



The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter for Aug 10 - 16, 2015



Welcome to the first full week of the 2015 - 16 school year. We've had a smooth opening. Thanks!

Last week's faculty meetings provided me with several memorable moments. We began our meetings on Monday with Student Council President Leland van Deventer reminding us of the power of teacher / student relationships. Leland exhorted the faculty to continue being older brothers and sisters to our students, which is in the finest Lasallian tradition. Throughout the meetings, the presenters referred to Saint La Salle's belief that the school must be a place of salvation: both earthly salvation and eternal salvation. And, of course, we went over practical rules and regulations, practices and policies with our teachers.

So what does all of the above have to do with you as parents? Well, I humbly submit the following:

- Just as Leland stressed teacher / student relationships, your relationship with your son is critical to your success as a parent – and with teenagers, that's not always easy!
- Just as Saint La Salle wanted his schools to be places of salvation, **your home** must also be a place of salvation – both earthly and heavenly.
- Just as Sister Louise convinced John Baptist de La Salle to do God's will (see last week's newsletter), you as parents daily must urge your sons to do God's will.
- And just as we went over policies and procedures with teachers, you as parents must make clear your rules for and expectations of your sons.

In my newsletter to the teachers this week, I reminded them of what Christian Brother Superior General Brother Robert said to the Lasallian world last year: *if anything is to get done, it's up to the Lasallian world family to do it*. Similarly it's up to you as parent as well, if your son is to be the man God is calling him to be.

Let's pray for and support each other as we begin our new school year, the 105th year of SPS history, thus continuing the Lasallian tradition of transforming lives since 1680.

All School Mass on Wednesday – DRESS UNIFORM Required!

Mon, Aug 10 (Orientation; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** News of the July 4th Declaration of Independence reaches King George III of England today in 1776.



Patrick poses with a passel of new wolves at orientation night last week.

- **TDIH II:** In 1945, Japan announces it will surrender, following the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.
- **National S'mores Day!** Celebrate the opening of school and make some s'mores with the family!
- **SSR begins today.** See below for explanation.
- **New Moms' Wine & Cheese Welcome:** This is the latest iteration (look it up!) of the Mothers Club New Mom's Tea – which used to be held on Sun but was moved to Sat last year due to Archdiocesan mandate. The MC felt a Sat afternoon was not the best time for this event so they moved it to Monday and made it a wine and cheese event. Let's hope it's successful, as it's a wonderful way for our new moms to learn about SPS and the MC.

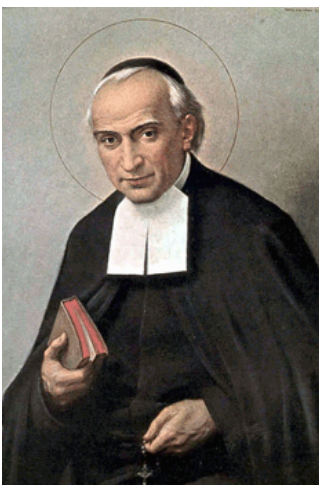
Tue, Aug 11 (Assembly schedule; F G A B)

- **TDIH: In 1951** - The first major league baseball game to be televised in color was broadcast. The Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves 8-1.
- **TDIH:** 1994, the longest major league baseball work stoppage begins, causing cancellation of the 1994 World Series (the world shrugged.)
- **First President's** (in gym). I meet with the student body every other Tuesday to recognize their achievements and to exhort them to even greater things. For the first assembly, we officially welcome our pre-freshmen. It's always a moving event! I'll report on the assembly in next week's newsletter.

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Wed, Aug 12 (Mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM REQUIRED; C D E F)

- **TDIH: In 1877,** Thomas Edison invented the phonograph and made the first sound recording
- **TDIH:** In 1981, IBM releases its first personal computer (PC), a Model 5150 that had a whopping 16K memory and used 5.25 inch floppy discs (who remembers these?) Today's most basic phone can do more!
- **TDIH:** In 1939, *The Wizard of Oz* premieres in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto!
- **TDIH:** In 1961, East Germany begins construction of the Berlin Wall.
- **World Elephant Day:** Celebrate the elephant today!
- **Middle Child Day:** As a middle child myself, I'll celebrate!
- **Mass:** This morning we will have our first all school mass. We will "anticipate" the feast of Brother Benilde and our chaplain, Father Matthew Clark, will celebrate. **THIS IS A DRESS UNIFORM DAY!**



Thu, Aug 13 (Feast of St. Brother Benilde, FSC; Regular; G A B C)

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Brother Benilde (1805-1862) -- the very person after whom Benilde Hall is named. His story should inspire us all. Doing the common things in an uncommon way led to Benilde's sainthood. This was our theme two years ago, and I don't want us to forget it. When you pass Benilde Hall, ask this wonderful Christian Brother saint to assist you in doing the common things in an uncommonly good way!

- **TDIH:** In 1521 - Present day Mexico City was captured by Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez from the Aztec Indians

- **International Left-Handers Day:** OK, all you southpaws! This is your day! Celebrate! BTW, 8 US Presidents were lefties. Other famous ones? Queen Victoria, Prince Charles, Prince William, Jay Leno, Chef Paul Prudomme, and athletes, writers, and musicians too numerous to list – but a list is easily googled!

Fri, Aug 14 (Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe; regular; D E F G)

- Born in Poland in 1894, Maximilian became a Franciscan. After earning a doctorate in theology, Maximilian did missionary work in Japan and India, returning to Poland in 1936 due to ill health. In 1941, he was arrested by the Nazis and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where on July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. He was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982.
- **TDIH:** On this day in 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the Social Security Act.
- **TDIH:** In 1914, the American-built Panama Canal is inaugurated with the passage of the US vessel *Ancon*.
- **Navajo Code Talkers Day:** Today celebrates the young Navajo men who transmitted secret communications on the battlefields of WWII and played a vital role in helping America win the war.
- **Five Core Principle Rally for Pre-freshman (Period G):** As in the past, the pre-freshmen will be introduced to the Five Core Principles by our LYLs during period G. Prayer, play, presentations & provisions will fill the period.
- **SSA 8th Grade Social (5:30-7) & SSA Back to School Dance (7-10):** Friday is SSA's annual 8th grade social for the 8th graders of both schools. The Back to School Dance follows at 7. **See below for more info.**
Note: we expect students to comply with rules and regulations of events at other schools. We expect students to respect staff from other schools. We will take disciplinary action against SPS students who do not uphold our high standards while they attend such events. **This applies BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER the event.**

Sat, Aug 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption

- **Today's Solemnity** celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into Heaven at her death and being crowned Queen of Heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed infallibly by Pope Pius XII in 1950. May our Blessed Mother shower our school with her protection!
- **From the Archdiocese:** *Liturgical considerations for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin August 15, 2015, are as follows: Because the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin falls on a Saturday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.*
- **TDIH:** In 1914, the American-built Panama Canal, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific, is inaugurated with the passage of the U.S. vessel *Ancon*, a cargo and passenger ship.
- **TDIH:** In 1877, Thomas Edison wrote to president of the Telegraph Co in Pittsburgh. The letter stated that the word, "hello" would be a more appropriate greeting than "ahoy" when answering the telephone. I like "ahoy" – and think I'll start answering the phone that way, thus scaring off callers!
- **National Relaxation Day:** Self-explanatory! Celebrate since today's a Saturday!



Assumption of the Virgin
Francesco Botticini
1446-1497

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Sun, Aug 16 -- Let's get the school year off to a great start by attending church services today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family

- **TDIH:** Baseball great Babe Ruth (aka The Bambino & The Sultan of Swat) and rock star icon Elvis Presley (The King) died in 1948 & 1977, respectively, at ages 53 & 42, respectively.
- **TDIH:** In 1812, General William Hull surrenders Fort Detroit to the British without a fight. In 1814, Hull was court-martialed for cowardice and neglect of duty in the surrender and sentenced to die. Because of his service in the revolution, however, President James Madison remitted the sentence.
- **National Tell A Joke Day:** Celebrate today by telling jokes! I've done my part below.

Opening of School Mass: Our first all-school mass is this Wednesday, Aug 12. **DRESS UNIFORM Required:** white long sleeved shirt, school tie, long khaki pants, & brown belt.



FB Wolves gather at end of practice to listen to Coach Sears.

Reminder about LA

Laws: In case you weren't aware or forgot, the following legislative acts are now laws:

- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** 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 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.

- **LA Litter Law Updates:** Amendments to the LA litter law now specifically include cigarettes and cigarette butts to the official definition of litter. Additionally, the fine for a first offense increases to \$300 with 8 hours of community service in a litter abatement program, second offense to \$700 with 16 hours of litter abatement, and a third and subsequent offense to \$1500 with 80 hours of service in a litter abatement program.

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AP Test Data Comparison: Last week, the LA Dept of Education released the results of the 2015 AP exams for LA public school students. Overall, 31.2% of LA public school students who took an AP test scored a college credit qualifying score, an increase of 20% over last year. On a local level, 59.6% of St. Tammany Parish public school students who took AP exams scored at this level. We congratulate both the State of LA and St. Tammany Parish. **We are also pleased and proud to announce that of our 117 students who took 206 AP exams, 71% of the exams earned the college qualifying level. Congrats, SPS students and teachers!**

Student Help Wanted! Are you good in math, statistics and record keeping? Do you enjoy analyzing player ratings for Madden NFL or Fantasy Football Drafts? Would you like to be a member of the Varsity Football Team as Team Statistician? Then your help is needed to work with Coach Pereira in recording team game day statistics and researching team records from the past. Please contact Coach Sears or Coach Pereira if interested.

SPS/SSA 8th Grade Social: SPS and SSA Student Councils would like to invite all SPS and SSA 8th graders to the 8th Grade Social immediately preceding the 8th and 9th grade Back to School Dance on Friday, August 14 in the Briggs Assembly Center on the St. Paul's campus. Here are the details:

- 8th grade Social: \$10 admission (includes dance admission), ice breaker games and music, snacks. 5:30-7
- 8th and 9th grade Back to School Dance: \$8 admission, music and water provided. 7-10
- LOCK IN FROM 7:30-9:30--STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE BY 7:30 AND MAY NOT LEAVE UNTIL 9:30.
- Appropriate casual attire.
- Please direct any questions to Joanna Case at j.case@stpauls.com

Cell Phone Policy: Students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. We will be relentless in enforcing the no cell phone ban during class time and inside buildings. So if you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect.



Marvin and one of his many fans!

Meet Marvin: I hope you've met Marvin the Duck who took residence in the campus pond over the summer. Here is his story as sent to me by a neighbor and parent of an SPS grad: *We found a baby duck and cared for him for months and became attached -- and so did the duck. He would actually take a nap with you, follow you everywhere, and have a fit when you left him alone. We even brought him shopping at Aquistapace once. Quite a sight to see a duck in a grocery cart. Anyway, it had become completely impossible to keep him. I've read so much about ducks I'm practically an expert. They absolutely have to live with water, for many reasons. We agonized about what to do so we brought Marvin to the school pond. You should have seen him get out of the car, survey the pond for about 10 seconds and run and jump in. He loves it. We come by daily to check on him and bring him*

cherry tomatoes. His favorite. He seems very happy. I hope it is ok for him to stay there. I really did not know what else to do and I didn't want to have to bring him to some unknown place. If you see Marvin, the white duck, throw him a cherry tomato or two. He will be your best friend! Yes, Marvin is welcome! Say hello to him – or ahoy (see TDIH for 8/15)!

Student Email Addresses: We issued each student a unique Saint Paul's email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to his new email, there's a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access**. The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1**

Musings on Last Week:

- **Lasallian Youth Leaders** deserve praise for a very successful New Student Orientation on Mon evening. 98% attendance was fantastic. And along with the Brotherhood of the Paw, the LYLs were out in force the first two mornings helping our newest wolves find their places.
- **Orientation:** Thanks to those who prepared the prayer services and other orientation presentations.
- **La Salle Hall Striping:** Thanks to Mr. Harold Scherer and Josh '17 for re-striping the La Salle Hall parking lot. It looks great!
- **Concussion Testing:** Thanks to Trainer Chris Stipe and the coaching staff for insisting that all athletes undergo concussion testing. We take the health of our student athletes seriously.
- **CLECO** did a great job removing all of the overhead poles, transformers and wires. The place looks different! But we are safer and more storm – resistant (even if we are a little poorer!)
- **Staircase** painting went well. I appreciate Mr. Vairin honoring the warranty.
- **New Weight Room:** The boys are occupying the space. Some equipment still has to be installed. **Naming opportunity available!**
- **The Mothers Club** deserves a shout out as the bookstore was open long hours last week. They also provided us with great lunches. Thanks, too, to Mark and Liam Dixon who prepared the food.
- **The Physical Plant Staff** deserve a shout out as they worked hard with last minute repairs and cleaning.
- **Football Coaches** had a successful 8th Grade Sign Up and Varsity Spirit Night last Tuesday. Lots of blue and gold apparel was in evidence. Thanks, FB staff!
- **Picture Days** went well. And people didn't think the boys would know what day to wear their dress uniform! VERY few "iforgots!" [I love to make up words.]
- **Class of 2015 Yearbook Day:** 70 grads showed up on Wed evening to get yearbooks and pictures of them receiving their diplomas from yours truly. They also received a picture receiving diplomas from the 8th grade promotion ceremony five years ago. Quite a contrast that produced many laughs – and a visible reminder of how quickly the years passed. They all agreed: SPS was a great place to grow up. It was good to see them. Godspeed Class of 2015!



Carter pumps iron in the new weight room – which has a naming opportunity attached to it! Just contact me!

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Fall Sports Call-Outs:

- **8th Grade Football**, the first practice is on Monday August 10th. Meet at the locker rooms outside of the gym at 3:30 wearing St. Paul's PE or Football gym gear. Make sure your physical is turned into the records office by Monday August 10th in order to participate.
- **The Cross Country team** invites any interested runners to come out and join the team on Monday, August 10. Please see Mrs. Wiggins in Room 116 for schedules, team information, and any other information you may need. The team practices daily from 3:30-5:30, with competition on Saturdays. Come join the Running Wolves for an exciting season
- **Swim team members** and anyone who is interested in swimming for the Aqua Wolves, especially 8th graders-- there will be a meeting soon – listen for announcements.

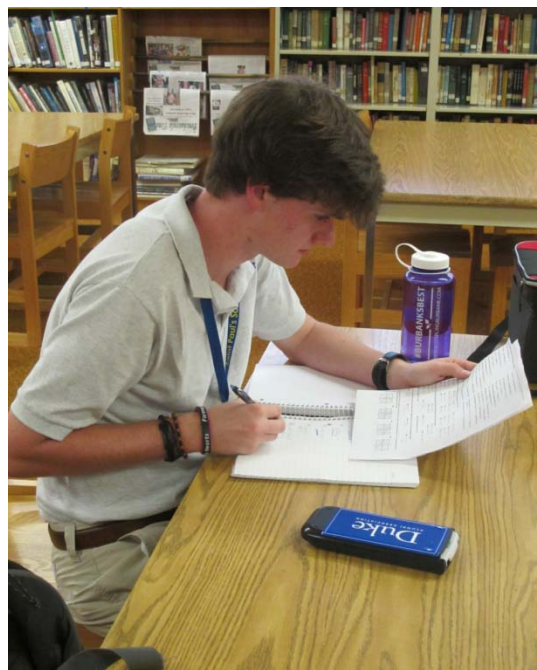
From Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen: *I would like to clarify St. Paul's Athletic Policy. It is the intent of St. Paul's to allow kids to play as many sports for St. Paul's as possible. Therefore, coaches may NOT REQUIRE students to participate in off-season training for their sport – Examples of this are: fall leagues, off season "conditioning", and the like. If a student wishes to participate in a fall sport (football, Cross-Country, Swimming) he may do so with no fear of being left out for winter or spring sports. If a student is not participating in a sport for St. Paul's, he may choose to train with any team as long as the LHSAA off-season rules are followed. Email Craig at craigk@stpauls.com if you have questions.*

Senior Week: SW is right around the corner! The Senior Class Moms will be sending senior parents an email with specifics, but here's the basic plan:

- Tue, Aug 18 – Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Wed, Aug 19 – Varsity Football scrimmage v. John Curtis
- Thu, Aug 20 – March through the Arch at 8 am
- Thu, Aug 20 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30
- Thu, Aug 20 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:00 (maybe earlier if we finish)
- Thu, Aug 20 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center;
- Fri, Aug 21 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors

Traffic Flow on Campus: *If you drop off or pick up your son, you are now aware of the congestion on the roadways in the morning and afternoon around our campus. We would like to ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety. Please do the following:*

• *Consider an alternate pick up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13th and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11th Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.*



Yes, some students actually do math work during lunch time!

- *DO NOT pick up your son using the shoulder of 11th Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.*
- *If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) car line, please wait to the left so that thru traffic can still move through our campus using the right lane.*
- *Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.*
- *Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up.*

Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.

Student Driving: We were very vigilant and pro-active at dismissal last week concerning student drivers. Both the Covington Police AND Saint Paul's issued tickets to at least four students: \$50! I also personally put two students on notice about their driving – that they will lose the privilege if they don't obey traffic laws. Again, our new driving policy has a series of fines for infractions, in addition to other disciplinary action, and leading to loss of driving to school privilege. Take heed!

Student Pictures: We apologize for any confusion over picture ordering procedures. You can still order school pictures one of two ways: on line (go to our website and click on Barbarito icon) until Wednesday at midnight or by completing a picture order form which can be obtained from the Administration Building.

New Parent Reception & Information Meeting: A welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** will be held on Mon, Aug. 17 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and an information meeting starts at 7:00 which will be over by 8:00. We hope you will be with us! I'll send out more info this week.

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Orientation: Please discuss with your son the assemblies he had last week and through Mon of this week:

- A chapel prayer service
- A meeting with Level Teachers to review handbook and policies
- A meeting with the counseling department
- A meeting with Coach Ken Sears to review expectations of conduct. **Note: during this assembly, Coach Sears will conduct the Archdiocesan-mandated Child Protection/Safe Environment presentation which informs students about the dangers of abuse, how to prevent it, and what to do if it is suspected.** Please discuss this with your son.



St. La Salle gazes over his newest crop of “sons” at pre-freshman orientation.

Helping Saint Paul’s: Don’t forget – If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!

Seniors: Want to earn \$200 or more in one day? The St. Tammany Clerk of Court has opportunities for you as an Election Commissioner on Election Days. 17 year old US citizens enrolled in 12th grade as well as 18 year old and older registered voters are eligible. You must attend a training class. See your Civics teacher for more information or go to the St. Tammany Clerk of Court website: www.sttammanyclerk.org/main/elections.asp

Service Hours: We remind all of our students of their obligation to do at least 10 hours of service this year. Last May, a number of seniors did not receive their caps and gowns because they had not completed

their service hours. If a student does not want to help others by giving of his time, Saint Paul’s is not the place for him.

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams are already forming. Encourage your son to get involved. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

Silent Sustained Reading: On Monday, we begin daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. Students were instructed to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared on Monday and every day thereafter. **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I’ll keep you posted as to how things go.

Student – Parent Handbook: The signature card indicating that you and your son have read and agree to abide by the Handbook is overdue. It can be found on our web site home page under “news.”

Cafeteria: Again, for those families experiencing difficult financial times, the free and reduced lunch/ breakfast program can help. **Applications can be picked up from me or the cafeteria manager.** This does not embarrass your son as no one knows. It’s all very confidential. Also, even if a student doesn’t qualify for free/reduced lunch/breakfast, he can receive a free meal by helping to serve in the lunch line. It actually can be fun – I do it occasionally myself! Have your son approach me if he is interested.

Lost & Found: We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.

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Driver's License Proof of Attendance: Don't forget: you son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit and another one when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act; don't blame me!

LA Tax Info: The LA Department of Revenue reminds parents that back-to-school shopping can qualify for a \$5,000 per-dependent tax deduction on their state tax returns next year by saving receipts. Items such as uniforms, supplies and TUITION are eligible for tax breaks on the income tax forms due May 15, 2016. The maximum deduction is \$5,000 per dependent student, he said. More information is available at

www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction.



Seniors "chillaxin" in the lobby during lunch

Humor of the Week: Yes, I used these last year in honor of World Elephant Day & National Tell a Joke Day but they are hilarious and worth repeating:

- *What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter? An irrelephant [I'm LOLing!]*
- *What's big & grey and wears a mask? The elephantom of the opera!*
- *What do you get when you mix an elephant with a rhino? Elephino [hilarious! Say it with a long i]*
- *What do you call an elephant at the North Pole? Lost!*
- *What's grey, has a wand, huge wings and gives money to elephants? The tusk fairy!*
- *What's grey, beautiful and wears glass slippers? Cinderelephant!*
- *When should you feed milk to a baby elephant? When it's a baby elephant!*
- *Why did the elephants get kicked out of the pool? Because their trunks kept falling down*
- *What do you call a passenger plane shaped like an elephant? A dumbo jet [Sorry, Walt Disney!]*
- *What did the grape say when the elephant stood on it? Nothing, it just let out a little wine!*
- *What do you get if you cross a parrot with an elephant? An animal that tells you everything that it remembers!*
- *What did the elephant say when the man grabbed him by the tail? This is the end of me!*
- *Why do the elephants have short tails? Because they can't remember long stories!*
- *What do elephants sing at Christmas? Noel-ephants, Noel-ephants... [HA!]*
- *Why don't elephants like playing cards in the jungle? Because of all the cheetahs!*

- *Teacher: "Name six wild animals" Pupil: "Four elephants and two lions!"*
- *What name do you give an elephant that lies across the middle of a tennis court? Annette! [Hilarious!]*
- *What do you call someone with an elephant on their head? Squashed!*
- *What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish? Swimming Trunks*
- *What animals were last to leave the ark? The elephants as they had to pack their trunks!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

This Actually Made National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* Last Week and Was Also Used Sat Morning on NPR's "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me": A 2-year-old in Louisiana named Grayson perks up whenever a Morris Bart commercial comes on, so his parents threw him a Morris Bart birthday party, complete with Morris Bart's face on a cake and also a T-shirt. Morris Bart, sadly, did not attend, but his office did send an 8-by-10 portrait.

Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I'll close with a 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!

Pray that we continue to have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Off to a Great Start for 2015-16 as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Oh, did I mention there's an **all school mass on WED & DRESS UNIFORM is required?**

"Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

