

The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter Aug 31 – Sep 06, 2015



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 school 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 students 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 learn more about God and become a better student
- To make everyone happy
- To become someone who can reach all people on a personal level
- To work hard, be disciplined, never give up, never let up and stay out of trouble
- To get my faith to a point where it is completely natural
- To have a good attitude and to pray with friends.
- To grow closer to friends and God
- To become a better person
- To spread God's good news to all and to help the poor
- To be a more devout Catholic
- To love God and let Him help
- To leave an impact that will be remembered
- To gain more confidence
- To always see how I can make a difference
- To build things to help people
- To be the best I can be



LYLs collect Mission Money for St. Paul's in Marsabit, Kenya. In the words of the late Brother Clarence Rheim, "Saint Paul's cares; Saint Paul's shares."

Wow. And I could add many more such dreams to the list. Would that each of us had such dreams! The Class of 2017 will indeed make the world a better place – as will the SPS classes of 2016, 18,19 & 20! SP Forevermore!

Mon, Aug 31 (Safety Week Begins; Fire Drill; F G A B)

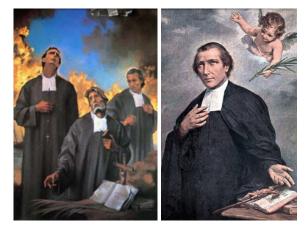
- TDIH: In 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in Paris.
- Love Litigating Lawyers Day. Give your favorite litigator a big 'ol hug today and hope you aren't sued!
- **Trail Mix Day:** Trail mix is a high energy snack comprised of dried fruits, nuts and energy snacks, designed to keep 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!

Tue, Sep 1 (Wolf Packs; 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
- Cross Country: CC Wolves open their season running in the John Curtis meet in NO.

Wed, Sep 2 – (Tornado Drill during SSR; 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 all of us!

- **TDIH II:** 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 Aug 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.
- **FB:** 9th & JV open their seasons v. Fontainebleau (5:30)

Thu, Sep 3 (Total Evacuation Drill; D E F G)

- **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 II:** 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.
- **First Friday Devotions** will begin with Period E through Period D tomorrow. Feel free to join the students for 15 minutes at the beginning of each period.
- Football: 9th & JV v. Fontainebleau (5:30)

Fri, Sep 4 (Assembly; Intruder on Campus Drill; A B C D)

- **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 were downsized when the TP went digital two years ago.
- **FB:** Varsity Wolves open their season v. Karr 97)

Sat, Sep 5

- TDIH: In 1774, the First Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia. Thank you, Founding Fathers!
- Lazy Moms Day: OK, moms, here's your day to relax and take it easy. Let them fix their own meals; wash their own clothes; find their own rides to practice, etc. In short, "let them eat cake" today! They'll appreciate you tomorrow!
- Be Late For Something Day: Be late all you want today; there's no school --unless you swim or run CC!
- National Cheese Pizza Day: Enjoy if your arteries permit!
- Cross Country: Wolves run at St. Michael's Bayou Boogie in BR. I hear Rossini playing!
- Swimming: Aqua Wolves kick off their season at UNO. I hear The Water Music playing

Sun, Sep 6 -- Attend church today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today.

- **TDIH:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. President McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever. Trivia Question: While TR was the youngest person to assume the presidency, who was the youngest man ELECTED to the presidency? Answer at end.
- Read a Book Day: This should be EVERY day!
- Football: Pre-freshmen v. Jesuit (10)

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



Mrs. Renee Miller helps seniors with online college applications.

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 about September! Have a great one!

Parent Mini Schedule: On Mon, Sep 14, beginning at 6:30 PM, 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.



Jazz n Roll: Join us for the 26th anniversary of Jazz 'N Roll on Saturday, October 3^{rd} , 2015! Come together with parents, alumni, sponsors and supporters in the community for Saint Paul's major fundraiser. This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend SATURDAY evening from 7:00pm – 11:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center and enjoy gourmet food and libations from exclusive local establishments. 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: <u>http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/jnr-order/</u> Contact the Advancement Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.

Safety Week: This week we will do our annual drills for various emergencies: fire, tornado, intruder, and total evacuation. Ask your son about these drills, as we take them very seriously. I'll give you a report in next week's newsletter.

School Pictures: We distributed school pictures last week. If you ordered pictures, I hope your son brought them home to you. For any problems, contact Mr. Andrew Dart at <u>andrewd@stpauls.com</u>. **RETAKES WILL BE TAKEN ON THU, SEP 10TH DURING LUNCH!**

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. Some do but some didn't last week and we had parents in a quandary wondering where their sons were.

Lunch Boxes: I'm considering opening a "used lunch box" store. I have enough inventory to stock it just by walking around campus picking up all the leftover lunch boxes. It's amazing. 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.

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.

Cafeteria Payments: To pay on line, go to the web site <u>www.schoolcafe.org</u> 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.

Student Driving: We have issued several fines to students who drove in an inappropriate way. We will continue to be vigilant. 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. Remember, it's against the law to use cell phones in a school zone. You can be ticketed. I see several parents dropping their sons off at Founder's Circle while using cell phones!

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.

2014-15 Yearbooks: The yearbooks have been distributed. Note the following:

- If any student feels they ordered one, and did not receive one, please have him (or a parent) email Andrew Dart at <u>andrewd@stpauls.com</u> so we can double check our records.
- If a student didn't order one but wants one, we have a few extras. Again, contact Mr. Dart.
- Members of the Class of 2015 can obtain their yearbook from the Administration Building.



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. If not, support our guys and do so. It's free. Here's the link: http://thepaperwolf.com

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.

Senior Parents:

• Balfour will take orders for senior products on this Friday, Sep 4, during the lunch period. Your son should have brought home ordering information.

• Senior Portraits will be taken on campus on Sep 9 & 10 during Civics class. Students must be in compliance with our grooming regulations, especially haircuts, in order to take portraits.



A basketball wolf tests the new goals in the new gym.

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 obtain a new one for \$10 by seeing Sgt. Pressley in the Book Room.

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Last Tuesday's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 25 assembly. Here's what we did:

- Listened to the "Academic Festival Overture" by Johannes Brahms, a German composer who lived from 1833-1897. This piece was composed in 1880. Brahms never went to college. In 1879, after Brahms had achieved much fame in the music world, the University of Breslau conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Brahms was flattered and sent a postcard of thanks to the faculty. However, he needed to do more. While vacationing at Bad Ischl during the summer of 1880, Brahms penned his musical "thank you" the Academic Festival Overture to the university. With a masterful balance of serious and lighthearted elements, the emphasis is on the "festival" rather than the "academic" in an overture that brims with an irrepressible sense of fun. As I told the boys, imagine Rise Up O Men of God, the fight song, O God Beyond All Praising, & some tunes from Marching Wolves all woven together into one musical symphony. As we begin our academic year, the Academic Festival Overture seemed appropriate we have serious work ahead, but we'll have periods of fun, too.
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Bam Barreiro**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: **Logan and Grayson Buras's grandmother; Owen Rooney's paternal grandmother; Austin Harris's 47 year old cousin who died of Brain aneurism; Mr. Trevor Watkins' uncle; Louis Marion's paternal grandfather;** the great grandmother of Louis, Patrick and Lance Richardson & Dr. George Seiden, the grandfather of Noah and Ben Seiden.

- Congratulated Coach Lee Pierre on the arrival of his daughter Lillian Cecile into his family. He received a standing ovation from the students and faculty.
- Introduced Brother Ralph Baltz on the day before his 95th birthday. Brother gave the boys a brief summary of his 82 years of life as a Christian Brother (yes, he joined the Brothers at age 13!) and said he enjoyed being of service to others and wishes he could do more than pray for them. The boys gave Brother a spontaneous standing ovation and sang a robust version of "Happy Birthday" to him! Ad multos annos, Brother Ralph!
- Recognized and congratulated the following students who gave us their first weekend of summer vacation in May to help run the Special Olympics competition in Hammond with Kevin Moore: Zack Gallagher, Billy Harrison, Spencer Cole, Mason Hebert, Jacob Tullos, Blake Badeaux, Sam Brown, Henry Elliott, Jack Bonaldi, Jace Moore, Gavin Gaude, Bradley Yeager, Bam Barriero, Austin Means, Yehia Elkersh, Christian Roberts, Andy Grashoff, Thomas Bowden, Ford Brasher, Spencer Albright, Grant Rhodes and alumni Travis Dugas & DC Lipani.
- Recognized and congratulated senior Josh Mascaro, who along with 2015 alumnus Matthew Krutzfeld was awareded the rank of Eagle Scout on May 31; then I had all SPS Eagle Scouts stand – an impressive number!
- Recognized and congratulated those students who gave up the first Saturday of the summer vacation to work the St. Benedict Knights of Columbus Prayer Breakfast: **Patrick Stewart, Jacob Broussard, John Cresson, Chris Barnett, Sean Whitehead & Jeffrey Bodin and Ms. Hebert.**



Brother Ralph Baltz addresses the student body on the occasion of his 95th birthday! Brother told the students to always remember the words of Jesus in the last two lines of the Gospel of St. Matthew: "Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world."

- Recognized and congratulated those students who gave up a day in July to work the Covington Rotary Club Prayer Breakfast: Adam Schmitt, Jacob Broussard, Rutger Fury, Ruston Keller, Thomas Carriere & Chris Barnett
- Recognized and congratulated **Patrick Napier**, **Zachary Russ and Shane Strander** for giving up a Sunday in July to work the Justin Addison Memorial Conservation Cup for the LA Land Trust. I encouraged the students to read the inscription on Justin's Memorial Bench and live the words which Justin wrote shortly before his tragic accident: *The sense of brotherhood hangs over our campus like a strong perform: one can feel it; one can smell it.*
- Told the students about two emails I received recently. The first one informed me of inappropriate social media posts by one of our students (about which I wrote last week.) I reminded the students that we will take disciplinary action in they harm the good name of the school by inappropriate posts. I then read the second email, which extolled the politeness, manners and friendliness of one our freshman who was volunteering at a local event and how proud we should be to have students like that. I then asked freshman **Chase May** to stand and accept the thanks of all of us for representing SPS so well and I encouraged the boys to do things that would cause more of these kinds of emails to be sent!

- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions which will "roll over" to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song in support of all of the activities going on around school.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Spencer Cole**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Brahms's "Academic Festival." It was a great assembly at least I thought so!



Just as he did in 1955 in the current gym, Brother Alfred helped install floor in the new gym last week – which is rapidly nearing completion.

Musings on Last Week:

• **Christian Brothers 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 Archbishop Rumme High Schooll.

• **Freshman Tailgate Party:** Thanks to Mrs. Liz Brett and freshman teachers who organized and chaperoned a spirited pre-game event for our freshman.

• **Congrats:** to Cross Country & 8th Grade Football for great Meet the Team meetings.

• **Guerilla Wolves:** Congrats to the GWs for their first show last week. Here's the link if you wish to view:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CY3oVGiwWNE

• **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. If not, support our guys and do so. It's free. I was particularly pleased last week with Nick Ashton's article about Sister Louise. Here's the link in case you missed it:

http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/08/24/sister-louise-aids-those-in-needfor-new-school-year/

• Alumni Mtg: 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" – which assured them that

things are very good. And we took them on a tour of the new gym – they were VERY impressed.

- Katrina Prayer Service: The school community gathered after lunch on campus around the Katrina Cross located in the land across from the Brothers Residence. We remembered the emotion of ten years ago. And we prayed.....That area used to be my favorite part of campus. We actually had all school masses out there as it was so shady and now it's so barren. And my English class would annually do Poetry Under the Pines in that location.
- Congratulations to Math Teacher Alex and Megan Lacour on the birth of their daughter, Elise! She joins brother Joey!
- **Popsicle Treat:** Thanks to the Development Office and the retired Brothers for treating our boys to popsicles on a hot Friday afternoon!
- **Pre-Freshman GTT Class:** I had the pleasure of seeing the results of our pre-frosh who designed and built an original product, using principles of engineering in the process. A creative and practical use of technology!

Key Club Book Drive: The SPS Key Club will hold an children's book club drive from Sep 8-11. Children's books may be dropped off by Mrs. Erin's office, one in counseling by Mrs. Ann's office, and one in founder's circle. There will be a key club member everyday during that week from 7:00 to 7:45 to assist parents that drop off the book.

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

- Lawyer: "Do you check your radar unit frequently?" Officer: "Yes, I do." Lawyer: "And was your radar unit functioning correctly at the time you had the plaintiff on radar?" Officer: "Yes, it was malfunctioning correctly."
- Lawyer: "What happened then?"Witness: "He told me, he says, 'I have to kill you because you can identify me." Lawyer: "Did he kill you?" Witness: "No."
- Lawyer: "Now sir, I'm sure you are an intelligent and honest man-- Witness: "Thank you. If I weren't under oath, I'd return the compliment."
- Lawyer: "You were there until the time you left, is that true?
- Lawyer: "So you were gone until you returned?"
- Lawyer: "The youngest son, the 20 year old, how old is he?"
- Lawyer: "Were you alone or by yourself?"
- Lawyer: "How long have you been a French Canadian?"
- Witness: "He was about medium height and had a beard." Lawyer: "Was this male or a female?"
- Lawyer: "Sir, did you go on an elaborate honeymoon?" Witness: "I went to Europe, sir." Lawyer: "And you took your new wife?"
- Lawyer: "I show you Exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize that picture." Witness: "That's me." Lawyer: "Were you present when that picture was taken?"
- Lawyer: "Were you present in court this morning when you were sworn in?"
- OK, I'll stop before I get sued!

A Look Ahead

- 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
- Sep12 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 Homecoming Pep Rally



Seniors read during SSR. Ask your son what he's reading. Consider a family SSR time!

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

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 finish writing 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

Looking Forward to September as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



Last week's assembly: who says we don't need a larger gym?

Answer to Sunday's Trivia Question: John F. Kennedy, age 43, was youngest man **elected** to the US presidency

SPS: where we make courageous choices and do ordinary things extraordinarily well by doing God's will.

