



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter* *For Oct 17 – 23, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*



Welcome to the start of the second quarter and congratulations on an excellent first one!

We start our second quarter rejoicing with the Lasallian world and the Catholic Church. On Sunday, October 16, Pope Francis canonized Brother Solomon Leclercq, FSC, making him an official Catholic saint.

From “Seven De La Salle Brothers”: *Once the monarchy was overthrown early in the French Revolution, the next target was the Church. In 1790 the Civil Constitution of the Clergy gave the state complete control over the Church in France. In order to continue to function, priests and religious were forced to take an oath to support the constitution. Most of the Brothers refused and so were forced gradually to abandon their schools and communities. Eventually the Christian Brothers were deprived altogether of legal status in France.*

On 15 August 1792, Brother Solomon sat alone in his Paris school. He had been asked to mind the house while other Brothers left the turbulent city for the safety of the suburb. A loud knock on the door was the first sound of warning.

Soldiers demanded to search the house. It was a thorough search for incriminating documents, and, though they found nothing, Brother Solomon was ordered to collect his belongings and follow them.

Under escort, he walked a short distance to where a sort of tribunal had been set up, and where his arrival seemed to be expected. The interrogation was formal, ending with the question: ‘have you taken the oath?’ The answer was: ‘No’. That was all.... It was all pre-arranged. A massacre gang was assembled at the Champ de Mars ‘to give effect to the will of the people’. They had been commissioned to do the deed in return for money and the clothes of the victims.

Brother Solomon was martyred on September 2, 1792. He was the first Brother of the Christian Schools to be martyred, and the first to be beatified – the step before sainthood is conferred. Brother Solomon chose his religious vocation and Catholic faith over obedience to the anti-clerical French government.

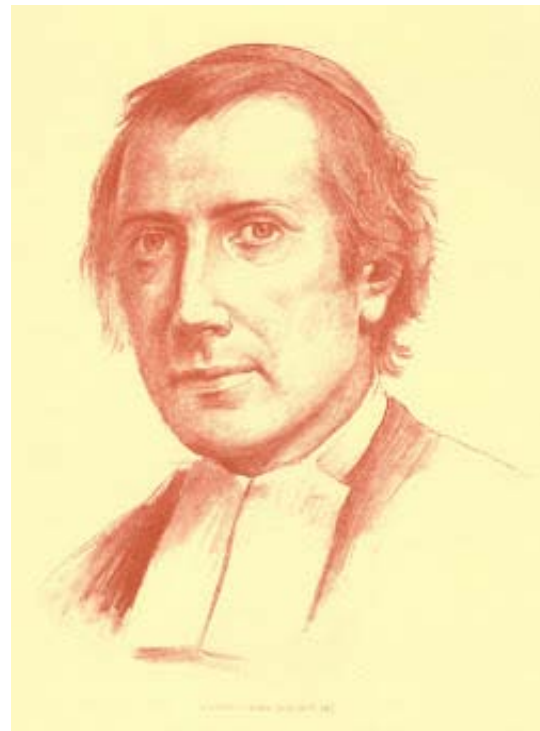
So let us pray: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for the gift of St. Brother Solomon to our Institute. We pray that his example of humble service and fidelity inspire us to live our own commitments in the same manner. Show us the ones who are in need of our talents and presence. Grant us the generosity, wisdom, and courage to respond accordingly.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Brother Solomon! Help us remain faithful!

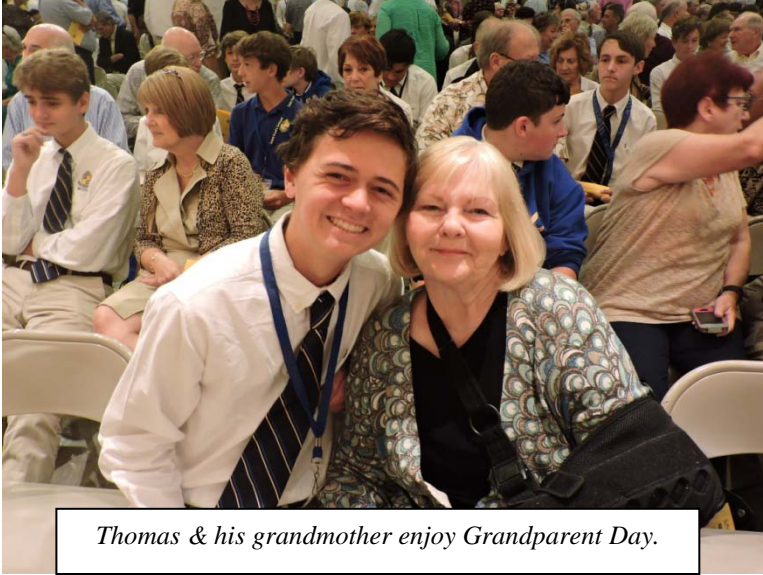
The Christian Brothers have posted many resources on the canonization and Brother Solomon, including details on the miracles which are needed for sainthood, on our website:

<https://www.lasallian.info/brothers-today/the-canonization-of-blessed-brother-solomon-le-clercq-fsc/>



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

- **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. We wish St. Margaret Mary Parish in Slidell a happy feast day!
- **Wear Something Gaudy Day:** "gaudy" refers to something bright, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste. Since it's a school holiday, feel free to wear the gaudiest clothes you want!
- **National Pasta Day:** Enjoy one of more than 600 varieties of pasta today! Ciao!



Thomas & his grandmother enjoy Grandparent Day.

Tue, Oct 18 (President's Assembly; Shadow Day; Snack Day; Teacher Appreciation Day; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1790, John Baptist de La Salle entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, beginning his journey toward priesthood. By answering God's call, he opened himself up to future calls which allowed him to found the Brothers of the Christian Schools. May we, too, be open to the call of God in our lives!
- **National Evaluate Your Life Day:** Reflect today upon your life -- where it's been, and where it's going. What do I need, or want, to change? I'll be evaluating!
- **Chocolate Cupcake Day:** Splurge! Enjoy.

Wed, Oct 19 (7 am mass in chapel; come join us; Feast of St. Luke; regular; A B C D)

- **Mass:** Father Jacob Du Mont continues to celebrate a 7 am mass on Wed mornings. Encourage students to attend.
- **Happy Feast Day to the 16 SPS Students & Teacher who have first or middle name of Luke or a variant!**
- **TDIH:** In 1781, as their band played *The World Turned Upside Down* (ya' gotta love the British!), the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7000 British & Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington, effectively ending the war between Britain and its American colonies. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris in 1783.
- **National Health Education Week begins today.** Sponsored by the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), National Health Education Week (NHEW) is celebrated during the third full week of October. This celebration brings national attention to public health issues and promotes consumers' understanding of the role of health education and health promotion in society. *According to Dr. Lloyd Kolbe, former Director of Adolescent School Health at the CDC, behaviors and attitudes developed during childhood are responsible for most causes of death, illness & disability, in the US. So what is a Lasallian school's response to the above?* For Saint La Salle, the school was a place of safety and salvation. He would accept nothing less. **As we work with our students, we must be attuned to ALL of their safety issues: physical, mental, social, and spiritual. And let's help them stay healthy!**
- **PSAT** for a number of students in the BAC
- **Lasallian Guest on Campus:** Mr. Mike Daniels, the new District of San Francisco New Orleans Director of Education, will be on campus today from about 8 – 3. This is Mike's first visit to SPS. He will be visiting the school and meeting with a number of people. Prior to this position, Mike was President of De Marillac Academy in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco – an elementary school that serves very poor inner city students and is a real beacon of hope and "place of salvation: in a very difficult area of Frisco. Their web site is worth a visit: <https://www.demarillac.org>
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Slidell (5:30)

Thu, Oct 20 (Feast of St. Paul of the Cross; Regular; E F G A)

- **While not the Patron of our school, we ask this St. Paul, who founded the Passionist Religious Order, to intercede with Almighty God for our school and our students.**
- **TDIH:** In 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France to purchase Louisiana Territory, doubling size of US.
- **TDIH:** In 1944, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, thus fulfilling his promise, "I shall return!"
- **National Day of Writing:** Today celebrates writers and writing. Celebrate by writing something: email, poem, text message, short story, blog entry, grocery list, weekly newsletter to the faculty and parents, etc. Just write!
- **Faculty Wellness Screening & Flu Shots (6:30 – 10:30 am):** Christian Brothers Employee Benefit Trust provides free health services to our faculty today -- to keep premiums and deductibles down.
- **Swimming:** Northlake Regional Championships at Franco's. Geaux Aqua Wolves!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen v. Schaumburg (6)

Fri, Oct 21 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** One year ago today, we held the official blessing and dedication of the new gym. Gene Bennett smiled on us that night as it was a magical evening, with many, many supporters in attendance. **Naming opportunities remain. Contact me if interested.**
- **TDIH:** In 1879, Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his lab in Menlo Park, NJ, keeping it lit for 13 hours. We've come a long way!
- **TDIH:** In 1967, 100,000 people marched on The Pentagon to protest the Vietnam War.
- **Babbling Day:** Calling all blatherskites (people who babble – yes, it's a real word!): today isn't a day to remain silent. We celebrate those with glib tongues who never stop talking. They babble on and on and turn a simple one sentence statement into an endless dissertation. I'm not one of them, however!
- **National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day:** Don't want to babble today? Then enjoy this classic fall dessert!
- **National Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day:** My virtual desktop is as messy as my wooden desktop!
- **Reptile Awareness Day:** Become as aware as you want of these critters, but I'll stay clear of 'em!
- **Football:** Varsity at Slidell (7)



Alex, Ruston & Stephen prepare to present The Colors at Grandparent Day.

Sat, Oct 22 (Feast of St. John Paul II)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, President John Kennedy announces that he has ordered a blockade of Cuba in response to the discovery that Soviet missiles were being installed on the island, pushing the US to a nuclear showdown with Russia.
- **CAPS LOCK DAY: FEEL FREE TO CAPITALIZE EVERYTHING TODAY!** I will abstain, however!
- **International Stuttering Awareness Day:** 1% of the population stutters or has some other speech impairment. Let's be sensitive to them and learn how to assist. There are some great tips on the ISAD website.
- **Smart is Cool Day:** Flaunt your IQ today! Tout your ACT score! Quote Plato and Shakespeare! Take an on line IQ test at www.iqtest.com and see how smart you really are!
- **ACT on campus this morning**



Sun, Oct 23 (We encourage all to attend church today; we especially encourage our Catholic families to attend mass as a family)

• **If today were not a Sunday**, the Lasallian world would be celebrating the memorial feast of Blessed Brother Arnold, a Christian Brother (1838-1890) who was beatified by Pope John Paul II. From the Brothers' web site: *Arnold was born into a poor family and left school early to work as a stable boy, coachman, and for local construction. He met the Brothers while attending evening classes at their school and joined. He taught for 14 years at a boarding school in Reims. Despite a full teaching schedule, he privately studied math, theology, science & agriculture. During Franco-Prussian War of 1870, he cared for medical & spiritual needs of the wounded on both sides; he was awarded the Bronze Cross. His work won the hearts of his students by his care for their spiritual and professional development. He died at 52 with a reputation for sanctity.*

Work and pray so that people will say the same about our reputations! Blessed Brother Arnold— watch over us and inspire us!

- **Mole Day:** Celebrated annually on Oct 23 from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., Mole Day commemorates Avogadro's Number (6.02×10^{23}), a basic chemistry measuring unit.
- **The Swallows Depart San Juan, Capistrano** today as they head for their winter home in Argentina.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE HELP: The future of SPS depends on a healthy enrollment. On Oct 29 at 1 pm, we will hold our annual Open House for prospective students. Please invite any interested family to attend. In the past, you, our parents, have been the best source of attracting students to SPS. Please help me now. Thanks!

End of First Quarter: It's hard to believe the 1st Quarter of the 2016 - 17 school year is over. Later this week, you will receive an emailed report card. Remember that free tutoring is available (see below.) Remember, too, that the 1st Quarter will constitute 40% of his semester grade. The second quarter will also constitute 40% and the semester exam before Christmas will be 20%.

Errata: In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that one of the gym locker rooms was still available for naming rights. Wrong! It actually is being sponsored by '92 alumnus John Curren. Thank you, John, and I apologize for the omission.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Football:** Pre-freshmen fought hard against Ponchatoula Jr Hi & John Curtis but came up short on the scoreboard; 9th lost to Ponchy, JV won big against Ponchy and Varsity had a thrilling win against Ponchatoula on Friday night.
- **Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, & Cheerleaders:** As always, the MWs, GBs & CLs performed great on Fri! And the Marching Pups and Mini-Blues from last week's elementary school band camp were great, too.
- **Living Rosary at OLL:** For the first time in 29 years, I missed this event, as it was held on Grandparent Day. Joe Dickens represented SPS, and I'm told the rosary was as beautiful as ever. I hope to return to my spot as The Apostles Creed next year.
- **Aqua Wolves:** SPS Invitational was successful. We took FIRST place! Go AWs!
- **Cross Country:** Da' Wolves were up and at 'em very early Sat morning, heading for the Walker Shoot Out and the NO Metro meet (FIRST PLACE in the latter!)
- **Freshman Retreat / Service Day:** Thanks to all who made these days possible, especially Jeff Ramon and LYLs and the volunteer moms.
- **Joseph A. Champagne/ Gene Bennett Memorial Alumni Golf Tournament:** All went well, with beautiful weather as lagniappe. Thanks to Al Nastasi and the Committee for an outstanding, sold out event.



Caleb & Julian celebrate victory over Ponchatoula

- **Pack Time:** Very informative and relevant topic – The National Anthem and the American flag! My pack had a good discussion about flag etiquette and respect. I was shocked, however, that not one of my 16 guys could identify Betsy Ross as the purported first sewer of the American Flag. Not one of them could name Francis Scott Key as the author of the American Revolution. Not one could identify the bombardment of Ft. McHenry as the catalyst for Key's work. And not only could historically categorize the anthem's origin as taking place during the War of 1812. One wag said it was written during the Civil War – and he was serious! Future Jeopardy! Contestants my guys aren't!
- **EDD Class:** I had the pleasure last week of observing the PLTW Engineering Design class, sponsored by Hornbeck Offshore Services, present their first set of projects last week. The boys, working in groups of two or three, "invented" new products designed to improve current products. The projects ranged from educational gaming software to mini-houses for disaster victims to icing packs for ACL injuries. The boys presented in front of professionals from varying engineering and medical fields – who were impressed and offered positive feedback. This real world project is what our guys will be doing one day: collaborating with colleagues designing a world that does not yet exist. Wonderful!
- **Grandparent Day:** Over 800 grandparents and grandsons packed the BAC for our annual celebration. A good time seemed to be passed by all. Congrats to Trey Hughes & Robby Darrah for giving wonderful reflections.
- **Speaker Series:** Last Wednesday, the Social Studies Department presented the second in its speakers series. The speaker was Mr. Manny Perez de la Mesa, CEO of Pool Corp, who had two daughters graduate from SSA and his son Max, from SPS in 2005. Mr. Perez de la Mesa spoke about his family's journey from Cuba to the USA and the lessons he learned in his rise to a Fortune 500 company. When asked what qualities he looks for in hiring upper level management, he responded without hesitation: integrity and work ethic. Good real world advice for our guys!
- **Baton Rouge Teen Court:** The first round of Teen Court was held last week. Four Wolves participated: Chris Dufour (prosecuting attorney), Will Murphy (defense attorney), Yehia Elkersh & Miles Roppolo (jurors.) Both sides claim victory: the defendant was found guilty, but received only a minimum sentence. This is an excellent program for our students, and I am very grateful to Brian Logarbo for arranging it and chauffeuring the students to BR.



Kyle leads small group at freshman retreat.

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- **Hand Rails:** Our recent Fire Marshall inspection cited us for lack of handrails on the north entrance and stairwell of the main school building. The new rails were installed on Friday – with a \$3000 price tag!
- **RIP Faithful Pine Tree:** The very large pine tree in front of the BAC succumbed to pine beetles and is slated for removal on Monday's Fall Break Day – for \$1000. We are hoping no other pines are affected. Over the past year, we have spent over \$6000 removing almost twenty pines due to lightning strikes, wind, disease, or just plain old age.
- **Luke Barwick:** We offer our heartiest congratulations to Luke on his marriage to Nicole on Saturday. Ad multos annos!

St. Peter Parish Mission: St. Peter Parish invites all to their 2016 Parish Mission, Sunday, October 23- Wednesday, October 26. Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM, of the Fathers of Mercy, will present "Divine Mercy in the Gospels".

Presentations begin at 7 p.m. each evening in church. For more information: www.stpeterparish.com or 985.892.2422.

Story About Harry Nunez: Channel 4 ran a story last week about Harry Nunez's successful cancer battle. Here's the link: <http://www.wvtv.com/news/health/cancer-clinical-trials-in-new-orleans-baton-rouge/335862180>

Student Service Opportunities:

- **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

- Concerned Care Hospice in Covington is seeking high school students in need of service hours. “By becoming a Concerned Care Hospice Volunteer, you will enrich the lives of our patients, their families, and the community. All students will be supervised during visits and will receive training on the hospice Philosophy which will take a few hours. If interested, contact the April Accomando, Volunteer Coordinator, at 892-3947

College Info Opportunities:

- **10/17/16—NACAC---National Association of College Admission Counseling College Fair-** NACAC will host their annual college fair Baton Rouge, LA 9:00AM- 12:00PM or 6:30PM-8:30PM at the Baton Rouge River Center—students can register at www.gotomyncf.com
- **10/18/16—NACAC-National Association of College Admission Counseling-** NACAC will host their annual college fair on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00PM—8:00PM at the Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center Kenner, LA 70065 [Register Here](#)
- 10/18 -- University of Dallas and Rhodes College reps will visit SPS
- 10/20 -- Catholic University in Washington, DC & Samford University in Birmingham, AL will visit SPS
- 10/21 – Maritime College (SUNY) in Throggs Neck, NY & Baylor University in Waco, TX will visit SPS

Suicide Prevention Parent Gatekeeper Workshop: The school counseling department, in partnership with Teen Life Counts, presents an opportunity for parents to learn more about adolescent suicide, warning signs, and prevention strategies. St. Paul's parents are invited to attend this workshop at SSA.

Location: St. Scholastica Academy Library

Date: Thursday October 20th, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

122 S. Massachusetts St.

Covington, LA 70433

Ph: 985.892.2540

www.ssacad.org

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.

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 will receive a detention. 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 Mothers' Club 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!
- 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: your 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, 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.



Zach grimaces at one of my Grandparent Day jokes! At least his grandmother laughed!

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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.

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!**

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.”



Hope we can duplicate this scene from last year!

From The Botanical Wolves: St. Paul's 5 annual "MUMS FOR SONS" EVENT. IN HONOR OF YOUR SONS, PLEASE DONTATE 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.*

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

<https://yearbookforever.com/#school/4576/2017>

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

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

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- *A little boy had just finished his first week of school. "I'm wasting my time," he said to his mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"*
- *Teacher: Isn't it remarkable how quickly kids learn to drive a car?" Parent: "Yes, especially considering how slowly they catch on to running the lawnmower and vacuum cleaner."*
- *Teacher: "Johnny, you aren't paying attention. Do you have trouble hearing?" Johnny: "No, I have trouble listening."*
- *Teacher: "Class, we will have only half a day of school this morning." Class: "Hooray!!" Teacher: "We will have the other half this afternoon."*
- *College Student: "Hey, Dad, I've got some good news. Remember that \$500 you promised me if I made the Dean's List? Well, you get to keep it!"*

- *Teacher: Johnny, why can't you ever answer any of my questions?" Johnny: "If I could there wouldn't be much point in my being here!"*
- *Mother: "How do you like going to school?" Johnny: "The going bit is fine, as is the coming home bit, but I'm not too keen on the time in-between."*
- *Johnny: "Teacher, will you hold my wallet during the exam? There may be some money in it." Teacher: "I can't be bought." Johnny: "Well, can you be rented for a while?"*
- *Teacher: "Why are you late?" Johnny: "The sign said "School Zone: Go Slow!"*
- *Teacher: "Why are you working your math problem on the floor?" Johnny: "You said to do it without using tables."*
- *Why did the teacher wear sunglasses? Because his class was so bright!*
- *Why were the teacher's eyes crossed? Because he couldn't control his pupils!*
- *Why is an English teacher like a judge? They both give out sentences!*
- *Teacher: If you get \$5 from 20 people, what would you get? Johnny: A new bike!*
- *Teacher: "I hope I didn't see you looking at Billy's paper?" Johnny: "I hope you didn't either!"*
- *Teacher: "What is the shortest month?" Johnny: "May; it only has three letters."*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

More Feedback from the Class of 2016: From 2016 graduate John Cresson last week who is attending Notre Dame: *I was listening to the song "I feel home" by O.A.R. today [ask your son why John was listening to that song] and was thinking about St. Paul's. I miss it a lot, and rarely does a day go by where a memory that took place there does not pop into my mind. That being said, I am really liking Notre Dame. I have no doubt that this is where I am supposed to be. Just last week I got to meet former presidential candidate Martin O'Malley and tour a nuclear physics lab. My classes are going well, but they are keeping me busy. St. Paul's prepared me well.*

October

- 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



LYLs help run the freshman retreat last week.

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 second quarter 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

Looking Forward to the Second Quarter as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



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