

The President's Newsletter for Apr 20-26, 2015 Alleluia! He is Risen!



Welcome to Founder's Week. During this week, our Lasallian Young Leaders will help us celebrate the educational giant who founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools and whose work we continue today at Saint Paul's School. They have many activities planned for us this week, and I am most grateful for all of their hard work. Each day has a Lasallian Core Principle as a theme, and the activities of the day will revolve around that theme.

I shared the following words of St. John Baptist de La Salle with the faculty in their newsletter and encouraged them to use these words of St. La Salle to inspire them in their work. Again, I respectfully suggest that the words are equally applicable to your work as parents:

- It is God who has called you to this form of service [parenting];
- Every day God calls you anew to the needs these children have;
- It is God's own work that he entrusts to you;
- Your presence among young people brings salvation to them;
- Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied with it, but do not spare yourself in what you can do with grace; and believe that, if you want it, you can do more with the grace of God than you think.
- In you, and through your [parental] ministry, these children encounter God, who knows each of them by name, who loves them, and who goes out searching endlessly for those who have gone astray.

Please pray for us this week, that we may live up the Lasallian Mission of education. Thanks for entrusting your sons to Lasallian education at SPS!



Logan, Adam, Leland and Will – our Student Council Leaders for 2015-16! Congratulations to them and to all who ran for office!

Mon, Apr 20 (9 am class start; G A B C)

• TDIH: In 1999, Columbine High School Tragedy occurs. We remain vigilant and reinforce the need for students to report any threat immediately. On this 16th Anniversary of the Columbine, I invite all to pray: Heavenly Father, fill all schools with Your Holy Spirit. May Your grace and power keep schools safe and eliminate such problems as alcohol, drugs, guns, pornography, violence, depression, and disrespect for life. Turn the hearts of students toward You. Open their eyes, hearts and minds that they may see what is really important in life. Dissipate the anger in all who lash out at others, bullying them or ridiculing them. Touch the hearts of those tempted to solve problems through violence. Make our schools safe harbors, with atmospheres that encourage all to

live your Law of Love. Infuse wisdom, vigilance, caring, compassion, and understanding in teachers. Help administrators make just and wise decisions. Help everyone to spread the message that You are with us always and everywhere -- and that only You have the answer to the problems we face. Amen.

- **TDIH:** On this day in 2010, an oil rig run by British Petroleum (BP) exploded in the Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast, resulting in the largest offshore oil spill in US history.
- Monday Morning Rosary with the Retired Brothers: The retired Brothers and a group of moms pray the rosary at 7:50 every Monday morning school is in session. While the boys are settling in their classes, the group prays for them

and the intentions of the school. It's a beautiful devotion and lasts about 15 minutes, after which many linger over coffee with the Brothers. **The group invites anyone who wishes to join them.** Just walk through the glass doors of the residence and you'll run into the chapel entrance. Our Lady of the Rosary! Pray for us

- Tennis: Regional Tournament through Tuesday. Geaux Wolves!
- Golf: District Golf Match. Geaux Wolves!
- Baseball: JV & Varsity at Hammond

Tue, Apr 21 (A Little Longer Than Usual President's Assembly; D E F G)

- President's Assembly: a little longer to accommodate Founder's Week activity
- **TDIH**: On this day in 1895, Woodville Latham and his sons, Otway and Gray, demonstrate their "Panopticon," the first movie projector developed in the US.
- **Kindergarten Day:** Today we honor Friedrich Froebel, born April 21, 1782, who started in Germany in 1837 the first Kindergarten -- built upon innovative principles that used children's innate curiosity and interests to help them see what Froebel believed was "the harmonious, interconnectedness of all things." Today's a good day to remember Robert Fulghum's poem "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten", fulfilling your daily poem reading requirement -- remember April is poetry month!): *All I really need to know about how to live, what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but in the sand pile at Sunday School. I learned:*
- Share everything; Play fair; Don't hit people; Put things back where you found them; Clean up your own mess; don't take things that aren't yours; Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat; take a nap every afternoon.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life learn, think, draw, paint, sing, dance, play and work some every day.
- When you go out, watch for traffic, hold hands & stick together.
- Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
- Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
- And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity at Ponchatoula (4 & 6:30)
- Track: Varsity in District Meet at Ponchatoula

Julie and her Robo-Wolves at World Championships in KY last week – they acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner!

Wed, April 22 (Assembly; A B C D)

TDIH: in 1970, the first **Earth Day** is observed to remind us that *all individuals and institutions have a mutual responsibility to act as Trustees of Earth* (Official Earth Day web site). Indeed, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has identified care for the earth as one of the seven major social justice themes of our faith. The US Catholic Bishops have written: *the Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. Please encourage your students to be Trustees of Earth.*

- National Jelly Bean Day: Enjoy this iconic Easter treat today
- Soccer State Championship Recognition Assembly (8 am)
- Mother-Son Dinner: This annual activity will be on a weekday for the first time, since we can no longer have events on Sundays (by Archbishop mandate) and the MC couldn't find a conflict free Sat. I'm sure all will go great.
- Baseball: JV & Varsity at Northshore

Thu, Apr 23 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1564, in Stratford upon Avon, **William Shakespeare** is believed to have been born! We celebrate with the rest of the literary world the believed birthday of the Bard. It is impossible to be certain of the exact day on which he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn. Shakespeare's date of death is conclusively known, however: it was April 23, 1616. He was 52 years old and had retired to Stratford three years before. Have a great Shakespearean Day! And if you wish to talk like Shakespeare today, here are some simple rules:
- Instead of **you**, say **thou** or **thee** (and instead of **y'all**, say **ye**).
- Rhymed couplets are all the rage. Welcome to Saint Paul's School today! We're here to learn and not to play! Before you leave the house for school, bring all your books and you'll be cool! Think about what you're about to say and make sure your words reflect the Lasallian way! OK, I'll stop!
- Men are addressed as Sirrah, ladies are addressed as Mistress, and your friends are all called Cousin.
- Instead of cursing, call your tormenters jackanapes or canker-blossoms or poisonous bunch-back'd toads.
- Don't waste time saying "it," just use the letter "t" ('tis, t'will, I'll do't).
- When in doubt, add the letters "eth" to the end of verbs (he runneth, he trippeth, he falleth).



Dr. Woody inspired and humbled all of us last week! When I think I've got problems, I'll think of him! Ask your son to share this incredible story with you!

• To add weight to your opinions, try starting them with **methinks**, **mayhaps**, **in sooth** or **wherefore**.

• For our students: To woo the ladies, compare her to a summer's day. If you don't get that, read the sonnet "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"

- National Zucchini Bread Day
- **Football:** Parent meeting in the BAC (7)
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. F'bleau (4 & 6:30)

Fri, Apr 24 (Field Day Schedule; B C)

• **TDIH:** In 1800, President John Adams signs a law to spend \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress," establishing the Library of Congress. Today, the library has 838 MILES of shelves.

• National Pig in a Blanket Day: Go ahead and wrap a sausage in a pancake and enjoy this childhood treat! Sat, Apr 25

• **TDIH:** In 1990, the crew of the U.S. space shuttle *Discovery* places the Hubble Space Telescope, a long-term space-based

observatory, into a low orbit around Earth.

- **TDIH:** In 1953, James Watson, Francis Crick, Maurice Wilkins & Rosalind first published papers in the journal Nature on the structure of DNA.
- Hug a Plumber Day: Well, we may not hug you but we sure do appreciate you! Thanks to all SPS plumbing dads!
- Habitat Work Day (8-12) Geaux Habitat Wolves!
- Football Combine (1)
- Father-Son Dinner (5): Again, no Sunday events transfers this annual event to a Saturday!

• Lacrosse State Championships

Sun, Apr 26: We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass today as a family; we encourage our non-Catholic families to worship at the church of their choice.

- TDIH: 1986, the world's worst nuclear power plant accident occurs at Chernobyl nuclear power station in Russia.
- **Richter Scale Day**. Today celebrates the birth of American seismologist Charles F. Richter (1900–1985) who invented the scale in 1935. Let's hope we don't have any earthquakes in his honor!
- Audubon Day: John James Audubon was born on this day in 1785. He was America's foremost ornithological illustrator. In 1886 the Audubon Society for the study and protection of birds was formed. Today there are many branches of the Audubon Society, and it remains dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources. Let's take care of the flora and fauna on our campus in Audubon's honor today!
- **National Pretzel Day:** Eat pretzels today! Pretzels are believed to be the world's oldest snack. Pretzels date back to 610AD in Southern France. Monks baked thin strips of dough into the shape of a child's arms folded in prayer. Add a little salt, and Voila! ...the pretzel industry was born.
- Baseball: JV & Varsity v. Covington

Fantastic Breaking News: On

Friday, the United States Department of Education released the semi-finalist list for Presidential Scholars. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who

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<u>Louisiana</u>

LA - Baton Rouge - Adel A. Rahman, Baton Rouge Magnet High School
LA - Baton Rouge - Celeste M. Runnels, Baton Rouge Magnet High School
LA - Lake Charles - Zachary P. Boullt, Saint Louis Catholic High School
LA - Mandeville - George J. Cazenavette, The Saint Paul's School
LA - Mandeville - Ryan J. Keller, The Saint Paul's School
LA - Metairie - Jessica Ding, Haynes Academy of Advanced Studies
LA - New Orleans - Nancy L. Ren, Benjamin Franklin Senior High School
LA - New Orleans - Katherine S. Robinson, Benjamin Franklin Senior High School

demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. **Application for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is** *by invitation only.* **Students may not apply individually to the program or be nominated**

Only eight (8) Louisiana students advanced to semi-finalist status – and Saint Paul's has two of them: George Cazenavette and Ryan Keller. They are the **only two Catholic school students in the state of Louisiana** other than a student from Lake Charles. The other 5 are magnet school products.

Note that there are no students from ANY OTHER non-public school other than the two from SPS and one from Lake Charles. Wow. We're beyond proud! Here is the link to the list of semi-finalists: <u>http://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html</u>

Founders Week: note the following "specials events" this week:

- Monday: late start; chimes ring at 8:55; students must be in class at 9; library and cafeteria open at regular time for early arrivals. No problem!
- Tuesday celebrates the Lasallian core principle of quality education. Students may wear college shirt / sweatshirt /jacket of their choice.
- Friday is field day in the afternoon, after regular periods B and C. Attendance is mandatory. Students may "dress down" according to the following themes: Pre-freshmen, Neon; 9th, Cammo; 10th, Beach; 11th, Cowboy; 12th, America. The operative word with this is APPROPRIATE! We reserve the right to put a regular uniform shirt / pants on anyone inappropriately dressed.

Errata: The newsletter regrets the following errors and omissions in last week's edition:

- Wolves on Wheels competed in Leeds, Alabama, just east of Birmingham, and not Bay St. Louis.
- Junior Patrick Connolly also participated in the CCC, finishing 472nd and alum Doug Fields finished at 63rd.
- Our Varsity Lacrosse Wolves played 2 out of state teams during Easter week and had 1 loss and 1 win! The JV played in an end of the season tournament and ended the weekend undefeated and tournament champs, beating Jesuit twice!

Plagiarism Education Week: Today begins PEW. We intend to take this opportunity to review with our students what plagiarism is and how detrimental it is to the educative process. Parents, please reinforce this message with your sons.

Musings on the Week:

- The Rain: What a wet week which we weathered well!
- Leadership Week: Thanks to Joanna Case and Student Council for:
 - Leadership Breakfast: Covington Mayor and 1971 SPS Graduate Mike Cooper addressed the students. He gave much credit to SPS for his success.
 - o Speaker: Dr. Woody Morgan was outstanding. Would

that we all learn from his example. I intend to use his "you can't do this – yet" when a student complains! Parents – ask your son to share Woody's incredible story with you. You'll be inspired – and humbled!



Jacob and Sam elude a Jesuit defender and lead the Wolves to a Rugby victory over the Blue Jays – and win a spot in the championship game! (photo courtesy of Mike Dvornak Photography)

- Challenge Night: Once again, SSA prevailed and won the coveted trophy but a good time was passed by all. Freshman Brandon Gallego made a montage video of the event. It's great. Congratulations, Brandon! Here's the link if you wish to view it: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0buZDeN6Ww8WUJqNWVORFMwajA/view?usp=sharing</u>
- Elections: Congrats to all who "ran the good race" and put themselves up for judgment. I look forward to working with next year's student council. Special congrats to Leland van Deventer, president, Adam Schmitt, vice president, Will Murphy, secretary and Logan Haydel, Treasurer.
- Year in Review Assembly:
- **Robo-Wolves**: Julie Beck and the group represented us well in KY last week. Congratulate the following when you see them: Andrew Aceves, Grant Addison, Joseph Brown, Merrick Coghlan, Colin Cottrell, Coleman Guidry, Ross Hightower, Andrew Norlin & Jonathan Wellmeyer. Thanks to all who made this possible.
- **Rugby Wolves:** A thrilling game ending with a strong win for the Wolves! And a very nice Rugby British tradition is that the home team hosts a post-game social for the opponents. So after defeated Jesuit, the Wolves provided SPS hospitality in the cafeteria where the two teams shared good sportsmanship a great lesson for all sports! And on Sat night, the Wolves WON the Deep South Rugby Championship game! Wow! Geaux Rugby Wolves!
- Baseball: Rain played havoc with schedule but we managed to defeat Mandeville, 2-1 in extra innings on Friday.
- Lacrosse: An 18-2 quarterfinal win over Loyola of Shreveport sends the Wolves to the State championship tourney next weekend unfortunately in Shreveport! Geaux Lax Wolves!
- Track: I know they won last week but don't have any other details! District meet is this week and they'll do great!
- Golf: Weather forced cancellation of final match before district match this
- Sudden Impact: The last of our sophomore classes experienced this powerful program.
- **Pack Time:** I hope your son told you about what we did. I had forgotten how powerful RFK's speech was that night. My WP actually paid close attention and we had a good discussion afterwards.

- **Golden Jubilarian Assembly:** Our 50 year grads were very impressed with the progress SPS has made over the last 50 years. Saint Paul's Forevermore!
- **Crawfish Cookoff:** The rain abated and hundreds of crawfish craving crowds descended upon campus. Thanks to Development Team and Alumni for their hard work.
- ACT: Again, The only problems were on the test.
- The History of Covington: Alum Mark Johnson enlightened our students on our city's history.
- **Lasallian Formation:** I am grateful to English teachers Emily Allen and Brad Guillory who participated in a workshop for Lasallian English teachers. They had to "rough it", though, at the Russian River Camp in CA (I assure you it's not roughing at all!) I know they will return more committed than ever to Lasallian English teaching!

Red beans and Rice Drive: During Founder's Week, we are holding a red beans and rice drive to benefit the Covington Food Bank. Students are asked to bring red beans and rice only. This is in honor of our Lasallian commitment to the poor and social justice.

Stuff the Bus: Again this year, the six Catholic schools in Western St. Tammany (Saint Paul's, Saint Scholastica, Archbishop Hannan, Saint Peter, Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Queen of Peace) will have a Stuff the Bus food drive on Wednesday, April 29, for the Covington Food Bank. Saint Paul's will supply the bus and driver, which will visit each of the schools and load whatever canned food donations that have been collected. Last year, we literally (OK, I hate the word "literally" but it makes a point here!) "stuffed the bus" and hope to do so again this year. Thanks!

Junior-Senior Prom: The Junior Senior Prom will be held Saturday, May 2 from 7:30 until 11:30. St. Paul's Juniors and Seniors who wish to go need to read the Prom Information form found on the website or in room



Seniors anxiously await being inducted into the SPS Alumni Association last week.

107. The signature form should be returned with payment no later than Wednesday, April 29. Photo order forms are available in room 107.

Father-Son Dinner: The deadline for making reservations is Monday, April 20 as we need to give the caterer (Sweet Daddy's) an accurate number. Hope you can make this great event!

March 31 Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our March 31 assembly. Here's some of what we did – which I forgot to include in last week's newsletter:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of "I Surrender" as performed by Class of 2010 alums Thomas Lorando and Jackson Parsons. This has become a Lenten tradition since the days when Jackson and Thomas would perform the song live in the gym for the last assembly before Holy Week. I reminded the students that the song encourages us to surrender to God and give up our sinful ways. Time continues to pass. But it's not too late to change. Are we cooperating with God's plan? Are we making the most of the time we are allotted? While the music played, junior Luke Avenel lit the prayer candle still purple for Lent and again prayed for those who left this earth to enter eternal life: Mrs. Irma Hawkins, grandmother of junior Jack Statton; the grandmother of senior Nick Chiasson and Dr. Michael Guillot, president of De La Salle High School in New Orleans.
- Prayed for and congratulated faculty member Mr. Andrew Dart on the birth of his first child, a girl named Everly Dart

- Introduced senior Alex Zenor, along with Alex's mother and aunt. The family recently suffered the loss of Alex's grandfather, who was a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy and who served our country in WW II. The family presented an American flag to the school in honor of Alex's grandfather's service. We were pleased and proud to accept it.
- Recognized and congratulated the large number of students who were involved in *Godspell*. As I read their names, the each stood it was quite an impressive group and we gave them a rousing ovation.
- Recognized and congratulated junior Evan Hood, who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, something earned by only 2% of young men who enter scouting. It's quite an accomplishment. I then had the entire SPS flock of Eagle Scouts stand and be recognized again, quite a large number. We are proud of all of them.
- The musical strains of Baroque composer Rossini's *William Tell Overture* then started magically playing, indicating that the track team was doing some pretty good things. We had the following track trophy presentations:
 - 1st place in the Christian Brother Relays with Field MVP- Jalen Mcklesky & Track MVP- Eric Coston
 - 1st place in the Andy Thiel Invitational where 3 of our boys tied for Track MVP Joey Cherry, Eric Coston, Deonte Sorapuru
 - 1st Place in the Ponchatoula Relays with Track MVP Joey Cherry and Overall MVP Eric Coston
- Recognized and congratulated the SPS Brass Band who placed fifth (and earned \$500) in the New Orleans Brass Band competition. As a special treat, the members of the Brass Band then performed their award winning number – to everyone's thrill. They were fantastic! Geaux Brass Band Wolves!
- Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of • recognitions - which will carry over to the next assembly. So I quickly congratulated the golf, tennis, baseball, rugby, & lacrosse Wolves and we encouraged everyone to finish strong by singing the fight song. We ended with the whole student body standing and singing that Lenten favorite, "O That Shame." It was powerful. Junior Josh **Barrios** extinguished the prayer candle while the recording of Thomas and Jackson singing "I Surrender" played. The students spontaneously joined in the singing. It was very moving. 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.



Seniors of the Class of 2015 smile after receiving their alumni pins from members of the Class of 1965!

• It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

H of the W: Those student test answers just keep coming!

• One of the Romans' greatest achievements was learning to speak Latin.

- WWII lasted from Chapter 22 to Chapter 24 of the textbook.[hilarious!]
- To change centimeters to meters you just take out the centi.
- Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline
- Magna Carta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offense.
- William Tell shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.
- Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote Organ of the Species. Madman Curie discovered radio. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx brothers
- In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java.
- Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long. [Get it? Romans? Roamings?]
- OK, I'll stop but these are hilarious!

Words of Encouragement: Once a week, a group of seniors, on a rotating basis so all participate throughout the year, travels to Lyon Elementary School to serve as role models and tutors to the first grade students, many of whom are Title I students. Senior Religion Teacher Phil Williams, who coordinates the program, received the following email last week from Mrs. Jeanine Barnes, principal of Lyon: *I can't thank you enough for what St. Paul's School, especially your seniors each year, do for Lyon Elementary. Our children absolutely love working with your students. It's the one-on-one interaction that is most enjoyed, as it would be for anyone! Please let us know if there is anything we could ever do for you. Being a Covington High alum, I have a whole new appreciation and endearment for St. Paul's High School and am one of their biggest fans in every way, I assure you.*

From the Mothers Club:

- Our 3rd Annual Sidewalk Sale will be on Friday, May 15th from 9:00-4:00. Come take advantage of huge savings and great bargains with pre-owned uniforms, clearance items, and overstock sales! If you have any St. Paul's clothing items that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the bookstore (weekdays 7:15-8:00, 11:00-12:30, and 2:15-3:15)anytime between now and May 15th! Any unclaimed items in Lost and Found will be donated to the Sidewalk sale, so please ask your son to check for any missing clothing!
- The Cyberbullying Parenting the Pack presentation scheduled for April 15th has been changed to May 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. (FYI- the guest speaker has to travel to Washington D.C. and asked to change the date)
- Snack Day and Teacher Appreciation will take place on Tuesday, April 21st.



Senior AP & Honors Civics students on steps of LA Capitol in Baton Rouge on recent field trip

WHY DO I CONTINUE TO INCLUDE ANNUAL FUND REMINDERS? Because every time I do, I get responses. So, please – if you have not supported SPS this year and are in a position to do so, please contribute to the Annual Fund. ANY amount is needed as the new gym bills are coming in.

Interested in having part of the new gym named after you? Contact me and we'll talk!

AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! Please invite them to participate if they are able or I'll invite them with your permission.

2015-16 Calendar: St. Tammany Parish Public Schools has published next year's calendar. They will begin on Fri, Aug 7. Accordingly, I have completed our calendar, which follows their calendar when possible. We must schedule 178 days per archdiocesan policy. We therefore will start on Thursday, August 6 WITH A FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and NO book day – which corresponds to what we did this year. Please plan vacations accordingly.

Paper Wolf Update: Please encourage your students to read The Paper Wolf on line (<u>www.thepaperwolf.com</u>) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future.

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. These forms can be obtained in the administration building or the counseling center. **Several students went for licenses over the holidays and were turned away because they didn't have the form – in some cases they waited several hours before being turned away!**

Free Money: Recently we received checks from Target and Office Depot representing rebates on purchases: Target gives a 1% cash rebate and Office Depot gives a 5% store credit. PLEASE: anytime you purchase at Target or Office Depot, indicate that your rebate go to Saint Paul's School! This is FREE money! You're not being charged extra.

A Look Ahead (And these are just some of the events!)

- April 20 Founder's Week begins; 9 am start for faculty meeting
- April 21 President's Assembly Teacher Appreciation Lunch/Snack Day
- April 22 Juniors order senior rings
- April 22 Mother Son Dinner
- April 23 Mass Schedule DRESS UNIFORM DAY!
- April 24 Field Day (B&C meet in morning; field day in afternoon; attendance is mandatory)
- April 25 Habitat Work Day
- April 25 Father-Son Supper
- April 27 Honor Roll Breakfast for Seniors
- April 27 Spring Football Begins
- April 28 Last Pack Time Honor Roll Breakfast for Juniors
- April 29 Jazz Band field trip to LPO Honor Roll Breakfast for Sophomores
- April 30 Honor Roll Breakfast for Freshmen
- May 1 Honor Roll Breakfast for Pre-Freshmen & pre-freshmen retreat/service day
- May 2 Junior/Senior Prom at Abita Quail Farm
- May 5 President's Assembly
- May 6-8 Senior Exams
- May 8 Pie Bowl
- May 9 FREE Physicals for all athletes and band members; physicals are mandatory for athletic & band participation
- May 9 Band Concert in BAC
- May 11-12 Art Show in BAC
- May 12 President's Assembly
- May 12 Band Awards
- May 13-15 Pre Freshmen Exams
- May 13 Grad Night
- May 14 9-11 Level Awards

May 14 – Athletic Awards 8:00 AM May 15 – Academic Awards Ceremony 8:00 AM – Senior Level Awards May 16 – Senior Graduation (4 pm in the BAC) May 18 – Pre Freshmen Promotion and Awards 6:00 PM May 19-21 – Exam Schedules

Whew! Sorry I was so long winded this week!

And even though it's the last third of April 2015, 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 2015! Hard to believe we only have five more weeks in the school year! Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of SPS!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC Enjoying April as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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