

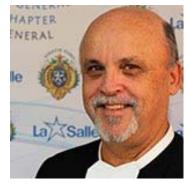
The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter April 23 - 30, 2017 Alleluia! Christ is risen!



Welcome back from the Easter holidays (not spring break.) I pray that your time away from school brought spiritual, physical, and mental refreshment and renewal as we enter into the final stretch of the school year. May the grace of the Resurrection be with us in abundance in our journey towards the finish line.

Towards that end, last year I offered the following from the Easter message of Brother Robert Schieler, FSC, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. His words merit a second reading, especially those I have boldfaced. I shared them with the faculty and think that you deserve to read them, too.

- Our Easter joy springs from the sure hope that we, too, will live forever.
- The resurrection of Jesus and the promise of eternal life are the clearest signs of God's merciful actions for us.
- As ambassadors of Jesus Christ, how can we effectively manifest God's mercy to our sisters and brothers who, with us, live in a world characterized by war, torture, terrorism, epidemics, starving children, rejected refugees, mistreated migrants, relationship-blocking walls and natural disasters?



- We must help others to experience God's mercy through our own concrete and personal merciful actions.
- Lasallians are called to touch hearts with the mercy of God. We, like Pope Francis, must build bridges of understanding and assistance and we must tear down walls of intolerance and exclusion.
- We must be women and men characterized by tenderness, friendliness, forgiveness, educational excellence and a practical concern for the well-being of our sisters and brothers who suffer from injustice, exclusion, war, anxiety about the future and lack of educational opportunity.
- We have to be convinced that all those whom we encounter will experience God's mercy and the joy of Easter when they encounter these qualities through us merciful ministers of God.

How have we done with Brother Superior's challenge in the past year? Let us commit ourselves to doing even more this year, accepting the grace of Easter to help accomplish the goal of being



Easter beauty fills the campus. Thanks, Botanical Wolves!

"merciful ministers of God."

Sun, Apr 23 (2nd Sunday of Easter -- Yes, I do not usually include Sunday but today is too important to omit!)

• **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 going 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).
- 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 allusion, read Will's sonnet "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"

Mon, Apr 24 (Special Assembly; B C D E)

- US Senator John Kennedy will address the student this morning. The Student Council tried to get Senator Kennedy to speak during Leadership Week, but he was unavailable. We welcome him back to SPS as he no stranger, as his son Preston graduated in 2014.
- This Day in History: President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress," thus establishing the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, arrived in 1801 and were stored in the U.S. Capitol, the library's first home. The first library catalog, dated April 1802, listed 964 volumes and nine maps. Twelve years later, the British army invaded the city of Washington and burned the Capitol, including the then 3,000-volume Library of Congress. Today, the collection, housed in three enormous buildings in Washington, contains more than 17 million books, as well as millions of maps, manuscripts, photographs, films, audio and video recordings, prints, and drawings.
- Football: Spring practice begins today for the next two weeks, climaxing with The Pie Bowl on May 5th
- Student Council Class Election Week Begins
- Tennis State Tournament

Tue, Apr 25 (President's Assembly; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1859, At Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across Isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and Red seas.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, the crew of the U.S. space shuttle *Discovery* places the Hubble Space Telescope 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.



Juniors in the ACT 30+Club enjoy their pizza lunch.

• **Stuff the Bus Day:** The six Catholic schools of western St. Tammany again join in support of the Northshore Food Bank. Joe Dickens has again agreed to drive the bus to all six schools and then the Food Bank.

- **Hug a Plumber Day:** Well, we may not hug you but we sure do appreciate you! Thanks to all SPS • plumbing dads!
- World Penguin Day: Celebrate penguins today! •
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Field Trip: Several junior classes will travel to HOS's corporate • headquarters in Covington to meet with CEO Todd Hornbeck who will show the boys the engineering and design parts of the business and speak with them about opportunities in the industry. We continue to be grateful to HOS's sponsorship of our engineering and business programs.
- **Golf: Regional Tournament at Carter Plantation** •
- AFJROTC Awards Banquet (BAC): A shout out to Sgt East for single handedly keeping our program • together this year – and doing so in an exemplary manner.

Wed, Apr 26: (Special Assembly; C D E F)

- Mass at 7 am in school chapel
- 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.
- Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast: The Exchange Club of West St. Tammany will honor a S • of the Y from each local high school this morning at TCC. Yehia Elkersh has been chosen to represent SPS. Congratulate him when you see him. From National Merit Commended student to Student of the Year for the state of LA, Yehia is deserving of this honor.
- Mother-Son Dinner (6:30 in the BAC). Thanks, Mothers' Club, for this wonderful event! Hope you • will be joining us!



Thu, Apr 27 (Regular; G A B C)

TDIH: On this day in 1941, the German army enters the Greek capital, signaling the end of Greek resistance.

• Teach Children to Save Day raises awareness about the important role that banks and bankers play in helping young people develop lifelong savings habits.

National Sense of Smell Day: Spend some time today appreciating the sense that most people feel they could most live without. Smell the flowers, the coffee, the Cajun spices, the cooking – all those freebies that add to life

Entrepreneurship seniors work on a project.

Fri, Apr 28 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** 1916, Ferruccio Lamborghini, the founder of the company that bears his name and is known for stylish, high-performance cars, is born in Italy.
- Great Poetry Reading Day: Don't just read any poem today; read a classic.
- Wolf Jam (7 9)
- Baseball: Possible playoff game

Sat, Apr 29

- **TDIH:** In 1862, Union troops take possession of New Orleans after Confederate General Mansfield Lovell surveyed his tiny force and realized that resistance was futile. If he resisted, Lovell told Mayor John Monroe, the city would be bombed, causing severe damage and casualties.
- National Zipper Day: Have you ever thought about what your life would be like without zippers? Backpacks, blue jeans, gym bags ... the list is endless. On April 29, 1913, Swedish-born scientist Gideon Sundback was issued a patent for his "Hookless Fastener." The rest is history. To commemorate this feat of genius, here are some fun zipper facts: The U.S. Army was one of the first users of the zipper, applying them to a variety of uniform parts and gear. Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibibaisha is the world's largest zipper manufacturer. You are likely to see "YKK" engraved on many of your own zippers. The world's longest zipper can be found at the hotel in Fort Lauderdale's Executive Airport. It measures 6,000 feet long and was commissioned as a publicity stunt for the hotel's nightclub, "Zippers."
- National Shrimp Scampi Day: Take a little pasta, a few plump, juicy shrimp, throw in a bit of butter, garlic and white wine, and what do you get? The elegance that is shrimp scampi, of course!
- Junior-Senior Prom in the BAC: At the request of the Student Council, the prom returns to campus after more than twenty-five years of being off campus. I remember well the students of the early 1990's begging me to have the prom off campus. And this year we had the students begging us to bring the prom back to campus! What goes around, comes around (or something like that.)
- Baseball: Possible playoff game

Sun, Apr 30

- Were this not a Sunday, it would be the feast of Pope Saint Pius V. During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the crushing responsibility of getting a battered Church on its feet after being shaken by corruption, the Reformation, the threat of Turkish invasion and the bloody bickering of young nation-states. The Church's response was the Council of Trent, and Pius implemented the mandated reforms. No easy task.
- **TDIH:** In 1789, in New York City, George Washington, the great military leader of the American Revolution, is inaugurated as the first US president.
- **National Honesty Day:** Celebrate National Honesty Day in a completely open and honest way. There are few rules for this special day.....just be honest.
- National Bugs Bunny Day: The first time audiences saw the wascally wabbit was on April 30, 1938, in a short cartoon called "Porky's Hare Hunt." In that first appearance, he was called "Happy Rabbit." Bugs did not utter his famous catch phrase, "What's up, Doc?" until he came face to face with Elmer Fudd in "A Wild Hare" in 1940.
- Happy Birthday Saint La Salle! On this day in 1651, John Baptist de La Salle was born. Let us pause a moment today to give thanks for the birth of this extraordinary saint and educator whose work we continue today!
- Happy Birthday Louisiana! From the official Louisiana Website: On April 30, 1812, the United States admitted Louisiana as the 18th state into the Union. Louisiana was the first state to have a majority

Catholic French- and Spanish-speaking population, reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1699-1763 and Spain from 1763-1803. Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Louisiana's road to statehood was not all smooth. Federal law required citizens of a newly admitted territory to apply to congress for statehood, and the admission of the Orleans Territory as the 18th state followed years of lobbying efforts by prominent citizens—both American and Creole (French-speaking Catholics). Finally in 1811, Democratic President James Madison signed the bill allowing the people of Louisiana to form a state constitution. Following the state constitutional convention in New Orleans, on April 14, 1812, President Madison signed the bill designated April 30, 1812, as the day of formal admission. Join me in praying for our state on its birthday!

Musings on the Past Two Weeks:

- New Student Scheduling: Our newest wolves demonstrated excitement about joining us. Thanks to counselors and all who helped to make the afternoon go so smoothly.
- Art Show: Hope you got a chance to see the wonderful work of our wolves. Thanks, Gerald and Andrew.
- Wolf Packs: Good information about "the face of poverty." Let's hope Stuff the Bus is successful!
- **Blood Drive:** Once again, we made a difference in the lives of others. Thanks to all who donated over 30 pints of blood.
- Leadership Breakfast: Congrats to Student Council for this special event.
- **Passion Play:** Denny, cast, crew, musicians and all who helped thank you!



Winners of the G.K. Chesterton Essay Contest! Matthew won 3rd, Isaac won 1st & Wayne won HM.

- Mandatum Ceremony: Thanks to all who helped us to remember the Lord's mandate to serve.
- ACT 30+ Pizza Lunch: Over 50 boys have scored 30 or better on the ACT this year. We are very proud and treated them to a pizza lunch before the holidays. But I want more! Stress ACT prep with your sons.
- **Memorial Services:** Thank you for your cooperation with the memorial service for Mr. Jake Coutrado, a good friend of the school who devoted much volunteer time here. As one could tell from the size of the crowd, he was well-respected in the area. The students were wonderfully cooperative and we received many compliments on their behavior during the service. We offer our prayer and support to his family as they move forward without the earthly life of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. And on April 22, we hosted a memorial service and reception for SPS alumnus Sean Kendrick, '75, one of three Kendrick brothers to graduate from SPS, the others being Kevin '77 and Brian '78. Sean was an architect in Atlanta. We are honored when told how much SPS has meant to alums and their families that they want to hold services on our campus. We, too, pray for the Kendrick Family during their time of loss. *Eternal rest grant unto Jake and Sean, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!*
- Golf: Wolves won Northshore League championship and District championship. On to regionals and state!
- Tennis: A REGIONAL championship sends the Wolves back to state!
- Track: Another DISTRICT championship for the track wolves! Congrats!
- **Baseball:** Even though our regular season ended with a loss, our overall district record makes us District Champs. Congrats to the Baseball Wolves!
- Lacrosse: Great playoff win by the LAX Wolves! On to state semi-final round!
- Eucharistic Ministry; I am grateful to the large number of juniors willing to serve as EMs: Cole Abide, Matthew Borgatti, Hayden Brewster, Andrew Curry, Joel Fernandes, Robby Ferrante, Lester Guttuso, Christian Harrison, Gabe Ingram, Peyton Jacob, Nick Montreuil, Ian Nicaud, Brandon

Nicotri, Colin Quinlan, Larry Rase, Mason Robichaux, Patrick Saucier, Stephen Schlottman, Kyle Schmitt, Kevin Schneider, Noah Seiden, Rhyne Sepcich, Matthew Stalter, Zachary Taylor, Jared Thieler, Emerson Vaccari, & Cameron Vidal

- Colegio Christobal Colon: Our initial "exchange program" with our brother Lasallian School in Mexico City was a smashing success. Our guests had a most productive time and expressed gratitude for the hospitality shown them. I am most grateful to the host families and to Trevor Watkins and Liz Brett for all their work in making this possible. The program was so successful that three of boys took home application packets to attend Saint Paul's next year! While I do not know what will materialize, I am confident that we will have another year of the exchange program.
- Crescent City Classic: The Wolves were well-represented in this Holy Saturday tradition that drew over 20,000 runners. The following names of current students "jumped out at me" in the listing of the Top 500 finishers: Jonathan Bertucci (62nd), Evan Pardo (96th) Patrick Elliott (157th), & Frankie Durio (174th). And a few alum names caught my eye, too: Spencer Albright (37th), Brian Lozes (45th), Doug Fields (155th), Dave Desshauer (306th), Jimmy Wiggins 336th Yeah!). Apologies if I overlooked anyone.
- **Easter E-Mail:** Thanks to Mimi Monteiro for the beautiful Easter card emailed to all of our families and alums.
- **Vex Robotics:** Our state champion team headed to Kentucky for the third consecutive year to compete with teams from throughout the world. The acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner.
- Special Congrats to Religion teacher Tommy Lahey on the birth of Leo Anthony last week!



Oliver and Ryan enjoy Chick-fil-A at Leadership Breakfast

Good News Dept: Last week we received a check for \$1,668 to be used for financial aid. The money came from our participation in the Brother Timothy Cabernet Sauvignon wine sale in November. Now that we are part of the San Francisco New Orleans Province of Brothers, we benefit from this unique fund raising opportunity: each year. Hess winery (which took over the Brother's wine making operation) donates an excellent vintage ("a complex and harmonious blend of reserve-quality wine in a unique special collector's bottle") in honor of long time Christian Brother wine master, Brother Timothy Diener, FSC. The wine is sold, with the proceeds going to the schools of the province with the stipulation that it must be used for financial aid. The purchasers designate which school gets the money. Our wine loving parents and alumni not only got excellent wine, but they helped SPS become affordable to families unable to pay tuition. Want to learn more about Brother Timothy? Here's the link to a story published at the time of his death in 2004 at the age of 94: http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Christian-Brother-Timothy-pioneer-in-wine-2667749.php. The next online wine sale will be held from May 1-15 so stay tuned. While excellent wine, however, it is not cheap!

Best Private Northshore HS: For the third consecutive year, *Sophisticated Woman Magazine* has named Saint Paul's as Best Private High School on the northshore. We are honored. We are listed in April edition of the periodical.

Service Opportunities:

- **CEEP, Christ Episcopal Enrichment Program**, is an educational outreach program of the church for lowincome children entering grades 3-6. They would love to have some wonderful SPS young men volunteer to serve as counselors with them this summer to earn service hours. This is a great program, and I hope some of our students can help. Contact Christ Episcopal Church in Covington for more info.
- Family Promise. St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Mandeville will be hosting families this summer June 11-17. If any of your young men are interested in earning some service hours with us we'd love to have them! The time each evening would be about 6:00-8:30. And if they'd like to join us for supper that would be about 5:30. The times, of course, are flexible and we'd be very happy and grateful for anytime someone is able to give. Each of the young men from St. Paul's that we've had the privilege of meeting have been outstanding! Hopefully these dates fit someone's schedule. Please give my contact information to anyone who might be interested: Pat Jensen H <u>985-321-7582</u> C <u>281-797-8337</u>; pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com
- One of our students, Cullen Irwin is volunteering this summer to work at Christ Episcopal' s at risk children's summer camp by teaching guitar lessons three days a week. He is seeking donations of old guitars to buy guitars to give to the students at the end of the month long camp. If you have an old guitar and want to get rid of it, contact Cullen at <u>cullen.irwin.2019@stpauls.com</u> or bring the guitar to school and we will get it to him.
- Warm Hearts Drive: The Lasallian Leader's project 'Warm Hearts' project will collect new and gently used blankets, coats, hats, socks and gloves. They will collect the entire week after Easter holidays (not spring break) and stored until next winter. This is a great opportunity as you do your "spring cleaning" to get rid of unneeded warm items that can help those in need.



Seniors celebrate their ACT scores of 30 or better with pizza! Over 50 current SPS students are part of this elite group!

In Praise of the Robo-Wolves: In the midst of so many activities going on and a host of other uplifting accomplishments, I do not want our Robo-Wolves to be overlooked. What this group of pre-freshmen did, under Julie Beck and Marie Childs's leadership, was truly extraordinary – an invitation to the World Championships in Kentucky for the third consecutive year. Adam Smith, Greyson Mangrum, Luke DuRapau, Blake Inzinna, Darrin Lea, and Blake Bollinger and a number of parents represented us well at the VEX Robotic World Championships in KY last week. The team competed hard, communicated and worked well with teams even though sometimes the teams spoke different languages. I feel privileged to have these guys as part of SPS.

All State Sugar Bowl Scholar Athlete Scholarship Awards Banquet: Congrats to seniors Brycen Brown and Bradley Mashburn who were honored last week by this group.

Post Easter Holidays (not spring break) Grooming and Dress Issues: Our guys are starting to look shabby. It's not summer yet and we will continue to enforce our rules until the end of school. Parents: please help by trimming hair, making sure he shaves (if applicable), check his uniform before he leaves and encourage good hygiene. Help us by insisting your son conforms to policy. I'm not willing to ignore these rules during the final four weeks.

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 Stuff the Bus food drive on Tuesday, April 25, for the Northshore 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!

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.
- 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. Just send me names and addresses.

2017 - 18 Calendar: We will start on Monday, August 7 WITH A FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and NO book day – which corresponds to what we did this year. Please plan vacations accordingly.

Senior Graduation Information:

- Monday and Tuesday, May 1 & 2: regular schedules for seniors; full days of school
- Wed, May 3: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Thu, May 4: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Fri, May 5: one exam in the morning followed by short graduation practice and distribution of caps, gowns, and graduation ceremony tickets. Each senior will be issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets are handed directly to the senior on this day. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced. Tickets and caps/gowns will NOT be issued to any student who still has an obligation to the school.
- Mon Thu, May 8 12: seniors **do not** report to school unless they are coming for an awards ceremony or AP Exam
- Thu, May 11: Athletic Awards Ceremony; only senior athletes need attend
- Fri, May 12: Academic Awards Ceremony. Only those seniors getting awards need attend in dress uniform. Final graduation practice (if needed) at 10 am.
- Sat, May 13: the 106th Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School; 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors will open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only**. The beautiful ceremony, within the context of a Catholic mass, lasts about two hours.
- Note: Everything seniors need to know for graduation will be part of a printed set of instructions given to them on Friday, May 5th. I will also email a copy to senior parents.

Free Athletic & Band Physicals will be given at Pinnacle Orthopedics (1200 Pinnacle Parkway) at 7 am on Saturday, May 6

Summer Camps: SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (8-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics (rising 5th 8th graders)
- Video Production (boys and girls, 10-14)
- Creative Writing (boys and girls 10-14)
- Drama (boys and girls 9-13)
- For more information, consult our website: <u>www.stpauls.com</u>

H of the W: In honor of World Penguin Day on Tue:

- Q. What's a penguins favorite relative? A: Aunt Arctica!
- Q: What do penguins eat for lunch? A: Ice-burgers!
- Q: What do you call a penguin in the desert? A: Lost!
- *Q: Where do penguins go swimming? A: At the South Pool!*
- *Q*: What's black and white and goes round and around? *A*: *A* Penguin in a revolving door.
- *Q: What do Penguins like to eat? A: Brrrrrrritos.* [LOL]
- *Q*: What kind of fish do Penguins catch at night? A: Starfish.
- *Q*: Where do penguins keep their money? A: In a snow bank!
- *Q:* Why don't Penguins like rock music? A: They only like sole.
- Q: What do you call a happy penguin? A: a Pen-Grin!
- *Q:* Why do Penguins carry fish in their beaks? A: Because they haven't got any pockets.
- *Q*: What do Penguins sing on a birthday? A: Freeze a jolly good fellow.
- *Q*: What's black and white and red all over? A: An embarrassed penguin.
- Who's the head of the penguin navy? Admiral Byrd!
- Which side of a penguin has the most feathers? The outside!
- Why don't you see penguins in Britain? Because they're afraid of Wales!
- OK, I'll stop.



Looking for an original gift for your St. Paul's graduate or alumnus? Want something unique to St. Paul's that he can keep for a lifetime? We have a limited number of heritage prints from local artist Bill Habeney for \$25. Each 8"x10" print is ready to frame in an 11"x14" mat. Contact the Development Office to get yours today! **Facebook Post:** I don't "Facebook" (has that become a verb?) The following Facebook post, therefore, popped up recently and was sent to me concerning Michael and friends. I have no idea who posted this, but I, too, am deeply moved. I wish I knew who the students were so I could thank them personally:

Tonight I witnessed something so very special. My daughter and I had dinner at The Rusty Pelican. Michael (who hasn't a clue who I am) was there with 3 friends. As I watched them enjoy their meal, I had tears in my eyes. Without thought, these boys took care of things for this young man without hesitation; sliding him a napkin when he spilled something, helping him get his hand guards on, putting his things away, etc. But the one thing that stuck out was one young man saw that Michael was having trouble getting his food (with his fingers). Without batting an eye, this fella grabbed the (chicken or fries, whatever) and fed his friend. Tears rolling. I'm not sure who these boys are, but if you read this please thank your parents for raising you to be compassionate. For raising you to love unconditionally. For raising you to believe in friendships that last a lifetime regardless of the circumstances.



A Look Ahead

<u>April</u>

- 24 BCDE Assembly Schedule; Senator John Kennedy will address the student body
- 25 FGAB President's Assembly
- 26 CDEF Speciall assembly
- 27 GABC
- 28-- DEFG

May

- 1 ABCD
- 2 EFGA Pack Time (last one for seniors)
- 3 BCDE Senior Exams
- 4 FGAB Senior Exams
- 5 CDEF Senior Exams
- 8 GABC
- 9 DEFG Pres Assembly Band Awards
- 10 ABCD
- 11 EFGA Athletic Awards in AM
- 12 BCDE Academic Awards in AM
- 13 Senior Graduation in BAC 4:00 PM
- 15 FGAB Pre-Freshmen Exams

- 16 CDEF Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 17 GABC Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 18 9-11th Final Exams begin
- 19 9-11th Final Exams Pre Freshmen Promotion in BAC at 6:30PM (yes, this is the correct date)
- 22 Final Exams
- 23 Final Exams
- 24 Records Day

Please stress with your son the need to follow all rules in this last stretch of the school year. We had a couple of students make bad decisions recently. They are suffering consequences, as we will not overlook these poor decisions. We will teach until the end. Let's start the final stretch of our school year on a positive, problem-free note.

And even though it's the last week of April of 2017, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's School! I wish you a blessed week!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC Rejoicing in the Resurrection as the 17th Christian Brother President/CEO of Saint Paul's School

Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for poor & social justice, faith in God's presence – our mantras this week, throughout 2017, and always!



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