



We rejoiced this week over Michael's visit to campus. We continue to offer prayer and support as we prepare for his return to classes in a few weeks. Thanks to all who went to the airport to greet him and accommodated his visit on Friday. May all our Christian Brother saints intercede with Almighty God on Michael's behalf!



## *The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*

### *February 13 – 19, 2017*



This Saturday, February 18, is the death anniversary, in 1564, of Michelangelo -- artist, architect, and sculptor. Commissioned by Pope Julius III to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, Michelangelo was also architect of part of the massive church of St. Peter in Rome, and he designed its great dome.

Michelangelo, however, thought of himself mainly as a sculptor. Two of his most famous sculptures are "David" in Florence and the "Pieta" in St. Peter. Michelangelo often saw potential in things other people did not see. On one occasion he was seen studying carefully what others saw as simply a large block of marble. Someone asked him what he was doing. He said "I can see an angel imprisoned in this marble and I must set it free." He then began the long and skilled job of carving a beautiful angel out of that marble.



Although Michelangelo lived one hundred years before St. John Baptist de La Salle, our Founder also saw potential in things that other people did not see. He saw the children of the "artisans and the poor" who were "far from salvation." While others did not care about these children, he knew they had potential. He founded the Christian school to develop that potential and change those "blocks of marble" into "beautiful angels." As Lasallians, we are called to do this work, to adopt the eye of Michelangelo in looking at our students. Who knows what potential is "imprisoned" in each of them?

In a Lasallian school, everyone is important; no one is insignificant. May we be the sculptors who, with God's help, release the beauty and potential of the young men of Saint Paul's School!

#### **Mon, Feb 13 (Regular; A B C D)**

- **This Day In History:** In 1945, a series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing as many as 135,000 people. It was the single most destructive bombing of the war—including Hiroshima and Nagasaki—and all the more horrendous because little, if anything, was accomplished strategically, since the Germans were already on the verge of surrender. It inspires novelist Kurt Vonnegut to write his classic novel, *Slaughterhouse Five*.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson authorizes Operation Rolling Thunder, a sustained bombing of North Vietnam that he and his advisers had been contemplating for a year.
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity at Mandeville (game was moved to Mon to accommodate parades on Friday)

## Tue, Feb 14 (Regular; E F G A)

- **Happy Valentine's Day!** Today we honor the life of St. Valentine – a saint shrouded in mystery. The Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest in third century Rome. When Emperor Claudius decided single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape Roman prisons. According to legend, Valentine sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression still used today. Although the truth is murky, the stories emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. In any event, celebrate those who you love today!
- **National Donor Day:** Today raises awareness of the need for organ and blood donations. For more info, go to [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov) or resolve to donate blood at the local blood bank. See Saturday's blood drive for info.
- **All Pre-Freshman Take EXPLORE Test (Periods E & F in the BAC)**
- **Golf:** Golfing Wolves begin their season today.
- **Soccer:** SPS v. St. Amant in the quarterfinal round of state playoffs (6:30)

## Wed, Feb 15 (Regular; B C D E)

- **7 am mass in school chapel**
- **TDIH:** In 1898, the American battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor in Havana Harbor, at 9:40 PM. The ship sank quickly, and 260 members of its crew were lost. Inflamed public opinion in the US ignored the lack of evidence to establish responsibility for the explosion. "Remember the *Maine*" became the war cry, and a formal declaration of war against Spain followed on April 25.
- **World Whale Day:** Celebrate the whale today!
- **All Freshmen Take PLAN Test today**
- **Bowling:** SPS v. Holden (Tangi Lanes)



*The Paper Wolf staff show off some of their many awards from Columbia University competition.*

## Thu, Feb 16 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler, King Tutankhamen. Anybody remember when the Tut Exhibit came to New Orleans?
- **Innovation Day:** Spot a problem, think of a solution, and before you know it you're innovating! **Innovation Day** is all about imagining new, better ways of doing things. And you're never too young to innovate: lollipops, earmuffs, trampolines, Braille and countless smart phone apps have all been invented by children.
- **Do A Grouch A Favor Day:** Do something nice for your favorite grouch!
- **National Almond Day:** Celebrate the almond today! They are packed with vitamin E, magnesium and fiber and are considered a heart-healthy food.
- **All Sophomores Take the Pre-ACT Test (Periods F & G in the BAC)**
- **Basketball:** SPS at Fontainebleau in final regular season game.

## Fri, Feb 17 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** The electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr was broken by the House of Representatives who elected Jefferson president.
- **Random Acts of Kindness Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! Spread some kindness today!
- **My Way Day:** Feel free to celebrate today, but if you're at SPS, make sure your way is our way.
- **TDIH:** In 1972, the Volkswagen Beetle overtakes iconic Model T Ford as world's bestselling car.
- **Wrestling:** JV & Jr Hi State Meet at Bro. Martin

- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Varsity v. Evangel Christian (6 & 8)
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Eve Parade tonight**

### Sat, Feb 18

- **TDIH:** In 1885, Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- **National Battery Day:** This day honors Italian physicist Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the battery, who was born on this day in 1745. Without batteries, where would that pink bunny with the drums be today?
- **National Wine Day:** Responsibly enjoy!
- **Baseball:** 8th in double header at Rummel; Varsity Meet the Team
- **Rugby:** details TBA
- **Lacrosse:** JV & Varsity v. St. Thomas More (noon & 3)
- **Basketball Day of Service**
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Olympia Parade**
- **Ben Blanchard Memorial Blood Drive to benefit cancer patients in our area.** January 4<sup>th</sup> marked the one-year anniversary of Ben's passing and last week would have marked his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday. In his memory, Susan and Mark Blanchard have organized a blood drive from 9 am – 2 pm at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. Honor Ben and help others by donating this gift of life. Sign up by emailing [ccorizzo@stph.org](mailto:ccorizzo@stph.org).



*Student Council show off some of their awards from the state convention in January.*

### Sun, Feb 19

- **TDIH:** 4 years ago today, we formally dedicated the **Briggs Assembly Center** – which has been a blessing to SPS.
- **TDIH:** In 1878, the technology that made the modern music business possible came into existence in the New Jersey laboratory where Thomas Alva Edison created the first device to both record sound and play it back. He was awarded U.S. Patent No. 200,521 for his invention--the phonograph. We've come a LONG way!
- **TDIH:** In 1968, *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* debuted on PBS. *It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood....*
- **Chocolate Mint Day:** Enjoy!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Carrolton Parade**

+ **Abbot Patrick Regan, OSB:** We offer our prayer and condolences to the Benedictine monastic community of Saint Joseph's Abbey on the death last Wednesday evening of Abbot Patrick Regan after a long illness. Abbot Patrick was an internationally acclaimed liturgist with a long and distinguished career. Since the Benedictines of St. Joseph founded Saint Paul's in 1911, we value our relationship with them. Eternal rest grant unto Abbot Patrick, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. For a wonderful tribute to Abbot Patrick, click here: <http://www.saintjosephabbey.com/saint-joseph-community-mourns-loss-of-abbot-patrick-regan-osb/>

**2017 - 18 Registration:** Please note the following:

- **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** Deadline for registering has passed. We are not offering unregistered spots to new applicants for next year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades:** Registration materials were emailed last week. Deadline for registering for next year is Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Current 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2017 - 18! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involve the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**
- **If your son will not be returning, please give me the courtesy of an email so I can plan accordingly. Thank you!**

**Annual Fund:** Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high-pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we don’t send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son’s grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I’ll personally appeal. I’ll send them a nice “thank you” note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What’s important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

**Good News Dept:** Last week we received \$12,400 from the Richard M. Krannawitter Trust. Mr. Krannawitter was a very successful attorney /businessman in New Mexico and brother-in-law of a Christian Brother. Upon his death, his estate established a Trust to pay the "tuition, education expenses and living expenses of youth" in Lasallian schools in the New Orleans-Santa Fe Province. Each Jan or Feb, Saint Paul's and our other province schools receive a check for this purpose. Join me in prayers of thanksgiving for this benefactor, who never stepped foot on our campus, but believed passionately in Lasallian education. Our work matters. Let’s not let Mr. Krannawitter down! **And let’s hope that other Mr. Krannawitters are out there ready to do their part in insuring that our Mission survives and is available to the financially less fortunate.**

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

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** I hope the time was positive for those who attended.
- **Tornado Emergency:** Our procedures worked well. We offer prayers of thanksgiving that we were spared and offer prayers for recovery for those who were not.
- **Speaker Series:** I missed the talk by Mr. Chip Levigne but heard he was excellent with the students.
- **Bowling:** SPS beat Hannan on Monday; Geaux Kegler Wolves!
- **Basketball:** Big win over Ponchy and tough losses to Chalmette and Slidell propel the Wolves into the final week of the regular season – where wins will still garner a district championship.



*Ian, Matthew & Deuce enjoy mangos in Spanish class.  
Ole!*

- **Soccer:** A mercy rule win over Byrd lands the Wolves in the quarterfinals.
- **Human Trafficking Day:** I appreciate those who supported this day by going silent on social media, educating students in class, participating in the prayer service or just raising your own awareness. I congratulate and thank senior **Patrick Napier** for encouraging me to promote this day in school.
- **Mighty Michael:** Again, thanks to all who welcomed him!
- **Robo-Wolves:** 27 Teams in the BAC celebrating robotics. And the SPS Robo Wolves finished in FRIST place! Great job, Robo-Wolves!

- **Student Debates:** Congrats to Kim Gardner's Speech III class for their structured debates last week. I had the pleasure of watching them debate.
- **Mangos in Española!** Liz Brett's Spanish classes learned about this exotic fruit – and ate their lessons!
- **Baseball** played Jesuit on Sat and battled to a 2-2 tie. Season prospects look good!
- **Lacrosse:** Rumor has it we did well at Millsaps on Sat but I have no confirmed results. I need a lacrosse fan to send me scores so I don't get accused of ignoring our LAX wolves!
- **Wrestling:** Another strong showing – 4<sup>th</sup> in state! Connor Oviedo was 4<sup>th</sup>, Brandon Stein and Grant Hughes placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and STATE CHAMPIONS Jared Thieler, Shane Ulfers, and Cole Houser made us proud!

**Power of the Positive Educator (and Parent):** Here's the fourth of seven points that motivational expert Jon Gordon says all teachers should adopt in order to be effective which I am sharing with the faculty. I respectfully submit that they apply to parenting, too.

So far, we have had “Be Positively Contagious” and “Take a Daily Thank You Walk” and “Celebrate Success.” This week, it's “Expect to Make a Difference”:

*When positive educators walk into their classroom, they expect to make a difference in their student's lives. In fact, making a difference is the very reason why they became a teacher in the first place and this purpose continues to fuel them and their teaching. They come to school each day thinking of ways they can make a difference and expecting that their actions and lessons will lead to positive outcomes for their students. They win in their mind first and then they win in the hearts and minds of their students.*

**Feb 08 Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Feb 08 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a recording of the Saint Scholastica Choir singing a beautiful arrangement of “Amazing Grace” set to the music of Pachelbel's Canon in D. I told the students I was playing that song in honor of Saint Scholastica's feast day on Feb 10. I reminded them at SSA is our older sister, having been founded in 1903 versus our founding in 1911. I reminded them that Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, and both founded religious congregations that are over 1500 years old. I reminded the students that the Benedictine Sisters founded by Saint Scholastica are responsible for the start of Catholic education on the northshore, having provided faculties for SSA, St. Peter and Our Lady of the Lake. I encourage the boys to wish our sister school a Happy Feast Day on Feb 10 and thank them for continuing to be an educational force on the northshore. While the music was playing, **junior Jack Manifold** lit the candle to remind us of God's presence among us. We also prayed for the following who have left this earth recently to begin life in God's Kingdom: **Mrs. Kathy Powers., grandmother of sophomore Hunter LeBlanc, Mr. Tracy Davis, grandfather of senior Nick Davis, Mr. Marshall Piper, grandfather of sophomore Blake Ramsey, & Mr. Gregory Slaton, uncle of senior Steven Slaton and pre-freshman Spencer Slaton.**
- **We also prayer for Graham Thomas Jordan, SPS graduate of the Class of 2014. I told the students about the incredible outpouring of love and brotherhood for Graham and his family by his classmates. I projected part of an email I received from a former SPS parent about the funeral: *Resonating from the mass was the strong showing from the SPS community; past teammates, former class members etc. I watched my own two boys and so many others find strength and share sorrow in the singing of the songs familiar to them from SPS (Oh God Beyond All Praising and Rise Up Oh Men of God). This show of support and fraternal brotherhood is a direct by product of what you and your faculty have built at SPS. While I am so appreciative of the Catholic education my parents provided me, I still marvel at what I see from your (our) school. We will continue to support the Jordan family with our prayers and wishes. As you approach the next week, I hope that in some way you can balance the sorrows of Graham's loss with some measure of joy from seeing the behavior and support provided by the young men St. Paul's has guided.***
- And, of course, we prayed for Michael.

- Recognized and congratulated the students who participated in the March for Life in Washington, DC: **Patrick Napier '17, Rhyne Sepcich '18, Blake Bollinger '20, Charlie Layman '20, Gavin Sabathier '20, Nick Montreuil '18, Scott Montreuil (20), Bradley Anzalone '18 and Mr. RoberRoger Bacon.**
- Recognized and congratulated the students who represented SPS at the Catholic Schools Week Mass: **Mr. Jeff Ramon, Justin Baham (8), David Barcelona (8), Ben Broussard (8), Andrew Lacoste (9), Ben Klein (9) , Blake Bollinger (9), Chris Wallace (10), Matthew Algero (10), Garrett Cooper (10), Christian Butler (11), Christian Harrison (11), Robby Ferrante (11), Gavin Melerine (12) & Nathan Volz (12)**
- Projected the following email from Sister Theresa Berlin who runs the Blue Stand Ministry in Covington: *I want to thank you for the generous donation of \$500 from the Adopt A Family program received through the hands of one of your students, Ya Ya, who has been instrumental in introducing St. Paul's students to the "Holy Family Hospitality Hermitage" aka The Blue Stand, serving and building relationship with the residents of the West 30's of Covington. Words cannot express what a blessing and sense of fulfillment this has brought to me personally for young men from St. Paul's to reach out in humble kindness and presence in a world different from their own, yet a few blocks away. I am very impressed and deeply grateful.*
- Congratulated the Student Council for their showing at the recent state convention: District II Food Drive Award, Paxton Ballard being elected Secretary of District 2, the Mega Bucks Club award for our donation to the state charity Cleft for a Cause another Gold Council Award – given only to the best student councils in the state.
- Recognized and congratulated our Regional Science Fair Participants: **Paul Stolin, Alex Paille, Shane Strander, Max Tepper, Alex Klocek, Alex Nguyen, Landon Rees, Matthew Lyon, Kristian McHugh, Andrew Norlin, Josh Devier, Beau Franklin, Luke Vargas & Daniel Nunez.** Gave special recognition to the following winners:
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Biochemistry – Paul Stolin**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Cellular/Molecular biology – Josh Devier**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Chemistry – Shane Strander & Max Tepper**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Earth and Env Science – Matthew Lyon /Kristian McHugh**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Energy – Cole Chitwood /Beau Franklin**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Biomed /Health – Alex Paille**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Computer Science – Alexander Nguyen**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Microbiology – Andrew Norlin**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Plant Science – Luke Vargas and Daniel Nunez**
- Gave even more special recognition to Josh Devier & Paul Stolin for winning the Genius Award and an invitation to participate in the Science Olympiad next summer.
- Recognized and congratulated the members of the **Louisiana Football Coaches Association 2016 All State Teams: 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Bradley Mashburn, Josh Tourelle, Christian Roberts and Trey Icamina. Honorable Mention to Timothy Bedford- WR**



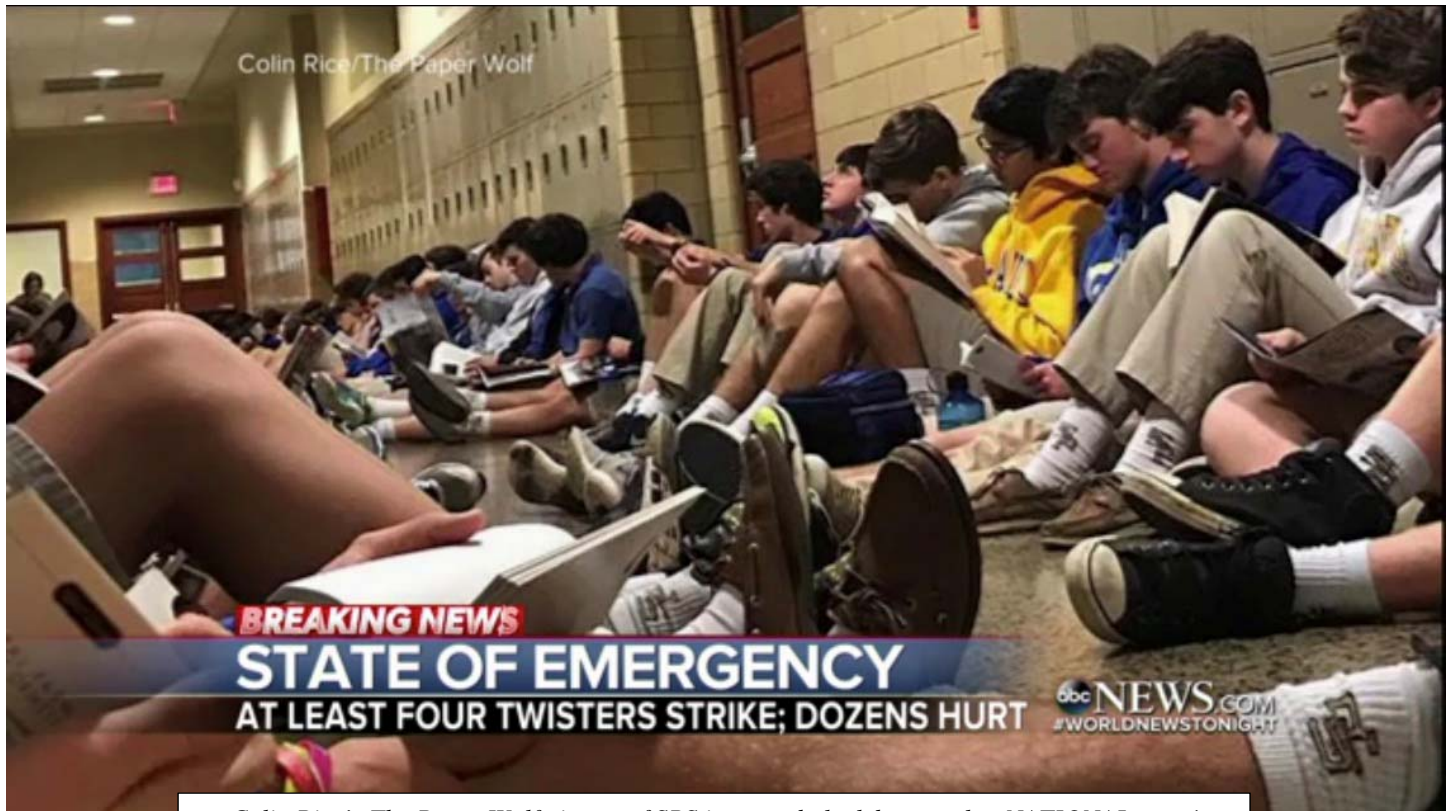
*Coach Dale instructs Wolves during timeout.*

- Recognized and congratulated the basketball wins for five wins since our last assembly.
- Recognized and congratulated **Parker Edwards** for joining the 1000 point club – a very exclusive group!
- Recognized and congratulated the Wrestling Team for winning **FIRST PLACE** in the Dale Ketelsen Memorial Tournament. Special recognition went to **3<sup>rd</sup> place winners Mason Impastato, Evan Ulfers, Cole Ulfers, Nathan Bagnell; 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Jake Arena, and 1<sup>st</sup>**

**place winners Brandon Stein, Connor Oviedo, Cole Houser, Jared Thieler, Shane Ulfers and Grant Hughes, with Shane Ulfers being named outstanding wrestler of the tournament.**

- Recognized and congratulated jr hi wrestlers who placed in the Holy Cross Tournament: **1st Place: Peyton Ward (also named outstanding wrestler) and Rhett Barker; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Sean Cripple and Carter Duet. Further recognition went to jr hi wrestlers who traveled to Dallas and won medals in the Lonestar Nationals: Sean Cripple, Nick Raspino, Peyton Ward and Rhett Barker**
- **Recognized Cole Houser as The New Orleans Advocate’s Wrestler of the Week**
- Recognized and congratulated the **Indoor Track Wolves** for their showing at two LSU meets: Eric Coston won the 3200 m run while breaking a meet record and the 4 x 800 m relay team of Evan Hendry, Frankie Durio, Colin Sullivan and Steven Schlottman finish second. In the LSU Last Chance Qualifier Meet /Feb 4, The 4 x 800 m relay team of **Collin Sullivan, Frankie Durio, Evan Hendry, and Steven Schlottman** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and Eric Coston **won** the 1600 m run as well as the 3200 m run. He broke the Carl Maddox Fieldhouse composite record for the 3200m run previously held by alumnus Zachary Albright 2014.
- Recognized and congratulated the Lacrosse Wolves for their showing in the **All State Sugar Bowl Lacrosse Tournament: Varsity – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; JVA – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; U 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and JVB – Semi finalist**
- Recognized and congratulated the six SPS seniors who signed athletic commitments on Signing Day:
  - **T.J. Bedford, Texas State, football**
  - **Christian Roberts, Millsaps, football**
  - **Dylan Futrell, Brimingham Southern, Lacrosse**
  - **Trey Icamina, Millsaps, Football**
  - **Hayden Ocman, Rhodes, Football**
  - **Bam Barriero, Rhodes, Football**
- Recognized and congratulated our Fighting Math Wolves for their showing at Ben Franklin Math Tournament:
  - **33 Fighting Math Wolves**
  - **230+ students from 14 schools (magnet, private, public),**
  - **no divisions (all competing at the same level)**
  - **NO calculators (unless you count brains).**
  - **Individual results:**

- Algebra 1 Scott Woodard 1<sup>st</sup> Trey Paine (HM)
- Team results:
- Algebra 1 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Woodard, Ben Broussard, Evan Greene, and Trey Paine
- Geometry 4<sup>th</sup> Adam Smith, Collin Murray, Brenden Dauterive, and Josh Bonnett
- INTERSCHOOL—3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Recognized and congratulated the newly inducted member of Mu Alpha Theta, the national math honor society: Matthew Algero, Ross Hightower, Jonathan Bertucci, Andrew Hodgman, Jack Bonaldi, Cullen Irwin, John Paul Bourgeois, Griffin Lowry, Nicholas Briggs, Beau Neelis, Brennen Calato, Michael Philippe, Lenny Carollo, Blake Ramsey, Cole Chitwood, Josh Rovira, Quinn Cooney, Noah Savoie, Tonner Dougherty, Kevin Schneider, William Duncan, Lukas Spady, Christopher Flood, Nicholas Stanton, Beau Franklin, Christopher Wilson, & Jackson Gold



*Colin Rice's The Paper Wolf picture of SPS in tornado lockdown makes NATIONAL news!*

- Recognized and congratulated junior **Colin Rice** for having his picture of SPS in Tornado Lockdown broadcast on ABC national news – complete with his byline!
- Recognized and congratulated The Paper Wolf for winning the GOLD MEDAL (the highest award) in the Columbia University School of Journalism high school media competition. Outstanding! Read The Paper Wolf!
- **Senior Yehia Elkersh** then addressed the student body encouraging them to develop strong bonds with the faculty. He was great!
- We then recited a prayer for the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking and sang Mercy.



- We ended with junior **Grant Robichaux** extinguishing the candle and my reminding the students what the candle represents – the presence of God among us. I exhorted them to leave the gym and spread God’s love to all whom they meet. The students then exited to SSA’s choice singing Amazing Grace to the tune of Pachelbel’s Canon in D.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so



*Michael enters the cafeteria for his first SPS lunch in three months!*

**H of the W:** In honor of World Whale Day on Tue:

- *What do whales eat? Fish and ships.*
- *What do whales like to chew? Blubber gum!*
- *Where do you weigh whales weighed? At a whale weigh station!*
- *Did you hear about the flying whale? Actually, it’s a whale of a story.*
- *What do you call a baby whale? A little squirt!*
- *What did the shark say to the whale? What are you blubbering about?*
- *What do you get when you cross a cow and a whale? Sha-Moo.*
- *How do you get banned from Sea World? Free Willy.*
- *How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.*
- *Why did the whale cross the road? To get to the other tide!*
- *OK, I’ll stop.*

**Cold Weather:** ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. If you cannot afford one, contact me.

**A SERVE TEN Reminder: Five service hours are due. Students must fill-out and turn in completed "Serve Ten" forms to the Counseling**

**Department in order to get credit for their service hours. We have been advertising MANY service opportunities. Remember that service hours are mandatory, not optional.**

**SPS Social Media:** Want up-to-date news on all of the good things happening at Saint Paul’s School? Get event and classroom pictures, latest scores, calendar reminders, and spiritual uplifting by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/> or following us on Twitter @SPSWolfpack. The strength of the Wolf is in the pack! Many thanks to Mimi Montiero for maintaining our social media information.

**New Year’s Resolutions:** Please make the following part of your New Year Resolutions!

- If your son is absent, phone Erin before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1280, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns.**
- Have your son check Lost & Found which contains: coats, sweaters, shirts, lunch boxes, belts, etc.

**Courteous Driving:** Last week we took disciplinary action against a student who was not a courteous driver. The irony is that this is a wonderful young man who lost his cool in the heavy traffic. **PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING – speak to your sons and set the example.**

**School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone. \_

**Lost and Found:** The accumulation continues. Sweatshirts, pants, belts, uniform shirts, many, many lunch boxes, books, art supplies, pencil cases, folders, flash drives, you name, it’s probably in our lost and found. Parents, please put your son’s name on things and stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.

**Cash Back Programs:** Keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Amazon Smile: This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul’s School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- Office Depot: We receive a store credit for each of your purchases. Give SPS name or number at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul’s will do. This will help a lot.
- Box Tops for Education: Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..

**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.*

**Tutoring:** The National Honor Society offers tutoring each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It’s easier to be tutored early in the than to wait until later in the quarter. Get a jump on exam study by visiting our NHS tutors! The tutors are friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial “put these men to work!”

### **Third Quarter Period Rotation**

#### **February**

- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFGA – Pre Freshmen in Explore Test
- 15 – BCDE – 9<sup>th</sup> in PLAN Test
- 16 – FGAB – 10<sup>th</sup> in Pre ACT Test
- 17 – CDEF
- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG – President’s Assembly
- 22 – ABCD
- 23 – EFGA
- 24 – Faculty Retreat Day – no classes

#### **March**

- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC – NAPE test for certain 8<sup>th</sup> graders during G
- 10 – DEFG – End of Third Quarter

#### **Fourth Quarter Period Rotation**

#### **March**

- 13 – ABCDEFG – St. Joseph Altar
- 14 – ABCD – President’s Assembly
- 15 – EFGA
- 16 – BCDE
- 17 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 21 – GABC
- 22 – DEFG
- 23 – ABCD – Juniors on Retreat/Angola
- 24 – EFGA – Juniors on Retreat/Angola
- 27 – BCDE
- 28 – FGAB – Pack Time

- 29 –CDEF- 8/9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in BAC
- 30 –GABC -10/11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in BAC
- 31 – DEFG – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in Cafeteria

### April

- 3 – ABCD – Leadership Week
- 4 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 5 – BCDE – Leadership Breakfast
- 6 – FGAB- Guest Speaker
- 7 – CDEF – Feast of St. La Salle
- 10 – GABC
- 11 – DEFG – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation
- 12 – ABCD – Passion Play in BAC
- 13 – EFGA – Mandatum Assembly in Gym
- 24 – BCDE
- 25 – FGAB – President’s Assembly
- 26 – CDEF
- 27 – GABC
- 28 – DEFG

### May

- 1 – ABCD
- 2 – EFGA – Pack Time (last)
- 3 – BCDE – Senior Exams
- 4 – FGAB – Senior Exams
- 5 – CDEF - Senior Exams
- 8 – GABC
- 9 – DEFG – President’s Assembly – Band Awards in PM
- 10 – ABCD
- 11 – EFGA – Athletic Awards in AM
- 12 – BCDE – Academic Awards in AM
- 13 – Senior Graduation in BAC 4:00 PM
- 15 – FGAB – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 16 – CDEF – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 17 – GABC – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 18 – 9-11<sup>th</sup> Final Exams begin
- 19 – 9-11<sup>th</sup> Final Exams – Pre Freshmen Promotion in BAC at 6:30PM (yes, this is the correct date)
- 22 – Final Exams
- 23 – Final Exams
- 24 – Records Day



*Cole Houser named The New Orleans Advocates Wrestler of the Week!*

And even though it’s 2017, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Thanks for being part of Saint Paul’s School! I wish you a blessed week!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Enjoying February as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

**Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for poor & social justice, faith in God’s presence – our mantras this week, throughout 2017, and always!**

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

