

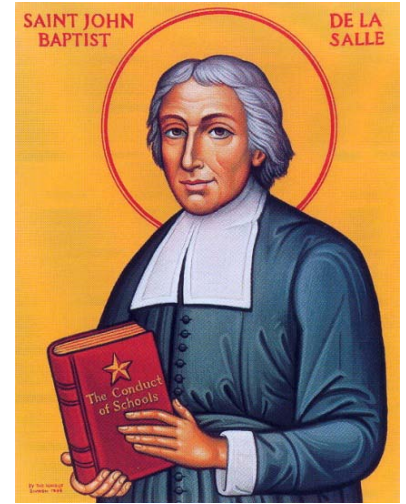


*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter* *Nov 07 - 13, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*



I shared the following words of St. John Baptist de La Salle with the faculty in their newsletter and encouraged them to use these words of St. La Salle to inspire them in their work. Again, I respectfully suggest that the words are equally applicable to your work as parents:

- *It is God who has called you to this form of service [parenting];*
- *Every day God calls you anew to the needs these children have;*
- *It is God's own work that he entrusts to you;*
- *Your presence among young people brings salvation to them;*
- *Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied with it, but do not spare yourself in what you can do with grace; and believe that, if you want it, you can do more with the grace of God than you think.*
- *In you, and through your [parental] ministry, these children encounter God, who knows each of them by name, who loves them, and who goes out searching endlessly for those who have gone astray.*



**Please pray for us this week, that we may live up the Lasallian Mission of education.
Thanks for entrusting your sons to Lasallian education at SPS!**

Mon, Nov 7 (Sophomore HR Breakfast schedule; CNN & SSR during breakfast; D E F G)

- **This Day in History:** In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected to an unprecedented fourth term as president.
- **National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day:** Indulge!
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in Mandeville High's Turkey Leg Invitational
- **Basketball:** Pre-freshman Tryouts (5:30 – 7)

Tue, Nov 8 (President's Assembly; Shadow Day; A B C D)

- **Election Day!** In the finest Louisiana tradition, vote early and often! (Kidding!) We pray for our country and all of our elected officials!
- **TDIH:** In 1793, the revolutionary French government opens the Louvre as a public museum. Today, the Louvre's collection is one of the richest in the world, with artwork and artifacts representative of 11,000 years of civilization and culture. Spend time on The Louvre's website (www.louvre.fr/en) to absorb some culture.
- **TDIH:** In 1892, Former president Grover Cleveland beat incumbent Benjamin Harrison and became the only president to win nonconsecutive terms in the White House.
- **National Abet and Aid Punsters Day:** a day to make dreadful puns. See H of the W for my contributions!
- **Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day:** Here in SE Louisiana, that's easy to do! Enjoy!
- **Basketball:** Pre-freshman Tryouts (5:30 – 7)

Wed, Nov 9 (Freshman HR Breakfast schedule; E F G A)

- **Mass at 7 am. Come join us!**
- **TDIH:** In 1938, in a Holocaust foreshadowing, German Nazis terrorized Jewish people and destroyed their homes & businesses in Germany and Austria. The violence, which continued through Nov 10, was later dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," after the countless smashed windows of Jewish-owned businesses.
- **TDIH:** In 1989, the Berlin Wall opens up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War.

- **Chaos Never Dies Day:** Get used to it – life is always going to be chaotic!
- **Senior Portrait Re-takes**

Thu, Nov 10 (Pre-freshman HR Breakfast; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1969, "Sesame Street," a TV show that would teach generations of children the alphabet and how to count, makes its debut with its memorable theme song ("Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street"), SS is the most widely viewed children's program in the world, airing in more than 120 countries.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, following the British victory at El Alamein in North Africa during WW II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."
- **TDIH:** In 1951, the first long distance phone call without operator assistance took place.
- **Tongue Twister Day:** Peter Piper and the girl selling sea shells by the seashore are child's play in comparison to what is considered, according to Guinness Book of World Records, the most difficult tongue twister in English: "The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick." Practice it!
- **USMC Day** celebrates the United States Marine Corps, created by the Continental Congress on Nov 10, 1775. We give thanks to the Marines for all of their sacrifices so that we can enjoy freedom.
- **Basketball:** Blue v. Gold game (JV v. Varsity)



Fri, Nov 11 (Veterans Day Assembly; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, WW I ended, leaving 9 million soldiers & 5 million civilians dead and 21 million wounded. The "War to End All Wars" didn't. We pray for all who have served our country, especially those who made "the ultimate sacrifice." And we pray for an end to war.
- **TDIH:** 1620, The Mayflower Compact was signed which would become the basis of government for all of the American colonies.
- **National Young Readers Day:** READ today – both the young and the young at heart!
- **Football:** Possible Playoff Game v. Shaw

Sat, Nov 12

- **TDIH:** In 2015, we celebrated Trevor and Joe's return from Washington with our Blue Ribbon award with a special school assembly and treats from the Mothers' Club. It was a magical day for us!
- **TDIH:** In 1954, Ellis Island, gateway to America, closes; more than 12 million immigrants landed there since 1892.
- **TDIH:** In 1920, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected the first commissioner of baseball.
- **Pizza with the Works except Anchovies Day:** Enjoy, but hold the anchovies.
- **Wrestling:** JV/Jr Hi in Brother Martin Tournament; JV/Varsity in Mandeville Tournament
- **Jazz 'n Roll:** Thanks to all who are supporting this wonderful event!

Sun, Nov 13 -- We encourage Catholics to attend mass today and non-Catholics to worship at church of choice

- **TDIH:** In 1805, Johann George Lehner, a Viennese butcher, invented the "frankfurter." Enjoy a hot dog today!
- **TDIH:** In 1956, The US Supreme Court rules that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.
- **World Kindness Day:** perform an act of kindness today!

Jazz n Roll: Join us for the 27th anniversary of Jazz 'N Roll on **Saturday, November 12!** Come together with parents, alumni, sponsors and supporters in the community for Saint Paul's major fundraiser. This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend SATURDAY evening from 7:00pm – 11:00pm in the Briggs Assembly and enjoy gourmet food by Gary Bonano catering. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This year we are using **Digital Bidding!** Bring your cellular device and get ready for some fun. Take a sneak peek at the items we have so far:

<https://stpauls.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/JazzNRoll2016/SilentAuctionItems/tabid/788848/Default.aspx>

This event will also include several raffles plus a 50/50.

I'm humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so:

<https://stpauls.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/JazzNRoll2016/RegistrationRaffles/tabid/788849/Default.aspx>

Contact the Development Office 985-892-3200, ext 1270, for info



Open House Brief Report: We were very pleased with the number of families who attended Open House. Well over 200 packets were given (one per family.) And we've already had calls from people who did not make the OH. We will find out the results of our work on Nov 18, when applications are due. As I wrote last week, as long as we are faithful to our Lasallian Catholic tradition, we will do fine.

Apology to Archbishop Hannan High School: In our Open House materials, we did a tuition comparison of the boys and co-ed high schools. We

inadvertently published incorrect info for Hannan's tuition which made them more expensive than they are. While we are still less expensive than Hannan, the gap is not as wide as was indicated originally. We regret the error, have apologized to Archbishop Hannan, and have sent corrected info to Open House attendees.

From the Student Council:

- The annual Food Drive is underway! Please send non-perishable items to school until the morning of Tue, Nov 15. We will make our delivery to the Covington Food Bank that morning around 10. The most requested items are dried beans, rice, cereal, mac and cheese, and peanut butter, but all non-perishable foods are welcome.
- Student Council is pleased to announce the 8th and 9th grade Ugly Sweater Christmas Dance which will be held Saturday, December 10 from 7PM-9PM in the Briggs Assembly Center. The dance is open to SSA and SPS 8th and 9th graders. More details to follow!

Annual Fund: We will soon be launching our 2017 Annual Fund – the success of which is essential to the continued advancement of Saint Paul’s School. I am humbled by those of you who are already sending your gifts. We will need everyone to participate to the extent which they can – especially since our tuition is a bargain when compared to other schools.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Halloween Early Dismissal:** Hope you enjoyed and got only treats!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle Lavie, on another excellent issue!
- **All Saints Day Mass:** Very meaningful; thanks to all. I hope your son told you about it.
- **Dia de los Muertos:** Meaningful, as usual. Thanks to Liz Brett, Spanish Club & Liturgical Band for this event, which grows yearly in impact
- **Football:** 8th grade completed their season with a tough loss to a very good Algiers Charter School. And Varsity won big to end regular season with win against Fontainebleau and a District Championship. On to the playoffs!
- **CG, CLs/ MWs/GBs:** rose to the occasion, too, on Friday night.
- **HR Breakfasts:** Our first two HRBs went well. Only three more to go.
- **Cross Country:** In Sat’s Regional Meet, the Wolves finished FIRST! Find an opportunity to congratulate these Wolves – they work VERY hard!



Mrs. Schmitt gives help on a writing project to her students.

- **Religion Dept:** First Friday adoration went well. Thanks, religion dept.
- **The Marian Players** were outstanding in “You Can’t Take It With You.” I regret that they were competing against LSU-Alabama on Sat night! Denny Charbonnet, cast and crew deserve our thanks and congratulations for their incredibly hard work and wonderful performances.
- **Thanks to junior Kyle Schmitt,** Ping Pong Tournament Director, for a successful tournament these past few weeks and an exciting final match. The finals pitted freshman Raleigh Martin against junior Jordan Edney – with Raleigh winning!
- **Fighting Math Wolves** were up an at ‘em early Sat morning, heading to math competition at

Episcopal High in Baton Rouge.

- **Wrestlers:** Our Jr Hi Wrestlers had a great showing in the Holy Cross tournament. 11 grapplers placed 4th or higher with five placing 1st! Well done, Wrestling Wolves!

LHSAA: The fourth dual playoff system pairing takes place, Sun, Nov 6. Not sure where the Wolves will end up in the “select” category, but we’ll be ready. Early indicators have us playing Shaw at home this Friday.

Millenials and School Choice: If given the opportunity to select whatever school they could for their child, more millennials (considered to apply to individuals who reached adulthood around the turn of the 21st century) would prefer a private school than any other option, according to a national poll released October 11 by EdChoice, formerly the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice. Asked “If it were your decision and you could select any type of school, and financial costs and transportation were of no concern, what type of school would you select in order to obtain the best education for your child?” 43 percent of millennials said they would select a private school (including independent, parochial, and religious); 28 percent would choose a regular public school; 13 percent, a home school; and 8 percent said they would choose a charter school.

Vocation Awareness Week, Nov 6 – 12: From the Christian Brothers Conference: *The entire Lasallian family is invited to participate in National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) November 6-12, 2016. The week invites the broader Church, and our Lasallian family, Brothers and Partners, to rededicate their energies to promote a culture of vocations with a special focus on consecrated life, the priesthood and the diaconate. Through prayer, promoting a culture of vocations in their ministries and inviting reflection, Lasallians are called to foster opportunities to share and explore their vocational journeys. The 45th General Chapter defined a culture of vocations as “a setting in which life’s meaning is understood as a personal call to serve the mission in community.”* Here’s a link for resources:

<https://www.lasallian.info/2016/10/opportunities-resources-to-celebrate-vocation-awareness-week/>

Reminder about Important Driver’s License Requirement: Remember that 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. Any SPS student needing this form should come to Counseling Office or Administration Building Office to request the form. You won’t be able to get a license without one!

PLEASE: Our Attendance Office is being taxed to the max. Under ordinary circumstances, it is difficult enough to keep track of the students. When you call Erin and request “immediate” dismissal for a student, it places an unfair burden on her. If a student must leave school early, please send a written note with your student and have him check in with the attendance office when he comes to school to get a dismissal slip for the time requested. This is the policy in our

handbook – which you pledged to uphold at the beginning of the year when you signed. And we just can’t stop everything to deliver an assignment, a lunch, a message – we just don’t have the personnel. Thanks for understanding.



Lobos read at Dia de los Muertos

Guerilla Wolves: Here’s the link to last week’s show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toq7htBySDo>

The shows are very good and entertaining, too. Support our media program and take a look.

College Visits This Week:

- Mon, 11/07: University of Holy Cross during lunch
- Wed, 11/09: La Salle University (in Philadelphia) at 10:30. Jr & Sr only. See Ms. Ann in Counseling for pass
- Wed, 11/09: Loyola Univ in NO at 2 pm. Jr & Sr only. See Ms. Ann in Counseling for pass
- Thu, 11/10: LSU Ogden Honors College; Jr & Sr with 3.8 GPA are invited during lunch
- Fri, 11/11: LA Tech in Ruston during lunch

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School’s Annual Merry Minglers Christmas Market info:

- When: Fri, Dec 2, 4 - 7 pm and Sat, Dec 3, 9 - 1 pm
- Location: Church Parish Center, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville

- Santa will be available for pictures on Friday
- The Knights of Columbus will hold its first Chili Cook-off on Sat from 9 - 12
- All are Welcome!
- Student volunteers are needed!

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

The Paper Wolf Needs Our Help: We have an award winning digital newspaper, but readership is down. I commended two staff writers at assembly last week for what I thought were excellent articles. Please subscribe and have your sons to do, too. And send the staff feedback. They love hearing from you. Thanks.

Student Service Opportunities:

- **Concerned Care Hospice in Covington** is seeking high school students in need of service hours. "By becoming a Concerned Care Hospice Volunteer, you will enrich the lives of our patients, their families, and the community. All students will be supervised during visits and will receive training on the hospice Philosophy which will take a few hours. If interested, contact the April Accomando, Volunteer Coordinator, at 892-3947
- **MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE** is having their annual FLEUR DE FALL gala on Saturday, November 12. They are asking for students to help serve food from 4:00 to 10:30 pm. Join us for pizza, and fun, easy service hours. Please contact Maggie Kurtz at (985) 778-6172 or Celia Kurtz at (985) 773-8140 or mkurtz@maryqueenofpeace.org to sign up.

ID Cards: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their SPS issued lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he receives a detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10

Paws with a Cause: Several seniors have partnered with Children's Hospital in New Orleans to raise funds for Children's oncology program. They have named their drive Paws with a Cause and seek pledges for each point the varsity football team scores during regular season. To view their website and learn more about the program, to <http://pledgeit.org/paws-with-a-cause> Seniors Miles Roppolo and Brycen Brown are spearheading this effort. I am proud of them.

Helping Saint Paul's: Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SPS participates in the Community Coffee program.
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.

Driver's License Proof of Attendance: Don't forget: you son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act, so don't blame me!

After School Issues: Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed.

2017 Yearbook Sale: From yearbook moderator Andrew Dart: Yearbook pre-sales for this year are now open. There is a **reduced price** for any sale before December 31st, 2016. Price after this date goes to \$65, the usual price for past years. Book sales will close at the end of May, 2017. Senior Ad sales will end May 1st, 2017 without exception. The direct link for the sale location is copied below: <https://yearbookforever.com/#school/4576/2017>

It should be noted that if a parent is searching for the school on the default "yearbookforever.com" website, they must type it in **exactly** as: "St. Paul's" with the period and apostrophe; that caused some confusion last year among parents, though the first link above should circumvent the need to type anything in.

Anyone wishing to buy previous year yearbooks should go to the Alumni Office or Administration building, to be sold on a first-come-first serve basis. I'm working with the Mother's Club to get some in the Bookstore as well. Any questions about past orders can be sent to me directly at andrewd@stpauls.com

Humor of the Week: In honor of Aid & Abet A Punster Day on Nov 8 (and for some election relief!):

- *I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.*
- *How did I escape Iraq? Iran*
- *I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.*
- *Why was Cinderella thrown off the basketball team? She ran away from the ball.*
- *I'd tell you a chemistry joke but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.*
- *I'm glad I know sign language; it's pretty handy*
- *A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I realized that toucan play at that game.*
- *Did you hear about the guy who got hit with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.*
- *I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.*
- *I got canned from a job in an orange juice factory: couldn't concentrate.*
- *I wanna joke about sodium, but Na...*
- *I am on a seafood diet. Every time I see food, I eat it.*
- *A book just fell on my head. I've only got myself to blame.*
- *Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door? To win the No-bell prize!*
- *I hate insect puns; they really bug me.*
- *What do prisoners use to call each other? Cell phones.*
- *I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one*
- *Atheism is a non-prophet organization*
- *I am so poor I can't even pay attention*
- *My math teacher called me average. How mean!*
- *What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, they just waved.*
- *What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic*
- *OK. I'll stop!*



Raleigh defeats Jordan in a close contest in the finals of the Ping Pong Tournament

Open House Feedback: Some feedback emails I received following Open House. Our students made an excellent impression!

- I wanted to send you a quick message to thank you for a fantastic open house; very impressed is an understatement. I'm so excited for my son to have this opportunity. Your staff and students represented your school with the utmost respect. The students that presented were incredible! They were so very well spoken, funny and knowledgeable. Our guide Michael Longo was fantastic. You can tell these boys truly love their staff and school. My family has attended many football, baseball and basketball games for the last 9 years, so we were familiar with that aspect of the school. We left open house with so much excitement beyond sports, a side we've never had the chance to see yet. When we were leaving I put my arm around my son and told him "you're going to be so smart when you are finished here." Again, thank you so much.*



Bradley and his parents await the start of the senior Honor Roll Breakfast! Chick-fil-A was a hit!

- I cannot express how proud my wife and I were to walk my son through St. Paul's this past Saturday. Walking through the classes we could just see his face light up. Watching each student stand up and speak about his experience really hit home and reiterated why we want our sons to have the St. Paul's experience. We have talked to a few parents that were there Saturday that are considering sending their sons there and how impressed they were. I am proud to tell them that our sons will be the third generation to attend St. Paul's, and that there is no better place to grow up and mature as a young man. I am so excited that my son will hopefully have the same opportunities that I had.*

PLEASE: We take attendance seriously. Please follow procedures for checking out a student (which I hope you do for only very serious reasons.) Send a note with your son BEFORE SCHOOL or email Erin (attendance@stpauls.com) to let her know. We can't always answer your calls as there is only one of her and over 1500 of you! Thank you.

iGiveCatholic Day is Nov 29. Last year, SPS placed **THIRD** and won an additional \$1000. I hope you will consider a gift to SPS on that day.

Biomedical Sciences Program Open House: Next week, probably Nov 15th, we will hold an open house for our biomedical science program. This informational event is for both parents and students who want to learn more about this outstanding program for those interested in the health care professions. Learn about our evolving partnership with Lakeview Regional Medical Center and how their physicians and medical personnel are working with the students and the school in general. We remain grateful to the Harry T. Howard Foundation for having sponsored the program for its first four years of existence. And now we are most grateful to Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Oubre of The Ponchartrain Cancer Center for their four year sponsorship commitment which began this year.

A Look Ahead:

November

- 7 – HR Breakfast for sophomores
- 8 – President's Assembly / Final Shadow Day for prospective students
- 9 – HR Breakfast for freshmen

10 – HR Breakfast for Pre-freshmen
11 – Veterans Day Assembly
12 – Jazz and Roll
15 – Pack Time
21 – 25 – Thanksgiving Holidays
29 – President's Assembly

December

1 – Blood Drive
6 – Pack Time (Luminaria Bags)
8 – Mass- Snack Day – Luminaria event in PM
10 – ACT on Campus
13 -16 Exams

As usual, I'll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Let me know if there's an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others

Pray that things go well! We're already reached the fourth week of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2016 - 17 edition of Saint Paul's – our 105th year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Giving Thanks in November That I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

"Young people are not bad because they have bad hearts. They are bad because of bad example. As teachers, you have no greater responsibility than to give your students good example."

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers, c.1705 Meditations for Sundays



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

