



My last newsletter (I hear you cheering!) will be brief. My final Lasallian thought is the same one I use every year at this time: a short excerpt from Saint John Baptist de La Salle's last Meditation for the Time of Retreat to the Brothers entitled: *On the reward that a Brother should expect in heaven, if he is faithful in the work.* Saint La Salle wrote this meditation because the life of the early brothers was VERY hard – and he needed to assure them that they would one day be rewarded by Almighty God. He made sure they read this meditation every year.

I shared the meditation with the faculty last week and asked them to believe that St. La Salle wrote the meditation for them, too, for their lives as teachers are challenging, and they need to believe they are valued by Almighty God and doing His work.

I share the excerpt from the meditation with you, too, because as parents, you are the primary educators of your children as you lead them on the path to salvation. Your work as parent is hard, but it is God's work. I believe, therefore, that Saint La Salle's words apply equally to you, too:

Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed children, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven. 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.

Thank you for your parental ministry. I am profoundly awestruck by the responsibility you have in raising your children. I am most grateful that you have allowed Saint Paul's to share in your parental teaching ministry. I am confident that the good work we have done this past year will help insure the truth of Saint La Salle's words for all of us when our day of judgment comes and that "all heaven" is resounding with the good example and instruction you provide to your children.

Thanks for 2014-15 and here's looking to 2015-16 – the fifth year of our second century!

Final Report Cards will be emailed mid-week. Details of grades are posted on Edline.

Summer Reading: ALL students have a summer reading obligation for their English class. The list and discussion questions are posted on Edline. Please encourage your son to take his summer reading obligation seriously. We deliberately limit the number of books to be read in order not to make this an onerous task, and we certainly encourage more reading than just what we are requiring. Toward that end, I offer the following:

- We often see that a student's weakest ACT score is in reading. Why? Students don't like to read! Solution? Read more! PLEASE insist your son devote part of each day (30 minutes? 15? 10?) to reading. He's used to this in school with SSR (I hope you know what SSR is!) This could be a family activity – set aside time when the whole family reads. Turn off the TV, i-pad, X-Box, the computer – and read.
- And speaking of ACT /SAT scores, summer provides an excellent opportunity to prepare. There are local formal courses, but both ACT and SAT offer on-line prep programs at very reasonable costs. Or just purchase one of the many test preparation books on the market and ask your son to spend 15 minutes a day preparing. Long term preparation is the only solution. You can't "cram" for an ACT or SAT the night before.

One Last Appeal! Note: If you have not contributed to the Annual Fund or supported SPS in any financial way and are in a position to do so, I would appreciate hearing from you as to "why" you have chosen not to. Perhaps it's something I've done or not done and I would welcome the feedback. I have deliberately avoided having people call or directly solicit you as many other schools do with their annual funds. Again, I need your help to continue to make SPS the best school we can be.

If you haven't contributed to the Annual Fund or in any financial way to SPS this year, and are in a position to do so, PLEASE send your gift. Remember, NO amount (even \$10) is too small! Remember:

- **SPS cannot continue to exist** on tuition alone;
- **SPS tuition** is lower than almost every other boys' Catholic high school in the Archdiocese;
- **Faculty salaries** are lower than public school salaries and we cannot lose good teachers to finances;
- And we've gotten some nice **Grandparent gifts** lately. Thank you! Grandparent gifts are welcome and needed – and they are often happy to help if asked. I don't like to solicit grandparents so I rely on you to do so. They'll get a very nice "thank you" note from me. And if you want me to directly ask a grandparent, just send me the address and name.
- Gifts of stock are welcome and no gift is too small.
- If you are contributing to Capital Campaign or supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you!
- Please consider helping **if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so**. Many thanks!

Senior Graduation: The 104th Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School were exemplary. We were honored to have the Reverend Matthew Clark, OSB of St. Joseph Abbey as celebrant. We also had the Reverend Joseph Cazenavette, uncle of graduate George Cazenavette and the Reverend Gary Copping, Parochial Vicar of St. St. Anselm Parish, as concelebrants. The SPS Class of 2015 outdid themselves with singing, responding, and being



Graduates celebrate at end of ceremony!

“living stones building the edifice of the mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul’s School in our age.” The following seniors earned special awards at graduation:

- Valedictorians: **Matthew David Baldone, George James Cazenavette V, Maxwell Jefferson Gold, Ryan Joshua Keller and Connor Young Lu**
- Salutatorian: **Kyle Edward Cleveland, John Michael Dubreuil, Jr. and Burke Stephen Irwin**
- Christian Brother Provincial’s Award: **William Michael Saucier**
- Signum Fidei (Sign of Faith)/Brother Cassian Scholarship: **Mark Ross Allbritton & Maxwell Jefferson Gold**

BTW, the Salutatorian and Valedictorian addresses are posted on our website. *Ad multos annos*, Class of 2015! We shall miss you!



Pre-freshmen Promotion / Awards Ceremony:

This ceremony was equally wonderful. The Class of 2019 acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner and the weather was perfect. Thanks to the Mothers Club for providing the reception. The following earned special awards:

- Superior Academic Gold Medals:
Jonathan Bertucci, John Paul Bourgeois, Joshua Devier, Beau Franklin, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Luke Paille, Andrew Norlin, Philip Pearce, Michael Philippe, Joshua Rovira, Chris Wilson, Nicholas Woodman and Jakob Yancey
- Superior Academic
Commendation: **Matthew Algero, Peter Bertucci,**

Nicholas Briggs, Christian Brown, Brennen Calato, Cole Chitwood, Chris Flood, Jackson Gold, William Harp, Jakob Massey, Blake Ramsey, Noah Savoie, Jack Schwartz, Lukas Spady, Nicholas Stanton, Ian Varney, Chris Wallace, & Matthew Weimer

- Superior Achievement Silver Medal & Barton Hebert Memorial Award: **Ross Hightower**
- Superior Achievement Gold Medal & Barton Hebert Memorial Award: **Andrew Aceves**

Major Award Winners: The following students won the top level awards at our recent ceremony:

- National Merit Commended Students: **Connor Lu, Aaron Nguyen & Walden Perry**
- National Merit Finalists: **Matthew Baldone, Beau Briggs, George Cazenavette, Jack Dubreuil, Max Gold & Ryan Keller**
- Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalist: **Ryan Keller & George Cazenavette (two of only 8 in Louisiana)**
- Presidential Scholar: **Ryan Keller (one of only 2 in Louisiana)**
- United States Air Force Academy Appointment: **Colin Skinner**
- LSU Army ROTC Scholarship: **Bram Love**
- Louisiana National Guard Scholarships: **Joey Gazzo & Andrew Richard**
- Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award: **Colin Skinner**
- Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding American History Student: **Leland van Deventer**
- District Attorney’s Senior High Award: **William Kenyon**
- District Attorney’s Junior High Award: **Ross Hightower**
- Knights of Columbus Patriotism Award: **Colin Skinner**

- American Legion Veteran's Scholarship: **Aaron Hodgman**
- Chosen Path Award: **Reagan Hill**
- Francis H. Richard Memorial Habitat for Humanity Scholarship: **Nick Rowbatham**
- Special Habitat for Humanity Awards: **Glendon Durham, Max Gold, Connor Lu, Jacob McDonald, Waldon Perry & Hunter Simonson**
- Benjamin Bragg Memorial Scholarship Award: **Ruston Keller**
- Daren Boudreaux Memorial Scholarship: **Patrick Stewart**
- Eric Kolb Memorial Scholarship: **Sam Brown**
- Francis R. Sharp Memorial Scholarship: **Casey Fitzmaurice**
- Justin Addison Memorial Scholarship: **John Cresson**
- 4 Year Perfect Attendance/Louis Ross Memorial Scholarships: **Matthew Baldone, Gary Cavalier, Bradley Clawson, Joseph Gaienne, Jack Genova, Zach Hagan, Ben Hollingsworth, Connor Lu, Ethan Rodriguez, & Michael Seaner**
- 5 Year Perfect Attendance / Louis Ross Memorial Scholarship: **Michael Brands, Ben Dantin, Bretton Feringa, Alex Harp, Tyler Maurin, Aaron Nguyen, Christophe Robertson, & David von Budungen**
- Al Doskey Memorial Outstanding Science Student Award: **Ryan Keller**
- Jan Neumann Outstanding Math Student Award: **Max Gold & Aaron Nguyen**
- Modern Languages Outstanding Student: **Jacob Broussard**
- Public Relations Award: **Jack Dubreuil**
- Quiz Bowl/Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Scholarship: **Luke Avenel**
- Dr. Walker Percy/Brother Bill Parsons Writing Award: **San Giberga**
- Walker & Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Writing: **Cray Pennison**
- Order of St. La Salle Award for 100+ service hours:
 - Pre-freshman: **Andrew Aceves**
 - Freshman: **Jordan Edney, Bryce Fisher, Benjamin Gorringer, & Patrick Guidry**
 - Sophomores: **Stephen Beach, Nicholas Davis, Yehia Elkersh, Andrew Lambert, Will Murphy, Jonathan Rushing, Will Slatten & Jack Vining**
 - Juniors: **Seth Dragon, Will Healy, Thomas Schmidt, & Camden St. Romain**
 - Seniors: **Logan Cook, Ben Dantin, Bretton Feringa, Philip James, Will Saucier, Kyle Schimpf & Etienne Sequeira**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Patrick Baldone & Matthew Borgatti**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **John Connor Flick & Colin Moser**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medals: **Alex Oliveri & Austin Willis**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Will Murphy**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Luke Avenel, Jacob Broussard, Patrick Connolly, John Cresson, Ethan Desforges & Ryan Meraux**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medals: **Leland van Deventer & Landon Waite**
- 12th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Matthew Baldone, Kyle Cleveland, Max Gold & Connor Lu**
- 12 Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Michael Brands, Jack Dubreuil, John Paul Lea & Ryan Keller**



Wolves on Wheels show off some of their cars and trophy they won in recent competition.

- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Ashton van Deventer**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Forge Mathes**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Yehia Elkerse**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Ruston Keller**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Sam Brown**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Patrick Stewart**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **George Cazenavette**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Waldon Perry**
- Salutatorians: **Kyle Cleveland, Jack Dubreuil, & Burke Irwin**
- Valedictorians: **Matthew Baldone, George Cazenavette, Max Gold, Ryan Keller & Connor Lu**

And I annually give out awards to our faculty, celebrating years of service in multiples of five. If you see these teachers, please thank them for their service to SPS:

- Completing Five Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Thomas Lahey and Mrs. Kim Gardner**
- Completing Ten Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Gerald Ancar and Mrs. Liz Brett**
- Completing 15 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Luke Barwick & Mr. Robert Simpson**
- Completing 20 Years of Service to SPS: **Mrs. John Glorioso, Ms. Karen Hebert, and Mr. Mark Richards**
- Completing 25 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Ken Sears**
- Completing 30 Years of Service to SPS: **Mr. Trevor Watkins**
- Distinguished Lasallian Educator Awards were presented to **Mr. Jim Robertson & Ms. Merle Dooley**, who are completing their service to SPS this year. “Coach Rob” has been with SPS for the past 17 years, after retiring as principal of Mandeville High School. And Merle was the first non-brother Assistant Principal of SPS.
- Finally, I presented the Brother Charles Crouzet Award (our highest faculty award) to **Mr. Michael Boudreaux**, who completes 17 years of outstanding service to SPS as math teacher and assistant to Denny Charbonnet.

Whew! There were MANY more awards, but space does not allow for a comprehensive list. We are proud of our students who excelled this year. We look forward to even more achievement next year.

Congrats to Max & Connor: Connor Lu and Max Gold have both received U.S. Lacrosse **Academic All American** honors. Louisiana gets only two of these a year – and SPS Wolves captured both! Well done, Max and Connor!

Order of St. Louis Medal: Archbishop Gregory Aymond recently awarded the Order of St. Louis medal to people in the Archdiocese “who have devoted themselves to the work of the Catholic Church throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans.” We are proud that SPS parents and parents of alumni were so awarded. Congrats to:

- Allen & Lisa Krake, parents of Alex ‘19



For the 8th consecutive year, LSU names SPS as one of the Top 20 schools in the state based upon spring testing results. Our 25 seniors who participated earned a total of 250 college credit hours at LSU, valued at \$140,500. Congrats, Class of 2015!

- Embree Burvant, mother of Trey, '89, Bres '95 & Joel '99
- Ann Malone, mother of Patrick '10 and Ryan '13
- June Warner, mother of Glen '75 and grandmother of Spencer '08 & Cameron '15
- Richard and Lynda Jeansonne, parents of Rick '92, Andre '94, Bryan '96, Ben '99, & Chris '01

Lost and Found Final Call: We'll clear out our lost and found, keeping what's usable and discarding what's not. If not claimed this week, we will get rid of them.

Drum Roll, Please: ANOTHER LSU Golden Achievement Award: I'm pleased and proud to announce that Saint Paul's was **AGAIN** awarded the Golden Achievement Award by LSU. I've lost track, but this is about the 8th consecutive year that we've won the award -- based upon seniors' performance at LSU Spring Testing, is given to the TOP TWENTY schools in the state. Congrats, Class of 2015! Some of our guys are beginning LSU as second semester freshmen! The dollar value of the 250 college hours is \$140,500. Again, congrats Class of 2015!

And while I'm bragging on the Class of 2015, we also wish to congratulate the 179 young men on being accepted to over 79 colleges and universities and being awarded scholarship offers totaling over \$13 million – and still climbing as last minute scholarship offers are received. And this does NOT include TOPS! Wow!



Seniors strike a pensive pose as they contemplate the next phase of their lives.

Taylor Scholar Awards: Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, named for Mr. Patrick Taylor for whom the TOPS program is named, we presented qualified students last week with Taylor Scholar Awards. For a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the award grants one year free admission for student and one parent/guardian to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectariums, Audubon Zoo, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist and educational reformist who wanted all students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.

If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or maybe treat some students who didn't earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.

If your son did not pick up his Taylor award, we will have them here in the admin building throughout the summer. Either call Janet at 892-3200, ext 1001 or email her at reception@stpauls.com or me at broray@stpauls.com.

SPS Summer Camps: Just a reminder that SPS offers wonderful one week summer camps in baseball, football, basketball, wrestling, soccer, drama, and engineering for boys age 8-14. More info can be found on our website.

Calling All Cross Country Runners: Coach Terry Chatham invites all runners to come out to join the Cross Country team. Summer conditioning begins June 16 at 6:00 under the Wolf Dome with a family barbecue Season Kick Off. For

full information on the program, which continues through the summer, please contact Mrs. Myrle Wiggins, faculty moderator, at 985-415-0979, or at myrlew@stpauls.com. Runners of all abilities are welcome to join the District and Metro Champion Running Wolves!

Looking Ahead for Those Returning:

- Tuition for 2015-16 is due on June 1st; the first payment for bank financed tuition is also due. Students cannot start school in August if tuition/bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Thursday, August 6, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2015-16 school year calendar is posted on the website. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

School Supplies for 2015-16: The school administration and Mothers Club are working to streamline the school supply process. Info should be sent out soon.

English Books: All English paperback books will be purchased on-line this year through MSB, our virtual bookstore. This will save you money as you can purchase new, used, or e-editions of books. You only have to purchase books you don't already have (e.g. an older brother may have had the same book.) **And you can sell the books back to MSB when your son is finished with them at the end of the year.** Go to our website, www.stpauls.com, and click on "Order Your Books Here" on the right side.

Feedback: We spend time in the summer evaluating the past year and planning for next year. Toward that end, feel free to email me a suggestion if you think we need to "beef up" an area of life around here. While I can't promise we will implement every suggestion made, I assure you we will consider it. Be aware of our limitations in terms of personnel, finances, facilities, and interrupting class time when emailing me your suggestion.

Lasallian Youth Leaders: Last week, I published last year's officers! Sorry! My brain just wasn't working! Here are the correct officers! Congrats and thanks to:

President: Patrick Stewart
Vice-President: Matthew Wallace
Secretary: Christian Flick
Treasurer: Addison Nick
Chaplain: Reagan Hill
Service coordinator: Patrick Napier
Public Relations: A.J. Lacroix
Sacristan: Chris Damare
Liaison: Adam Schmitt
Member at Large Nick Oubre
Member at Large Zach Scheurich
Member at Large Jordan Wyble



The beautiful campus gets a needed vacation, too!

Rugby Team will be interviewed on radio station “the Lake” at 94.7 on your FM dial this Thursday, May 28 beginning at 7 pm. I’m sure they will represent SPS in an exemplary manner!

Final Humor of the Week: Haven’t used these in a while and they are worth a second look:

- *The trouble with being punctual is that there’s nobody there to appreciate it!*
- *I have kleptomania but when it gets bad, I just take something for it.*
- *High wire artists hate it when their cable goes out!*
- *Then there was the guy who went to the Air and Space Museum and there was nothing in it!*
- *Then there was the teacher who wanted his students to be independent and assertive people but just not when he was teaching them.*
- *When God closes one door, He usually waits until my fingers are in it!*
- *Have you noticed that the devices for finding intelligent life in the universe all point away from earth?*
- *Q: How do young wizards and witches correct their homework? A: They use a spell-checker.*
- *Called to the scene of a magnificent celestial display, the professor watched a bright object dash through the skies of New Mexico. When he returned to his observatory, reporters asked if what he had seen was a UFO. Looking them straight in the eye, the impassive scientist replied, “No comet”*
- *When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.*
- *A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.*
- *When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.*
- *The batteries were given out free of charge.*
- *A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.*
- *A will is a dead giveaway.*
- *With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.*
- *A boiled egg is hard to beat.*
- *When you’ve seen one shopping Center you’ve seen a mall.*
- *Police were called to a day care Center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.*
- *Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He’s all right now.*
- *A bicycle can’t stand alone; it is two tired.*
- *When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.*
- *The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.*
- *He had a photographic memory which was never developed.*
- *When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she’d dye.*
- *Acupuncture is a jab well done. That’s the point of it.*
- *Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.*
- **OK, I’ll stop! You are on your own for summer humor!**

An Important Message from Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, to the Young People of the Archdiocese: In the past, Archbishop Aymond issued the following letter at the end of the school year. While he didn’t issue it again this year, it’s worth reading again. I encourage our students to heed these words of the Archbishop:

I pray in a special way for each of the young people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Know that you are important to all of our ministries, in parishes, schools and other programs.

I am aware of the educational experience you have received in regard to the use of electronic media. You know very well how to use the tools and you know intellectually the consequences when social media is not used respectfully.

I want to reach out to you at the moral level and beg you to remember that it isn't how much you know that is crucial, but rather, the respect that you show for God, yourself, and others when you communicate through cell phones, computers, and other technology.

Always treat other people in a manner that shows your awareness of their reflecting the image of God. In all ways let your friends, classmates, and acquaintances know that they are respected. Speak out if you know someone is being abused or bullied. Share the information with a parent, priest, or teacher who can step in and help. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has the staff available to help you in abusive or bullying situations.

One of your many responsibilities at this time is to make choices which will allow you the opportunity to make decisions about your future education or career choices. Choose wisely. Choose only those opportunities and interactions which will give you a greater chance to achieve all of the goals you set for yourself and those which God has in store for you.

If you need help, please let a member of the clergy, a Catholic School Administrator, a Director of Religious Education, or your Youth Minister know.

There He Goes Again Dept: I printed this in the last newsletter last year. It's worth printing again: *Marijuana is the drug most often linked to crime in the United States, the U.S. drug czar said Thursday [May 23], dismissing calls for legalization as a "bumper-sticker approach" that should be avoided. Gil Kerlikowske, the White House director of national drug-control policy, said a study by his office showed a strong link between drug use and crime.* Read more here: <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/05/23/192101/marijuana-is-drug-most-often-linked.html#storylink=cpy>

Summer Office Hours: We will gradually start reducing our summer office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, we will soon start closing the office at noon, so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. I will be available throughout most of the summer if needed (unless you are looking for humor of the week!) Call or email me if I can be of assistance. I'll be working enough to "earn my keep" and justify my existence at SPS but will take an occasional day off! I will be out of the office on June 22-26, attending a meeting with the administrators of Lasallian schools for the south, southwest, and west.



Shane, Colin, & Mr. Simpson clown at the end of sophomore service day.

The Paper Wolf: Good stories this week:

- SPS Art Show: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/18/student-art-show-brings-color-to-st-pauls/>
- Klechak Storage Building: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/20/klechak-funds-new-storage-building/>
- Junior Promotion Ceremony: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/20/juniors-step-into-senior-shoes/>
- The Year in Review: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/21/2014-2015-year-in-review/>
- Summer at SPS: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/22/when-the-students-are-away-the-camps-will-play/>
- It's All Over: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/22/years-end-sees-students-departure/>

Amazing Statistic: A new survey of British youngsters found the time they spend online tripled in a decade to more than 27.5 hours a week at the end of 2014. It's not just people in their late teens and early 20s who are gorging on the Web: The average adult Internet user claims to spend over 20 hours online every week, double the time from a decade ago, according to U.K. telecoms regulator Ofcom. Last year alone, the average time spent online climbed by 3.5 hours per week. And I can't imagine American kids are any different. Imagine spending a whole day each week online!

Mrs. Schmitt's English I Students Final Writing Assignment: "You ... in Six Words": "Here are some GREAT mini-memoirs by some of our freshmen when asked to write six words about who they are and their freshman year:

- *Work hard. Fish hard. Live hard.*
- *Festive friends. Satisfying service. Wrongful writing.*
- *Trying hobbies and continuing old passions.*
- *I don't know what sleep is.*
- *Part of me will never die.*
- *Often curious by what will come.*
- *Sixteen years old, no learner's permit.*
- *My uniqueness is my greatest flaw.*
- *Hard work is why I succeed.*
- *Go to school. Come home. Tired.*
- *High school is fun by hard.*
- *Work hard. Study hard. Play harder.*
- *No one gossips about quiet people.*
- *Studied all night, still failing Spanish.*
- *I saw, I did, I won!*
- *Hey, buy me something from Sarge!*
- *Lots of soccer, terrible carpool rides.*
- *Saint Paul's School. Best choice ever.*
- *Great school year. Good grades matter.*
- *New here, new there, new everywhere.*
- *School, soccer, sleep. Never enough time.*
- *Great student. Great friend. Great son.*
- *My motto: Work hard – work smart.*
- *I put the "fresh" in freshman.*
- *Made friends. Started running. Loving life.*
- *Started year slow, ended year strong.*
- *All my life I've been trying.*
- *I'm going to Yale not jail.*
- *You never know until you try.*
- *Worried too much about others' thoughts.*
- *A stranger I will never meet.*
- *Never give up on your dreams.*
- *Put in work, got a result.*
- *Worked hard but not there yet.*
- *Had ups and downs, finished strong.*
- *Should have studied more. Grades reflected.*
- *Been an underdog my whole life.*
- *Finally finding out what really matters.*
- *Ball stopped bouncing, but story unfinished.*
- *Open minded ideas represent my creativity.*
- *Test your limits. Unleash your potential.*
- *Exploring different places. Seeing new faces.*
- *Fishing is fun. Patience is key.*

- *My heart of fire burns bright.*
- *Pretty freaking awesome tall blonde guy.*
- *My hair was much more popular.*
- *My God, my family, my life!*
- *Fear opened doors to concealed opportunities.*
- *Work hard until I make it.*
- *Independent. Musician. Struggled. Happy, Hopeful. Transitioning.*
- *I'm living life to the fullest.*
- *I go hard every single day.*
- *Lots to do; so little time.*
- *Teenage boy who doesn't get tired.*

Well, I wasn't brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! But you get a break as the newsletter goes on a much-needed summer vacation. I'll only be sending things out periodically during the summer.

And for the Class of 2015, this is the final newsletter you'll receive. Thanks for putting up with them (and me, too!) Naturally, you can always access the current newsletter on the SPS website if you get nostalgic or need a newsletter "fix"!

On a personal note, I apologize to anyone whom I've overlooked recognizing this year or offended or disappointed in any way. I'm very aware of my failings and limitations, and I will definitely try to do better this coming year. I'm open to suggestions, never too old to improve and learn.

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now as I write this): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Thanks for having been part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's – the fourth year of our second century of existence. If the next 104 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence.

Enjoy the final days of May! May they be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Having survived, by the grace of God, another year as 17th Christian Brother President of St Paul's School

Have a great Lasallian summer but remember: the Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care and Vigilance and Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!

******* SPS begins for all students on August 6 with a full day of instruction *******



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