



Happy New Church Year!



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

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

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

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

Maranatha! Come, Lord!

Mon, Dec 1 (Regular; B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** In 1955, Rosa Parks is jailed in Montgomery, AL, for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man in violation of the city's racial segregation laws. This sparks the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott and earns her the moniker "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement."
- **Cyber Monday:** If you shop on-line today, consider using AmazonSmile & help SPS! See below for info.
- **Soccer:** 9th v. Mandeville (5)
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Dunham (6 & 7:15)
- **Electrical Work:** CLECO is scheduled to close off 11th street between Adams and Jefferson today to deal with power issues for the new gym program. They will re-open in the afternoon, hopefully before dismissal.

Tue, Dec 2 (Wolf Packs; F G A B)

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

Wed, Dec 3 (Regular; C D E F)

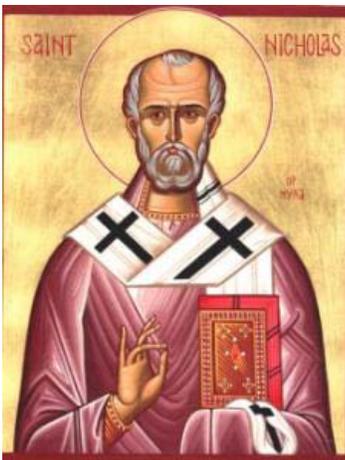
- **TDIH:** In 1947, Marlon Brando's famous "STELLA!" first booms on a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience during the debut of Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Since the AP English class is studying this iconic play, perhaps they'll do a "Stella Yelling Contest" a la the yearly one in the French Quarter.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, a 53 year old named Lewis Washansky received the first human heart transplant.
- **International Day of People with Disability** promotes support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. As Lasallians, we aim to build an inclusive community which respects all. We celebrate this day.
- **Soccer:** 8th & 9h inter-squad game (4); JV & Varsity v. Brother Martin (6 & 7:30)
- **Basketball:** Varsity in CYO Tournament through Friday

Thu, Dec 4 (Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1991, after 64 yers of operation, the American airline Pan Am ceases service.
- **National Cookie Day:** Enjoy! DYK the English word "cookie" comes from Dutch "koekje," which means little cake? Dutch bakers tested oven temps on small amounts of batter so they would not waste the entire cake mix if the temp wasn't right & discovered that these tiny pieces of cooked batter were actually quite tasty!
- **Basketball in CYO Tournament through Friday**

Fri, Dec 5 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1901, **Walter Elias Disney** is born. Watch a Disney classic today!
- **Bathtub Party Day:** Relax with a good soak!
- **Sachertorte Day:** Forget your diet today and enjoy this classic Viennese chocolate treat.
- **Basketball:** 8th in Rummel Tournament



Sat, Dec 6 (Feast of St. Nicholas): From American Catholic.org: *Eastern and Western Churches honor Nicholas; it is claimed that, after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. We can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of tongue, Santa Claus—expanding the example of generosity showed by this holy bishop.*

- **TDIH:** In 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers place a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of the Washington Monument
- **Lafayette HS Math Tournament:** The Fighting Math Wolves travel today for math competition. Geaux FMWs!
- **Cross Country Christmas Fun Run:** Best wishes, CC Wolves, for a successful event!
- **BB:** 8th in Rummel Tourney; 9th in Fontainebleau Tourney; Varsity in CYO Tourney
- **Soccer:** 8th, 9th, JV, & Varsity v. Gulfport beginning at 10

Sun, Dec 7 (2nd Sunday of Advent; I encourage our families, especially Catholic ones, to attend Church today.)

- **TDIH: Pearl Harbor Day.** In 1941, The Empire of Japan attacks Pearl Harbor. This “day which will live in infamy” forced the US into World War II. We remember those who gave their lives, fighting for our freedom.

Incorrect Parent-Teacher Meeting: Some of you may have noticed a parent/teacher meeting scheduled for Monday evening posted on Edline. This was an error. There is no parent teacher meeting scheduled for that date. Of course you are always welcome to contact individual teachers anytime via Edline.

The Annual Fund: Last week, I officially launched our Annual Fund Drive – just like almost every other private school. You should have received in the mail a brochure explaining the drive and a response card. I’m humbled by the number of you who have anticipated the drive and have already sent in your donations. The success of this drive is critical to Saint Paul’s. Please keep this in mind as you plan your end of year giving. Again, thanks to all who have already contributed. We need everyone, to at least some degree, to follow suit.

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

A Word about Exams: Semester exams begin on Dec 16. Remember that exams are SEMESTER exams which will cover the entire semester. The **semester grade** (the only grade that counts in GPA and the only grade on the transcript) will be averaged in the following manner: 40% for Quarter 1; 40% for Quarter 2; 20 % for the semester exam. Encourage your son, therefore, to take his exams seriously.

It’s time to start reviewing. A good review lasts several weeks and avoids last minute cramming. Learning how to study for semester exams will aid your son considerably in college. The complete exam schedule is posted on Edline.

Cross Country: I can’t say enough great things about his incredible group of young men and their coaching staff. Day after day throughout the summer and fall, these guys collectively run literally hundreds if not thousands of miles. Week after week, very early on fall Sat mornings, these guys gather in Guiteau Plaza at 5:30 am to travel to their race site. And while they fell short in their defense of the state title, they acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner. Geaux, CCWs!

The Aqua Wolves: Ditto the above for the Aqua Wolves, who receive very



Eric & Spencer at end of State Meet. Eric finished 2nd and Spencer 7th. Photo courtesy of Angelle Albright

little acclaim. Their fifth place finish in state deserves special mention. A small (only 8 qualified for state) but determined group of swimmers represented us in an exemplary manner! They deserve kudos.

From the Mothers Club: The Bookstore will be open on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 9:00-3:00 for your convenience. Come do your Christmas Shopping and take advantage of some bargains! Stadium seats and Rain jackets have finally arrived, along with some brand new items! We'll also have an overstock sale on selected items. Normal bookstore hours are weekdays 7:15-8:00 am, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, and 2:15-3:15 pm. All proceeds from the bookstore are used for the benefit of our students!

Last Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Nov 18 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a song called "Down to the River to Pray" which was given to me recently by a freshman who suggested we play it at assembly. It's a traditional American song variously described as a Christian folk hymn, an African-American spiritual, an Appalachian blue grass song, and a gospel song. It gained popularity in 2000 after Alison Krauss (an American blue grass singer and musician) performed it for the soundtrack of the film, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* It first published in 1867 although a similar version was published in 1830. Visitors to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D. C. have reported hearing a Hupa song played there which has the same melody as "Down in the River to Pray". It has also been suggested that certain features of the melody and phrasing are more typical of Native American music than gospel music or spirituals. I then posed the following question to the students: As we approach Thanksgiving....where are we going to pray?
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Domnic Davenport**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: **Kelsey Whittemore's grandfather; James Kissgen's 23 year old cousin, Hannah; Mrs. Barbara Ann Burleigh**, grandmother of Assistant Band Director **Jimmy Brinkman**. And, of course, we prayed for **Zac's** continued healing.
- **Recognized and congratulated the 2014 Football Program**, who completed their season and those who made All-District:
 - 1st Team Offense: Brad Clawson, Kenny Sears III, & Cade Cowen
 - 2nd Team Offense: Domnic Davenport, Jalen McCleskey
 - Honorable Mention Offense: Drew Bennett, Joseph Mason, Chris Lowder, Tyler Maurin, Ryan O'Krepki, Grant Gallaspy, & T.J. Bedford
 - Honorable Mention Special Teams: Austin Means & Antwann Anderson
 - 1st Team Defense: Hunter Romero
 - 2nd Team Defense: Deonte' Sorapuru
 - Honorable Mention Defense: Bernard Penn, Derek Drago, & Antwann Anderson
- Recognized the following for their performance in the Brother Martin Jr. High Tournament:
 - 3rd – Tripp Doolittle, Connor Eikel, Andrew Eikel, Collin Corales, Mason Impastato
 - 2nd – Colin Craddock, Justin Santos, Justin Streckfus
 - 1st – Brandon Stein, Jacob Bouton, Hayden Coutrado
- Recognized the following for the performance in the Brother Martin JV Tournament:
 - 4th – Trey Juneau
 - 3rd – Gavin Grefer

- 2nd – Grant Hughes
- 1st – Christian Fortner
- Recognized the following for their performances in the Mandeville Tournament:
 - 4th – Josh Mascaro, Billy Harrison
 - 3rd – Seth Dragon
 - 1st – Colin Francis (his first ever tournament win)
- Recognized and congratulated those who participated in the SPS 20th Annual Math Tournament on Saturday, October 18th. 15 schools participated with 263 students working math problems. The schools separated into 2 divisions—magnet schools and regular schools. SPS competed with the magnet schools as did Catholic High Baton Rouge. As we were the hosts, we allowed our boys to compete only in the lower math levels—4 out of 7 possible.
 - Pre Algebra: Josh Devier (1st) & Jack Schwartz (4th)
 - Algebra 1: Andrew Norlin (1st) & Ashton Van Deventer (4th)
 - Geometry: Yehia Elkersh (3rd)
 - Algebra 2: Ryan Meraux (1st) Ethan Desforges (2nd) & Luke Avenel (4th)
 - We did not participate in Adv. Math, Trig, or Potpourri.
 - TEAM Pre Algebra: 3rd place (Blake Ramsey, & Jakob Massey)
 - Team Algebra 1: SPS Team A 2nd (Andrew Norlin, Patrick Baldone, Ashton Van Deventer)
 - Team Algebra 1: SPS Team B 3rd (Ealon Boudreaux, Brandon Nicotri)
 - Team Algebra 2: 2nd (Jacob Broussard, Ethan Desforges, Luke Avenel, John Cresson)
 - We did not participate in Adv Math/Trig ciphering or Potpourri team.
 - SWEEPSTAKES – 3rd place!!! Imagine if we had competed in all categories!!! Our boys are so talented!
 - Thanks to Mathletes and Math Faculty
- Recognized students who participated in the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association’s annual conference. The Paper Wolf and the Guerilla Wolves garnered a total of 14 awards.

- **Guerilla Wolves:**
 - 1st Place Videography – Brandon Gallego for “The Reagan Hill Story”
 - 3rd Place Video Editing (on-site competition) – Brandon Gallego
 - 3rd Place Newscast – News team
 - Honorable Mention Sportscast – Casey Fitzmaurice
- **The Paper Wolf:**
 - 1st Place Online/Digital Newspaper – PW staff
 - 1st Place News Writing (on-site competition) – Nick Ashton
 - 1st Place Photo Editing (on-site competition) – Parker Layman



Scholastic Press Association Winners present trophy to Trevor. Well done, Journalistic Wolves!

- 2nd Place Sports Photo – Chase Wittington for “The Missed Penalty”
 - 2nd Place Headline/Cutline writing (on-site competition) – Trey Couvillion
 - 2nd Place News Writing: Trey Couvillion for “Big House to Begin Saving Local Dogs”
 - 3rd Place Photo Editing (on-site competition) – Kole Gorney
 - 3rd Place Feature Writing – Ross Allbritton for “Ukrainian Conflict Hits Home”
 - Honorable Mention Sports Photo – Turner St. Romain for “Aqua Wolves”
 - Honorable Mention Best Overall Newspaper – PW staff
 - ** It should be noted that the Best Overall Newspaper is awarded based on total points in all categories. The Paper Wolf won Honorable Mention despite being unable to enter in 20% of the newspaper categories, which were specifically geared towards a printed newspaper. On an even playing field, we would have fared even better. We are one of only a handful of schools with an on-line newspaper.
- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! (Yes, I’ve got Eagle Scout material, confirmations, and many other things on my list!)
 - We then robustly sang the Fight Song for all of the activities going on around school.
 - As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Francois Elzy**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of “Down to the River to Pray.” It was a great assembly! I least I thought so!

Musings on Last Two Weeks:

- **Huether Conference:** Mr. Christian Bobak, Mr. Tommy Lahey and Mr. Brad Marchese represented SPS at this national gathering of Lasallians in Chicago over the holidays. I pray the time was worthwhile.
- **Mass:** Thanks to Barrett Baumgartner, the Liturgical Band, Eucharistic Ministers and all who helped make our Thanksgiving mass a meaningful spiritual experience for all of us.



Pre-freshmen Robo-Wolves enjoy competition at ULL.

- **Pre-freshmen Robo Wolves:** Julie Beck and a group of pre-freshman traveled to Lafayette on 11/22 for robotics competition at U of L. The young wolves finished in 3rd place – a great showing for our initial foray!
- **Athletics:** Wrestling, Soccer, & BBall practiced and played hard during the entire holiday! Too many wins to list! But among them were soccer over Baton Rouge and Basketball won the Team Sportsplex Class Tournament in BR! And soccer did very well in the Jacksonville, FL tournament – only the top teams in the south invited!
- **Food Drive:** Congrats to Student Council for a very successful food drive. Over 8 tons of canned goods were delivered to Covington Food Bank plus pounds of fresh vegetables from the environmental science class’s garden.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Holidays didn’t stop Danielle Lavie from publishing another outstanding issue! Here’s an email Danielle received from alumnus Jack Dyer ‘66 about Jack Dubreuil’s article on the Honor Roll

Breakfasts: *Just finished the latest “Wolftracks” and was waxing nostalgic after reading Jack Dubreuil’s article on the Honor Roll Vocabulary Breakfasts. During my time at SPHS (’63->’66) I had the good fortune to take English from Bro. Damian Fioke who, like Bro. Ray, was a stickler for vocabulary. As a result, I have spent the last 48 years gracing my conversations and writing with interesting (albeit sometimes archaic) words like: sesquipedalian, vituperative, peregrination, ennui, vicissitudes, tintinnabulation, perspicacity, obsequious, antediluvian, incubus, and others that escape me at the moment. It is gratifying to see the tradition carry on in a day and age where the written and spoken word seem to be vanishing into texts, tweets, and whatever the latest method of instant communication may be. Thanks for the memories. While education in American continues to suffer a diminution of rigor it is comforting (and not unexpected) to see that the standards to which SPHS students are held remains at such a high level. I attribute much of my undergraduate and graduate academic successes to the foundation laid at SPHS. As you gather on Thursday to gormandize do so with my very best wishes and appreciation of all the excellent work by the faculty and staff at SPHS. Wow! Someone else likes vocabulary, although I admit some of Brother Damian’s words sent me scrambling to Dictionary.com!*

- **Electrical Work for New Gym:** Work began over the holidays. Eventually, all lines from 11th to gym will be underground. Not only will this be safer, but more storm resistant, too.
- **Science Fair:** Thanks to Science Department for another successful fair during the week before Thanksgiving.
- **Memoir Project:** Thanks to Jeaneen Schmitt for inviting me to view the freshman presentations on the memoir which they read. Good presentation skill practice, good extemporaneous response to questions, and good reading.

Alum News: Alexander Sibley ’11, brother of Nicholas ’14 and Oliver ’17 and currently Tulane senior has applied for graduate school in vocal performance before his goal of medical school. As part of his admission requirements, he had to audition. Here’s Alexander, a former Marian Player, at his audition: <http://youtu.be/Yt9tz3Vbt3s>. Impressive!

World Toilet Day: A parent who carefully read my newsletter about WTD on Nov 19 sent me this info last week: *Bill Gates today announced the winners of the Reinvent the Toilet Challenge—an effort to develop “next-generation” toilets that will deliver safe and sustainable sanitation to the 2.5 billion people worldwide who don’t have it. The awards recognize researchers from leading universities who are developing innovative ways to manage human waste, which will help improve the health and lives of people around the world. The California Institute of Technology received the \$100,000 first prize for designing a solar-powered toilet that generates hydrogen and electricity. Loughborough University in the UK won the \$60,000 second place prize for a toilet that produces biological charcoal, minerals, and clean water. University of Toronto won the third place prize of \$40,000 for a toilet that sanitizes feces and urine and recovers resources and clean water. For more info, go to: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/media-center/press-releases/2012/08/bill-gates-names-winners-of-the-reinvent-the-toilet-challenge> OK, Engineering Wolves! Go to work and let’s get some of that prize money!*



Wolves collect food for Food Bank.

School Zone Cell Phone Ban: Please be aware that the following legislative acts became law on 8/1/14: Motorists are now prohibited from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175; subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased

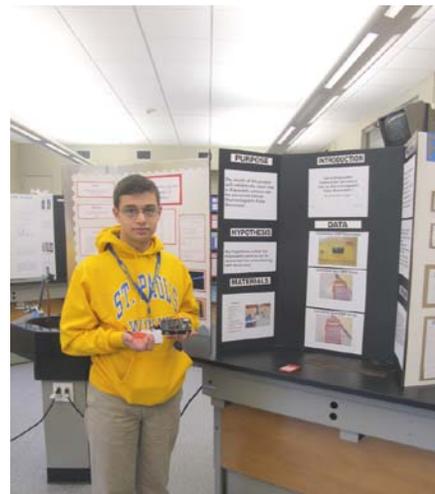
Application Letters: I annually publish some memorable lines from next year's application letters:

- *I didn't know what was missing from my education until I went to the St. Paul's Open House. When I walked into the science room and saw a fake body on the floor, I knew this was the school for me. [Better a fake body than a real one!]*
- *A few times during the summer, my dad and I took a bike ride around the campus. From the outside looking in, the campus seemed like a place where you would be cared for and protected.*
- *I know I'm not the only one that is trying to get in St. Paul's, and I am not the most interesting one either. I do however bring some original qualities to the school. My special qualities are that I am a geek and I am an athlete.*
- *I will be a hard, efficient worker who listens very well. [A student who listens? He's in!]*
- *At Shadow Day, I felt at home and at peace when I sat down in one of the desks. It was like I knew where I was going for the next five years with all my "brothers."*

AmazonSmile: This is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul's School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.

Humor of the Week:

- *A day without sunshine is like night.*
- *On the other hand, you have different fingers.*
- *42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.*
- *Remember: half the people you know are below average.*
- *He who laughs last; thinks slowest.*
- *Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.*
- *The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.*
- *Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have.*
- *A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.*
- *Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.*
- *If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.*



Jared with his 2nd Place in Physics science fair project

Thanksgiving to Christmas: This period of the school year can be a real challenge. While it should be a time of good will and cheer, often we find ourselves handling a crisis. The best way to prevent any difficulty is through the Lasallian virtues of caring and vigilance – which will be in full force. Teachers will teach until the very end.

Parents, please remind your students to adhere to ALL procedures & policies. We will show care to the students, but we will be vigilant.

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

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

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



Ben with his science fair project

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

2015-16 Admission Process: We have stopped accepting applications for next year as we already have more than we can accommodate. New applications will be accepted only on a “wait list” basis. Thanks for all you did to promote SPS. Quantity and quality for our new wolves for next year look great!

Current Student Re-Registration for 2015-16: For those of you who plan ahead, here’s the process:

- Current 8th graders will be asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8th graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new 9th graders we can accept.
- Current 9th – 11th grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12th graders – well, they don’t have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2015-16, a \$300 registration fee will be due.
- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning for the second semester of this year, please let me know ASAP. We are getting inquiries about January admissions.**

Important Driver's License Requirement: A new requirement was added to the driver's license issuance process for all minor applicants. All minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license. SPS students can get these forms from the Administration Building or the Counseling Center.

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

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

And Speaking of Edline: Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grade and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.*

Tutoring: The National Honor Society offers tutoring each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It's easier to be tutored early in the than to wait until later in the quarter. Get a jump on exam study by visiting our NHS tutors! The tutors are friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial "put these men to work!"

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

A Look Ahead:

December 9 – President' Assembly
December 11 – Luminarias (6 pm) – Snack Day
December 16-19 – Semester Exams
December 19 – 11:00 AM dismissal for Christmas Holidays
January 5 – Classes resume
January 6 – President's Assembly – Snack Day
January 7-9 Seniors on Retreat
January 13 – Pack Time
January 20 – President's Assembly
January 26 – Senior H. Roll breakfast
January 27 – Pack Time – 10th Grade H. Roll Breakfast

January 28 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast
January 29 – Career Day – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
January 30 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast
February 2 – 9:00 AM late start for Faculty In-Service/ Parent-Teacher meetings 5-7 PM
February 3 – President’s Assembly
February 10 – Mass Schedule
February 13 – Teacher Retreat
February 26-27 Junior Retreat/Angola Trip
March 3 – Teacher Appreciation Day/Snack Day
March 5 – Celebrity Waiter Dinner
March 6 – 9:00 AM late start for teachers and students
March 9 – St. Joseph Altar – all periods meet (FGABCDE)
March 10 – President’s Assembly
March 13 – Third Quarter Ends



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

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

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

May the final month of 2014 be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's – our 103rd year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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



*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near!
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!
Let's do ordinary things extraordinarily well and make
courageous choices this Advent – and always!
CQIRF!*