



## *The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter*

### *Aug 17 – 23, 2015*



Welcome to the third week of the 2015-16 school year. Due to the hard work and cooperation of many, we continue to have a wonderfully smooth opening of school. Thanks for being with us!

I stole, er...borrowed the following from Brother Nick Gonzalez, president of Cathedral High School in El Paso, who wrote it for his faculty, and I shared it with our faculty. It's a great message for parents, too, which stresses Saint La Salle's emphasis on relationship: between teacher and student and, by extension, between parent and child. Here's what Brother Nick wrote:

*De La Salle reminded the first teachers that they were ambassadors of Jesus Christ, His direct representative to the students entrusted to their care. The goal of every day was "to write the letter dictated by Christ, not with ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on the hearts of children." That brief quote sums up the Lasallian school.*

*In order to write the letter, Lasallian teachers must first listen to God. Their agenda may need to be put aside to do what God instructs. Daily prayer is a necessity to fulfill this. De La Salle's contrast between stone and flesh is important. We can carve into stone but must be gentle with flesh. God wants hearts won over not through brutal force but through the teacher's affection and good example.*

*Let us pray for the grace to be zealous about the spiritual state of our students and sons. Let us pray for the grace to listen to God's good counsel and to act on it daily. May our gentle affection lead them to God!*

I respectfully suggest that parents are "ambassadors of Jesus Christ" to their children. I further suggest that your job as parent is to "write the letter dictated by Christ with the spirit of the living God" on the hearts of your children. And I suggest that gentleness and affection – which parents demonstrate in abundance and can teach us teachers something –are the keys to doing this.

Great message, Brother Nick! Thanks! We send our prayers and best wishes to all at Cathedral High School, which has been providing Lasallian education to the young men of El Paso and Juarez since 1925! May the week and year ahead be filled with extraordinary doses of writing with the spirit of the living God! Thanks for being part of the 2015-16 edition of the Saint Paul's School and also part of 335 year tradition of the amazing Lasallian Family!

#### **Mon, Aug 17(Regular; A B C D)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1978, *The Double Eagle II* completes the first transatlantic balloon flight when it lands in a barley field near Paris, 137 hours after lifting off from Preque Isle, Maine.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, "the grooviest event in music history"--the Woodstock Music Festival--closes after 3 days of peace, love and rock 'n' roll [and a lot more, too!] in upstate New York.



*Newly commissioned Eucharistic Ministers prepare to distribute Holy Communion at last week's mass.*

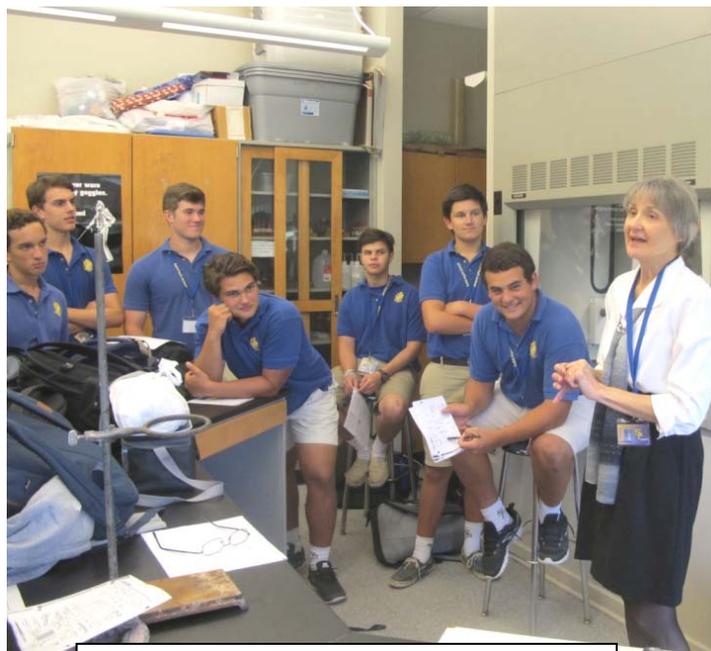
- **TDIH:** In 1896, prospectors find gold in Alaska, setting off the Klondike gold rush.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, Hurricane Camille devastates the Gulf Coast. We pray for a safe year!
- **Pre-Freshman Student Council Speeches (during CNN)**
- **Student News** begins this morning. If the technology gods are in a good mood, we'll broadcast our first ten minute news show. I find our students woefully ignorant about the world happenings, and this is an attempt to expose them to the world around them. Talk to your son about what he learned. Encourage him to connect with the world – and to thank God (and you, too!) for the blessings which he has in comparison to most of the rest of the world.
- **New Parent Reception** (6:30 – 8:00) in the BAC. I look forward to welcoming parents of new SPS students.

**Tue, Aug 18 (Wolf Packs; E F G A)**

- **TDIH:** In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.
- **TDIH: In 1963,** James Meredith becomes first African American to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
- **Bad Poetry Day:** This day was started by a group of cynics who, after all of the “good poetry” they were forced to read in high school, wanted payback. They want people to celebrate this day by gathering with friends, writing bad poetry, and sending the poetry to their high school English teachers! So with apologies to Brother Hilary, the best English teacher ever who I was privileged to have for three years in high school, here's a really bad poem.

*This Is Just a Text to Say* by Kelly Robinson  
*i 8 the salmon that wr n*  
*the fridge & which u bought*  
*at Costco 4 KT's thing after book club*  
*4 give me they wr delicious*  
*so pink & so salmon*

- **Get Involved Day.** Our clubs and organizations will be recruiting new members today. This is a GREAT opportunity for your son to “get involved.” Encourage him to do so and maybe even try something outside of his comfort zone.
- **Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30)** under the Wolf Dome. This is a change from the original date of Aug 19 due to a football scrimmage being scheduled on Wed. Thanks to the senior class moms who are organizing th BBQ.



*Mrs. Jan Gardner instructs juniors on chemistry lab safety.*

**Wed, Aug 19 (Regular; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** *In 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution defeats British frigate Guerrière in a furious engagement off coast of Nova Scotia. Witnesses claim that British shot bounced off the Constitution's sides, as if the ship were made of iron rather than wood. By the war's end, "Old Ironsides" destroyed or captured seven more British ships. The success of the USS Constitution against the supposedly invincible Royal Navy provided a tremendous boost in morale for the young American republic.* (History Channel website)

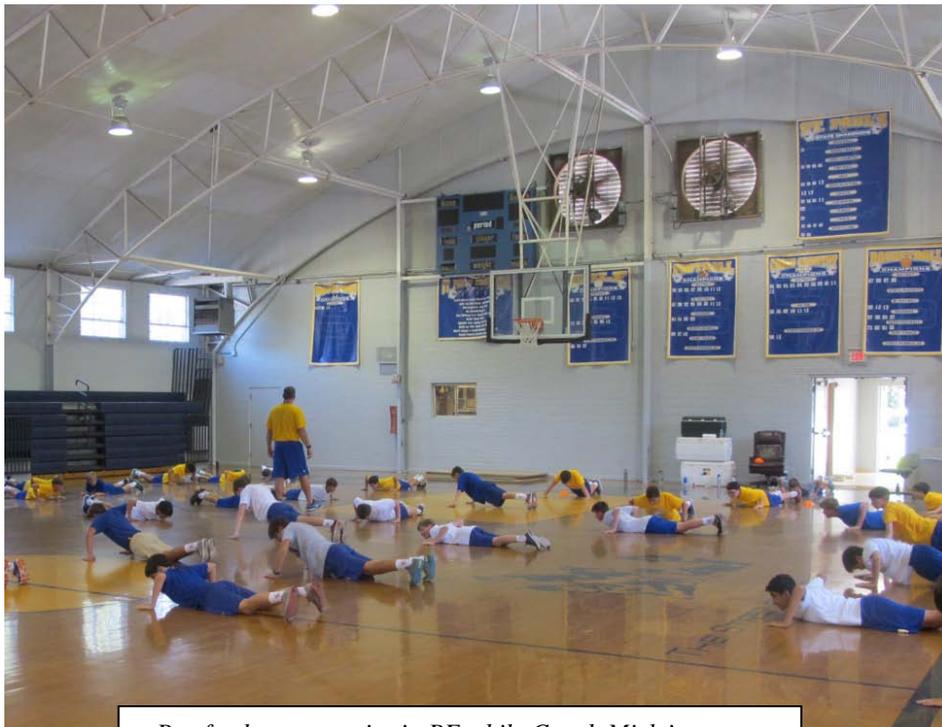
- **National “Black Cow” Root Beer Float Day:** With vanilla ice cream, coppery root beer, and frothy foam, a root beer float is a classic. Root beer was manufactured, bottled, and sold starting in 1880. Legend has it that 13 years later, the root beer float, often referred to as a black cow, was invented when Frank Wisner of Cripple Creek, CO floated vanilla ice cream on top of his root beer. The full moon allowed him to glimpse the snow on top of nearby Cow Mountain. The tasty treat was tremendously popular among the town's children, who then called it a "black cow." Note: several dates claim to be the “national celebration day” -- obviously, people want an excuse to indulge!
- **Football:** Wolves scrimmage John Curtis (6) Come see the 2015 edition of SPS football!
- **Dads Club** meeting at t 7:00 pm at the Abita Brewery Visitor's Center. All SPS dads are invited. Come join this dynamic group of dads who do so much to make SPS a great place – and have fun in the process. (Sorry about the conflict with the scrimmage, but the Club books the Abita Brewery a year in advance so they can't shift when a conflict develops.)

#### **Thu, Aug 20 (Feast of St. Bernard; Assembly schedule; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** In 1920, seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful National Football League.
- **TDIH:** In 1977, the space probe *Voyager 2* was launched. It continues to explore to this day, and is now more than 7 billion miles from Earth.
- **National Radio Day:** Listen to the radio today! My favorite? WWNO & WWNO 2 HD (NPR & Classical!)
- **World Mosquito Day:** On this day in 1897, Sir Ronald Ross, a British doctor working in India, made the link that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. To mark this day, kill all the mosquitoes you can find!
- **March through the Arch** commemorates the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian Brothers. Seniors assemble at arch by 7:15 for pictures. This is always a moving event for me!
- **Senior & Parent Breakfast** following the March. Because they all can't fit in the cafeteria, we will have a large outdoor tent and seating, thus providing “al fresco” dining (from the Italian meaning “in the fresh” – air, that is.)
- **Senior Unity Day.** After Breakfast until 11:30 in the theater. In the afternoon, we will practice for ring ceremony. Dismissal follows practice.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony (6:30 pm in the BAC):** Again, always a moving event for me!

#### **Fri, Aug 21 (Regular; Feast of St. Pius; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1959, Hawaii enters the Union as the 50<sup>th</sup> state.
- **TDIH:** In 2004, American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his eighth medal of the 2004 Athens Olympics. As we all know by now, Phelps became the most medaled contestant in modern Olympian history.
- **National Spumoni Day:** This Italian dessert is made from layers of ice cream, whipped cream, candied fruit, and nuts. It is typically made with three layers of flavor: chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. Each layer of ice cream is mixed with fruits and nuts. Spumoni **should always be sliced, never scooped.** Enjoy this classic – but slice, don't scoop.
- **Poet's Day:** Celebrate poets today! Write a poem! Read a poem! Hug a poet!
- **Senior Ring Holiday:** Seniors—enjoy your holiday!



*Pre-freshmen exercise in PE while Coach Mick instructs.*

**Sat, Aug 22 (Queenship of Mary)**

- **TDIH:** In 1989, Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers becomes first major league pitcher in to register 5,000 career Ks.
- **TDIH:** In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt becomes first president to ride in an automobile.
- **Be An Angel Day:** Be like angels today and do one small act of service for someone; be a blessing in someone's life!
- **Football Meet the Team (BAC)**

**Sun, Aug 23: Attend church today. We encourage our**

**Catholic Families to attend mass as a**

**family today.** We encourage our non-Catholic families to worship at the church, synagogue, or mosque of their choice

- **TDIH:** Legendary Pete Rose is banned from baseball for betting on the game.

**The Rosary:** The retired Brothers recite the Rosary each Monday morning at 7:50 in the Brothers Residence chapel. A group of SPS moms (past and present) joins them. You are welcome to join them, too, if your schedule permits. Just park in the front of the residence and enter the glass doors – you’ll run right into the chapel. Rosary lasts about 15 minutes; post-rosary coffee and chatting – well, it’s hard to say how long that lasts!

**Student-Parent Handbook & Signature Card: The signed cards are now overdue!** The Student-Parent Handbook is posted on the homepage of our website (under the “Recent News” button.) Students and parents must know our policies and agree to follow them. As evidence of that agreement, students and parents **MUST** sign a form attesting they have read the Handbook, understand its contents, and intend to adhere to it. **Print out the signature form which is posted on our website under News.**

**Wolf Pack Time:** Our revised advisory program (now known as Wolf Packs) debuts on Tuesday. Here are the highlights of the program:

- All students are assigned to a Wolf Pack which will meet every other Tuesday. The Wolf Pack is a grouping of a single faculty member and a selection of students. Most, but not all, returning students have the same faculty advisor as they did last year. A many factors were involved in forming Packs but any adjustments were done out of necessity. Students will be informed on Mon about which Wolf Pack they are assigned to.

- The "re-branding" of the program to Wolf Packs is intended foster more of a 'pack' mentality to promote a stronger relationship within the group.
- A committee of teachers and students plans each Wolf Pack time.
- During Pack Time, we still deal with important topics of discussion when such topics are deemed relevant and necessary (bullying, safety, etc.). We also emphasize **DOING** things to reinforce the topic of the day as opposed to just talking.
- The success of the program relies upon everyone's openness to the structure. Many people, teachers and students work hard to make this program relevant and enjoyable.
- Senior leadership and mentoring is stressed, especially between seniors and Pre-freshmen. This is Big Brother program.
- I hope your son has positive things to say about our first Wolf Pack time on Tuesday.



*Renovation of the old gym continues. This is the old weight room being transformed into a Varsity Team locker room. Naming opportunities available! Donations to help pay for all of this needed!*

**Painless Fund Raisers:** Take advantage of these painless fund raisers for SPS:

- Target: 5% of your Red Card purchases come to SPS when you give them our name at checkout.
- Office Depot: SPS receives 5% on purchases when you give our number: 70041640.

**Attendance:** Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

**Senior Week:** SW is finally here! 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; **seniors wear SPS dress uniform**
- Thu, Aug 20 – Senior – Parent continental *al fresco* 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; seniors assemble at 6:15. **Dress is any appropriate combination of slacks, dress shirt, tie, shoes, and socks. This ceremony is mandatory for all seniors, whether getting a ring or not.** And, yes, seniors may use family rings or state championship rings. Just bring them to the Admin Bldg.
- Fri, Aug 21 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors



*One of the two scoreboards in the new gym. Three of the four sponsorships for the scoreboards have been sold. Only one remains. Contact me if interested. I am grateful to B & K Construction Company which purchased one sponsorship and Eddie Tourelle's Northpark Nissan Hyundai which purchased two.*

**Speaking of Edline:** Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.* And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It's very annoying when we get an Edline email with a question but your setting won't accept our response.

**After School Issues:** Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed. Some do but some didn't last week and we had a couple of parents in a quandary wondering where their sons were.

**Last Tuesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 11 assembly. Here's what we did:

- Assembled in the BAC instead of the old gym due to the renovations going on in that building. At least we were in air conditioning!
- Listened to Jean-Joseph Mouret's "Rondeau" and used this wonderfully stirring baroque piece of music to set the tone for the year. Ask your son to hum it for you! The older students should be able to do this!
- As junior **Carson Matherne** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for the following relatives of SPS families who have recently died: Mr. John Gagliano '04, uncle of junior Mason Rader; Mr. John Connolly, senior Patrick Connolly's grandfather; George and Jean Wells, grandparents of sophomore Gavin Grefer; senior Chase Thibodaux's grandfather; Mr. Earnest "Jack" Fisher, Evan Fisher's grandfather; Mr. Tony Angello, the great uncle of Coach Josh Gast; Mr. Frank Zaccaria, uncle of senior Christopher Barnett; Mr. Jose Castro, Jr, father of Jose Castro III '14; Mr. Barrett Baumgartner's grandmother
- Asked the students, level by level, if they were ready to assume the tasks ahead of them; they responded enthusiastically, "Yes, Saint Paul's, I'm ready!"
- Welcomed the new Pre-Freshmen as the Class of 2020 and had them enter to a rousing ovation by the rest of the student body and faculty;

- Had the faculty commit themselves to their role as Lasallian educators by having senior Lasallian Youth Leader President **Patrick Stewart** and Vice President **Matthew Wallace** ask the faculty a series of questions about their commitment to the Mission. Faculty responded to each question with a resounding “I will!”
- Ran out of time before I could do accomplish any individual recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly!
- We ended the assembly with Student Council President **Leland van Deventer** and Vice President **Adam Schmitt** who blessed the entire student body and faculty with holy water while the ancient Marian hymn “Salve Regina” in Gregorian chant played in the background.

- Finally, we ended with the entire student body joining in a thunderous rendition of The Fight Song.
- As junior **Bradley del Rio** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of Mouret’s Rondeau.



*Liturgical band made a “joyful noise unto the Lord” last week at our opening of school mass.*

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

**Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be this Tuesday. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we’ve had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we’ve had call outs for football, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.

**Musings on Last Week:**

- **I add my congratulations to Coach Lee Pierre and his wife Ashlee on the arrival of their first child, Lillian, into their lives! Lillian is blessed to have such great parents.**
- **New Moms Wine & Cheese Social:** Thanks to the Mothers Club for staging an excellent reception for our new moms! We a great turn out and a good, informative time was had by all.
- **Assignment Hall** is full swing. Encourage your son to do his homework, lest he end up with me in AH.
- **President’s Assembly:** I hope your son told you about it. See below for what we did.

- **Mass:** Congratulations and thanks to the Father Matthew Clark, the Liturgical Band, Eucharistic Ministers, Lasallian Young Leaders, Campus Minister Jeff Ramon, Physical Plant crew and all who arranged for our first mass. I was deeply moved by the experience.
- **SSR:** We began SSR last week. Ask your son what he read.
- **Bulletin Boards:** Thanks to Karen Hebert for decorating many of heretofore (haven't used that word in a while!) underutilized bulletin boards.
- **Back to School Dance:** Many thanks to Student Council moderator Joanna Case, the Student Council and chaperones for the B to S dance. A good time seemed to be had by all and there were no incidents to my knowledge.
- **Student Council:** The Executive Board held its annual retreat to pray and plan for the year.
- **Yearbook:** Thanks to Andrew Dart and staff for the 2015 *Conifer* – this was a very good year!
- **Mentor Meeting:** Thanks to Mary et al for ministering to our *Success!* program kids.
- **Heat Advisories:** I applaud our PE and coaching staff who have obtained the ability to adjust their classes and practices in accord with set policy regarding heat advisories. A full protocol is in place to protect our students.
- **Five Core Rally:** Congrats to all Lasallian Youth Leaders who helped introduce our pre-freshmen into the Lasallian Core Principles.

**ALERT St. Tammany:** Alert St. Tammany informs you when any event poses a threat to us. With ALERT St. Tammany, the Parish can inform you, by phone, based on your geographical location in the Parish, when your safety or well-being is at risk. Evacuation orders, security issues and health threats are among some of the reasons they would feel it necessary to use the Alert St. Tammany. Your information will be used only for this purpose. You can access the self-registration page [here](#) or at <https://stpgov.onthealert.com/> and enter your contact info. I've signed up and will have the school react accordingly.



*The FBI's Most Wanted Poster?  
No, just members of our faculty who are SPS alumni!*

**From Archbishop Gregory Aymond Concerning the Boy Scouts:** *On July 27, 2015, the National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America ratified a resolution that removes the national restriction on openly gay adult leaders and employees. This*

*policy change also affirms that*

*chartered organizations may continue to use religious beliefs as criteria for selecting adult leaders in the scouting units they charter. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has stated that "the resolution respects the needs of Catholic-chartered organizations in the right to choose leaders whose character and conduct are consistent with those of Catholic teaching." At this time the Archdiocese of New Orleans will continue to charter units with the Boy Scouts of America and, in keeping with our right to religious liberty, work to ensure that the*

*adult leaders in our units are role models in living our Catholic faith. The archdiocese, in conjunction with the USCCB and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, will continue to monitor and evaluate developments as the BSA resolution is implemented.*

**From Archbishop Aymond and Auxiliary Bishop Cheri:** Our bishops are calling for dialogue and personal reflection in the ongoing discussion and debate regarding the removal of monuments which link us to historic events related to slavery. Their statement is worth reading. Here's the link:

<http://www.archdiocese-no.org/articles/archbishop-aymond-and-bishop-cheri-call-for-dialogue-and-personal-reflection-in-statement>

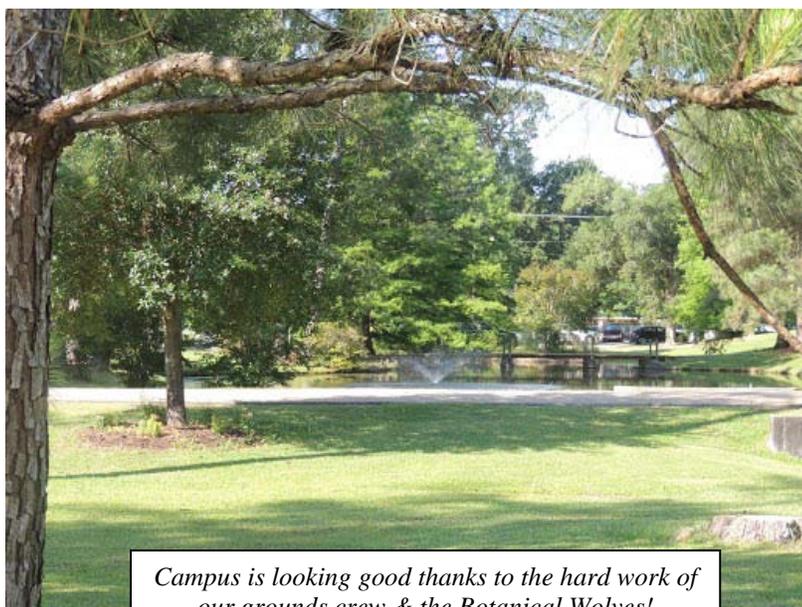
### **Congratulations To:**

- St. Margaret Mary Parish in Slidell celebrates its 50th Anniversary with Mass on Aug 16. Saint Paul's has been the recipient of many wonderful students over the years from SMM. For years, prior to the opening of Pope John Paul High School, we ran bus service there to offer Catholic secondary education to Slidellians.
- Holy Cross Primary School (Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup>) in New Orleans will be dedicated Fri, Aug 21, at 10:00 AM. This significant expansion of Holy Cross School, which has offered quality Catholic education in New Orleans since 1849, will put them in compliance with the Archdiocesan grade configuration mandate.

**Cafeteria Payments:** To pay on line, go to the web site [www.schoolcafe.org](http://www.schoolcafe.org) and then My School Bucks comes up. Create an account. Put your son's name, DOB and school. You DO NOT have to enter the Student ID.

**Traffic:** Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. We've already learned of a few accidents on the way to and from school. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action as well.

**Lost & Found:** Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.



*Campus is looking good thanks to the hard work of our grounds crew & the Botanical Wolves!*

**2014-15 Yearbooks:** The yearbooks have arrived distribution was last week. Note the following:

- If any student feels he ordered one, and did not receive one, please have him (or a parent) email Andrew Dart at [andrewd@stpauls.com](mailto:andrewd@stpauls.com) so he can double check his records.
- If a student asks if he can buy one, he can be put on a waiting list by mailing the same [andrewd@stpauls.com](mailto:andrewd@stpauls.com), but we don't have many leftovers to sell.

**Helping Saint Paul's:** Don't forget – here are two painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SPS participates in the Community Coffee program.

**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](http://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.

**Important Tax Info:** The Louisiana 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, 2013. The maximum deduction is \$5,000 per dependent student, he said. More information is available at [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction).

**Driver's License Proof of Attendance:** Don't forget: you son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit. 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, so don't blame me!

#### **Humor of the Week:**

- *Teacher: You copied from Fred's exam paper didn't you? Pupil: How did you know? Teacher: Fred's paper says "I don't know" and you have put "Me, neither"!*
- *Mrs. Johnson wrote on the chalk board, "I ain't had no fun all summer." "So, George," she said. "What should I do to correct this?" "Get a boyfriend," George answered.*
- *Teacher: Billy, your essay on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy it? Billy: No, Mrs. White. It's the same dog!*
- *Teacher: Why are the Middle Ages called the Dark Ages? Student: Because there were so many knights.*
- *Teacher: I wish you'd pay a little attention, David. David: I'm paying as little as I can, teacher.*
- *Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you? Student: Not very much.*
- *Teacher: I hope I didn't see you looking at Maria's exam. Student: I sure hope you didn't, either!*
- *Teacher: What do you call a fish with no eyes? Student: Fsh.*
- *Teacher: Where's your text book? Student: At home. Teacher: What's it doing there? Student: Having a better day than I am.*

**Calling all Parents to the Wolf Tavern – a/k/a Briggs Assembly Center:** The BAC will turn into The Wolf Tavern for a night on Saturday, September 12th. For \$25.00/person – there will be good food, music & adult beverages and the LSU v Mississippi State Football game will be on the big screen and other games on multiple TVs set up in the Tavern. Bring your friends to the Wolf Tavern to kick back and enjoy the social for the night.

Casual attire – Tailgating for the games start at 7 – LSU kickoff is at 8:15. If interested in sponsoring a group table for the night - \$500.00 – call Debbie Bodenheimer 985-502-1315 or [debbie@carcsllc.com](mailto:debbie@carcsllc.com), if you should have question. Spread the word...get your group!



Freshmen "chillaxin" after PE class

**Observation of a Parent of a 2015 Graduate:** *Thank you for all that you do to shape the lives of young men. My son is well suited for the next phase of his life both spiritually and educationally thanks to his St. Paul's experience. The "Spirit of the Wolf" lives strong in that one. I'll dearly miss your newsletters.... I graduated from Covington High. While I received an excellent education, I had always wondered what I missed. The*

*past 5 years have helped answer that question for me through watching my son grow and prosper while attending the school and experiencing what I "missed" years ago through your newsletters. I too feel like I just graduated having satisfied my longing for a better understanding of the institution that is St. Paul's School. May God continue to bless you, the Lasallian brothers and the St. Paul's community. Thank you, Sir! It was an honor having your son with us! He will indeed to well!*

### **A Look Ahead**

- Aug 17 – Reception & Info meeting for parents of new SPS students (6:30 in the BAC)
- Aug 18 – Senior BBQ (5:30 – 7:30)
- Aug 19 – Varsity FB scrimmage v. John Curtis (6)
- Aug 20 – Senior March through the Arch, Senior-Parent Breakfast, Senior Unity Day & Ring Ceremony
- Aug 21 – Senior Ring Holiday
- Aug 25 – President's Assembly in Gym
- Aug 31 – Safety week begins
- Sep 01 – Pack Time Meetings
- Sep 07 – Labor Day Holiday
- Sep 08 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day
- Sep 09 – Senior Pictures in BAC – NHS Induction
- Sep 10 – Service Assembly – Senior Pictures in BAC
- Sep 12 – ACT Testing on campus
- Sep 14 – Happy Birthday SPS-9:00AM late start – Parent Mini Schedule 6:30-8:30
- Sep 15 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day
- Sep 22 – Pack Time
- Sep 25 – Pep Rally Schedule for Homecoming
- Sep 26 – Senior High Homecoming Dance

Sep 29 – ACT test for seniors  
Sep 30 – President’s Assembly – Shadow Day  
Oct 3 – SAT on campus – Jazz & Roll on campus  
Oct 6 – Pack Time  
Oct 9 – 11:00 am dismissal for Grandparents Day – End of first quarter

Sorry I was so long-winded this week (so what else is new?) As usual, I’ll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to right now as I write the newsletter and LOLing as I do so): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2015-16 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC  
Honored to be the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

***CAN YOUR SONS RECITE THESE CORE LASSALLIAN PRINCIPLES FROM MEMORY?***

***CAN YOU?***

***Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for the Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community and Faith in the Presence of God***

