



The President/Principal's Newsletter for February 17 - 23, 2014 2014 -- A Year of Family and Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans



I haven't used the following since 2008. I don't even remember where I stole, uh, "borrowed" it from but its message is so good that it's worth a re-run:



Tuesday, Feb 18, is the death anniversary, in 1564, of Michelangelo, artist, architect, and sculptor. Commissioned by Pope Julius III to paint the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo was also the architect of part of the massive church of St. Peter's in Rome, and he designed its great dome. Michelangelo, however, thought of himself mainly as a sculptor. Two of his most famous pieces of sculpture are "David" in Florence and the "Pieta" in St. Peter's.

Michelangelo often saw potential in things that other people did not see. On one occasion he was seen studying carefully what others saw as simply a large block of marble. Someone asked him what he was doing. He said "I can see an angel imprisoned in this marble and I must set it free." He then began the long and skilled job of carving a beautiful angel out of that marble.

Although Michelangelo lived 100 years before St. John Baptist de La Salle, our Founder also saw potential in people that others did not see. He saw the children of the "artisans and the poor" who were "far from salvation" and, while others did not care about them, he knew they had potential. He founded the Christian school to develop that potential and change those "blocks of marble" into "beautiful angels."

As Lasallians, we are called to do this. We are blessed to have teachers who do this, but I encouraged them again this week to adopt the "eye" of Michelangelo in their work. Who knows what potential is "imprisoned" in each of their students? In a Lasallian school, everyone is important. I encourage you, as parents, to do the same with your sons. May we each be the sculptor that releases the beauty and potential of the young men of Saint Paul's School!



Eucharistic Ministers prepare to distribute Communion at last week's all school mass.

Mon, Feb 17 (Regular;

- **Presidents Day:** We honor the 44 men who have had the incredible privilege of serving as President of the US.
- **My Way Day:** Feel free to celebrate today, but if you're at SPS, make sure your way is my way.
- **This Day In History:** In 1972, the Volkswagen Beetle overtakes iconic Model T Ford as world's bestselling car.
- **ROTC Inspection.**

Tue, Feb 18 (Assembly; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1885, Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- **National Battery Day:** This day honors Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the battery, who died on this day in 1745. Without batteries, where would that pink bunny with the drums be today?
- **Basketball:** JV and Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Soccer:** Wolves v. Captain Shreve in Quarterfinal Round of playoffs; 5:30 in Hunter Stadium

Wed, Feb 19 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Chocolate Mint Day:** Enjoy!
- **TDIH:** One year ago today, we formally dedicated the **Briggs Assembly Center** – which has been a blessing to SPS. We continue to be appreciative to the Briggs Family for their generosity to SPS.
- **TDIH II:** In 1878, the technology that made the modern music business possible came into existence in the New Jersey laboratory where Thomas Alva Edison created the first device to both record sound and play it back. He was awarded U.S. Patent No. 200,521 for his invention--the phonograph. We've come a LONG way!
- **Rugby v. Brother Martin (5:30)**
- **Cross Country State Championship Ring Presentation Ceremony** – 7 pm in chapel.

Thu, Feb 20 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, John Hershel Glenn Jr. is successfully launched into space aboard the *Friendship 7* spacecraft on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut.
- **LHSAA Compliance Check:** They don't want us in the association, so they continue to send "inspectors" to check our records. We will be ready – and in full compliance. I have the utmost confidence in C³: AD Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Secretaries Claire Coutrado & Carol Barcelona.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at F'Bleau
- **Baseball Meet the Team (6 pm)**



The Liturgical Band leads us in musical worship at last week's all school mass.

Fri, Feb 21 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1972, President Richard Nixon becomes the first sitting US President to visit The People's Republic of China. After arriving in Beijing, the president announced that his breakthrough visit to China is "The week that changed the world."
- **Marching Wolves** begin their parade season by marching in the Krewe of Eve in Mandeville.
- **Wrestling State Meet** through Saturday: Geaux Wolves!

Sat, Feb 22 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York.
- **Single Tasking Day:** Concentrate on only one task at a time today without feeling guilty about wasting time!
- **Indoor Track State Championships:** Geaux Wolves!
- **St. Joseph Altar Cookie Baking Day:** Come out and join the fun! 9- noon in SPS cafeteria. See below for more info.
- **Marching Wolves** in Covington's Krewe of Olympia

Sun, Feb 23 – We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass today and our non-Catholic families to worship at the church of their choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1945, U.S. flag was raised on Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal's photo, showing 5 Marines & 1 Navy man struggling to hoist the flag pole, became the most reproduced photograph in history and won a Pulitzer Prize.
- **National Inconvenience Yourself Day:** Often, we think that our lives and schedules are more important than some else's. We inconvenience other people to make our own lives easier and forget the impact of our actions on others. Concentrate today on trying to make someone else's life easier and happier rather than focusing on ourselves – I know what you're saying: if he wanted to make our lives more convenient, he wouldn't write these newsletters!
- **Marching Wolves** in Krewe of Carrollton in New Orleans



SPS Alum & Covington Mayor Mike Cooper '71 performs coin toss at first ever home rugby game.

Admissions: On Thursday, I will mail acceptance letters to next year's new students – along with all Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. Both the quality and quantity are good, although quantity is down a bit this year. Hence, I will re-open admissions to accept a few more applicants. **Spread the word if you know of a family who might be interested in SPS.** I sometimes hear that public school families don't think there is room at SPS for them. Not true!

New Orleans Area Private School Enrollment Drop: If you didn't read this article last week, it's worth your time to do so. The stats are chilling. And we will one day be affected, too, unless we can find funding sources outside of tuition. Here's

the link: http://www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2014/02/private_school_enrollment_fall.html#incart_2box. I will challenge my faculty this week to make sure we give 100% each day to justify the sacrifices that so many of you are making to send your sons to Saint Paul's.

Welcome, Brother Jeffrey: Brother Jeffrey Calligan, my immediate predecessor as principal of Saint Paul's from 1979-1987, arrives early this week after six years helping the Lasallian Mission in Australia. You may remember that he was scheduled to join us in December but needed immediate surgery for a heart valve replacement, which was successful. We'll let Jeff take his time getting acclimated to the Northern hemisphere again, including getting the OK from local doctors, and then we'll start using his prodigious talents. Welcome home, Brother Jeffrey!

The Old Guidance Office: After much discussion, we have decided to re-locate the Office of Development from its present location in a house on 11th Avenue and into the old guidance office building, which has stood empty for the past two years since we moved the guidance office into the newly renovated La Salle Hall. The decision was three-fold: more space, more visibility on campus, and more reliable communications via our campus network. Accordingly, we have begun needed repairs (roofing) and interior re-hab. We hope to have everything finished in a couple of months and make the move before the end of the school year. By the way, do you know the history of the building? Allow me to quote from "The Saint Paul's Story" from the year 1949:

With the advent of increased numbers of boarders each year, the facilities in the infirmary had become overtaxed. It was also necessary to provide living quarters for a registered nurse on the property. Accordingly, a new infirmary building had been planned, and the New Orleans chapter of the St Paul's Parents' Club had agreed to underwrite the expense of the building over a ten year period. An attractive, modern, one-story construction of steel and brick was completed in record time. Brother Cassian [the principal at the time] himself worked on the project to save money. It had room for fifteen beds in semi-private rooms, a large dispensary, private quarters for a nurse and one private room with bath.

We ceased using the building as an infirmary in the mid-1990's and then moved the counselors into it. BTW, the counseling office used to be where Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. Schmitt's classrooms are! And when I was counselor in the 1980's the office was where part of the faculty lounge and Mrs. Allen's room are now? Confused? We've come a loooooonnnngggg way!



8th Grade Soccer Captains present 1st Place Trophy to AD Craig.

LHSAA: AD Craig Ketelsen was invited to be part of group of high school administrators last week to advise the LHSAA on the growing rift between select and non-select schools. Craig was chosen for his demonstrated "problem solving skills." This issue may take more than Craig's skills. And members of the media are certainly weighing in. If you didn't read Sportswriter Ed Daniels' latest article in the Clarion Herald, it's worth the read. Click here:

<http://clarionherald.info/clarion/index.php/sports/ed-daniels-articles/3027-private-schools-should-take-their-football-and-leave>.

Good News Dept: Last week we received \$15,000 from the Richard M. Krannawitter Trust. Mr. Krannawitter was a very successful attorney/businessman in New Mexico and brother-in-law of a Christian Brother. Upon his death, his estate established a Trust to pay the "tuition, education expenses and living expenses of youth" in Lasallian schools in the New Orleans-Santa Fe Province. Each Jan or Feb, Saint Paul's and our other province schools receive a check for this purpose. Join me in prayers of thanksgiving for this

benefactor, who never stepped foot on our campus, but believed passionately in Lasallian education. Our work matters. Let's not let Mr. Krannawitter down! **And let's hope that there are other Mr. Krannawitters out there ready to do their part in insuring that our Mission survives!**

Saint Joseph Altar: The Altar is less than a month away! This incredible event will honor St. Joseph and feed ALL SPS students and faculty that day. If you have never seen altar, try to come by on March 10. In the meantime, **IF YOU CAN HELP**, here's what's needed: set up is March 9 from 3-6 pm, cookie making day is Feb. 22 in the cafeteria from 9-12 (service hours available) and any and all help is appreciated ... moms, dads, grandparents, etc. Anyone desiring to help can reach Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo, organizer of the event, at alogarbo@charter.net.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Joseph Scott Lacour:** Congrats to math teacher Alex Lacour and his wife, Megan, on the birth of their first child, Joey!
- **St. Scholastic Feast Day Mass:** Thanks to all who made it so memorable. I appreciate the number of parents who joined us for mass. You are welcome to attend!
- **Brad Marchese's Blogs** from Rome are great! Hope you're keeping up with them! Here's the link: <http://isylrean.wordpress.com>. Brad returns this week.
- **Marching Wolves** performed great at the Special Needs Parade at Wal Mart. The MWs also were invited to perform at the Endymion Den Party on Sat night – quite an honor! We wish them the best as they prepare for parade season – which starts next weekend.
- **Junior Angola Trip / Retreat:** Thanks to all who helped make these events go well. The juniors profited from both of these experiences. As one mom wrote me: *The field trip experience to Angola was the talk at our dinner table - I learned so much. Both boys really did say it changed their attitude and how they look at prisons - they said these men need our prayers daily so they can find the good inside of themselves...this made me cry! Thank you and St. Paul's for all you do!*
- **Pack Time:** Powerful video and stat sheet on bullying. I hope your son told you about it.
- **Basketball:** Tough loss on Tue was balanced with great win on Fri over Covington.
- **Soccer:** Great win on Thu pushes us into quarterfinal round of playoffs. Go Wolves!
- **Wrestling:** Grappling Wolves fought hard against a very strong Jesuit team. Jr Hi & JV were in action over the weekend. I don't have results but I'm sure they did exemplarily well!
- **Lacrosse:** The LAX Wolves headed across The Causeway to battle a very tough Jesuit team. They played hard but lost to the Jays, 12-9. JV, on the other hand, was victorious over the Jays, 9-6. And there were four, count' em, four LAX games on Sat. It was Lacrosse City around here!
- **Teacher Appreciation Day:** Another "wow" to the Mothers Club! They again outdid themselves!
- **Mike Balen Memorial Service** went well. A large group of alums gathered to remember their former coach.
- **Science Bowl:** A group of Science Wolves traveled to UNO on Sat the 15th to compete in the annual Science Bowl competition. I don't have results at this time, but I'm sure they represented us in an exemplary manner!

H of the W: More poorly worded signs and some newspaper headlines that needed at editor!

- *Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS*
- *Spotted in a safari park: ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR*
- *Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR*

- *Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.*
- *On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)*
- *Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter*
- *Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers*
- *Miners Refuse to Work after Death*
- *Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant*
- *War Dims Hope for Peace*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



Wolves March for Life in Washington, DC recently.

2014-15 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8th graders:** Your deadline has passed. Thanks for your faith in us. 171 out of 173 current 8th graders have indicated their desire to say with us. We have not heard from 1 and only 1 parent said her son will not return. I'm humbled. Contact me if you have any questions or problems.
- **Current 9th – 11th grades:** registration materials were EMAILED last week. You have until Feb 21 to register.
- **Current 12th 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!



*Wolves defeat F'Bleau 2-0 in regional round of state playoffs and advance to semi-finals.
Geaux Soccer Wolves!*

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: With the exceptionally cold weather lately, 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.

Haircuts and Grooming: Our guys are taking advantage of the cold and are looking scraggly. My patience, though, has worn thin. I want all students, including SENIORS, to be in full compliance – or suffer the consequences. I remind all that the handbook parents and students signed at the beginning of the year states that the school is the final determiner of what hair style is in compliance with our rules. As I told one senior last week, SPS has the most liberal dress code of all the Catholic all boy high schools in the archdiocese – but even we have limits. Thanks for the support.

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.

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

A Look Ahead

February 17 – ROTC Inspection

February 18 – President/Principal's Assembly

February 27 – End of Third Quarter; Mardi Gras / Beginning of Len Holidays begin at 3

February 28 – Faculty Retreat

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

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

March 13 – Juniors to WWII Museum - Celebrity Waiters Dinner in evening

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 9th Graders
March 19 – Mass – Feast of St. Joseph
March 25 – President/Principal’s Assembly
March 31-April 4 –Founder’s Week
March 31 – Sophomore Service Day
April 7-11 – Leadership Week
April 7 – Mass in honor of Saint John Baptist De La Salle’ Feast Day
April 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!

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

Trying to See Like Michelangelo as the 17th 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 with full day of instruction
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, Sep 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 th 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.