

Our thought, support, and Michael Doherty as he injury in a recent football prayer and support for this most difficult time. At the present time, hospital. We will keep you develop and the family. In the meantime, we offer all our holy Christian our newest saint, Brother Almighty God on



prayer continue for junior recovers from his serious game. The outpouring of Michael and his family at continues to be amazing. Michael remains in the informed as events issues official statements. prayer and support. May Brother saints, especially Solomon, intercede with Michael's behalf!



## *The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*

*Nov 28 – Dec 04, 2016*



### **Happy New Church Year!**



We begin December celebrating the season of Advent – which is the beginning of the new Catholic Church year -- a time of waiting. Advent commemorates the centuries of our awaiting the Messiah. Catholic families put out Advent wreaths, the priest wears purple vestments, and Jessie trees spring up – all to remind us of the season of waiting for the "fullness of time."

I like Advent. I know I'm in the minority here, but I find it a very human season. I know, too, that our students don't like Advent because they don't like the concept of waiting. They routinely grumble about waiting in the cafeteria line, about how far away a particular event is that they are looking forward to, etc. Somehow, in our instant gratification society that emphasizes getting what you want as quickly as possible, patience is no longer promoted as a virtue. In a world where we upgrade to faster computers, buy faster Internet access, text and tweet instead of talk, deliver overnight, buy faster cars, patronize establishments that offer "lunch in ten minutes or it's free" and emphasize that time is money, our students no longer know how to wait. And yet think about how much time we do spend waiting: in store lines, in traffic jams, for the check that's in the mail, for a happy time to occur or a difficult time to end.

Think about your son and how much time you have spent and continue to spend waiting for him: to be born, to learn to talk, to take his first step, to develop his talents, in the car pool line, to come home from a date, to see the importance of grades, to learn to appreciate family and life, to mature.

Advent teaches us to turn times of waiting into times of grace. At my next assembly, I will remind the students of one of the oldest prayers in the Church. It consists of just one word: **Maranatha**, which is Aramaic for "Come, Lord." If we can fill our time of waiting with God's presence, then the whole concept of patience will take on a new and more fulfilling meaning. What a wonderful way to fill periods of waiting! Use it as a greeting, too. Your spirits will be renewed and your time of waiting will be filled with blessing.

***Maranatha! Come, Lord!***

### Mon, Nov 28 (Regular; B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** In 1520, after sailing through the dangerous straits below South America that now bear his name, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan enters the Pacific Ocean with three ships, becoming the first European explorer to reach the Pacific from the Atlantic. He had left Europe over one year earlier.
- **TDIH:** In 1582, William Shakespeare marries Anne Hathaway. Trivia Question: how many children did they have? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **Cyber Monday:** If you shop on-line today, consider using AmazonSmile & help SPS! See below for info.
- **French Toast Day:** Enjoy this iconic breakfast item.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapel during lunch:** Encourage our students to take advantage of this sacrament.
- **Speaker's Series:** Mr. Will Boudreaux, owner of Netchex, will speak to a group of our students at 8 am in the theater. You are welcome to attend if you are available. Netchex is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century company designed around a millennial workforce. Thanks to Brian Logarbo for arranging for these speakers who give our students real world advice about the professional world in which they will one day be working.
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> Meet the Team

### Tue, Nov 29 (Assembly; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1963, President Lyndon Johnson issued Executive Order No. 11130, appointing the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy—commonly referred to as the Warren Commission, after its leader, Chief Justice Earl Warren – to investigate the assassination of President John Kennedy, which had occurred one week earlier. The Commission ultimately concluded that a lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald, killed Kennedy. Controversy over that conclusion continues to this day.
- **I Give Catholic Day.** Please consider a gift to SPS at <https://igivecatholic.org/#npo/st.-pauls-school>. Many thanks to the students and teachers who recorded videos for this campaign!
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapel during lunch**
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Fontainebleau Jr Hi
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Mandeville

### Wed, Nov 30 (Regular; Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle; C D E F)

- **7 am Mass in chapel.** Come join us and get Advent off to a good start.
- **Happy Feast Day to the 27 students and faculty who have Andrew as their first or middle names!**
- **TDIH:** In 1782, a provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of the Revolutionary War. The final treaty was signed in Paris the following Sept. It declared the US “to be free, sovereign and independent states” and that the British Crown “relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same.”
- **TDIH:** In 1835, Samuel Clemens is born. He wrote books under the name Mark Twain including *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.
- **TDIH:** In 1874, Winston Churchill was born. In May 1940, he became England's Prime Minister, stating “I have nothing to offer but blood, tears, toil, and sweat.”
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation at lunch**
- **BBall:** 8<sup>th</sup> at Mandeville v. Mandeville Jr Hi and Varsity in CYO tournament
- **Soccer:** JV at Lakeshore (5:30) & Varsity at Newman (6)



### Thu, Dec 1 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Word to Begin December:** After you gormandized on Thanksgiving, beware of oniomania (the uncontrollable desire to buy things) in December! Let's not become oniomaniacs this month! For you etymology lovers, the word comes from the Greek "onios" meaning "for sale" and the Latin "mania" meaning "excessive desire."
- **TDIH:** In 1955, Rosa Parks is jailed in Montgomery, AL, for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man in violation of the city's racial segregation laws. This sparks the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott and earns her the moniker "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement."
- **Eat a Red Apple Day:** Delicious – and healthy, too! Enjoy!
- **Blood Drive in Campus today. Give the gift of life!**
- **Basketball:** Varsity in CYO Tournament
- **Soccer:** 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> v. Northlake JV

### Fri, Dec 2 (Regular; D E F G)

- **National Fritters Day:** Indulge with a fritter, a fried cake filled with fruit or meat.
- **National Mutt Day:** For those of you with one of these, celebrate today
- **TDIH:** In 1823, during his annual address to Congress, President James Monroe proclaims a new U.S. foreign policy initiative that becomes known as the "Monroe Doctrine" which forbade European interference in the American hemisphere but also asserted U.S. neutrality in regard to European conflicts.
- **Basketball:** Var in CYO tournament; 8<sup>th</sup> in Rummel Tournament
- **Wrestling:** Varsity in Ft. Walton, FL Tournament.
- **Indoor Track Call Out Meeting today in Room 116**



*Led by senior Alex, pre-freshmen Wolves do their part for Student Council Food Drive.*

### Sat, Dec 3

- **TDIH:** In 1947, Marlon Brando's famous "STELLA!" first booms on a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience during the debut of Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Since Vic's AP English class is studying this iconic play, they recently did their "Stella Yelling Contest" a la the yearly one in the French Quarter. It was great!
- **TDIH:** In 1967, a 53 year old named Lewis Washansky received the first human heart transplant.
- **International Day of People with Disability** promotes support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. As Lasallians, we aim to build an inclusive community which respects all. We celebrate this day.
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> in Rummel Tournament; Varsity in CYO Tournament
- **Soccer:** 9<sup>th</sup> at BR
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi in Jesuit Tournament; Varsity in Ft. Walton Tournament
- **Lacrosse at Bossier City**

- **Cross Country Christmas Fun Run**
- **Mothers' Club Bookstore Christmas Sale (9-3) Support the MC! See below for more info.**

**Bookstore Christmas Sale from the Mothers' Club:** The Bookstore will be open on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-3:00 for your convenience. Come do your Christmas Shopping and take advantage of some great bargains! Winter has finally arrived, and we have some great new sweatshirts and scarves! Normal bookstore hours are weekdays 7:15-8:00 am and 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. All proceeds from the bookstore are used for the benefit of our students!



**Sun, Dec 4**

- **TDIH:** In 1991, after 64 years of operation, the American airline Pan Am ceases service.
- **National Cookie Day:** Enjoy! DYK the English word "cookie" comes from Dutch "koekje," which means little cake? Dutch bakers tested oven temps on small amounts of batter so they would not waste the entire cake mix if the temp wasn't right & discovered that these tiny pieces of cooked batter were actually quite tasty!



*Congrats to Ryan Flood and William Huertin for college athletic signings: Ryan at Belmont Abbey College for lacrosse & William at Rhodes College for baseball.*

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy** officially ended on Nov 20, Feast of Christ the King. But while the Jubilee Year may have ended, the importance of mercy in our lives can never end. That applies to us at SPS, too. Let's continue to stress mercy with our students. We will continue to sing "Mercy" at assemblies and masses. May the grace of this past Jubilee Year inspire us to practice ever more ways to be merciful. Archbishop Gregory Aymond wrote: *Though the Jubilee Year is concluded, we must continue in our personal lives and as a community to be merciful. Jesus says: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy." We live in a time of revenge, judgmentalism and name calling. We are invited to be merciful and to reflect the heart of Christ beyond this Jubilee observance. Mercy is every day and forever!*

**Service Hours:** As a Lasallian Catholic institution, we are called to demonstrate "Concern for the Poor and Social Justice." Our school wide response to this calling is our Serve Ten program. Every St. Paul's student is required to complete a minimum of ten (10) service hours during the school year. Service hours must be completed and submitted by May 1st, 2017. Acceptable service is that in which you volunteer with a charitable organization (like the Covington Food Bank and local churches), assist the elderly, help someone less fortunate in the community, or assist at fundraisers for charitable organizations. . Assisting family is admirable, but does not count towards the service hour goal. Service hour forms can be found on the St. Paul's Edline

homepage under "Links". Completed forms should be signed and turned in to the drop-off box in the library. Electronic submission of the forms as well as any questions relating to service hours can also be sent to Mr. Ramon ([j.ramon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com))

**Adopt-a-Family:** This school year, we will be partnering with St. Tammany Project Christmas. We have "adopted" 40 children from 11 families in St. Tammany Parish. Each of these children has three wish list items that have been shared with the religion classes. As in the past, we will ask for monetary donations that will be donated through your son's religion teacher to fund the purchase of the wish list items. If your son is also interested in being on the shopping team for each grade level, please reach out to your son's grade level moderator or Mr. Ramon ([j.ramon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com))

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available to students during lunch period on Mon and Tue. This is a great way to start Advent and end the Year of Mercy. We are grateful to the local priests who will be giving of their valuable time to assist our students on their spiritual journey.

**Christmas Blood Drive:** Our annual blood Drive will be Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Permission slips will be needed for 16 and 17 year old students. Students must weigh at least 110 pounds, and not be in an active sports season. Each pint saves lives. And parents who wish to give are invited to stop by and donate. The set up will be in the gym lobby.

**Cross Country Wolves:** I can't say enough great things about his incredible group of young men and their coaching staff. Day after day throughout the summer and fall, these guys collectively run literally of miles. Week after week, very

early on fall Sat mornings, these guys gather in Guiteau Plaza at 5:30 am to travel to their race site. And they returned this year with a state championship. We will honor them next week with a special assembly as they acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner. And thanks to the CC Wolves parents for all of their support.

**Aqua Wolves:** Ditto the above for the Aqua Wolves, who receive very little acclaim. Their third place finish in state deserves special mention. A small (only 9 qualified for state) but determined group of swimmers represented us in an exemplary manner! They deserve kudos. And thanks to the Aqua Wolves parents for all their support!

**Football Wolves:** Ditto the above. Our Gridiron Wolves fought hard against Evangel in an exciting, quarterfinal playoff game. While the outcome wasn't what we hoped for, we are proud of their season of success. They provided many moments of Friday night excitement – and a District Championship to boot. Kudos to the Football Wolves! And thank you, Touchdown Club, for all you did to support the team throughout the season!

**Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, Cheerleaders & Color Guard:** Ditto the above for these wonderful groups! The MWs were spectacular at every game and certainly aided in the generation of spirit. Well done, Andrew, and Drum Majors Ruston and Alvey! And thank you, Band Boosters, for all you did!

**The Annual Fund:** Last week, I officially launched our Annual Fund Drive – just like almost every other private school. You should have received in the mail a brochure explaining the drive and a response card. I'm humbled by the number of you who have anticipated the drive and have already sent in your donations. The success of this drive is critical to Saint Paul's. Please keep us in mind as you plan your end of year giving. Again, thanks to all who have already contributed. We need everyone, to at least some degree, to follow suit.



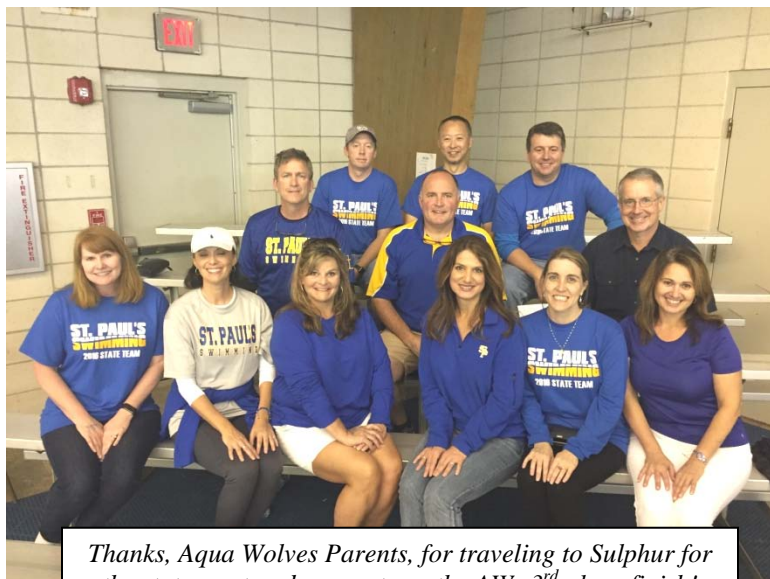
*Guerilla Wolves interview Student Council about the success of the Food Drive*

**School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

#### **Musings on Last Two Weeks:**

- **C & V:** Thanks for your pre-holiday care and vigilance; we began the holiday with few problems. But we won't let up! We will keep them busy to stay out of trouble!
- **Huether Conference:** Thanks to Jeff Ramon, Danielle Lavie, and Mimi Montiero who attended this annual gathering of Lasallians from across the region in Chicago. I pray the time was worthwhile.
- **CPR:** We are grateful to Lakeview Regional Medical Center for training half of our junior and seniors in CPR on the Thu before the break. WDSU TV covered the training. Here's a link to the story in case you missed it: <http://www.wdsu.com/article/cpr-training-held-at-st-pauls-school/8302649> The rest of the juniors and seniors will be trained this week. Teachers are encouraged to get trained, too.
- **Soccer:** Lots of wins over the holidays – too numerous to list!
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi did great in their tournament.
- **Food Drive:** Congrats to Student Council for a very successful food drive. Almost 7 tons of canned goods were delivered to Covington Food Bank. Thank you for your support!
- **Science Fair:** Thanks to Science Department for another successful fair before Thanksgiving.

- **Ponchartrain Cancer Center Biomedical Science Open House:** Thanks to all who attended. The students were great! We remain most grateful to the Harry T. Howard Foundation for starting the program and to current sponsors Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Oubre of the Ponchartrain Cancer Center.
- **Art Department:** We were represented in Three Rivers Art Festival. Thanks, Art Wolves!
- **Pack Time:** I hope your son told you about our Thanksgiving Pack Time. My pack was excellent in articulating those things for which they are grateful.
- **Pep Rally:** Thanks, Student Council, for a great pep rally before the break.
- **Basketball:** Lots of practices and we open our season and participate this week as defending champions of the prestigious CYO Tournament.
- **Feed the Needy Luncheon:** Kudos to Shellie Campo for successfully accommodating the Rotary Club's Feed the Needy luncheon last Tuesday. A "Who's Who" list of attendees, including Governor John Bel Edwards, was in



*Thanks, Aqua Wolves Parents, for traveling to Sulphur for the state meet and congrats on the AWs 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish! Hope you listened to The Water Music on way home!*

attendance. In addition to thanking Shellie, I am most grateful to student hosts **Nick Ashton, Matthew Borgatti, Evan Cook, Ford Brasher, Grant Harrison, Will Murphy, Alex Nunez, Liam Ordoyne** who worked the event – to rave reviews. The assembled guests also prayed for Michael, and Governor Edwards visited him in the hospital that afternoon.

- **Athletic Signing:** Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing our first athletic signing of the year and congrats to William Huertin (baseball at Millsaps) and Ryan Flood (lacrosse at Belmont Abbey College.)

**The Development Office:** Our Development team of Danielle, Shellie, Mimi, Karen and Al continues to work hard. I meet with them regularly. Appreciate and support of their work. Recent events include:

- Launch of the Annual Fund on Nov 16. This appeal is critical to us moving forward. We published an Advancement Review. Pray for the success of the drive.
- Along with other Catholic organizations in the Archdiocese, we will participate in the I Give Catholic Campaign on Tue, Nov 29. This is an initiative by Archbishop Aymond to get the entire Community to support Catholic works. Videos by yours truly, Brother Ken, Luke, Lee, Renee and several other faculty and students were produced (thanks, Mimi!) and email to constituents and posted on our social media sites. We pray for the success of this day.
- Brother Timothy Wine Donation: The District of San Francisco New Orleans supplies each school with 10 cases of specially produced Brother Timothy Diener Cabernet. SPS asked for its 10 cases (120 bottles) and offer these bottles for sale. Last year, all 120 bottles were spoken for within 72 hours! We hope for the same response. The money must be used for tuition assistance for students on free or reduced lunch – which we will certainly do!
- Alumni Decathlon: The first ever produced alums in varying stages of "shape" but a good time was passed by all. Trip Keller '07 won in the 35 & under division, while Ryan Domingue '94 claimed the over 35 title!
- We continue to have naming opportunities for our new gym. Contact me if interested and you'd like to see your name on the donor board in the lobby – or on the building itself!

**2017 – 18 Admissions:** I am very pleased with our applicant pool for next year, both in quantity and quality. New applications will now be accepted on a "wait list" basis as we have a full crop who applied on time. Thanks for all you did to promote SPS. Don't let your son take his SPS enrollment for granted as others want his spot!



**Application Letters:** As part of the application process, prospective students must submit an essay about why they wish to attend SPS. I annually publish some memorable lines from next year's application letters. Here's the first batch:

- *Not all Christian schools are the same. I think with the daily prayers the students form a special bond with God that cannot be broken. I believe that this bond gives the St. Paul's students the strength and maturity to deal with everyday matters in life. It is this bond that forms a strong brotherhood and life lasting friendships.*
- *Attending Saint Paul's has always been my dream.*
- *If I am accepted, I will bring loyalty, honor, and integrity. A man is only as good as his word and I am a young man of integrity.*
- *I liked the uniforms and that you had an option to wear any shoes you wanted.*
- *The fast lunch is a good option.*
- *St. Paul's will give me an amazing education and I will give St. Paul's a strong leader, a hard worker, someone who can think out of the box, and a creative mind.*
- *At the schools I have gone to for the past eight years, one of the teachers would always ask the class who enjoyed learning. I would be the only one to raise my hand in every class. I know this will not be the case at St. Paul's.*



*Augie, Mason, & McMahon work hard on their perspective drawings in Art I.*

**Cash Back Programs:** Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- **AmazonSmile:** This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul's School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- **Office Depot:** Last week we received a \$700 store credit from customers who gave SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul's will do. This will help a lot.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially.

**Senior Parents:** Senior Retreat is just around the corner. You should have received an email with all the details from Renee Miller and Lee Pierre, retreat coordinators. If you didn't receive this email, please email Renee at [reneep@stpauls.com](mailto:reneep@stpauls.com) or Lee at [leep@stpauls.com](mailto:leep@stpauls.com).

**A Word about Exams:** Semester exams begin on Dec 13. Remember that exams are SEMESTER exams which will cover the entire semester. The **semester grade** (the only grade that counts in GPA and the only grade on the transcript) will be averaged in the following manner: 40% for Quarter 1; 40% for Quarter 2; 20 % for the semester exam. Encourage your son, therefore, to take his exams seriously. **It's time to start reviewing.** A good review lasts several weeks and avoids last minute cramming. Learning how to study for semester exams will aid your son considerably in college. The complete exam schedule is printed at the end of this newsletter and is posted on Edline.

**Thanksgiving to Christmas:** This period of the school year can be a challenge. While it should be a time of good will and cheer, often we find ourselves handling a crisis. The best way to prevent any difficulty is through the Lasallian virtues of caring and vigilance – which will be in full force. Teachers will teach until the very end. **Parents, remind your students to adhere to ALL procedures & policies.** We will show care to the students, but we will be vigilant.

**Mission Collections, Adopt a Family Projects, and Other Worthy Causes:** We encourage our students to be generous with these causes. However, I again want to reassure parents that we DO NOT want to cause an economic hardship for our families. Please speak with your son about charitable giving. Perhaps you can reread as a family the parable of the Widow's Mite. Our teachers are aware that not every student can give a lot – or even give at all. Let me know if your son is feeling uncomfortable with our appeals. And that goes for you, too. Let's face it – tuition does NOT cover the cost of running Saint Paul's. Hence, we have fundraisers. As stated above, I've launched our Annual Fund Drive, and if you can give, that's great. If not, I understand but ask that you pray for Saint Paul's. In turn, we pray for financial health for all.

**Sweatshirts & Cold Weather:** Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** Remember that ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.

**Current Student Re-Registration for 2017 - 18:** For those of you who plan ahead, here's the process:

- Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9<sup>th</sup> graders we can accept.
- Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12<sup>th</sup> graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2017 - 18, a \$300 registration fee will be due.
- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning for the second semester of this year, please let me know ASAP. We are getting inquiries about January admissions.**

**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.

**The Paper Wolf:** The all new DIGITAL Paper Wolf is updated each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. The students are very excited about this new venture. So support them and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: [www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com). Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class.

**And Speaking of Edline:** Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grade and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.*

**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. Get a jump on exam study by visiting our NHS tutors! The tutors are friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial "put these men to work!"

**PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING:** Parents – set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, buckle up, etc. Thank you!



**From St. Peter Catholic Church:** St. Peter Catholic Church invites everyone to a "Growth in Faith" featuring The Sisters of the Holy Family (New Orleans) presenting the Life and Ministry of Venerable Henriette Delille. The presentation will be held in the church on Sunday, December 4th at 6:30pm with a reception following in St. Mary's Hall. Venerable Henriette Delille (1813-1862), a Creole nun, founded the Roman Catholic order of the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans. The order provided nursing care and a home for orphans, later establishing schools as well. In 1988 the order formally opened the cause with the Holy See for the canonization of Henriette Delille. She was declared to be Venerable in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. Upon canonization, Delille would make history as the first saint born in New Orleans, and the first female native born African-American saint. Materials will be available for purchase. This event is free of charge; however, a love offering will be accepted. For more info, call St. Peter Rectory, 985-892-2422.

### **Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School's Merry Minglers Market & Chili Cook Off:**

- When: Fri, Dec 2 (4 – 7 pm) and Sat, Dec 3, (9 – 1)
- Location: Church Parish Center, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville
- Santa will be available for pictures from 5-7 pm
- Admission: nonperishable item or monetary donation to benefit The Samaritan Center
- K of C Chili Cook Off on Sat, Dec 3 from 9 -12
- All are Welcome!

**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.

**Humor of the Week:** In honor of National Mutt Day on Dec 2, here are some doggy jokes:

- *Q: How did the little Scottish dog feel when he saw a monster? A: Terrier-fied!*
- *Q: Why did the dog cross the road? A: To get to the "barking" lot!*
- *Q: What is it called when a cat wins a dog show? A: A CAT-TROPHY!*
- *Q: What kind of dog does Dracula have? A: A bloodhound!*
- *Q: What happened when the dog went to the flea circus? A: He stole the show!*
- *Q: What do you get if you cross a gold dog with a telephone? A: A golden receiver!*
- *Q: What does my dog and my phone have in common? A: They both have collar I.D.*
- *Q: What do you get if you cross a Beatle and an Australian dog? A: Dingo Starr!*
- *Q: What do you call a dog magician? A: A labracadabrador.*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a race dog with a bumble bee? A: a Greyhound Buzz.*
- *Q: What do you call a frozen dog? A: A pupsicle.*
- *Q: What did the skeleton say to the puppy? A: bone appetite*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator? A: A friend you can count on.*
- *What do you call a cold dog? A: A Chill Dog.*
- *Q: How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? A: One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.*
- *Q: What do you get if you cross a dog with a frog? A: A dog that can lick you from the other side of the road!*



Wrist bands for Mighty Michael #36!

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- *Q: When does a dog go "moo"? A: When it is learning a new language!*
- *Q: Why do dogs bury bones in the ground? A: Because you can't bury them in trees!*
- *Q: Why did the poor dog chase his own tail? A: He was trying to make both ends meet!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

## **A Look Ahead**

### **November**

28 – Classes resume from 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; Christmas holidays begin at 11 am on the 16<sup>th</sup>

### **January**

3 – Classes resume from Christmas holidays (yes, I know this is a day earlier than the public schools)

4 – 6 – Senior retreat

## **First Semester Exam Schedule**

December 2016

### **Monday, December 12 – GAB(C)**

Regular classes in periods GAB

Review for Period A Exam

### **SPECIAL EXAM SCHEDULE (With SSR & CNN)**

(80 Minute Classes)

7:40 Chimes

7:45 – 9:20 Period G

9:27 – 11:02 Period A/SSR

11:02 – 11:42 Lunch

11:47 – 1:12 Period B

1:19– 2:04 Period A Exam Review

2:10 Dismissal

### **Tuesday, December 13**

#### **Special Exam/Prayer Service/Principal's Assembly/Snack Schedule**

8:15 -8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements

8:30 – 10:00 Period A Exam

10:05-10:45 Advent Prayer Service (Gym)

10:55- 11:40 Period B Review

11:40-12:25 Lunch

12:30-1:00 President's Assembly (Gym)

1:00-1:15 Break

1:15 – 2:00      Period C Review  
2:10              Dismissal

Wednesday, December 14

8:15-8:30      Prayer, Roll and Announcements  
8:30 -10:00      Period B Exam  
10:00-10:10      Break  
10:10-11:40      Period C Exam  
11:40-12:25      Lunch  
12:30-1:15      Period D Review  
1:20-2:05      Period E Review  
2:10              Dismissal

Thursday, December 15

8:15-8:30      Prayer, Roll and Announc.  
8:30 -10:00      Period D Exam  
10:00-10:10      Break  
10:10-11:40      Period E Exam  
11:40-12:25      Lunch  
12:30-1:15      Period F Review  
1:20-2:05      Period G Review  
2:10              Dismissal

Friday, December 16

8:15-8:30      Prayer, Roll and Announc.  
8:30 -10:00      Period F Exam  
10:00-10:10      Break  
10:10-11:40      Period G Exam  
11:45              Dismissal

Whew! I've taxed your patience this week, but you got a break last Sunday as the newsletter went on holiday!

As usual, I'll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to as I write 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 seventh 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.

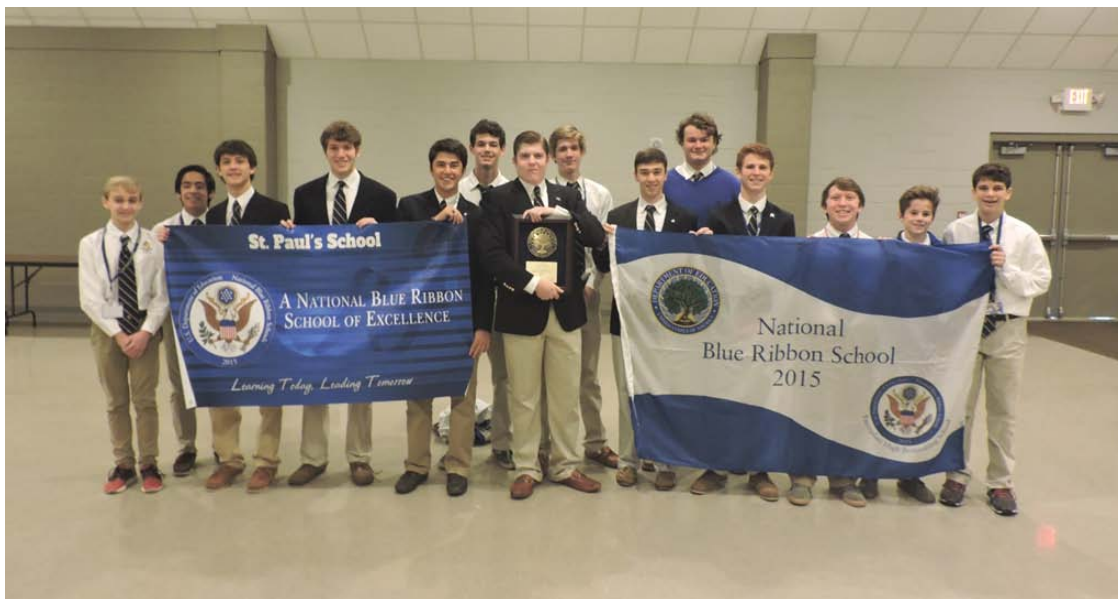
May the final month of 2016 (can you believe it?) be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2016 - 17 edition of Saint Paul's – our 105<sup>th</sup> year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Ready for the Last Three Weeks of the Semester as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near! Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!***





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