



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
For Oct 10 – 17, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



**“Preach by example, and practice
before the eyes of the young what you
wish them to accept.”**

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

Mon, Oct 10 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Columbus Day Observed today**
- **This Day in History:** In 1973, US Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns in ignominious disgrace.
- **World Egg Day:** Celebrate by fixing your favorite egg dish and eating it; do not celebrate by throwing!
- **National Angel Food Cake Day:** Enjoy this classic dessert after you eat an egg!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen v. Ponchatoula (6)

Tue, Oct 11 (Wolf Packs; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, Pope John XXIII convenes Vatican II —the first council in 92 years -- to bring spiritual rebirth to Catholicism and cultivate greater unity with other religions.
- **Southern Food Heritage Day:** Eat your favorite southern food.
- **Yom Kippur begins at sundown** today and lasts through sundown tomorrow. This most important holiday of the Jewish year means "Day of Atonement." It is a day to atone for the sins of the past year. This day is a last appeal, a last chance to change the judgment, to expiate for sin. Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. For the latter, one must first reconcile with that person, righting the wrongs if possible. Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath; no work can be performed, and you are supposed to refrain from eating and drinking (even water) on Yom Kippur. **We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters!**
- **Lacrosse:** Parent Meeting in New Gym (6:30)

Wed, Oct 12 (7 am mass – come join us; Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1492, after a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted San Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met “Indians.”
- **International Moment of Frustration Day:** To celebrate, everyone is supposed to go outside at noon GMT (6 AM CST) and SCREAM away frustrations! You are not to scream AT someone (sorry!), just scream in general! Perhaps we should all end the first quarter with a communal scream, thus chasing away any 1st quarter frustration! Enjoy!
- **National Gumbo Day:** After you’ve screamed away frustration, enjoy this iconic south Louisiana treat! BTW, did you know that “gumbo” is the African word for okra? Well, now you do.
- **Freshmen Retreat / Service Day:** half of the freshmen will be on retreat; the other half on service day. Info was sent to parents of freshmen.
- **Football:** 9th & at Ponchatoula (5:30)



*Chris & Curtis read the responsorial
psalm at last week's mass.*

Thu, Oct 13 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1792, the cornerstone of the White House is laid and in 1775, the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force—the precursor to the US Navy.
- **National Yorkshire Pudding Day:** Calling all Brits! Celebrate this iconic British dish that dates to the 1700s. It is made with flour, eggs, butter, milk, and pan drippings from roast beef & most often served with beef or chicken, and, of course, lots of gravy. A traditional staple of the British Sunday lunch, Yorkshire Pudding is still common today.
- **International Music Day:** Enjoy music today in all of its varied forms, and share your favorite music with others. I'll be happy to lend some classical selections! Or even better, why not make some music of your own?
- **Freshman Retreat / Service Day:** halves will swap today
- **Swimming:** SPS Invitational at Franco's
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen v. John Curtis (6)



Drama students paint the set in preparation for fall play.

Fri, Oct 14 (Grandparent Day Schedule; B C with dismissal at 11)

- **TDI H:** In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt was shot by a fanatic while campaigning in Milwaukee. Roosevelt was saved by his thick overcoat, a glasses case and a folded speech in his breast pocket, all of which slowed the bullet. Although wounded, he insisted on making the speech with the bullet lodged in his chest and did not go to the hospital until the speech was over. A rugged outdoorsman, he fully recovered in two weeks
- **TDIH:** In 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis begins, bringing the US & Russia to the brink of nuclear war. I remember our "Nuclear bomb drills." We really thought we'd survive by hiding under desks!
- **National Dessert Day!** Who knew? Treat yourself to

some special dessert tonight!

- **Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Alumni Golf Tournament at TCC:** We continue to be grateful to the Champagne Family for sponsoring this always memorable event in memory of Mickey (long time SPS athletic booster) and iconic faculty member Gene Bennett.
- **Grandparent Day in the BAC (11)**
- **Football:** Varsity at Ponchatoula (7)

Sat, Oct 15 (Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila)

Saint Teresa of Ávila, was a prominent 16th century Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun, writer, and theologian. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered to be, along with John of the Cross, a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. Happy Feast Day to the Carmelite Sisters on River Road in Covington!

National Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity: we pray in a special way today for an end to abortion.

- **Global Hand Washing Day:** Today stresses good hygiene. Wash hands often – it's one of the best disease defenses.
- **National Grouch Day:** You have permission to be a grouch today but you must go back to being nice tomorrow!
- **Cross Country:** JV & Jr Hi run in the Walker Shoot Out; Varsity runs in the New Orleans Metro Meet

Sun, Oct 16 – We encourage all to attend Church today, especially our Catholic families to attend mass as a family.

- **Canonization of Brother Solomon LeClercq, FSC:** Today in Rome, Pope Francis will officially declare Brother Solomon a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. Lasallians from all over the world are gathered in Rome for this event. We ask Saint Brother Solomon to intercede with Almighty God for the Lasallian Mission, especially here in Covington. Saint Brother Solomon! Help us remain faithful!

- **Dictionary Day:** In 1758, Noah Webster, considered the Father of the American Dictionary, was born. In his honor, read a dictionary today; learn a new word!

Mon, Oct 17 (Fall Break; no classes; Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

- **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** was a 17th Century French Roman Catholic nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart in its modern form.
- **Fall Break:** Yes, this is new. Thank the Faculty Advisory Board who recommended this break between 1st & 2nd quarters. Enjoy it!
- **Wear Something Gaudy Day:** "gaudy" refers to something bright, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste. Since it's Fall Break holiday, feel free to wear the gaudiest clothes you want!
- **National Pasta Day:** Enjoy one of more than 600 varieties of pasta today! Ciao!

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: I have been remiss in mentioning this and it's certainly more important than National Dessert Day or Frustration Day. As an all boys school, we must not overlook the teachable moments concerning issues pertaining primarily to women, and our boys need to know about this insidious disease, which can strike their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and future wives and daughters. And we have current parents and friends battling this medical scourge. I encourage enlightened, appropriate discussion of this important health issue with our students when possible. We reach out in prayerful support to any family struggling with this issue. I invite you to pray the following:

We pray for those who are now ill. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

For those who are affected by illness, anguish and pain. O God, Source of Life, heal them!

Grant courage to those whose bodies, holy proof of Your creative goodness, are violated by illness.

O God, Source of Life, encourage them!

Grant strength and compassion to those who give loving care, support and help to overcome despair.

O God, Source of Life, strengthen them!

Grant wisdom to those who labor in the search for treatment and cures.

O God, Source of Life, inspire them!

Grant clarity of vision and strength of purpose to the leaders of our institutions and our government.

May they be moved to act with justice and compassion and find the courage to overcome fear and hatred!

O God, Source of Life, guide them and bless us all!



New Gym: Oct 6 last week marked the one year anniversary of occupancy of our new gym. If you were here, I hope you remember the excitement as the boys entered for the first time. We even got TV coverage! Here's the link to relive WGNO's take on the ceremony. <http://wgno.com/2015/10/06/so-what-does-the-new-gym-at-st-pauls-school-smell-like/>

And while I am most grateful to all who helped make the new gym possible, I am especially grateful for the major, named sponsorships:

- The anonymous alumnus who donated \$150,000 to the gym
- East Bleachers: The Dr. Joseph Lacoste Family
- Courtyard Plaza: The Dr. John Thompson Family
- Multi-Media Classroom: Saint Paul's Mothers' Club
- Coaches Office: The Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament
- Lobby: Saint Paul's Class of 1982
- North Scoreboard: E. Tourelle's Northpark Nissan-Hyundai in honor of Tyler and Josh
- South Scoreboard: B & K Construction Company and The Wayne Mediamolle Family in honor of Lee & Chris

- Concession Room: The Judge Adrian Duplantier Family
- Locker Room 1: The Dr. Anthony Albright Family
- Room 2: The Dr. Kevin Darr Family

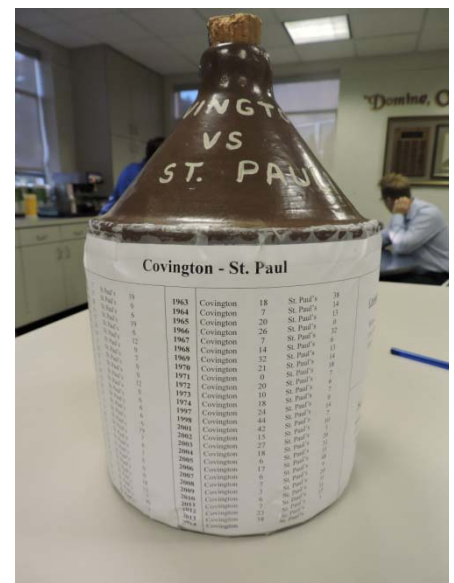
If you know of anyone interested in the four remaining naming opportunities, please let them know:

- West Bleachers: Still looking for a sponsor
- Locker Room 3: Still looking for a sponsor
- Sound System: Still looking for a sponsor
- Main Court: Still looking for a sponsor
- Building: Still looking for a sponsor
- And individual lockers are still available for naming!

Again, thanks to all who made this wonderful campus addition possible.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves swam well last week and are back in action this week. Assembly recognition coming!
- **Football:** 8th won big last Thu; 9th lost to Covington, JV won big against Covington, and Varsity won big against Covington. We keep the jug for another year! Congrats Football Wolves!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves were here at 5:30 am, heading to MS for meet!
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Thanks, Richard Pichon and Habitat Wolves, for your great work on behalf of affordable housing for those in need.
- **Student Council:** The Student Council Wolves hosted a southern regional meeting of student councils last Wed – and passed a good time.
- **Shadow Day:** By all accounts, the day was informative and affirming for our future Wolves. Only two shadow days remain. If you know of anyone interested in SPS, have them contact Karen Hebert at 892-3200.
- **Mass:** Another beautiful liturgy. Thanks to Campus Minister Jeff Ramon, the Religion Department, Liturgical Band, Physical Plant Department and Technology Department for working “together and by association” as we celebrated Eucharist as a school community of believers. The boys looked great in their dress uniforms and sang well.
- **Sudden Impact:** This powerful program makes an impact on our sophomores. All sophomores will participate in this program over the course of the year. We are grateful to the Louisiana State Police and Lakeview Regional Medical Center for sponsoring the program.
- **Marching Wolves Band Camp:** Elementary school students got a taste of the Marching Wolves last Sat and will perform on Fri night.
- **National Honor Society Induction:** 57 new NHS members! It was a great ceremony – at least I thought so!
- **SSA Homecoming:** Our guys participated and helped our sister school celebrate in style.
- **Class of 2006** celebrated their 10 year reunion over the weekend. They met for 4 pm mass at St. Peter, which was offered for the four deceased members of the class: Kyle Borges, Evan Brewster, Peter Nastasi, & Ted Olsen. Very special and very moving.

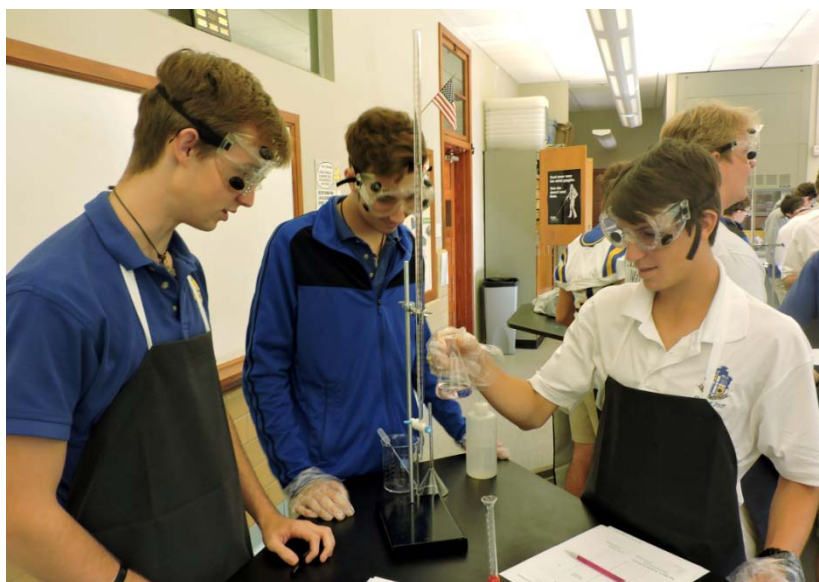


The Lil' Brown Jug stays at SPS with big win over Covington High.

Tuition around the Archdiocese: The Office of Catholic Schools has posted tuition information for ALL of the schools of the Archdiocese on its website: <http://ocs.arch-no.org/tuition-and-fees>. Scroll to the bottom and click on the link. It's worth a look. Our tuition compares VERY favorably with the other all-boy high schools in the Archdiocese. In fact, we are a bargain.

Humor of the Week: in honor of World Egg Day on Monday:

- *What did Snow White call her chicken? Egg white.*
- *How do eggs leave the highway? By going through the eggs-it.*
- *How do comedians like their eggs? Funny side up!*
- *How do monsters like their eggs? Terri-fried!*
- *What do chickens call a school test? Eggs-amination!*
- *What did the eggs do when the light turned green? They egg-celerated!*
- *Did you hear about McDonalds? They eggspanded the breakfast menu.*
- *How did the egg get up the mountain? It scrambled up!*
- *What do you call an egg taking a snooze on the job? Egg-zosted!*
- *Who wrote the book, Great Eggspectations? Charles Chickens! [LOL!]*
- *Why can't you tease egg whites? Because they can't take a yolk!*
- *Why do eggs go to school? To get "egg-u-cated"!*
- *Why is the chef so mean? She beats the eggs!*
- *Why did the chicken lay her egg on an axe? She wanted to hatchet*
- *Why do chickens lay eggs? Because if they dropped them they would break!*
- *What do Chickens grow on? Eggplants!*
- *What day do eggs hate most? Fry-day!*
- *What did the egg say to the clown? You crack me up!*
- *What part did the egg play in the movies? He was an "Egg-stra".*
- *What sport are the eggs good at? Running!*
- *What did the mommy egg say to the baby egg? You're "Egg-stra special"*
- *What does the chicken say to get across a busy street? EGGS-cuse me please!*
- *What grows on yolk trees? Egg-corns!*
- *What is an eggs favorite tree? A y-oak tree!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



Chemistry II students concentrate on lab experiment.

The Class of 2016: Adam Schmitt '16 was elected President of the Freshmen Senate at Spring Hill College, and Austin Grashoff '16 was elected a Senator for LSU's University Center for Freshmen Year. Congrats to these guys, who were both very active in SPS Student Council – where they were obviously well – trained!

Guerilla Wolves: Watch this week's episode at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=df4E-5RQgPU> Support the Guerilla Wolves and view their work.

Suicide Prevention Parent Gatekeeper Workshop: SSA Counseling Department, in partnership with Teen Life Counts, presents an opportunity for parents to learn more about adolescent suicide, warning signs, and prevention strategies. The workshop is on Thursday, October 20, at 6 pm in SSA's library. Saint Paul's parents are invited. Thank you, SSA, for sponsoring this important workshop, which I encourage parents to attend.

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

Moms for Mums Week: Since Open House is scheduled on October 29th, we will have our "Moms for Mums" week on October 24-28. The "Annual Moms for Mums" event is where our St Paul's Mothers donate a Mum in honor of their son(s) and help beautify the campus for our Open House guests.

Grandparent Day: GP is Friday, Oct 14. Here's the info:

- Grandparents arrive on campus on Fri, Oct 14, and report to the Briggs Assembly Center to meet grandsons. School dismisses at 11:00 for the students, and the Grandparent Day Program begins at 11:15. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will be attending. If a student has no grandparent attending, he is free to leave at 11.
- A photographer will be available for photographs if so desired; an order form for photos will be posted on Edline early this week;
- A prayer service will begin shortly after everyone has been seated;
- A "President's Assembly" will follow;
- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program (a little over an hour or so.)

Past programs have been very successful, and we receive many compliments from the grandparents who attend. Thank you for helping us make this annual event so successful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In order to adequately prepare, we ask that you RSVP with the TOTAL number (students plus grandparents) who will be attending. Reply to reception@stpauls.com or just reply directly to me. Please indicate if handicap accommodations will be necessary. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 11. I know that some of you have suffered a loss lately; know that I am sensitive to these situations and offer our prayers for you. **Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms!**

Student Volunteers Needed:

- **Family Promise of St. Tammany:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Mandeville will host a Family Promise week from Oct. 30 - Nov. 5. Family Promise ministers to homeless families – of which there are plenty in St. Tammany. SPS students have helped in the past by entertaining the small children of these families in the evenings from 6 – 8 pm. St. Michael's is hoping some SPS students will again help from Oct 30 – Nov 5. If interested, contact Pat Jensen at phone: 985-231-7582 or 281-797-8337 (cell) or email at pat.jensen.eejr@gmail.com
- The St. Tammany Parish Hospital Parenting Center's annual fundraising event, **Monster Mash Fun Fall Family Festival** is celebrating its 28th year on Saturday, October 15, 2016 in Bogue Falaya Park. This event enables The Parenting Center to introduce new services and programs for families in St. Tammany, many of which are offered to the community at little to no cost.

As with previous years, we'll need as many as 450+ volunteers to ensure the event is both fun and safe. Each volunteer receives free admission to the park. Volunteers are also provided cold water located in coolers near each assigned area. Volunteers are needed and SPS students have always helped. I encourage them to do so again this year. Volunteers are requested to sign-up for either a 4 hour shift or the all-day. Signup sheets are in Ms. Claire's office or sign up on line at <http://tinyurl.com/MonsterMash2016>. Should you have any questions, call Melissa

Dickerson at 985-898-4670.



- **Our Lady of the Lake Festival Help:** OLL has a new way of signing up volunteers for OLL festival on October 14, 15, 16th. We have set it up on our festival link below. To sign up, click on <http://festivalofthelake.com/> then click on - information- volunteers- sign up genius. Volunteers have complete autonomy in choosing booth and shift. You can also email the volunteer coordinator at ollfestivalofthelake@gmail.com



ROTC cadets at recent inspection. They passed with flying colors!

Admissions for 2017 - 18: Yes, we are already looking ahead to next year. Here's how you can help: If you know any family who might be interested in SPS, encourage them to

- Consider a shadow day (but hurry as space is filling up fast)
- Encourage them to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 29 at 1 pm. Send us their email address or physical address and we'll send them an invitation.
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you

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 must purchase a temporary ID from Sgt. Pressley. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

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.*

Football Game Day Shirts: the Touchdown Club's Game Day shirts are now being sold in the Bookstore.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Paper Wolf: Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe. If

not, support our guys and do so. It's free. Here's the link: <http://thepaperwolf.com>

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

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

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

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

Lost & Found: Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

Opportunity from Football Booster Club – If your business would like to sponsor a football game or run a 30 second commercial on the scoreboard during a game, please contact Tim McCarthy at tmccarthy122@gmail.com. Our new scoreboard is a great way to advertise your business to the enthusiastic crowds who attend Friday night football games in Hunter Stadium. Game day sponsorships include various scoreboard advertisements, stadium banner and option to distribute promotional items as well as other items.



Tutoring: The National Honor Society has begun offering FREE tutoring services this week. Here's the schedule:

- Tuesday and Thursday during Lunch in La Salle 207 AND after school in LaSalle 210
- Monday and Wednesday at 7:15AM in La Salle 210

Encourage your son to take advantage of this wonderful service. It is not embarrassing to do so!

From The Botanical Wolves: St. Paul's 5th annual "MUMS FOR SONS" EVENT. IN HONOR OF YOUR SONS, PLEASE DONATE A MUM. DATES OCTOBER 18-28 *Adorn our campus with yellow and gold; let him know you love him so... A Mother's time passes far too quickly; this silent gesture speaks so gently.*

Honor Roll Breakfast Dates: We have set the first quarter HR breakfast dates – which will be in November. See below for the exact schedule in “A Look Ahead.”

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

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



Physics students participate in an experiment.

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

Last Tuesday's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Oct 04 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- In honor of our recently completed homecoming activities, the students entered the gym listening to a song called "I Feel Home" by O.A.R. This song was sung at an assembly in our gym twelve years ago by then student council president **Kramer Johnson**, brother of SPS alums **Nick and Evan and son of alumnus Mark Johnson**, to express how he felt about

Saint Paul's. It's become a ritual ever since at homecoming as alums return to the "SPS Home" to reconnect with the brotherhood of SPS. Last year, magically, Kramer appeared in the gym complete with his guitar. Unbeknownst to me, he had arranged to come in from Georgia to sing the song again for the then current student body – which he did to the obvious delight of everyone present. At the conclusion of the song, the student body burst into a rousing, spontaneous, standing ovation! It was a magical moment! BTW, Kramer graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in marketing and works for the marketing department of Chick-fil-A. He is married with two children. He's a fantastic young man!

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Blake Williams**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mrs. Juliet Carrigee, great-grandmother of Ross '19 and Sean '20 Hightower; Mrs. Barbara Sohl, Mr. Brad Guillory's grandmother, Mr. Bob Heigle, great grandfather of Zach '18 & Dawson '21 Cobb, & Mrs. Carol Ann Primo, grandmother of Zach Primo '20**
- Recognized and welcomed a group of 30 7th graders who were visiting campus on one of our Shadow Days. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome.
- Recognized and congratulated our newest campus organization: HOSA – a club for students interested in health professions. The club is moderated by Mrs. Ann Pfalzgraf. Last weekend, several members of the club (**Josh Devier; Andrew Norlin; Christopher Wilson; Jacques Du Passage; Joshua Verges; Jakob Massey; Ross**

Hightower) participated in a 5K race entitled Cleft for a Cause – which raises funds for children who need facial surgery. I was proud of our guys for supporting this cause.

- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Football Wolves for their thrilling 63-0 homecoming game win against Hammond.
- Then, magically, the strains of the William Tell Overture by Gioachino Antonio Rossini started playing – which signified that the Cross Country Team has been doing some pretty impressive things of late. In fact, the Wolves have been ranked #1 in the state for the past four weeks. Specifically, here are their accomplishments:
 - o **In the Episcopal Round Table Meet in BR on Sep 10:** Varsity finished 1st out of 33 teams. Eric Coston led with a time of 15:13 for the 3 mile course, followed by Jonathan Bertucci, Patrick Elliott, Colin Sullivan, and Henry Elliott. Junior High placed 3rd out of 26 teams. The five scoring finishers were Evan Pardo, Nick Verret, Harrison Elliot, Harrison Weisinger, and Adam Cazayoux.
 - o **In the Christian Brothers Invitational on Sep 17,** JV claimed second place, led by Ryan Hill. Following him over the finish line were Alex Paille, Jack Nunez, Luke Paille, and Austin Harris. The Junior High, competing in a field of 10 schools with over 150 runners, were lead by Harrison Elliott followed by Evan Pardo, Jacob Harris, Nick Verret, Adam Cazayoux. The Varsity took first place. The top five scorers, lead by Jonathan Bertucci, were Stephen Schlottman, Patrick Elliott, Colin Sullivan, and Henry Elliott.
 - o On Sep 24, at the **Holy Cross- Dominican Meet**, Varsity finished 2nd out of 13 teams. Stephen Schlottman led for the 3 mile course, followed by Jonathan Bertucci, Patrick Elliott, Evan Hendry, and Colin Sullivan. Junior High placed 1st. The five scoring finishers were Harrison Elliott, Evan Pardo, Jacob Harris, Harrison Weisinger, and Michael Valliant.
 - o **And on Saturday, October 1 at the St. Joseph Meet in Baton Rouge**, Varsity finished 1st. Eric Coston led the wolves to 1st place, and he was followed by Stephen Schlottman, Jonathan Bertucci, Patrick Elliott, and Colin Sullivan, for a total of an incredibly low 42 points. Special recognition was given to Eric Coston for setting a state record at this meet.



Aqua Wolves before a meet

- Recognized and congratulated the Marching Wolves for their great half-time performances. Special thanks were given to the MWs for their performance at the Denham Springs Game. Prior to the game, the Band Boosters fed the Denham Springs band and the Marching Wolves. Then, because it was raining hard, the Denham band chose not to go to the game. The MWs, however, did and in spite of not having instruments due to the weather, managed to cheer and support the team. I played a video of the band playing the fight song, using drum sticks and ice chests as percussion instruments! It was great!

- Recognized and congratulated sophomore Andrew Aceves, who will be singing in the adult chorus of the New Orleans Opera for its first production of the season, "Don Giovanni." Carol Rausch,

chorus master of the New Orleans Opera said "Many college students sing in the company's productions each season, but only rarely is a high schooler included in the roster. Andrew, who will be seen onstage in 'Don Giovanni,' will definitely be the youngest member of the 2016-17 ensemble."

- Senior Bradley del Rio then gave a brief reflection on his time at SPS to the students. He was great.
- We then robustly sang the Fight Song.
- I then projected on the screen an email that I received a few weeks ago. Here's what it said: *You won't recognize my name, but I'm the stepfather of the Dufour boys (Harold and Mark) who went through St. Paul's some years back. I was just checking out of the Fresh Market in Mandeville when I asked the young man checking us out – James - where he went to school. He said he just graduated from St. Paul's. As we walked out to the car I said to my wife that I thought he was a St. Paul's boy as they are always so unfailingly polite and respectful. It seems we hear criticism so readily and praise so rarely that I wanted to pass this along to you. Thank you for your ministry to our young men. It has certainly made a difference in our own sons' lives.* I told the students that people notice them and they have an obligation to live up to the ideals for which Saint Paul's School stands. I want to receive more emails such as this one. BTW, the "James" referred to was 2016 graduated James "Oliver" Guice! We called him Oliver, but the Fresh Market made his name tag as "James" – so James he was to the customers! Thanks, Oliver, for representing SPS so well!
- We then sang "Mercy" – which the boys seem to like.
- We closed the assembly by looking at the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast we were celebrating that day. And as junior Caleb Lupo extinguished the prayer candle, I urged the students to be "instruments of God's peace" to everyone they met that day – and always.
- It was a great assembly -- at least I thought so!

October

11 – Pack Time
 12-13- 9th Grade Service Day/Retreat
 14 – Grandparents Day- Periods BC meet – End of First Quarter
 17 – Fall Break Day
 18 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day
 19 – PSAT test for selected students
 20 – Health Screening Day
 22 – ACT on Campus
 24 – Late Start for Faculty In-Service – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7
 25 – Pack Time
 26 – President's Assembly (SACS visit begins)
 27 – SACS visit ends – All Faculty meeting at 3:00 – 3:30
 29 – Open House for prospective students 1:00 PM

November

1 – Mass
 2 – Day of the Dead Assembly
 3 – HR Breakfast for seniors
 4 – HR Breakfast for juniors
 5 – SAT on Campus
 8 – President's Assembly
 9 – HR Breakfast for sophomores

10 – HR Breakfast for freshmen
11 – HR Breakfast for Pre-freshmen
12 – Jazz and Roll
15 – Pack Time
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

Whew! Enough for now! I can’t believe we are starting the ninth week of the school year!

As usual, I’ll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to right now as I finish the newsletter and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2016 – 17 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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