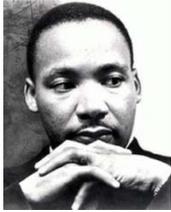




The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter January 18 – 24, 2016 in the Year of Mercy



I hope your three day weekend is a pleasant one. Here's my annual Martin Luther King message:



In thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King, I annually remember one of his statements that has become a favorite of mine: *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed or Shakespeare wrote. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle wrote a similar thought to the first Brothers -- and thus to us today. In his last *Meditation for the Time of Retreat*, Saint La Salle tells the brothers: *Oh! What glory there will be for those persons 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! Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself!*



Just think if each of us did our job so well that *all the hosts of heaven and earth* paused to recognize our efforts! This must be our daily goal! I wish you a great week!

Mon, Jan 18 -- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no classes

Tue, Jan 19 (President's Assembly; F G A B)

- **National Popcorn Day:** Enjoy this favorite snack today!
- **This Day in History:** In 1809, Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. Read a Poe story or poem today in his honor! And eat some popcorn while reading in honor of National Popcorn Day!
- **Poetry Out Loud:** Garrett Boyce will represent us at St. Tammany competition today at Covington High. We wish him the best and thank him for undertaking this challenge.
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Slidell (6 & 7)



Seniors smile after receiving retreat crosses.

Wed, Jan 20 (Regular; C D E F)

- **Mass at 7 am; come join us! It's over by 7:30 at the latest.**
- **This Day in History:** In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated for his second term. It was the first time presidents were inaugurated on Jan 20. Previously, Inauguration Day was on March 4. This amount of time was needed in the past for the winner to travel to Washington since modern communication and travel were not invented.

- **TDIH II:** In 1961, John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President and utters famous “Ask not...” Poet Robert Frost read.
- **Penguin Awareness Day:** Today we give serious consideration to our tuxedo-wearing waddling friends. Did you know penguins mate for life? Or that the word penguin means 'fat winged' one in Portuguese?
- **National Cheese Lovers Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **PLAN Test for all Freshmen (8 – noon)** See below for more info.
- **Basketball:** 8th v. somebody (not listed on calendar!)
- **Soccer:** 9th at Newman (6:30); JV v. Brother Martin (6)
- **Wrestling Dual Meet**
- **Bowling:** Varsity vs. Dutchtown at Tangi Lanes

Thu, Jan 21 (Regular; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** 1793, King Louis XVI is executed. The people eat cake.



Soccer Wolves at Armstrong Airport, headed for Orlando where they acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner!

- **National Hugging Day:** No whining today! Hug someone you love!
- **Squirrel Appreciation Day:** We have enough squirrels on our campus, so enjoy them today. Of course, the day could also apply to the human variety of squirrel!

Fri, Jan 22 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** in 1973, the Supreme Court of the US legalizes abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision.
- **TDIH II: On this day in 2013,** Justin Dakota Addison, a wonderful Saint Paul’s Junior, died from injuries sustained in a biking accident on Tammany Trace. Today we remember Justin and all the good he represented. We continue to miss him. We pray for his still grieving family and friends.
- **Day of Penance & Prayer:** The Bishops of the US have declared today, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a Day of Penance and Prayer: penance for the

violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life. We join our penance and prayer today to those of all who are concerned with the dignity of life.

- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Slidell (Senior Night; 7)
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Mandeville

Sat, Jan 23

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Wham-O Toy Company rolls out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--known as the Frisbee. Toss a Frisbee today in honor of its birth!
- **National Pie Day:** Indulge!
- **Wrestling:** Varsity hosts the Dale Ketelsen Memorial Tournament at SPS. For those who didn’t know, Dale, who was briefly on our staff, is the father of AD and Head Wrestling Coach Craig. Dale was an all-American

wrestler in college and was head wrestling coach at LSU when it had a program. He is one of the most respected wrestling coaches around, and his legacy is now carried on by his son. We are honored to name our tournament after him.

- **Soccer:** 9th in SPS 9th Grade Tourney
- **Rugby at West Jefferson**
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity v. Spain Cross Jaguars
- **Basketball:** 8th in Catholic League play in NO (St. Aug); 9th in Independence Tourney

Sun, Jan 24

- **TDIH:** In 1965, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, dies in London at the age of 90. Churchill was a brilliant orator and writer and the source of some wonderful Churchillian quotations such as: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Google Winston Churchill quotations for a real treat today!
- **National Belly Laugh Day:** Celebrate the gift of laughter today!
- **National Compliment Day:** Let's all give each other compliments today – deserved or not!
- **National Peanut Butter Day:** Indulge!

Errata: In last week's newsletter, an omission and an error occurred – which the newsletter regrets:

- Senior Parker Layman was omitted from the review of the Jan 5 assembly. Parker gave a stirring oration to the student body as a senior entering his final semester. He exhorted all of the students, level by level, to make the most of their time here. He was inspiring.
- And the newsletter misspelled the name of sophomore Hanzala Hussain, who helped with the placement testing for next year's applicants. Sorry, Hanzala!

Life and Dignity of the Human Person: As we approach anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, it's most appropriate to remember the Church social teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. From the US Catholic Bishops Web Site: *In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.*

Right to Life March: A number of Wolves will travel to Washington, DC this week with other students from the Archdiocese of NO to participate in this annual event. Their absences



Juniors prepare to leave for WW II Museum field trip, where they represented SPS exemplarily – and learned some history, too!

are excused. Encourage them in their “right to life” stance and assist them in making up any missed work. I thank the following for their willingness to participate: Quinn Arnold, Gavin Sabathier, Patrick Stewart, Addison Nick, Kyle Shiell, Christian Flick, Colin Hoy, Nicholas Oubre, Andrew Aceves and Mr. Tommy Lahey (chaperone). I apologize if I omitted someone!

PLAN Test: On Wednesday, all freshmen will take the PLAN test – which is a pre-cursor to the ACT and gives students (and us, too) an idea of how they will do on the ACT college admission test. Parents – please encourage your sons to take this test seriously; it will pay dividends in the future by identifying any weaknesses now, while there is still time to remediate.

Carline Patience: Please be patient in morning carline. I know everyone’s in a hurry, but a few cars have come too close for my comfort to students who are getting out of their vehicles. Thank you! Let’s pray for patience!

Report Cards & Honor Roll Breakfasts:

- **Report Cards** were emailed. Let me know if you did not receive a report card. Parent-teacher conferences are Feb 1, so email any concerns to teachers.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Here’s the schedule for the second quarter HR breakfast schedule:
 - **Tue, Jan 26** – Grade 12
 - **Wed, Jan 27** – Grade 11
 - **Thu, Jan 28** – Grade 10
 - **Fri, Jan 29** – Grade 09
 - **Wed, Feb 03** – Grade 08

Mass with Archbishop Aymond: The Archbishop has graciously accepted our invitation to celebrate an all-school mass **at 9:15 on Mon, Jan 25** – Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. **This will be a DRESS UNIFORM day. We have room for parents, so feel free to come if you wish.** We intend to make this very special and memorable!

Letters of Application: More unedited excerpts:

- *Whenever I walk around the campus or go to a football game at the school, I feel at home. It seems stress free.*
- From a parent letter:
Everyone we know has said that it’s the best decision they ever made.
- *The campus is so beautiful that I would love to be walking to each class admiring the beauty of the school.*
- *I am ready to see why everyone says St. Paul’s is a good place to grow up.*
- *I really hope St. Paul’s excepts me. [Well, we will have to work on his spelling!]*
- *I want to get away from girls, too. They get annoying and can be a distraction. They cause a lot of drama and trouble at my school. They always say that you like someone even though you don’t.*



Team Schech! Parish & District Champion Wrestler Team dedicated their wins to injured teammate Kyle Schech.

- *Although the sports programs at St. Paul's are wonderful, I am more interested in engineering and robotics.*
[This guy's in!]

Musings on Last Week:

- **Wolf Packs:** The students watched video clips of Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech – powerful rhetoric proclaiming powerful ideas. Discussion followed. This speech is always worth viewing and remembering!
- **Sudden Impact:** More sophomores experienced this powerful program.
- **WW II Museum Field Trip:** Another meaningful trip as our juniors study WW II.
- **Bowling:** In case you weren't aware, SPS joined the LHSAA Bowling competition this year. In prior years, we were just a north shore league bowling group. Now we are in full competition. Our keglers participated in a jamboree last week and are off to a good start. While they lost to Chalmette, they beat Holy Rosary. Our Coach is Peter Bertucci, father of freshman Peter and teacher/coach at SSA. Team members are Garrett Grass, Peter Bertucci, Jonathan Wellmeyer, Joseph Brown, Jared Kreeger, Jackson Cretin, Beren Perry & Matthew Aupied.
- **Soccer:** District win over Hammond, 8-0 (mercy rule invoked!) and trip to Orlando was great! SPS finished in second place in one of the top tournaments in the country. We are proud! Cathedral High of Los Angeles, another Lasallian school, was also in the tournament!
- **Wrestling:** Wolves acquitted themselves exemplarily, finishing in 2nd place at the prestigious LA Classic! Cole Houser was an individual champion. Geaux Wrestling Wolves!
- **Basketball:** Big district win over Covington with Harrison hitting the 1000 point milestone! Wanna see the 1000 point shot? Here's the link: <http://www.theneworleansadvocate.com/sports/p/14547341-123/st-pauls-wins-19th-straight-game-as-harrison-prieto-reaches-1000-point-mark>



Pre-freshman Fighting Math Wolves return from competition laden with ribbons and trophies! Geaux FMWs!

And the team also beat Ponchatoula on Friday and acquitted itself in an exemplary manner on 94.7 radio last Thu night!

- **Student Council:** Thanks to Joanna Case, Audrey Pool and SC Wolves for representing us well at the LASC convention this weekend. The group traveled to Pineville.
- **Lacrosse:** Proud of the lacrosse wolves for starting their season with a retreat over the weekend! Wonderful!
- **Fighting Math Wolves** were up and at 'em early Sat morn, heading to Bro Martin & returning with trophies and ribbons. Geaux Fighting Math Wolves!
- **Blood Drive:** Once again, wolves gave the gift of life; 29 pints were donated.
- **Homerun Club:** Lots of dads, coaches and baseball players worked on Heap Field, getting ready for the season.
- **Robotics:** Robo Wolves headed to Holy Cross on Sat for competition and returned with FIRST PLACE! Geaux Robo Wolves!
- **Rugby:** SPS 41; Mississippi 14. Wow. Geaux Rugby Wolves!

The Ugly Dept: Last Friday, a third Destrehan High School teacher was arrested on charges of having sex with a student. And also last week, two families sued Jefferson Parish Public School administrators saying they ignored bullying so extreme that it led to injuries for one student and a suicide attempt by the other. I'm astounded. Please know that we regularly review our safe environment policies (both legal and moral) with our faculty and staff. And we take bullying very seriously. Report any incidents immediately. We will act.

Humor of the Week: *Sniglets* this week – words that aren't in the dictionary but ought to be:

- **Toastaphobia:** *The fear of sticking a fork in a toaster even when it's unplugged*
- **Anniversorry:** *The act of buying presents make up for a forgotten anniversary.*
- **Pre-autoistic McConsumption:** *The tendency to start eating your French fries in the car on your way home.*
- **Idiot Box:** *The part of an envelope that tells where to place the stamp when you can't figure it out for yourself*
- **Ancinematation:** *The curious act of waiting in line to see a movie and watching exiting movie goers' reactions to see if they liked the movie or not*
- **Downpause:** *The split second interruption of rain as you drive your car under a bridge*
- **Lactomangulation:** *Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk carton so badly that one has to resort to using the "illegal" side*
- **Cinemuck:** *The sticky substance on the floor of a movie theater.*
- **Doork:** *A person who tries to enter through a door clearly marked 'Exit'*
- **Magnacarta:** *The lonely car in lot that always attracts shopping carts*
- **Idiolocation:** *The spot on the map marked "You are here."*
- **Icealanche:** *The avalanche of ice that occurs when a glass or cup is tipped up to drink the last of the liquid*
- **Cheedle:** *The stuff left on one's fingertips after consuming a bag of Cheetos*
- **Parkrastinate** --*The inability to decide which parking space to choose in a near empty parking lot.*
- **Foodwinking:** *The practice of giving exotic names to otherwise mundane products, e.g. "Salsa Rio flavored Doritos"*
- **Milkdudes:** *Any two milk duds fused together by accident.*
- **Newtrons:** *The magnetized particles that amazingly hold some fig newtons together.*
- **Oatamatopoeia:** *The sound that the cereal "Captain Crunch" makes when you pour milk over it.[my fav!]*
- **OK, I'll stop!**

Paper Wolf Update: Please encourage read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com) and compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future. Two great articles last week were on Brother Alfred and 2015 TPW in review. Here are the links if you want to read:

- <http://thepaperwolf.com/2016/01/11/2015-in-review/>
- <http://thepaperwolf.com/2016/01/07/after-93-years-bro-alfred-still-lives-lasallian-mission/>



Harrison smiles as Parker congratulates him for making his 1000th point, the first Wolf to do so in our new gym!

Guerilla Wolves: And the GWs produced an excellent show this week. Here's the link if you wish to view it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXo2rDbiUyQ>

Alum News:

- **SPS alum and** LSU junior All-American **Brandon Pierce** cracked the Top 10 of the final leaderboard at the prestigious New Year's Invitational as he tied for eighth at 4-under par 284 in 72 holes played at St. Petersburg Country Club.
- And LSU announced its President's List (4.0 GPA taking at least 15 hours):
 - College of Science: **Zach Richard, David Thompson & Peter Yager**
 - College of Business: **Josh Farr, Nicholas Lacoste, Bryan Livaudais, Chris Meraux**
 - College of Communication: **Justin DiCharia**
 - University College Center: **Christian Caragliano,**
 - University College Center for Freshman Year: **Alex Harp, Jeffrey Lemoine & Cameron Warner**

Humbling Donation: Last week, we received a \$1000 donation from the estate of Mr. Alfred Eugene Spori, who was a student here in the 1940s and who died recently. Mr. Spori never graduated from Saint Paul's College, as it was known then, but apparently had fond memories of the three years he spent here. Thank you, Mr. Spori! Rest in peace! We are grateful and pray that more grateful alums (and others, too!) remember us in their estate planning.

LHSAA: The drama continues! Friday's surprise announcement concerning the select-non-select football playoff system caught everyone by surprise. The drama will continue as the annual convention draws close. Stay tuned! I must admit, I don't miss dealing with the LHSAA one bit. It's Trevor's problem, now!

Student Writing: Senior Landon Waite paid our English department a compliment recently by telling me how easy it was for him to write his college essays. I thanked him and asked to read them. Here is his response to the following college application question: **Write on why you want to be a physician in 200 words or less.** 200 words are not a lot, but here's what Landon wrote in 189 words: *Galatians 5:13 says, "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another." As people*

of God, we all are called to service. Each and every one of us has our own vocation; and through our vocation, we find our means of grasping the joy of living. My vocation, in this life, happens to be medicine. From my first Biomedical Science class freshman year, to my latest doctor's appointment, I have remained certain that the only way for me to discover fulfillment in this world is through spending my life helping to save theirs. The thought of any other profession poisons my happiness. I want to love the life I live; and medicine saves me from the plague of mere existence. I want to be a physician because I want to spend my life serving others and medicine is the only opportunity I see logical and instinctive. I know with every



8th Grade Soccer Wolves pose with 1st place trophy (and yours truly) after winning SPS Tournament. Geaux, 8th Grade Soccer Wolves!

fiber of my being this is my calling, God's will for me; and it is my duty to answer the call. Powerful, Landon!
Thank you!

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.

Important Driver's License Requirement: A new requirement was added to the driver's license issuance process for all minor applicants. All minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license. These forms can be obtained in the administration building or the counseling center.

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: **If your son needs one and you can't afford it right now, just have him come see me. This will be done confidentially.** ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted.

2016 - 17 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8th graders:** registration information will be emailed during the week of January 25. **Current 8th graders planning to return for 2016 - 17 will have until Feb 05 (two weeks) to re-register.** Unregistered spots will be offered to new 9th grade applicants during February. I need to know your intentions about next year so I know how many new 9th graders we can accept.
- **Current 9th – 11th grades:** registration will take place in February, as soon as we return from Mardi Gras/Lenten Holidays. You don't need to do anything now
- **Current 12th grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2016 - 17! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involve the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**

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.
- 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!

2016 -17 (NEXT YEAR) CALENDAR: St. Tammany Parish Public School System has set its calendar for next year; we have modeled ours closely on theirs. Here are some important dates:

- Wed, Aug 03: Faculty meetings begin for both public schools and SPS
- **Mon, Aug 08: Full day of class instruction for both public schools and SPS**
- Sat, Oct 8: Jazz n Roll
- Fri, Oct 14: 1st Quarter ends for both public schools and SPS
- Mon, Oct 17: By request of the Faculty Advisory Board, a fall break day has been added. No classes.
- **Fri, Dec 16: Christmas holidays begin for SPS at 11:45; St. Tammany continues until Tue, Dec 20.**
- **Tue, Jan 03: SPS begins second semester; St. Tammany begins on Wed, Jan 4**
- Fri, Feb 24: Faculty Retreat (no classes) followed by week off for Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent Holidays
- Fri, Apr 14: Good Friday holiday followed by week off for Easter Holidays
- Sat, May 13: Graduation for the Class of 2017
- Mon, May 15: Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2021
- Thu, May 18 – Wed, May 24: Final exams for grades 9 - 11
- **Wed, May 24: SPS ends; St. Tammany ends on Tue, May 23**
- **Why the slight discrepancy in dates? St. Tammany only has to schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools must schedule 177. So in the second semester, we will have two extra days.**



Slytherin dunks in Quiddich game (no, that's not the name of the student! Ask your son if you need an explanation!)

PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING: Parents –let's start 2016 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.

Cash Back Programs: Please 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: Last week we received a \$500 store credit from customers who gave SPS ID 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!”

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. Please put your son’s name on things and stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.

Kehoe-France Northshore Tennis Tournament: Registration is underway for this annual event, which benefits the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America as well as KFN school. The tournament is Feb 19 - 21. Deadline to register is Feb 13; sign up by Jan 22 for chance for your team to win two pair of tennis shoes, compliments of The Tennis Shop in Mandeville. Entry Fee of \$80 per player/ \$160 per team includes T-shirt, food, drinks and great tennis. For more info, contact Mr. Brad Humphreys at KFN at bhumphreys@kehoe-francens.com. Registration forms are available at KFN, The Tennis Shop (4626 Hwy 22), or at SPS administration building.



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

This program is Sun, Feb 28, from 5-8 pm at St. Peter Church in Covington. Fathers and their 12 – 14 year old sons are invited to grow together in God's special gift of human fertility and the wonder of growing up and becoming a man. Topics include: the changes in a young man's body as it prepares for fatherhood; the functions of the male and female reproductive systems; the sacredness of human life; appreciation and reverence for our sexuality and the virtue of chastity; and a confidential question and answer segment. The program is based on the teachings of Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body". The program, presented in an atmosphere of love and learning, explores the important topic of growing into manhood and establishes a foundation for continued communication between parent and child. Presenters include peers, health care professionals and fathers. For more information, please contact St. Peter Office of Religious Education, 985.893.2446 or email ore@stpeterparish.com. To register, complete a registration form found in the back of Church. The cost of the program is \$25. Create a memory with your son...a memory that will last a lifetime!

A Look Ahead:

January 19 – President's Assembly
January 20 – 9th Grade PLAN Test
January 22 – President's Assembly (music practice)
January 25 – 9:15 Mass (Conversion of St. Paul)
January 26 – 12th Grade HR Breakfast
January 27 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast
January 28 – Career Day – Juniors / 10th Grade HR Breakfast
January 29 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
February 1 – Late Start- Parent Teacher meetings 5:00-7:00
February 2 – President's Assembly
February 3 – Pre Freshmen HR Breakfast
February 5 – Faculty Retreat
February 6 – ACT on Campus
February 16 – Pack Time
February 23 – President's Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Lunch
February 25-26- Juniors on Retreat/Angola Field Trip
March 1 – Pack Time – Snack Day- Freshmen Service/Retreat
March 2 – Freshmen Service/Retreat
March 5 – SAT on Campus
March 7 – St. Joseph Altar (All periods meet)
March 8 – President's Assembly
March 11 – End of Third Quarter
March 15 – ACT for juniors
March 21 – Late start for faculty meeting
March 22 – President's Assembly
March 23 – Passion Play (two lunch schedule)



At the MAST tourney in Orlando, SPS poses with soccer team from Cathedral of Los Angeles, a Lasallian school in the San Francisco New Orleans District

March 24 – Mandatum
 March 25 – Good Friday holiday
 April 5 – Pack Time
 April 7 – Mass (SJBDSL)
 April 9 – ACT on campus
 April 11-15–Leadership WK
 April 12 – President’s Assembly –Teacher Appreciation Lunch
 April 18 – Late start
 April 19 – Pack Time – Snack Day
 April 20 – Life Skills day for seniors –Pre Freshmen HR Breakfast
 April 21 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
 April 22 – Blue Ribbon Holiday
 April 25 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast
 April 26 – President’s Assembly
 April 27 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast
 April 28 – 12th Grade HR Breakfast
 April 28-29 – Sophomore Service Days/Retreat
 May 3 – Pack Time
 May 4-6 – Senior Exams in BAC
 May 10 – President’s Assembly – Band Awards in Evening
 May 11 – 13 – Pre Freshmen Exams
 May 11 – Grad Night
 May 12 – Athletic Awards in am
 May 13 – Academic Awards in am
 May 14 – Senior Graduation 4:00 pm in BAC
 May 16 – Pre Freshmen Promotion
 May 17-19- Exam Schedule
 May 20 – Teacher records day

Closing Quotations: It’s appropriate to close with a few additional MLK quotes:

- *A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.*
- *Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*
- *In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*
- *He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.*
- *We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*
- *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*
- *The time is always right to do what is right.*
- *Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

Now let’s go out there this week to be light and love to the children entrusted to our care, either as parents or teachers.

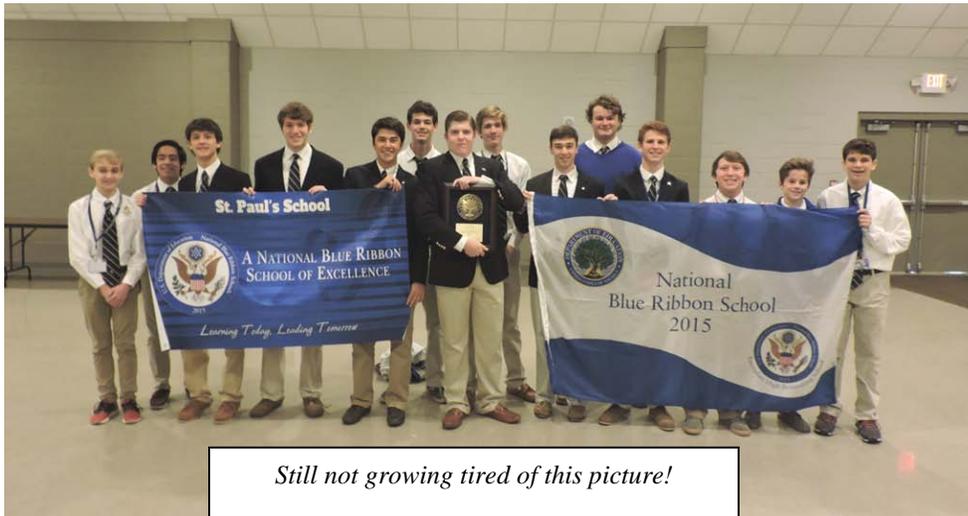
And even though it’s 2016, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Thanking God Daily for the Privilege of Being 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 2016, and always!

As Christmas 2015 fades into history, let us not forget the inspiration provided by the Student Council on luminaria night: *Ad Sum – God is here!*



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