



The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter

Nov 02 - 08, 2015



Our annual Open House for prospective students for 2016 - 17 occurred yesterday, Sat, Oct 31. I had no idea as to how many people (if any) would attend, but we prepared as we always have: maintenance cleaned and polished, students prepared talks, student hosts were briefed, and faculty had presentations ready. Thanks to Trevor Watkins, department chairs, Karen Hebert, student hosts, Mothers Club, & Maintenance for all the hard work. And the results were very gratifying as we had an excellent turnout on a wet, windy Halloween afternoon!

The “mood” among private schools in our area (on both shores) is guarded about enrollment as evidenced by an inordinate amount of private school advertising. Everyone is cautious. A less than robust economy, the rising cost to attend private school, charter schools, & the amount of students vs. the number of schools are all daunting challenges. And here on the northshore, we compete against an excellent public school system.

So how will SPS ultimately fare? If we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God’s work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and ultimately in the next life.

Domine, Opus Tuum (Lord, the work is yours!)– no better message for us ALL to remember as we prepare for 2016 - 17 – our 105th year!

Dress Uniform Day on Mon, Nov 2!

Mon, Nov 2 (All Souls Day; mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM DAY; C D E F):

- **All Souls Day:** Today we remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life.
- **Dia de los Muertos:** We will have our annual remembrance today at a special mass. We remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life. Thanks to Liz & Lobos for this special event.
- **National Deviled Egg Day:** Enjoy!
- **Student Council Food Drive Begins**

Tue, Nov 3 (Pack Time; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Soviet Russia launched the first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika
- **National Sandwich Day:** Enjoy your favorite sandwich!
- **National Cliché Day:** From the NCD website: *Every dog has his day. And evidently, so does every minuscule detail of modern society, including the cliché. Not to beat around the bush about it; we’ll just come right out and tell you that, as hard as this fact may be to swallow, today is*



Pre-freshmen prepare for start of their final game.

National Cliché Day. Really, we're not just yanking your chain. We wouldn't pull your leg about something as serious as National Cliché Day. By the time National Cliché Day is over, a good time will have been had by all. Use your favorite clichés today!

- **Wrestling:** Meet the Team and Picture Day (Old Gym)
- **Soccer:** Meet the Team (BAC)
- **Basketball:** Hall of Fame Game in Chalmette

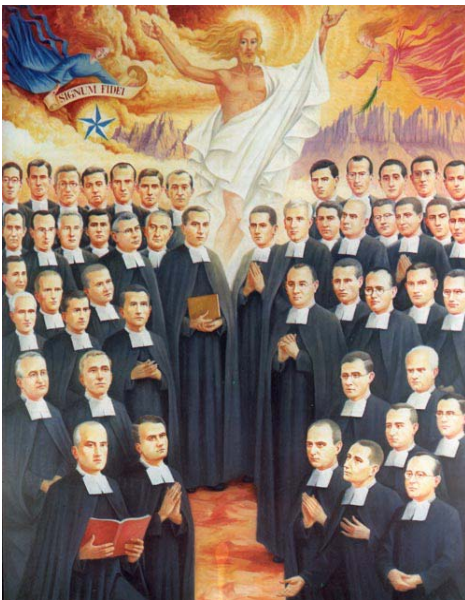
Wed, Nov 4 (9th Grade HR Breakfast; CNN & SSR during breakfast; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history. For us, that's easy: just talk to Yehia!
- **Use Your Common Sense Day:** While CS should be used EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **Swimming:** Meet at Franco's (TBA)

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Thu, Nov 5 (Pre-freshmen HR Breakfast; CNN & SSR during breakfast; A B C D)

- **Aspire Testing for Sophomores**
- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. The day is celebrated in England with bonfires and fireworks. Only the British!
- **National Men Make Dinner Day (1st Thu):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight!
- **Wrestling:** All teams in Jesuit duals



Fri, Nov 6 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.
- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, was born. Play some basketball today! Or in my case, watch some basketball today!

- **National Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today! Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass, TX) who is recorded to have first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the restaurant after it had closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!
- **Saxophone Day:** Adophe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. Have the Marching Wolves sax section play for you today!
- **Football:** Wolves in regular season finale at Fontainebleau (7)
- **Message from the Touchdown Club:** Thanks to the fans at Friday night's football game. The intensity from the stands helped us beat the Mandeville Skippers. To secure the sole title of the District Championship, we need to beat Fontainebleau this coming Friday. Please come out and show your support again and help cheer us to VICTORY Friday at the Dawg Pound at 7pm! Wear your GOLD and bring your noise makers! Cow bells and milk jugs with a handful of pennies work best! The players heard them loudly from the field!

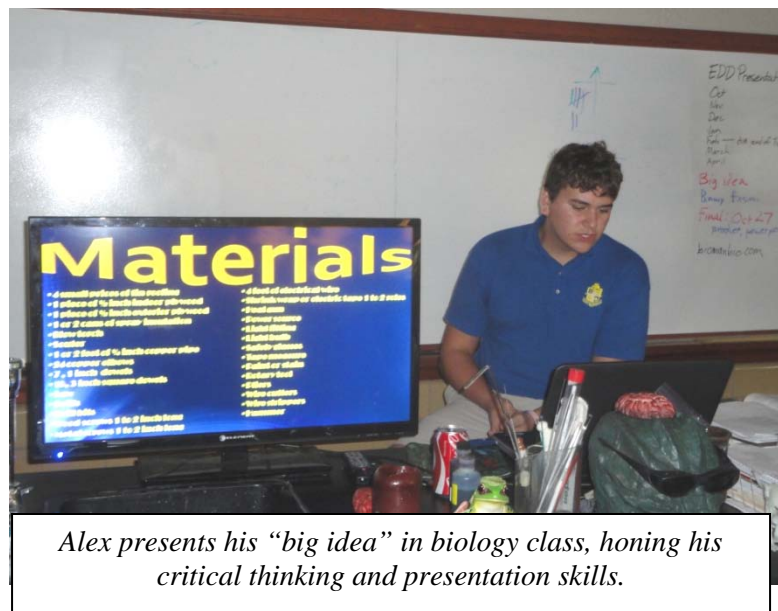
Sat, Nov 7

- **TDIH:** In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected to an unprecedented third term as president.
- **National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day:** Indulge!
- **SAT on campus today**
- **Wrestling:** JH & JV in Holy Cross Tournament; Varsity in Rummel Tournament
- **Soccer:**
- **Cross Country:** Wolves in Metro Championship

Sun, Nov 8 We encourage Catholics to attend mass today and non-Catholics to worship at church of choice

- **This Day in History:** 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.
- **National Abet and Aid Puns 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!

November: In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!



Alex presents his "big idea" in biology class, honing his critical thinking and presentation skills.

Good Advice To Begin Nov: *Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.* (Benjamin Franklin)

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Matthew speaks as other LYLs await the start of Christian Brothers School's Spirit Day.

Musings from Last Week:

- **Tree Damage:** A very large water oak fell last week, damaging the development office and band hall. While in general I agree with Kipling's observation that "I think that I shall never see/ a poem as lovely as a tree", last week I didn't think our fallen water oak looked too lovely.. While we have insurance, albeit with a large deductible, (thank you, Christian Brothers Services!), it will be a while until things are repaired
- **Cross Country:** District Champs, again! It was a treat, not a trick, for the Wolves on Sat! And on Thu, they acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner with their interview on The Lake Radio (94.7). Well done, Wolves!

- **Shadow Day:** final SD was the largest yet. The logistics for these days are very complicated so we should all thank Karen Hebert for her work on this project – it's an occupational hazard that we have to do to keep healthy enrollment. We'll know the results soon.
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophs benefitted from this powerful program.
- **Mothers Club:** Thanks for the Snack Day, SPS moms! You are the best!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats to Danielle Lavie for another great WT! Hope you read and enjoyed it!
- **Wednesday AM Mass:** Again, short and spiritually uplifting. A great boost for midweek. Start at 7; over by 7:25. Encourage your son to attend!
- **FB:** 8th, 9th & JV have ended, with 9th & JV winning over Mandeville & 8th losing a close one to Brother Martin. And the Varsity Wolves prevailed with a big win against Mandeville. On to F'Bleau this Friday!
- **CG, CLs, MWs & GBs:** They all acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner on Fri.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Thanks to all who attended; three down, two to go.
- **Winter Sports:** And our wrestling, basketball and soccer seasons got started last week with tryouts and practices. Students who did not make the team are encouraged to become involved in another sport that can accommodate them. Or try something new, like the Marching Wolves, Paper Wolf, Lasallian Young Leaders, Marian Players, Shell Eco Car, Env Science, etc., etc. (Yes, I know that's redundant.)
- **Swim Team:** The Aqua Wolves swam in Metro meet; results still to come.
- **Pep Rally:** Another good pep rally!

- **Kudos to English Teacher Vic Morlas** for having life imitate art by holding the first “Stella Shouting” contest, won by senior Kurt Thompson. Tennessee Williams and Marlon Brando would be proud!



Dustin cries “STELLA!” in our first Stella Calling Contest! Apologies to Tennessee Williams!

Admissions: I annually get inquiries about “chances of getting in.” Most qualified applicants who apply ON TIME gain admission. That’s the key – applying on time. FYI, here is the official line which we presented at Open House: *Saint Paul's strives to accept all students who have the ability to benefit from enrollment. All applicants are given serious consideration. In years when the number of such applicants exceeds the available space, the following policies, issued by the Saint Paul's Board of Trustees, guide the Admission Committee in its deliberations:*

- *We are committed to our Lasallian mission to be an inclusive school community, with a special sensitivity and outreach to those in need.*
- *We are committed to families who have traditionally been associated with our mission and vision as evidenced by previous enrollment and support.*
- *We are committed to students in Catholic elementary schools that have traditionally been supportive of our mission and vision and whose students have historically enrolled here.*
- *We are committed to students who practice the Catholic faith.*
- *We are committed to all other students as space allows.*

Thus, acceptance or non-acceptance is not determined by any one factor, including academic achievement. Non-acceptance does not mean that a student is not qualified or deserving of enrollment here. We do not wish to turn away any deserving student, but sometimes our physical facilities prevent us from accepting all such students

Social Justice Month: The Church dedicates Nov to social justice. While many concentrate on such things as food drives, the Church reminds us that a commitment to social justice goes WAY beyond acts of charity – in involves working for change that will make us a more just society. There are 7 key themes that comprise our Catholic social tradition. I doubt, however, if most of us know these seven: **Life and Dignity of the Human Person; the Call to Family and Community; the Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers; Solidarity; Care for God’s Creation.** I encourage you to pray the following Prayer for Social Justice on a regular basis during November: *Almighty and eternal God, may your grace enkindle in all of us a love for the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings. Arouse in the hearts of those who call you Father a hunger and thirst for social justice and for fraternal charity in deeds and in truth. Grant, O Lord, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, and peace among nations! Amen*

Ya-Ya: If you missed Yehia Elkersh’s interview by Superintendent Jan Lancaster on WLAE TV, this is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvgQmsMiPcI> He acquitted himself in an exemplary manner.

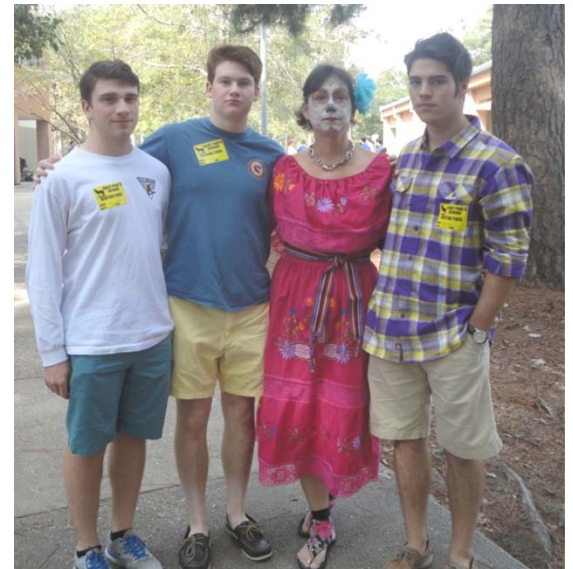
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Last Tuesday's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Oct 27 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym to the strains of the first movement from "Autumn", one of four violin concertos by Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) collectively known as The Four Seasons. I reminded the students that we were halfway through the season of autumn. I reminded them that in less than a week, we will begin November, with only two months remaining in 2015. I told the students that the sun, moon, stars and planets, indeed all of God's creations, have no choice but to cooperate with God's plans. Only humans have the ability to cooperate with God – or not. God loves us so much, that he gives us free will – unlike all of His other creations. I encouraged them to make a resolution as the weeks fly by to cooperate with God's plan for their lives, by growing closer to Him and following His way.

I also reminded the students that over 25% of the school year and almost 83% of the calendar year are over. I had them reflect: How have I used that time? Did I grow closer to God, family, and friends? Did I accomplish the goals I had set? Am I a better person? I exhorted them to make the most of the remainder of this calendar and school year.

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Tyler Babcock**, for all the intentions which we brought into the gym that morning.
- Welcomed a group of 45 7th grade students from the local elementary schools who were spending the morning with us to see what makes Saint Paul's such a great place.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Lasallian Young Leaders** for all their work in making Founder's Week so successful. Their commitment to Lasallian core principles shone brightly that week!
- Projected on the screen a letter from Covington Mayor Mike Cooper congratulating the **SPS Key Club** for "adopting" several city streets around school and keeping them free from litter. I encouraged our students not to litter. Parents, please stress this with your sons, too!
- Then, as if by magic, The Ride of the Valkyries from Richard Wagner's famous Ring of the Nibelung started playing: – which signals that the **Varsity Football Wolves** had done something pretty significant; in this case, they polished off two more district opponents, Ponchatoula and Slidell, which sets up a big game against Mandeville.. Wild applause ensued.
- Then, as if by more magic, The Water Music by George Frederic Handel started playing – which indicated that the **Aqua Wolves** were swimming. On 10/12, the AWs swam in the Northshore Championships and placed 2nd out of 15 teams, losing in the final race. I projected on the screen (love the new video and sound system in the new gym!) the following results:



LSU fall break brought a number of alums to campus. Ben, Michael & Warner visit with Mrs. Brett, decked out in her Halloween costume!

- Metro Prep Swimmer of the week and SPS Swim Team Co-Captain **Harrison Prieto** turned in a pair of solid swims with 1st place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke.
- Co-Captain **Jack Cheng** stroked to a pair of golds in the 50 and 100 yard freestyles.
- Junior **Kyle Hladky** raced to a 1st place finish in the 100 butterfly, as well as a second in the 100 breaststroke.
- Junior **Brenton Larmann** swam to a 5th place finish in the 100 freestyle and a 7th place finish in the 50 free.
- Junior **Jordan Wyble** swam to a 6th place finish in the 200 freestyle and an 8th place in the 100 free.
- Junior **Ian Fried** scored 6 points on his way to a 3rd place finish in the 200 IM and a 7th place finish in the 100 breaststroke.
- Junior **Max Tepper** scored 5 points on his way to a 4th place finish in the 500 free.
- Sophomore **Myers Morgan** swam the Ironman double of the day's racing format, with a pair of 2nd place finishes in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle, racking up 14 points for the Wolves.



Wolves enjoy Friday's pep rally with level competition to determine spirit stick winner.

- Sophomore **Tonner Dougherty** took the pre-game talk to heart, and was the first to pounce off the blocks in both of his races, scoring a 6th in the 100 backstroke and a 10th in the 50 freestyle.
- Freshman **Jacob Eilers** swam to a pair of 9th place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Jacob has been a consistent member of the practice squad this season and it is starting to show.
- Freshman **Matthew Lyon** raced to a 6th place finish in the 100 butterfly and touched 8th in the 100.
- 8th graders **Alex Rawls, Drew Putfark and John Buckley** showed versatility and strength in their events, and each of them scored 6 points on their way to 3rd place finishes. John swam to a 3rd place finish in the 500 freestyle. Alex raced to a 3rd place in the 100 butterfly and a 4th in the 100 backstroke. Drew flew to a 3rd place finish in the 100 breaststroke and a 6th in the 100 freestyle.

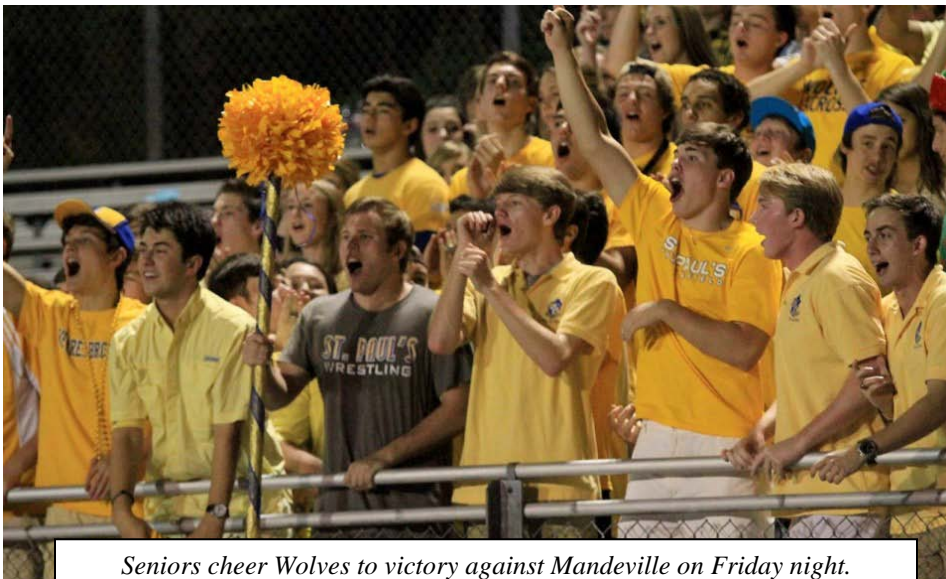
- I then showed the students an email I had received from a 2015 alumnus as he started college to help explain why I use so much classical music in my assemblies. Here's what Walden Perry wrote me as he began college: *Yesterday we started classes at Louisiana Tech, and something occurred that I thought you might like to hear. I'm double majoring in Computer Science and Music (Percussion), something I have had to extensively plan for to make it possible in 4 years. Even though I'm so excited about being able to actively pursue both of my passions, I was still nervous about starting classes. There is no denying it, college is a huge change. But something happened at my first class, Music Theory that changed my mind. After going over the syllabus, our teacher dived straight into a general overview of music history. We quickly discussed the medieval period, the Renaissance, the Baroque – The teacher asked: "Can anyone name a composer from the Baroque period?" My hand instantly shot up with George Frederic Handel. At that moment I knew that college wouldn't be all that bad. Thanks for everything and keep doing what you are doing. Even the little things like talking about a composer over and over again*

can make a huge difference in someone's life. I know I always listened. I do intend to keep playing the music, Walden!

- Then, as if by more magic, The William Tell Overture by Gioacchino Antonio Rossini (an Italian baroque composer from 1792–1868) started playing – which signals that the **Cross Country Wolves** are off and running. I recounted their latest accomplishments to date:
 - Walker Shoot Out: 1st place Varsity! The Running wolves once again earned the number one ranking in the state coaches' poll by putting in an awesome performance at the Walker meet. **Eric Coston** ran a 14:39 to claim the race championship and he set a new course record for the Walker Meet. He was followed over the finish line by **Spencer Albright, Stephen Schlottman, Colin Sullivan, and Henry Elliott**. The Varsity placed first with only 60 points in a field of 31 schools and 256 runners. Overall, the team had 31 PR's at Walker as they look forward to the District Meet this Saturday at Money Hill. A special shout out to Reagan Hill, who finished every race this season, capping his run at Walker with another PR! Presenting the trophy were Eric, Spencer, Stephen, Colin, and Henry.
 - St. Thomas Aquinas Meet: 1st place Junior High! And not to be outdone, the Junior High finished their season at the St. Thomas Invitational in Hammond, claiming the 1st place trophy with all five scoring runners in the top ten! Competing against 12 other schools, **Patrick Elliot** lead the Wolves with his first place finish, followed by **Ryan Hill in 3rd, Harrison Elliott in 5th, Blaine Sullivan in 6th, Nick Verret in 9th**. Other pre-freshmen who finished an amazing season are Sean Hightower, Michael Valliant, Alex Klocek, Walker Hebert, Sean Noel, Scott Sonnier, Jack Hanks, and Jack Grace. These runners have brought home 3 first place trophies and 2 second place trophies, have PR'ed every week, and broken St. Paul 2 mile records. They have also run 3 mile races against upperclassmen and left them in their dust. Their performances show the strength of the Wolf is the Pack... for years to come.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **John Cresson** who was admitted last summer to the Trent Lott Leadership Institute at University of Mississippi – a highly competitive and prestigious program. John took two college classes: Political Science 101, *Introduction to American Politics*, which emphasizes constitutional principles of the U.S. government and Speech 102, *Fundamentals of Public Speaking*, in which John learned how to organize, prepare, and deliver speeches in a variety of public forums. Combined, these courses provided him with 6 hours of college credit. In addition, he spent one week in Washington, DC meeting with federal officials, including U.S. Representatives and Senators and touring attractions of the capital city. Additionally, he visited with leaders in industry and in the nonprofit sector.
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- Recognized and congratulated (and projected a great picture) of the SPS participants in the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Student Volunteer Program. Of the ten boys chosen to participate in the program, 8 SPS students: **Alex Oliveri, Carter Jarrell, Austin Hayes, Jack Statton, Nick Gordon, Briggs Simpson, Thomas Ruli & Rutger Fury**. They spend at least 8 hrs per week for seven weeks in clinical care, ambulatory care, outpatient rehab, surgery, emergency, inflection prevention endoscopy, rehab and pulmonary care.
- Recognized and congratulated sophomore **Andy Smith** for representing SPS and Louisiana at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston. Andy's participation was exemplary and I was sent an

Award of Excellence to present to him – which I happily did! Andy was taught by outstanding scientists as he pursued his passion for science.

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- Recognized and congratulated the students who participated in Grandparent Day – over 800 people were in attendance. In particular, I recognized the Liturgical Band for their great music. Plus, I singled out **senior Jacob Broussard and sophomore Carson Caulfield** who gave moving tributes about their grandparents. Carson’s was particularly moving as he lost his grandfather shortly after last year’s GP Day due to complications from a boating accident. Carson encouraged all to make the most of the time with our loved ones.
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- Recognized and congratulated **The Marian Players** as they prepare to open “The Outsiders.” This popular play is always a sellout, and I encourage the students to purchase their tickets early.
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- Informed the students about the Louisiana Festival of the Book which took place on Saturday, October 31. Of particular interest to SPS is that sophomore **Hayden Brewster** will read his 1st place winning essay in the Letters About Literature contest to the Festival. Second place winner **Ashton van Deventer** will also be honored. We gave Hayden an encouraging round of applause.
- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song for all of the activities going on around school.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Alex Nunez**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of “Autumn” by Vivaldi. It was a great assembly! At least I thought so!



*Seniors cheer Wolves to victory against Mandeville on Friday night.
(photo by Grant Therkindsen of NOLA.com)*

Alum News:

- Logan Jean '15 was featured in Baton Rouge media for rescuing a mom and son in the recent flooding in that area. Here's the link to the story:

<http://www.wafb.com/story/30355418/heroes-emerge-after-rescuing-woman-from-flood-waters>

- David Englehart '13 & David Thompson '13 were recently honored for academic achievement by the LSU Ogden Honors College at LSU. This is a very prestigious award! Well done, Davids!

ASPIRE TESTING: Sophomores will take the Aspire test this week – a precursor to the ACT. Parents were sent information via email last week. Please encourage your son to take these tests seriously.

Food Drive: Student Council is hosting its annual Food Drive to benefit the Covington Food Bank. The drive begins Mon, Nov 2 and runs until Tue, Nov 17. 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.

Important Driver's License Requirement: Don't forget that all minor applicants must produce proof that the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a completed 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.

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. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

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Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

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.*

Tutoring: The National Honor Society offers tutoring each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It's much easier to be tutored early in the quarter than to wait until later in the quarter. The tutors are very friendly and helpful!

Honor Roll Breakfasts: Three down and two to go! We look forward to recognizing our First Quarter HR freshman and pre-freshman this week. BTW, SPS pioneered HR breakfasts in our area starting in 1990. We continue to have the breakfasts in the cafeteria. Since the cafeteria can only handle so many people, we must do the breakfasts by level. Invitations were emailed last week, but here's the schedule:

Wed, Nov 04 – HR Breakfast for Grade 9 HR students and their parents

Thu, Nov 05 – HR Breakfast for Grade 8 HR students and their parents

We begin serving at 7:40 and the event is over by 8:20. **Honor Roll students report directly to the cafeteria; they do not report to their first block class.**



A senior and his parents enjoy honor roll breakfast!

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H of the W: In honor of Sunday's **National Abet and Aid Punsters Day**, here are some "oldies but goodies" but some are new to me: *An elevator makes ghosts happy because it lifts the spirits. Cows make noise only when they're in the mood. I'm reading a book on anti-gravity and can't put it down. He wears glasses during math because it improves division. "You're so pointless!" said the triangle to the circle. This is a lengthy article on Japanese Sword Fighters but I can Samurais it for you. (hilarious!) I was kicked out of math class for too many infractions. I climbed*

rocks as a youth, but I was boulder back then. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either. Never lie to x-ray technicians. They can see right through you. I used to be a banker but then I lost interest. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired. A will is a dead giveaway. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana. (a fav of mine!) A backward poet writes inverse. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key. A calendar's days are numbered. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine. A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards a plane. The flight attendant says, "sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger." Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, 'Dam!' Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.' Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root-canal? His goal: transcend dental medication. A geologist exploring an earthquake fell to his death through no fault of his own. OK, I'll stop!

A Look Ahead

- October 31 – Open House for Prospective Students 1:00
- November 2 – Dia de los Muertos – Mass – **Dress Uniform Day**
- November 3 – Pack Time
- November 4 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
- November 5 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast – Aspire test to 10th Graders in BAC
- November 9 – ~~Late Start~~ **Canceled**
- November 10 – President's Assembly
- November 17 – Pack Time
- November 18 – Thanksgiving Prayer Service schedule
- November 19 – Blood Drive on Campus
- December 1 – President's Assembly

December 8 – Pack Time (Luminaria bags) Mass Schedule
 December 10 – Snack Day – Luminarias in the evening
 December 12 – ACT on Campus
 December 15-18- Exam Schedules
 January 4 – ABCD
 January 5 – President’s Assembly -Snack Day
 January 6-8 Senior Retreat
 January 12 – Pack Time
 January 19 – President’s Assembly
 January 20 – 9th Grade PLAN Test
 January 21-22 – 9th Grade Retreat

Whew! I’ve worn you out again this week! As usual, I’ll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m not listening to now because I’m writing early in order to prepare for Open House): 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.



Happy sophomores and their families at the Honor Roll Breakfast, catered by La Lou in Mandeville!

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 2015-16 edition of Saint Paul’s – our 103rd year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC
 Can’t Believe It’s November Already and I’m Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

Did I mention we have a dress uniform day on Monday, Nov 2?

Preach by example; practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.9)