



# The President's Newsletter for Mar 31 – Apr 06, 2014

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



## The Fourth Week of Lent

### 10 More Things to Give Up For Lent – and Beyond

**Fear:** God is on my side; In Him, I am more than a conqueror (see Romans 8)

**The Need to Please Everyone:** I can't. There is only One I need to please.

**Impatience:** God's timing is the perfect timing.

**Sense of Entitlement:** The world owes me nothing. God owes me nothing. I live humbly and with grace.

**Bitterness & Resentment:** The only person I am hurting by holding on to these is me.

**Blame:** I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility.

**Gossip & Negativity:** I will put the best spin on everything when it comes to other people. I will minimize my contact with those who are negative and toxic about bringing other people down.

**Comparison:** I have my unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.

**Fear of Failure:** I can't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure I fail forward.

#### Mon, Mar 31 (Assembly; E F G A)

- **Founders Week:** While we invoke the vision and mission of St. John Baptist de La Salle on a daily basis, the Lasallian Youth Leaders have dedicated this week to our Founder in a special way. Lots of activities are planned, which will culminate in a field day on Friday and an all school mass next Monday, April 7, the official Church feast day of St. La Salle, which is the day he died in 1719.
- **Bunsen Burner Day:** Today celebrates that staple of chemistry labs everywhere, invited by German chemist Robert Wilhelm Eberhard von Bunsen who was born on March 31, 1811.
- **Blood Drive:** A blood drive will take place this afternoon at from 2-6 pm at DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc., 3030 E. Causeway Approach in Mandeville. The drive is for all cancer victims in St. Tammany Parish, particularly the sister of Sen. Jack Donahue who is also the grandmother of SPS junior Tanner Bruner.
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. John Curtis (5:30)
- **Tennis** v. Northlake

#### Tue, Apr 01 (Pack Time; B C D E)

- **April Fool Day & National Fun Day:** Every day is a fun day at SPS but do something special today.
- **Track:** JV at Slidell;
- **Tennis at Lakeshore**
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. Covington (4 & 6:30)
- **Lacrosse:** JV & Varsity v. Mandeville (6 & 7:30)

#### Wed, Apr 02 (Regular; F G A B)

- **National PB & J Day:** Enjoy this iconic American snack.
- **National Walking Day (always first Wed):** Take a walk today and leave the car in the driveway!
- **This Day in History:** In 2005, John Paul II, history's most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century, dies at his home in the Vatican. The world mourns.

- **TDIH II:** In 1513, Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.
- **Reconciliation Day:** Today is a special day to patch relationships and to make amends. Its intention is to re-establish relationships between family, friends and couples. Life is too short to hold a grudge between those we love.
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> at Rummel
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes* (7)
- **Life Skills Day for Seniors:** The Development Team has a great day planned for the seniors. Here are the sessions: ACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES (by a lawyer Sonny Garcia and Covington Police Chief Tim Lenz), DEBT MANAGEMENT/IDENTITY THEFT (by Eric Dunavant, President of Dunavent Wealth Strategies), LARGE GROUP PANEL DISCUSSION (by a group of SPS alums); CASH MANAGEMENT (by Michael Sciortino '03 of Sciortino Financial Services, LLC); LIVING OUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH BEYOND A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT (by Eric Cedor '97); and TIME MANAGEMENT/STUDY SKILLS (by Pam Prescott, SLU Academic Therapist.) It will be time well spent by our seniors as their time grows short at SPS.



#### **Thu, Apr 3 (Assembly; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1860, the first Pony Express mail, traveling by horse and rider relay teams, simultaneously leaves St. Joseph, MO and Sacramento, CA. Ten days later, on April 13, the westbound rider and mail packet completed the approximately 1,800-mile journey and arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet's arrival in St. Joseph by two days and setting a new standard for speedy mail delivery.

- **Mothers Club Day of Recollection at Abbey**

- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Golf in Northshore League play**
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Strawberry Relays at SLU; Varsity in Parish Meet at Salmen

- **Mu Alpha Theta Convention:** 26 Fighting Math Wolves leave this afternoon for the annual convention in Baton Rouge. Last year, the FMWs took FIRST Place and look to repeat that prodigious feat! Geaux Fighting Math Wolves!
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes* (7)

#### **Fri, Apr 4 (Field Day Schedule; G A followed by Field Day events)**

- **TDI H:** In 1968, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony outside his second-story room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.
- **TDIH II: in 1949,** twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

- **International Landmine Awareness Day:** We pray today for all those across the globe who have been injured or killed by landmines, especially innocent children. And we pray for an end to war everywhere.
- **Foreign Language Festival at SLU.** Geaux Lobos!
- **Drama:** no performance tonight due to SSA's prom

### Sat, Apr 5

- **National Deep Dish Pizza Day:** Enjoy this iconic Chicago contribution to American cuisine.
- **Habitat Club work day:** Thanks, Habitat Wolves!
- **Baseball:** 8th at Brother Martin; 9<sup>th</sup> at Ponchatoula (3:30); JV & Varsity v. Fontainebleau (4 & 6:30)
- **Lacrosse:** Jr Hi, 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity v. Jesuit beginning at 11
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes* (7)

### Sun, Apr 6 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

- **I hope and pray that our Catholic families will attend mass today. I encourage our non-Catholic families to attend the church, synagogue or mosque of their choice, especially our Christian families in final weeks of Lent.**
- **TDIH:** In 1917, the US formally enters WW I by a Declaration of War by the Congress.
- **TDIH II:** In 1896, after a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens.
- **National Day of Hope:** During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, this day asks all Americans to keep victims of abuse and neglect in their thoughts and prayers, to seek to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect and to give victimized children hope for the future.
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes* (3) The finale!

### Welcome to the Month of April: Some facts about April:

- **Two possible word origins:** as the second month of the Roman calendar, it was dedicated to the goddess Venus and perhaps based on Apru, an Etruscan borrowing of Aphrodite, goddess of love and fertility. Also, as the fourth month of the Gregorian calendar, its name may derive from the Latin aperire ("to open"), a possible reference to plant buds opening at this time of year in Rome. Choose the theory you like better!
- **April is National Humor Month.** Let's all laugh a little more this month (maybe even laugh at ourselves when the situation warrants.) Tell a joke! (See below!) Make someone laugh!
- **April is National Mathematics Awareness Month.** The American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics announce that the theme for Mathematics Awareness Month, April 2014, is **Mathematics, Magic, and Mystery.** I know I'm excited! This year the Mathematics Awareness Month Committee has put together 30 theme-related activities. Each day in April one activity will be revealed that corresponds with an image on the theme poster. So stay tuned to see some behind-the-scenes explanations and videos of Mathematics, Magic, and Mystery! You can either bookmark website or follow on Twitter to link to each new activity. See <http://www.mathaware.org/index.html> for more tantalizing topics!



*SPS student enjoys HRB with dad & granddad.*

- **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** We are reminded of the sacredness of human life and the responsibility we have, especially as Catholic school educators, to protect those placed in our care. We pray for an end to abuse everywhere, especially to children. Here in St. Tammany, the Exchange Club makes this a priority.
- **April is Internet Safety month.** In view of all we have been learning lately, let's stress this with our students. Parents, review safety procedures with your children!
- **April is Jazz Appreciation Month** and the SPS Jazz Band is busy preparing for the end of year concert!
- **April is National Poetry Month!** I invite all to "read a poem a day" during April. Don't have time to find a poem? Here are three good sites with Poems of the Day, which can even be emailed to you. I'm partial to The Writer's Almanac with Garrison Keillor. Here are the sites:
  - [www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org)
  - [www.writersalmanac.publicradio.org](http://www.writersalmanac.publicradio.org)
  - <http://www.poetryfoundation.org>
  - To get you started, here's a fun little poem titled "Sick" by well-known poet Shel Silverstein:

*"I cannot go to school today," Said little Peggy Ann McKay.  
 "I have the measles and the mumps, A gash, a rash and purple bumps.  
 My mouth is wet, my throat is dry, I'm going blind in my right eye.  
 My tonsils are as big as rocks, I've counted sixteen chicken pox  
 And there's one more--that's seventeen, and don't you think my face looks green?  
 My leg is cut--my eyes are blue--It might be instamatic flu.  
 I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke, I'm sure that my left leg is broke--  
 My hip hurts when I move my chin, my belly button's caving in,  
 My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained, my 'pendix pains each time it rains.  
 My nose is cold, my toes are numb. I have a sliver in my thumb.  
 My neck is stiff, my voice is weak, I hardly whisper when I speak.  
 My tongue is filling up my mouth, I think my hair is falling out.  
 My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight, my temperature is one-o-eight.  
 My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear, there is a hole inside my ear.  
 I have a hangnail, and my heart is--what? What's that? What's that you say?  
 You say today is . . . Saturday? G'bye, I'm going out to play!"*



**Hannan Tragedy:** We continue to hold the Archbishop Hannan High School community in our prayers over the loss of one of their freshmen. The unexpected suicide of this young man, who was known by several of our students, causes us to remember that the National Institute of Mental Health believes that as many as 25 suicides are attempted for each one that is completed. That means that for every teen suicide, there are probably at least 25 suicide attempts made. And this does not even cover the teenage suicide attempts and completed suicides that are never heard about. Understanding that a teen suicide attempt is a call for help is essential in preventing a completed attempt later. The stats of the NIMH also indicate that males are four times more likely to die from suicide than females. However, teen girls are more likely than teen boys to attempt suicide. So, even though teenage girls make more attempts on their own lives than teenage boys, the boys are more likely to actually complete a suicide attempt. They do not allow for intervention, and are less likely to "call for help" through a suicide attempt, since there is often little opportunity to get males into treatment since their suicide completion rate is higher than that of females. So why am I writing all of this? Over the past couple of weeks, we have dealt with SPS students who

have voiced suicidal thoughts – and by some students you would NEVER believe would voice this kind of thought. In every case, we have followed our protocol of insisting on a mental health evaluation before the student can continue here. Our counseling department has been outstanding in this regard. Be alert to any signs and /or messages that students send and immediately refer to counselors or administrators any student who writes or voices a suicide sentiment. Here's a good website for info: <http://www.teensuicide.us>. We pray for our students, some of whom are carrying burdens about which we have no idea.

### Musings on Last Week:

- **Coach K's Funeral:** Thanks to all who supported Craig and his family at this difficult time. The Mothers Club and Wrestling Boosters were particularly helpful in arranging for a reception following the service in Baton Rouge. Craig received many outpourings of sympathy from present and former students – as would have been expected.
- **HR Breakfasts:** We had a good time! For the senior breakfast, my custom has been to ask some seniors to teach vocabulary words and reflect on why we should learn them. Here are the ones they chose: **Zachary Albright** chose ***Mendacious / Mendacity*** (Given to or characterized by deception or falsehood or divergence from absolute truth) and ***Veracious / Veracity*** (Truthful, honest; marked by truth); **Grant Landwehr** chose ***Vorfreude*** (The joyful anticipation that comes from imagining future events) and ***Hiraeth*** (A homesickness for a home to which you cannot return; the nostalgia for the lost places of your past.) **Bryan Livaudais** chose ***Perspicacious / Perspicacity*** (Having keen mental perception and understanding; discerning, perceptive) and ***Adroit / Adroitness*** (Expert or nimble in the use of hands or body.) And **Peter Yager** chose ***Abiturient*** (A pupil leaving school for university) and ***Deodate*** (A gift to or from God.) The words are great and the reflections were moving to say the least. My work with them is done.
- **Marian Players:** first week of *Anything Goes* played to rave reviews!
- **Ultimate:** Dire Wolves' trip to Atlanta was canceled due to weather, but they practiced hard!
- **Baseball:** A district win over Hammond, a tough loss against Mandeville, and I don't know what happened v. Northshore.
- **Engineering Field Trip** was highly successful and the boys were very impressed – especially with salary ranges!
- **Golf:** According to Coach Luke Barwick, the league leading Wolves get better each week! Go Golfing Wolves!
- **STEM Conference:** Last Friday, Trevor Watkins and a four of our PLTW students (**Austin Grashoff, Quinn Anglada, Riley Knepper, & Jonathan King**) were asked to appear before the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System in Baton Rouge to speak on how colleges can take advantage of outstanding high school STEM programs like ours. That we were identified as a model program speaks VOLUMES about what Trevor's vision has accomplished. The boys represented us well – as expected!
- **Tennis:** Congrats on beating Slidell (5-0) & Fontainebleau (7-0)!
- **Wolftracks:** Congrats to Danielle Lavie for another great issue! I hope you received your copy!
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity traveled to St. Thomas More in Lafayette on Wed and won 12-6; JV won 16-3; on Sat, JV & Varsity played a talented team from Houston. JV played a closely matched game with the score tight from



*Wolves explain our PLTW programs to the president of SLU!*

start to finish but scored the winning goal in the last 6 seconds. Varsity dominated most of the game and won with a big score of 16-5.

**Mar 25 Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Mar 25 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of *Magnificat Anima Mea Dominum* (*My soul magnifies the Lord*) – an ancient hymn sung by the monks of Taizé, an [ecumenical monastic order](#) in [Taizé](#), France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from [Protestant](#) and [Catholic](#) traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by [Brother Roger Schutz](#). The Taizé community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian [pilgrimage](#). Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community's ecumenical outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation. I played this music because the assembly took place on the Feast of the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God. And then I taught the students Mary's response: Fiat – So be it; yes; whatever you say, God! And I told the students that Fiat must be the guiding principle in our lives – yes to God's plan for us. I told them to use the Fiat automobile (which stands for **F**actory of the **I**talian **A**utomobile made in **T**urin) as a reminder to say “yes” to God.

And while the music played, the prayer candle – now which reverted to white for the Feast of the Annunciation – was lit by junior **Cole Gorney**. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: the grandfather of sophomore **Spencer Gibbens**; **Mrs. Mary “Jane” Dragon**, grandmother of sophomore **Seth Dragon**; and **Coach Dale Ketelsen**, father of Athletic Director **Craig Ketelsen**.

I also asked the students to pray for two alums who died recently: Mr. Francis Sharp '58 and Mr. Mark Paul '79. Mr. Sharp directed memorial donations to SPS in lieu of flowers. With one donation, the following note was included: *If Frank Sharp represents the type of student your school produces, you have every reason to be proud of what your school is doing.*

And following Mark's death, one of his classmates posted the following on Facebook: *I am heart broken ... Mark and I were friendly schoolmates, yet as life progressed, when we talked or crossed paths, our conversations felt more like lost friends ... I think the genesis of this, is in the shared bond of our formative years at Saint Paul's, and for many of us ... some of the best years of our lives. We are all touchstones for each other....I want you to know, regardless of whether you view me as your classmate, or as a friend ... for me, each of you individually, and collectively, make up the fabric of some of the best years of my life. I look forward to the next time we meet ... I pray that each of you are happy, and well ... physically ... spiritually. Given we have only this moment in time, indulge me in saying, I love each one of you guys.* I then encouraged the students to love each other while they can.

We also prayed for sophomore **Lucas Schmidt** who was having surgery that day. And later that day, I learned that **Mr. John Claiborne Cousin**, grandfather of sophomore **Brandon Cousin**, had died the day before. The family is grieving deeply, and so I invite all of us to join in asking that God's peace be with them as Mr. Cousin has left this life to begin his next with almighty God.

- I then recognized the students who were recently inducted into the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society: **Luke Avenel, Jacob Broussard, Sam Brown, Logan Buras, Erik Carrera, Jeffrey Champ, Patrick**

**Donnelly, John Cresson, Christopher Damare, Ethan Desforges, Seth Dragon, Brandon Eberts, Bretton Feringa, Christian Fortner, Patrick Frederick, Rutger Fury, Matthew Gallagher, Oliver Guice, Burak Kandil, Ruston Keller, Ryan Keller, Matthew Melancon, Ryan Meraux, Andrew Mercante, Nicholas Oubre, Cray Pennison, Harrison Prieto, Max Robin, Nick Rowbatham, Gregory Roy, Connor Scott, Michael Seenappa, Jack Statton, Patrick Steward, Connor Trahan, Leland van Deventer, Steven van Zandt, Austin Willis, & Bradley Yaeger.** Well done, mathematically-minded Wolves!

- I then recognized and congratulated SPS Wrestling on an outstanding season:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> team All District – Mason Rader, Stevie Van Zandt, Chris Meraux, Hunter Bourgeois, Tanner Leblanc (MVP)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> team All District – Matt Rader, Sam Pearce, Sam Dufour, Chase Cochran, Kyle Schech, Colin Francis, J.T. Kinch
  - **Special thanks went to Seniors Grant Landwehr, Sam Pearce, Matt Rader, Chris Meraux, and Tanner Leblanc for 5 years of dedication to our team.**
  - **Team placed 6th at the State tournament, finishing again as the #1 team on the Northshore with 6 wrestlers finishing in the top 8 – Stevie Van Zandt, Matt Rader, Hunter Bourgeois, Sam Dufour, Chase Cochran, Matt Krutzfeldt.**
  - **Special recognition to Chris Meraux for finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in State.**
  - **Special recognition went to Tanner Leblanc for his individual STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.** Tanner finishes his career as a 2-time state place winner and Champion at 160 lbs. He was undefeated vs. 5- A competition, and avenged his only loss later in the year. The word other coaches used to describe him was “DOMINANT”.
  - **And special recognition went to the three seniors who were selected to be on the ACADEMIC ALL STATE COMPOSITE TEAM – only 15 wrestlers in the state were chosen for this honor: Kudos to Chris Meraux, Matt Rader, and Grant Landwehr – COMPOSITE Academic All-State**
  - And, finally, we presented trophies for a Parish Championship (12 out of the past 14 years) and District Championship (the only winner since the district was created five years ago.)

- I then called upon Mr. John Carambat, science fair coordinator, to present certificates to the winners of the Regional Science Fair at SLU which was held in February:

- 1st place, Behavioral & Social Science and Best of Senior Division: **Michael Seenappa**
- 1st place, Computer Science: **George Cazenavette, Walden Perry**
- 1st place, Microbiology: **Kenny Ross, Jonah Knickles**
- 2nd place, Engineering: **Benjamin Dantin**
- 2nd place, Microbiology: **Leland Van Deventer**
- 3rd place, Environmental Management: **Rhett Schwing**
- 3rd place, Engineering: **Patrick Frederick**
- 3rd place, Environmental Management: **Grant Fowler**

- Then, as if by magic, Charles-Marie Widor's Toccata from Symphony for Organ #5 started playing, which signified that The Iron Wolves had been in action. I recognized the following:



*Three Wolves win State Championships at Power Lifting Meet!*

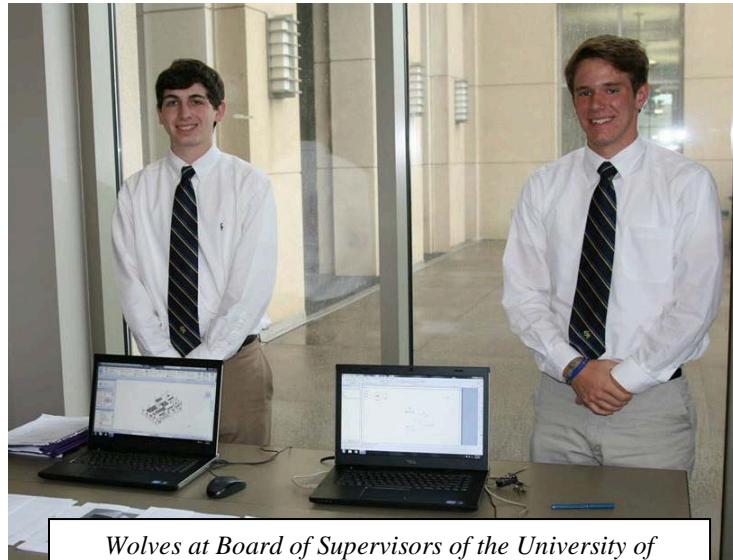
- In the Regional Meet in February, the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Individually, **Yehia Elkersh, Warner Moore, Daniel DiPol, & DJ DiPol all finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, while Austin Grashoff, Nick Gordon, & Tucker Faust finished 1st.** **Austin broke the regional record at 123 lbs and set the regional powerlifting record in deadlift.**
  - **At the State Meet in March,** despite being down four lifters, the Iron Wolves finished as state runner up in the LHSAA Powerlifting Championships. The Wolves had 3 individual state champions: **Nick Gordon (114), Austin Grashoff (123), and Tucker Faust (275).** Tucker also set the school record for totaling 1700 pds on his 3 lifts. D.J. DiPol finished 2nd at 148lbs., and Yehia Elkersh and Warner Moore finished 3rd at 114 and 165, respectively. Finally, Brandon Eberts had a solid meet and finished 7th. The future looks bright as the Iron Wolves only graduate two seniors.
  - **Congratulations Iron Wolves!**
- I then recognized and congratulated the cast and crew of *ANYTHING GOES* as the play was opening to the general public on the next night. I encouraged students to attend this wonderful production and see the incredible talent of The Marian Players, directed by Ms. Denny Charbonnet.
  - Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions – which will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with the whole student body standing and singing the Fight Song to encourage the many, many groups that are representing SPS so well in the community. We then closed the assembly by singing that Lenten favorite, “O That Shame.” It was powerful. **Junior Joseph Almerico** extinguished the prayer candle while *Magnificat Anima Mea Dominum* played. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God’s love to all whom they meet.
  - It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



**The Paper Wolf:** Many good articles this week, but these two were very informative: one on the JROTC Inspection at: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2014/03/28/afjrotc-exceeds-standards-in-inspection-saving-program/> and one on our new

Rugby Team (complete with slide show) at <http://thepaperwolf.com/2014/03/28/a-sports-fans-reaction-to-his-first-rugby-game/>. Read The Paper Wolf! ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) I do! We've got an outstanding, AWARD WINNING digital newspaper! Compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe! Support the future of journalism! Geaux Paper Wolves!

**Social Media:** Superintendent Trey Folse of the St. Tammany Public School District sent a letter to all of his students' parents on Feb 25, informing them that school leaders and law enforcement agencies are seeing an uptick in "inappropriate behavior on social media platforms." Mr. Folse said the activity authorities are warning parents about can range from cyber bullying to students posting inappropriate pictures of themselves or others. The letter warns parents that some students



might have two accounts on such sites as Facebook, Vine, Twitter, Instagram and SnapChat - one that parents can see and another that parents do not have access to. "Some of these apps can also give children a false sense of security about the privacy of what they are sending," the letter says. I commend Supt. Folse and echo his sentiments.

**Louisiana Magnolia Tri** will be held on Sat, Apr 5th at 7:30 am to benefit the Magnolia Community Services (<http://www.mcs-nola.org>), an organization leading the way for people with developmental disabilities. A 600 yard swim, 12 mile bike and 5K run comprise the Tri. More info and registration at: <https://register.cajuntiming.com/Search/event.aspx?id=25259>. Sign up early – Limited space. They welcome and encourage relay teams

**Ben Blanchard Update:** Received from Susan Blanchard on Fri morning from MD Anderson: *Great news. NO Metastasis noted in Pet Scan! Chemo starts tomorrow!! Still a rough year ahead but Praise God!!!*

**Lawsuit:** Last week, a lawsuit (made very public by the local media) was filed against Holy Ghost Catholic Elementary School in Hammond by parents of a girl allegedly bullied by two other students. The lawsuit alleges that the school administration did nothing to stop the bullying and that the girl developed severe psychological problems. The Diocese of Baton Rouge denies the allegations and maintains that the school administration addressed the issue but that the girl's parents became such that the school had to file a restraining order against them. Very ugly; very sad. We pray for healing and resolution – and we are determined NEVER to be in this situation. We take allegations of bullying very seriously and act whenever we receive such an allegation.

**H of the W:** In case you're looking for places to visit:

- *I've never been in Cahoots. You can't go alone, though. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.*
- *I've never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.*
- *I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.*
- *I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.*
- *I have also been in Doubt -- a sad place to go; I try not to visit there too often.*
- *I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.*
- *Sometimes I'm in Capable; I go there more often as I age.*
- *One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!*
- *I have not been in Continent, and I don't remember what country it is in; it's an age thing. They tell me it is very damp there most of the time.*
- *I have been in Dire Straits, but I'm not recommending it to anyone!*
- *And if you still can't decide, then just go to Pieces.*
- *But never, never find yourself in Sensitive.*



A freshman (r) models his new letter jacket as his 1988 SPS alum dad models his!

**I'm Still Begging:** Thanks to those who each week to my request. But PLEASE – I need everyone's help, including alumni and grandparents. 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!**
- 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! Thanks. Can you send \$10 to 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!



*One of SIX eco-cars being built by Wolves on Wheels in preparation for competition in Shell Marathon at end of April.*

**WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT!** Several grandparents approached me on GP Day about donating and asked why they aren’t solicited like other schools do. I replied that we need and welcome their support and they all replied that they would contribute. **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.

**Tickets for St. Paul’s spring musical, “Anything Goes”** are on sale in the administration building. Get them soon as they sell out quickly.

**Hair Rule:** With nature sprouting all over, our students’ hair seems to be growing a fast rate, too. We are about to embark on “haircut” rule enforcement, so help us by insisting your son conforms to policy.

And, no, I don’t think hair regulation is more important than drug (we’re still testing!) and alcohol regulation but I’m not willing to ignore the less important rules that we have.

## A Look Ahead

March 31-April 4 –Founder’s Week  
 April 1 – Snack Day  
 April 2 - Life Skills Day for Seniors  
 April 4 – Field Day – Periods G & A meet in AM  
 April 7-11 – Leadership Week  
 April 7 – All School Mass SJBDLS (**formal uniform day**)

April 8 – President’s Assembly  
April 9 – Leadership Breakfast  
April 10 – Guest Speaker  
April 11 – Assembly – SC Elections  
April 14 – Late Start for Faculty  
Meeting/Challenge Night  
April 15 – Pack Time  
April 17 – Easter Holidays (**NOT SPRING BREAK**) begin at 3:00  
April 29 – President’s Assembly  
May 2 – Sophomore Service Day  
May 6 – Pack Time  
May 7-9 – Senior Exams  
May 12 - Athletic Awards  
May 13 – President’s Assembly  
May 13 -- Band Awards in PM  
May 14-16 – Pre Freshmen Exams  
May 14 – Grad Night  
May 15 – Level Awards assembly  
May 16 – Major Awards in AM assembly  
(dress uniform day)  
May 18 – Senior Graduation  
May 19 – Pre Freshmen Promotion/ Exam Schedule Begins  
May 23 – Exam conflict and make up day



*LA 41<sup>st</sup> AFJROTC at recent field trip to Huntsville Space Center and Six Flags Over Atlanta*

Whew! I wore you out again this week!

And even though we’re beginning April (already!) of 2014, I 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

Looking Forward to Reading Lots of Poetry in April as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



**Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for the poor & social justice, faith in God’s presence – Lasallian Core Principles much needed in today’s world!**