

Our thoughts, support, and prayers are with junior Michael as he recovers from his serious injury in Friday night's football game. The outpouring of prayer and support for Michael and his family at this most difficult time has been amazing – but not surprising, as Michael is a wonderful young man and our school community is incredibly caring. Archbishop Gregory Aymond has called and will include Michael in his mass intentions today. Superintendent Jan Lancaster has also called and offered the support and prayers of the Office of Catholic Schools.

At the present time, Michael remains in the hospital. With Michael's family's permission, Coach Ken Sears gave an informative and heartfelt interview with NOLA.com concerning the injury. It's worth reading if you haven't already done so: [http://highschoolsports.nola.com/news/article/-7180941409099458598/st-pauls-defensive-back-michael-doherty-suffers-broken-vertebrae/#incart\\_river\\_home](http://highschoolsports.nola.com/news/article/-7180941409099458598/st-pauls-defensive-back-michael-doherty-suffers-broken-vertebrae/#incart_river_home)

Students have asked to recite the rosary for Michael during lunch on Monday. All are welcome to participate. In the meantime, we offer prayer and support to Michael and his family. May all our holy Christian Brother saints intercede with Almighty God on Michael's behalf!



## *The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter* *Nov 14 – 27, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*



In school & country, we are blessed with abundance. And so my final pre-Thanksgiving message concerns the same one I give each year at this time: the Lasallian commitment to the poor.



*St. La Salle distributes bread to the poor of his day.*

This commitment to the poor began with John Baptist de La Salle. The first schools were endowed parish charity schools, operating on shoestring budgets and often located in less desirable parts of town. Both rich and poor were welcome, provided all agreed to be treated as equals – revolutionary in those days! All were important.

Equally revolutionary was de La Salle's insistence on partiality. We often speak of the need for impartiality in dealings with students. Actually, St. de La Salle was very partial. Partiality was shown to those with less attractive qualities; they were to receive the most attention. Those with the least talents were to be supported and encouraged. Those who had extra food were to share it with those who had little. De La Salle was convinced that the poor needed the schools the most. The curriculum, therefore, combined practical & religious training, designed to help the poor succeed. Thus, service to the poor, both directly and indirectly, must be present at SPS if we are to be faithful Lasallians.

But it's not just Saint La Salle's thinking that compels us to care for the poor. Indeed, the **Concern for the Poor and Social Justice** is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. The United States bishops write: *In a world characterized by growing prosperity for some and pervasive poverty for others, Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.*

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those who are not blessed with material comfort. Let us strive to reach out to them. Let us find ways to welcome them to SPS.

**Mon, Nov 14 (9 am start for faculty meeting at 7:45; C D E F)**

- **This Day in History:** 1968, Yale University announced it was going co-ed. SPS has no plans to imitate Yale – although I do get a request every now and then.
- **TDIH:** Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* is first published. Can you recite the famous opening line? Answer at end.
- **TDIH:** French painter Claude Monet was born in 1840. He pioneered the impressionist style in his landscapes. See some Monet's works at <http://www.claudemonetgallery.org/the-complete-works.html>
- **National American Teddy Bear Day**
- **National Pickle Day:** If you like pickles, you're in luck: they're low in calories, have no fat and have probiotic benefits. Cucumbers were probably first pickled 4,500 years ago in Mesopotamia, and spread around the world across trade routes. Today, there are thousands of different types of pickles in the world's cuisine. Asia consumes more pickles per capita than any other region. Enjoy your favorite pickle today – but don't be one and stay out of 'em. (get it?) Interesting etymological fact: William Shakespeare actually coined the term "in a pickle" in his play, *The Tempest*. In Act V, King Alonso asks his jester, Trinculo, "How camest thou in this pickle?" What Alonso actually meant was "how did you get so drunk?" Shakespeare's original intent makes sense since many pickling processes used alcohol. Since Trinculo's drinking does cause trouble for him, the phrase morphed into meaning "being in trouble." And now you know!



*Sophomores prepare to enjoy Honor Roll Breakfast*

- **National Spicy Guacamole Day**
- **Cross Country Team leaves for state meet in Natchitoches. Geaux CC Wolves!**
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & V

**Tue, Nov 15 (Pack Time; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1859, Charles Dickens' serialized novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, comes to a close, as the final chapter is published. Can you quote the famous opening line? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **TDIH:** In 1864, during the Civil War, Union troops under Gen William T. Sherman burn Atlanta.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, the largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 persons marched in Washington, DC to

protest the Vietnam War.

- **TDIH: In 1887,** American artist Georgia O'Keeffe (a fav ) was born. She favored flowers and desert landscapes. View some of Georgia's works at [https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB\\_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE\\_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%253BcWz\\_u8MTdns6vM%253Bhttp%25253A%25252F%25252Fwhitney.org%25252Fexhibitions%25252FGeorgiaOKeeffe&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5QfE\\_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%25252CcWz\\_u8MTdns6vM%252C\\_&dpr=1.1&usg=\\_\\_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss\\_N4%3D&ved=0CDkQyjdqFQoTCJK1h6PG9MgCFUhbHgodCRcIFg&ei=CdA4VtKMEsi2eYmuoLAB#imgrc=5QfE\\_Kf8rMsrzM%3A&usg=\\_\\_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss\\_N4%3D](https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%253BcWz_u8MTdns6vM%253Bhttp%25253A%25252F%25252Fwhitney.org%25252Fexhibitions%25252FGeorgiaOKeeffe&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%25252CcWz_u8MTdns6vM%252C_&dpr=1.1&usg=__xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D&ved=0CDkQyjdqFQoTCJK1h6PG9MgCFUhbHgodCRcIFg&ei=CdA4VtKMEsi2eYmuoLAB#imgrc=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%3A&usg=__xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D)
- **National "I Love to Write" Day**
- **National Recycling Day – pretty self explanatory! Think globally; act locally!**
- **Food Drive Ends with delivery to Covington Food Bank**

**Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Mandeville

### Wed, Nov 16 (Regular; D E F G)

- **7 am Mass**
- **Feast of the Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Almeria:** Brothers José Cecilio, Aurelio María, Amalio, Valerio Bernardo, Edmigio Primo, Evencio Ricardo, & Teodomiro Joaquin. *Shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, the Popular Front in the Province of Almería gave orders to arrest...priests and religious. Five Brothers were arrested at school; two were taken in the street while on their way to mail letters to their families. The Brothers were condemned to death without trial for the crime of professing and teaching the Catholic faith.* (from the Christian Brothers Website) May the Blessed Brothers of Almeria bless SPS!
- **UN International Day for Tolerance**
- **Basketball:** Varsity in Covington Tournament
- **Soccer:** Meet the Team in the BAC
- **Biomedical Sciences Program Open House at 6:30:** All current parents and students are invited to get an overview of the program, learn about the curriculum, witness student demonstrations and hear about our parent partnership team. The Open House will last about an hour.



### Thu, Nov 17 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1553, the Elizabethan Age begins when Queen Mary I dies and is succeeded by her 25-year-old half-sister, Elizabeth. William Shakespeare will be born eleven years later in 1564.
- **Heuther Conference:** Jeff Ramon, Danielle Lavie and Mimi Montiero will represent SPS at this annual gathering through Sat of hundreds of Lasallians from throughout the region. They meet this year in Chicago with the theme *The Good Samaritan: Confronting New Poverties in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Thanks, team, for going!
- **CPR: Today or on** December 2, all of our juniors and seniors will receive basic CPR training. We are thankful to Lakeview Regional Medical Center and our local first responders for providing this opportunity for our older students. Additional training will also be made available for those students wishing to complete a more advanced course.
- **Wrestling:** SPS v. Jesuit in a dual meet; picture day
- **Basketball:** Varsity in Covington Tournament

### Fri, Nov 18 (Regular; E F G A)

- **Swimming:** State meet in Sulphur through Sat. Geaux Aqua Wolves! I hear The Water Music playing!
- **Football:** SPS hosts Evangel in the quarterfinal round of Division I Playoffs
- **Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 3 pm and end at 7:45 am on Nov 28**

### Sat, Nov 19

- **TDIH:** in 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivers The Gettysburg Address which consists of only 272 words yet is considered one of the most famous speeches in history. (Can you quote the first two lines?) Actually, the whole address is worth reading – better yet, hearing. Below is a link to an audio and text version of the address (you have your choice of speakers ranging from Johnny Cash to Colin Powell to Sam Waterston. I listened to both Colin and Sam.) After reading along while listening, you will be moved. At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, I encourage you to listen to President Lincoln and pray for our country. After listening, you can then click on the link at the bottom and see a copy of Lincoln's original copy. Here's the link: <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gettysburgaddress.htm>
- **Wrestling:** SPS Jr Hi Tournament



Brenton works hard on a Digital Electronics piece of equipment

Sun, Nov 20

- **Feast of Christ the King: Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat! Christus Imperat! We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass on this special day and our other families to worship at church of choice.**
- **TDIH:** In 1982, the Cal football team wins an improbable last-second victory over Stanford when they complete five lateral passes around members of the Cardinals' marching band, who had wandered onto the field a bit early to celebrate the upset they were sure their team had won, and score a touchdown. After catching the last pass of the series, Cal's Kevin Moen careened through the confused horn section and made it safely to the end zone. Then he slammed into trombone player Gary Tyrell. (A photograph from the *Oakland Tribune* of the jubilant Moen and the terrified Tyrell in the moment just before the collision is still displayed triumphantly all over Berkeley.) "The Play," as it became known remains one of the most famous in college football history. Wanna see it? Here's a link: <http://www.topendsports.com/videos/829/sports/american-football/play-1982-california-stanford-football-game/>

Mon, Nov 21

- **TDIH:** In 1691, things were not going well in the newly found Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. I quote from Brother Donald Mouton, a Lasallian scholar: *The group of teachers founded by John Baptist de La Salle was in a precarious situation. Personal antagonisms, opposition to the Founder's work, internal problems, and fragile health that almost led to his death toward the end of 1690 posed critical questions for De La Salle as to the very future of his enterprise. In this crisis, De La Salle decided to bind himself by vow with two other Brothers,*



AFJROTC prepares to honor all veterans at Veterans' Day assembly with student body.

*Nicolas Vuyart and Gabriel Drolin, to establish the Society of the Christian Schools at whatever the cost might be, even if all others should abandon it. This "vow of association and union" pronounced on November 21, 1691, often referred to as the "heroic vow" was an act of hope at a time when the work of the early Brothers was in serious jeopardy. Today, when times seem tough, the Brothers often refer to this milestone in our history. We give thanks for the "heroic vow"! Because of it, we're still around!*

- **Great American Smokeout Day:** The American Cancer Society marks the 38th GAS Day today by encouraging smokers to use today to plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life

– one that can lead to reducing cancer risk. And let's extend this to e-smoking, too! If you see your son sucking on something that looks like a pen – ask him to examine it.

Tue, Nov 22

- **TDIH:** In 1963, at 12:30 p.m. on Elm Street in downtown Dallas, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the youngest man ever elected president, is assassinated in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., the President the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as the 36<sup>th</sup> President. Camelot ends and America changes forever (Yes, I know that's editorializing!) Like most Baby Boomers, I can vividly recall exactly where I was when we got the news!

**Mon, Nov 21 – Sun, Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Holidays Note:** Now that we are on Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter won't list all the many, many events (mostly sports – related) for next week. The newsletter is tired and needs a break and, hence, won't publish next Sunday. Check the web site for all the schedules. Thanks.

**Jazz n Roll** was a grand success. I am humbled by the outpouring of support that took place Saturday night and to all who attended. I don't have the words to thank our Development Team and their corps of volunteers who have worked all year to make this event successful. "Thank you" does not say enough. Know of my gratitude!

**2016-17 Admissions:** This is a big week for Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. On Mon the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Catholic Schools will release the "white card" – the official application to any Catholic high school in the Archdiocese. Students in Catholic elementary schools must return the cards to their principals on Wed, and the elementary schools will then send the applications to the high schools on Fri. Thus, this Fri, we'll have a pretty good idea as to our enrollment for next year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade, as we also made Fri the application due date for the non-Catholic elementary students. Our competition is tough. Even with our Blue Ribbon, we cannot afford to become complacent. Thanks for spreading the good news about SPS. **Encourage prospective families to file applications this week.** You are our greatest



*Jack makes his parents proud by earning the right to attend the honor roll breakfast.*

"advertising." There is NO commitment at this time on either the family or SPS. By applying, the door is kept open for eventual admission and enrollment. We need all our families to spread the good news about SPS. We count on you.

**Thanksgiving Holidays: School offices will be closed** during the Thanksgiving holidays. Anticipate needs before Friday – especially the new form for a driver's license. I will be around, if needed, most of the holiday week so feel free to call on me (phone or email) if you need something, but there's no guarantee I'll know how to help. Thanks for your understanding the need for the staff to have a break. They will not be responding to questions about grades, etc.

**C & V:** As we approach holidays, remember John Baptist De La Salle's concerns: care & vigilance – our mantras this week. **Know that we will be extra vigilant this week and will teach all the way through 3 pm on Friday. Parents: please encourage your sons to be worthy of our Blue Ribbon this week and do not even think about celebrating the holidays**

**until Friday at 3. We will not slack off!**

**Food Drive:** Student Council is hosting its annual Food Drive to benefit the Covington Food Bank. The drive runs until Tue, Nov 15. Students may bring non perishable goods to their classrooms for collection. Items that are requested include: canned fruit and vegetables, dried beans, rice, cake mix, pasta, canned meats, and peanut butter. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

**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.

**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.

**New Tutoring Services:** The National Honor Society has EXPANDED their tutoring services: Mon, Tue & Wed at lunch in La Salle Hall room 207 and Tue & Thu at 7:15 am in La Salle Hall Room 207. Help is offered in ALL subjects,

including Math XL. And they now do proofreading services for papers and will even offer printing services. They held a pizza sale the other day to help with the cost of the printing.

**PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING:** Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, NO CELL PHONE USE DURING SCHOOL ZONE TIMES, buckle up, etc. Thank you

**Last Tuesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Nov 08 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a stirring rendition of the John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, designated by an Act of Congress as our National March. We listened to this patriotic song since it was Election Day and three days before Veterans Day – a day on which we honor all those who helped protect the freedom we enjoy! I reminded the students of the story of how Sousa composed this stirring march while in Europe on Christmas Day in 1896 in honor of a deceased friend. Amazingly, he composed it in his head and didn't commit it to paper until his return to the US several weeks later. What a genius!
- Prayed in a special way for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mrs. Angela Zornes, Grandmother of Brock '21 & Donovan '19 Zornes, Mrs. Byrne, grandmother of Mason '20 & Cameron '17 Byrne and Covington Councilman-at-Large Lee Alexius, a Saint Paul's alumnus of the Class of 1963.** And, of course, we prayed for our country on Election Day and recited a special prayer for that intention.
- Recognized and welcomed a group of 52 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who were visiting SPS that morning.
- I then reminded students that our mission statement calls for Saint Paul's to have strong academic, athletic and extracurricular activities in a safe and disciplined environment and then proceeded to offer examples.
- Recognized and congratulated one of our newest organizations on campus: **HOSA** – which promotes health care professions. I congratulated the students for attending the state conference in Lafayette recently. We then introduced Ms. Leslie Landry, the Development Director for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Covington. Our HOSA Club did a bake sale in October for the Center and the Club members presented a check to Ms. Landry, who warmly thanked the school for its support.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Marian Players** for their outstanding production of "You Can't Take It With You." Our Marian players deserve our support.
- Recognized and congratulated SPS Science teacher **Mr. John Carambat**, who starred in a theatrical production in Mandeville, "The Jeweler's Shop." Mr. Carambat is an artist, an actor, a mechanic and a teacher. We are blessed to have him.
- Recognized and congratulated freshman **Garrett Cooper** for his marksmanship skills. Recently, Garrett won 1<sup>st</sup> place individual champion at the LA 4-H Outdoor Shooting Skills Sports competition in Air Rifle. He also earned a spot on the .22 small-bore rifle team. The four-person team represented Louisiana at the National 4-H Shooting Sports



*Mr. Arbo explains digital electronics to Connor.*

competition at Grand Island, NE. His team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Nation, winning the national championship. Garrett had the second best overall individual score in the US. Garrett's success with 4-H Shooting has brought forth several other students who practice this sport. Accordingly, SPS will register with 4-H to form a school team. Info below.

- Recognized and congratulated the winners in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Saint Paul's Math Tournament, which involved 283 students from 16 schools. As is our custom, we only entered in Pre-Algebra, Algebra and Geometry: **Joey Gioe (3<sup>rd</sup> in Pre-Algebra), James Bradford (4<sup>th</sup> in Algebra I), Jesse Cheng (Honorable Mention in Algebra I), Blake Ramsey (3<sup>rd</sup> in Geometry), David Needles (HM in Geometry), Pre-Algebra Team of Connor Simon, Evan Seicshnaydre, Wesley Coles, Gabe Gros placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alg/Geom Team of Patrick Kilgore, Michael Philippe, & Colin Murphy placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Alg/Geom Team of Andrew Lacoste, James Bradford, Blake Ramsey, Blake DiSalvo placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alg/Geom Team of Jackson Gold, Cullen Irwin, Adam Smith, Darrin Lea placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We swept that category!
- Recognized and congratulated the **Varsity football Wolves** for a great win over Fontainebleau, securing sole possession of another District Championship.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Cross Country Team** for maintaining the #1 state ranking and winning another District Championship – all while Rossini's "William Tell Overture" was playing in the background. Varsity finished with 19 points. Its nearest competitor was Fontainebleau with 69 points. And the JV did equally well, with nine of the top ten runners being Wolves and running away with the District meet.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Junior High Wrestling Team** for its great showing at the recent Holy Cross Tournament: Place winners for Holy Cross Junior High Wrestling Tournament: **1<sup>st</sup> Place (Sean Cripple, Peyton Ward, Carter Duet, Ben Bobrowski, Jackson Luscy); 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Charlie Layman, Sam Avenel & Matthew Gros); 4<sup>th</sup> Place (Jack Ballard, Miles Lindsey, & Charlie Layman)**
- Recognized and congratulated the Aqua Wolves (with Handel's Water Music playing in the background, of course!) for their **SECOND PLACE** in the NEW ORLEANS Metro Meet. Fantastic showing by a small group of determined swimmers: **John Buckley, Jesse Cheng, Drew Putfark, Alex Rawls, Paul Stolin, Tonner Dougherty, Myers Morgan, Kyle Hladky, Brenton Larmann, & Jordan Wyble. Congrats, too, to Coach Emmett Smith!**
- Recognized and congratulated two 2016 alumni who were awarded Flagship Scholarships at last week's LSU Honors Convocation: **Andrew Mercante and Jeffrey Champ.** Even though Andrew and Jeffrey weren't present, we applauded them *in absentia*.
- I then projected a letter we received from the chair of our recent AdvancED Accreditation External Review Team. Here's what the letter said:

*Dear Brother Ray, Trevor, and Joe,*

*On behalf of AdvancED, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your hosting the AdvancED Accreditation External Review team. Thank you for your hospitality and for attending to the team's needs. Your excellent planning and scheduling helped ensure a smooth review. Your entire staff was a pleasure to meet and observe. Most of all, the students were exceptionally courteous and genuinely friendly. Please extend my team's great appreciation to them.*

*I enjoyed the opportunity to work with you. It is my hope that the External Review met your expectations and that the findings from the review will help you in your efforts to improve student performance and overall school effectiveness.*

*You will receive the written report approximately one month after the External Review. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions as you review the report.*

*Thank you again for hosting the AdvancED External Review team. It was a pleasure working with you. I commend you and your school for its commitment to advancing excellence in education through the accreditation process.*

*Sincerely,  
Rick Treuting  
External Review Lead Evaluator*

- Since it was Election Day, I told the students that we were going to sing “The National Anthem.” I gave them a brief history of the anthem: Francis Scott Key, The War of 1812, The Battle of McHenry guarding the Baltimore Harbor from the British Fleet and the ultimate adoption of the anthem by the Congress. I instructed them on anthem etiquette: singing the anthem instead of talking to friends, standing at attention, not wearing hats, placing hands over hearts ( or saluting by military or veterans) -- and then we started the music and I held my breath. The boys sang great! It was a moving moment!
- I then reminded the boys that people notice Saint Paul’s students and projected an email I received last week: *This evening I happened to be at Coquille with my daughter. It was a great pleasure to see a large group of St. Paul's students this evening volunteering at the Miracle League baseball game. They looked like they were having as much fun as their special needs buddies running bases, playing duck, duck, goose, and just genuinely interacting with the children. It's so wonderful to see the Lasallian principles at work in the community.*
- We then sang “Mercy” – which the boys seem to like.
- I ended by urging urged the students to be “the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit” to each and every person they would meet that day – and always.



*Nico displays emotion at the Stella Yelling competition on Friday*

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

- **Congrats to Trevor** for upholding the honor of the school by defeating CES, NCS & Lakeshore High in the Men Can Cook competition to benefit Hope House.
- **Shadow Day:** Over 50 boys attended. The total number of “shadowers” exceeded last year’s number. I am very grateful to Karen Hebert for organizing these important days – and to all of you for spreading the good news about SPS.
- **Veterans Day Assembly:** Thanks to Sgt. East and the LA 41<sup>st</sup> (spearheaded by Alex Seese) for the meaningful program last week. The students responded well. And thanks to our SPS vets: Sgt. East, Sgt. Pressley, Tommy Lahey and Brother Duane Gregory (Hope I didn’t forget anyone!)
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** All five went well. In case you are interested, the words this quarter were *splendiferous* (adj – fine, splendid, magnificent); *nugatory* (adj – having no value; worthless); *stalwart* (noun – a firm, brave,



uncompromising person); and **nudnik** (noun – a persistently dull, boring pest). Do not let a student call you a nugatory nudnik and try to convince you it's a compliment!

- **Football:** Great win over Shaw Friday night. Congrats to our All District players. First Team: **Bradley Mashburn, Josh Tourelle, Christian Roberts & Brycen Brown. Second Team: Taylor Lacoste. HM: Hayden Ocmán, Nick Knobloch, Noah Seiden, Bam Barriero, Jack Bonaldi & Paul Gremillion. And special congrats to District 6 5A Coach of the Year: Ken Sears.**
- **Jazz n Roll:** Wow. What a great evening! The Development Team deserves the praise of all of us. The time and effort that went into the event is incalculable. We are most grateful!
- **Louisiana Scholastic Press Association Conference:** Thanks to journalism, yearbook, and broadcast production students who represented us well last Thursday. And they returned with the gold: **Best Newspaper in the State and Co-Best Media Program in the state!** Wow!
- **Soccer:** Successful scrimmages against Catholic of BR & Ocean Springs start the season off well.
- **Student Council Food Drive:** I appreciate all that the SC is doing for this annual event.
- **Stella Yelling Contest:** Shades of Tennessee Williams! The boys and faculty were GREAT!
- **Lasallian Commitment Retreat:** Thanks to Matt Pinero and Liz Brett for “roughing it” in Santa Fe for this meaningful experience.
- **Quiz Bowl:** Our guys competed Sat and returned with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. Great, Trivia Wolves!
- **Habitat:** 17 Wolves and 1 alumnus joined Richard Pichon in this very Lasallian activity on Sat. Well done.

**Chick-fil-A** will be on campus on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> taking job applications from any student looking for part time after school and weekend work. I am grateful to the Hwy 190 store for supply the breakfast food for our honor roll breakfasts. Thanks to manager Mr. Rick Gonzalez.



**New Extracurricular:** St Paul's will be starting a Shooting Sports team this year. This will be in conjunction with St. Tammany 4-H and the St. Tammany 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The goal of this year's team is to introduce participants to competitive shooting in a safe and educational environment and to participate in the Southern Regional Match in March 2017. Those who qualify will have the opportunity to compete at the State Match in April 2017. Anyone interested will need to go to the St. Tammany 4-H website and register to become a member of 4-H as well as the St. Tammany 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The website is [stp4hshootingsports.com](http://stp4hshootingsports.com). The deadline for registering is November 18, 2016. **For** any other questions or additional information please contact Dr. Mike Hall at [hall\\_michael1@yahoo.com](mailto:hall_michael1@yahoo.com). After registering, please email Mike Hall with your contact information to be placed on the roster.

Once registration is complete, team members will be contacted to schedule an informational meeting. Practices will be held at nearby gun clubs between Covington and Baton Rouge.

**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.

**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.

### **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.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:andrewd@stpauls.com)

**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](mailto: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:** On Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, 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.

**From the Mothers' Club: Please visit the St. Paul's Bookstore for all those on your Christmas list. The store will be open from 9 am – 3 pm on Saturday, Dec 3.**

**John Cresson's Reflection:** Last week, I re-read 2016 graduate John Cresson's talk at our Blue Ribbon assembly. I was again moved by his words. It's worth a read by all:

*Honored guests, faculty, staff, and most of all students of St. Paul's:*

*Today we mark a milestone in our storied 104 year history. Today, we celebrate an award that was not made to us as individuals, but, rather, to us as a community. It is not something we have, like presidential scholar, or a national merit finalist, but something we are. We are a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. It is something that we can all take pride in, because we all contributed to it, students and faculty alike.*

*This is an award that serves to memorialize our past, celebrate the present, and propel us into the future.*

*This blue ribbon remembers all the hard work of the Christian Brothers and lay teachers of the past who established the foundation of this school, a foundation which all those who have followed have only solidified and built upon. It remembers the thousands of students, now proud alumni, who have walked these beautiful grounds and have helped make St. Paul's what it is today. They set academic precedents, created new clubs and sports, and established the traditions that we now hold dear to our hearts.*

*This accolade celebrates where we stand today. It celebrates the hard work of Brother Ray and the administrators whose drive and vision have grown and transformed St. Paul's into the exemplary school that we have come to experience. It celebrates the dedication of our current teachers who help us students to grow not only academically, but also, and more importantly, as men of God. I believe that it is due to the hard work and caring attitudes of the teachers that we have reason to celebrate in this assembly center. Lastly, this award celebrates us, the current students of St. Paul's whose different passions and talents and characteristics have created a diverse, intellectual, friendly, encouraging, and brotherly environment. I have no doubt that this environment contributed greatly to us receiving this award.*

*And finally, this award propels us into the future. We do not stop to celebrate, but celebrate as we begin because with this achievement we turn the page and begin to pen a new chapter in St. Paul's history. A chapter in which years from now the halls will be crowded with students, where teachers push their students to work harder and to go further and to continue to reach for the stars, and where students are state champions in math and football alike. The possibilities are endless, but amidst this change, amidst this progress, the mission of St. Paul's endures.*

*As a student (and faculty member I'm sure) it is truly an exciting time to be at St. Paul's. It is exciting to remember and glorify the past. It is exciting to celebrate and live in the present. And it is exciting to consider the future. It is truly exciting to say with pride and passion to say that we are a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.*

**Thank you, John!**

### **November**

14 – 9 am start to allow for a faculty meeting  
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

**You get a break next Sunday as the newsletter goes on a much needed Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your next Sunday morning without my newsletter.**

Pray that things go well and pray for Michael! We're already passed the mid-point of the second quarter. Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2016 - 17 edition of Saint Paul's – our 105<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC  
Grateful to be the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

\Answer to Sat TDIH question: The opening line to Moby Dick is: *Call me Ishmael*. It's considered one of the best opening lines ever.

Answer to Sun TDIH question: *A Tale of Two Cities* begins with one of the most famous opening lines in the history of literature: *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way...*

