



## *The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter* *January 25 - 31, 2016 in the Year of Mercy*



Welcome to the last week of January! 1/12<sup>th</sup> (or 0.08333...% if you prefer) of 2016 is almost history! Hard to believe!

My Christmas holiday cleaning unearthed material about St. Joseph's Institution International -- the Lasallian school in Singapore. I was given some of their PR material recently (OK, a couple of years ago!) by their former president (Brother George van Grieken) and put on a shelf to review "in the future." I finally got around to doing so over the holidays! The school uses the IB (International Baccalaureate) program. In one of their promotional brochures, they described themselves this way:

### *Our teachers:*

- *Understand that students like to be intellectually active and creative in classes.*
- *Skillfully create engaging learning activities so that students can discover new ideas for themselves.*
- *Use a stimulating diversity of teaching pedagogies.*
- *Communicate at an individual level with students and understand their learning styles.*
- *Are sympathetic, understanding, encouraging and inspiring people.*

### *Our Teachers Avoid*

- *Focusing upon content rather than skills.*
- *Asking students to listen and absorb ideas and information for long periods in class.*
- *Setting unimaginative assignments.*
- *Relying upon major exams to encourage students to process and consolidate their learning.*
- *Creating a fear of failure in their classes.*
- *Becoming stale and uncreative as teachers.*

These statements of teacher behavior should speak to us, too. How would we describe ourselves? Are we doing things that this prestigious school's teachers avoid? I invited the faculty to reflect on these teacher practices. Actually, many of these descriptions apply to parents, too! For example, becoming stale and uncreative in your parenting skills and communicating on a level that your son can understand! So let's all do some self-examination as we begin 2016 about our teaching -- and parenting -- philosophy and methodology. Check out this wonderful international Lasallian school at <http://www.sji-international.com.sg/>

## *Dress Uniform Day on Monday, Jan 25!*

### **Mon, Jan 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; Mass; Dress Uniform Day; A B C D)**

- **Mass with Archbishop Aymond (9:15).** Thanks to Guerilla Wolves, we will live stream the mass. Here's the link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uHAubcl3Fk>
- **Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day (always last Monday of January):** Feeling a little stressful lately? Grab some bubble wrap today, squeeze, and feel the stress disappear with each pop, pop, pop.
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Brother Martin



*Art Wolves at work on a foggy January morning*

## Tue, Jan 26 (Senior HR Breakfast; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1725, Pope Benedict XIII recognized the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools as an official Religious Congregation of the Church. De La Salle had died five years earlier and the Brothers' future was unsure. Church approval, therefore, provided them with legitimacy, purpose, & promise. We continue that work here at SPS.
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Mandeville
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity at Fontainebleau

## Wed, Jan 27 (HR Breakfast for junior; B C D E)

- **Mass: Encourage your son to come join us at 7; it's over by 7:30!**
- **TDIH:** In 1973, the United States, South Vietnam, Viet Cong, and North Vietnam formally sign "An Agreement Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam" in Paris bringing America's most unpopular war to an end.
- **TDIH II:** In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart** was born. Listen to some Mozart today!
- **Chocolate Cake Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **UN International Commemoration of Holocaust Victims:** On each Jan 27, the UN remembers the Holocaust of WW II. The day also commemorates when Soviet troops liberated the Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland on Jan 27, 1945. From the website: *This year's observance is centered "Journeys through the Holocaust". This theme recalls journeys taken during this dark period, from deportation to incarceration to freedom, and how this experience transformed the lives of those who endured it. These are stories of pain and suffering, yet ultimately also of triumph and renewal, serving as a guiding force for future generations. Each person who becomes aware of this history will no doubt reflect upon his or her own capacity to turn compassion for others into decisive and heroic action in their time of need. We must use teachable moments this week in to remind students of this horrible stain on the history of the world – and to pray such hatred never again occurs.*
- **Wrestling:** Dual meet v. Shaw



*Fighting Math Wolves smile with trophy at Brother Martin Tournament*

## Thu 28 (Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas; HR Breakfast for sophomore; F G A B)

- **St. Thomas Aquinas** was a Catholic intellectual giant. My personal favorite St. Thomas story is when he said that he learned more by kneeling at the foot of the crucifix than from all his university studies.
- **TDIH:** In 1986, the space shuttle *Challenger* explodes after liftoff, killing seven astronauts aboard.
- **Fun at Work Day:** Have fun today at work! Fortunately, I have fun every day by working at SPS!
- **National Blueberry Pancake Day:** Enjoy!
- **National Kazoo Day:** To celebrate 164 years of kazoo playing in America (the kazoo was first introduced at the George State Fair in 1852), toot away today!
- **Career Day for Grades 11**
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Rummel (5:30)

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## Fri, Jan 29 (HRB for freshman; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven," is published. Enjoy rereading the poem today. "Nevermore!"
- **National Puzzle Day:** Work a puzzle today! A crossword, jigsaw, or any type will do fine. Enjoy!

- **National Corn Chip Day:** Eat a corn chip today! Did you know the corn chip was first marketed in 1961?
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity at Northshore
- **Marching Wolves** in OLL's Catholic Schools Pep Rally this afternoon and Krewe of Eve Parade tonight
- **Soccer:** JV & Varsity at Fontainbleau

### Sat, Jan 30 (Feast of St. Brother Mutien Marie)

- **Today** Lasallians throughout the world celebrate a special Christian Brother feast: Saint Brother Mutien Marie. In Mutien Marie, we have another example of the Church raising someone to sainthood not for extraordinary deeds as the world might recognize, but for extraordinary devotion to and **zeal for Catholic education on a daily basis.**

Mutien was a Belgian brother who spent **58 years** teaching and perfecting at the Brothers' boarding school at Malonne. He was an effective teacher, a vigilant prefect, a catechist in the nearby parish and a great influence on his students by his patience and piety. Among the Brothers, it was said that he had never been seen violating even the smallest points in the Rule of the Brothers -- and I can assure you that there were many rules back then and the Brothers were the first ones to point out deviations by each other! St. Brother Mutien Marie -- pray for us!



- **Basketball: 8<sup>th</sup> at John Curtis;**
- **Soccer: 8<sup>th</sup> in Rummel Tournament**
- **Lacrosse:** All teams in All State Sugar Bowl Tournament
- **Fighting Math Wolves in Baton Rouge High Tournament**
- **Rugby at Niceville, FL**
- **Wrestling in NO City Meet**
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Olympia Parade**
- **Eagle Scout Ceremony:** Four Wolves (**Trey Hughes, Nick Oubre, Max Tepper and Ashton Young**) will receive the rank of Eagle Scout today in Our Lady of Peace Chapel here on campus at 2 pm. We congratulate them! We are always privileged to have the Eagle Courts of Honor on our campus and to have so many Eagle Scouts at SPS.

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*Andrew is determined to have his egg survive the perilous drop from the top of Hunter Stadium!*

**Sun, Jan 31** -- Attend church today!

- **National Inspire Your Heart with Art Day:** Visit a museum, browse an art book, view art on the Internet, listen to music, paint a picture, read poetry, write poetry – liberate the artist inside of you. Enjoy art today!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Carrollton Parade**

**LHSAA:** The Louisiana High School Athletic Association holds its annual convention beginning on Wed, and for the second time in 28 years, I am not allowed to attend -- since it's only for principals, not presidents! So Trevor gets the fun of listening to anguished harangues by public school principals decrying the "unlevel playing fields." The select – non select football playoff issue will undoubtedly occupy much time – as will other serious issues which could have serious repercussions for the very existence of the LHSAA in its current form.

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

- **Honor Band:** Thanks to Andrew for entering several of our musicians in the district honor band competition.
- **Bowling:** Wolves bowled hard but fell to Dutchtown in their first match.

- **Soccer:** Congratulations to our Soccer Wolves on great wins over Ponchatoula and Slidell. Friday night was senior night, and we congratulate our senior soccer wolves for their final regular season game in Hunter Stadium. A touching moment of the ceremony was welcoming Craig Wiles home. Austin's dad is back for Austin's senior year after serving over 4 years in Afghanistan. We appreciate his service and the family's sacrifice! JV also beat Brother Martin, 4-2 on Wed night. And 9<sup>th</sup> grade SPS tournament was a success.
- **Basketball:** Congrats to the Varsity Wolves for hard fought games last week against Slidell and Mandeville. The Wolves won great victories over both.
- **Wrestlers:** The Dale Ketelsen Memorial Tournament was a grand success with SPS finishing in First Place, ahead of second place Brother Martin. Cole Houser, Sam Duffour, Jared Thieler, Shane Ulfers & Colin Francis all finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with Colin winning Outstanding Wrestler. Brandon Stein, Billy Harrison, Blake Huff, Josh Mascaro & Christian Fortner all finished in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Connor Oviedo, Grant Hughes & Nathan Bagnel snagged fourth. Congrats to the Wrestling program and the many parents who made this a premiere tournament in honor of Craig's dad.
- **March for Life:** Weather wrecked the Wolves' trip as they retreated back south to avoid the blizzard. We appreciate and support the Archbishop's decision to cancel the trip. Thanks for your support of them and thanks to Tommy Lahey for chaperoning.
- **Poetry Out Loud:** I'm proud of Garrett Boyce for representing us.
- **PLAN Test:** Congrats to counseling department for a smooth test administration. I hope our freshmen took the test seriously, as it can help them identify their ACT readiness
- **Rugby:** The Goff Rugby Report ranks SPS the #19 team in the country! Wow! And they beat West Jeff 48 -0 on Sat. Double Wow! Geaux, Rugby Wolves!
- **Lacrosse:** Lacrosse built on last weekend's successful retreat by having team dinner, followed by holy mass, before leaving for competition on Friday evening. I didn't get results but I'm sure they did well!
- **Powerlifting:** Apology to Iron Wolves for not including their 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the PJP Invitational last week. I'll give them lots of recognition at next assembly! Jack Vining, Brandon Eberts, & Nick Gordon garnered 1<sup>st</sup>; David Ricaldi was 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jack Anzalone was 4<sup>th</sup>, Connor Eikel & Jason Toups placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Jon also was named Outstanding Lifter Heavyweight Division and Nick was Outstanding Lifter Lightweight Division. Brock May and Parker Layman also participated. Geaux Iron Wolves, coached by Jessie & Josh.
- **Presentations:** I had the pleasure of watching our pre-freshman give reports on Elizabethan English in their English class as a prelude to their study of *Twelfth Night*. They were great and their presentations skills are improving!
- **The Paper Wolf:** Great articles this week! Nick Ashton's report on our school fight song was especially illuminating. Nick actually contacted Brother Donald Mouton, who wrote the fight song back in the 1950's! Good reporting Nick! And Kyle Hladky's article on the WW II Museum Field Trip is also quite good. Here are links:
- <http://thepaperwolf.com/2016/01/22/the-fight-song-a-tale-of-two-tempos/>
  - <http://thepaperwolf.com/2016/01/22/sps-juniors-experience-history-first-hand/>

**Letters of Application:** More unedited excerpts:

- *My parents want me to go to Saint Paul's, too. I never really get the chance to impress my parents, and I see getting accepted to St. Paul's as my big chance to do so.*
- *When I went to take the EXPLORE test, the student helpers were kind, and I enjoyed that.*
- *There are many reasons that I should attend St. Paul's: academic and athletic programs and clubs, great teachers and friends, and because my parents told me to apply....I want to go to St. Paul's not just because my parents and friends told me too [sic], but because I know St. Paul's is the best place for me. (gotta work on the to and too usage!)*



8<sup>th</sup> grade soccer captains present championship trophy to Craig

- *I like when you walk onto the pretty campus, God is watching over you.*
- *I love having IDs that you have to wear around school.*
- *Two years ago, if someone had asked me if I wanted to go to St. Paul's, I would not have been interested. However, last year my brother started 8<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Paul's and I saw him finally start to like school.*

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**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! And it will be lived streamed, so inform your son's grandparents! Here's the link: **Mass with Archbishop Aymond (9:15)**. Thanks to Guerilla Wolves, we will live stream the mass. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uHAubcl3Fk>

**IMPORTANT:** Many parents have not opened their Edline. We are using Edline for attendance contacting and for our SCHOOL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM! PLEASE, PLEASE make sure you have activated your Edline account so you can receive important SPS notifications. Call Mike Holmes at 892-3200, ext 1044 if you need assistance. Parents need to create their own account and not rely on their son's account.

**Jan 19 Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Jan 19 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a recording of the 2011 SPS student body singing "O God Beyond All Praising." It's a powerful song that the students love to sing. This recording was made at the mass in January of 2011 which started our Centennial Celebration that year. I reminded the students that the celebrant, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, said he had never seen such level of participation and singing at a high school mass. I asked the students if the same would be true today? I asked them if we are we a better school today at 105 years old than we were at age 100? Academically? Spiritually? More Lasallian? Kinder? More Peaceful? If not, then we are going backwards – and that's not good. But I expressed to them my belief that we are



*Art Teacher Andrew Dart watches his students draw.*

better today than in 2011 – and we will be even better each succeeding year if we are faithful to our Mission, pray as if everything depended upon God and worked as if everything depended on us. And I told them that we will have the opportunity to welcome Archbishop Aymond back to campus on Jan 25 – and to show him that our level of participation is even better than it was in 2011! While the music was playing, **junior Eli Crosby** 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. **June Quartano Bordonaro, grandmother of Alex Oliveri and Francis Breidenbach, grandfather of Henry, Harrison, & Patrick Elliot.**

- Recognized and congratulated senior **Matthew Wallace** who successfully completed the Marine Corp Student Leadership and Character Development Academy at Marine Corp base in Quantico, Virginia. Only 500 students were accepted out of over 1500 applicants.
- Recognized and congratulated seniors **Landon Waite, Rutger Fury & Blake Locicero** for creating and running a charity event for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital called The Wolves' Strikeouts for St. Jude. This year, the boys raised \$1,695.00.

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- Recognized and congratulated the 29 students and faculty who were blood donors at our blood drive the week before: Blood Donors: **Ethan Desforges, John Cresson, Luke Avenel, Stephen Cangelosi, Francois Elzy, Addison Nick, Justin Guillory, Ryan Meraux, Spencer Albright, Matthew Melancon, Louis LeBourgeois, Christian Flick, Patrick Stewart, Stephen Rowell, Jacob Ward, Dominick Paternostro, Grant Gallaspy, Nick Borne, Chris Coyne, Briggs Simpson, Jared Simoneaux, Garrett Grass, Austin Hayes, Coach Mick Nunez, Mrs. Claire Coutrado, Sgt. A.J. East. Coach Kevin Moore, Ms. Karen Hebert & Mr. Trevor Watkins.**

- Recognized and congratulated The Varsity Wrestling Wolves for being District and Parish Champions –again – and for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the prestigious LA Classic. Individual winners were: the La.Classic Saturday. This is the highest finish in school history. Individual place winners were: 5th place-**Brandon Stein, Shane Ulfers, Josh Mascaro**  
3rd place-**Jared Thieler, Sam Dufour**  
2nd place-**Hunter Bourgeois**  
1st place-**Cole Houser**

- Recognized and congratulated the JV & Jr High Wrestlers for their showing in the Pearl River Tournament:



*Students practice for mass with Archbishop Aymond.*

- JV  
1st **Connor Oviedo, Nathan Bagnell**  
2nd **Collin Craddock, Jesse Dufour**  
3rd **Mason Impastato, Matthew Kangas, Hayden Coutrado**

JH

1st Cole Ulfers, Evan Ulfers, Colton Porter

2nd Ben Davidson, Micah Crockett, Hillary Quirk, Philip Nicaud, Matthew Gros, Ben Bobrowski

3rd Mason Samples, Charlie Layman, Eli Applebaum, Michael Crockett

- Recognized and congratulated senior **Harrison Prieto** for reaching the 1000 point mark in his SPS basketball career! Recognized and congratulated the whole varsity team for their outstanding record!
- Recognized and congratulated the **Lacrosse Team** for their weekend retreat to start their season. Very proud of them!
- Recognized and congratulated the Fighting Math Wolves for their showing at the Ben Franklin Math Tournament. 43 FMWs math wolves competed against 300 students from 15 schools. An Honorable mention in Calculus was won by Patrick Connolly and a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Calculus was won for Ryan Meraux. The Algebra 1 Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Blake Bollinger, Abhijay Purohit, Michael Valliant, and Miles Biggs), The Geometry Team took 4<sup>th</sup> place – (Daniel Wieseneck, Blake Ramsey, and Michael Phillippe) and the Algebra 2 Team took 4<sup>th</sup> place (Forge Mathes, Jordan Edney, Patrick Baldone, and Ashton van Deventer)
- Recognized and congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Team for winning the SPS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament. The team captains presented the trophy to AD Craig Ketelsen.
- Then, as if by magic, the Hedwig’s theme from Harry Potter started playing, and I showed slides of the recent **Quiddich Tournament**. I never thought I’d be recognizing students for running around while riding broomsticks! Everyone loved it, though! Congratulated Mr. Andrew Dart for writing a grant proposal for the USQ (United States Quidditch, yes it's real!), in which we would get hundreds of dollars of supplies in equipment. To our surprise, we were the only school selected in the nation as its recipient! We were even featured on their webpage ([usquidditch.org](http://usquidditch.org))!
- With time running out, I had the boys sing “Mercy” in honor of the Jubilee Year of Mercy (they sounded great) and then sing the fight son.
- Finally, I called all participants in the March for Life to come down on the floor and the school imparted its blessing on them while Student Council President Leland van Deventer and Vice President Adam Schmitt sprinkled them with holy water.
- We then ended with junior **Hayden Willis** 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 the 2011 student body recording of “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You!” -- another song from our centennial mass.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so

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**Looking for ways to get more involved at SPS?** The Mothers' Club is looking for volunteers to work various shifts in the bookstore. The bookstore is open Monday through Friday 7:15 -8:00, 11:00-12:30, and 2:15-3:15. No experience necessary! Contact Andrea Francis at 985-630-2555 or email [adfrancis65@bellsouth.net](mailto:adfrancis65@bellsouth.net). Thanks for your support!

**Hiring:** The Archdiocesan Food Service is looking to hire cafeteria workers. The job pays 10 dollars and fifteen cents an hour to begin. It is 5 days a week from 7:30 to 2:00 PM. After a month, benefits begin. If you know of anyone interested, contact our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Irene Deshotel at 985.809.7112 or email her at [stpaul@schoolcafe.org](mailto:stpaul@schoolcafe.org)

**Third Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences** will take place in Briggs Assembly Center on Monday, February 1, from 5-7 pm. We will limit conferences to 3-4 minutes in order to respect all. If a longer conference is needed, set that up with the teacher. Thanks for respecting the time of those waiting in line behind you. Naturally, if no one is waiting, feel free to speak with the teacher longer.

**2016 -17 Registration:** Please note the following:

- **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** registration information will be emailed this week. **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to return for 2016 - 17 have until Feb 04 to re-register.** Unregistered spots will be offered to new 9<sup>th</sup> grade applicants during February. I need to know your intentions about next year so I know how many new 9<sup>th</sup> graders we can accept. Call me if you have questions.
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades:** registration will take place as soon as we return from Mardi Gras holidays. You don't need to do anything now
- **Current 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2016 - 17! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involved the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**

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**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.
- 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.)
- 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 are not sending requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT!** Other schools directly solicit grandparents. I don't unless you give me permission. **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!

**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.



*Student Council Wolves at state convention in Pineville*

**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. **Several students went for licenses over the holidays and were turned away because they didn't have the form – in some cases they waited several hours before being turned away!**

**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 confidentially. ONLY

SPS cold weather wear is accepted.

**H of the Week:** Some church-related "daffynitions":

*AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.*

*BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.*

*CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.*

*HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.*

*HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.*

*INCENSE: Holy Smoke!*

*JESUITS: An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.*

*JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.*

*JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.*

*KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava. (for you non-Catholics it means Lord have mercy)*

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### **A Look Ahead:**

January 25 – 9:15 Mass (Conversion of St. Paul) – Dress Uniform Day!

January 26 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast

January 27 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast

January 28 – Career Day – Juniors / 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast

January 29 – 9<sup>th</sup> 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)  
 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 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 April 22 – Blue Ribbon Holiday  
 April 25 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 April 26 – President’s Assembly  
 April 27 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 April 28 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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

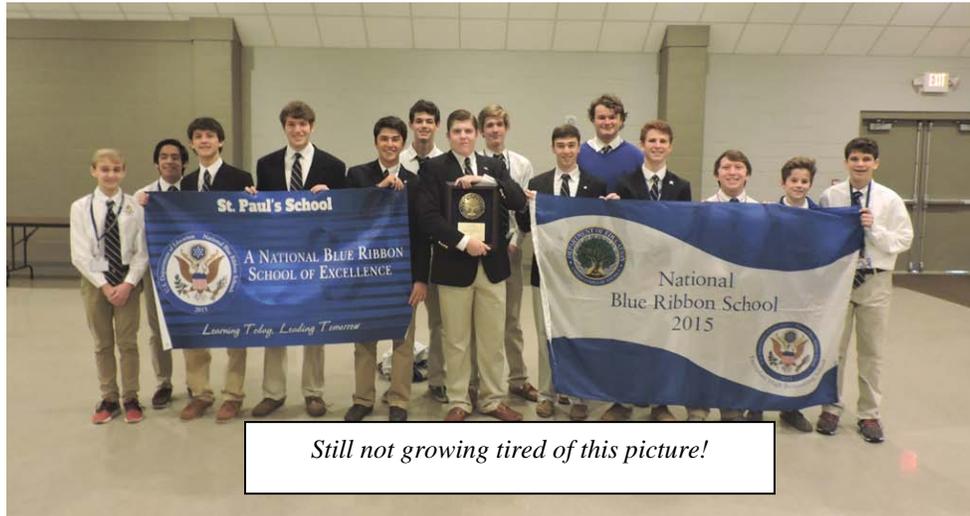
And even though it’s 2016, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can’t Believe It’s the Last Week of January and I’m Still 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 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!*



***Did I mention that we have a Dress Uniform Day on Monday, Jan 25?***