



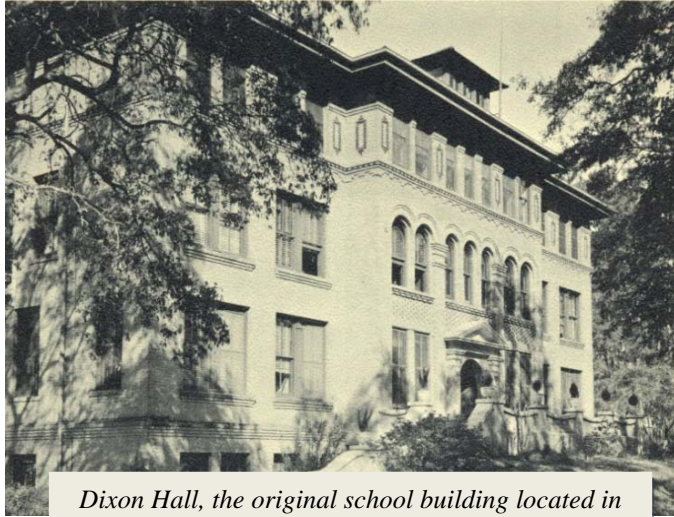
The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter

Sep 14 - 20, 2015



Happy 104th Birthday, Saint Paul's!

Monday, Sep 14, is the 104th anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of St. Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictine priests (Fathers Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, & Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, & Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, 70 boarders & 30 day students had enrolled. The rest, as they say, is history. And so Monday will be a day of remembrance:



Dixon Hall, the original school building located in Founder's Circle, contained classrooms, labs, dormitories, & housing for faculty on top floor

- We will remember the commitment and faithfulness of the Benedictines in founding Saint Paul's school, making it as a place of learning, growth, and the Spirit of God.

- We will remember the courageous Christian Brothers who

assumed ownership of Saint Paul's in the summer of 1918 against incredible odds, after being exiled from France and barely escaping with their lives from Mexico. We will thank them for bringing the 330+ year Lasallian dream here.

- We will remember all the Christian Brothers and their Partners who have worked to make the Lasallian dream alive here in Covington -- a dream incarnate in this year's student body. It is a dream that says that at Saint Paul's, we are all brothers and sisters, no one is insignificant, everyone is important, we are ministers of God's grace to one another, and we must announce the message of the gospels, thus bringing salvation to all.
- We will remember alumni and former students of SPS. In a special way, we will remember those who no longer walk on this earth, but remain important to our lives.

Today, 104 years later, we stand taller than in the past, more seasoned than in the past, more resolved than in the past, more strong than in the past. And during the past 104 years, our fragile, human condition, has taken comfort from our families and friends, our Lasallian heritage, and Saint Paul's School. As we enter into the fourth year of our second century, we again remember and paraphrase the words of Nobel Laureate William Faulkner, that we will "not merely endure, we will prevail" because we have "souls capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." Indeed, Saint Paul's will prevail as long as we remember, in the words of Faulkner, the "courage and honor and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of the past" and which we are now called upon to replicate.



Saint Paul's College Faculty in 1921 Brother Charles Crouzet is on the right of the middle row.

And now I present to you Saint Paul's School – 104 years young! And as I tell the students all the time, WE are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age. As we thank God for our past, we pause and remember that we are still walking on holy ground -- for God is here and where God is -- is holy. Happy Birthday Saint Paul's School! *Ad multos annos!*

Mon, Sep 14 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross & SPS BD; 7:45 am faculty meeting; 9:00 class start; G A B C)

- **LATE (9 am) Start to allow for a faculty meeting.** Students are due in their first block class by 9 am. Cafeteria and library will be open at usual time (7 am) to accommodate early arrivals, so it's no problem if your schedule calls for you to drop your son off at the regular time. And, in an ironic twist if the past is any predictor of the present, we will have more students tardy today than usual. It's strange – with a late start, one would think students could get here on time! But the opposite happens! Let's see if we can together trounce this troubling trend. (I love alliteration!)
- **TDIH:** In 1911, 48 students, 5 Benedictine priests, and 4 lay teachers opened Saint Paul's College and began classes, beginning an educational tradition of excellence that continues today. Happy B-Day, SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1741, George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* (not "The Messiah") after working on it nonstop for 23 days. It's one of my favorite pieces of music – absolutely incredible!
- **TDIH:** In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized by Pope Paul VI, making her the first American saint.
- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** This feast was begun in 629 AD by Emperor Heracles who brought the cross discovered by Saint Helena in 320 AD (and purported to be the True Cross) to Jerusalem, placing it on the believed spot of Jesus' crucifixion. I do not know whether the Benedictines opened SP on this feast by coincidence or plan, but establishing Saint Paul's was a triumph by them and, later, by the Christian Brothers. Today, it remains a triumph. With your dedication, it will triumph far into the future, a triumph of the Lasallian dream and God's work here in Covington.
- **National Hug Your Hound Day:** Give Fideaux a great big hug.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Indulge today!
- **Faculty Meeting**
- **Parent-Teacher Mini-Schedule (6:30) See below for details about tonight. Hope you can make it!**



Devin, Sam, Bradley, Robert & Brock prepare to take senior portraits. Thanks to the senior moms who helped with this annual ritual!

Tue, Sep 15 (Assembly; Shadow/Snack Day; D E F G)

- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics from the past. I know of at least one SPS teacher who still uses them!
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, "Ballad of Birmingham." Click here to read the poem (which we study in my English class): <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **TDIH:** In 1916, tanks are first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of Somme in WW I.
- **President's Assembly; Shadow Day** (our Shadow Days are filling up fast! Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS! See below for how you can help with admissions.
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen at John Curtis
- **National Honor Society Induction Ceremony (6:30 in the chapel)** I look forward to this event, one of my favorites. It's an opportunity to showcase academic accomplishment – something our society does not do often enough. Too bad I can't fill Hunter Stadium with thousands of fans to witness the NHS induction!

Wed, Sep 16 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1620, *The Mayflower* ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. Trivia Question: what is the traditional site where the pilgrims disembarked on Dec 26? Answer at end.

- **The Trail of Tears Commemoration Day:** this day, also called the Cherokee Removal Day, refers to the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from their lands in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and North Carolina to the Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma) in the Western United States from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our nation's history.
- **National Guacamole Day:** Holy Guacamole, Batman! Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole!
- **American Legion Day:** The AL was granted its federal charter by Congress on this day in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from WW I. Since then, it has grown and supported all veterans.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in meet at Franco's
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Franklinton (5:30)

Thu, Sep 17 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1862, the bloodiest day in US military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate armies were stopped in Antietam, Maryland by General George B. McClellan. By nightfall, 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – to then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, to contractors, to our physical plant crew, to students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and become more familiar with.
- **National Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **SPS Board of Trustees meeting (6)**



Shane & Yehia collect books for the drive. I just wish there had been an apostrophe in "children's"! I will get my sharpie & correct!

Fri, Sep 18 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs the National Security Act which establishes a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air Force.
- **National Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal – if your cholesterol count allows it!
- **POW/MIA Recognition Day (always 3rd Fri of Sept):** Today we hope and pray for the speedy and safe return of American Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action. The first official commemoration of this day was in 1979. We pray for all in this situation.
- **Football:** Varsity v. Denham Springs (7:00)

Sat, Sep 19

- **International Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy all pirate wanna bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrr!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen at Rummel
- **Cross Country:** Wolves host Christian Brothers Invitational at Money

Hill

- **Homecoming Dance** for Grades 8 & 9 (BAC)

Sun, Sep 20

- **We encourage Catholic families to attend mass and our non-Catholic families to attend church of their choice**
- **This Day in History:** In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sets sail, leading the first exploration to circumnavigate the world. Magellan dies before the journey is completed and the ship returns a year later.
- **Punch Day:** Have a glass of punch today! The word *punch* means *five*, originating from the Hindustani word *panch*. It celebrates the traditional punch base recipe of 5 key ingredients, which most punches still use - alcohol (usually spirits), lemon (or other fruits), sugar, water, and tea (or other spices, e.g., cinnamon). For our students, though, use only four of the five ingredients – I think you can figure out which one I'm not recommending for students!
- **International Eat an Apple Day:** No explanation needed! Enjoy & wash it down with punch

Parent Mini Schedule: On Mon, Sep 14, beginning at 6:30 PM, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. **This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that.** Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening. Parents should be in their son's A Period classroom by 6:30. **A copy of your son's schedule was emailed to you on Friday.**

Admissions for 2016-17: 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 31 at 1 pm. Send us their email address or physical address 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!

Musings on Last Week

- **Shadow Day:** Thanks to all who helped, especially Karen who organized. We have another one this Tuesday. We won't know the results until mid-November, when applications for next year are due.
- **Biomedical Field Trip:** BM students visited St. Tammany's Crime Lab to learn about forensic medicine.
- **Marching Wolves & Golden Blues:** Thanks for braving the weather and performing at Friday's game. And the MWs had a mini-camp on Sat for prospective MWs! Great! I want 100!
- **FB Team:** 8th fought hard against De La Salle, 9th won vs. Brother Martin, and Varsity played hard against Jesuit.
- **Cross Country:** Harriers were up & at 'em early Sat, heading for Baton Rouge. And when the dust settled, the Wolves WON the Episcopal High Round Table meet, beating Jesuit, Curtis, Brother Martin and a host of other great teams. I hear Rossini playing on Tuesday!
- **Mission Collection:** Our collection went well. In the words of the late Bro. Clarence, "St Paul's cares, St Paul's shares."
- **Senior Portraits & Retakes** went well. Thanks to all who helped.
- **Touchdown Club Social:** A good time was passed by all!



*AFJROTC Quiz Bowl Team pose with their 3rd Place trophy after returning from competition in Washington, DC
Well done, Jeff, Ruston, Cray, & Alex!*

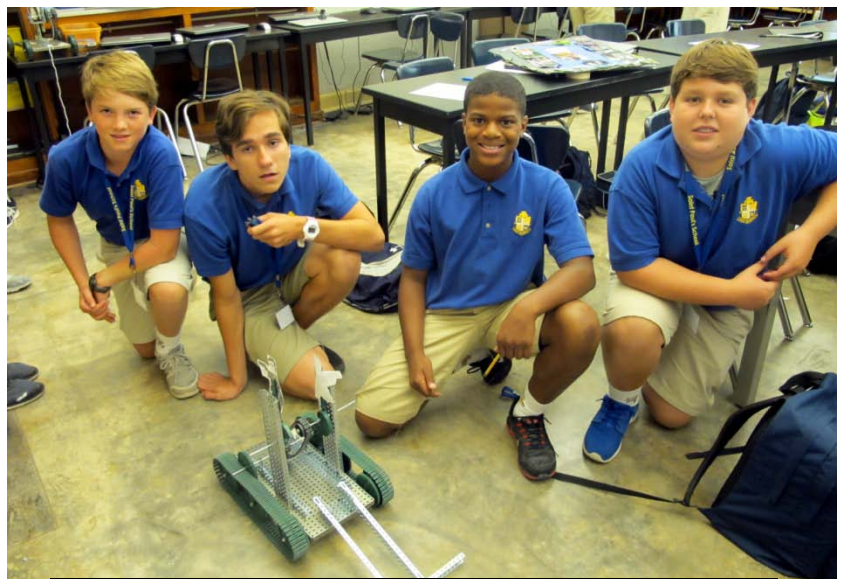
- **ACT:** The only problems were on the test.
- **Key Club Book Drive** was very successful. Thanks for getting rid of all those books! They will help others!
- **Religion Classes:** Thanks for praying the rosary on the anniversary of 9-11.

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 for \$10.

National Merit Semi-Finalists: The list of semi-finalists was released last week. We are VERY proud of our five seniors who merited this prestigious honor: **Luke Avenel, Patrick Connolly, Burak Kandil, Ryan Meraux, & Andrew Mercante.** (Yes, I enlarged the font as this is a GREAT accomplishment – worthy of a larger font!)

Last Tuesday’s Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 08 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to Franz Peter Schubert’s “Ave Maria.” Schubert (1797 - 1828) was a prolific Austrian composer who wrote hundreds of musical compositions in his short life. The “Ave Maria” is one of his best loved, and it is played often at weddings and other occasions. Interestingly, Schubert did not write the work originally for the words of the Catholic Hail Mary, but people were so moved by the piece that they quickly adapted it for liturgical use by using the Latin words of the Hail Mary. Appreciation of his music while he was alive was limited to a relatively small circle of admirers in Vienna, but interest in his work increased significantly in the decades following his death. Today, Schubert is ranked among the greatest composers of the late Classical era and early Romantic era and is one of the most frequently performed composers of the early nineteenth century. I used this piece because Sep 8 was the Catholic feast of The Nativity of Mary.
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- As junior Andy Grashoff lit the prayer candle, we prayer to Our Lady, asking her to intercede with her Son for us and for our intentions.
- Recognized and welcomed a group of 30 7th grade students who were visiting campus on one of our Shadow Days. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome!
- Recognized and congratulated students whose State Literary Rally medals arrived during the summer: Matthew Borgatti (3rd in Spanish II), Patrick Connolly (2nd in Biology II), Ryan Meraux (1st in Pre-Calculus), & Nick Ashton (1st in Journalism). Awarded special medals to Nick and Ryan for being the overall winners in all divisions in Pre-Calculus and Journalism, respectively.
- Recognized and congratulated the members of our Air Force Junior ROTC Quiz Bowl Team:



Pre-freshmen proudly show off the robot they designed and constructed in Gateway to Technology class!

Jeff Bodin, Ruston Keller, Cray Pennison, & Alex Seese. The LA-041 placed 3rd in the AFJROTC Academic Bowl in Washington DC. The cadets were very competitive against some very stiff competition. Ruston Keller made the trip after being released from the hospital only two days before the competition. He was too exhausted to compete in the first two matches in which we lost, so we had to win the last three to make it to the semi-finals. He was able to show up and we won the final three matches. We lost to the first place team in the semis by two questions and were tied with four questions left. The only two teams we lost to were the 1st and 2nd place teams. The cadets performed very well! We are VERY proud of them!

- Recognized and congratulated senior **Jack Cheng** who was chosen to attend the West Point summer Leaders Experience last summer. SLE is highly competitive - there are normally 6,000 applicants and 1,000 attendees. SLE gives high school juniors a week to experience life as a cadet to inform their college selection decision. SLE is a fast-paced program of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics conducted during the month of June each year. One must have high standardized test scores to be considered for SLE. Well done, Jack!
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Jack Cheng and pre-freshman Jesse Cheng**. Jack and Jesse traveled to China this summer to visit with relatives. Before they left, they arranged for school supplies to carry to an orphanage in China. I read a very nice letter from the Director of the Orphanage thanking the boys and the school for what they did. Part of the letter read “We hope you continue to make a difference in the communities near and far from you as you spread your caring hearts.” As I told the student, that’s exactly what Lasallian education is all about.
- Then, as if by magic, the strains of Rossini’s “William Tell Overture” filled the gym, signaling that the **Cross Country Wolves** were off and running. I told the boys that SPS Cross Country and John Curtis Cross Country were two of top teams in the state right now, so all eyes were on the John Curtis meet last week. We came in second to Curtis but by only five points – not much in CC. The season looks VERY bright for the CC Wolves!
- Recognized & congratulated star runner **Eric Coston** for being named to the All State Track Team in the 3200 and 1600 meter run. I then asked him to run down to the floor to accept certificates that arrived during the summer.
- As we were running out of time, I quickly congratulated the **Aqua Wolves** who swam last Saturday (but I didn’t have any results) and the **Varsity Football Wolves**, who beat Edna Karr in the opening game.
- I then reminded the students that we would observe a solemn anniversary later in the week: the 14th anniversary of the September 11, 2011 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York. I told them that their lives and the lives of all Americans changed that day and we must never forget the loss. While we observed silent prayer, I played a moving song that local musician and former SPS faculty member Gene Lipps wrote and recorded about the event. The boys listened and prayer.
- 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 **Will Murphy**, 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 Shubert’s “Ave Maria.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



Jazz n Roll: Join us for the **26th anniversary of Jazz ‘N Roll on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015!** 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: <http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/jnr-order/> Contact the Advancement 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.



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

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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.

GREAT Alum News: Adam Grashoff '11, an LSU senior, won the inaugural Sean O'Keefe Leadership Award, which carries a \$10,000 prize. Wow. Read the story at <http://www.lsu.edu/mediacenter/news/2015/08/28okeefeaward.php>. We are VERY proud – but not surprised, as Adam was an outstanding student during his SPS years!

H of the W: In honor of Talk like a Pirate Day:

- *Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels!*
- *What kind of grades to pirates make in school? High Seas!*
- *Why are pirates called pirates? Because they "arrrr!"*
- *Why couldn't the pirate play cards? Because he was sitting on the deck!*
- *What's a pirate's favorite country? AAARRRGHentina!*
- *What is a pirate's favorite Star Wars character? AARRRRGGH-2 D-2!*
- *How do you save a drowning pirate? With CPARRRRRRRRR! [Hilarious!]*
- *Why did the pirate go to college? To become an arrrrrrchitect!*
- *Why didn't the 11 year old go to the pirate movie? A: because it was rated arrrrr!*
- *What's a pirate's favorite letter of the alphabet? Arrrrr!*
- *Why did the pirate go on vacation? He needed some AARRRRGGH and AARRRRGGH! [I'm LOLing!]*
- *What's a pirate's favorite restaurant? Arrrrrr-by's!*



Oliver, Will, & Alex bond during lunch!

- *What is a pirate's favorite doll? BARRRRRRRRRRBIE!*
- *Why do Pirates cry on their own? Because they have private tears [Get it? Privateers?]*
- *How good was the pirate's golf game? Parrrrrrrrr!*
- *How much is a pirate willing to pay to get his ears pierced? A buck an ear!*
- OK, I'll stop!

A Look Ahead:

September 14 – Happy Birthday SPS-9:00AM late start – Parent Mini Schedule 6:30-8:30
 September 15 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day – NHS Induction – Snack Day – Teacher Appreciation Lunch
 September 19 – Jr. High Homecoming Dance
 September 22 – Pack Time
 September 25 – Pep Rally Schedule for Homecoming
 September 26 – Senior High Homecoming Dance
 September 29 – ACT test for seniors
 September 30 – President's Assembly (long) – Shadow Day
 October 3 – SAT on campus – Jazz & Roll on campus
 October 6 – Pack Time
 October 9 – 11:00 am dismissal for Grandparents Day – End of first quarter
 October 12-16 – Founder's Week
 October 13 – President's Assembly (second block) –Shadow Day
 October 14 – PSAT Testing for all Sophomores and select other students (BAC)
 October 15 – Mass schedule
 October 16 – Field Day, Periods CD meet / Redi-Step Test for 8th grades in BAC
 October 19 – 9:30 AM late start for faculty in-service – Parent/Teacher meetings 5:30-7:30 pm
 October 20 – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation Lunch
 October 23 – Faculty Wellness screening in BAC
 October 27 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day
 October 28 – 12th Grade HR Breakfast
 October 29 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast
 October 30 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast – Pep Rally
 November 2 – Dia de los Muertos – Mass
 November 3 – Pack Time
 November 4 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast
 November 5 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast – Aspire test to 8th Graders in BAC
 November 9 – Late Start
 November 10 – President's Assembly
 November 17 – Pack Time
 November 18 – Thanksgiving Prayer Service schedule
 December 1 – President's Assembly
 December 8 – Pack Time (luminaria bags)
 December 10 – Snack Day – Luminarias in the evening
 December 15-18 Exam Schedules

Whew! Enough for now! Sorry I was so long-winded this week (so what made this week different from other weeks?)

I can't believe we are starting the sixth 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 2015-16 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Celebrating SPS's 104th Birthday as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Answer to Sep 16 Trivia Question: The Pilgrims traditionally are said to have landed on Plymouth Rock, MA.

Don't forget: 9 am start on Monday (see Monday above for more info) and Parent Mini- Schedule Night beginning Monday at 6:30!



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Catching Quail Is Really Frustrating!



Hungry Wolves at lunch!