



The President/Principal's Newsletter for Mar 17 - 23, 2014
2014 -- A Year of Family and Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans



The Second Week of Lent: a Time to Feast and Fast



Fast from judging others.

Fast from emphasis on differences.

Fast from apparent darkness.

Fast from thoughts of illness.

Fast from discontent.

Fast from anger.

Fast from pessimism.

Fast from worry.

Feast on the God within them.

Feast on the oneness of life.

Feast on the reality of light.

Feast on God's healing power.

Feast on gratitude.

Feast on patience.

Feast on optimism.

Feast on God's love for you.



(by Margaret Murray, CSJ)

Mon, Mar 17 (Scheduling Assembly for current juniors and sophomores; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 461 A.D., Saint Patrick, Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland, dies in Ireland. Happy Feast Day to all Irish and Irish wanna-bees!
- **Scheduling Assemblies for Class of 2015 (theater) and 2016 (gym)**

Tue, Mar 18 (Scheduling Assembly for current freshmen & Pre-freshmen; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with several other investors to launch their namesake banking and shipping business.
- **Awkward Moments Day:** Celebrate our common humanity – we've all made awkward mistakes.
- **ACT for Entire Junior Class:** This is a first. The ACT Company is now allowing schools to administer the test during a regular school day. This is a real ACT, not a practice. Our students will benefit by not having to take it on a Saturday morning and have the benefit of comfortable, relaxed surroundings. Thanks, ACT Company! Geaux, ACT Wolves!
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. Slidell (4 & 6) in district opener. Geaux Wolves!
- **Tennis** at Pope John Paul in Slidell
- **Track:** Jr Hi Meet in Hunter Stadium (4)

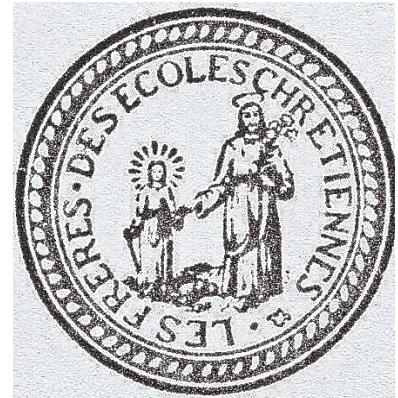


Wed, Mar 19 (Solemnity of St. Joseph; SCHOOL MASS; A B C D)

- **Today's feast** was special to Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The morning and night prayers of the first Brothers included a special prayer to Joseph and in the Brothers' Rule of 1705, the Brothers were instructed to gather at 1 pm (before afternoon classes) to recite the litany of Saint Joseph, the "patron and protector of the Institute." And a holiday was given in those early days on the feast of Saint Joseph! (Oh, for the good old days!) In his meditation for the feast of Saint Joseph, Saint La Salle says: *You have been charged, like Saint Joseph, with a holy work very similar to his and requiring that your piety and your virtue be more than ordinary. You have been made responsible for your students just as Saint Joseph was made responsible*

for the Savior of the world. Take Saint Joseph as your mode to make yourself worthy of your ministry.

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1719, John Baptist de La Salle was gravely ill. Brother Luke Salm writes in his book "This Work Is Yours": *As the Feast of St. Joseph drew near, de La Salle expressed a great desire to celebrate Mass in honor of this patron and protector of the Brothers. So weak was his condition and so intense the pain, that any such idea seemed out of the question. However, on the eve of the feast, he felt that the pain was subsiding and his strength had returned. In the morning he was well enough to celebrate mass for the Brothers. They were overjoyed. But immediately thereafter, he relapsed. The end was near and that it was in honor of St. Joseph that he had celebrated Mass for the last time.* De La Salle died less than a month later, on Apr 7th.
- **All School Mass – STUDENT DRESS UNIFORM DAY!**
- **Lacrosse** v. Mandeville. Geaux Wolves!
- **Golf** in north shore league play (Pinewood)



The original seal of the Institute created by St. La Salle shows St. Joseph and the boy Jesus: Joseph, the teacher caring for and raising the boy Jesus; the Lasallian teacher caring for and raising students entrusted to him/her.

Thu, Mar 20 (Regular; E F G A)

- The **Vernal Equinox** (the arrival of spring), occurs today at 11:57 am CDT when the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. Easter is fixed as the first Sun after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Day and night grow equal; more wonderfully, day grows longer than night. Winter is over. Ancient Jewish & Christian poets saw the equinox as the anniversary of creation, with spring equinox as lovelier and richer of the two because it's followed by light winning over dark, an image of paschal mystery. Our redemption is nigh!
- **PLTW Counselors' Meeting in the BAC:** PLTW has chosen SPS to highlight our engineering program for counselors from throughout the state. This is another tribute to our program. Project Lead the Way considers SPS one of the premier engineering programs in the state. We agree!
- **SPS Board of Trustees Meeting** (6 pm)
- **Baseball:** 8th at John Curtis Tournament
- **Track:** Jr Hi at Jewell Sumner
- **Letter Jacket Measuring**

Fri, Mar 21 (Honor Roll Breakfast schedule; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1980, President Jimmy Carter announces that the U.S. will boycott the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Moscow that summer to protest Russia's invasion of Afghanistan.
- **Lasallians on Campus:** On Fri and Sat, Saint Paul's will host several important Lasallian groups of the New Orleans-Santa Fe Province: Mission & Ministry & District Councils. Mission & Ministry is composed of a representative from each province school. They advise Brother Provincial Tim Coldwell on the vitality and faithfulness of our schools to the Lasallian Mission. Jeaneen Schmitt is SPS's representative. They will meet on Friday and Saturday. The District Council advises the Provincial on all matters (other than schools) concerning the Brothers. Brothers Ken and I serve on this council. We will meet on Fri and Sat. We welcome both groups.
- **Honor Roll Breakfast for 8th Grade**
- **EXPLORE Test for All 9th Graders**
- **Baseball:** 8th in John Curtis Tournament
- **Track:** Varsity in Nokia Sugar Bowl Meet at Tad Gormley

Sat, Mar 22

- **TDIH: in 1765,** the British government passes the Stamp Act, which levied a direct tax on all materials printed for commercial and legal use in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and dice which stirred a storm of protest in the colonies leading to the slogan "No taxation without representation."
- **National Goof Off Day:** Since it's Saturday, goof off all you want!
- **Alumni Ozone Spring Run:** Best wishes, Alumni Association!
- **Powerlifting:** Defending State Champion Wolves travel to Monroe. Geaux Iron Wolves!
- **Golf in Beau Chene Classic**
- **Baseball:** 8th in JC Tourn; 9th v. Slidell (11) & Salmen (1)
- **Track:** Varsity in Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic
- **Ruby v. Shaw (1)**
- **Lacrosse at 2**
- **Abbey Youth Fest** on the grounds of St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. This annual gathering of literally thousands of young people from around the state is quite an event, as the students gather to proclaim their Faith. We pray for an abundance of blessings upon all the participants.



Chemistry students work hard under the guidance of Mrs. Gardner.

Sun, Mar 23 – Third Sunday of Len

- **I hope and pray that our Catholic families will attend mass today. I encourage our non-Catholic families to attend the church, synagogue or mosque of their choice, especially our Christian families as we move into Lent.**

- **Near Miss Day** commemorates March 23, 1989, when a huge asteroid came within 500,000 miles of hitting Earth. In interstellar terms, it was a near miss. Had it collided with Earth, its effect would have been catastrophic.

Student DRESS Uniform Day for Mass on Wed, Mar 19

2014-15 Scheduling Sessions: This week, we begin having students choose classes for next year. Only students who have completed the registration process (turned in both fee and form) will be allowed to select classes. If your registration is incomplete and you plan on your son attending next year, please send payment and registration form on Monday morning. Thanks. Direct any questions to me.

Report Cards were emailed last week. Parents, please encourage your sons to seek extra help if needed. National Honor Society and individual teachers offer extra help and tutoring.

Honor Roll Breakfast: I know the HR Breakfasts are early this quarter, but the 4th quarter calendar is FILLED with activity (Founder's Week, Leadership Week, Holy Week, Easter Holidays, etc. and this upcoming week was the only one available. To complicate matters, our Tech director was out of town at a convention and the HR Breakfast invitations were not mailed. Your son knows whether he was on honor roll as grades were finalized last Tuesday. So even if you didn't get a specific invite, please come to the breakfast. Here's the schedule:

March 21 – 8th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast

March 24 – 9th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast

March 26 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast

March 27 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast

March 28 – 12th Grade HR Breakfast



State Runner-up Indoor Track Wolves!

Anniversary: Last year during this week, we heard a moving story from a young lady. Specifically, while in school where she was an honor student, she attended a party where she drank alcohol. She drove home after the party. She ran a stop sign and struck another vehicle killing the young driver. She went to jail for six months. One of her sentencing requirements is that she speaks to high school groups. Her story was moving and riveting. The boys heard a powerful lesson. I pray that they have taken it to heart. We continue to hear stories of alcohol use by some of our students – and sometimes with parental knowledge.

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Musings on Last Week: It was a BUSY ONE!

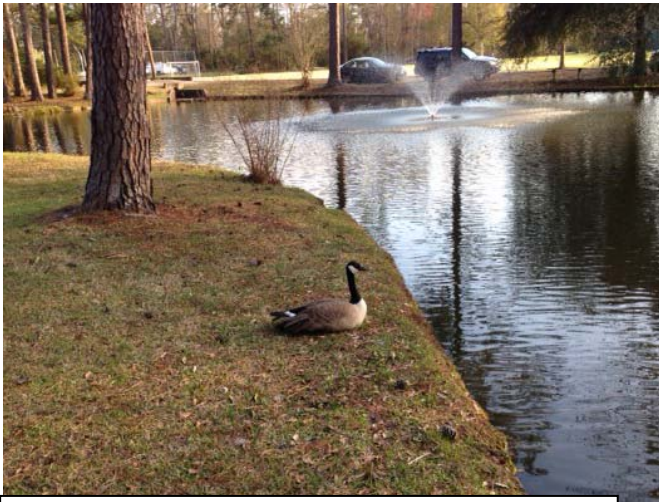
- **Saint Joseph Altar:** Special thanks to **Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo** and her volunteers for an incredible St. Joseph Altar. I hope your son told you all about it and enjoying the delicious lunch and treats. Here's the email Dr. Logarbo sent me the next day: *Once again, thank you for allowing me an environment to fulfill my 18 yr old promise to St. Joseph (and make a circus of the order at SPS for a day!). I cannot thank enough the school community, parents, friends and acquaintances of SPS who act as a village to bring this feast to the boys in Joseph's name. The KC of St Peter fried the fish using their personal fryers this year and were so overcome with pleasure on seeing the students enjoy the day (and the respect they showed!), that they asked to be invited to offer their services again! So many vintage parents return each year that it is a testament to the bonds that are built at SPS. My undying gratitude to all who made this day possible! The dedication of the Altar to the Christian Brothers of SPS only made the day even more special for all of us. In Joseph's service... Wow. It is SPS that needs to be thanking Dr. Logarbo!*
- **Soccer Assembly:** We had a great assembly on Wednesday honoring the Division I State Championship Soccer Wolves, the climax of which was the team parading around the gym with trophy held high to the strains of "We Are the Champions" booming from the speaker system.\
- **Celebrity Waiters Dinner:** Congratulations to **Shellie Campo, Danielle Lavie, Al Nastasi, and all who helped make** for an outstanding CWD. And, of course, **the student hosts were invaluable and garnered many compliments.** Thanks, too, to the Student Hosts, Lasallian Youth, Marching Wolves, ROTC Cadets, and Marian Players who worked the evening. **And Jimmy Brinkman and the SPS Jazz Band Wolves were INCREDIBLE! WOW! I wish each of you could have been there to hear them and to see so many people support SPS. Humbling!**
- **Mother-Son Brunch:** Thanks to the Mothers Club for their hard work! This afternoon's event will be great.
- **Golf:** Congrats to golf wolves who had another win last week!
- **CB Relays:** **Coach Al** and Track Wolves conducted an outstanding meet, which required MUCH work! And the Wolves placed 1st!
- **AFJROTC Field Trip** to Huntsville, AL and Atlanta was a success and the boys had a great time. Thanks, Sgt!
- **Junior Field Trip:** Our guys represented us well at the WW II Museum and learned a lot in the process.
- **Lacrosse:** SPS JV lacrosse team defeated Rummel Sat afternoon 6-1. 8th and Freshmen team each played two games in Biloxi and won both of their games also!! Varsity off this weekend but we play MHS at home on Tuesday night. JV plays at 5 and Varsity at 7. If parents/students/teachers have yet to see a lacrosse game played, this is a great chance. Should be a good



Juniors interact with WW II veteran at the WW II Museum field trip.

game. Concessions stand is openwould love to have a crowded student section to support our lacrosse wolves...we are fighting our way to the play offs again this year!

- **Jr Hi Track:** I know our guys ran last week, but I have no results. LOTS of students involved. GREAT!
- **Baseball:** Some wins, some losses as we prepare for District with a TOUGH pre-district schedule. And the 8th grade team went 2-2 in their tournament this weekend.
- **Habitat for Humanity** Club worked on Sat the 15th. Thanks, Habitat Wolves!
- **Soccer Wolves** were interviewed on local radio on Thu night; they preformed extraordinarily well.
- **Ultimate Frisbee** team competed in the Ogre Open Tournament in Baton Rouge on Sat. From Captain David Conroy: *We got 2nd place in our 12 team tournament. It was a hard fought day of 6 games. We went 4-2 and won two games on "universe point" which is the ultimate equivalent of double overtime. We lost in the finals 13-7 Catholic High but we played very well. Well done, Ultimate Wolves!*
- **Rugby:** And in a show of strength, the new Rugby Wolves won 22-0 over Lake Area. Wow! Congrats!



A Canada goose chillaxes on campus Fri after school! He feels right at home – as he should!

The Louisiana Legislature convened last week for their bi-annual 12 week session. As of last Wed, over 180 bills relating to education had been filed, ranging from changes to TOPS, the abolishment of BESE, the direct election of the State Superintendent of Education, accountability issues, date violence education requirement, bullying, vouchers, to a host of other issues. The overwhelming majority of the bills affect the public sector only, but our official lobbyist, Citizens for Educational Choice, expects some to apply to private/parochial schools. Our lobbyist is fighting for an increase in Required Services funding (yeah!) and expects legislation concerning LHSAA playoff split. Stay tuned! We offer our prayer to the LA Legislature as they grapple with MANY tough issues facing our state.

The Good, Bad and Ugly Dept: I had extensive conversation last week with a parent who feels that drug and alcohol use by our students is on the increase and doesn't feel the school is responding accordingly. After I both listened and responded extensively, the parent seemed to feel better and concluded with this email to me: *I am thankful for your time put forth towards this matter. I know it's challenging. Thank you again for all you do for the students of St. Paul's School.* One of the things I've decided to do is address the issue more in my newsletters, lest I be seen as "soft" on these issues. Accordingly, you can expect to see me address the issue more regularly and keep you informed on all that Saint Paul's IS doing in regard to these issues.

Drug Enforcement Agency Statement on Teen Marijuana Use: Here's the first installment in my ramped up efforts: the DEA's recent statement that should give ALL reason to question marijuana use by teenagers: *"Those who aspire to see their own or others' children accomplish great things in life or who want to live in a nation of increasing prosperity should be very concerned about the increase in marijuana use by teenagers, including the fact that a staggering 12 percent of 13 and 14-year-olds are abusing the drug," said Michele M. Leonhart, Administrator of the DEA. "The mixed messages being sent to America's teens about the harmfulness and legality of using record-high-potency marijuana are obscuring kids' awareness of the effects their use will have on them. America owes it to its children to give them the best possible start in life, so they and society are not hindered in the future."*

Again, you can expect to see me address this issue more often in future newsletters.

Student DRESS Uniform Day for Mass on Wed, Mar 19

Mar 11 Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Mar 11 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of Antonio Vivaldi's "Spring" from his famous "Four Seasons Suite." I explained that Vivaldi is a famous Baroque era Italian composer who lived from 1678 – 1741. I reminded them that Baroque music is dramatic and powerful and that Vivaldi musically interpreted the difference seasons with amazing precision. And why was I emphasizing the season of spring? In addition to signs of spring springing up all over, we are in the season of Lent – and the word "lent" comes from an Old English word meaning "spring." It's a time for our relationship with God to "bloom" just like the spring flowers. It's a time for us to bask in the warmth of God's love, just like we bask in the warmth of spring following the cold of winter. And as the days lengthen, it's a time for us to lengthen our commitment to "put off the things of night" and walk in the daylight.

While the music played, the prayer candle – now purple for Lent – was lit. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: the great grandmother of junior **Joseph Mason**; Mrs. **Catherine Parisi Jaquillard**, grandmother of senior **Parker Jaquillard**; **Mr. Sidney Quinn**, grandfather of **Quinn Nilsen, Avery Frey, & Jonathan Burkett**; **Mrs. Rose Marie Luke Willis**, grandmother of freshman Chad Wilbert. We also prayed for the families of juniors Warner Moore and Brian Harrell, who suffered destructive fires in their homes in the past two weeks.

- I then introduced a special guest at our assembly: **Mrs. Margo Bragg**, mother of SPS alum **Ben Bragg** of the Class of 2008. As many of you know, Ben died in a tragic accident in his sophomore year of college at the Maritime Institute of New York. Because of Ben's love for SPS, the family chose to establish a scholarship in his honor, which is awarded every year to an 8th grader, and built a memorial fountain by the chapel, which provides a serene space for our students to reflect, rest, & pray. I have wanted Mrs. Bragg to come speak to the students about Ben, who was a pretty extraordinary young man, so that the fountain could



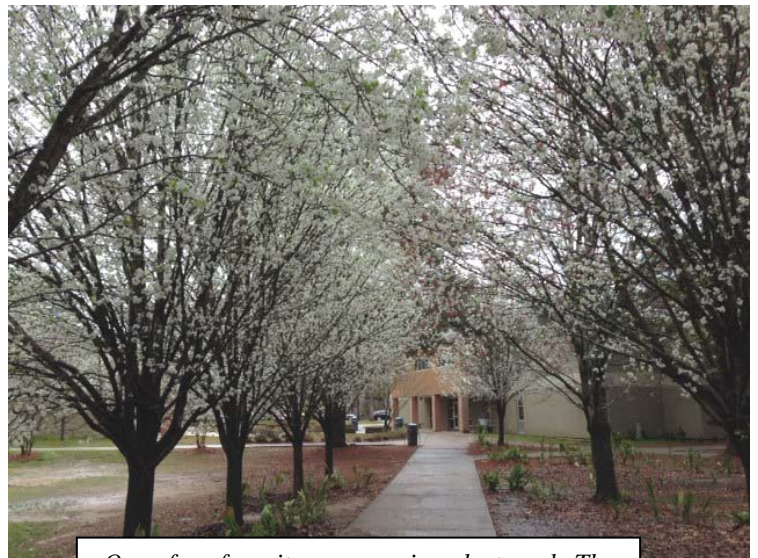
Ben Bragg Memorial Fountain

mean as much to them as it does to those of us who knew Ben. Margo was incredible, as she told the students about Ben and then urged them to put Ben's best traits into action: compassion for others, love for Saint Paul's, school spirit, and, as is printed on the fountain, one of Ben's favorite saying, which was posted in his bedroom: *Realize how little it takes to be truly happy*, a realization that God, family, and friends are more important than material possessions in leading one to happiness. It was a very, very moving talk! *Ben, pray for us!*

- We then recognized and congratulated the **Marching Wolves & AFJROTC** Color Guard for their Mardi Gras parade performances.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Indoor Track Team** who completed their season as the Division I State Runner-up. The team came to the floor of the gym and presented Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen with the State Runner-up trophy.
- Recognized and congratulated the 2013-14 JV Soccer Tam, which a banner year and read their accomplishments: In the fall, the talented Wolves polished off the perennial powerhouses: Jesuit and Brother Martin. In January, they brought home gold in the Covington Cup Tournament, defeating Jesuit when Patrick Stewart blocked 3 straight penalty kicks. Later in January, your JV Wolves travelled to Hahnville to play in the granddaddy of Junior Varsity soccer tournaments. After dominating the first four foes of the tournament, in swampy conditions, the weary Wolves came up short, 1-0, in the final against the arch nemesis blue birds. Despite the loss, your JV Soccer Wolves were perhaps the best JV team in the state, finishing with an 18-1-1 record, including a 2-1 record vs. Jesuit. They outscored their opponents 74-10! Leading scorers were **Reiss Theiler** with 14 goals and **Austin Means** with 10 goals. **Alex Salles** was the assist leader with 7. The stingy defense was anchored by **Joe Gaiennie, Michael Longo, Nick Isolani, and Gregory Roy with Patrick Stewart** in net. Six talented players were brought up by Varsity to help train for the State Championship: **Joe Gaiennie, Alex Salles, Nick Isolani, Jonathon King, Michael Longo, and Reiss Theiler**. Team captains **Joe Gaiennie and Joseph Tanner** then presented the trophy to AD Ketelsen.
- Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions – which will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with the whole student body standing and singing that Lenten favorite, “O That Shame.” It was powerful. **Junior Joseph Gaiennie** extinguished the prayer candle while Vivaldi’s “Spring” from “The Four Seasons” played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during this Lenten 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 – I thought so!

Tickets for St. Paul’s spring musical, “Anything Goes” are on sale in the administration building. Get them soon as they sell out quickly. Opening night will be Wednesday, March 26.

Like Us On Facebook: Danielle Lavie in the Development Office has created a Facebook page and linked it to the website. Just click on the Facebook icon on the homepage of www.stpauls.com. Thanks, Danielle!



One of my favorite campus views last week. The Bradford Pear trees were in full bloom!

Welcome to Our Lady of the Angels Hospital (formerly the LSU Health, Bogalusa Medical Center): We welcome a Catholic hospital to our area. It will be run by The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, who have been caring for the people of the state of Louisiana for over 100 years. Archbishop Aymond will bless the hospital on Mar 17.

Alum Good News: 2013 SPS alum & last year's LA Wrestler of the Year Connor Campo won the NCAA Division III Regional Championship last week at Wartburg College. He wrestled in the Nationals yesterday but lost – as a freshman! After an exhausting CWD, his parents, Shellie and Paul, caught a 5:30 am flight to Iowa to support Connor. There's an interesting 4 minute video about Wartburg Wrestling, with Connor prominently visible, at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/88915021>.

Student Dress Uniform Day on Wednesday, March 19!

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- *Which country and western singer will let you stay at the house? Kenny Rodgers.*
- *Did you hear about the guy who spent a whole year trying to get into classical music? It took the Four Seasons. [VIVALDI!]*
- *What do you call a woman with jam on her head? Marge.*
- *Patient: Doctor, I can't stop stealing your furniture. Doctor: Please, take a seat.*
- *My new racehorse can only run in the dark. It's a night mare.*
- *Went to Pete Sampras' restaurant yesterday. Served very quickly.*
- *I heard a sad story about dropping a wedding cake. It ended in tiers.*
- *I hoped to complete my new spice rack this morning but I couldn't find the thyme.*
- *I went to an earthquake restaurant for lunch. The waiters keep moving your plates.*
- *Patient: Doctor, doctor, my invisibility meds are wearing off. Doctor: I'll see you shortly.*
- *Where's the best play in New York to do multiplication? Times Squared.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Farewell, Coach Josh Harrelson: Trevor Watkins sent the following to the parents of Josh's current students. I want all to be aware: *It is with regret that I inform you that Mr. Josh Harrelson, will be leaving St. Paul's for another job opportunity. Mr. Harrelson felt that this new job was in the best interest of his large and growing family. Mr. Harrelson has served faithfully since 2003 as H&PE instructor, department chair, and in various coaching positions. We are all very grateful for his years of service and dedication to the students at St. Paul's. We are happy for Mr. Harrelson and wish him well in this new career choice. I am also happy to inform you that Mr. Jay Faucheux will be assuming the duties of H&PE instructor for the rest of this year. Mr. Faucheux is no stranger to St. Paul's. He is a graduate of the class of 2004 and has been on our athletic staff since 2008, assisting our Athletic Director, Mr. Ketelsen, in his wrestling coaching duties. Mr. Faucheux has been shadowing Mr. Harrelson for several days so that he can become acquainted with the boys in his new classes and provide a seamless transition to his teaching duties. I hope you will join me in thanking Mr. Harrelson for his service to your son and in welcoming Mr. Faucheux as he assumes his new duties.*

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.

Father Seelos 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
- 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



The Paper Wolf: The time has come. Go to [The Paper Wolf Facebook page](#) to vote for your favorite SPS meme. Simply

“like” or “share” the meme that you think is the funniest or best parodies life at St. Paul’s School. Each like and share will be counted as one vote. Creator of the meme with the most votes will win a Best Buy gift card. Voting ends Monday, March 17, 2014. **And read The Paper Wolf!** (www.thepaperwolf.com) I do! We’ve got an outstanding, AWARD WINNING digital newspaper! Compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe! Support the future of journalism! Geaux Paper Wolves!

Social Media: Superintendent Trey Folsie of the St. Tammany Public School District sent a letter to all of his students’ parents on Feb 25, informing them that school leaders and law enforcement agencies are seeing an uptick in “inappropriate behavior on social media platforms.” Mr. Folsie said the activity authorities are warning parents about can range from cyber bullying to students posting inappropriate pictures of themselves or others. The letter warns parents that some students might have two accounts on such sites as Facebook, Vine, Twitter, Instagram and SnapChat - one that parents can see and another that parents do not have access to. “Some of these apps can also give children a false sense of security about the privacy of what they are sending,” the letter says. I commend Supt. Folsie and echo his sentiments.

Louisiana Magnolia Tri will be held on Sat, Apr 5th at 7:30 am to benefit the Magnolia Community Services (<http://www.mcs-nola.org>), an organization leading the way for people with developmental disabilities. A 600 yard swim, 12 mile bike and 5K run comprise the Tri. More info and registration at: <https://register.cajuntiming.com/Search/event.aspx?id=25259>. Sign up early – Limited space. They welcome and encourage relay teams

In the Good Old Summer Time: Looking for worthwhile summer activities? Here are a few:

- **Louisiana Youth Seminar (LYS):** a weeklong (July 20 – 25) leadership camp held on LSU's campus in Baton Rouge designed for rising juniors and seniors who demonstrate leadership abilities in their schools. More info at www.louisianayouthseminar.org. **SPS 2012 graduate Will Barnett was on campus last Tuesday during lunch to discuss the program and answer questions.**
- **Camp Bocamb:** This camp, conducted by the Legionaries of Christ on Hwy 437 in Covington on June 2-8, is for boys in grades 5-9. Mass, good food, sports, field trips, and fun. Check out pictures from 2013 at www.facebook.com/conquestlouisiana. Contact Martha Lindlay at mfl33184@yahoo.com for more info and registration.



Students using technology to learn

- **Positive action and Positive Attitude Camps:** The Positive Attitude and Positive Action camps are youth leadership workshops designed to teach junior high and high school students leadership and communication skills so that they can return to their schools and communities and implement programs that have a positive impact on others. More info at <http://www.pacamp.org/about.html>
- **SPS Summer Camps:** We offer excellent one week camps in baseball, football, basketball, wrestling, soccer, and drama. Click here <http://www.stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp/> for more info.

The St. Peter Parish Lenten Mission, with presenters Fr. Kevin Scallon and Sr. Briege McKenna, will begin Monday, March 17 and continue through Thursday, March 20.

SPS Mardi Gras Bead Drive: Instead of throwing old beads out, please donate beads to the SPS bead drive. All beads will be donated to help fund St. Michael's Special School. This is a school that helps kids with disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, and Asperger's syndrome. The beads donated will help with color and shape lessons, as well as funding for school.

LA Dept of Children & Family Services is looking for local families to adopt or become foster families for children in need. In St. Tammany alone, last year there were over 2400 reports of child abuse and neglect in the Covington region. Far too often, then children are no longer safe in their one homes and must be cared for temporarily. Some will never be able to return to their homes and need to be adopted. The DCFS will hold information sessions (no obligation) on becoming a foster family or adoption on Tue, Mar 18 at 10 am at the St.

Tammany DCFS, 300, Suite 1, Covington, LA and again on Sat, Mar 29, at 8:30 am at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1 N. Marigold Dr. in Covington. We pray for all children in such situations.

A Look Ahead:

March 18 – ACT testing on campus for **all** juniors

March 19 – Mass – Feast of St. Joseph – DRESS STUDENT UNIFORM

March 21 – Explore Test for all 9th Graders in BAC – 8th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast

March 24 – 9th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast

March 25 – President/Principal’s Assembly

March 26 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast/8th-9th Scheduling Meeting

March 27 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast

March 28 – 12th Grade 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; Field Day activities in afternoon.

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 – Student Council Elections

April 14 – Late Start for Faculty

Meeting/Challenge Night

April 15 – Pack Time

April 17 – Easter Holidays begin at 3:00

April 29 – President/Principal’s Assembly

May 6 – Pack Time

May 7-9 – Senior Exams



Juniors take a break and share brotherhood at their recent retreat day.

Whew! I really wore you out this week!

And even though it’s now mid-March of 2014, I 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

Praying to St. Patrick & St. Joseph as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul’s School

Student Dress Uniform Day on Wed, March 19!

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, Sep 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.