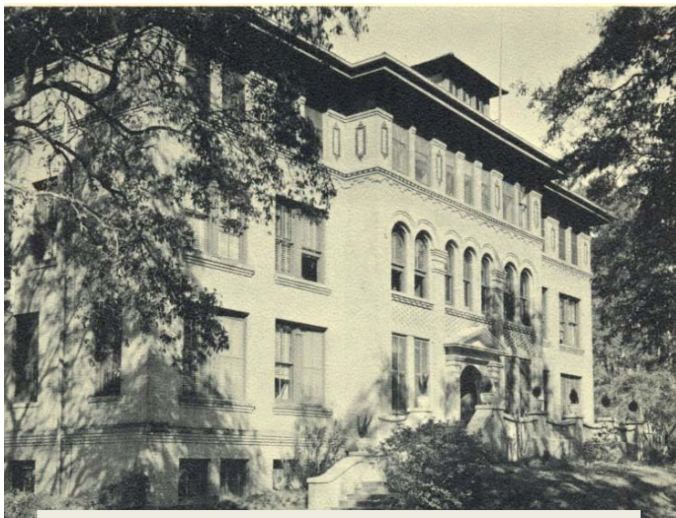


The President/Principal's Newsletter for Sep 9 - 15, 2013

Happy 102nd Birthday, Saint Paul's!



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

Saturday, Sep 14, is the 102nd 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 Saturday will be a day of remembrance:

- We will remember the commitment and faithfulness of the Benedictines of St. Joseph's Abbey 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 of 882 young men. 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 and the contribution that each made. In a special way, we will remember those who no longer walk on this earth, especially Justin Addison, but who now walk in God's eternal presence.

Today, 102 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 102 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 third 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 in the present.

And now I present to you Saint Paul's School – 102 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 9 (Regular; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** 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 those really tough days!
- **Parent Mini-Schedule Night at 6:30. See below for more info**



Tue, Sep 10 (Assembly schedule; D E F G)

- **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.
- **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. 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 sons about this issue. Pray for all who think that it is a solution. We ask God's help.
- **Teacher Appreciation and Student Snack Day:** Thank you, Mothers Club!
- **FB:** 8th v. Rummel (5:30)
- **Marching Wolves Booster Club Meeting (7)** Thanks for all you do, MW Boosters!

Wed, Sep 11 (Regular; A B C D)

- **Make Your Bed Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! I wouldn't think of not doing so!
- **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.
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Ponchatoula (5:30)

Thu, Sep 12 (Assembly; E F G A)

- **Catholic Lasallian Assessment Process**
Team begins its visitation (see below for more info)
- **TDIH:** In 1940, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings are discovered by four teenagers who stumbled upon the ancient artwork after following their dog down a narrow entrance into a cavern. The 15,000- to 17,000-year-old paintings, consisting mostly of animal representations, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period. What to see them? Click here: http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02_00.xml



Largest Cross Country team ever!

- **Chocolate Milkshake Day! Enjoy!**
- **Service Assembly:** Our annual assembly will stress service opportunities to students. We obviously cannot invite all service opportunity representatives, but we hope this will spark discussion among you and sons. Stress service – a Lasallian necessity!
- **LHSAA Compliance Check:** Mr. Lloyd Wax, LHSAA compliance officer, will inspect our files today to insure that we are LHSAA compliant – a huge task. Good luck, Athletic Department!

Fri, Sep 13 (All Day Meeting with CLASP Team; No classes)

- **Yom Kippur begins at sundown** today and lasts through sundown tomorrow. This most important holiday of the Jewish year means "Day of Atonement." It is a day to atone for the sins of the past year. This day is a last appeal, a last chance to change the judgment, to expiate for sin. Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. For the latter, one must first reconcile with that person, righting the wrongs if possible. Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath; no work can be performed, and you are supposed to refrain from eating and drinking (even water) on Yom Kippur. **We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters!**
- **TDIH:** In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens words, later set to music, that in 1931 becomes USA's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written when Key saw an American military fort bombarded by British in the War of 1812 & was inspired by a lone U.S. flag flying at daybreak. Trivia Question: what was the name of the fort being bombarded that inspired Keys? Answer at end of newsletter!
- **National Peanut Day** is the peanuttiest of days. Native to South America, the locals there couldn't keep this great nut to themselves. Actually, peanuts are not nuts. They are "legumes", like peas, beans, and lentils. Who knew?
- **Blame Someone Else Day:** self explanatory! Feel free to blame me! Join the club!
- **Cross Country:** JV & Varsity travel to Escambia County, FL for the Gulf Coast Stampede
- **Football:** Varsity v. Jesuit in the Mercedes Benz Superdome (6)

Sat, Sep 14 (Triumph of the Holy Cross & SPS Birthday!)

- **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 Birthday, SPS!
- **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.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Go ahead and indulge today!
- **CLASP** Committee meets with school's Board of Trustees to deliver their report.
- **Touchdown Club's Annual Adult Dance** Briggs Assembly Center

Sun, Sep 15

- **We strongly encourage Catholic families to attend mass and our non-Catholic families to attend church of their choice**
- **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>



8th graders tail gate before game.

Parent Mini Schedule: On Mon, Sep 9, 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.

CLASP: The Catholic Lasallian Assessment Process is so important that we are not having class on Fri. **Students not involved in the focus group meetings on Friday do not have to report to school.**

Many, many, thanks to those of you who completed the CLASP survey. Initial reports from the CLASP team indicate that we may have set a record for parental participation! Thank you!

This is an opportunity for us to show our Lasallian best. I know I can count on full cooperation from everyone as we welcome the following CLASP team: Mr. Charles Legendre (Director of Lasallian Mission for New Orleans/Santa Fe Province), Mr. Greg Kopra (Director for Mission, San Francisco

Province), Mr. Heath Barker (AP/Christian Brothers School in City Park), & Ms. Leslie Shultz-Crist (President/ San Miguel Lasallian High School in Tucson).

Musings on Last Week:

- **Religion Dept:** Thanks for meaningful First Fri devotions. Our students were exceptionally respectful and prayerful during Eucharistic adoration – and, as usual, their singing was angelic!
- **Football:** Congrats to Varsity for a good showing on Fri against a very tough Karr team. And special congrats to 9th & JV teams, both of whom won big against F'Bleau. And special congratulations to the Pre-Freshmen Wolves who convincingly defeated Jesuit on Saturday!
- **Marching Wolves** were their usual extraordinary selves. Well done, Mr. Moran & MWs!
- **Freshman Tailgating:** Once again, a successful, bonding experience. Thanks, Freshman Teachers!
- **Cross Country Wolves:** TWO busloads (wow – our largest team ever!) of CC Wolves left campus at 6 am on Sat to run and have fun. Congrats for a FIRST place finish (3rd consecutive year) in the Bayou Boogie Classic.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats to **Danielle** Lavie for another EXCELLENT Wolf Tracks.
- **Wolf Packs:** Thanks to Pack Pair Gina Hall & Kevin Moore for a fun activity that kept my guys engaged and interacting. Ask your son about it.
- **Habitat Wolves:** Thanks to Richard Pichon and the Habitat Wolves for their work on Sat. Lasallian education in action!
- **Student Council:** Thanks for well run pre-freshmen election (congrats to Ashton van Deventer & Cole Knobloch for their wins) and the food drive.

From the Center for Disease Control Last Week: *The percentage of U.S. middle and high school students who use electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, more than doubled from 2011 to 2012, according to data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The findings from the National Youth Tobacco Survey, in today's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, show that the percentage of high school students who reported ever using an e-cigarette rose from 4.7 percent in 2011 to 10.0 percent in 2012. In the same time period, high school students using e-cigarettes within the past 30 days rose from 1.5 percent to 2.8 percent. Use also doubled among middle school students. Altogether, in 2012 more than 1.78 million middle and high school students nationwide had tried e-cigarettes. "The increased use of e-cigarettes by teens is deeply troubling," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Nicotine is a highly addictive drug. Many teens who start with e-cigarettes may be condemned to struggling with a lifelong addiction to nicotine and conventional cigarettes."*

Unfortunately, we have had a few SPS students found with these devices, which can look like pens. If you see your son continually sucking on his pen, check it out! Here's the link to the CDC press release:

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/p0905-ecigarette-use.html>.

Colleges Visiting SPS this Week:

- **09/10/13—Spring Hill College—**Mobile, AL—interested juniors and seniors need to see Mrs. Miller for a pass to be excused for class. www.shc.edu
- **09/10/13—Washington University in St. Louis—**St. Louis, MO— Juniors and seniors who are interested should see Mrs. Miller for a pass to be excused from class. www.wustl.edu

Alums Making a Difference: Cole Landry and Tyler Walther (both of Class of 2013) are involved in the Up21 Foundation, which assists families of children with Down's syndrome. Tyler's four year old sister is one of these special kids. Here's a recent Baton Rouge TV interview with Cole (note that he's still wearing his SPS senior retreat cross around his neck) about the Foundation and their upcoming fundraiser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ML2y16dMBOw&feature=c4-overview&list=UUkg5jWZa8oHl22ua40SEQ4Q>

The Paper Wolf: The all new DIGITAL Paper Wolf is updated each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. The students are very excited about this new venture. So support them and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

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.*



Retired Brothers presented by SPS & AR student councils.

Football Tailgating: With the opening of football season, allow me to review our rules:

- Absolutely NO ALCOHOL may be on the premises and/or consumed during school athletic events by either students OR ADULTS.

Such activity violates laws as

well as LHSAA and school policies. We will be vigilant this year, including asking police to routinely patrol the tailgating area.

- Since we are in a residential neighborhood, tailgaters must be respectful. While music is permitted, no songs with vulgar or obscene lyrics are permitted. Volume must be moderate.
- Tailgaters must remove their trash from the area.
- We are not responsible for RVs – either before, during, or after the game.

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

- Students are admitted free of charge ONLY if they 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.
- Sports passes DO NOT let an unlimited number of people in for free. For a varsity football game, the sports pass is redeemable for 4 tickets ONLY FROM THE SOUTH GATE (Bros. Residence side). For all other events, showing the card will be sufficient.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. 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.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be ABSOLUTELY QUIET. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the 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 the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask the 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

Wolves Football:

- **Texas Roadhouse** will be hosting St Paul's Night – Thu, Sep 26th – Here's a great reason to take the family out to dinner and support St Paul's at the same time....bring your friends and family to Texas Roadhouse on the 26th, let the wait staff know that you are there for St Paul's night and a portion of your total bill will be donated to St Paul's. Thanks for your support.
- **Football Game Day Shirts:** Game day shirts are on sale for \$20 dollars. This year's shirt theme is "We are Brothers!" Students may wear these on football game days instead of their uniform shirt (unless it conflicts with a dress uniform day.)
- **Adult Dance in the BAC on Sat, Sep 14:** This is a fun, casual way to meet new families of SPS and reunite with the old ones. The Band is *This Issue*. \$25.00 at the door or call to reserve a table....Cocktail Party Start from 7-8 – Band from 8-11:00....once you attend one you will always come to the next one. For details, call Debbie Bodenheimer at 985-502-1315.

Tutoring: The National Honor Society offers tutoring each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It's much easier to be tutored early in the quarter than to wait until later in the quarter. The tutors are very friendly and helpful!

Jazz 'N Roll: Please JOIN US for Jazz 'N Roll "Rebirth" being held on Sat, Oct 5th. Jazz 'N Roll is in its 24th year and is filled with great food and beverages, a silent and verbal auction, the "Boogie Falaya" band, and an opportunity to visit with good friends. Tickets are available now in the Development Office or online at www.stpauls.com (scroll to the bottom of the home page for the Jazz 'N Roll link).

Unauthorized SPS Merchandise: The website Prep Sportswear is selling Saint Paul's School merchandise WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION. SPS receives NOTHING from this unauthorized vendor. DO NOT patronize them. Here's their website: <http://prepsportswear.com/> which pops up on NOLA.com high school sports window. To add insult to injury, the shirt they are selling has a grammatical error! They spell "Saint Pauls" with no apostrophe! Now that really hurts me! How rude!

Useless Fact of the Week: In George Washington's days, one's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore

painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

Humor of the Week: Church bulletin typos & misplaced modifiers! Hilarious!

- *Don't let worry kill you -- let the church help.*
- *Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.*
- *Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.*
- *For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*
- *Tonight there will be a meeting in South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.*
- *Tuesday at 4:00 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.*
- *This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.*
- *The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start and the congregation will join in.*
- *Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.*
- *The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.*
- *A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.*
- *At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



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

A Look Ahead:

September 9 – Parent Mini schedule 6:30 PM
September 10 – President/Principal's Assembly – Snack Day
September 11 – CLASP visit begins –
September 12 – CLASP focus groups meet
September 13 – **No classes meet**; CLASP faculty/staff meetings. Students do not report to school.
September 16 – 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-service
September 17 – ASVAB test given to seniors in the BAC
September 24 – Pack Time
September 27 – All school mass – DRESS UNIFORM DAY FOR ALL.
September 28 – Jr. High Homecoming Dance

October 1 – President/Principal’s Assembly – First sophomore Sudden Impact field trip
October 4 – Homecoming – Pep Rally Schedule
October 5 – Jazz ‘n Roll in BAC
October 8 – Pack Time
October 11 – Periods AB meet/ Grandparents Day in BAC/ End of First Quarter
October 14 – Late start for Teacher in service
October 15 – President/Principal’s Assembly – FAB meets
October 16 – PSAT test to 10th Graders in BAC
October 17 – 9th Grade Retreat/Service Day
October 18 – 9th Grade Retreat/Service Day – Redi-Step test to 8th Graders
October 21 – Teen-Life-Counts (TLC) program begins for sophomores during religion classes
October 22 – Pack Time – TLC for sophomores
October 23 – TLC for sophomores
October 24 – TLC for sophomores
October 25 – TLC for sophomores

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

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 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 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Celebrating SPS’s 102nd Birthday as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul’s School

PS: Here’s the answer to the Sep 13 Trivia Question: In 1814, Francis Scott Keys was inspired to write the words to our national anthem while watching the bombardment by the British of **Fort McHenry** in MD.



**.... and where we do the ordinary things
extraordinarily well**