



The President/Principal's Newsletter for Feb 24 – Mar 09, 2014

2014 -- A Year of Family and Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans



It's early Sunday morning, and I'm adding a few late breaking news items to the newsletter before I send it. In a short while, Trevor and I leave for the airport. We are headed to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the Lasallian Chief Administrators Conference – the annual gathering of almost 200 leaders from Lasallian schools/ministries all over the country. Trevor is attending again this year because as Saint Paul's makes the transition to a President/Principal model of administration (which is the norm in most of our schools and which we will soon implement fully), I will follow the President track of the conference and Trevor will follow the Principal track.



Over the next four days, we will participate in professional development, spiritual enrichment, collegial sharing, and a little fun – all within the context of our Lasallian Mission heritage. During the Conference, Lasallian schools in the Christian Brother District of New Orleans – Santa Fe will participate: SPS in Covington, Rummel in Metairie, De La Salle High and Christian Brothers School in New Orleans, Cathedral High in El Paso, St. Michael's High in Santa Fe and Mullen High in Denver will happily mingle with our Lasallian colleagues from all over the country.

This annual Conference is one of many regional programs that forcefully remind us that we are not alone; we are part of educational tradition that has been transforming lives since 1680 and that has spread throughout the world. In the United States, Lasallian education is alive and well – in large part to the ever-increasing number of caring and dedicated lay colleagues, who are “stepping up” to keep the Mission alive as we Christian Brothers age and our numbers decline.

Together, we fulfill the mandate of SJBDLS, who told the first Brothers: *To touch the hearts of the students entrusted to your care is the greatest miracle you can perform – and one which God expects of you.* We must do nothing less today.

God willing and Southwest/Air Tran Airlines cooperating, Trevor and I will return Wednesday night and be in school on Thursday. I know the school will run well in our absence. Know that my thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Mon, Feb 24 (Regular; D E F G – I checked and re-checked class rotation and apologize for my mistakes last week!)

- **This Day in History:** In 1803, the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Marshall, decides *Marbury vs. Madison* and confirms the legal principle of judicial review--the ability of the Supreme Court to limit Congressional power by declaring legislation unconstitutional--in the new nation.
- **National Tortilla Chip Day:** Enjoy your favorite chip today!
- **Catholic Schools Week Mass:** A group of Wolves will represent us today at St. Dominic's in New Orleans.

Tue, Feb 25 (Pack Time schedule; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.
- **TDIH II:** In 1862, The U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the use of paper notes to pay the government's bills. This ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions, and it allowed the government to finance the enormously costly war long after its metal reserves were depleted.
- **TDIH III:** In 1807, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is born. Although not read much today, Longfellow was an American literary giant of the 19th Century. Who can forget his immortal poem "Evangeline" or the opening lines of "Paul Revere's Ride": *Listen my children and you shall hear / Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere....*
- **Golf** in Northshore League Play at Money Hill
- **Tennis v. Covington.** Good luck, Tennis Wolves as you begin your season.

Wed, Feb 26 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1993, a bomb explodes in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people died and 1,000 were injured by the powerful blast, a precursor to the 9-11 attack.
- **National For Pete's Sake Day:** Who is Pete and why do we do or not do things for his sake?
- **National Pistachio Day:** Crack a handful of these addictive nuts today and enjoy!
- **Spanish National Honor Society Induction Ceremony (5:30 in chapel)**



A Wolf "chillaxes" after a long day!

Thu, Feb 27 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1827, masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi. And we're still reeling from the effects!
- **International Polar Bear Day:** Polar Bear Day celebrates the world's largest carnivore which can grow up to 9 feet tall (when standing) and 1400 pounds. Polar bears live at the North Pole region, and are native to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia. Celebrate the polar bear today! Visit the international website at <http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/bear-facts/>
- **National Chili Day:** Enjoy a bowl of your favorite chili today! (Mine is New Mexican green chili stew!)
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Rummel at Kirsh Rooney in NO; 8th v. Mandeville Jr Hi at Heap Field

Fri, Feb 28 (Faculty Retreat Day; no classes)

- **TDIH:** In 1953, Cambridge U scientists James Watson and Frances Crick announce they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes.
- **National Public Sleeping Day:** Students can observe this day; faculty can begin observance after retreat
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. St. Thomas (7)
- **Powerlifting** in south regionals. Geaux, Iron Wolves, as you defend your regional title!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Hermes**
- **Soccer State Final Game at Tad Gormely**

Sat, Mar 1

- **TDIH:** In 1961, newly elected President John F. Kennedy issued an executive order establishing the Peace Corps. one of the most innovative and highly publicized US Cold War programs.
- **National Pig Day:** Celebrate all things porcine today!
- **Baseball:** 9th v. Ponchy (11) & Mandy (3:30); Varsity in Chalmette Tournament
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Endymion**



Ultimate Frisbee Wolves warm up before practice.

Sun, Mar 2

- **TDIH:** In 1904, Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss) was born. Read a Dr. Seuss book today! Celebrate with green eggs and ham and oh, the places you'll go!
- **National Banana Cream Pie Day:** Enjoy – unless you've given it up for Lent!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Bacchus**

Mon, Mar 3 – Sun, Mar 9 – Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays

- **You are on your own for school events, TDIH entries, and National whatever days!**

Mon, Mar 10 – Classes resume; St. Joseph Altar Day; ALL Periods (A – G) will meet today!

Newsletter Correction: In last week's newsletter, I wrote that we honor on Presidents Day the 44 men who have had the privilege of serving as President. This, of course, was inaccurate! While President Obama is indeed the 44th president, one man, Grover Cleveland, served two non-consecutive terms, making him the 22nd and 24th President. Thus, only 43 men have actually been president. And maybe one day, a woman! (No, that's not a political statement of ANY kind!) The Newsletter regrets the error!

Administrative Absence: As stated above, Trevor and I will be out until Thursday. Direct any issues to Ken Sears. Joe Dickens and Merle Dooley will keep Trevor's office functioning. Enjoy your time without Trevor or me on campus. If you are totally bored and want to see what we are up to in Atlanta, here's a link to click:

<http://lasallian.info/2014/02/20/follow-highlights-from-lassca-conference-2/>

Beginning of Lent: Notice that I've called our upcoming break Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent holidays. It would be wrong to concentrate only on Mardi Gras and forget that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – a time of solemn reflection on our spiritual lives. Celebrate during the holidays, but resolve to make a good Lent.

Remember that you are dust....

Greater Lasallian World Dept: Justin Sienna High School, the Lasallian school in Napa, CA, has announced that it will open a boarding program. While geared primarily to attract international students, the program will accept area students as well. The students will be housed in the convent where the nuns who co-sponsored the school with the Christian Brothers used to stay. It's an interesting program. Here's the link for more info:

<http://www.justin-siena.org/s/353/justinsiena.aspx?sid=353&gid=1&pgid=252&cid=6068&ecid=6068&crd=0&calpgid=1025&calcid=952>. Note the cost of the program: over \$40,000 a year per student!

Musings on Last Week:

- **ROTC Inspection:** The LA 41st passed with flying colors, earning “exceeds expectations” (the highest rating) in almost all categories. Thanks and congrats, Sgt. East and Cadet Corp!
- **Tulane Primate Center Field Trips** by Honors Biology & Biomedical II & II went well. The monkeys reported that the students behaved themselves and were very polite. Thank you, primates!
- **Basketball:** our BB program ended the season with three victories (against Covington, Ponchatoula, and Fontainebleau) which augers well for next year. While not making the playoffs was a disappointment for the team, especially our three seniors, we are proud of their season. Thanks, Phil, Anthony, Paul, Luke, Donnie, et al.
- **Soccer:** A thrilling quarter-final win against Capt. Shreve and an even more thrilling semi-final victory against Jesuit! On to the state finals for the fourth consecutive year! GEAUX SOCCER WOLVES!
- **Golf:** Defending Division I State Champs got off to a great start by winning their first match on Wed.
- **Alumni:** The general membership meeting on Wed evening went well and was well attended. While Al et al spoke about upcoming alumni projects (Ozone Run, Crawfish Cookoff, Alumni Weekend, Annual Fund Phone-a-Thon, relocation to the new development office), he stressed that the main goal is to welcome alums back to campus and get them involved. A highlight was when our soon to be newest alumni, the cross country seniors, joined the meeting to present Al with his state championship ring. The “older” alumni warmly welcomed their soon to be confreres.
- **Engineering Committee:** The Engineering Committee met last week to review the work of the past four years. The results have been impressive. Literally hundreds of Wolves have been exposed to this wonderful program and four teachers are currently certified by Project Lead the Way. Next year, we hope to add a PLTW computer programming track and the science department is thinking of replacing Earth Science with a PLTW engineering program designed for our pre-freshmen. Naturally, there is a dollar figure attached to all of this. We are working hard to locate sponsors. And Project Lead the Way is recognizing our excellence! Recently, they were on campus to film us for use in their promotions! And they only choose the best of the best! Congrats!
- **Baseball:** Meet the Team went well; we've got high hopes for the season, which begins this week.
- **Indoor Track:** They grew stronger with each meet and earned spots in the State Meet today!
- **ROTC Color Guard, Golden Blues & Marching Wolves:** All performed exemplarily at parades on Fri & Sat. Cheer on the group when they pass you on the parade route.
- **St. Joseph Altar Cookie Baking** took place yesterday. Thanks to all who came to help prepare for this wonderful event, spearheaded by Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo.
- **Lacrosse:** And I know our LAX Wolves were in action over the weekend. Great victories against Christian Brothers High School from Memphis and Cy Fair High School from Texas. Go LAX Wolves!

- **Indoor Track:** Zach and Eric did it again! Championships! Well done, Indoor Track Wolves! Now, on to outdoor track!
- **Wrestling:** 6th in State for our young team! Impressive! And special congrats to Tanner LeBlanc for his state championship in his weight class! We are proud of our wrestlers!
- **District Literary Rally:** Wow. VERY impressive. 12 FIRST places, 26 District places, and 16 state qualifiers. Congrats, Wolves! I'll be recognizing the winners in a later newsletter!

Feb 18 Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Feb 18 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to world-famous cellist YoYo Ma play the "Ecstasy of Gold", a song from the 1960's classic spaghetti - Western film, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." I explained that I chose Yo-Yo Ma's version because, in addition to being outstanding, Ma's life is dedicated to promoting world peace and human rights. Last year he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor an American President can bestow. And I told them I use the song at the assembly before Mardi Gras, because that holiday, while having so much good, is also sometimes filled with the bad and the ugly. I beseeched the students to choose only the good this Mardi Gras season and to avoid the bad and the ugly. While the music played, **junior Matthew Dysart** lit the prayer candle. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: Sophomore **Landon Waite's aunt; Mr. Anita Braniff, mother of law of Coach Ken Sears and grandmother of sophomore Kenny Sears; Christopher Fausto Araujo, cousin of Coach Joe Dickens, Mrs. Sue Rowland, grandmother of junior Winston Duffour, and Coach Mick Nunez's Aunt Linda**, also the great aunt of pre-freshman **Jack Nunez**.
- Welcomed and prayed for **Joseph Scott Lacour**, first child of math teacher Mr. Alex Lacour and his wife Megan. Joey was born on Feb 11. (too bad he wasn't born four days earlier – he would then have shared a birthday with Charles Dickens!)
- I then spent time congratulating and recognizing members of The Paper Wolf, the school's digital newspaper, and The Guerrilla Wolves, the school's video club. At the recent Louisiana Scholastic Press Association convention, the two groups walked off with many awards: **PUBLISHED WORKS COMPETITION LA Scholastic Press Association in November**
 - Guerrilla Wolves – Broadcast Competition
 - Entertainment Pak, Feature Skit
 - 1st place – "Chicken Smoothie"
 - 3rd place – "Teacher Goes Back in Time"
 - 3rd place - Newscast
 - Honorable Mention – Broadcast Program (overall)
 - The Paper Wolf – Newspaper Competition
 - 1st place – Online/Digital Newspaper (overall)
 - 1st place – Sports Column – Thomas Huval
 - 2nd place – News Writing – Connor Mahony
 - 3rd place – Sports Writing – Chris Rogers
 - 3rd place – Column Writing – Adam Cannon
 - 3rd place – Feature Writing – Stephen Hammond
 - Honorable Mention – Feature Photo – Kole Gorney

In the “on site competition”, the following Wolves placed:

- 1st place – Headline & Cutline Writing – Chris Rogers (Paper Wolf)
- 1st place – Video Editing – John Meyers (Guerrilla Wolves)
- 2nd place – Video Editing – Thomas Williamson (Guerrilla Wolves)
- 3rd place – Copy Editing – James Carrere (Paper Wolf)

Congratulations, Guerilla Wolves and The Paper Wolf! I also encouraged students to subscribe to The Paper Wolf!

- I then brought the entire 9th Grade Basketball to the gym floor and informed the student body that the team had again won the Independence Basketball Tournament – for the fourth year in a row! Parker Edwards was named the MVP. The team presented the trophy to AD Craig Ketelsen. Also, the team finished the year with a win over Covington to end the year 23-3. The future of SPS basketball looks bright.
- I then had freshman **Oliver Sibley** stand. I apologized to Oliver for omitting his name at a recent assembly at which I recognized Eagle Scouts who had done their projects on our campus. Oliver installed the new bollards on the north and west side of campus. We all applauded.
- I then had junior **William Dugan** stand while I informed the student body that we had another Eagle Scout in William, who was awarded this honor recently by the Scout Council. We applauded warmly.
- I then had the Lacrosse Wolves stand and congratulated them for winning FOUR games the weekend before over highly talented Brother Martin. The student body applauded warmly.
- I then had senior **Zach Albright & freshman Eric Coston** stand. At the **LSU Last Chance Qualifier At Carl Maddox Field House**, both boys placed **FIRST** in their races. But more impressively, Zach set a "Fieldhouse" record which means that he is the fastest high school kid to ever run at an indoor track meet at the LSU field house in or out of state. Wow. And Eric broke the meet record for the one mile run. Another Wow!
- Then, to show our solidarity with ALL the groups on campus that are representing us so well, we robustly sang the fight song.
- Then, before I dismissed the boys, I told them that I would probably never have become the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul's had it not been for the 16th Christian Brother President/Principal – Brother Jeffrey Calligan, who was in the gym that morning, having just arrived from Australia to begin his assignment at Saint Paul's. I told the students how Brother Jeffrey taught me in high school and that I still remember some of his lessons. I told them how Brother Jeffrey welcomed me to Saint Paul's many years ago and recommended me as his successor when he was called to Rome for international work. I told them how Brother Jeffrey has an international



Wolves on Wheels work diligently on their entry into the Eco Car Marathon.

reputation as a Lasallian and that they should get to know him, ask him about Lasallians in other parts of the world, and benefit from his wisdom. Then, to welcome Jeff, the student body sang a beautifully powerful rendition of “O God Beyond All Praising.”

- With Yo-Yo Ma playing in the background, I closed the assembly with an appeal: I recently received an anonymous email from one who signed himself “A Concerned Student.” I invited the student to come speak with me, that I would welcome listening to and learning from him. I pledged him my confidentiality. The invitation is still open. I will continue to work hard to earn his trust so that maybe at some point in the future, he will feel comfortable in speaking with me.
- By this time, we were well over time, so recognitions will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with junior **Joseph Tanner** extinguishing the prayer candle while Yo Yo Ma’s rendition of “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during this Mardi Gras season and to make safe choices. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God’s love to all whom they meet.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

Alum News: 2010 St. Paul's graduate and Notre Dame swim team captain Colin Babcock produced a YouTube video called “The Swimmer’s Mentality.” The background music was provided by another 2010 St. Paul's graduate, Corey Cook. It’s about 3 minutes long and worth the time. Here’s the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g3YO0-R4qk&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D7g3YO0-R4qk&app=desktop

From the Mothers Club:

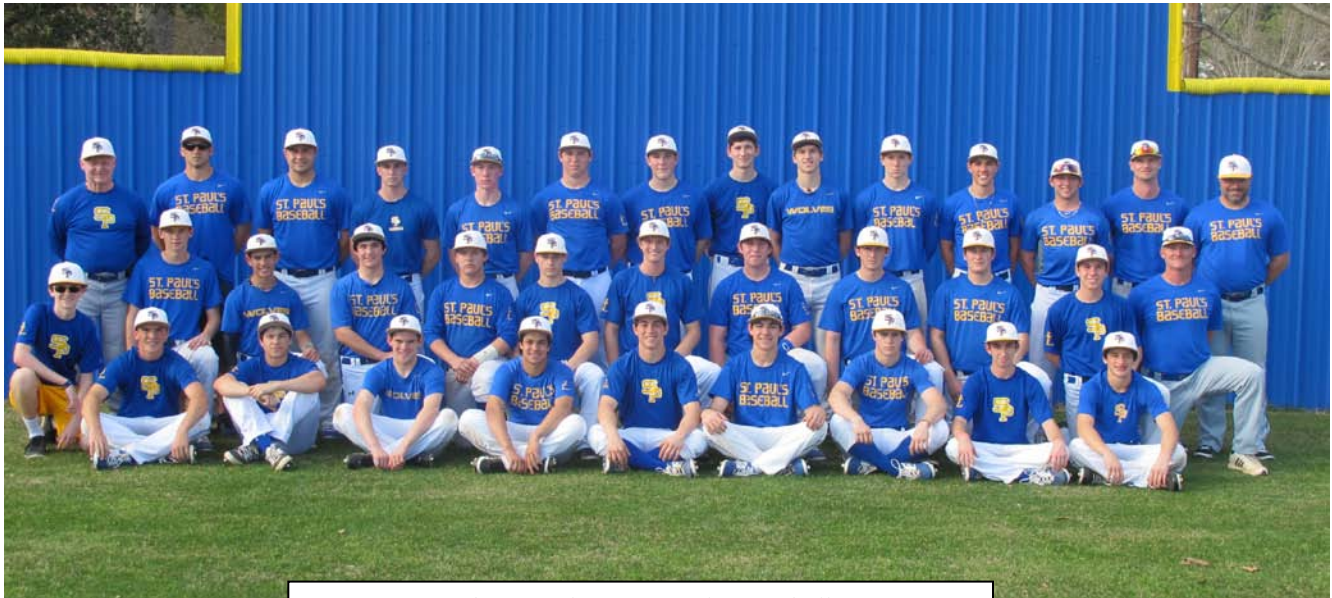
- 1) Information on upcoming Mothers' Club events was mailed to all parents this week. If you did not receive our mail-out, please contact Elizabeth Grashoff at mothersclub@stpauls.com, or ehgrashoff@bellsouth.net.
- 2) Mr. Mel Grotzky from Tuxedos to Geaux will be on campus Wednesday, Feb. 26th, at 3:00 in the Briggs Assembly Center. Anyone interested in purchasing a tuxedo should come to be measured. (Information on the Tuxedo program was mailed to the parents this week, so this is just a reminder!)

Useless Fact of the Week Dept: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right, while women's clothes have buttons on the left? Because when buttons were invented, they were expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

H of the W: Some more news headlines in need of editing:

- *If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile*
- *Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures*
- *Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide*
- *Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges*
- *Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge*

- *Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group*
- *Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft*
- *Kids Make Nutritious Snacks*
- *Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors*
- *Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead*
- *Camouflaged Army Vehicle Disappears!*
- *Mississippi's Literacy Rate Shows Increase*
- *Homicide Victims Won't Talk to Police*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



*2014 Edition of the Saint Paul's Baseball Team
Geaux Wolves!*

Saint Joseph Altar: The Altar is less than a month away! This incredible event will honor St. Joseph and feed ALL SPS students and faculty that day. If you have never seen altar, try to come by on March 10. In the meantime, **IF YOU CAN HELP**, here's what's needed: set up is March 9 from 3-6 pm. Anyone (students, moms, dads, grandparents, etc.) desiring to help can reach Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo, organizer of the event, at alogarbo@charter.net.

2014-15 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8th graders:** Your deadline has passed. Thanks for your faith in us. 171 out of 173 current 8th graders have indicated their desire to say with us. We have not heard from 1 and only 1 parent said her son will not return. I'm humbled. Contact me if you have any questions or problems. I need to make plans for next year!
- **Current 9th – 11th grades:** Your deadline has passed. PLEASE let me know your intentions! I need to make plans for next year!
- **Current 12th grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2014-15! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involved the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**

Annual Fund: Thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we are not sending requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son’s grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I’ll personally appeal. I’ll send them a nice “thank you” note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What’s important is that everyone participates.
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. **Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?**
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!



SPS's Formidable Power Lifting Team poses informally after a recent practice.

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: With the exceptionally cold weather lately, we relaxed our rule and allowed heavy coats and other warm weather gear. Now that things are more seasonal, we return to policy: **ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. If this presents a problem, please contact me.** We have some pre-owned sweatshirts in good condition which I’ll be happy to distribute. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son.

Haircuts and Grooming: Our guys are taking advantage of the cold and are looking scraggly. My patience, though, has worn thin. I want all students, including SENIORS, to be in full compliance – or suffer the consequences. I remind all that the handbook parents and students signed at the beginning of the year states that the school is the final determiner of what hair style is in compliance with our rules. As I told one senior last week, SPS has the most liberal dress code of all the Catholic all boy high schools in the archdiocese – but even we have limits. Thanks for the support.

Future Lawyers Opportunity: The Louisiana Bar Association High School Summer Legal Internship Program is now accepting applications for this great June 09-27 program. This program is available to incoming high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates who are interested in the legal profession. Students will participate in a one week legal institute, during which they will attend an abridged law school session and a two week internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts. The students will also participate in field trips. Students who complete the program will receive a \$250 stipend. Interested students should see Mr. Logarbo for information or check out the LBA website at www.lsba.org/goto/suitup.

2014 Summer at Camp Abbey Seeking Staff: Camp Abbey, a ministry of the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, has begun preparations for its 2014 summer program and is seeking high school student applicants for junior counselor positions and graduating seniors, college students, and older for senior counselor and administrative positions. Although all positions are paid, staff may decline stipends in favor of service hours if applicable. Camp includes opportunities for prayer, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as activities such as volleyball, basketball, softball, flag football, arts & crafts, archery, swimming, boating, performing arts, camping, and hiking.

If you enjoy the outdoors, want to share your Catholic faith, and desire to serve as a mentor and role model, consider applying for summer staff at Camp Abbey. Boys' camp staff serves during June 2014, and girls' camp staff serves during July 2014. For more information or applications, visit www.campabbey.org or contact campabbey@arch-no.org or 985-327-7240.

Scholarship Opportunities:

- The National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos offers scholarships each year to Archdiocese of New Orleans high school seniors with the intent to enroll in a U.S. Catholic college or university
[http://www.seelos.org/12th Grade Seelos Scholarship Application 2014.pdf](http://www.seelos.org/12th%20Grade%20Seelos%20Scholarship%20Application%202014.pdf)
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- The National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos offers scholarships each year to Archdiocese of New Orleans 8th graders with the intent to enroll in a Catholic high school. Info can be found at:
[http://www.seelos.org/8th Grade Seelos Scholarship Application 2014.pdf](http://www.seelos.org/8th%20Grade%20Seelos%20Scholarship%20Application%202014.pdf)

Paper Wolf Update: Please encourage your son to read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. I know I don't read it often enough. Subscribe. Support the future.

Personal: To the Anonymous Parent who identified him/herself as a "torpid gonzoosler" – THANK YOU! I love it! You made my week! You are not a TG in my book! And thanks for learning my vocabulary lessons!

A Look Ahead

March 10 – St. Joseph Altar (all periods meet)

March 11 – President/Principal's Assembly – Guest Speaker for all juniors during Period F

March 13 – Juniors to WWII Museum - Celebrity Waiters Dinner in evening

March 14 – 9:30 Late Start (Periods DEF meet)

March 17 – Pack Time

March 18 – ACT testing on campus for all juniors

March 19 – Mass – Feast of St. Joseph

March 21 – Explore Test for all freshmen in BAC – 8th Grade 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast

March 24 – 9th Grade Third Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast

March 25 – President/Principal's Assembly

March 26 – 10th Grade Third Quarter HR Breakfast

March 27 – 11th Grade Third Quarter HR Breakfast

March 28 – 12th Grade Third Quarter HR Breakfast

March 31-April 4 – Founder's Week

March 31 – Sophomore Service Day
 April 1 – Snack Day
 April 2 - Life Skills Day for Seniors
 April 4 – Field Day – Periods GA meet in AM
 April 7-11 – Leadership Week
 April 7 – Mass SJBDLS
 April 8 – President/Principal’s Assembly
 April 9 – Leadership Breakfast
 April 10 – Guest Speaker
 April 11 – Assembly Schedule – SC Elections
 April 14 – Challenge Night
 April 18 – Easter Holidays (NOT Spring Break!) begin at 3 pm
 April 28 – Classes resume from Easter holidays (NOT Spring Break!)
 April 29 – President/Principal’s Assembly

Whew! I really wore you out this week! But you get a break next Sunday as the newsletter goes on Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent holiday. Enjoy your Sunday morning! And even though it’s 2014, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Again, please 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. Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we march forward through 2014! Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC
 Heading to Atlanta as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul’s School



Have a very Lasallian week as we attempt to provide quality education, build an inclusive community, show respect for all, have concern for the poor & social justice, and demonstrate faith in God’s presence – and try to do so extraordinarily well!

Saint Paul’s School **2014-15** School Year Calendar for Saint Paul’s School

**This NEXT Year’s Calendar, not this year’s!
 It’s for those of you who plan early – unlike me!**

Mon, Aug 04	New Teacher Meeting
Tue - Wed, Aug 05 & 06	All Faculty Meetings
Thu, Aug 07	School Opens with full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 18	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)

Thu, Aug 21	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Ceremony
Fri, Aug 22	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Sep 01	Labor Day Holiday
Mon, Sept 08	Parent - Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Oct 10	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 10	Grandparents' Day begins at 11:30
Mon-Fri, Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Dec 01	Classes resume from Holiday
Mon, Dec 01	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Tue - Fri, Dec 16-19	Semester Exams
Fri, Dec 19	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:00 following exams

Mon, Jan 05	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Wed-Fri, Jan 07-09	Senior Retreat
Mon, Jan 19	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 02	Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm
Fri, Feb 13	Teacher Retreat Day (no classes)
Mon-Fri, Feb 16-20	Mardi Gras/ Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 23	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Apr 03-10	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 13	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Sat, May 02	Junior - Senior Prom
Wed-Fri, May 06-08	Senior Final Exams
Mon, May 18	8 th grade promotion ceremony
Tue - Fri, May 19-22	9, 10 & 11th Final Exams
Mon, May 26	Memorial Day
Tue, May 27	Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays.

In reviewing the proposed SPS calendar, please keep the following in mind:

- While state law only requires 175 instructional day, archdiocesan policy requires 177 days.
- A minimum of 3 faculty days must be scheduled.
- The Year must be evenly divided into two semesters.
- St. Tammany public schools open on Aug 8 – a day after I'm proposing
- St. Tammany returns from Christmas on Jan 5 (the day I'm proposing) which is a Monday.
- St. Tammany ends the year on May 22, the same day I'm proposing
- As we did this year, we eliminate Book Day and begin on Aug 7 with a full day of instruction.