



Our thought, support, and prayer continue for junior Michael Doherty as he recovers from his recent football injury. At the present time, Michael remains at The Shepherd Center in Atlanta. We offer prayer and support. May all our holy Christian Brother saints, especially our newest saint, Brother Solomon, intercede with Almighty God on Michael's behalf!



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

February 06 – 12, 2017



This Thursday, February 9, Lasallians observe the feast of **Saint Brother Miguel Febres Cordero** (1854-1940.) Born into a prominent Ecuadorian family, and **crippled from birth**, Miguel became the **first native Ecuadorian Christian Brother**. He had such a reputation as scholar, teacher, & saint that **Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1984**.

Teaching remained Brother Miguel's priority, and his students admired his simplicity, concern for them, directness, and piety. Miguel excelled as a teacher and looked "for every possible way to make the lessons and work agreeable and pleasant for students." After Brother Miguel had taught the same material for twenty years, a confrere asked him why he **spent so much time with lesson plans**. Brother replied: *I can find a better way of presenting it every year. If I teach this material for another 20 years, I will find newer and better ways of explaining it.* His lessons were prepared, organized, clear and relevant -- even if he used student "lingo" to do it. **Miguel insisted on student mastery of material. How can we make this feast meaningful for us? I gave some reflection questions to the faculty about their teaching. With a little adaptation, I offer the following to you:**



- **Are my parenting** lessons clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- From year to year, **do I look for ways to parent in a better way?**
- How do I improve my parenting?
- Can I say along with Brother Miguel, *"I must engage in all the works that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls"?*

Brother Miguel is an Ecuadorian hero with stamps issued and public monuments in his honor. Even though our likeness may never be on a stamp or monument, **our dedication, preparation, patience, and masterful lessons will make us heroes in the lives of the children entrusted to our care.** Saint Brother Miguel! Pray for us!

Note: Saint Miguel is the Patron of San Miguel High School, the Lasallian School in Tucson. We wish our colleagues a most holy and happy feast day.

Mon, Feb 6 (Regular, B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** In 1952, after a long illness, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him, was in Kenya at the time of her father's death; she was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.
- **Business Speaker Series:** Mr. Chip Levigne, owner of Levigne Oil & father of SPS alum Leighton, will speak to the business classes this morning in the theater. I am grateful to Brian Logarbo for organizing these events.
- **Bowling:** SPS v. Hannan at Tangi Lanes in Hammond

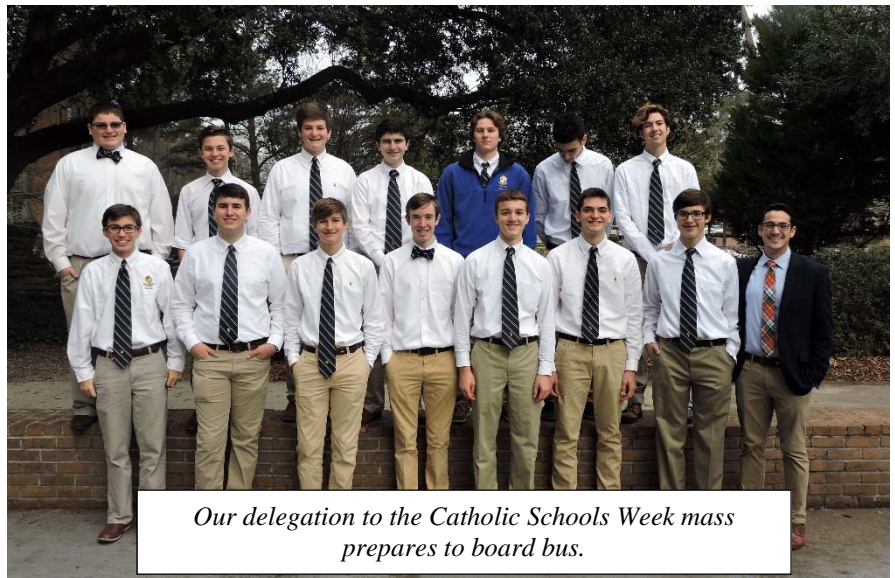
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (5-7 in the BAC).** This is an opportunity for you to briefly conference with your son's teachers.

Tue, Feb 7 (Assembly, F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 2009, the New Orleans Saints defy the odds and win the Super Bowl. Pigs reportedly fly as city celebrates with holidays and parades.
- **TDIH II:** On this day in 1812, Charles John Huffam Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. Celebrate the birth of this incredible writer! Read some Dickens today. Who can forget some of his immortal lines such as the opening of *A Tale of Two Cities*? *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way.*
- **Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day:** Greet your neighbors today with a big wave, but to show respect and appreciation, you must wave with all of your fingers
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Bowling:** SPS v. St. Thomas at Tangi Lanes

Wed, Feb 8 (Regular; C D E F)

- **Mass at 7 am in Chapel**
- **Boy Scout Day:** Today celebrates the birthday of Scouting in US. On Feb 8, 1910, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create BSA. SPS is proud to have so many students still actively involved in scouting and reaching Eagle
- **Basketball:** 9th/JV/V at Chalmette; 8th v. Jesuit at Rummel



Thu, Feb 9 (Regular, G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1825, the U.S. House of Representatives votes to elect John Quincy Adams, who won fewer votes than Andrew Jackson in the popular vote.
- **National Pizza Day**

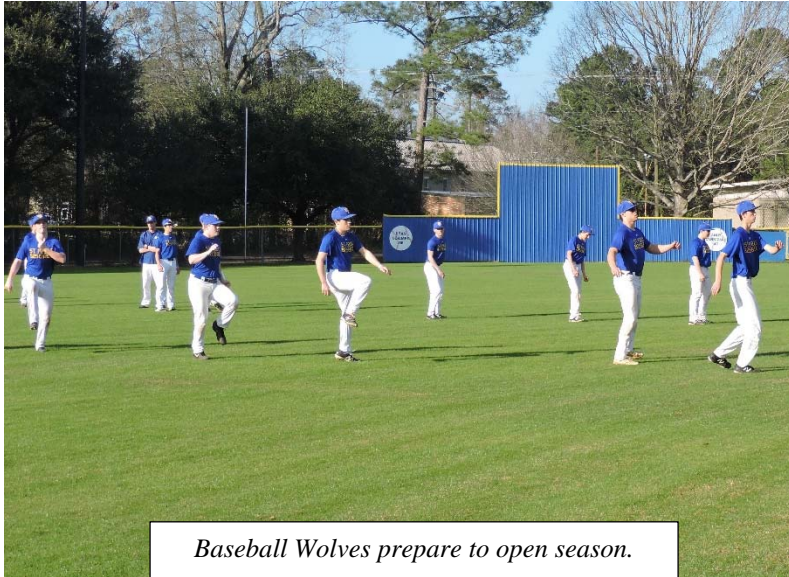
Fri, Feb 10 (Feast of Saint Scholastica; regular; D E F G)

- **St. Scholastica** (480-547) was the twin sister of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictines. We rejoice with SSA on this feast and offer them prayer. The Benedictine nuns no longer serve there, but we remember gratefully their work from St. Scholastica Priory (on Stafford Road) for north shore Catholic education at SSA, St. Peter, & OLL. In remembering the sisters, we recall St. La Salle's words "*Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving!*" Remember and celebrate these wonderful women and ask St. Scholastica to bless their legacy -- and our school and work as well.
- **Wrestling State Meet through Sat (Shreveport)**
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Slidell – Senior Night

Sat, Feb 11

- **Today** we commemorate Our Lady's appearance in 1858 to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old farmer's daughter. Today, 2-3 million pilgrims annually visit Lourdes. While this apparition occurred after the time of Saint La Salle, we know the Founder's great devotion to Mary: "*Beg the Most Blessed Virgin to obtain grace for you.*" I encourage you to do so this week – and always.

- **Be Electrific Day:** Today honors the birth of Thomas Alva Edison and recognizes his electrical inventions, including the light bulb. Where would we be today without TAE!
- **Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day:** Today recognizes that everyone spills a little milk now and then. It's a day to be optimistic, think positive, look on the bright side, and to find something good in everything that happens. As the song says: *Don't Worry, be Happy!* Try to smile all day today!



Baseball Wolves prepare to open season.

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- **Lacrosse:** JV A & B in Crawfish Shootout in Lafayette; Varsity at Millsaps in Jackson
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Jesuit
- **Basketball:** 8th at St. Augustine
- **Robotics:** Robo Wolves Tournament in BAC
- **ACT on campus today**

Sun, Feb 12

- **Lincoln's Birthday:** In 1809, the 16th President of the United States was born in wilderness Kentucky.
- **Oglethorpe Day:** General James Edward

Oglethorpe, along with some 100 other Englishmen, landed at what is now Savannah, GA, on this day in 1733 and named the new colony Georgia for England's King George II

- **National Stop Bullying Day** – Let's all work to eradicate this scourge from our schools, workplaces and lives.

Congratulations, Yehia! Last week, senior Yehia Elkersh was named the Non-Public Student of the Year for the civil parishes encompassed in the Archdiocese of New Orleans! This is an enormous honor. What makes it even more special is that Yehia is the third consecutive SPS senior to win this honor! Max Gold won in 2015, John Cresson won in 2016 and now Yehia wins in 2017. I can't remember when the Archdiocese awarded this prestigious honor to students from the same school in three consecutive years. We are beyond proud of all that Yehia accomplished since he first arrived here from Egypt, barely speaking English (and now scoring a perfect 36 on the ACT!) Yehia now moves into the next round of judging on Feb 15.

Good News Dept: Last week, I received \$15,000 from two donors who wish to remain anonymous. The stipulation was that the money be used for financial assistance. I am happy to grant their request. I remain more than grateful and hope that many others come forward to help make SPS accessible to all.

More Good News Dept: Last week, the Christian Brothers Retirement Community presented the school with quite a gift: they offered to sponsor a financially needy student. The money will come from the personal allowance that each Brother receives. As the retired Brothers lead very simple lives, they wanted their allowances to help support the Mission to which they have devoted their lives. Thank you, Brothers! *Ad multos annos!*

2017 - 18 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8th graders:** The deadline for registering was last Friday. While we will grant a few "grace days", we will soon start offering places of unregistered students to new applicants for next year. If you did not register your pre-freshman son, I would appreciate knowing your intentions. Thanks!
- **Current 9th – 11th grades:** We will email registration materials this week. Feb 22nd will be deadline in order to receive priority in scheduling.
- **Current 12th grade:** You do not need to register for SPS for 2017 - 18! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involve the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**



Senior Soccer Wolves with their parents celebrate on Senior Nigh – and win big. On to the playoffs, where SPS is seeded #1!

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 do not 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!

Musings on Last Week:

- **Pack Time:** We had an interesting activity last Tuesday. I hope your son told you about it. I was shocked, however, to learn that half of my Wolf Pack had never heard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier!
- **Bowling:** Wolves fell to a strong Albany and Holy Cross teams but bounced back and beat Ponchy.
- **Basketball:** Varsity had big wins over Hammond (Wolves scored 101 points!) and Covington, extending their district winning streak to 26 games!
- **Soccer:** A final regular season win against Bob Hope High School in Texas sets the stage for the start of the playoffs this week as the Wolves defend their state title. The Wolves are the #1 seed and have a bye the first round.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats to Danielle Lavie for another great issue
- **Catholic Schools Week Mass:** Our delegation joined those of the other 84 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to share and celebrate our common Catholic School heritage.
- **OLL Pep Rally:** Marching Wolves celebrated with OLL in style – always a hit!
- **National Signing Day:** Six Wolves signed last Wed: T.J. Bedford, Texas State, football; Christian Roberts, Millsaps, football; Dylan Futrell, Birmingham Southern, Lacrosse; Trey Icamina, Millsaps, Football; Hayden Ocman, Rhodes, Football; and Bam Barriero, Rhodes, Football. Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing the signings.
- **Young Lawyers:** “Now into court” went three teams of Wolves on Sat in the annual Mock Trials in New Orleans. I am grateful to Brian Logardo and lawyers Greg Pellegrini and Chuck Hughes for their work with our budding barristers.
- **Baseball:** The new season got underway on Fri (JV) and Sat (Var). **Geaux Woves!**
- **SPS Habitat Club:** Thank you for your work on Sat!

- **Rugby:** Wolves were in action on Sat but I did not get any results.
- **Indoor Track:** In the LSU Last Chance Qualifying Meet on Sat, the 4 x 800 m relay team of Collin Sullivan, Frankie Durio, Evan Hendry, and Steven Schlottman finished in third place. 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 2014 alumnus Zachary Albright! Congrats Indoor Track Wolves!

Power of the Positive Educator – and Parent: Here's the third of seven points that motivational expert Jon Gordon says all teachers should adopt in order to be effective. I again respectfully submit that these principles apply to parenting as well. So far, we have had "Be Positively Contagious" and "Take a Daily Thank You Walk.": This week, it's Celebrate Success:

One of the simplest, most powerful things you can do for yourself and your students is to celebrate your daily successes. Instead of thinking of all things that went wrong at school each day, focus on the one thing that went right. Try this: Each night before you go to bed think about the one great thing about your day. If you do this, you'll look forward to creating more success tomorrow. Also, have your students do this as well. Each night they will go to bed feeling like a success and they will wake up with more confidence to take on the day.

Greater Educational World Dept: The latest results from the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), published every four years, were released recently. The results are based on tests taken by more than 600,000 students in 57 countries. Based on this study, **Singapore has the highest-achieving primary and secondary pupils in international education tests in math and science. The United States placed 10th in secondary math and did not even place in the top ten in primary math – not a good sign for the future. In science, the US did not place in the top ten in secondary science and placed 10th in elementary science.** The top places in these rankings are dominated by East Asian countries, such as South Korea and Japan, which are pulling away from their competitors. The reason, according to the study? These countries have a culture that values education. I will avoid adding my commentary about how the US values education. To read more, here is a link to the BBC's story on this study:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-38131731>

Greater Lasallian World Dept: A sign in front of the Lasallian School in Myanmar announces availability of the Rev. Brother Director – only on Wednesdays! I'm thinking of having a sign like this made! Thanks to General Councilor and former SPS teacher Brother Tim Coldwell who sent me this during his travel to that part of the world!



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.

PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING: Parents –let’s start the second month of 2017 with a resolution for safe driving! Set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

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._



Six Wolves signed college athletic scholarships last week (Photo courtesy of NOLA.com)

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!"

Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate's FATHER-SON HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM

Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate presents a FATHER-SON HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM for fathers and their 12-14-year-old sons on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 5-8 PM in St. Mary's Hall at St. Peter Catholic Church, Covington. Fathers and sons are invited to grow together in God's gift of human fertility and the wonder of growing up and becoming a man. The program is based on the teachings of Pope Saint John Paul II's "Theology of the Body". Presenters include peers, health care professionals and fathers. Cost is \$25. For more information, please contact St. Peter Office of Religious Education, 985.893.2446 or email ore@stpeterparish.com.

A Statement from the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Catholic Schools Regarding the LHSAA: *After much thought and discussion among many Catholic school leaders in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, it has been decided that New Orleans Catholic high schools will continue to work within the structure of the LHSAA at this time. We feel that this decision is in the best interest of our student-athletes, and as with all decisions we make in our Catholic schools, we put our students first.*

H of the W: In honor of National Pizza Day:

- *Why was the pizza shop not doing well? It wasn't rolling in dough.*
- *How do you know if you're in love? If she steals a pizza your heart!*
- *I used to run a pizza restaurant called 'Calzone'... but it folded.*
- *How did the hipster burn his mouth? He took a bite of his pizza before it was cool!*
- *"Waiter, will my pizza be long?" "No sir, it'll be round."*
- *Want to hear a joke about pizza? Never mind... it's too cheesy!*
- *What type of person doesn't love pizza? A weirDOUGH.*
- *What did the parmesan say when it broke up with mozzarella? Sorry but, I'm just too mature for you!*
- *What does a pizza say when it introduces itself to you? It's slice to meet you!*
- *What did the angry customer give the pizzeria owner? A pizza his mind.*
- *Where do pepperonis go on holiday? The leaning tower of 'pizza of course.*
- *What's the difference between a pizza and my pizza jokes? My pizza jokes can't be topped!*
- *What do you call a sleeping pizza? A piZZZZZZZZZZZZa*
- *A man takes a **pizza**, and starts sneezing uncontrollably. He asks the deliveryman, "What the heck did you put on this **pizza**?" The delivery man says, "We put on the **pizza** what you ordered, pepper only."*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A Look Ahead

February

6 – BCDE- Parent -Teacher Conferences -- 5-7 – in the BAC (this is an opportunity for you to speak with your son's teachers

7 – FGAB – President's Assembly

8 – CDEF

9 – GABC

10 – DEFG

13 – ABCD

14 – EFGA – Pre Freshmen in Explore Test

15 – BCDE – 9th in PLAN Test

- 16 – FGAB – 10th in Pre ACT Test
- 17 – CDEF
- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG – President's Assembly
- 22 – ABCD
- 23 – EFGA
- 24 – Faculty Retreat Day – no classes



Wolves socialize while waiting for the school day to begin.

March

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

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- 8/9th HR Breakfast in BAC

- 30 – GABC -10/11th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 31 – DEFG – 12th 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 – 9-11th Final Exams begin
19 – 9-11th 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

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

Thanking God for Making It to February as the 17th 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!**

