is a great place to grow up and to that I say yes it is, but I would go as far as to say that Saint Paul's is the best place to grow up. I will definitely barring any unwanted move due to business be sending my sons to this wonderful educational institution. I have enclosed a small amount of money. It is not much, but I promise you that it will grow annually as my way of thanking Saint Paul's for all it has given me.*

## **A Look Ahead**

Feb 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> Honor Roll Breakfast & Parent Teacher Meetings in Briggs Center (5-7 pm)

Feb 3-7 – PLAN Test for Sophomores

Feb 4 – President/Principal's Assembly

Feb 5 – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

Feb 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

Feb 7 – 11 HR Breakfast

Feb 8 – ACT on campus this morning

Feb 10 – All School Mass – Dress Uniform Day

Feb 13-14 - Juniors on Retreat/Angola Trip

Feb 17 – ROTC Inspection

Feb 18 – President/Principal's Assembly

Feb 27 – End of Third Quarter; Mardi Gras/ Lenten Holidays begin at 3

Feb 28 – Faculty Retreat

Mar 10 – St. Joseph Altar (all periods meet)

Mar 11 – President/Principal's Assembly – Guest Speaker for all juniors during Period F

Mar 13 – Celebrity Waiters Dinner

Mar 14 – 9:30 Late Start (Periods DEF meet)

Mar 17 – Pack Time

Mar 18 – ACT testing on campus for all juniors/ Explore of all 9<sup>th</sup> Graders  
 Mar 19 – Mass – Feast of St. Joseph  
 Mar 25 – President/Principal’s Assembly  
 Mar 31-April 4 –Founder’s Week  
 Mar 31 – Sophomore Service Day  
 Apr 7-11 – Leadership Week  
 Apr 7 – Mass SJBDLS  
 Apr 8 – President/Principal’s Assembly

And even though it’s 2014, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!



*Winning Wolves with trophies!*

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, especially as we march forward through 2014! Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC  
 Beginning to Thaw and Still Thanking God for the Privilege of Being the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother  
 President/Principal of Saint Paul’s School



**Have a very Lasallian week as we attempt to provide quality education, build an inclusive community, show respect for all, have concern for the poor & social justice, and demonstrate faith in God’s presence – and try to do so extraordinarily well!**

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

**This NEXT Year’s Calendar, not this year’s!  
 It’s for those of you who plan early – unlike me!**

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.