



# The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter

## Oct 05 - 11, 2015



*This honor recognizes your students' accomplishments and the hard work and dedication that went into their success. Your journey has taught you collaboration, intentional instruction, and strong relationships in school and with your community. You represent excellence -- in vision, in implementation, and in results -- and we want to learn as much as we can from you.*

*--US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan*

People keep congratulating me for our Blue Ribbon Award. I continue to reply: it wasn't just me; all of us, working "together and by association", earned this award. Each staff member (and for some, their predecessors) raised our test scores to a level where we could at least be considered. But the award demands more than test scores. Accordingly, I invite you to read the application (written mostly by Joe Dickens with yours truly and Trevor providing editorial guidance, of course!) and you will see the scope of accomplishment needed to win. A link to our application is on our web site.

Since a maximum of 50 private schools (btw, 37 of the 50 this year were Catholic schools!) can receive the award in any given year, we knew the competition would be tough. When a school first submits its application, it is reviewed by CAPE (Council for American Private Education). CAPE submits the 50 applications it judges "the best", and the Dept of Education usually accepts their recommendations. We were told by other schools that CAPE would review our application and make lots of suggestions for revision. When we received CAPE's initial review, there were just two words: *SUPERBLY WRITTEN*. Wow. We were ecstatic. We asked them for clarification: did anything need improving? They replied: "no." At that point, we were pretty confident, but kept very quiet.

While we are rejoicing in our Blue Ribbon status, know that we will not become complacent. We must live up to this standard each and every day. We've got even more plans for the future! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's – a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence!

### Mon, Oct 5 (Regular; D E F G)

- **This Day in History:** 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!

### Tue, Oct 6 (Assembly; A B C D)

- **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.

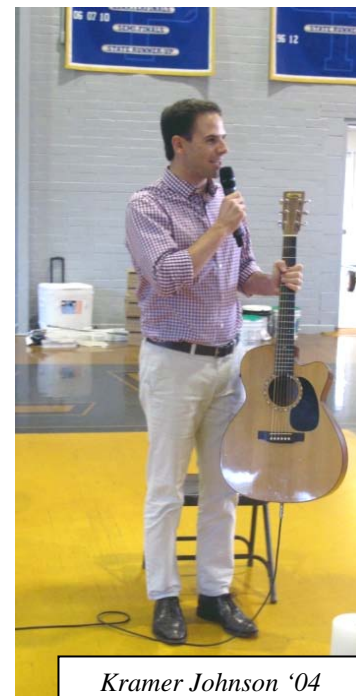
- **TDIH:** In 1979, President Jimmy Carter receives Pope John Paul II, the first Pope to visit the White House.
- **Mad Hatter Day:** No, this is not about Les Miles or Batman's enemy but refers to the character from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, where the Mad Hatter is always seen wearing a hat 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!
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Gentilly Terrace (6)

### Wed, Oct 7 (Regular; E F G A)

- **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.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Covington (5:30)

### Thu, Oct 8 (Regular; B C D E)

- **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.



Kramer Johnson '04 returned to an enthusiastic welcome by the students! I hope your son told you about it! If not, keep reading!

- **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!

### Fri, Oct 9 (End of First Quarter! F G; 11 am dismissal)

- 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."
- **End of First Quarter! Wow! Seems like we just got started!**
- **Grandparent Day (11:15) – see below for more info**
- **Football:** Varsity v. Covington (7)

### Sat, Oct 10

- **TDIH:** In 1973, US Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns in ignominious disgrace.
- **Public Square Rosary Crusade in Covington (10 am in front of St. Tammany Justice Center).** One of over 10,000 taking place today across America, the rosary will ask God to bless the United States.
- **World Egg Day:** Celebrate by fixing your favorite egg dish and eating it; do not celebrate by throwing!
- **National Angel Food Cake Day:** Enjoy this classic dessert after you eat an egg!
- **National Chess Day:** President Gerald Ford set the 2nd Sat in Oct aside as a day "To give special recognition to a game that generates challenge, intellectual stimulation, and enjoyment for citizens of all ages." Play chess today!
- **Cross Country** in Mississippi College Invitational
- **Ultimate:** The Dire Wolf travels to Mobile for competition



*Juniors spontaneously gathered in chapel during lunch last week to pray following their confirmation retreat. Wow!*

### Sun, Oct 11 -- We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass today and support their parishes. We encourage our non-Catholic families to attend church of choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1962, Pope John XXIII convenes Vatican II —the first council in 92 years -- to bring spiritual rebirth to Catholicism and cultivate greater unity with other religions.
- **Southern Food Heritage Day:** Eat your favorite southern food today!

**School Safety:** Our prayers join those of the rest of the country over the tragic campus violence episode in Roseburg, OR. Closer to home, we pray, too, for Northshore High school, where a 14 year old student was arrested on a weapons charge for making threats and bringing a look alike to school. We must remain vigilant and take every opportunity to stress campus safety and making good choices with our students. Parents: please stress this with your sons and report ANY suspicious behavior immediately.



**Jazz n Roll:** We owe The Development Team and their volunteer corps a great deal of thanks for a very successful J n R. Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time to help and those who attended. I hope you enjoyed the evening.

**The Political Season:** With elections taking place soon, I remind all of the regulations of the Archdiocese of New Orleans concerning political activity and Catholic institutions. From the Archdiocesan Policy Manual:

- *Church organizations may not at any time participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.*
- *Church facilities cannot be used for any meeting, lecture or other activity sponsored by any political party or candidate. Parish and other church facilities may not be used for any activity related to the support of or opposition to any candidate for political office nor as forums for partisan debate.*
- *Catholic institutions may not make statements (oral or written) supporting or opposing any candidate for public office in any manner....Further, no statements may be made which label a certain candidate, such as referring to the candidate as pro-abortion or anti-peace, etc.*
- *The archdiocesan newspaper, parish bulletins, and other parish or archdiocesan sponsored publications are not to accept political advertising in support of or opposition to any candidate for public office or in support of or opposition to a political party.*
- *Catholic institution may not provide financial support to any candidate, political action committee, or political party.*
- *No Catholic institution may distribute or authorize distribution of campaign literature or other campaign material on its premises, including parking lots.*
- *The violation of these policies by any parish or Catholic institution may result in revocation of its tax exempt status by the I.R.S. and consequent loss of deductible contributions.*

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

- **Shadow Day** was very successful! We already have more signed up to shadow than we did last year.
- **Key Club Induction:** I'm very proud of Kevin Moore, Yehia and the large number of Key Club Wolves, as they strive to make St. Tammany an even better place.
- **Kramer Johnson:** I was deeply moved by Kramer's appearance at last week's assembly. He flew in from Georgia to be here. I thank Al Nastasi for making it possible. It was a magical moment in the G-Plex.
- **ACT** for seniors was successful. We will await the scores.
- **SSA Homecoming:** SPS participated and a good time was had by all.
- **Aqua Wolves:** The AWs swam last week. I don't have any results but I'm sure they did great.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Another attractive and informative issue by Danielle Lavie – complete with Blue Ribbon feature story!
- **Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, Cheerleaders, & Band Boosters:** Outstanding – as always.
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> fought hard against John Curtis, 9<sup>th</sup> won convincingly over Hammond and the Varsity did GREAT against Hammond!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves left at 5:30 am on Sat for St. Joseph Invitational in BR. The result? **FIRST PLACE!!**
- **Sudden Impact:** A successful start for our sophomores in this important program.
- **First Friday Devotions:** Thanks, Religion & Campus Ministry Dept, for these meaningful devotions!
- **Law Studies:** DA Warren Montgomery spoke to the law class. I attended most of his talk; the boys appeared interested and asked good questions. I was impressed by how often the DA referred to his Catholic faith.
- **First Friday:** Thanks to the Religion and Campus Ministry Departments for conducting these meaningful and important devotions for our students.
- **Thanks** to Counselor Christine Woodard for attending the Lasallian Commitment Retreat in Pecos, NM. I appreciate her becoming more and more committed to the Lasallian Mission!



*Physics wolves conduct experiment.*

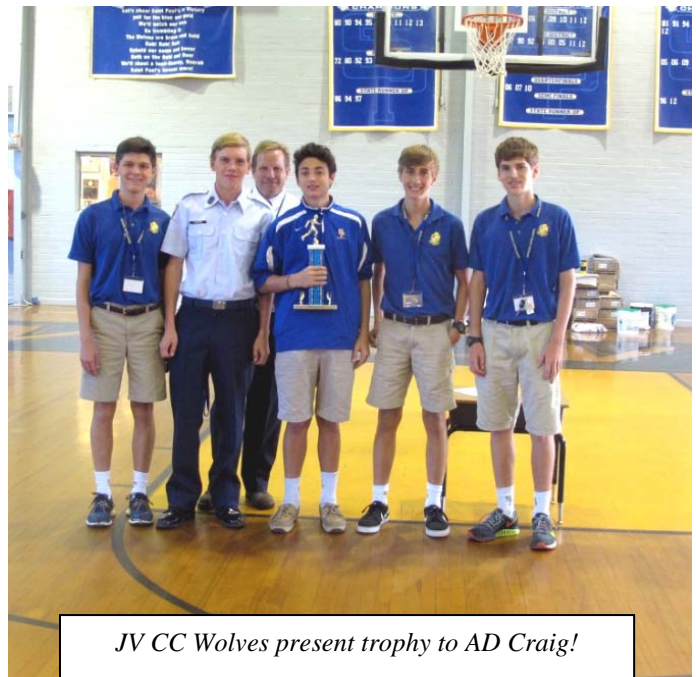
- **SAT:** Another flawless administration, thanks to Sgt. Pressley; again, the only problems were on the test.
- **Spanish II:** I enjoyed viewing Spanish II student presentations on La Rutina Diaria! Muy bueno!

**Last Wednesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 30 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- In honor of our recently completed homecoming activities, the students entered the gym listening to a song called "I Feel Home" by OAR. This song was sung at an assembly in our gym eleven years ago by then student council president **Kramer Johnson**, brother of SPS alums **Nick and Evan** and son of alumnus **Mark Johnson**, to express how he felt about Saint Paul's. It's become a ritual ever since at homecoming as alums return to the "SPS Home" to reconnect with the brotherhood of SPS. Then, magically, Kramer appeared in the gym complete with his guitar. Unbeknownst to me, he had arranged to come in from Georgia to sing the song again for the current student body – which he did to the obvious delight of everyone present. At the conclusion of the song, the student body burst into a rousing, spontaneous, standing ovation! It was a magical moment! BTW, Kramer graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in marketing and works for the marketing department of Chick-fil-A. He is married with one daughter and another on the way. He's a fantastic young man!
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Dylan Futrell**, for **Mr. Ronald Porte**, grandfather of pre-freshman **Jacob Porte**, who entered into eternal life since our last assembly.
- Recognized and welcomed a group of 30 7<sup>th</sup> graders who were visiting campus on one of our Shadow Days. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome.
- Recognized and welcomed a group of Kiwanis Club members who came to campus to formally induct members of the SPS Key Club into the organization. We welcomed **Mr. Dan Johnson, outgoing president of Covington Kiwanis Club, Mrs. Jeanine Barnes, Mr. Charles Montiero, Mr. Tom Scheib, & Mayor Mike Cooper**. The Key Club Wolves then were called down to the floor and addressed by the Kiwanians. An induction ceremony followed and the Key Club President **Yehia Elkersh** challenged the group to make St. Tammany an even better place through their service projects.
- Recognized and congratulated all who helped make Homecoming Week a success: Mrs. Joanna Case and the Student Council, the Marching Wolves, and, of course, the football team with its great win on Homecoming night. Naturally, the student body's cooperation and participation was great!
- Recognized and congratulated the Wolves who gave up Saturday, Sep 19, to participate in St. Tammany Beach Sweep. The weather was nice, the river cool, but the environment was still marred with human disregard for God's green earth - the group collected close to 250lbs of trash including a shopping cart. Special thanks to **Johnny Crouere; Thomas Schmidt; Kurt Sheil; Carter Jarrell; Dominick O'Brien; Owen Rooney; Cole Couvillion; Chase Domingue and Mr. Mark Richards**.
- Recognized and congratulated the following Wolves whose well-earned letter jackets had arrived: Rugby (**Nicholas Davis, Justin Santos, Jacob Coutrado, Daniel Bonano & Christian Jarrett**). Baseball (**Rutger Fury & Bradley Yaeger**), Lacrosse (**Zachary Nunez, Andrew Lambert, Parker Hagood, Colin Joy, Patrick Flynn, & Robert Baricev**), Football (**Matthew Meyers & Cameron Vidal**), Track (**Luke Broussard**), Cross Country (**Reagan Hill**) & Wrestling (**Jack Caminita**).

- And then, as if by magic, the William Tell Overture started playing which meant that the Cross Country Wolves were doing some spectacular things:

- In the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Brothers Invitational on Sep 19, the Running Wolves proved their pack strength by running to achieve 24 PR's and bringing home 3 trophies. The JV claimed second place with a low score of 34 points, led by **Evan Vamprine**. Following him over the finish line were **Jason Lemoine, Alex Paille, Jack Nunez, and Austin Harris** to win over all the other district 6-5A schools. The Junior High, competing in a field of 15 schools with over 200 runners, were led by pre-freshman **Patrick Elliott** who ran the 2 mile course in a fast time of 11:01, followed by **Frankie Durio, Blaine Sullivan, Harrison Elliott, and Ryan Hill**. The Varsity took first place convincingly with only 45 points, followed by Brother Martin with a distant 67 points in a field of 17 schools. The top five scorers, led by meet champion **Eric Coston** with a blazing 14:48 on the wooded 3 mile course, were **Spencer Albright, Stephen Schlottman, Henry Elliott, and Colin Sullivan**. Other members of the varsity team who competed presented the trophy: **Tristan Smith, Evan Hendry, Jack Verret, Will Harp, and Ryan Lavin**



- And what a win for the Wolves on Sep 26 in the Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola, Florida! Competing in races with over 500 runners in a 5K race, our Varsity claimed first and JV claimed fourth, competing against 36 schools from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana, including Jesuit and Mandeville. **Eric Coston** again was the Varsity Champion of the meet and led the top five runners to a win with only 47 points to second place Jesuit with 91 points. Following Eric over the finish line were **Spencer, Stephen, Henry, and Colin**.

- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song in support of all of the activities going on around school.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Oliver Sibley**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of OAR’s “I Feel Home.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

**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 2015 Ig-nobel Prizes:

**CHEMISTRY PRIZE** — for inventing a chemical recipe to partially un-boil an egg.

**PHYSICS PRIZE** — for testing the biological principle that nearly all mammals empty their bladders in about 21 seconds (plus or minus 13 seconds).

**LITERATURE PRIZE** — for discovering that the word "huh" (or its equivalent) seems to exist in every human language — and for not being quite sure why.



*Pre-freshmen enjoy recent etiquette training session!*

**MANAGEMENT PRIZE** — for discovering that many business leaders developed in childhood a fondness for risk-taking, when they experienced natural disasters (such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, and wildfires) that — for them — had no dire personal consequences.

**ECONOMICS PRIZE** — for offering to pay policemen extra cash if the policemen refuse to take bribes.

**MEDICINE PRIZE** —for experiments to study the biomedical benefits or biomedical consequences of intense kissing (and other intimate, interpersonal activities).

**MATHEMATICS PRIZE** — for trying to use mathematical techniques to determine whether and how the Emperor of Morocco

managed, during the years from 1697 through 1727, to father 888 children.

**BIOLOGY PRIZE** — for observing that when you attach a weighted stick to the rear end of a chicken, the chicken then walks in a manner similar to that in which dinosaurs are thought to have walked.

**DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE PRIZE** — for determining that acute appendicitis can be accurately diagnosed by the amount of pain evident when the patient is driven over speed bumps.

**PHYSIOLOGY PRIZE** -- for painstakingly creating the Schmidt Sting Pain Index, which rates the relative pain people feel when stung by various insects.

**ENTOMOLOGY PRIZE** -- for carefully arranging for honey bees to sting repeatedly the researcher on 25 different locations on his body, to learn which locations are the least painful (the skull, middle toe tip, and upper arm) and which are the most painful (the nostril, upper lip, and I'm not going to mention the third place!)

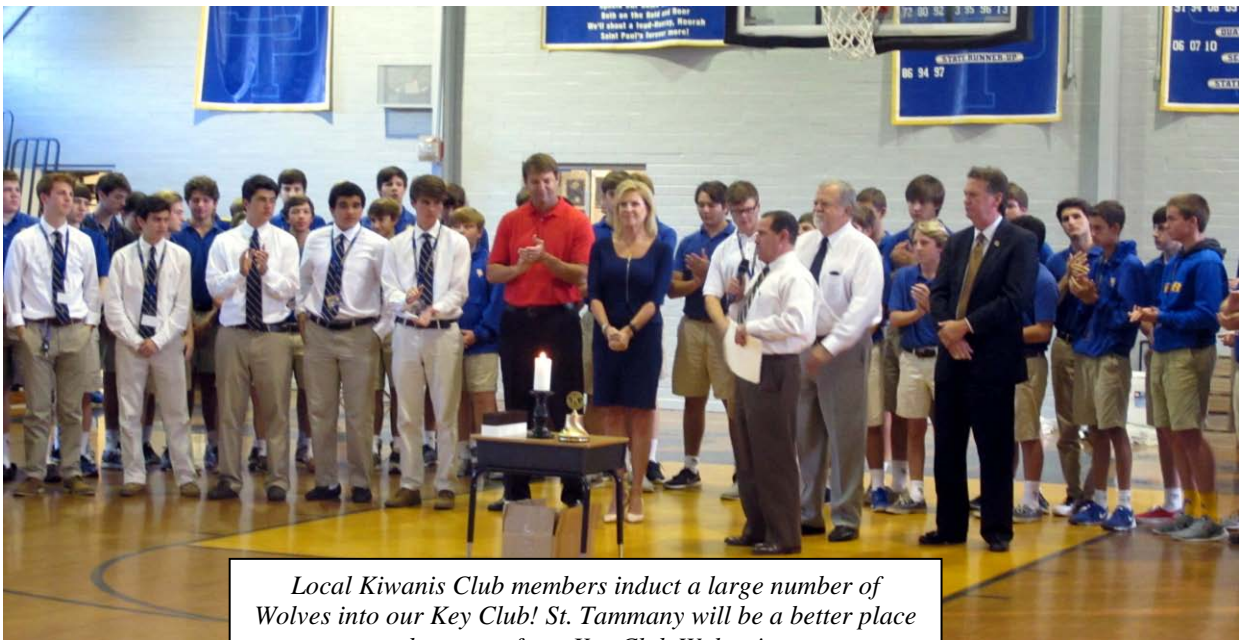
I wonder how SPS could get some of this kind of research money.

**St. Peter Parish** extends an invitation for all of you to attend their Parish Mission, Sun, Oct 11 through Wed, Oct 14, 7:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The theme is “Working Out Your Salvation” and the Presenter is Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM. Reconciliation will be available each evening from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

**Words of Encouragement:** Here’s just a SMALL sample of congratulatory emails I received last week about our Blue Ribbon:

- From the mother of four SPS alums: *Congratulations! We are proud to have been a part of St. Paul’s!*
- From a current mom: *Congratulations on the designation of St. Paul's School as a Blue Ribbon School of excellence. This confirms what is already so clear about the quality of education at this extraordinary institution!*
- From another parent of an alum: *Congratulations! We are so happy that this prestigious award has been bestowed on a very worthy St Paul's School! You and your entire teaching staff have so much to be proud of and we hope you all enjoy your notoriety for this deserving award!*
- From a former SPS Trustee and parent of two SPS alums: *We are thrilled and excited for St. Paul's to receive a designation so well deserved. God bless all of you for your hard work and dedication to making St. Paul's such a wonderful place for our boys to become men and for lives to be transformed.*
- From a 1956 alumnus: *Congratulations to ALL. A wonderful reward for all your hard work. If I were young again, I would start over in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.*

- From parents of an alum: *Congratulations to all of the faculty and administration on being awarded the Blue Ribbon in academic excellence. While St. Paul's has always held Blue Ribbon status in our hearts, it is wonderful to see you all recognized for the tireless contribution you make in the lives of so many.*
- From a former SPS Teacher in the 1980s who is currently principal of a Catholic school in Georgia: *Congratulations on SPS being awarded the Blue Ribbon award! What a great honor for the school!*
- From a Covington Councilman and SPS Alum: *My sincere congratulations on the school receiving such a prestigious award. It is well deserved and I know the personal sacrifices and efforts put forth by both faculty and students to achieve such an honor.*
- From a current SPS Trustee and father of two alums: *WOW! Congratulations! You should be very proud of this extraordinary achievement. This truly is a team accomplishment. It is yet another validation that every member of the Saint Paul's family is working together, with God's guidance, in honoring the Lasallian tradition. I cannot tell you how honored and privileged I feel for the opportunity to be a partner in this commitment to insure that Lasallian principles are so meaningfully brought to life through our wonderful Saint Paul's School.*
- And from an SPS Alum who is currently principal of LSU Lab School which also won the Blue Ribbon this year: *I am very excited this morning to see St. Paul's on the list of Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015. Certainly the U. S. Department of Education has chosen a worthy school for this prestigious honor. Many congratulations to you, the faculty, the brothers, students and community today, as well as those who came before, working diligently to educate young men in the charism of the Christian Brothers. See you in Washington!*



*Local Kiwanis Club members induct a large number of Wolves into our Key Club! St. Tammany will be a better place because of our Key Club Wolves!*

**End of First Quarter:** It's hard to believe we have entered the final week of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the 2015-16 school year. This is the final week your son has to improve any grades, as report cards will be issued next week. Remember that the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will constitute 40% of his semester grade. The second quarter will also constitute 40% and the semester exam before Christmas will be 20%.

***Students Attending Grandparent Day Should Wear Dress Uniform***

**ID Cards:** As part of our safety plan, we insist that students wear their Saint Paul's issued ID cards on a lanyard around their necks. Please stress this with your sons. Also, we find that some students are chewing their ID cards. Parents – please stress that this is not acceptable. Thanks.



**Grandparent Day:** GP is Friday, Oct 9. Here's the info:

- Grandparents arrive on campus on Fri, Oct 9, 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.



*Hornbeck Offshore Civil Engineering Wolves design their houses using architectural principles learned in the class.*

**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 Monday, October 5.** 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!**

**Tutoring:** The National Honor Society has begun FREE tutoring which is available on Tue and Thu during the second half of lunch in Room 207 and after school in Room 210 (both are in La Salle Hall). On Mon and Wed, tutoring is available beginning at 7:15 am in Room 207. If your son is struggling in a subject, insist that he seek help, both from the teacher and the NHS. Do not let him tell you that "nobody goes to NHS tutoring." And the NHS also keeps logs of who shows up, so if he tells you he's going, feel free to check its truthfulness. As President Reagan said: trust but verify!

**Varsity Bowling Team:** In addition to our Club Bowling Program, SPS will field an LHSAA approved Varsity Bowling Team to compete with other schools. An INFORMATIONAL MEETING for interested students will be held on Monday October 5th during lunch. Bowling pre season practices will be held in Nov and Dec; the regular season will last from Jan through mid-April. TRYOUTS for the team will be Mon, Nov 16th at TANGI LANES in Hammond from 4:00 - 5:45. Bus transportation will be available.

**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.

**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>

**Important! Please Help:** Our annual Open House for prospective students will be Saturday, October 31, at 1 pm. As usual, we rely on YOU to spread the word to prospective families. Have them come visit and see firsthand what makes SPS so special. As usual, too, send us the names and addresses of anyone to whom you would like us to send an invitational postcard. Help insure the future of SPS by spreading the good word about us and inviting people to our Open House. Many thanks!

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**Moms for Mums:** Our annual appeal for mums is scheduled for Oct 19-30 – just in time for our annual Open House for prospective students. Brother Ray if you think appropriate would you be so kind as to mention in your Sunday newsletter on Oct 18th? Help make the campus ablaze with mums to celebrate the fall and to welcome visitors on Open House.

**Senior Parents:** The commemorative March through the Arch photographs are in. If you have not yet received yours, just come to the office during normal office hours. If you would like your son to bring it home, send a note with him authorizing this. I'm reluctant to give the picture to your son (no offense!) because these kinds of things often end up at the bottom of his book bag! But send a note and we will entrust the photo to him.

**A Look Ahead:**

- Oct 06 – Assembly
- Oct 09 – 11:00 am dismissal for Grandparents Day – End of first quarter
- DRESS UNIFORM FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING GRANDPARENT DAY!**
- Oct 12-16 – Founder's Week
- Oct 13 – President's Assembly (second block) –Shadow Day
- Oct 14 – PSAT Testing for all sophs and select other students (BAC)
- Oct 15 – Mass schedule – **DRESS UNIFORM FOR ALL!**
- Oct 16 – Field Day, Periods CD / Redi-Step Test for 8<sup>th</sup> grades in BAC
- Oct 19 – 9:30 AM late start; Parent/Teacher meetings 5:30-7:30 pm
- Oct 20 – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Oct 23 – Faculty Wellness screening in BAC
- Oct 27 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day
- Oct 28 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade HR B'fast
- Oct 29 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR B'fast
- Oct 30 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR B'fast & Pep Rally
- Nov 02 – Dia de los Muertos – Mass – **DRESS UNIFORM DAY FOR ALL!**
- Nov 03 – Pack Time
- Nov 04 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- Nov 05 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast – Aspire test to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in BAC
- Nov 09 – Late Start
- Nov 10 – President's Assembly



*District Attorney Warren Montgomery spoke to Law Studies class last week. Even a DA must wear a Visitor Pass on campus! The boys asked great questions.*

- Nov 17 – Pack Time
- Nov 18 – Thanksgiving Prayer Service schedule
- Dec 01 – President’s Assembly
- Dec 08 – Pack Time (luminaria bags)
- Dec 10 – Snack Day – Luminarias in the evening
- Dec 15-18 Exam Schedules



*New gym floor nears completion!*

Whew! That’s 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 as I write the newsletter and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Let me know if there’s an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others.

Pray that things continue to go well!  
Believe it or not, only one week remains in the first quarter!

May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2015-16 edition of

Saint Paul’s – our 104<sup>th</sup> year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Enjoying the Beauty of October as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School – A Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

***Did I Mention That Students Attending Grandparent Day Should Wear Dress Uniform on Friday?***



**...and doing ordinary things extraordinarily well by doing God’s will!**