



**The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter**  
**In the Jubilee year of Mercy**  
**October 03 – 09, 2016**



The United States Department of Education announced the 2016 Blue Ribbon Schools last Tuesday, thus marking the one year anniversary of Saint Paul’s as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence – an honor that the Department of Education allows a school to celebrate for five years. We congratulate St. Joseph Academy in Baton Rouge, the only Catholic high school in the State of Louisiana to earn the honor this year.

As we think back over the past year, we must ask ourselves: have we rested on our laurels or truly lived up to the national recognition we earned last year? Are we a better school today than we were last year by living the principle of continuous improvement or do we feel we are “good enough” and improvement isn’t needed?

As I wrote last year, the Blue Ribbon status was earned by all of us, working “together and by association” in the finest tradition of Lasallian education. We worked hard to raise our test scores to a level where we could at least be considered. But the award demanded more than test scores. **Accordingly, I strongly invite you to re-read our application and you will see the scope of accomplishment needed to win – and be even more proud of SPS.** Here’s the link:

[http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/winning/151a348pv\\_st\\_pauls\\_school.html](http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/winning/151a348pv_st_pauls_school.html)

Rejoice in our Blue Ribbon status – which is good for four more years – and know that we will not become complacent. **We must live up to this standard each and every day.** As I told our faculty, we must be prepared to duplicate this accomplishment four years from now (which is very difficult to do), but for now, continue to rejoice and be glad and thanks for being part of this wonderful, Blue Ribbon School of Excellence!

**Mon, Oct 3 (Regular; A B C D)**

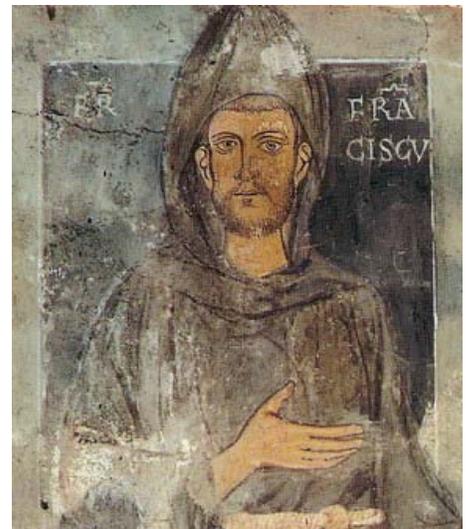
- **This Day in History:** In 1990, Less than one year after the destruction of the Berlin Wall, East and West Germany come together on what is known as “Unity Day.”
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in SSA Invitational at TCC

**Tue, Oct 4 (President’s Assembly; Shadow Day; E F G A)**

- **Today** is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, one of the most venerated religious figures in history and founder of the Franciscan Order. We remember this iconic saint today by reciting the prayer attributed to him:

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*



Oldest known portrait in existence of St. Francis, dating back to his retreat to Subiaco (1223–1224)

- **TDIH:** In 1957, the Soviet Union launches the first artificial satellite. The US is shocked. Trivia question: what was the name of this satellite that launched a space race between the US and USSR?
- **Ten-Four Day:** The fourth day of the tenth month is a day of recognition for radio operators, whose code words, “Ten-Four,” signal an affirmative reply.
- **Cinnamon Roll Day:** Indulge and enjoy – if your health permits!
- **National Taco Day:** Enjoy! From the NTD web site: *The history of the taco is unknown. According to some taco experts [a job I wouldn't mind having!], the word originates from the 18<sup>th</sup> C. silver mines in Mexico, when taco referred to little explosives workers used to extract ore. These were pieces of paper wrapped around gunpowder and placed in holes carved in rock. “A chicken taquito with a good hot sauce is really a lot like a stick of dynamite,” says taco expert Jeffrey Pilcher [and I thought I had the best job!] “The first references [to the taco] come from the end of the 19th C. One of the first tacos described is called tacos de minero—miner’s tacos. Others claim tacos predate the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico in the 16th century. Anthropologists say there is evidence suggesting inhabitants of the lake region of the Valley of Mexico ate tacos filled with small fish. The fish were replaced by small live insects and ants in the states of Morelos and Guerrero, while locusts and snails were favorite fillings in Puebla and Oaxaca. Taco Bell is believed to have pushed widespread popularity of Mexican food in the U.S.... The hard-shell taco was invented long before Taco Bell. The U-shaped version is first noted in 1949 in a cookbook. And now you know....*



Biomedical science students pose in their lab coats – and envision their future medical careers.

**Wed, Oct 5 (7 am mass – come join us; Regular; B C D E)**

- **Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos:** Father Seelos is a favorite in the New Orleans area. He was assigned in 1866 to the Redemptorist community in New Orleans. Here also, as pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, he was known as a pastor who was joyously available to his faithful and singularly concerned for the poorest and the most abandoned. In God’s plan, however, his ministry in New Orleans was destined to be brief. In the month of September, exhausted from visiting and caring for the victims of yellow fever, he contracted the dreaded disease. After several weeks of patiently enduring his illness, he passed on to eternal life on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48 years and 9 months. He was beatified by Saint Pope John Paul II in 2000. Father Seelos, pray for us!
- **TDIH:** In 1892, The Dalton gang attempts to rob two banks simultaneously in Coffeyville, Kansas, but meets resistance from townspeople, who wind up killing four of the five bandits. Emmett Dalton, the sole survivor, returned to the site of the crime nearly 40 years later and offered a caution to would-be thieves: “The biggest fool on earth is the one who thinks he can beat the law, that crime can be made to pay. It never paid and it never will and that was the one big lesson of the Coffeyville raid.”
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Harry Truman (1884-1972) makes the first-ever televised presidential address from the White House, asking Americans to cut back on their use of grain in order to help starving Europeans. At the time of Truman’s food-conservation speech, Europe was still recovering from WW II.
- **Do Something Nice Day:** Go ahead, do something nice – anything. It won’t hurt; I promise!
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Covington (5:30)
- **Student Council:** District Two Burger Bash (Wolf Dome; 5:30)

**Thu, Oct 6 (Mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM DAY; F G A B)**

- **All School Mass this morning at 9:25. Parents are welcome to attend.**
- **TIDH:** in 2015, SPS students entered the new gym for the first time, to the resounding strains of George Fredrick Handel's Halleluiah Chorus! It was a magnificent moment! We thank all those who made this campus jewel possible!
- **TDIH:** In 1927, the first "talkie" opened in New York. *The Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.
- **TDIH:** In 1979, President Jimmy Carter receives Pope John Paul II, the first Pope to visit the White House.
- **Mad Hatter Day:** Today refers to the character from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, where the Mad Hatter is always seen wearing a hat bearing a slip of paper with the notation "In this style 10/6" – an invitation to behave in the style of the Mad Hatter on 10/6. Mad Hatter Day began in Boulder, CO, in 1986, among computer folk who had nothing better to do. In 1988, it was recognized as an official holiday by an area business, and also received its first national press coverage by news services. What do people do on Mad Hatter Day? In general, people celebrate silliness – but not during school!
- **First Friday** devotions begin at G and through F on Fri.
- **SSA Homecoming Activities**
- **F'Ball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Gentilly Terrace (6)
- **National Honor Society Induction Ceremony (6:30 in chapel)**

**Fri, Oct 7 (Regular; C D E F)**

- **Memorial of Our Day of the Rosary.** Pray the rosary today!
- **TDIH:** In 1913, for the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park, MI automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line. We've come a long way, Henry!
- **You Matter To Me Day:** Four simple words, one single phrase, that makes a profound difference to all who hear it and share it. Tell the people who matter to you that they do.
- **World Smile Day (First Fri in Oct):** The original 'smiley face' (☺) was created by commercial artist Harvey Ball in 1963. Concerned about the commercialization of the quickly iconic graphic, Harvey established **Smile Day**, which encourages us to participate in acts of kindness and friendliness, and to smile and make others smile. I'll do my part! I promise get Coach Sears to do to so, too – although his smile may have to wait until after we beat Covington!
- **Football:** Varsity at Covington (7)



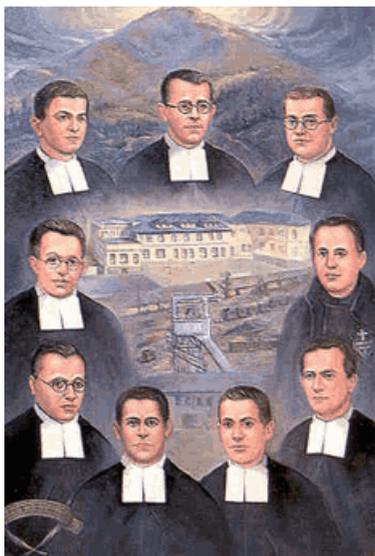
*Jeremy prepares for his senior portrait in the BAC last week.*

**Sat, Oct 8**

- **Alvin C. York Day:** Sgt. York is the most decorated American soldier in World War I. From the Sgt. York website: *On Oct 8, 1918, after being pinned down, York took his fateful walk into history. He and 16 other soldiers... were given the unenviable task of silencing the machine guns that halted the advance. It was a cold, wet morning. Rain mixed with sleet added to the gloom of the fog that draped the landscape. As the soldiers worked their way around the hill, the men on the left flank stood exposed in the creek bottom. German machine gunners opened fire, wounding or killing nine Americans, including York's best friend. York was on the right flank beneath the crest of the hill in a natural depression, which he used to kill nine of the men who operated the guns. In the meantime, his comrades opened fire on the Germans, and in a few minutes 25 were dead. The Germans surrendered to what they thought was a superior force, and York and the American survivors escorted 132 prisoners to American forces some 10 miles away. Sergeant York was awarded his nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions [that day.]*
- **Face Your Fears Day:** Consider what life might be like if you conquered some of your greatest fears. Today gives you the chance to stand up to your fears, overcome them, and to seize the day.

- **National Pierogie Day:** Pierogies are Eastern Europe’s equivalent of ravioli or tortellini - essentially filled dumplings. This peasant dish originated in Poland in the 13th century. Enjoy the dumpling of your choice!
- **National Walk to School Day:** Give it a try if you’re in walking distance!
- **Frugal Fun Day** (always first Sat in Oct): Do something fun today that doesn’t cost anything! Yes, it’s possible!
- **National Poetry Day:** OK, I’m fudging a bit here as this NPD is in Great Britain – but we can still celebrate! The theme this year is “messages” so read a poem that has a message.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves in Mississippi College/Watson Ford Invitational
- **Marching Wolves Band Camp**
- **SSA Homecoming Dance:** Join SSA for their "Haunting Homecoming" this Saturday, October 8 from 7-10pm! The dance will be open to all SPS students! (this means they don't need a date) Admission is \$10.

**Sun, Oct 9 -- We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass today and support their parishes. We encourage our non-Catholic families to attend church of choice**



- Today is the feast of the Christian Brother Martyrs of Turon, canonized by Pope John Paul II: **Saint Brothers Cirilo Bertrán, Marciano José, Julián Alfredo, Victoriano Pío, Benito de Jesus, Benjamin Julián, Augusto Andrés, Aniceto Adolfo and Saint Father Inocencio.** From the Brothers’ website: *In 1934, Turón was the center of anticlerical hostility. The Brothers' school was an irritant to radicals in charge because of the religious influence it exerted. The Brothers defied the ban on teaching religion & openly escorted students to Mass. On the First Fri of Oct, authorities broke into the Brothers' house on the pretext that arms were hidden there. They and their chaplain were arrested and marched to the cemetery where they were shot. Brother Cirilo, the Director, was 46 and Brother Marciano was 39. Brother Julián was 32 and all the rest were in their twenties. They were arrested, detained, and executed as a community. Victims of the hatred and violence against the Church, they witnessed by their death to the faith they so courageously professed and so effectively communicated to their students. **May these Saintly Brothers pray for us!***

- **National Leif Erikson Day:** To honor Leif Erikson (who over sailed from Iceland and explored present-day Greenland and Canada) and to celebrate our Nordic-American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution has authorized the President to proclaim October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day."

**Correction from Last Week:** The new azalea bushes featured in last week’s newsletter were part of an Eagle Scout project by Austin Scheyd, not a Key Club project. The newsletter regrets the error and has apologized to Austin!

**October:** Welcome to the month of October – the tenth month of the year, even though “octo” means eight. I hope you know why this discrepancy exists! In any event, I draw the following to your attention as we begin October:

- **The Rosary:** The Catholic Church dedicates Oct in a special way to Mary, our Blessed Mother. The rosary is a great devotion to Mary, and I encourage you to recite it regularly. **A group of moms and the retired brothers recite**



Seniors enjoy college shirt day with John Carambat

**the rosary each Mon morn at 8 in the Brothers Residence chapel for the intentions of the school.** They would be thrilled if you were to join them.

- **Respect Life Month:** October is designated by the Catholic Church as Respect Life Month. In addition to the unborn, the Church also reminds us of our obligations toward other life issues: Marriage/Family Life, Children, Women, The Aging, and Death/Dying. We offer prayers this week that life will be respected, from conception to natural death. We pray that our students learn by our word as well as example.
- **October** is also *Country Music Month, Family History Month, Computer Learning Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, National Book Fair Month, National Car Care Month, Gourmet Adventures Month, National Cosmetology Month, Polish American Heritage Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Stamp Collecting Month, National AIDS Awareness Month, National Cyber Security Awareness Month, National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Month* and *National Depression Education and Awareness Month* – something for everyone!

**Rosh Hashanah** began Oct 2 at sundown and lasts until sundown on Tue, Oct 4. The late Saint Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to learn more about our Jewish heritage and form closer ties with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Thus, we recognize the great feast of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year. It is the year 5776 in the Jewish calendar. The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur. One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are penance, prayer, & good deeds – great practices for people of all faiths. These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the greeting during this time: "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*" (May you be written [in the book of life] for a good year! We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed Rosh Hashanah! "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*")

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*Pre-freshmen enjoy the new furniture (courtesy of the SPS Mothers' Club) in La Salle Hall lobby.*

**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](mailto: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 schedule 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.

### **Last Week in Review:**

- **Homecoming Week:** All in all, things seemed to have gone well, from the dress down days (OK, they didn't follow directions) to the snacks (thanks Development Dept and Mothers Club), to the pep rally, to the game, to the dance. Thanks Student Council for your work.
- **ACT** for seniors was successful on Tuesday. We will await the scores.

- **Special Assembly:** Although Trevor and I were in Denver, Ken Sears said it was powerful and boys were attentive. I hope your son told you about it. The presenters complimented Ken on the conduct of the students – which they don't always experience. Let's pray that the message of the assembly stays with our students.
- **AFJROTC Inspection:** While we did very well, we were again warned about the low enrollment and, thus, our continued viability.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Another attractive and informative issue by Danielle.
- **Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, Cheerleaders, & Band Boosters:** Outstanding – as always.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> won convincingly over Hammond and the Varsity scored a huugggeee victory against Hammond!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves were up and at 'em early Sat. The result? **FIRST PLACE** in one of the biggest races of the season! And Eric Coston broke a course record! Fantastic! Go Wolves! I hear Rossini playing at Tue's assembly.
- **SAT:** Another flawless administration, thanks to Christine Woodard; again, the only problems were on the test.

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**What Trevor and I Did On Our Denver Vacati....uh, Conference:** Here's a brief summary of what the presidents & principals of the 20 schools in the San Francisco New Orleans Province did last week, along with members of the Province Staff. Denver's weather was magnificent and the scenery breathtaking. We were treated very well!

- Mon Morning: boarded Southwest Airlines non-stop flight to Denver for an on time arrival with smooth skies.
- Mon Evening: Prayed, welcomed and reunited with one another, and had in-depth presentations on Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento and Christian Brothers School in City Park, NO; we reviewed upcoming action statements from last summer's Mission Assembly (more on this to come); ate a wonderful meal in what used to be a revolving restaurant on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel with breathtaking views of The Front Range mountains of Denver, and then called it an early evening due to the fatigue of travel, the debates and the Saints (well, at least for the NO people!)
- Tue Morning: An all morning presentation by Dr. Hoffman Ospino, PhD, a theologian at Boston College, on the future of Catholic education in the US. Among the more startling assertions:
  - Of the 13,000 Catholic schools in US in the 1960s, over 7000 have closed; 2000 more will probably close in the not too distant future.
  - Most of the Catholic school administrators are over 50; what are we doing to train the next generation of Catholic school administrators?
  - In last 50 years, 30 million white Catholics have left the Church and yet the Catholic Church continues to grow. Why and how? Many reasons for the leaving and as for growth, it's the Hispanic community.
  - The American Catholic Church will soon be 60% Hispanic yet only 3% of Catholic school students are Hispanic. What are Catholic schools doing to welcome this population into the schools? What is the Church doing to adapt to this new demographic?
  - Even with this large increase in Hispanic Catholics, many leave the Church in their early 20s because the Church is not adapting to their needs. What are we doing about it?
  - The largest growing demographic in the US is the secularist. In 1991, 3% of the US population described themselves as secularists (atheists, agnostics, non-religiously affiliated believers, etc.) In 2008, the number was 15%; today it's 25%. If the trend continues, the number will be 55% by mid century. How are Catholic schools responding to this trend? How are we preparing our students to live in an increasingly secularist society?
  - The average age of priests in the US is 65; for nuns, it's 72. What will the vocational landscape look like by mid-century?



*Mr. Pichon and his son Jacob  
celebrate Twin Day*



View from our Denver conference room

○ In this midst of these sobering realities, Dr. Ospino did offer hope – which I’ll discuss in next week’s newsletter. In the meantime, I invite you to ponder the above, especially in view of our work at SPS.

- Tue Afternoon: The Presidents met by themselves and discussed such things as finances, development issues, public relations issues, etc. While we met, the principals met and discussed such things as library use, body piercing (a reality out west!), and other items of the tactical realm.
- Tue late afternoon and evening: we traveled to Mullen High School, the Lasallian school of Denver about which I wrote last week. I experienced my first Uber ride! Amazing! We had a great tour of the school (which looks great!), enjoyed

a wonderful social and delicious meal, and heard from a Mullen alumnus: a young man who traveled from the “poor” part of Denver, begged the then-principal to admit him even though he had no money, graduated from Mullen and was admitted to Harvard, and now has a PhD and works with the underprivileged of Denver. He owes his life to Lasallian education he received at Mullen. Powerful story!

- Wed Morning: Our provincial, Brother Donald, made a presentation to us about many topics, too numerous to list.
- At 10 am, we adjourned and headed for Denver International Airport, where Trevor and I boarded a flight which brought us home. And while I gave a prayer of thanks for my time with my Lasallian colleagues, I also said a prayer of thanks as Southwest Airlines Flight 277 touched down at Armstrong International, and another one about an hour later when I again entered the holy ground of Saint Paul’s School.

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Pre-freshmen celebrate Twin Day

**From Superintendent Jan Lancaster:** *Last Tuesday Fox 8 news reported that our area Catholic high schools were planning for significant “tuition hikes”, something we know not to be true. I know...this is causing a great deal of concern among your parents and for that I am truly sorry. Fox 8 is running a clarification today on the same newscast that saying that no “significant tuition hikes” are expected. They have also changed the headline online. I have a live, on-air interview scheduled with Channel 4 this Tuesday morning. I will discuss our family of schools and emphasize how we work diligently to make Catholic education affordable. I know this does not change the story that appeared, but I hope that our efforts and outreach with the media to correct it and this explanation are helpful to you. Once again, I apologize that our schools have been put in this situation. Our intention was to do a story about what we offer our students and promote Catholic education and the admissions process; that was certainly not the result.*

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**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 is currently posted on Edline;
- 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](mailto: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:

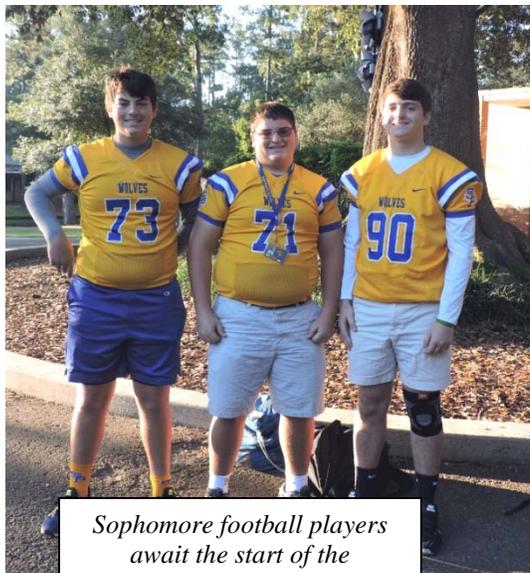
- The St. Tammany Parish Hospital Parenting Center's annual fundraising event, **Monster Mash Fun Fall Family Festival** is celebrating its **28<sup>th</sup> year on Saturday, October 15, 2016 in Bogue Falaya Park**. This event enables The Parenting Center to introduce new services and programs for families 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](mailto:ollfestivalofthelake@gmail.com)



*Sophomore football players await the start of the homecoming game.*

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**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 info 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.

**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, Austin LeBlanc, Kevin Katich, 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.

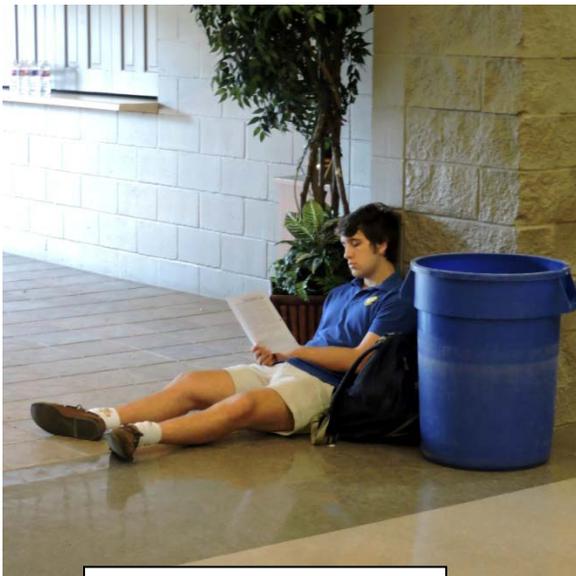
**Driver's License Proof of Attendance:** Don't forget: your son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't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

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**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.

**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 [tmmcarthy122@gmail.com](mailto:tmmcarthy122@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.



*Steven studies while awaiting his turn to take senior portrait last week.*

**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.”

***Dress Uniform Day on Thursday, October 6, for an all school mass at 9:25 and parents are welcome to attend.***

**Humor of the Week:** The Nobel Prizes will be awarded this week for prodigious accomplishments in academic fields. The Ig-Nobel Prizes (sponsored by Harvard) were awarded in mid-Sep. These prizes honor real achievements that make people laugh, then think. The prizes, given by Nobel winners, celebrate the unusual. Some will make you laugh, so this is H of the W. Here are 2016 Ig-nobel Prizes:

- **ECONOMICS PRIZE** [NEW ZEALAND, UK] — Mark Avis et al for assessing the perceived personalities of rocks, from a sales and marketing perspective. **PHYSICS PRIZE** [HUNGARY, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND] — Gábor Horváth et al for discovering why white-haired horses are the most horsefly-proof horses, and for discovering why dragonflies are fatally attracted to black tombstones.
- **CHEMISTRY PRIZE** — Volkswagen, for solving the problem of excessive automobile pollution emissions by automatically, electromechanically producing fewer emissions whenever the cars are being tested.

- **MEDICINE PRIZE** [GERMANY] — Christoph Helmchen, et al for discovering that if you have an itch on the left side of your body, you can relieve it by looking into a mirror and scratching the right side of body (& vice versa).
- **PSYCHOLOGY PRIZE** [BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, CANADA, USA] — Evelyne Debey et al for asking a thousand liars how often they lie, and for deciding whether to believe those answers.
- **PEACE PRIZE** [CANADA, USA] — Gordon Pennycook et al for their scholarly study called "On the Reception and Detection of Pseudo-Profound BS [I'm abbreviating here!]"
- **BIOLOGY PRIZE** [UK] — Awarded jointly to: Charles Foster, for living in the wild as, at different times, a badger, an otter, a deer, a fox, and a bird; and to Thomas Thwaites, for creating prosthetic extensions of his limbs that allowed him to move in the manner of, and spend time roaming hills in the company of, goats.
- **LITERATURE PRIZE** [SWEDEN] — Fredrik Sjöberg, for his three-volume autobiographical work about the pleasures of collecting flies that are dead, and flies that are not yet dead.
- **PERCEPTION PRIZE** [JAPAN] — Atsuki Higashiyama and Kohei Adachi, for investigating whether things look different when you bend over and view them between your legs.

I wonder how SPS could get some of this kind of research money.

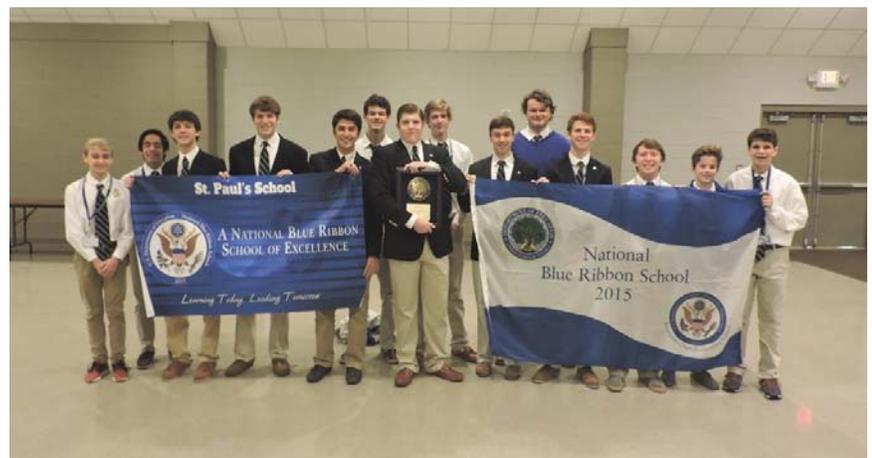
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## October

- 11 – Pack Time
- 12-13- 9<sup>th</sup> 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



**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

Welcoming October as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



Answer to Oct 4 Trivia Question: The Russian satellite was named Sputnik I. It weighed just 184 lbs and transmitted a beeping radio signal for 21 days

*...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God’s will, and remaining faithful!*

***Did I mention we have a Dress Uniform Day on Thursday, Oct 6, for an all-school mass at 9:25 and that parents are welcome to attend?***