

Note: Last Thursday's storm forced us to cancel our new student orientation, due to very bad weather and lack of electricity on campus. Thanks for your understanding. Also, the storm knocked out much of our telephone and email capabilities which weren't restored until Friday night. If you had trouble reaching us, that's why.



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter* *August 08 – 14 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*



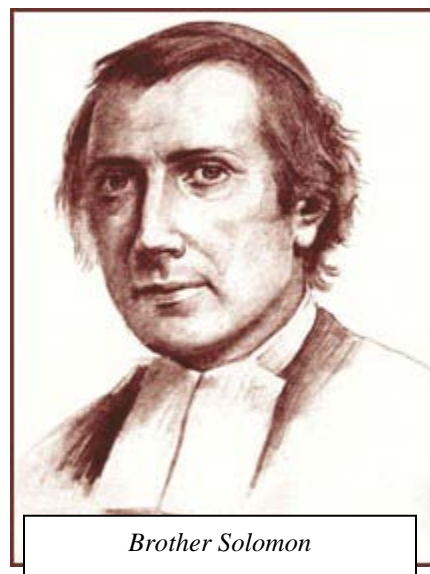
Once again, welcome to 2016 - 17 school year – the beginning of the sixth of our second century of life! I'm glad last week's mammoth newsletter didn't scare you off! I tried to make this one shorter!



St. John Baptist de La Salle

As we begin a new year of Lasallian education, I invite you to reflect on the theme we have chosen for the year: **Remaining Faithful**. To Lasallians, this theme is incarnate in the life of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and Patron Saint of Teachers. While the saint's life is replete with instances of his faithfulness, there are literally thousands of other Lasallian examples of faithfulness. The one we have chosen to spotlight this year is Brother Solomon Leclercq, FSC – a powerful example of Lasallian faithfulness who will be canonized (that is, made a Catholic saint) by Pope Francis on October 16:

Here is a brief history of Brother Solomon, from the Christian Brothers website: *Once the monarchy had been overthrown early in the French Revolution, the next target was the Church. In 1790 the Civil Constitution of the Clergy gave the state complete control over the Church in France. In order to continue to function, priests and religious were forced to take an oath to support the constitution. Most of the Brothers refused and so were forced gradually to abandon their schools and communities. Eventually the Institute was deprived altogether of legal status in France. Brother Solomon was secretary to Brother Agathon, the Superior General. Living alone in Paris while the Superior remained at the motherhouse outside the city, Brother Solomon wrote letters to his family that show a keen religious spirit in the face of the horrors as they unfolded. He was arrested on 15 August 1792. He refused to take the oath and was imprisoned in the Carmelite monastery, together with several bishops and priests. On 2 September the prisoners were brought in pairs to the monastery garden where they were shot. He was beatified on October 16th 1926. He will be canonized on October 16, 2016.*



Brother Solomon

While I pray that none of us is ever called to this level of being faithful, we can all develop faithfulness to the ordinary things in our lives: our families, our work, our school, our friends, and our God. **I encourage you, as parents, to stress being faithful with your sons. Don't let him get by with "just enough", whether it's grades or chores around the house or a simple "good morning, Mom and Dad!"** Doing our **best** is remaining faithful to God's will! Exhort him to sainthood by remaining faithful, doing God's will (which was last year's theme), which often involves making courageous choices (theme from two years ago) and by doing the ordinary in an extraordinary way (theme from three years ago.) You and your sons will hear more about this theme from me throughout the year. I look forward to traveling this path with you – and striving to remain faithful.

Brother Solomon! Help us remain faithful!

Note: Someone complained that it was too difficult to quickly identify school events from all the other trivia I include for each day and in which that reader is not interested. As I aim to please, I will **highlight school events in yellow**.

Mon, Aug 8 (First Day of Class; Assembly Schedule; A B C D)

- **Feast of St. Dominic (1170-1221).**

Dominic founded the

Order of Preachers (The Dominicans) in 1210 after years preaching to the people of his day. We wish all Dominicans a happy feast day today!

- **This Day in History: Brother John Fairfax, FSC was born!** Brother John turns 89 years young today. After an extraordinary career as an exemplary educator, he continues to be an active and important member of the SPS community through his presence at school functions and his friendly, generous, concerned and compassionate spirit. *Ad multos annos, Frater Johannes!* Happy Birthday!
- **Happiness Happens Day:** Today helps people recognize more happiness and encourages them to talk about it. And starting school should be the cause of great happiness for all of us! **Be happy today; don't dwell on the negative!**
- **Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Night:** OK, you home gardeners with tons of zucchini! Here's your chance to get rid of this prolific vegetable.
- **St. Tammany Parish Blood Bank** is holding a blood drive today as they are in "dire need" of blood. If interested, the drive is from 1 – 7 pm at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer center at STP Hospital.
- **Here's the order for today:**
 - **Today is a FULL DAY OF CLASS INSTRUCTION.** Students must be in their Block A class by 7:45 am. **Traffic has not gotten any better of late, so allow plenty of time for prompt arrival.**
 - **Uniforms for Monday, August 8:** Students who have religion class in Periods A, B, C or D must wear DRESS UNIFORM for school pictures. Students who have religion in periods E, F or G wear regular uniforms on Monday, Aug 8.
 - **Uniforms for Tuesday, August 9:** Students with religion class in periods E, F or G wear DRESS UNIFORM Aug 9 for pics. Students who had their pictures taken on Monday wear regular uniforms.
 - Students only need to bring materials for periods A B C & D on Monday, August 8. They only need to bring materials for periods E F G & A on Tuesday, August 9.
 - Books will be in the classrooms and teachers will distribute them directly to students.
 - Ordering school pictures is optional. If you wish to order pictures, have your son bring the order form and check with him on the day he is scheduled to take his picture (see above) – either Aug 8 or 9.



Tue, Aug 9 (Assembly Schedule; E F G A)

- **Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta:** Edith Stein was born of Jewish parents in 1891, becoming an influential philosopher following her extensive studies at major German universities. After her conversion to

Catholicism she became a major force in German intellectual life, entering the Discalced Carmelites in 1933. Sister Teresa Benedicta was arrested by the Nazi regime in 1942, along with all Catholics of Jewish extraction and transported by cattle train to the death camp of Auschwitz. She died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

- **TDIH:** Richard Nixon becomes the only man in history to resign as President of the United States; Gerald Ford is sworn in as the 38th President of the US.
- **TDIH:** On this day in 1945, a second atom bomb is dropped on Japan by the United States, at Nagasaki, resulting finally in Japan's unconditional surrender, thus ending World War II.
- **Worldwide Art Day:** Celebrate art today! Draw, sing, write, paint, dance – look for ways to value art!
- **Uniforms for today: Students with Religion class today in periods E, F or G wear dress uniform. All others wear regular uniform.**
- **Yearbook Distribution for Class of 2016 – 5-6 pm in cafeteria**
- **New Moms' Wine & Cheese Welcome:** The Mothers Club invites all SPS moms, but especially new moms, to a welcoming wine and cheese social, beginning at 6:30 in the Briggs Assembly Center. Come pass a good time with an incredible group of ladies who do so much for SPS. All SPS moms automatically “belong” to the Mothers Club but come find out ways to become involved.

Wed, Aug 10 (Assembly schedule; B C D E)

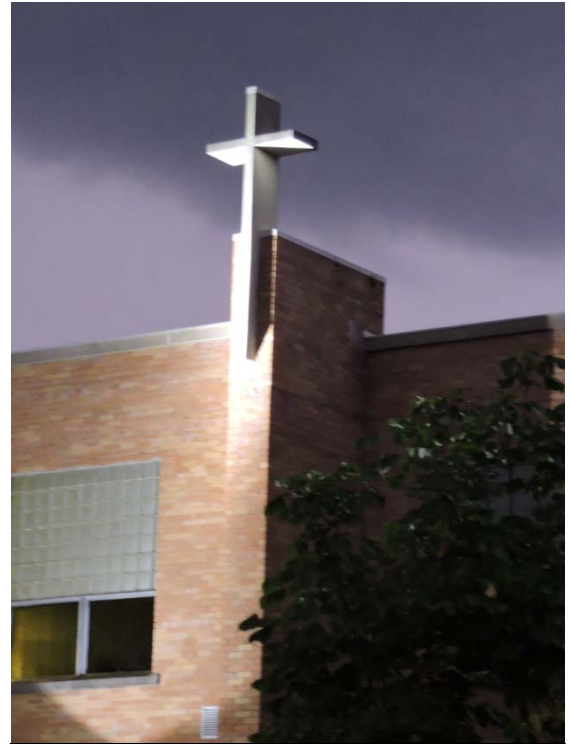
- **TDIH:** News of the July 4th Declaration of Independence reaches King George III of England today in 1776.
- **TDIH II:** In 1945, Japan announces it will surrender, following the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.
- **National S'mores Day!** Celebrate the opening of school and make some s'mores with the family!
- **Silent Sustained Reading (SSR) begins today.** See below for more info about this program. Tell your son to take this time seriously and to come prepared for SSR.

Thu, 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 Assembly (in gym). I look forward to welcoming the whole school today. Students report to period F for 7:45 until dismissed for assembly.**

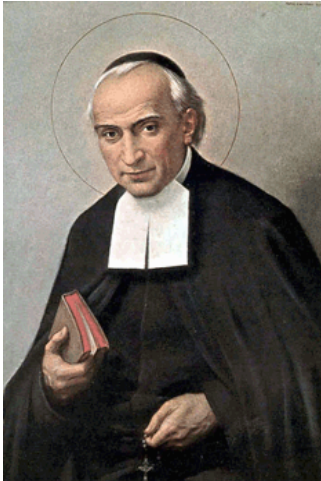
Fri, Aug 12 (Mass schedule; Dress Uniform Day; C D E F)

- **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, WI. We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto!



As we braced for Thursday's storm: And there shall be a place of shelter and refuge from rain and storm (Isaiah 4:6)

- **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. Father Matthew Clark, will celebrate. All students must be in dress uniform.
- **Five Core Principle Rally for Pre-freshman During Period F):** Our pre-freshmen will be introduced to the Five Core Principles by our LYLs during period F. Prayer, play, presentations & provisions will fill the time.



Sat, Aug 13 (Feast of St. Brother Benilde, FSC)

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!

Sun, Aug 14

- Were it not a Sunday, the Catholic Church would be celebrating the Fest of St. Maximilian Kolbe. 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 a 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.

Let Us Remember....: Two years ago, Brother Jeffrey Calligan encouraged us “to return to a practice of hundreds of years in our Lasallian family - that of creating a moment of silence after the leader calls the community to remember the presence of God before going on to any other vocal prayer.” We will continue this practice, a custom, Brother Jeffrey wrote, “that dates itself to the time of De La Salle and his first companions.” “That moment of silence,” he continued, “helped the street kids of his schools to learn that God is in the quiet and silence of our heart and our being together.” It's a good way to start family prayer time, too, especially grace before meals. By so doing, you will continue a practice that has been transforming lives since 1680.

School Safety: School safety remains paramount for all of us, even in St. Tammany. Take every opportunity to promote safety with your son. In our meetings, we reviewed all safety procedures that we have in place – and they are many. Safety is our priority – and it's EVERYONE'S JOB. Report ANY rumor or threat to safety about

which you hear. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a Visitor Pass. You may not just wander the campus. Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in schools – and in all of society.

Opening of School Mass: Our first all-school mass is this Friday, 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.

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.

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 engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school

All School Mass on Friday – DRESS UNIFORM Required!

Student Hosts: Some Student Hosts will help our students for the first few days. They'll even help new faculty members! The hosts will wear their student host shirts instead of the blue uniform shirt – except on picture day.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Thursday's storm** caused havoc on campus, forcing cancellation of our new student orientation and damaging our phone system and computer network. Fortunately we were able to make repairs and were back in business by Friday night.
- **Lasallian Young Leaders (LYLs)** deserve praise for having planned an excellent New Student Orientation on Thu evening. Unfortunately, the storm and power outage forced its cancellation, once again proving the adage that man proposes but God disposes. At least the LYLs had their fill of pizza! A mini-orientation was organized for Sat afternoon; thanks, LYLs for your flexibility and service.
- **New Teachers:** Our 7 new teachers spent Monday in getting SPS oriented and Tuesday getting Lasallian World oriented at De La Salle High School along with new teachers from the Lasallian schools of NO.
- **Teacher Meetings:** I think all of our teachers are tired of meeting and are ready teach.

- **The Mothers Club** deserves a shout out as the bookstore was open long hours last week. They also provided us with great lunches and supplied each of our classrooms with necessities such as tissue and wipes.
- **Physical Plant Staff** deserve a shout out, too, 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!
- **Cross Country Camp** at Fontainebleau State Park went well, as usual.
- **Student Council** spent a day of planning and came up with lots of great ideas. Thanks, President Murphy!
- **A Published Wolf:** Senior Trey Hughes had an essay published in last week in this month's Ducks Unlimited magazine. This is a tribute to Trey's writing ability – and our English Department. Want to read it? Here's the link:
<http://www.ducks.org/hunting/duck-hunting-stories/the-hunt>



Student Council, under the leadership of President Will Murphy, meets to plan activities for the year. Josh participate electronically via Face Time. Ah, technology!

Cell Phone Policy: Students may use cell phones during lunch but only outside. We will be relentless in enforcing the no cell phone ban during class 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.

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**.

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Fall Sports Call-Outs:

- **8th Grade Football:** A meeting will be held after school in the old gym on Tuesday, August 9. The first practice is on Wednesday, August 10. 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 office in order to participate.
- **The Cross Country team** invites any interested runners to come out and join the team. 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.

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 16 – Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Wed, Aug 17 – Varsity Football scrimmage v. John Curtis
- Thu, Aug 18– March through the Arch at 8 am
- Thu, Aug 18 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30
- Thu, Aug 18 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:00 (maybe earlier if we finish)
- Thu, Aug 18 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center;
- Fri, Aug 19 – 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.
- **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.



Will and Andy welcome new faculty member Chris Sturgill to SPS while modeling the new senior shirts.

Student Driving: We will be very vigilant and pro-active at dismissal concerning student drivers. Both the Covington PD AND Saint Paul’s will issue tickets to offenders. Again, our 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: Ordering pictures is totally optional. If you want to order, have your son bring the order form and check with him to picture taking on Mon or Tue. Senior parents: these pictures are NOT the senior portraits, which will be taken later. **And no one has to pay for an ID card.** One will be issued to your son on picture day. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him or if you want an extra one.

New Parent Reception & Information Meeting: A welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** will be held on Mon, Aug. 15 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.

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!

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 Wednesday, 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 due on Monday. 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: Please insist that your son show responsibility for his belongings. 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!

Opening of School Humor: In honor of World Elephant Day on Aug 12 and with apologies in advance:

- *What time is it when an elephant sits on a fence? Time to fix the fence!*
- *Why does an elephant wear sneakers? To sneak up on the mice!*
- *What's big and grey and wears a mask? The Elephantom of the Opera!*
- *Why did the elephant cross the road? Because the chicked had the day off!*
- *What do you call an elephant at the North Pole? Lost!*
- *What's the difference between an African elephant and an Indian elephant? About 3000 miles!*
- *Why were the elephants thrown out of the pool? They couldn't keep their trunks up!*
- *What goes up slowly and comes down quickly? An elephant in a lift!*
- *What's gray and wrinkly and jumps every twenty seconds? An elephant with hiccups!*
- *What's as big as an elephant but weighs nothing? An elephant's shadow!*
- *What's big, gray and flies straight up? An elecopter!*
- *What's gray, carries a bunch of flowers and cheers you up when you're ill? A get wellephant!*
- *Teacher: To which family does the elephant belong?*
Joey: I don't know; nobody I know owns one.
- *Teacher: Name six wild animals.* *Joey: Four elephants and two lions.*
- *What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter? An irrelephant [I'm LOLing!]*
- *Teacher: Spell elephant.*
Joey: e-l-l-e-e-f-a-n-t.
Teacher: That's not how the dictionary spells it. *Joey: You didn't ask me how the dictionary spells it.*
- *What do you get when you mix an elephant with a rhino?*
Elephino [say fast with a long I! LOL]



Wolves do service work at an assisted living agency in San Francisco prior to attending the Lasallian Student Leaders Program

- *What's grey, beautiful and wears glass slippers? Cinderelephant!*
- *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! [LOL!]*
- *What did the elephant say when the man grabbed him by the tail? This is the end of me!*
- *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!*
- *What name do you call 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 animals were last to leave the ark? The elephants as they had to pack their trunks!*
- *OK I'll stop!*

A Look Ahead

August

- 15 – New Parents Reception – 6:30 in BAC
- 16 – President's Assembly in Gym
- 18 – March Through the Arch, Senior Parent Breakfast, Senior Unity day, Senior Ring Ceremony
- 19 – Senior Holiday/Pre Freshmen Student Council Speeches/Back to School Dance at SSA
- 20 – Safety Week Begins
- 21 – Pack Time- Get Involved Day
- 29 – Parent/Teacher Mini Schedule – 6:30 PM
- 30-- President's Assembly – Shadow Day

September

- 06 – Pack Time
- 10 – ACT on campus
- 13 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day – Snack Day
- 19 – Founders Week
- 20 – Pack Time
- 23 – Field Day (Periods GA meet)
- 27 – ACT on campus for seniors
- 30 – Homecoming Pep Rally

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

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

Anticipating a Great Start for 2016-17 as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Oh, did I mention there's an **all school mass on Fri & 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)

