



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter

September 5 - 11, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now and that we take time to read it:

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the first Brothers:

- *You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks of you.*
- *If you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?*
- ***Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.*
- *You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important** and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.*
- ***God has called you, destined** you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.*

I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum!*) -- nothing less.**

And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching him to be a man of God.

Thanks for supporting Lasallian Catholic education here at Saint Paul's School!

Mon, Sep 5 – Labor Day Holiday! No classes! Chillax today!

- **This Day in History:** In 1774, the First Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia.
- **Lazy Moms Day:** OK, moms, here's your day to relax and take it easy – especially since it is Labor Day. Let them fix their own meals; wash their own clothes; find their own rides, etc. In short, “let them eat cake” today! They'll appreciate you tomorrow!
- **Be Late For Something Day:** Be late all you want today; there's no school!
- **National Cheese Pizza Day:** Enjoy – if your arteries permit!

Tue, Sep 6 (Wolf Packs Meet; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28-year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. President McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever.



Monstrance awaits the Blessed Sacrament as students enter chapel for First Friday devotions.

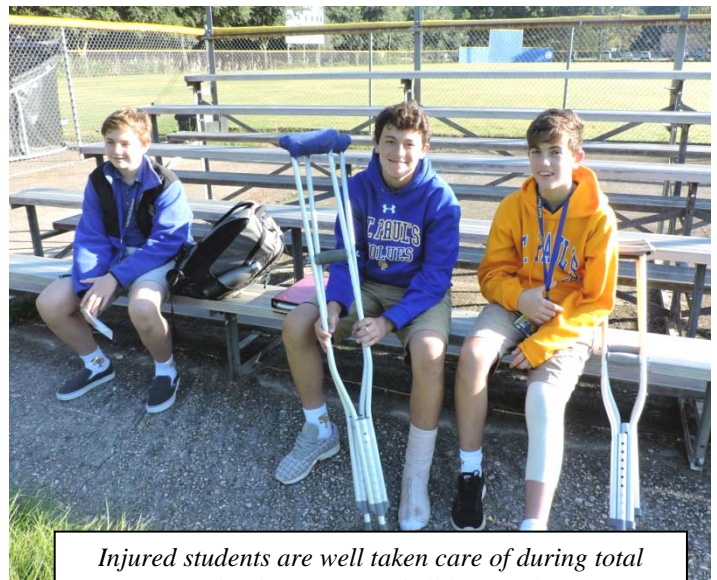
- **Read a Book Day:** This should be EVERY day!
- **Fight Procrastination Day:** If you don't have time today for this, put it off until tomorrow.

Wed, Sep 7 (Regular; A B C D) – Come join us for 7 am mass – a great way to start the day!

- **TDIH:** In 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a New York meat packer, who supplied barrels of beef to the US Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers referred to the food as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper ran the story on this date and Uncle Sam gained widespread use as the nickname for the U.S.
- **TDIH:** in 1940, the German Luftwaffe begins Blitz Bombing campaign against London during WW II.
- **TDIH:** In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I is born to King Henry VIII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn. During her reign, Britain became a world power by defeating the Spanish Armada. The irony is that Henry did not think a woman capable of leading the kingdom. Will Shakespeare wrote many of his plays during her tenure as queen.
- **Google Commemoration day:** Today celebrates the creation of Google on this day back in 1996 "I dunno, just Google it" has become a phrase uttered multiple times a day, all around the world. And, of course, there's the memorable quote from former President Bush when he referenced "the Google. Useless info:" Google's First Tweet was, "01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01110101 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010," which is binary code for "I'm Feeling Lucky." Also, Instead of hiring a grounds crew at Google, Google rents goats, a herder and a border collie to help cut down the amount of weeds and brush. (Hmm..... wonder if I can have goats in Covington?) We've all been lucky, I guess, to have Google available!
- **Salami Day:** From the Salami Day website (yes, it really exists!): *Salami is a too-often overlooked meat in the deli world, and the Salami Appreciation Society felt that it deserved its day in the sun. Salami has a rich history, providing important nutrients such as protein and potassium. It can be eaten on sandwiches, crackers, in pita wraps, tortilla wraps, or even by itself. No one can resist the ultimate duo of salami and cheese, for that matter!*
- **Football:** 9th v. Rummel (5:30)

Thu, Sep 8 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1565, the first Catholic settlement in American was founded in St. Augustine, FL.
- **TDIH:** In 1900, a hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, TX, killing over 8,000 persons, making it the deadliest natural disaster in US history. Over 2500 buildings were destroyed.
- **TDIH:** In 1935, Senator Huey Long is shot in the Louisiana state capitol building. He died about 30 hours later. Also, Star Trek premiers on TV in 1966. Live long and prosper!
- **Pediatric Hematology / Oncology Nurses Day:** Each day, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses care for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders. We honor them today and thank them.
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen open their season v. Sci Tech Academy (6)



Injured students are well taken care of during total school evacuation drill last week.

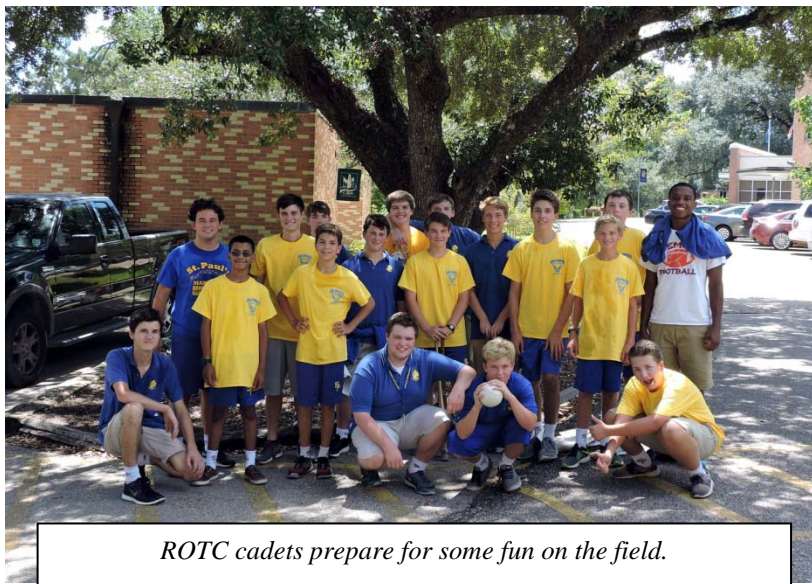
Fri, Sep 9 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1776, The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new nation from the United Colonies to the United States.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax pitches the eighth perfect game in major league history, leading the Dodgers to a 1-0 win over the Chicago Cubs.

- **National Teddy Bear Day:** Admit it: we all like Teddy Bears and we adults miss the ones we had as children. So today, it's perfectly OK to spend some time with a Teddy Bear -- a special friend who's cuddly, lovable, and makes us feel secure & safe in an otherwise insecure and unsafe world. Confession: I keep one in my office for tough days!
- **FB:** 9th/JV v. Ponchatoula (5:30)
- **Football:** Varsity v. Jesuit (7)

Sat, Sep 10

- **TDIH:** In 1940, in light of the destruction and terror inflicted on London by German bombing raids, aka "the Blitz," British Cabinet instructs British bombers over Germany to drop their bombs "anywhere" if unable to reach targets.



ROTC cadets prepare for some fun on the field.

Table in BR. Best wishes, Cross Country Wolves!

- **Swap Ideas Day:** Swap your good ideas with others! I'm always in need of good ideas, so feel free to send 'em here

- **World Suicide Prevention Day:** I list many ridiculous observances in my newsletters, but this one is very serious. St. Tammany Parish has a high suicide rate – which has gone up since the suicide of Robin Williams. Unfortunately, each year we deal with students who feel that suicide is the answer to the problems of life. In October, we will hold an annual suicide prevention program for all sophomores. Please speak to your students about this issue if the occasion arises. Pray for all who think that it is a solution. We ask God's help.

- **Cross Country:** The Wolves compete in the first race of the season: Episcopal High Round

Sun, Sep 11 -- Attend church today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today.

- **TDIH:** Today we remember the terrorist attack on our country. We pray for families of all of who lost loved ones. We pray for an end to terrorism of all kinds, foreign and domestic. We pray for men and women who defend our freedom in all parts of the world. We pray for all people of peace, regardless of race or creed.
- **National Grandparent Day:** The impetus for National Grandparents Day originated with *Marian McQuade*, a WV housewife, to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the **first Sun after Labor Day**
- **Make Your Bed Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! I make mine every day

Musings on Last Week:

- **Safety Week:** I hope your son told you about our safety drills last week: tornado, fire, total evacuation and intruder (lockdown) drills. We take these drills very seriously and had local police and fire officials present to evaluate our procedures. We pray these drills will never need to be used.
- **Mini-schedule Night** went well. I received many positive comments from parents who attended. Thanks for giving up your Monday evening to experience your son's daily schedule.
- **Shadow Day:** Last Tuesday went well. Our first group of shadowers (is that a word?) seemed to have a good experience last week. I am grateful to Karen Hebert for handling all of the requests and organizing the mornings. Our next Shadow Day is Sep 13. Spread the word to interested families.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks, Danielle Lavie, for a GREAT issue.

- **Religion Dept:** Thanks for meaningful First Fri devotions – which included observing Blessed (soon to be Saint) Brother Solomon’s feast day on Sep 2.
- **Football:** Wolves fought hard last week: Varsity v. Karr and 9th/JV v. Fontainbleau
- **Marching Wolves** were their usual wonderful selves. Well done, Andrew & MWs! And Boosters, too!
- **Pre-freshman Football Meet the Team:** Our newest Wolves proudly wore their jerseys last Tue and are intent on continuing our tradition of football excellence
- **Pep Rally:** Our first one went well. Student Council is determined to make these successful, even without SSA.

Good News Dept: Last week, an alumnus showed up at my office and handed me a \$10,000 donation – with two stipulations: he wants complete anonymity and the money to be used for tuition assistance. No problem with either of those requests! God bless this alum and his family! May there be many more alums (and non-alums, too!) like him out there!

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.



Pre-freshmen in Gateway to Technology class designed and built a walking aid for foot injuries.

Congratulations: Holy Cross School announced last week that Coach Harry Nunez is being inducted into the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame. We rejoice in this recognition which is richly deserved. Congratulations, Coach Harry! Harry is a 1962 graduate of Holy Cross.



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 Center and enjoy gourmet food and libations from exclusive local establishments. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous live auction, raffles and the Wolf Wheel of Prizes. I’m humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so: <https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/> Contact the Development Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

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.*

Student Football Game Conduct: Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do **NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- SSA students do not get in free.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3rd quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**
- During national anthem and prayer, all must be absolutely quite, stand respectfully and remove hats. If girls try to talk to boys, the boys should ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem. If boys try to talk to the girls, the girls should ignore them until after prayer and national anthem.



- When a student does leave, he **MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS** (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.

- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is never permitted.

- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.

- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that **ALL** of us can unite around

one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.

Adult Football Game Conduct: With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or anywhere on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, **ALL** are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**

- Adults should only use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise

Emergency Closing: As we approach the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public school system following Hurricane Katrina.
- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure. We have a new notification system which we used for the Aug 12 closing. Let me know if you did not receive that notification.
- **Consult** Edline and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which introduced our students to a wide variety of activities, was a big success. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

Cafeteria Payments: To pay on line, go to the web site www.schoolcafe.org and then My School Bucks comes up. Create an account. Put your son's name, DOB and school. You DO NOT have to enter the Student ID.

Student Driving: Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action against students as well. And remember: **cell phone use in a school zone is against the law and can be ticketed by police!**



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!

ID Cards and Lanyards: Students **MUST** wear their ID cards on their lanyards **EVERY DAY**. This is part of our enhanced safety plan to insure that only SPS students are on campus during the school day. Parents – please stress this with your sons and insist that they comply. If your son loses his ID, he may purchase a new one for \$10 by seeing Sgt. Pressley in the Book/Snack Room.

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

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

From the Student Council: 8th and 9th Grade Homecoming Dance will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Saturday, September 24 (Dance is from 7:00-9:00pm with lock-in at 8:00pm). *Please pick up your child no later than 9:00.* 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Homecoming Dance will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Saturday, October 1 (Dance is from 7:00-10:00pm with lock-in at 8:30 pm.). All students attending the dance must pay admission and complete a registration form that is due prior to the dance. Forms are available in room 107, on Edline, and on the school website.

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. 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.

Payments: To pay on line, go to the web site www.schoolcafe.org and then My School Bucks comes up. Create an account. Put your son's name, DOB and school. You DO NOT have to enter the Student ID.

Parent Social Canceled: Due to many conflicts, the Parent Social scheduled for this Saturday, Sep 10th has been cancelled. I appreciate those who were working to make this a fun evening for parents, but too many conflicts kept frustrating their efforts.

Tutoring: The National Honor Society will begin offering its 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!

Last Tuesday's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed my Aug 30 assembly. Because my power point failed last assembly, I re-covered some items. Here's what we did:

- Re-listened to the “Academic Festival Overture” by Johannes Brahms, a German composer who lived from 1833-1897. This piece was composed in 1880. Brahms never went to college. In 1879, after Brahms had achieved much fame in the music world, the University of Breslau conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Brahms was flattered and sent a postcard of thanks to the faculty. However, he needed to do more. While vacationing at Bad Ischl during the summer of 1880, Brahms penned his musical “thank you” – the Academic Festival Overture –

to the university. With a masterful balance of serious and light-hearted elements, the emphasis is on the “festival” rather than the “academic” in an overture that brims with an irrepressible sense of fun. As we begin our academic year, the Academic Festival Overture seemed appropriate – we have serious work ahead, but we’ll have periods of fun, too.

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Cameron Cluney**, for all those suffering from the recent flooding and for those who entered God’s Kingdom since our last assembly: Mr. Jim Henderson, grandfather of Harrison Juneau and Mr. Wade Mott, uncle of freshman Jacob Mott. We also prayed for several ailing grandparents.
- Re-recognized the Catholic High Math Tournament winners from last January
 - **Algebra 1 (Ben Klein, 2nd place, Josh Bonnett, 3rd, & Andrew Lacoste, 4th)**
 - **Algebra 2 (Matthew Borgatti, Honorable Mention)**
 - **Algebra I Team (Andrew Aceves, Josh Bonnett, Christopher Guillot, 2nd Place), (Adam Smith, Darrin Lea, Ben Klein, Andrew Lacoste, 3rd Place)**
 - **Geometry -- 4th (Ross Hightower and Cullen Irwin)**
 - **Algebra II -- 1st (Daniel Wieseneck, Beren Perry, William James, Jordan Edney)**
 - **Calculus B -- 3rd (Luke Avenel, John Cresson, Ethan Desforges)**
 - **8th Grade Interschool --1st place (Darrin Lea, Adam Smith, Andrew Lacoste, Ben Klein, Josh Bonnett, Christopher Guillot)**
 - **Alg 2 & Below Interschool – 3rd (Andrew Aceves, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Andrew Norlin, Forge Mathes, Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Ashton van Deventer, William James, Beren Perry, Jordan Edney, Daniel Wieseneck, Lester Guttuso, Jack Manifold, Henry Elliott)**

- Re-Recognized and re-congratulated the new members of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society: **Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Max Catalanotto, Carson Caulfield, Evan Cook, Jordan Edney, Robert Ferrante, John Connor Flick, Parker Hagood, Christian Harrison, Hanzala Hussain, William James, Benjamin Klein, Jack Manifold, Forge Mathes, Payton McNeil, Brandon Nicotri, Andrew Norlin, Ryley Perez, Beren Perry, Zachary Scheurich, Noah Seiden, Blake Vallee, Ashton van Deventer, and Cameron Vidal**



Andrew, Alex, Luc and Forge are awarded state rally medals by Academic AP Joe Dickens

- Re-recognized and congratulated the winners in last spring’s Foreign Language Festival at SLU:
 - Native Speaker Division: **David Needles (Spanish Prose) 1st Place** and **Daniel Núñez (Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking) 2nd place**
 - Spanish Poetry Division: **Sp. II Blake Ramsey (3rd place); Sp. III Christopher Flood (1st place)**
 - French Music : **Andrew Aceves (3rd place)**
 - Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking: **Luke Vargas (3rd in Spanish I), Matthew Borgatti (1st place in Spanish III) and Adam Moennich (1st in Spanish IV** which carried with it a \$1000 award to travel to a Spanish speaking country.
 - Other participants in the Festival were: **Stephen Millet, Ben Klein, Cullen Irwin, William Heebe, Forge Mathes, Miguel Seruntine, John Connor Flick, Adrian Millan, Joshua Rovira, Kenneth Avanzino, William James and Jonathan King.**

- Welcomed and recognized our Shadow Day attendees
- Recognized and thanked all who participated in Get Involved Day, which was a grand success.
- Recognized and congratulated The Marching Wolves for earning a Golden Mickey last Easter's trip at Disneyworld.
- Recognized, congratulated, and awarded medals to last year's State Rally Winners: **Andrew Aceves in Vocal Music, Luc Hebert in Journalism, Forge Mathes in English and Alex Oliveri in Biology II.**
- Recognized and congratulated the winners in the Hammond Regional Art Festival's **So You Think You Can Write Contest** in the high school short story writing division **Short Story: 9 - 12th Grade Division**
 - 1st Place - **Andrew Aceves** for his story "Bicycles at Café"
 - 2nd Place - **Ross Hightower** for his story "Sugarcane, Egrets, and Salt Domes"
 - 3rd Place - **Joshua Rovira** for his story "Myanmar Lady"
 - Note that SPS swept the contest! This was especially sweet since last year **Matthew Borgatti** took 1st place and overall winner and **Ryley Perez** took 3rd place. The winning short stories can be read on the website: <http://www.hammondarts.org/sytycw>
- Recognized and thanked those who worked the Justin Addison Memorial Conservation Cup last May: **Patrick Napier, Zach Russ, Oliver Sibley, Thomas Bowden, Eddie Heap, Yehia Elkersh, Shane Strander, Max Tepper, Alex Ogea & Mr. Mark Richards**
- Recognized and congratulated the **Ultimate Wolves** for placing 3rd out of 12 teams in the state tournament last May. I had all the Ultimate Players stand and recognized the captains **Eddie Heap, William James and Alex Ogea**
- Recognized, congratulated and thanked those who volunteered for Special Olympics in June: **Zack Gallagher, Andy Grashoff, Ford Brasher, Brennan Jenkins, Brycen Brown, Christian Harrison, Paul Gremillion, Rhett Schwing, Conrad Robinson, Hayden Ocman, Jake Vencil, Andrew Lacoste, Nico Walters, Spencer Cole, Jace Moore, Gavin Gaude, Austin Means, Yehia Elkersh, Christian Roberts, Cameron Ocman, John Cresson, Hanzala Hussain, Hayden Ocman, Coach Kevin Moore, & Coach Lee Pierre**
- Recognized, congratulated and thanked a group of Wolves who were seen volunteering at the Covington Food Bank the previous Saturday: **Will Murphy, Oliver Sibley, Alex Nunez, Paxton Ballard, Luke Vargas, Paul Stolin, Davis Lagarde, Nick Rabalais, Michael Rader, Philip Garcia, Mrs. Joanna Case and Bronson May with his family.** Gave special recognition to **Ian Fried and Eddie Heap** for working the SPS vegetable garden all summer, thus donating over 150 pounds of fresh produce to the Food Bank.
- Recognized and congratulated the Football Wolves for an impressive win in the Christian Brothers Jamboree.
- 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.
- Senior **Oliver Sibley** then gave a brief exhortation to the students to “Get Involved” and make the most of their time at SPS. We then closed the assembly by singing “Mercy.”
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Julian Rodrigue**, 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 Brahms's “Academic Festival.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



*Where Lasallian education begins in Covington, LA!
(Hope you've noticed the new signage thanks to B & D Signs, Inc., owned by SPS parent Mark Daigle, father of junior Nikita.*

Student Council is collecting school supplies for schools in Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes. Collection bins are located in Founders' Circle, Guidance, Attendance Office, room 107 in the main building, and room 202 in LaSalle. The items most in need are: pencils, crayons 16 or 23 pack, construction paper, glue sticks, loose leaf paper, single subject notebooks, Lysol wipes, folders with brads and pockets, and new or gently used book bags.

H of the W: I use these every Labor Day because they are worth repeating. Some job woes:

- *My first job was in an orange juice factory, I couldn't concentrate on the same old boring rind, so I got canned.*
- *Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.*
- *I then tried working in a donut shop, but I soon got tired of the hole business.*
- *I manufactured calendars, but my days were numbered.*
- *I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. Mainly because it was a sew-sew job, de-pleating and de-pressing.*
- *I took a job as an upholsterer, but I never recovered*
- *Next I tried working in a car muffler factory, but that was exhausting.*
- *I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it.*
- *Then I was a pilot, but tended to wing it, and I didn't have the right altitude*
- *I studied to be a doctor, but I didn't have enough patients for the job.*
- *I became a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it.*
- *I tried my hand at a professional career in tennis, but it wasn't my racket. I was too high strung.*
- *I became a baker; it wasn't a cakewalk, & I couldn't make enough dough.*
- *I was a masseur for a while, but I rubbed people the wrong way.*
- *I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.*
- *Then I was a gym personal trainer, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.*
- *I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it.*
- *Next I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me.*
- *I tried teaching, but I soon lost my principal, my faculties, and my class.*
- *I turned to farming, but I wasn't outstanding in my field.*
- *I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had its ups and downs.*
- *I sold origami, but the business folded.*
- *I took a job at UPS, but I couldn't express myself.*
- *I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout.*
- *I became a banker, but I lacked interest and maturity, and finally withdrew from the job.*
- *I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.*
- *I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot.*
- *I worked at Starbucks, but I quit because it was the same old grind.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



More new signage on campus
with an important message

Words of Encouragement: The following was sent to me by a senior of the Class of 2016, shortly after graduation last May. I shared it with the faculty in their newsletter but want you to read it, too as it speaks to the value of Lasallian education from one who experienced it:

I had preconceived judgments about St. Paul's, but they quickly changed when I experienced my first year at St. Paul's. My entire family was disconnected from the church, especially me. My family was going through many problems. I had emotional walls put up as well as no standing role model. Transitioning to the hard curriculum at SPS, fitting in and trying to handle everything else almost drove me insane. I remember in Mr. Ashcraft's religion class sophomore year, we had to write journal entries based off of a song he'd show us at the beginning of classes. At first, I didn't like it, but then I started using it to vent out my emotions about everything going on. When I started learning more about the Church, I started to piece together ways I could make the situation better as well as obtain a better peace of mind. I started going to church by myself every Sunday and really wanted to do more. Coach Barwick told me about confirmation classes, and I immediately jumped on it. Junior and seniors year, I began to prioritize my life spiritually and emotionally, and I did it at St. Paul's.... The reason I'm drawing out this story is because I want you to know how much the school overall changed me into the man I wanted to be. Thank you for accepting me into the Class of 2016. As president of SPS, you have a lot to be proud of with everything going on.

I certainly do have much to be proud of, especially this young man, and am confident that this year will bring even more issues of pride!

Whew! That's enough for Labor Day Weekend! 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 writing the newsletter and LOLing as I do so): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time (on Labor Day weekend, no less) 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

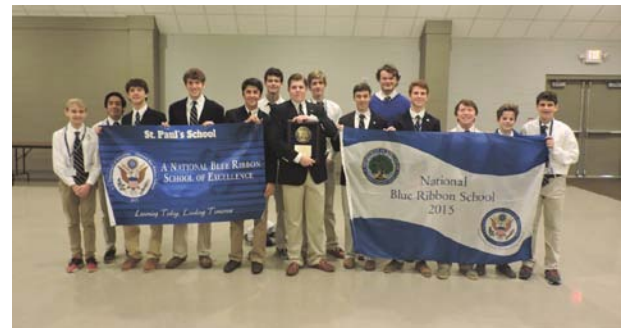
Chillaxin' on Labor Day Weekend as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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

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