



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter* *For Oct 24 – 30, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*



Welcome to the final full week of October! Incredible! Times marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.

Five years ago Friday, Oct 28, 2011, Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria, then-Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, visited SPS. In his honor, we celebrated a memorable all-school liturgy and formed a Lasallian star. It was a magical moment in our school's history and the picture remains an iconic one. In his address to the students during Mass that day, Brother Alvaro made the following points which are worthy of review:



- Lasallians must be concerned with rights of child
- Lasallians must serve others, especially the poor
- Lasallians must engage in interreligious dialogue
- Lasallians must form quality relationships
- Lasallians must be people of faith
- Lasallians must have hearts without borders, allowing us to be concerned with all, both here and throughout the entire global community



And even though he's no longer Superior General, let's renew our commitment today to Brother Alvaro's vision of what a Lasallian school should be. Let's re-ignite the excitement of our centennial five years ago so that when SPS celebrates its bi-centennial in 2111, they will look back at our time and say "this was our finest hour" (apologies to Winston Churchill!) – even though I want SPS to be greater in 2111 than it is today!

Mon, Oct 24 (8:30 Start to allow a faculty meeting at 7:45; F G A B)

- **Let Us Remember Dept:** Today marks the twelve year anniversary of the death of Brother Bill Parsons. While fewer at SPS remember Bill, his presence and influence continue. We remember Bill and his contribution to the Christian education of youth and take comfort in the role he played in our lives. Brother Bill, pray for us! In his memory, let's pay attention to our English today – which was something on which he insisted.
- **This Day in History:** In 1861, Western Union sends the first transcontinental telegram from San Francisco to Washington, DC, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, The United Nations is founded.
- **National Bologna Day:** Eat a bologna sandwich! I'll pass!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences: 5 – 7 in the BAC**

Tue, Oct 25 (Wolf Packs; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1854, during the Crimean War, the Charge of the Light Brigade occurred. Of the 673 British cavalrymen, 272 were killed. The Charge was later immortalized in the poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. ("Ours is not to reason why, ours is but to do or die.") Re-read this famous poem today!
- **TDIH:** In 1983, over 2000 US Marines and Army Rangers invaded the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada "to restore order and democracy."
- **TDIH.** In 1881, Pablo Picasso, co-founder of the Cubist movement and one of the greatest, most influential artists of 20th century, is born in Malaga, Spain. Spend time today viewing some Picasso. Here's a link:
http://www.google.com/images?q=picasso&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=univ&ei=D3XBTl_6AoT7lwff25nLCg&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=4&ved=0CEoQsAQwAw&biw=1024&bih=578

- **Sour Day:** Life given you lemons? Today's the day to shout about it. Reserve the right to be grumpy, irritable and sour about the world and everything in it. But tomorrow you've got to be sweet to everyone!
- **Advanced Ed/SACS Quality Review Team arrives on campus this afternoon for an evening work session**
- **Etiquette Training for Pre-freshman in the BAC during lunch**
- **Christian Brothers School Spirit Day:** Representative students from the three Lasallian high schools in the archdiocese will gather on the campus of Christian Brothers School in City Park today to help our middle school brothers celebrate their spirit day. It's a wonderful collaborative effort among the four schools. Thank you for accommodating this event.
- **Wrestling:** Meet the Team (6:30 in the old gym)

Wed, Oct 26 (7 am mass; Assembly; G A B C)

- **Mass:** We will again have mass in the chapel at 7 am. You are invited.
- **TDIH:** In 1881, the Earp brothers face off against the Clanton-McLaury gang in a shootout at the OK Corral in Tombstone, AZ. Relive some Old West history today!
- **TDIH:** In 1958, Pan American Airways flies the first direct commercial jet flight from New York to Paris using a Boeing 707.
- **Howl at the Moon Day:** Release your inner wolf and go wild.
- **AE/SACS QRT visitation in school – all day**
- **Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen during lunch**
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Brother Martin (5:30)



Nathan lights candle at assembly as we rejoice over the canonization of Saint Brother Solomon!

Thu, Oct 27: (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1858, Theodore Roosevelt is born in NY City. In his honor today, speak softly, but carry a big stick!
- **Cranky Co-Workers Day:** Let cranky co-workers enjoy their miseries. Fortunately, we have no cranky SPS ones -- just a cranky President, Principal, AP and Dean!
- **AE/SACS QRT visitation in school – all day, ending with a 3 pm all faculty meeting**
- **Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen during lunch**
- **Basketball:** JV & V at Episcopal
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen at Brother Martin

Fri, Oct 28 (Assembly; A B C D).

- **TDIH:** In 1922, hundreds gather around radios to hear the first-ever cross-country broadcast of a college football game. The Princeton Tigers beat Coach Amos Alonso Stagg's formidable Chicago Maroons.
- **TDIH:** In 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated by President Grover Cleveland on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolution. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300 feet tall. The pedestal contains the words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door."
- **National Chocolate Day:** Indulge! (As if some of you needed a reason!)
- **Frankenstein Friday:** Frankenstein Friday celebrates the birth of Frankenstein and its creator. Frankenstein was born in 1818 when Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, at the age of 21, wrote the story "Frankenstein".
- **Assembly:** Today's special guest speaker is Fr. Louis Merosne, who is a Diocesan priest in Haiti. He will make visits to SPS and SSA to speak on his experiences in Haiti and paint a picture of Haiti in the wake of the recent storms
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in NO Metro Meet at UNO through Saturday
- **Football:** Varsity v. Mandeville (7) with **Class of 2006 Post-Game Get Together**



Sat, Oct 29

- **TDIH:** In 1969, the first electronic message was sent via the Internet. Let's not draw attention to the fact that the system crashed half way through sending it, though. And speaking of crashes, in 1929, the New York Stock Exchange "crashes" beginning the Great Depression.
- **Hermit Day:** a day to spend quietly in seclusion. Hmmm.... Sounds good to me – but not if you are working Open House today!
- **National Candy Corn Day:** Indulge! (Notice a theme building up to Halloween?)
- **National Cat Day:** OK you cat lovers! Here's your day to celebrate with!
- **Open House for Prospective Students** (1 pm). If you know of anyone interested in SPS for next year, encourage the family to attend. Administration & Dept chairs will be present, with student hosts & several students who will speak about our school. Thanks to all who are helping! Let's hope for a good turnout! I We pray for the best.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves host District Meet at Money Hill as they defend their District Title.

Sun, Oct 30 – I encourage all, especially Catholic Families, to attend church

- **TDIH:** In 1938, Orson Welles causes a nationwide panic with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds"—a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth. You can listen to this classic on You Tube.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, for the first time since the Ice Age, Great Britain becomes connected with the European continent via a new rail tunnel (called the chunnel) under the English Channel.
- **Haunted Refrigerator Night:** Who knows what evil lurks in your refrigerator? It's time to be afraid, very afraid. Gather friends, open the refrigerator door, and venture unto the realm of the lower shelf, rear. That "thing" inside that container is much more horrifying than any trick or treater tomorrow night!
- **National Caramelized Apple Day:** After chocolate and candy corn, just eat the apple sans caramel.

SPS and SSA Open Houses: The futures of SPS and SSA depend on a healthy enrollment. Please invite any interested family to attend. In the past, you, our parents, have been the best source of attracting students to SPS & SSA. Please help us now and encourage families to explore the benefits of single-sex Catholic education. Here are the dates:

- **SPS Open House: Saturday, October 29 at 1pm**
- **SSA Open House: Thursday, November 3 at 6 pm**

Again, please help spread the good word about our two great schools!

Report Cards: Report cards have been emailed. Let me know if you didn't receive it. Please speak with your son about his grades and the teacher comments. If improvement is needed, please make a plan with him to accomplish the improvement. Remember that first quarter grades count as 40% of the semester grade. First quarter grades DO NOT go on a student's transcript. ONLY SEMESTER grades are entered on the transcript.

Parent – Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, October 24 from 5 – 7 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center.

March through the Arch Pictures are in! Senior parents can pick up their picture at the conferences Monday night or stop by the administration building during business hours.

Honor Roll Breakfasts: We look forward to recognizing our First Quarter HR students and their parents at this event (SPS pioneered HR breakfasts in our area starting in 1990.). We will continue to have the breakfasts in the cafeteria. Since the cafeteria can only handle so many people, we must do the breakfasts by level. If your son made honor roll, you will soon receive an invitation. If you think your son made honor roll but don't receive an invitation, let me know

Below is the Honor Roll Breakfast schedule. I apologize but we had to make an adjustment. This is the correct schedule:

- Nov 03 – Seniors
- Nov 04 – Juniors
- Nov 07 – Sophomores
- Nov 09 – Freshmen
- Nov 10 – Pre-freshmen

The breakfasts last from 7:40 – 8:20. The format is simple: a delicious breakfast catered by LaLou Café in Mandeville, individual recognition of the honor roll students, and some congratulatory remarks from yours truly. I always look forward to this event

New Tutoring Services: The National Honor Society has EXPANDED their tutoring services: Mon, Tue & Wed at lunch in La Salle Hall room 207 and Tue & Thu at 7:15 am in La Salle Hall Room 207. Help is offered in ALL subjects, including Math XL. And they now do proofreading services for papers and will even offer printing services. They held a pizza sale the other day to help with the cost of the printing.



“Real Wolves Wear Pink” T-Shirts are on sale in the Bookstore and will be available for purchase at the Oct 28 home football game. 100% of the proceeds will be given to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Thank you, Mothers Club, for this great cause. I've got my shirt!

Southern Association Quality Review Team Visit: A group of six educators will visit SPS for three days this week, evaluating our school and, we hope, recommending that we continue to receive accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. We have been preparing for this visit for the past year and feel confident that all will go well. Please pray for the success of his evaluation of our Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Pre-Freshmen Etiquette Training: On Oct 25, 26, & 27, the Saint Paul's Renaissance Program, in an effort to augment the work of parents in the area of proper etiquette, has paired with Bosco's Italian Cafe to provide a short course on proper restaurant behavior. This event is in the BAC, not the restaurant like we used to do. We divided the pre-freshmen into three groups to provide a short course on restaurant etiquette followed by a meal catered by Bosco's. A staff member from Bosco's will instruct the boys in place settings, ordering, dealing with waiters, tipping, and making reservations. After the class, the boys will enjoy a meal, prepared by the restaurant, putting into practice what they have learned. The Saint Paul's Renaissance Program will cover the cost of the course and meal. The students will gather in the BAC when their PE or ROTC class falls after the lunch period. There are a few exceptions to this rule. Thus, the boys can learn about etiquette and eat without missing other classes. The students will wear the formal uniform. In case you are wondering, the menu will be corn bisque, Caesar salad, Chicken Alfredo with pasta, and bread pudding for dessert. Saint La Salle wrote extensively about “civility and decorum” for students, including detailed instructions on how to eat (e.g. *You should always keep the lips shut while eating so that you do not slurp as pigs do.... It is simply intolerable for you to eat using both hands....You must not notice if others have been served better portions than you.... It is rude to spit things you*

cannot swallow, such as bones, onto the plate or into your hand. It is even worse to let these things fall from your mouth). Hence, this activity is very Lasallian!

Our Musician in Residence: Brother Ken has made it to YouTube! Here's a link to hear him play some of the favorites from his music directorship at St. Peter Parish:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CacAtKNdgjo&feature=em-share_video_in_list_user&list=PLeNKLIGrQIZ-IP9mrGRp_VpcrgJO9Fic

Good News: An alumnus recently gifted SPS with the royalty rights to some music sales that he owned – a very creative gift! Last week, we received a \$2500 check representing last year's royalties. Let's hope other alums get creative with their support to SPS.



Sophomores waste no time in attacking their Snack Day table.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Fall Break Holiday:** Hope you enjoyed it!
- **HOSA Field Trip:** Eight members of our newest club (for future medical personnel) traveled to UL in Lafayette last Thursday for a practical workshop on health care professions. The boys indicated that the experience was quite worthwhile.
- **National Drug Take Back Day:** The officer here on Friday left with a sack full of old prescription drugs. Remember that Covington PD will accept prescription drugs at any time.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves are District Champs! Congrats!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen won big; 9th played well, and Varsity won big against Slidell.
- **CG, CLs, MWs & GBs:** And, of course, the Color Guard, Cheerleaders, Marching

Wolves and Golden Blues acquitted themselves exemplarily.

- **Wellness Screening/Flu shots** for faculty went well! We encourage all to get flu shots!
- **PSAT / ACT Tests:** No problems on either test. Thanks Counseling Dept and Don Pressley
- **Accounting Class Guest Speakers:** A team of Hornbeck Offshore Services senior managers spoke to our accounting class. They were led by Mr. John Cook, senior HOS executive and father of junior Evan Cook. They were great, instructing the students on the diversity of opportunities that are open to accounting majors. All are CPAs but only one still does direct accounting work. The others have branched out into other phases of HOS. Did you know that the FBI is actively seeking accounting majors? All four agreed that the skills most in demand in the business world are integrity, ability to work with a team, and work ethic.
- **The Social Studies Dept** worked the annual symposium on domestic violence hosted by the District Attorney's office last Monday on our Fall Break Day. Chris Dufour and Trey Hughes worked with Brian Logarbo, and the Color Guard (Andrew Aceves, Ruston Keller, Sean Noel, and Andrew DaBella) was there too. This event, as you can imagine, is a very serious, solemn and quite frankly, sad event. Brian reported that our guys were great! He was very proud of the way they handled themselves and they really represented the school well.
- **Snack Day/Teacher Appreciation Day:** Again, thanks Mother's Club!
- **Mr. Mike Daniels, Director of Education for San Francisco New Orleans District,** greatly enjoyed his visit to SPS last Wednesday. He was particularly struck by the beauty and peacefulness of the campus and the friendliness of the students.



Andrew, Andrew, Ruston & Sean pose with Mandeville Mayor Donald Villere at Domestic Violence event last Monday.

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.

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:

- **10/26/16—Furman University in Greenville, SC and Berry College in Rome, GA will visit SPS**

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.

ID Cards: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their SPS issued lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he receives a detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

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.*

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.

From The Botanical Wolves: St. Paul's 5 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.



Guerilla Wolves: Here's the link to last week's program. The boys work hard producing this show, so please support their efforts:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q38pAbHtv6k&google_comment_id=z13ne5xjuq34vjdwt04cerhjdleaiprofzg0k&google_view_type#gpluscomments



Lots of Wolves were interested in Baylor last week.

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

Last Tuesday's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Oct 18 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- The students entered the gym listening to a song called "Gaudeamus Omnes" by a late 16th and early 17th Century English composer named William Byrd. The title means "let us all rejoice" – and I explained to the students that the whole Lasallian world, and, indeed, the whole Catholic Church was rejoicing as Pope Francis canonized seven new saints on Sunday, October 16 – including Christian Brother Solomon, who was martyred during the French Revolution in 1792. We then showed pictures of the canonization ceremony, viewed a video on the life of Brother Solomon, saw pictures of the place of his martyrdom, read about the miracle attributed to him which paved the way for his canonization, prayer a special prayer to him and ended by singing "Honneur a Toi." (Ask your son the meaning of this Lasallian song.
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Nathan Bagnell**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Charles Hebert, uncle of Nico Arcuri '17, Mr. Paul Addison Graham, Grandfather of Frankie'19 & Emile '20 Durio, and Mr. David Carambat, both of SPS Science Teacher Mr. John Carambat**
- Recognized and welcomed a group of 43 7th graders who were visiting campus on one of our Shadow Days. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome.
- Recognized and congratulated Coach Luke Barwick, who entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony on October 15 by marrying his wife, Nicole. Student Body President Will Murphy presented Luke with a small token of our appreciation. The students wildly applauded Luke and his bride.

- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Football Wolves for their thrilling wins over Covington and Ponchatoula.
- Recognized and congratulated the Cross Country Team for the following accomplishments:
 - On Saturday, October 8, the Varsity placed 1st in the Mississippi College/Watson Ford meet, which attracts some of the best teams in the south. The JV placed 3rd and the Junior Hi placed 1st.
 - On Saturday, October 15, the Varsity won the New Orleans Metro Meet and the JV, running as Varsity, placed 3rd in the Walker Shootout.
- Recognized and congratulated sophomore Luke Paille, for winning 2nd Place in the senior division of the Louisiana Folklife Essay Contest, sponsored by Northwestern Louisiana University. Luke won \$100 cash prize, a \$1600 scholarship to NLU, and his essay will be published in the Louisiana Folklife Journal – and he was competing against juniors and seniors from across the state! Wonderful!
- Then, as if by magic, Handel’s “Water Music” started playing, signifying that the Aqua Wolves were making a splash at local meets. At the SPS Invitational on Oct 13, the Wolves placed 1st out of five schools, beating second place Mandeville by 300 points. I let the music play as I projected the top ten of the boy’s performances on the screen:

- **200-Yard Medley Relay**

1st Place – Jesse Cheng, Drew Putfark, Kyle Hladky, Myers Morgan

5th Place – Bradford Day, Jeremy Cannon, Christian Kramer, David Barcelona

200-Yard Freestyle

1st – Myers Morgan

4th – Christian Kramer

200-Yard Individual Medley

3rd – Harrison Juneau

4th – Drew Putfark

50-Yard Freestyle

3rd – Paul Stolin

4th – Tonner Dougherty

9th – John Buckley

10th – Jacob Eilers

100-Yard Butterfly

1st – Kyle Hladky

3rd – Brenton Larmann

100-Yard Freestyle

1st – Myers Morgan

3rd – Harrison Juneau

4th – Jesse Cheng

6th – Paul Stolin



Seniors enjoy Snack Day!

500-Yard Freestyle

- 1st – Christian Kramer
- 2nd – Jordan Wyble
- 5th – Matthew Lyon

200-Yard Freestyle Relay

- 1st – Brenton Larmann, Kyle Hladky, Drw Putfark, Jesse Cheng
- 3rd – John Buckley, Ian Fried, Matthew Lyon, Jordan Wyble
- 4th – Scott Messa, David Barcelona, Cameron Darr, Bradford Day

100-Yard Backstroke

- 1st – Kyle Hladky
- 2nd – Jesse Cheng
- 6th – Jordan Wyble

100-Yard Breaststroke

- 2nd – Drew Putfark
- 5th – John Buckley
- 6th – Eli Applebaum
- 7th – Jeremy Cannon
- 8th – Cameron Darr

- Recognized and congratulated senior swimmer Kyle Hladky for being named The New Orleans Advocate's Swimmer of the Week for Sep 19.
- Recognized and congratulated the students who volunteered at Our Lady of the Lake's Festival the weekend before. I had them stand as I read the following email from the Volunteer Coordinator: *Please pass on our appreciation to your students for helping out at our OLL festival this weekend. This tradition of fun n faith lives on because of them. This was the highest participation in my 4 years as volunteer coordinator.*
- I then told the students about Family Promise in St. Tammany, whose mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. The St. Tammany Parish School Board has identified over 1100 homeless children in our parish and Family Promise tries to help. Different area churches sponsor programs, especially for these homeless children. Last several of our boys volunteered at one of these weeks. Following their work that week, I received the following email from Pat Jensen, director of St. Michael's program, which I projected for the students: *Thank you for letting students know about service hour opportunity at St. Michael's Family Promise host week. Several young men came to help us: Ryley Perez, Robby and Lucca Ferrante, Patrick Guidry, and Jake Arena. Your students represented St. Paul's impressively! The boys from St. Paul's took a sullen, quiet 12 year old "under their wing" and were incredibly patient with him. His mom said the St. Paul's boys did "wonders" for her son. By the end of the week, he was a totally different boy from when he first arrived. Your St. Paul's young men made a HUGE impact on him. We had a very successful week, and your young men played a very important role in that. It was a pleasure for him to meet these young men. I'm assuming they're exemplary St. Paul's students which gives me hope for the future. Our next host week is in November. We'd love to have more St. Paul's students participate. With sincerest thanks and gratitude.* I then asked Jake and Patrick to speak to the students about the experience and encourage our boys to volunteer for the upcoming week. Details are found later in the newsletter under "Service Opportunities":
- We then robustly sang the Fight Song.

- I then informed the boys of the evaluation Saint Paul's will be undergoing our five year evaluation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. I told the students that this is a very important process for Saint Paul's as every aspect of our school will be looked at.
- 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!

Drama Department: Our acclaimed drama department, The Marian Players, invite you to attend the fall production of "You Can't Take It With You." It is a wonderful comedy, beautifully written, a Pulitzer Prize winner as well as an Academy award winner for Frank Capra's film in 1938. It is a classic family story considered by many to be the "father" of future family sitcoms. We have a wonderful cast and crew. Tickets are on sale now, both in the Admin Building and at Braswell's Drugs: \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Come support The Marian Players!

H of the W: In honor of National Cat Day on Sat:

- *What is a cat's favorite color? Purrrr-ple*
- *What kind of kitten works for the Red Cross? A first-aid Kit.*
- *What's worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing' taxi cabs!*
- *Why can't a leopard hide? Because he's always spotted!*
- *What song does a cat like best? Three Blind Mice.*
- *What game did the cat like to play with the mouse? Catch!*
- *Where did the school kittens go for their field trip? To the mewseum*



Mr. John Cook, senior executive at Hornbeck Offshore Services, gives practical advice about the accounting profession to the accounting class. We continue to be most grateful to HOS for their support. As Mr. Cook said, he hopes that some of the boys will one day work for HOS! I do, too!

- *Who was the first cat to fly in an airplane? Kitty-hawk*
- *Have you ever seen a catfish? No. How did he hold the rod and reel?*
- *What state has a lot of cats and dogs? Petsylvania*
- *What do you call the cat that was caught by the police? The purrpatrator!*
- *What happened when the cat went to the flea circus? He stole the whole show!*
- *Did you hear about the cat who drank five bowls of water? He set a new lap record!*
- *What's the difference between a comma and a cat? One has paws before the claws and the other has the clause before the pause [LOL!]*
- *What do cats use to make coffee? A purrrccolator!*
- *If lights run on electricity and cars run on gas, what do cats run on? Their paws!*

- *Why is the cat so grouchy? He's in a bad mowd!*
- *If ten cats are on a boat and one jumps off, how many are left? None – the rest are copy cats!*
- *How does a cat get its own way? Purrsuasion!*
- *What do you call a cat that lives in an igloo? An eskimew!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

October

29 – Open House for prospective students 1:00 PM

31 – 2:30 Early Halloween Dismissal

November

1 – Mass – Dress Uniform Day

2 – Day of the Dead Assembly

3 – HR Breakfast for seniors

4 – HR Breakfast for juniors

5 – SAT on Campus

7 - HR Breakfast for sophomores

8 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day

9 – HR Breakfast for freshmen

10 – HR Breakfast for Pre-freshmen

11 – Veterans Day Assembly

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

Enough for this week. As usual, I'll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings. Pray that things continue to go well! We're already into the second week of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea. May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2016 – 17 edition of Saint Paul's – our 105th year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It to the End of October as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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

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

