

## ***The President/Principal's Newsletter for August 12-18, 2013***

Welcome to the first full week of the 2013-14 school year. Due to hard work of many and the cooperation of all, we've had a mostly smooth opening. Thanks!

Last Tuesday's faculty meeting prayer service provided me with several memorable moments. Brother Louis Welker, one of our retired Brothers, urged the faculty to work "together and by association" and reminded us of the following words from Saint John Baptists de La Salle:

*Be convinced that you plant and water the seed, but it is God who makes it grow; he is the One who brings your work to fulfillment. So, when you encounter difficulty in the guidance of your students, when some who do not profit from your teaching and you observe a reckless spirit in them, turn to God with confidence. Earnestly ask God to make his Spirit alive in you since he has chosen you to do His work.*

After Brother Louis spoke, Student Council President David Conroy told the faculty of the need to model the behaviors we want in our students, because teenagers are quick to reject those who employ a double standard. His words were almost exactly the same as St. La Salle, who said **"preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept."** And David "pulled no punches" and had some of us squirming as he gave examples: using Edline, being punctual, abiding by our faculty dress code, etc. – the very things that we hound our students about.

I invite you to join us for a year of "planting and watering the seed" – most appropriate with all the landscaping going on. **I invite you, too, to adopt our school's theme for the year: to do the ordinary in extraordinary ways.** Through it all, though, remember that it is God who makes the seed, your children, grow. But we must do our parts. I exhorted the faculty to look at each of their students not as they are now (a seed) but what they are capable of becoming (strong, mature, fruit bearing flora!) And I invited them to look at themselves, not as we are now, but as they are capable of being if we practice what David enjoined us to do and which St. Benilde practiced in his life – doing the ordinary in extraordinary ways.

**Let's pray for and support each other as we begin this ministry together and by association, thus continuing the Lasallian tradition of transforming lives since 1680.**

### **Mon, Aug 12 (Assembly schedule; B C D E)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1981, IBM releases its first personal computer (PC), a Model 5150 that had a whopping 16K memory and used 5.25 inch floppy discs (who remembers these?) Today's most basic phone can do more!
- **TDIH:** In 1939, *The Wizard of Oz* premieres in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto!
- **The Lasallian World:** Today, in Napa, CA, four young men will begin their year of novitiate: the final step before a person pronounces vows as a Christian Brother. It's a year of intensive prayer and study as the novice discerns if God is leading him to a life as a Christian Brother. These are the first North American novices in two years. We pray for them and for others to consider this lifestyle.

- **Sustained Silent Reading (SSR):** See below for more info.
- **Alumni Meeting (6:30 in cafeteria – all alums are invited)**

**Tue, Aug 13 (Feast of St. Brother Benilde, FSC; Assembly schedule; F G A B)**

- Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Brother Benilde -- the very person after whom Benilde Hall is named. His story, which we will tell the students today, should inspire us all. Doing the common things in an uncommon way led to Benilde's sainthood. This is our theme for the year. When your son passes Benilde Hall, he should ask this wonderful Christian Brother saint to assist him in doing the common things in an uncommonly good way!
- **International Left-Handers Day:** OK, all you southpaws! This is your day! Celebrate! BTW, 8 US Presidents were lefties. Other famous ones? Queen Victoria, Prince Charles, Prince William, Jay Leno, Chef Paul Prudomme, and athletes, writers, and musicians too numerous to list – but a list is easily googled!
- **Congratulations Science Teacher Mr. Mark Richards:** At a luncheon today in New Orleans, The American Petroleum Institute in New Orleans will present Mark with a Teaching Excellence Award. The award recognizes commitment to teaching, resourcefulness, and professional involvement, and community service. Mark's extensive involvement in "all things green" made him an ideal candidate. Thanks to Trevor Watkins for nominating Mark. Congratulations, Mr. Richards! How appropriate that the award presentation takes place on the feast of Saint Benilde!
- **Band Boosters Meeting (7)**

**Wed, Aug 14 (Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe; assembly schedule; C D E F)**

- Born in Poland in 1894, Maximilian became a Franciscan. After earning a doctorate in theology, Maximilian did missionary work in Japan and India, returning to Poland in 1936 due to ill health. In 1941, he was arrested by the Nazis and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where on July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. He was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982.
- **TDIH:** On this day in 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the Social Security Act.
- **Navajo Code Talkers Day:** Today celebrates the young Navajo men who transmitted secret communications on the battlefields of WWII and played a vital role in helping America win the war.
- **First Principal's Assembly** (in gym). We will officially welcome our Pre-Freshman at the first assembly, invoke God's blessing on us all, pledge to do our best, and begin recognizing the many accomplishments of SPS faculty and students.

**Thu, Aug 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption; mass followed by G A B)**

- **We have our first all school mass today – DRESS UNIFORM for ALL!**
- **Today's Feast** celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into Heaven at her death and being crowned Queen of Heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed infallibly by Pope Pius XII in 1950. May our Blessed Mother shower our school with her protection!
- **TDIH:** In 1914, the American-built Panama Canal, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific, is inaugurated with the passage of the U.S. vessel *Ancon*, a cargo and passenger ship.

- **National Relaxation Day:** Self-explanatory! Celebrate, but not in school!

**Fri, Aug 16 (Feast of St Stephen of Hungary; Regular schedule; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** Baseball great Babe Ruth (aka The Bambino & The Sultan of Swat) and rock star icon Elvis Presley (The King) died in 1948 & 1977, respectively, at ages 53 & 42, respectively.
- **National Tell A Joke Day:** Celebrate today by telling jokes! I've done my part below!
- **FIVE CORE Rally for Pre-Freshmen during Period F.** Our Lasallian Youth Leaders have prepared a special program during F Period for our Pre-Freshmen. They will pray, play, learn, and interact as they begin building Lasallian brotherhood.
- **SSA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social (5:30-7) & SSA Back to School Dance (7-10):** Friday is SSA's annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade social for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders of both schools. Their Back to School Dance follows at 7 for all.
- **Note:** we expect students to comply with rules and regulations of events at other schools. We expect students to respect staff from other schools. We will take disciplinary action against SPS students who do not uphold our high standards while they attend such events. **This applies BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER the event.**

**Sat, Aug 17**

- **TDIH:** In 1978, The *Double Eagle II* completes the first transatlantic balloon flight when it lands in a barley field near Paris, 137 hours after lifting off from Preque Isle, Maine.
- **TDIH II:** In 1969," the grooviest event in music history"--the Woodstock Music Festival--closes after 3 days of peace, love and rock 'n' roll [and a lot more, too!] in upstate New York.

**Sun, Aug 18 -- Let's get the school year off to a great start by attending church services today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today.** We encourage our non-Catholic families to worship at the church, synagogue, or mosque of their choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.
- **Eagle Scout Ceremony in Chapel & Cafeteria:** Five SPS students (Chase Cochran, Matthew Melancon, Ryan Meraux, Joey Monahan, & Garrett Grass) from Troop 160 at St. Peter Parish will be awarded the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout today. We are honored to host this ceremony on our campus and heartily congratulate the new Eagles.
- **Bad Poetry Day:** This day was started by a group of cynics who, after all of the "good poetry" they were forced to read in high school, wanted payback. They want people to celebrate this day by gathering with friends, writing bad poetry, and sending the poetry to their high school English teachers! So with apologies to Brother Hilary, the best English teacher ever who I was privileged to have for three years in high school, here's a really bad poem:

*This Is Just a Text to Say* by Kelly Robinson

*i 8*

*the salmon*

*that wr n*

*the fridge*

*& which*

*u bought  
at Costco  
4 KT's thing  
After book club  
4 give me  
they wr delicious  
so pink  
& so salmony*

**Now that's a really bad poem!**

**All School Mass on Thursday – DRESS UNIFORM Required:** Students must wear their dress uniform on Thursday: white shirt, school tie, long khaki pants, brown belt.

**School Picture Ordering Problems:** I'm sorry that many of you had problems opening the order form that the photographer sent. If you want to order your son's school pictures, there's an easily opened order form on the school's website ([www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com)) under "news" (lower left.) We also have order forms in the administration building. **It's not too late to order.** You can see what the pictures will look like by asking your son to show you his ID card that he received last week – if he hasn't lost it!

**Phone Problems:** We had phone problems last week so I apologize if you had trouble reaching us. We think all of the problems are resolved now and we should be back to normal as far as phones are concerned.

**Internet Problems:** Last spring we ordered a significant upgrade to our bandwidth in order to better accommodate the needs of our students. The company promised the work would be completed by the start of school. They did not live up to their promise and are scrambling now to complete the work – which is causing periodic outages in our service. They have said things will be completed this week. We'll see. In the meantime, we are practicing the virtue of patience.

**New Cell Phone Policy:** For better or worse, we have instituted a new policy: students may now use their phones during lunch but only outside. We were losing this battle so we made this concession – but we will be relentless in enforcing the no cell phone ban during class time and inside buildings. So if you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. With our new campus wide wi-fi, he can now use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect.

**Student Email Addresses:** We issued each student a unique Saint Paul's email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to their new email, there's a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access**. The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1**.

**Botanical Wolves:** Our parent group continues to beautify the campus and now seeks to enlist student help. If students wish to earn on-campus service hours, they may do so by joining the Botanical Wolves

on Wednesdays after school to water and weed the new plant beds. We hope many students will help make our campus even more beautiful.

**ALERT St. Tammany:** If you haven't registered for this, I encourage you to do so. It will inform you when any event poses a threat to us. With ALERT St. Tammany, the Parish can inform you, by phone, based on your geographical location in the Parish, when your safety or well-being is at risk. Evacuation orders, security issues and health threats are among some of the reasons they would feel it necessary to use the Alert St. Tammany. Your information will be used only for this purpose. You can access the self-registration page at <https://stp.gov.onthealert.com/> and enter your contact info. I've signed up and will have the school react accordingly. We hope, though, that the service never has to be used.

**Sports Passes:** Clarification from Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen: *We will sell our sports passes again this year to those who wish to purchase them. They are intended for those families who attend Varsity, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>, and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade games to help defray some of the costs of being a fan. However, anyone who wishes to may purchase a sports pass. As always, the passes are good for 4 tickets to all regular season home varsity football games and general admission for you and your immediate family to all other contests. The passes **cannot** be used for the following:*

*1 – SPS scrimmage vs. John Curtis, August 21. This is a football fund-raiser so your entry fee will support the football program.*

*2 – The Christian Brothers Jamboree, August 30. Due to contract obligations with Rummel, we are unable to use our sports passes for this contest.*

Please contact the Athletic Director, Craig Ketelsen, if there are any questions.

### **Sports Call-Outs:**

- **8th Grade Football**, the first practice is on Monday August 12th. Meet at the locker rooms outside of the gym at 3:30 wearing St. Paul's PE or Football gym gear. Make sure your physical is turned into the records office by Monday August 12th in order to participate.
- **The Cross Country team** invites any interested runners to come out and join the team on Monday, August 12. Please see Mrs. Wiggins in Room 116 for schedules, team information, and any other information you may need. The team practices daily from 3:30-5:30, with competition on Saturdays. Come join the Running Wolves for an exciting season
- **Swim team members** and anyone who is interested in swimming for the Aqua Wolves, especially 8th graders-- there will be a meeting in Ms. Allen's room, Rm 105, at 3:00 on Monday, August 12th. The first swim practice for new swimmers is also on Monday, the 12th, from 6:30-8:00PM.

**Senior Week:** SW is right around the corner! The Senior Class Moms will be sending senior parents an email with specifics, but here's the basic plan:

- Tue, Aug 20 – Senior BBQ (6-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Wed, Aug 21 – Varsity Football scrimmage v. John Curtis
- Thu, Aug 22 – March through the Arch at 8 am
- Thu, Aug 22 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30
- Thu, Aug 22 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:30
- Thu, Aug 22 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center;
- Fri, Aug 23 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors

**Traffic Flow on Campus:** *If you drop off or pick up your son you are now aware of the congestion on the roadways in the morning and afternoon around our campus. We would like to ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety. Please do the following:*

- *Consider an alternate pick up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.*
- *DO NOT pick up your son using the shoulder of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.*
- *If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) car line, please wait to the left so that thru traffic can still move through our campus using the right lane.*
- *Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.*
- *Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up.*

*Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.*

**Our First Neighborhood Complaint:** I received our first neighborhood complaint on Friday afternoon about student driving after school, especially students exiting from the new parking lot on Jefferson and 14<sup>th</sup>. We will take disciplinary action against students driving inappropriately – including possible loss of driving to school privilege. Take heed!

**New Parent Reception & Information Meeting:** A welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** will be held on Mon, Aug. 19 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and an information meeting starts at 7:00 which will be over by 8:00. We hope you will be with us! I'll send out more info this week.

**Orientation:** Please discuss with your son the four assemblies he had last week and through Tuesday of this week:

- A chapel prayer service
- A meeting with Level Teachers to review handbook and policies
- A meeting with the counseling department
- A meeting with Coach Ken Sears to review expectations of conduct. **Note: during this assembly, Coach Sears will conduct the Archdiocesan-mandated Child Protection/Safe Environment presentation which informs students about the dangers of abuse, how to prevent it, and what to do if it is suspected.** Please discuss this with your son.

**Enrollment:** Last week I reported that we would open with a near record enrollment. I was wrong. We actually opened with a record enrollment! Thank you! **Please stress with your son that you are giving him a gift by sending him to Saint Paul's – a gift that is wanted by others. Stress with him the obligation to make the most of the gift he is being given. Stress with him that attending Saint Paul's is a privilege and not a right. He can lose the privilege by making poor choices.**

**Telephone/Email Info:** A listing of all SPS staff phone extensions/email addresses is posted on our new website.

**Saint Paul's Cafeteria:** Please note the following:

- Breakfast is served from 7:10 to 7:40 daily. The cost is \$1 – a bargain.
- Lunch is served daily with a choice of hot lunch or sandwich lunch. The cost is \$2 – another bargain.
- Money must be on account for a student to eat. Cash is not accepted on the serving line.
- **Parents may sign up for ON-LINE payments** which will also allow them to see a complete record of everything their son is buying. Go to <http://www.schoolcafe.org/> and follow directions.
- **FREE or REDUCED LUNCH/BREAKFAST: There is no stigma to apply for free / reduced lunch. NO ONE knows but the cafe manager. Request forms from me or the cafeteria manager. NEW: You may also apply online for free / reduced lunch by following these steps:**
  - ✓ Go to [www.Applyforlunch.com](http://www.Applyforlunch.com) (or access the link from our website [www.schoolcafe.org](http://www.schoolcafe.org))
  - ✓ Click on “Start your Online Application”
  - ✓ Enter your Zip Code or State and select “Archdiocese of New Orleans” as the district.
  - ✓ Follow the wizard and use the guided help along the way
  - ✓ Continue to select “next” at the bottom of the page and “submit” when completed.

Should you list an email address, you receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted. If you have any questions regarding Online Applications, please contact (504)596-3440 or (504)596-3434. Meal eligibility applications should be received prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school or current meal benefits may change. **Students may also receive a free lunch by offering to help serve lunch during the lunch period.**

We added an additional outside “Grab n Go” serving line this year to make things go even faster.

**Important Tax Info:** The Louisiana Department of Revenue reminds parents that back-to-school shopping can qualify for a \$5,000 per-dependent tax deduction on their state tax returns next year by saving receipts. Items such as uniforms, supplies and TUITION are eligible for tax breaks on the income tax forms due May 15, 2013. The maximum deduction is \$5,000 per dependent student, he said. More information is available at [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction).

**Helping Saint Paul's:** Don't forget – here are two 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 Box Tops for Education program. Have your son bring eligible his box tops to his math teacher! Here's the web site that lists all of the participating products:  
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx>

**Seniors:** Want to earn \$200 or more in one day? The St. Tammany Clerk of Court has opportunities for you as an Election Commissioner on Election Days. 17 year old US citizens enrolled in 12th grade as well as 18 year old and older registered voters are eligible. You must attend a training class. See your Civics teacher for more information or go to the St. Tammany Clerk of Court website:  
[www.sttammanyclerk.org/main/elections.asp](http://www.sttammanyclerk.org/main/elections.asp)

**Adult Dance in the BAC:** This is a fun, casual way to meet new families of SPS and reunite with the old ones..Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> ...the Band is *This Issue*....\$25.00 at the door or call to reserve a table....Cocktail Party Starts at 7-8 – Band from 8-11:00....once you attend one you will always come to the next one, bring your friends, too...for details call Debbie Bodenheimer 985-502-1315.

**Wolves Football:** Are you ready for some football? The Wolves football team is hard at work during the summer getting ready for their upcoming 2013 season....At Hunter stadium, you can also be ready for upcoming football season, where we you can purchase reserved seating, reserved parking, and also stadium banners to advertise your business. For our Annual Game Day shirt – this year the color is GOLD. We encourage fans to wear game day shirt to all football games. Contact [debbie@carcsllc.com](mailto:debbie@carcsllc.com) or call Debbie at 985-502-1315 to purchase or inquire about any of the above!! *GO WOLVES!!*

**Service Hours:** We remind all of our students of their obligation to do at least 10 hours of service this year. Last May, a number of seniors did not receive their caps and gowns because they had not completed their service hours. If a student does not want to help others by giving of his time, Saint Paul's is not the place for him.

**And Here's a Great Service Opportunity:** Northshore Families Helping Families in Covington is now accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Northshore Families Helping Families' Ambassadors in Action Program is a great opportunity for students interested in learning about business in the non-profit sector, for students looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities, and/or for students who believe in the inclusion of people with disabilities and want to spread that message in their schools and communities. Northshore Families Helping Families has decided to expand its Ambassadors in Action Program to freshmen and sophomores as well as juniors and seniors attending area high schools. Each Ambassador will be selected based upon their application, recommendations and interview. A maximum of three students will be selected from each high school or organization. If you're ready to be an Ambassador of inclusion, please complete the [application](#) and return it to Lynda Bradley: [lyndabradley@fhfnorthshore.org](mailto:lyndabradley@fhfnorthshore.org) or 985-875-9979 (fax). **Applications must be received by Wednesday, August 21st.** Application can be found on their website, [www.fhfnorthshore.org](http://www.fhfnorthshore.org).

**Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs and teams are already forming. Encourage your son to get involved. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.



**Silent Sustained Reading:** On Monday, we begin daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. Students were instructed to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared on Monday and every day thereafter. You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too! I'll keep you posted as to how things go.

**Student – Parent Handbook:** The signature card indicating that you and your son have read and agree to abide by the Handbook is overdue. It can be found on our web site home page under “news.”

**Cafeteria:** Again, for those families experiencing difficult financial times, the free and reduced lunch/breakfast program can help. **Applications can be picked up from me or the cafeteria manager.** This does not embarrass your son as no one knows. It's all very confidential. Also, even if a student doesn't qualify for free/reduced lunch/breakfast, he can receive a free meal by helping to serve in the lunch line. It actually can be fun – I do it occasionally myself! Have your son approach me if he is interested.

**Lost & Found:** We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.

#### **Musings on Last Week:**

- Thanks to Mrs. Myrle Wiggins and the Lasallian Young Leaders for a great 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation night on August 5.
- Thanks to the Mothers Club for providing great lunches for the faculty meetings and for working so tirelessly in the campus book store. And I'm sure the MC's New Moms Tea later this afternoon will be a huge success.
- Thanks to the Botanical Wolves for their continuing campus beautification efforts.
- MANY thanks to the student body for their cooperation with our “war on litter” campaign. Ask your son about our new lunch time clean up procedure. And ask him about Sister Veronica!

**Humor of the Week:** (To you prepare for National Tell a Joke Day on Fri.)

*Answers that students gave to test questions:*

*Q. Name the four seasons. A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar*

*Q. How is dew formed? A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire*

*Q. What are steroids? A. Things for keeping carpets still on stairs.*

*Q. What happens to your body as you age? A. Your bowels age so you get intercontinental.*

*Q. Name a disease associated with smoking. A. Premature death.*

*Q. How can you delay milk turning sour? A. Keep it in the cow.*

*Q. How are the 20 main parts of the body categorized? A. The body consists of 3 parts - brainium, borax and abdominal cavity. Brainium contains the brain, borax contains the heart and lungs and abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O, U.*

OK, I'll stop!

**Useless Fact of Week Dept:** Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'? Because in France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

**Justin Addison Memorial Bench:** Due to the generosity of the Class of 2014, the initiative of several parents, and the cooperation of Justin's family, the Justin Addison Memorial Bench has been installed on campus. It is located by the chapel. It's a beautiful tribute to a beautiful young man who left this earth far too early. When you are on campus, stop by the bench; sit on it; remember Justin; pray for all who miss him, especially his family; and pray for the safety of all our current students.

Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows: well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Pray that we have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Off to a Great Start as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul's School