

## The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter Aug29 – Sep 05, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



In the Saint Paul's School Paradigm, the junior class is described as the "dreamers" of the school: To dream about how they might contribute to the school's mission, to build by assuming leadership roles in the classroom and in activities, to apprentice and to study, to observe and support the leadership of the senior class, to give life to the school which has nurtured them in their younger years, and to begin planning for their year of senior leadership

At their opening of school prayer service, the juniors were invited to write their dreams on index cards, which were then placed on the altar while the level prayed that God would bless their dreams. I recently came across the bowl in which the index cards were placed and thumbed through them. While I read many goals and dreams such as "to make honor roll", "to win a state championship" and "to get into a good college", I was moved by other dreams our juniors have:

- To become a man of God
- To be successful
- To become a priest
- To become an engineer
- To become a director/screenwriter
- To attend the naval academy
- To go to heaven
- To help achieve world peace
- To have a family that I can support
- To become a marine aviator
- To become closer to Jesus
- To be as successful as my dad and grandfather
- To have a strong, healthy marriage
- To become closer to God
- To stay focused on tasks and not procrastinate
- To become the man my son wants to grow up to be
- To live a good life
- To do something to make my parents proud of me
- To become a better person
- To expand my dad's company to do international business
- To just be happy To have a family and a relationship with God
- To help others achieve their dreams because it makes me happy to see others happy
- To be the best architect, the best business man, the best husband, the best father and the best person I can be
- To try



Wow. I could add more such dreams to the list, but I think you get the idea. Our juniors have big dreams. Would that each of us had such dreams! I did pause, however, over the five or six blank cards in the pile. Join me in praying that God will bless those who had nothing to write with the courage and strength to dream dreams! The Class of 2018 will indeed make the world a better place – as will the SPS classes of 2017, 2019, 2020 & 2021! Saint Paul's Forevermore!

#### Mon, Aug 29 (Safety Week Begins; E F G A)

- This Day in History: In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastates south Louisiana and floods New Orleans. We remain grateful to the incredible support from so many people who helped in the aftermath of the storm to welcome displaced students, care for our own students, and keep hope alive on our campus -- all while dealing with their own issues and challenges. Their work at that difficult time was in the finest tradition of heroic Lasallian education.
- TDIH: Four years ago, Tropical Storm Isaac bashes south LA; SPS closes for four days!
- More Herbs, Less Salt Day: Pretty self-explanatory! Stay healthy!
- Mini-Schedule Night for Parents (6:30): Beginning at 6:30 PM tonight, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that. Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening.



# Tue, Aug 30 (President's Assembly; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1893, Huey Pierce Long ("The Kingfish") was born in Winnfield, LA.
- National Marshmallow Toasting
  Day: OK, you were healthy yesterday
  with less salt, so splurge today and toast a
  marshmallow. Or make some 'smores
  for the family!
- **Slinky Day:** The humble Slinky was invented in the 1940's by Navy engineer Richard James. It proved an immediate hit, quickly became one of our favorite toys. **Slinky Day** should be spent doing slinky tricks, watching Slinkies race

down staircases, or untangling the things as they inevitably knot, twist and spiral! Dig out your Slinky!

• **Football:** Pre-freshman Meet the Team (5:30)

#### Wed, Aug 31 (Safety Week schedule; F G A B)

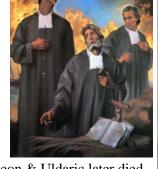
- Mass at 7 am: We again are privileged to have Father Jacob willing to celebrate mass for us on Wednesday morning at 7:00. Encourage the students to take advantage of this mid-week spiritual practice.
- **TDIH:** In 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in Paris.
- Love Litigating Lawyers Day. Give your favorite litigator a big 'ol hug today and hope you aren't sued!
- **Trail Mix Day:** Trail mix is a high energy snack comprised of dried fruits, nuts and energy snacks, designed to keep you alert and energized when walking, hiking, and partaking in similar endurance and intense activities. **Trail Mix Day** is all about creating good trail mix and testing it out. After yesterday's marshmallows, go back to healthy today!
- **FB:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Fontainebleau (5:30

#### Thu, Sep 1 (Safety Week Schedule; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1830, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was first published. Can you recite it from memory?
- TDIH: In 1939, 1.5 million German soldiers invade Poland, thus beginning WW II
- Cherry Popover Day: Enjoy!
- **First Friday Devotions** will begin with Period D through Period C tomorrow. Feel free to join the students for 15 minutes at the beginning of each period.

### Fri, Sep 2 – (Pep Rally; G A B C)

• TDIH: In 1790, Brother Solomon, FSC, is martyred by French authorities bent on Church suppression. The Christian Brothers Website says once Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette were overthrown, the next target was the Church. In 1790, the state took over the French Church. To function, priests & religious had to swear support. Most Christian Brothers refused and had to abandon schools and disband. Eventually, the Institute was deprived of legal status – ironic since the Institute began in France. Brothers Solomon, Roger, Leon & Uldaric were imprisoned for

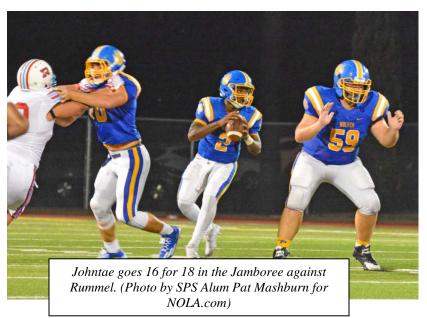




- refusing to take the oath. Solomon was executed on Sep 2. Roger, Leon & Uldaric later died while confined in prison ships. Because of their heroism, these Brothers were beatified one step away from official sainthood. May their heroic lives give us strength in times of difficulty! May their devotion to Christian education inspire us!
- TDIH: In 1945, The Empire of Japan officially signs the Instrument of Surrender at 9:04 am aboard the USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. Although Emperor Hirohito had announced on A ug 15 Japan's intention to unconditionally surrender following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the official surrender ceremony did not occur until over two weeks later, and thus President Truman marked 2nd September as the official V-J Day. It is estimated that anywhere from 60 to 80 million people died during World War II, on all sides of the conflict. V-J Day should thus be seen as not only the celebration of the defeat of the tyrannical Japanese government of the time, but also the remembrance of those who lost their lives.
- National Blueberry Popsicle Day: Enjoy a Popsicle today! Popsicles were invented in 1905 by 11 year-old Frank Epperson. He accidentally left a stirring stick in a fruit-flavored drink on his porch one winter night. In the morning, it was frozen into an icy treat. He first named this delight the "Epsicle." This name was changed 18 years later.
- **Football:** Varsity v. Edna Karr in regular season opener (7)

#### Sat, Sep 3

• **TDIH:** In 1783, the American Revolution officially ends when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain & France sign The Treaty of Paris, signifying America's status as a free nation.



- TDIH: In 1752, British citizens "lost" 11 days when the United Kingdom "left" the Julian calendar and adopted the Gregorian calendar, already in effect in the rest of the world (you know those independent British!) As a result, Sep 3 instantly became Sep 14 simply by an Act of Parliament. The people were outraged and demanded their 11 days back. Moral: make the most of each day God gives us; while it's a shame to lose a day, it's even worse to waste it.
- National Bacon Day (Sat before Labor Day): Go ahead and spurge with the favorite!

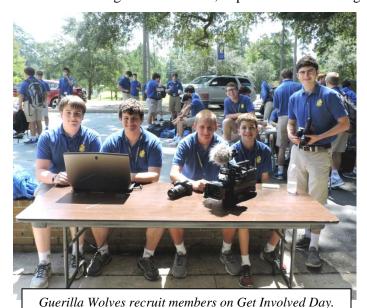
#### Sun, Sep 4

- **TDIH:** In 476, Romulus Augustus, the last emperor of the Western Roman Empire, is deposed by Odoacer, a German barbarian who proclaims himself king of Italy thus marking the fall of the Western Roman Empire.
- TDIH: In 1951, President Harry S. Truman's opening speech before a conference in San Francisco is broadcast across the nation, marking the first time a television program was broadcast from coast to coast.
- Newspaper Carrier Day honors Barney Flaherty, the first newspaper carrier or paperboy hired in 1833 as, as well as all current newspaper carriers whose jobs are being downsized as newspapers go digital. They'll have to pry my newspaper from my ink-stained hands!

#### Mon, Sep 5 -- Labor Day Holiday!

Welcome to September: the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of four months with a length of 30 days. September in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere. In the Northern hemisphere, Sep 1 is the beginning of the meteorological autumn. In the Southern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological spring is on the 1st of Sep. September begins on the same day of the week as December every year, because there are 91 days separating September and December. September (from Latin *septem*, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months on the oldest known Roman calendar, with March (Latin *Martius*) the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 153 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day. September is National Cholesterol Education, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, National Honey Month, National School Success Month, Whole Grains Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month & Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness month. And that's probably more than you wanted to know! Have a great Sep!

Flood Recovery: Our thoughts and prayers continue for the many thousands of people in south Louisiana who have are suffering from the recent, unprecedented flooding. As we go about our daily, relatively comfortable



lives, we remember those who are hurting. I'm pleased that so many of our students are helping. In particular, SPS moms Angelle Albright, Gianna Schlottman and Karen Lindsey have formed the Northshore Cajun Army to aid flood victims. Read their inspiring story at

http://memorareministries.com/after-the-flood-cajunarmies-provide-spontaneous-volunteer-corps-forflood-relief/#disgus thread God bless the NCA and all those they are helping!

Safety Week: This week we will do our annual drills week and insist that he take them seriously.

for various emergencies. This is important. Speak to your sons about the various drills he will practice this

2017 – 18 Admissions Season: No, this is not a misprint. The admissions process for NEXT year begins on Tuesday with our first Shadow Day. Shadow Days have become very important in students choosing SPS as their first choice school. If you know of prospective students interested in SPS, have them call Karen Hebert at 892-3200, ext. 1003 or email her at

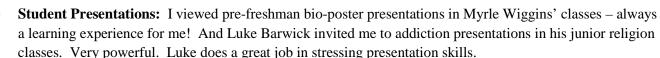
karenh@stpauls.com to schedule a Shadow Day.

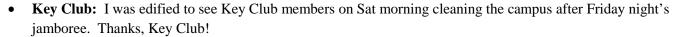
Video Surveillance: Last week we installed a number of video surveillance cameras on campus. This additional layer of security has been talked about for a while, especially since the vandalism of several years ago. It is not in response to any particular incident, but a reflection of the realities of modern day life. I hope people do not look upon this as a "Big Brother" moment, but as a proactive deterrent to misdeeds.

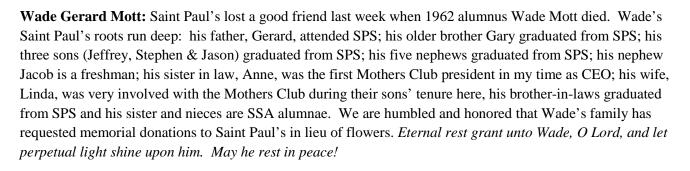
#### **Musings on Last Week:**

- **Boil Water Advisory:** Thank you for your cooperation with his inconvenience last week. I appreciate everyone making bottled water available for activities and during the school day, especially Don.
- Wolf Packs: I enjoyed meeting my Wolf Pack and hope your son did, too. I had my seniors run it and they did great. I'll probably keep having them run the show. Hope your son told you about Wolf Packs!
- Get Involved Day: Thanks to all who participated. Lots and lots of involvement! See below for more info.
- All School Mass: The weather cooperated and students praised God wonderfully. I was not present as I was attending a funeral but I'm told our guys did well.
- 9<sup>th</sup>/ JV Football: Tough loss for 9<sup>th</sup> but JV won big v. Mandeville.
- Jamboree: Thanks to Craig, Kenny, the FB Wolves, Marching Wolves, Band Boosters, ROTC Color Guard, Ticket Takers, and all who helped Fri evening as we highlighted our common Lasallian heritage with Rummel.

- **Cross Country**: Time trials and Meet the Team meeting went well in spite of the rain.
- **Guerilla Wolves:** Thanks for posting a video of The March through the Arch! Sorry their first show last week ran into technical problems.. Here's the link if you wish to view: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz\_ddq\_tLqc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz\_ddq\_tLqc</a>
- **The Paper Wolf:** Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe.
- Alumni Meeting: Thanks to Al Nastasi for conducting the first alumni general meeting last Tue. Those who attended seemed to have a great time. Yours truly delivered a "State of the School" and assured them that things are good.
- Lasallian Visitor: Kenenna Amuzie, Director of Young
  Lasallians for the San Francisco New Orleans Province,
  visited us last week and met with students and some staff. We thank her for her visit.







From the Student Council: 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Homecoming Dance will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Saturday, September 24 (Dance is from 7:00-9:00 pm with lock-in at 8:00pm). *Please pick up your child at* 9:00. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Homecoming Dance will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Saturday, October 1 (Dance is from 7:00-10:00pm with lock-in at 8:30 pm.). All students attending the dance must pay admission and complete a registration form that is due prior to the dance. Forms are available in room 107, on Edline, and on the school website.

Greater Lasallian World Dept: A new Lasallian ministry was officially dedicated last week: Christian Brothers School, St. Anthony Campus, in NO. CBS has two campuses: City Park campus for 5-7 grade boys and the St. Anthony Campus for K-4 co-ed students and girls in grades 5-7. We commend the CBS administration for this creative response to the Archdiocese's demand that we comply with the new grade configuration. Mr. Joey Scaffidi, AFSC will be the President of both campuses; Mr. Heath Barker will be Principal for the St. Anthony campus and Mr. Michael Pratt will be Principal for the City Park campus. We are proud to be association with them! Ad multos annos, CBS!



Jazz n Roll: Join us for the 27th anniversary of Jazz 'N Roll on Saturday, November 12! This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend Saturday evening, November 12, from 7:00pm – 11:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center and enjoy gourmet food and libations. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous live auction, raffles and the Wolf Wheel of Prizes. I'm humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so: <a href="http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/jnr-order/">http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/jnr-order/</a> Contact the Advancement Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.

**Extracurricular Activities and Get Involved Day**: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which introduced our students to a wide variety of activities, was last Tuesday. I saw sign up tables for:

- Graphic Design
- ➤ Wolves on Wheels (Eco-Car)
- ➤ Guerilla Wolves
- ➤ Lasallian Young Leaders
- Ouiddich
- > ROTC
- Lacrosse
- > Art Club
- > Key Club
- ➤ Robo-Wolves
- **▶** Band
- Comic Book Club
- > Drama
- > Engineering Club
- > Fishing Club
- ➤ Habitat for Humanity Club
- ➤ Beo-Wolf Writing Club
- > Aqua Wolves
- ➤ Book Club
- > Track
- Liturgical Band
- Quiz Bowl
- > Spanish Club
- > Student Hosts
- > Athletic Trainers
- > Wrestling
- > Young Lawyers
- > Youth in Government



Bradley, Karson, Dylan and Spencer eagerly anticipate the Jamboree

➤ Saint Paul's Ball -- And I'm sure I missed some. Encourage your son to get involved!

March through the Arch: Our Guerilla Wolves have posted the video of the March. Here's the link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHa8IIf\_ypI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHa8IIf\_ypI</a> Thanks, GWs!

**Parent Social:** Saturday, September  $10^{th} - 7:00 - 11:00$ ; social hour starts at 7:00....\$25.00/head includes, all adult beverages. It's a casual fun night! Gather your friends, family, alumni, etc. and come enjoy a night in the BAC. Bring your food, decorations for your table or group. Questions call Debbie Bodenheimer 985-502-1315. It's a great way to meet St. Paul's families and kick off the 2016 school year!

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Counselor Christine Woodard sent an important email about college preparation last week. Please read it and take advantage of Christine's expertise.

**Cafeteria Payments:** To pay on line, go to the web site <a href="www.schoolcafe.org">www.schoolcafe.org</a> 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 against students as well.

**Helping Saint Paul's:** Don't forget – here are 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 and Box Tops for Education
- And we also benefit from the Amazon Smile! Program! https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895



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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. 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!

**ID Cards and Lanyards:** Students MUST wear their ID cards on their lanyards EVERY DAY. This is part of our enhanced safety plan to insure that only SPS students are on campus during the school day. Parents – please stress this with your sons and insist that they comply. If your son loses his ID, he may purchase a new one for \$10 by seeing Sgt. Pressley in the Administration Building.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

Opportunity from Football Booster Club – If your business would like to sponsor a football game or run a 30 second commercial on the scoreboard during a game, please contact Tim McCarthy at <a href="mailto:tmmcarthy122@gmail.com">tmmcarthy122@gmail.com</a>. Our new scoreboard is a great way to advertise your business to the enthusiastic crowds who attend Friday night football games in Hunter Stadium. Game day sponsorships include various scoreboard advertisements, stadium banner and option to distribute promotional items as well as other items.

**H of the W:** In honor of Litigating Lawyers Day on Wed, some actual (well, supposedly actual) trial transcripts:

- Lawyer: What is your relationship with the plaintiff? Witness: She's my daughter. Lawyer: Was she your daughter on February 13, 2008?
- Lawyer: Now you have investigated other murders, have you not? Witness: Yes. Lawyer: Were there victims?
- Lawyer: Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, in most cases he just passes away quietly and doesn't know anything about it until the next morning?
- Lawyer: "Could you see him from where you were standing?" Witness: "I could see his head." Lawyer: "And where was his head?" Witness: "Just above his shoulders."
- Lawyer: "What prevented this from being a murder trial instead of an attempted murder trial?" Witness: "The victim lived."
- Lawyer: "The truth is that you were not an unbiased, objective witness, isn't it? You too were shot in the fracas." Witness: "No, sir. I was shot midway between the fracas and the naval."
- Lawyer: "Officer, what led you to believe the defendant was under the influence?" Witness: "Because he was argumentary, and he couldn't pronunciate his words."



CC Wolves collect items for flood victims

- Lawyer: "Do you know how far pregnant you are now?"
- Lawyer: "She had three children, right?" Witness: "Yes."Lawyer: "How many were boys?" Witness: "None." Lawyer: "Were the others girls?"
- Lawyer: "You don't know what it was, and you didn't know what it looked like, but can you describe it?"
- Lawyer: "Did the stairs go down to the basement?" Witness: "Yes." Lawyer: "And these stairs, did they go up also?"
- Lawyer: "Have you lived in this town all your life?" Witness: "Not yet."
- Lawyer: (realizing he was about to ask a stupid question) "Your Honor, I'd like to strike the next question.
- Lawyer: "Do you recall approximately the time that you examined the body of Mr. Eddington?" Witness: "The autopsy started about 8:30pm." Lawyer: "And Mr. Eddington was dead at the time, is that correct?"
- OK, I'll stop -- I think Morris Bart and Michael Hingle are calling!

#### A Look Ahead:

#### August

- 29 Parent/Teacher Mini Schedule 6:30 PM
- 30-- President's Assembly Shadow Day

#### September

- 05 Labor Day Holiday
- 06 Pack Time
- 10 ACT on campus
- 10 Touchdown Club Dance
- 13 President's Assembly Shadow Day Snack Day
- 17 SPS Math Tournament
- 19 Founders Week
- 20 Pack Time
- 21 -- All School mass
- 23 Field Day (Periods GA meet)
- 24 Jr Hi Homecoming Dance
- 27 ACT on campus for seniors
- 28 & 29 Senior Portraits
- 30 Homecoming Pep Rally

Pre-freshmen are engaged in Gateway to Technology class.

#### October

- 01 SAT on campus Sr. High Homecoming Dance
- 04 President's Assembly Shadow Day
- 11 Pack Time
- 14 Grandparents Day (11:30); Periods BC meet End of First Quarter
- 17 -- Fall Break Day (no classes)
- 18 Second quarter begins

#### November

- 01 Mass
- 02 Day of the Dead Assembly
- 05 SAT on Campus

08 – President's Assembly

15 – Pack Time

29 – President's Assembly

#### December

06 – Pack Time (Luminaria Bags)

08 – Snack Day

10 – ACT on Campus

13 -16 Exams

**Very Sad:** I don't usually comment on non-SPS items, but the news report last Thursday that two Catholic nuns were murdered in Mississippi wounded me. These two Catholic religious sisters, Sister **Paula Merrill, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, KY and Sister Margaret Held, a School Sister of St. Francis,** were nurse practitioners, serving the poor in Holmes County – and have done so for years. One of our Lasallian Core Principles is concern for the poor and social justice: Sisters Paula and Margaret were living that principle – much more so than me. We pray in gratitude for them. And as their religious superior wrote, "*Because we are gospel women, please also pray for the perpetrators.*" Let us hold the Sisters, their communities and families and all those with whom they ministered in our prayers.

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 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

Can't Believe It's the Last Week of August 2016 and I'm Still the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

"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)



...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God's will and remaining faithful!

