



The President/Principal's Newsletter for Nov 18 – Dec 01, 2013



In school & country, we are blessed with abundance. And so my final pre-Thanksgiving message concerns the same one I give each year at this time: the Lasallian commitment to the poor.

This commitment to the poor began with John Baptist de La Salle. The first schools were endowed parish charity schools, operating on shoestring budgets and often located in less desirable parts of town. Both rich and poor were welcome, provided all agreed to be treated as equals – revolutionary in those days! All were important.

Equally revolutionary was de La Salle's insistence on partiality. We often speak of the need for impartiality in dealings with students. Actually, St. de La Salle was very partial. Partiality was shown to those with less attractive qualities; they were to receive the most attention. Those with the least talents were to be supported and encouraged. Those who had extra food were to share it with those who had little. De La Salle was convinced that the poor needed the schools the most. The curriculum, therefore, combined practical & religious training, designed to help the poor succeed. Thus, service to the poor, both directly and indirectly, must be present at SPS if we are to be faithful Lasallians.

But it's not just Saint La Salle's thinking that compels us to care for the poor. Indeed, the **Concern for the Poor and Social Justice** is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. The United States bishops write: *In a world characterized by growing prosperity for some and pervasive poverty for others Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.*

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those who are not blessed with material comfort. Let us strive to reach out to them. Let us find ways to welcome them to SPS.

Mon, Nov 18 (HR Breakfast schedule; E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** The Walt Disney Company gives today as Mickey's exact birth date -- the release date of *Steamboat Willie*, his debut film. Happy Birthday Mickey! Celebrate by watching a MM cartoon!
- **Senior HR Breakfast**
- **Soccer:** 9th v. Northlake (5:30)

Tue, Nov 19 (Pack Time; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** in 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivers The Gettysburg Address which consists of only 272 words yet is considered one of the most famous speeches in history. (Can you quote the first two lines?) Actually, the whole address is worth reading – better yet, hearing. Below is a link to an audio and text version of the address (you have your choice of speakers ranging from Johnny Cash to Colin Powell to

Sam Waterston. I listened to both Colin and Sam.) After reading along while listening, you will be moved. At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, I STRONGLY encourage you to listen to President Lincoln and pray for our country. After listening, you can then click on the link at the bottom and see a copy of Lincoln's original copy. **I encourage you to listen to this incredible speech as a family and discuss its implications for today.** Here's the link:

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gettysburgaddress.htm>

- **TDIH II:** Not nearly as important as The Gettysburg Address, but on this day in 1959, Rocky & Bullwinkle -- the most famous squirrel/moose combo in show biz history -- debuted. Who can forget Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale, Dudley Do-Right, Peabody and Sherman, and Aesop and Son? Watch an episode or two on YouTube and howl!
- **“Have a Bad Day” Day:** Believe it or not, “*Have a Bad Day*” Day was created to have people stop saying "have a good day", and replace it with "have a bad day". DO NOT celebrate this day!
- **World Toilet Day:** The World Toilet Organization (who knew?) created WTD to raise global awareness of the struggle 2.6 billion face every day without access to proper, clean sanitation. WTD also brings to the forefront the health, emotional and psychological consequences the poor endure as a result of inadequate sanitation. Wow. It's amazing the things we take for granted. Remember this as we use this incredible device today.
- **Cross Country:** Varsity runs in State Meet; Geaux Wolves!
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV & Varsity v. Christian Life (starting at 5)
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Acadiana in Lafayette (6)

Wed, Nov 20 (Regular; F G A B)

- **Hug a Runner Day:** we'll gladly do this when the cross country team returns today from state meet.
- **Name Your PC Day:** If you don't have a name for your computer, today's the day to name it!
- **Soccer:** 8th v. Mandeville Jr Hi

Thu, Nov 21 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDI H:** In 1691, things were not going well in the newly found Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. I quote from Brother Donald Mouton, a Lasallian scholar: *The group of teachers founded by John Baptist de La Salle was in a precarious situation. Personal antagonisms, opposition to the Founder's work, internal problems, and fragile health that almost led to his death toward the end of 1690 posed critical questions for De La Salle as to the very future of his enterprise. In this crisis, De La Salle decided to bind himself by vow with two other Brothers, Nicolas Vuyart and Gabriel Drolin, to establish the Society of the Christian Schools at whatever the cost might be, even if all others should abandon it. This “vow of association and union” pronounced on November 21, 1691, often referred to as the “heroic vow” was an act of hope at a time when the work of De La Salle and the early Brothers was in serious jeopardy.* Today, when times seem tough, the Brothers often refer to this milestone in our history. We give thanks for the “heroic vow”! Because of it, we're still around!
- **Great American Smokeout Day:** The American Cancer Society marks the 38th GAS Day today by encouraging smokers to use today to plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life — one that can lead to reducing cancer risk. And let's extend this to e-smoking, too! Remember,

parents, to remain vigilant and speak to your sons about this latest health threat. And if you see him sucking on his pen a lot, check it out! A look through his book bag wouldn't hurt, either!

- **Thanksgiving Holidays** begin at 3:00 and end at **7:45 am on Mon, Dec 02! PLEASE do not extend the holidays on either end!**
- **Basketball:** 8th v. Boyet (6)

Fri, Nov 22 (no classes)

- **TDIH:** In 1963, President John F. Kennedy, the youngest man ever elected president, is assassinated in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald. Camelot ends and America changes forever (Yes, I know that's editorializing!)
- **Heuther Conference:** Over 400 Lasallians from throughout the US will gather for the next two days in New Orleans to explore "best practices" of Lasallian education. Our faculty will be among the group on Friday.
- **Swimming:** State Meet at Sulphur through Saturday; team leaves this morning. Geaux Aqua Wolves!

Sat, Nov 23

- **Family Volunteer Day:** This annual day of service, held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, celebrates families who volunteer together to support their communities.

Sun, Nov 24 -- Feast of Christ the King: Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat! Christus Imperat!

- **We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass on this special day and our other families to worship at church of choice.**

Mon, Nov 25 – Sun, Dec 01 – Thanksgiving Holidays! Enjoy!

Note: Now that we are on Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter won't list all the many, many events (mostly sports – related) for next week. The newsletter is exhausted and needs a break. Check the web site for all the schedules. Thanks!

Mon, Dec 02 – Classes Resume at 7:45 am; PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (6-8) in the BAC.

New Admissions for 2014-15: Applications for new students for next year are due. Students in Catholic schools should have followed the guidelines of the Archdiocese through their elementary school. Students not in Catholic elementary schools apply directly to SPS. PLEASE encourage any family interested in SPS to apply this week. There is NO commitment at this time on either the family or SPS. By applying, the door is kept open for eventual admission and enrollment. We need all our families to spread the good news about SPS. We count on you.

From Student Council Vice President Willis Spurlock: *As you may or may not know, the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Covington Food Bank is in full swing, and is nearing its end on Tuesday, November 19th. The Covington Food Bank depends heavily on the contributions of the St. Paul's community. I encourage and implore any and all to send any canned and non-perishable foods. No*

donation is too small. On behalf of the Saint Paul's Student Council, we thank you for all you do for our school, our friends and our community.

The Christian Brothers: Saturday, Nov 16, was a special day for us. All of the Brothers in the New Orleans and Lafayette areas gathered at Saint Paul's for a day with a threefold purpose: to celebrate the history of the New Orleans-Santa Fe Province (now in its last year of existence), to honor Brothers who are celebrating Golden Jubilees (50 years of Brothers) and to listen to the three Brothers who received the most ballots in our recent nomination process for Provincial. One of the three will be named the first Provincial of the new district of San Francisco New Orleans. The three Brothers (our own Brother Tim Coldwell along with Brothers Donald Johansen and Tom Jones of the San Francisco Province) outlined their vision for the new District. Come Holy Spirit!

Brother Jerry Vincent: On Sat, the Brothers honored Brother Jerry Vincent, Director of the Retired Brothers Community, who is celebrating his "Golden Jubilee" – the 50 year anniversary of the taking of final vows as a Brother. Thank you, Jerry, for your continued faithfulness to your vocation as a Brother by your current service to the Brothers and the entire SPS community. Ad multos annos!

Typhoon Haiyan (locally named in the Philippines as typhoon "Yolanda"): According to the Institute website, *none of our schools were in the direct path of the typhoon, although some schools have reported minor damages to their infrastructure.* The website also cautions, however, that *Since power and communication lines are down in the affected areas, we have yet to grasp the full extent of the damage and casualties brought about by Typhoon "Haiyan".* If the Institute organizes relief efforts, SPS will participate in that via some of our Mission Collection. If not, then we will respond to the Archdiocese of New Orleans request for typhoon relief via the Mission Fund. SPS cares and shares.

Thanksgiving Holidays: **School offices will be closed** during the Thanksgiving holidays. Anticipate needs before Friday – especially the new form for a driver's license. I will be around, if needed, most of the holiday week so feel free to call on me if you need something, but there's no guarantee I'll know how to help. Thanks for your understanding the need for the staff to have a break. They will not be responding to questions about grades, etc.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Cross Country Wolves:** The team acquitted itself in an exemplary manner last Tuesday with a resounding win in the Northshore Metro Meet. Records fell. It's inspiring to see so many Wolves running so hard and besting the competition in such a convincing manner while having fun and displaying the epitome of sportsmanship in the process. And the Jr Hi also won their Metro Meet. On to state this week! Well done! **Have you ever watched a cross country meet? It's really exciting. If not, check out this 10 minute video of our victory at the Walker Shoot Out. Look for the Wolves – especially their faces at the end as they cross the finish line:**
<http://la.milesplit.com/videos?id=43624>
- **Football:** Our season ended Friday night. It was not the way he had planned things, but we remain extremely proud of the incredible season the FB team had. Geaux Wolves!

- **Marching Wolves/GBs/CLs:** rose to the occasion again on Friday night and were great. I received the following note from an SPS grandparent about last week's salute to Veterans by the MWs: *I want to thank all those responsible for the wonderful half time show. I can only imagine the work that went into this production but it was perfect – it was really heartwarming and I wanted those in charge to know how much it was enjoyed and appreciated. St. Paul's is fantastic!*
- **Soccer:** 8th, 9th, JV, & Varsity played well this weekend! At least I think they did as I didn't get all the results. I do know that Varsity beat Ocean Springs! Congrats, Soccer Wolves!
- **Math Tourney:** A bus load of happy, awake Matheletes departed campus at 6:45 am Sat for the Ben Franklin tourney. OK, maybe they weren't wide awake, but they sure seemed happy! It was an honor to see them & "wish them well." I heard we won some trophies but I'll get full results later.
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi did great in the Brother Martin meet with Jack Caminita (4th), Jacob LeBlanc (4th), Hayden Coutrado (4th), Jordan Edney (4th), Cameron Meyers (3rd), Nathan Bagnell (3rd), Jared Thieler (3rd), Nick Picone (2nd), John Birdsong (2nd), Yehia Elkersh (1st), Sawyer Paulson (1st), Cole Hauser (1st) & Nick Vittitoe (1st) all earning points for the team. Varsity placed third in the Ft. Walton, FL tournament with Austin Grashoff (8th), Shane Ulfers (7th), Colin Francis (5th), Sam Dufour (5th), Chris Meraux (4th), Chase Cochran (4th), Kyle Schech (4th), Stevie Van Zandt (2nd) & Tanner LeBlanc(1st) all earning points for the team. Well done, Wolves!
- **Suicide Prevention Program:** The presentations by Kristi Hart and her son, Christian Jarrett, on the effects of their daughter/sister's suicide to our sophomore World History classes were emotionally powerful. Nothing replaces first hand experience over the theoretical. We are indebted to Kristi and Christian for their courage.
- **College Athletic Signings:** Thanks to Karen Hebert for producing an excellent college signing ceremony for **Luke Posner (Lacrosse, University of Tampa), Zachary Buster (Baseball, La. Tech); Handsome Monica (Baseball, U of Arizona; and Tyler St. Phillip (Baseball, ULL)**
- **Pre-Freshman Retreat / Service Days:** Congrats to Campus Ministry, Religion Department and Lasallian Youth Leaders for wonderful days for our Pre-Freshmen. Thanks to all the moms who helped, too. The boys seemed to profit from the days.
- **Touchdown Club** sponsored a pre-playoff game celebration for the coaches and team, complete with steak dinners. Thanks TD Club for all of your support throughout the season.
- **Aqua Wolves:** From Coach Bill Babcock: *The Season of the Wolf gathered more momentum on Tuesday as the team overtook Mandeville in the last relay to win the 2nd Annual Turkey Leg Invitational, besting seven other teams and edging the Skippers 407 to 405 in the final tally. This was the team's third cluster meet win this season. In weather that felt more conducive to soccer and football than outdoor swimming, the out manned AquaWolves proved on this day that the quality of our swims were better than the quantity of our opponents swims. With only 11 swimmers to Mandeville's 20, the team captured trophies in seven of 11 events*
- **Biomedical Sciences Open House:** While we were disappointed with the turnout, those who came were impressed.
- **Quidditch:** And our Quidditch Wolves had a most enjoyable Saturday afternoon! I don't pretend to understand the game, but I sure could recognize a group of guys having good, wholesome fun!

Last Tue's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Nov 12 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a stirring rendition of the John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, designated by an Act of Congress as our National March. We listened to this in honor of Veterans Day, and I reminded students that we owe so much to our veterans who allow us to live in the greatest country in the world and enjoy unparalleled freedoms. I also told them the story of how Sousa composed this stirring march while in Europe on Christmas Day in 1896 in honor of a deceased friend. Amazingly, he composed it in his head and didn't commit it to paper until his return to the US several weeks later. What a genius!
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Connor Scott**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: **Mr. Peter Di Pol, grandfather of DJ & Daniel Di Pol; and the mother of freshman Justin Scheck, Ms. Lyndee Jaccuzzo, who died suddenly last weekend.** We also prayed for all of our veterans, and included by name those on the SPS faculty and staff: **Msgt. A. J. East, Sgt. Don Pressley, Mr. Tommy Lahey, and Brother Duane Gregory.**
- Recognized and congratulated **the Student Hosts** who do so much for us around here. In particular I thanked them for their efforts for Jazz n Roll. Without the hosts, we would be hard pressed to have such an event.
- Recognized the Marian Players, our drama department, for an incredible performance of *Teahouse of the August Moon*: **Jimmy Farris, Nick Blaise, Jonah Knickles, Michael Stewart, Nick Oubre, Sam Giberga, Jordan Jacob, Trip Russ, Ben Kenney, Eric Boudet, David Conroy, Ross Allbritton, Trey Couvillion, Garrett Shearman, Thomas Huval, Brennan Skinner, Ealon Boudreaux, Nick Davis, Jack Donham, Tyler Fair, Stephen Hammond, AJ LaCroix, Sam Nuss, Cray Pennison, Ryley Perez, Mitch Richard, Patrick Rudiger, Zac Russ, Austin Scheyd, Christopher Damare, Ben Kenney, Garret Grass, Brandon Gallego, David D'Antonio, Zach Davis, Jack Fleming, Connor Scott, Dustin Simoneaux, Chris Woodman, Barry Auxilien, Bryan Livaudais, Mrs. Janet McRae, Mr. Mike Boudreaux, Mr. Barrett Baumgartner, and, of course Mrs. Denny Charbonnet – and parents and friends too numerous to mention.**
- Recognized all those students who acted as tour guides at our recent Open House. In particular, I thanked **David Conroy, Ross Allbritton, Garrett Shearman, Beau Briggs, Michael Burke, and Zachary Albright** for giving the student talks at the Open House..
- Recognized and congratulated **The Student Council, led by President David Conroy & moderated by Mrs. Amy Marshall** for all their recent homecoming activity work.
- Recognized and congratulated all the members of **The Paper Wolf** for winning a Gold Medal in the Scholastic Press Association contest out of Columbia University, which houses one of the best journalism schools in the country. Because our publication is a continuous digital format, it's judged on its entirety. I encouraged all to subscribe to **The Paper Wolf.**
- Recognized and congratulated **The Dire Wolf, our Ultimate Frisbee Team.** Senior David Conroy gave a brief presentation about the team. Last season was a rebuilding year under the leadership of David. The team had moderate success finishing 2nd in the Beowulf tournament, 3rd in the BRHS

Ogre Open, 13th in the south's premier spring tournament in Atlanta, and 3rd in the State Championships. This season the Wolf has 2 teams, both varsity and junior varsity, and is off to a fast start with a 9 and 3 record losing only to Catholic High. The team breezed through bracket play in the Beowulf Classic on Oct. 26th, losing in the finals to Catholic, 9-7 in overtime. The junior varsity did very well considering their 2 and 3 record, besting Catholic's JV and Rummel's varsity, so the future bodes well for the WOLF. This past weekend, a lean pack of 11 wolves made a lengthy early morning commute to Mansura, La to play in the 2nd Annual Leif Ericson Fall Classic hosted by Avoyelles Charter School. With bracket wins over Jesuit and Avoyelles and a loss to Catholic, St. Pauls faced a familiar pesky foe in Baton Rouge HS in the semifinals. The low scoring duel went to sudden death with the Dire Wolf prevailing 9-8 in a 75 minute thriller. In the finals against Catholic, the pack was outmanned having only 2 subs to use, compared to Catholics constant replacing of full teams of fresh legs throughout the match. Catholic led at half by only one point. St. Pauls could only do so much in the second half as the game wore on. The Dire Wolf became the cramping, limping, tired Wolf falling 13-7 in a gallantly fought competitive game. The Dire Wolf is led by Captains David Conroy and Joe Tanner. The entire Dire Wolf team then stood and we gave them a rousing round of applause.

- Then, miraculously, George Frideric Handel's *Water Music* started playing – which signaled that it was time to recognize The SPS Swim Team, aka Aqua Wolves. The Greater New Orleans Metro Swimming Championships at UNO on Nov 1 & 2, showcased the talents of swimmers from over 30 high schools in the Metro New Orleans area. The AquaWolves showed they were rounding into championship form this past weekend, breaking two team records, winning two individual events and finishing in a dead-heat tie for fourth place with Rummel:
 - The 200 medley relay of **Harrison Prieto, Jacob Elliott, Griffin Guzan and Will Warwick**, finished 2nd setting a new team record.
 - **Griffin Guzan** finished second in the 200 individual medley and became only the third St. Paul's swimmer to break two minutes in this event.
 - **Harrison Prieto** finished a strong 12th in the 50 free with a 23.56 clocking.
 - In the 100 butterfly, **Kyle Hladky**, qualified for the state meet finishing 11th.
 - In finals, **Guzan** raced his specialty like a man on a mission, crushing the field, shattering his school record and inching ever closer to his goal of All American consideration.
 - In the 200 freestyle relay **Jack Dubreuil, William Munn, Kyle Hladky and Jacob Elliott finished** 11th with every swimmer a full second under their personal best times.
 - In the 100 back, freshman **Kyle Hladky** swimming his third intense race of the meet, held on to 16th place with a 1:02.16.
 - The finals were a very special moment for **Harrison Prieto** who earned a Metro Championship.
 - Moving to the 100 breast stroke, **Senior Co-Captain Will Warwick** stroked in at 15th place, picking valuable team points going into the final 400 freestyle relay.
 - The quartet of **Guzan, Hladky, Prieto and Warwick** were primed and ready to finish the meet on a high note. All four raced to personal best times, dropping their prelim seed time three seconds to a 3:29.30 and moving up one place to fifth.

The final score had the AquaWolves tied for fourth, which also ties our highest finish ever in these championships. The team is ready for state which takes place at the end of this week.

- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! (Yes, I’ve got Eagle Scout material, confirmations, and many other things on my list!) But before we dismissed, I again reminded the students of the meaning of Veterans Day. I asked them to respectfully stand and to sing a rousing, but respectful, rendition of Our National Anthem. And, wow, did they! It was great!
- We then robustly sang the Fight Song for all of the activities going on around school.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Lane Sumrall**, 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 “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” It was a great assembly!

Service Hours: Please be aware that students are expected to have complete five (5) of their ten (10) required service hours by the end of the semester. Students should contact their religion teachers if they have any questions. We need parental support of our insistence on service to others, a Lasallian hallmark.

Alum Good News: Sean Dieffenbaugher, salutatorian of the Class of 2005, was on campus last week for a visit. He stopped by on his way to Memphis on his “residency rounds” as he prepares to graduate from medical school. Sean is remembered for his famous line delivered during his salutatorian address: *From Jahncke to Jefferson, from 11th to 14th, I love this place.* He assured me that he still feels that way. We are proud to call him “Doctor” and SPS alum

More Alum Good News: 2010 SPS alum and currently a senior at Hampden-Sydney College in VA (ranked nationally in the top 100 of liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*) **Carter Kenneth Derrick Guice III** (older brother of sophomore Oliver Guice) as inducted into *Omicron Delta Kappa*, the national leadership honor society. Membership is a mark of highest distinction and honor. Selection of members is based on their influence as campus leaders to better campus life and to encourage high standards in all activities. An Allan Scholar, Carter serves as a Student Government Cabinet member and has served as Secretary, IFC Representative, and Vice President of the social fraternity Sigma Chi. He is a member of the honor society Chi Beta Phi (sciences) and has participated in biomedical research at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Neuroscience Center and Tulane National Primate Research Center. He has already been accepted to medical school. Wow. Well done, Carter!

Mary Queen of Peace Christmas Mini Market Info: *The Holiday's are here! Get a start on your Christmas shopping at our annual MQPCS Christmas Mini Market. It will be held in the Parish Center on Friday, December 6th, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. You will be able to find many handcrafted items such as jewelry, frames, embroidered items and much, much more. Hands on Christmas Crafts for the children...Fun, Fun, Fun! The cost for admission is a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to benefit the Samaritan Center. Bring your Christmas list for some great shopping!*

Important Driver's License Requirement: Effective September 16, a new requirement was added to the driver's license issuance process for all minor applicants. All minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license.

PLEASE: Our Attendance Office is being taxed to the max. Under ordinary circumstances, it is difficult enough to keep track of the students. When you call Erin and request "immediate" dismissal for a student, it places an unfair burden on her. If a student must leave school early, please send a written note with your student and have him check in with the attendance office when he comes to school to get a dismissal slip for the time requested. This is the policy in our handbook – which you pledged to uphold at the beginning of the year when you signed. And we just can't stop everything to deliver an assignment, a lunch, a message – we just don't have the personnel. Thanks for understanding.

Humor of the Week in honor of Thanksgiving:

- *What key has legs and can't open doors? A Turkey*
- *Gobbler said, "Doctor, help me! I can't stop acting like a turkey!" "I see," said the doctor. "How long have you had this problem?" "Let me think a second. Mom laid the egg in 1954..."*
- *What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!*
- *If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!*
- *Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off.*
- *If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for? Their AGE*
- *Why can't you take a turkey to church? Because they use such FOWL language*
- *What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? The turkey trot*
- *Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes - a building can't jump at all*
- *What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus? Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving*
- *How can you make a turkey float? You need 2 scoops of ice cream, some root beer, and a turkey*
- *What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth Rock*
- *Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside*
- *Why did the turkey join the band? He had drumsticks*
- *Why did the police arrest the turkey? They suspected it of fowl play*
- *What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? The turkey*
- *What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy! I'm stuffed!*
- *Where did the first corn come from? The stalk brought it*

- *What happened to the Pilgrim who was shot at by an Indian? He had an arrow escape*
- *How did the Mayflower show that it liked America? It hugged the shore*
- *OK, I'll stop! Happy Thanksgiving!*

Personal Vindication Dept: I enjoy playing classical music at my assemblies with the boys. Most of them “humor” me and tolerate it. But one mom sent me this recently: *It should please you to know that my son was using his i-phone in the car the other day to listen to Wilhelm Richard Wagner’s Ride of the Valkyries!* At least one student is enjoying my assemblies!

Lost and Found: The accumulation continues. Sweatshirts, pants, belts, uniform shirts, many, many lunch boxes, **a very nice pair of Sperry Top Sider black dress shoes (if they were one size larger I’d be wearing them!)**, books, art supplies, pencil cases, folders, flash drives, you name, it’s probably in our lost and found. Parents, please put your son’s name on things and stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.

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!

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.*

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 easier to be tutored early in the than to wait until later in the quarter. The tutors are friendly and helpful!

Community Coffee Seals: We are now collecting these, too, which can be redeemed for cash to help SPS. Your son should bring them to his math teacher.

PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING: We had another report last week of unsafe driving heading up 14th street, to Tyler both at 3 pm dismissal and after sports practices. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

A Look Ahead

November 18 – 12th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast (7:40 – 8:20 in the cafeteria)

November 19 – Pack Time

November 22 – No classes meet – Faculty at Huether Conference

December 2 – Parent/Teacher Meetings in BAC -6:30

December 3 – President/Principal’s Assembly

December 5 – Blood Drive

December 9 – Mass
December 10 – Pack Time
December 12 – Snack Day
December 11-13 – Reconciliation in Chapel
December 17-20 – Exams
Dec 20: Christmas (not “winter”) holidays begin at 11:10

Whew! I’ve worn you out again this week! **But you get a break next Sunday as the newsletter goes on Thanksgiving holiday! Enjoy your Sunday morning without my musings!**

As usual, I’ll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Let me know if there’s an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others.

Pray that things go well! We’re already reached the sixth week of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul’s – our 102nd year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Grateful that I’ve Made It to Thanksgiving as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul’s School



...and where we do ordinary things extraordinarily well!