



The President's Newsletter for May 12 - 18, 2014

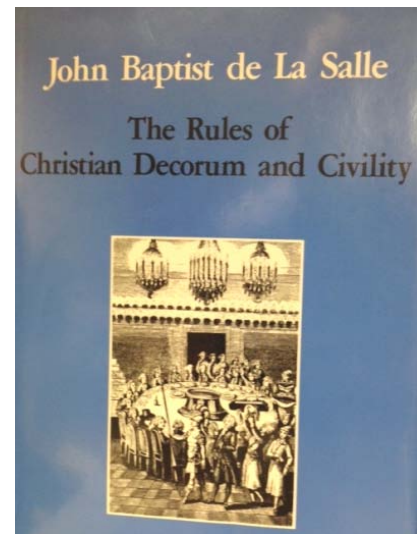
2014 – A Year of Family and Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans



Since I'm sending this newsletter on Mother's Day, let me begin by wishing all our SPS moms a most blessed and happy day. Your vocation as "mother" is priceless. I hope your sons appreciate all that you do for them! Know of my prayer and those of the Christian Brothers for all of you.

This week is National Etiquette Week (NEW), designed to raise awareness of the importance of courtesy, civility, and good manners in everyday life. Civility is a vital part of the professional and social realms—business, social, dining, travel, technology, wedding, and international protocol. But we need civility in everyday life. Civility was so important to Saint John Baptist de La Salle that he wrote a student reader entitled "Rules of Civility and Decorum." It's a masterpiece. Here is a very small sampling of topics covered:

- *What decorum permits or does not permit in regard to interrupting others*
- *How to act when meeting someone*
- *Things you should do before eating; how to eat politely; how to request things at the table; how to take portions for yourself; what to do with gravy and fruit; how to eat soup; how to carve meat; how to leave the table*
- *The nose and the manner of blowing your nose and sneezing*
- *How to enter the house of a person you visit and how to greet the person you visit*
- *Faults committed when you speak against the charity due your neighbor*
- *How to question, inquire, correct and give your opinion*
- *The manner of dressing and undressing*
- *Parts of the body which should be covered and the necessities of nature [I'm sure you can guess what these are!]*



Almost any human action you can imagine (especially in the life of boys!) is covered in this book – which was used to teach reading as well as manners. While parts are humorous by today's standards, the overarching message is that civility and decorum are not optional traits. And our job as educators is to help students adapt to the civil and decorous demands of modern day life. Please encourage your sons to practice civility, especially manners, this week – and let's all commit **to setting the example** for the young people entrusted to our care. I promise to be civil and decorous this week!

Mon, May 12 (Regular; A B C D)

- **National Limerick Day** (a five line anapestic meter poem with an aabba rhyme scheme – but you knew that.) Here's what many consider the best limerick ever (at least that can be printed in a Catholic newsletter!), written by American poet & humorist Ogden Nash:

*A flea and a fly in a flue
were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue*

- **Art Show** begins this evening from 6-7:30 and runs through the 14th. Our guys have done some GREAT work this year. Be sure and compliment them.

Tue, May 13 (Assembly; E F G A)

- **Final President's Assembly (Yea!)** I'll try to recognize as many as possible, but undoubtedly some things will get left out; some will roll over until next year!
- **Frog Jumping Day:** Be kind to frogs today! They are all over our campus! This day can be traced back to Missouri author Mark Twain, and his first short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" – which is worth reading today!
- **Band Awards Ceremony (6 pm; BAC)** Thanks for a GREAT year, Marching, Concert, & Jazz Wolves!



Spanish V students serenade office staff as part of their final exam. Here's the song they sang:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAKVTIHWNsg>

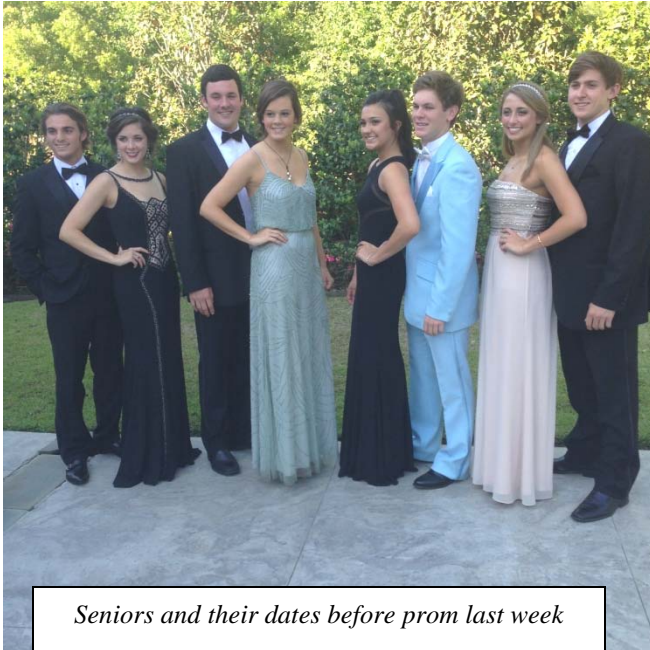
I thought our students sounded better!

Wed, May 14 (Assembly; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** 1948, in Tel Aviv, the State of Israel, is established, the first Jewish state in 2,000 years
- **National Chicken Dance Day:** OK with me if you dance like a chicken today!
- **Athletic Awards Ceremony** this morning. I've said it before and I'll say it again: I'll match our athletic program against any school. And ditto for our coaches – and not just for their knowledge of their sport, but for the content of their character, their commitment to Lasallian values, and their unswerving dedication to our students. We have had a great year. I know the purpose of this morning is to honor the students, but our coaching staff deserves great recognition, too. How many schools can boast of the following:

- Football - District Champs – again;
- Cross Country – District, North Shore Metro, & STATE CHAMPS
- Soccer - District & STATE CHAMPS and ranked 10th in the nation
- Wrestling - District, Parish Champs - 6th in State, 1 individual state champ
- Powerlifting – 2nd in State
- Indoor Track - 2nd in State as a team; individual state champs
- Outdoor Track - District & Parish Champs
- Golf – 2nd in State

- Lacrosse - District Champs – 2nd in State
- Gymnastics - STATE CHAMPS
- Ultimate: 2nd in State
- Wow. Go Wolves!
- **Pre-freshmen Exams begin followed by Promotion Ceremony Practice**
- **Cross Country:** Call-out this afternoon at 3:30 for all interested in running for the state champion Wolves!
- **Senior Grad Night.** This activity is organized by senior parents for all seniors. The evening lasts from 5-8. It is a lock in; seniors may not come and go.



Seniors and their dates before prom last week

Thu, May 15 (Assembly; F G A B)

- **National Chocolate Chip Day:** go ahead and indulge with a cookie or CC ice cream!
- **Traditional feast of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.** Today, Lasallians around the world celebrate this amazing saint and his educational commitment to young people, especially the poor and those in need.
- **TDIH:** In 1950, Pope Pius XII declares John Baptist de La Salle “Patron of All Teachers of Youth.” Here are the Pope’s words: *Having then carefully considered the matter, we now, with sure knowledge and due deliberation, and in the exercise of our full apostolic authority, constitute and proclaim, by this Brief and for all time, St. John Baptist de La Salle, Confessor, principal patron before God, of all teachers of youth, and we accord him all liturgical honours and privileges appropriate to that title, irrespective of all contrary*

considerations. Given at Rome, from St. Peter's, and sealed with the Fisherman's ring, this 15th day of May, feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, in the twelfth year of our pontificate. All teachers should celebrate their Patron’s feast!

- **Academic & Service Awards Assemblies for grades 9-11;**
- **Pre-freshmen exams & Promotion Ceremony Practice**
- **SPS Board of Trustees Meeting**
- **Drama Classes Original One Act Plays**

Fri, May 16 (DRESS UNIFORM ASSEMBLY; C D E F)

- **Awards Assembly for All followed by final senior graduation practice & Pre-freshman exams and Promotion Ceremony Practice**

Sat, May 17

- **TDIH:** In 1954, in a major civil rights victory, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional.
- **TDIH:** In 1980, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, suffers a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness.
- **World Hypertension Day:** OK, everyone, let’s get our blood pressure under control! Mine will drop sharply beginning on May 23rd.

- **National Pizza Party Day:** not sure if this fits with hypertension day, but if your pressure allows, celebrate!

Sun, May 18

- **TDIH:** In 1588, a massive Spanish fleet, known as the "Invincible Armada," sets sail from Lisbon on a mission to secure control of the English Channel and transport a Spanish invasion army to Britain from the Netherlands.
- **TDIH:** In 2008, Winston Sinclair Capps, Samuel Joseph Collett III & Brian Paul Logarbo, Jr. graduated as co- salutatorians of Saint Paul's School and John-Paul Tortorich graduated as valedictorian. Winston is now a physicist, Sam is an attorney, & Brian is in medical school. I've lost track of John-Paul, however, but I'm sure he's doing well!
- **One Hundred and Third Annual Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School** at 10:00 a.m. in Briggs Assembly Center. Admission by ticket only (each senior was issued 8.) The seniors did GREAT at practice! In case you haven't heard, 2014 Valedictorians are **Zachary Albright, Michael Burke, Grant Landwehr, & Peter Yager** and Salutatorian is **Bryan Livaudais**.
- **Justin Addison Memorial Conservation Cup:** This event, on the day Justin would have graduated, is very meaningful. Here's what Justin's dad, Dr. Jay Addison, said about the event: *"We had always intended to leave our land to Justin for his future children to carry on the family traditions of raising horses, hunting, and fishing. His untimely loss has refueled our commitment to the Land Trust for Louisiana - the acres that we protect will be his legacy. His beautiful spirit and love of life live on in our efforts to preserve the land for future generations to enjoy."* We are looking for students to earn service hours by helping at this event. They should see Mr. Richards for info.

Greater Lasallian World: St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe, NM, has selected Taylor Gantt, who currently serves as the school's director of advancement, as the new president of the school, which was founded by the Brothers in 1859 and currently serves boys and girls in grades 7-12. Many Saint Paul's Christian Brothers (Rich, Louis, Peter D, Jerry, & Bill Ray to name a few) have served at St. Mike's, the western terminus of the New Orleans – Santa Fe Province – and which will become of center of the San Francisco New Orleans Province on July 1.)

Art Exhibit by our students is on display in the Briggs Center on Mon – Wed of this week. Evening showings will be held at 6 pm. Allow me to take a moment to praise our art department. They do some really fantastic work. Gerald Ancar and Andrew Dart (and Merle Dooley before them) have developed a multi-dimensional program of which we can all be very proud. Thanks to them and the art students for this annual display. Please make an effort to view this great display of art in the Briggs Center.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Alumni Induction:** The student body traveled back in time last week to 1964, complete with music by The Beatles and historical and pop cultural data (e.g. average annual income was \$6000, average price of new car was \$3500, *Bonanza* was the top TV hit, etc) We were honoring members of the Class of 1964 who had returned to campus to celebrate their 50th anniversary of graduation. The Class of 1964 then inducted the Class of 2014 into the Alumni Association. It was great.



*Seniors enjoy ice cream
courtesy of SPS cafeteria
ladies.*

- **AP Exams** went well. Thanks to teachers who taught and proctored and to the many students who accepted the AP challenge.
- **Graduation Practice** went VERY well! Wow! The Class of 2014 will have quite a ceremony!
- **Cap & Gown distribution** went well but a number of seniors did not receive theirs as they still have obligations to the school.
- **Senior Finals** went well. Thanks, senior teachers!
- **National Honor Society** induction ceremony was great. Thanks, Kristin Lagraize, Gina Hall, & NHS officers for all your work.
- **Cafeteria ladies** treated seniors to ice cream sundaes on the first day of grad practice. Thanks, ladies!
- **Band Concert** was outstanding. Well done, Andrew Moran, Jimmy Brinkman, & band.
- **Athletic Physicals** kept coaches, athletes and doctors busy Sat morning. We are very grateful to the medical community for providing this service to our students.
- **Law Studies Class** enacted their mock trial last week – it was VERY interesting and well done. Thanks, Sonny Garcia! I don't know how I would have voted as a juror!
- **Plant Sale:** Thanks Botanical Wolves for a successful sale to help beautify the campus.
- **Habitat for Humanity Wolves:** Thanks Habitat Wolves for your service on Saturday.
- **Pie Bowl:** Our annual end of spring football ritual was fun and successful. Geaux Wolves!
- **State Track Meet:** Congrats to Zachary Albright and DC Lipani: STATE CHAMPS in the 1600 and 3200 evens. And Zach set a class record! Eric Costin was 2nd in State in the 1600! Well done, Track Wolves!

More Alumni News:

- Matthew Johnson '03 will be ordained by Archbishop Aymond to the Catholic priesthood on June 7th. He will celebrate his first mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, June 8 at noon at his home parish of Our Lady of the Lake. God bless you, soon to be Father Matthew!
- Nicolas Lavie '05 will graduate on Monday, May 12th with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from LSU. His wife, Elise, will also graduate with the same degree.
- Matt Richards '07 will graduate May 16 from LSU's school of Engineering in mechanical. He is the president of Tiger Racing (<http://tigerracing.weebly.com>) and his team will compete this week in Detroit, so the team, primarily seniors, will not be at graduation. We are proud of Matt.



John Baldwin '64 gives Don Gallaty '14 his alumni pin.

Bookstore Clearance Sale: On Thu, May 15th the Mothers Club is opening the bookstore for the entire day to have an **End of School** sale. We have also invited all boosters clubs to bring their left over spirit items to sell as well. We will be having sale from 9am - 4pm in the courtyard between the Briggs Center and LaSalle Hall. We are trying to make an effort to have some uniformity with all booster sales together so that parents can get as much SPS apparel as they want at one time. We will also be selling used uniforms

Field Turf Replacement begins this week and will take several weeks. The replacement is covered under warranty except for the addition of lacrosse lines and a few other upgrades. I am grateful to Craig Ketelsen for coordinating all of this. No one will be allowed in Hunter Stadium for the next three weeks.

New Football Scoreboard: This week we will sign a contract for a new state of the art football scoreboard – with video capability which will allow for instant replay,

promotion of school events, and selling of “commercials” during games. Mandeville already has one and Covington is getting one. We must stay competitive. The scoreboard is being paid for by sponsors so it’s not costing the school anything. It’s amazing how quickly the sponsorships sold whereas **I’m still looking for academic sponsorships!**

New Gym Update: As you may have heard, we are engaged in a feasibility study for a major upgrade of our current gym or the construction of a new gym. The architectural firm of Fauntleroy Latham Weldon Barre and the contracting firm of DonahueFavret are working with us. You will hear MANY scenarios being discussed. NOTHING has been finalized yet so please don’t believe whatever you hear. As the late New Orleans Mayor Vic Schiro said during Hurricane Betsy: “Don’t believe any false rumors unless they come from me.” **And, yes, we’ll be seeking donors and offering naming opportunities.**

National Survey of American Attitudes on Teen Substance Abuse: the 17th annual survey was conducted recently by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASAColumbiaTM). Some interesting findings:

- Parental expectations, particularly expressing strong disapproval of teen substance use, can be a decisive factor in a teen’s decision to drink alcohol, use drugs or smoke tobacco. Compared to teens who say that their parents would be extremely upset to find out that their child smokes, drinks or uses marijuana, those who say their parents would not be extremely upset are:
 - Eight and a half times likelier to say it’s okay for teens their age to use marijuana;
 - Ten times likelier to say it’s okay for teens their age to get drunk; and
 - Nine times likelier to say it’s okay for teens their age to smoke cigarettes.

English Books for Next Year: From Curriculum Coordinator Joe Dickens: *To make obtaining your son’s reading materials as easy as possible, we have contracted with MBS Direct to run our virtual bookstore. Any novel, play, or workbook he will need for English will be listed including new and used editions, and in some cases, eBooks. We offer this service for convenience, variety, and savings.*

The first purchase you’ll make will be for his summer reading. Simply go to our website at stpauls.com, click the “Order Your Books Here” button and you’ll be directed to our virtual bookstore. You’ll choose his summer reading title based on his placement in English. Payment will be handled on-line through MBS Direct, and the books will be shipped by UPS straight to your home.

The titles for your son’s summer reading will be available for purchase through our virtual bookstore in late May, and the materials that he’ll need for the academic year will be available in July. If you already own a copy of the books, there is no need to purchase!



Honors Biology students study the anatomy of fish.

Lastly, all summer reading questions for English and social studies (if he's in honors or AP) are posted on our website. Click on the link for summer reading, and find the class(es) applicable to your son. If you have any questions, please contact our Curriculum Coordinator, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.

H of the W: some “daffynitions”:

- *Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.*
- *Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.*
- *Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.*
- *Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.*
- *Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.*
- *Gargoyle (n.), olive flavored mouthwash.*
- *Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.*
- *Frisbeetarianism (n.) The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.*



What the Honors Biology class did with the fish after the study was complete! Only in LA!

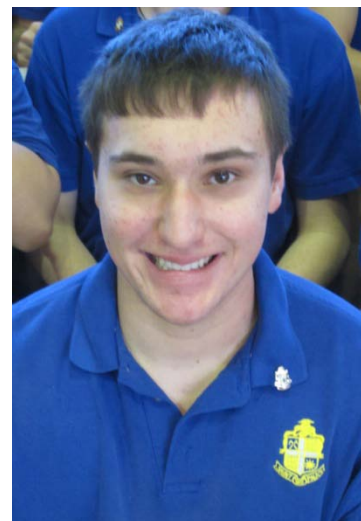
W of E Dept: I don't usually print email from parents, but I'm putting the following in (anonymously) as they are from the parents of seniors as they reflect on their sons' SPS careers. I hope we all take comfort and pride and realize the sacrifices made to attend SPS were worth it:

- *We are winding down as parents of an active St. Pauls student. Before we forget, we want to express how grateful to you we both personally are. We have been blessed to have two boys treated with such dignity, and such high expectations, in an environment which models Christ's teachings daily. Thank you and your faculty so much for these fine young men you have delivered to us.*
- *And from a parent whose third (and final!) son who is graduating: We could not have asked for a better school setting for our boys. In all fourteen years, there has never been a time when we were not completely happy with Saint Paul's. I believe that speaks volumes for the administration, teachers, and staff at SPS. Our three sons are each unique and special with different needs. All of their individual needs were met in a loving, caring, kind manner. Saint Paul's has been a significant part of our lives. It's been a privilege to be part of the Saint Paul's Community.*
- *Enrolling [my son] in St. Paul's was the best decision we have made for him. The teachers he has had and the guidance he has received have been exemplary. It is up to him now what he does with that instruction. Thank you for the excellent education our son has received. We thank God for putting such wonderful teachers, coaches, and counselors in his path.*
- *And from multi-level parents: As parents of an 8th grader and a graduating senior, thank you to the entire staff at St. Paul's School. Excellent work!*

Know that we will continue to work hard to earn these kinds of comments as students graduate!

Award Ceremonies: Here's the info on our end of year awards ceremonies:

- **Athletic Awards** will be at 8 am on Wednesday, May 14th in the BAC. Grades 8-11 will be in attendance. Senior athletes who want to receive their awards must attend. All other seniors are invited, but not required, to attend. Parents of the major athletic award winners will be notified and issued a special invitation to attend. Other parents are welcome to attend.
- **Band Awards** will be Tuesday evening in the BAC.
- **Academic Awards** for 8th graders will be given at the 8th grade promotion ceremony on Monday, May 19, at 6 pm in the BAC.
- **Academic Awards** for grades 9-12 will be given as follows:
 - Most of the awards (the gold & blue P, the course medals, etc.) will be given in level assemblies on Thursday morning, May 15. That way, all of a student's peers can see him get the award and perhaps aspire to be in that number next year. We will give the major awards (the Golden Torch, Superior Achievement, Superior Academic, etc.) at an all school assembly on Friday morning, May 16, at 8 am. Parents of the major award winners will be invited to attend. Other parents are welcome to attend.



Wyatt smiles after receiving his alumni pin!

Attention Students: Perfect Attendance has been posted for ALL GRADES on the bulletin board outside of Ms. Erin's office. It is very important that you check this list as soon as possible and see Mrs. Erin with any questions.

Tutoring continues every Mon, Wed and Fri at 7:15 in LaSalle Hall Room 212; Tue and Thu during lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 211. The tutors are very friendly and encourage students to come for help.

Graduation or Confirmation Gift: Looking for something different? **Buy A Brick!** We are about to order the third set of bricks for installation in La Salle Hall's courtyard this summer. If you want to get in on this installment, order your brick soon. This would make a nice graduation gift! You can pick up an order form in the administration office, the records office, and the Alumni & Development Office. It's also in Wolf Tracks or you can go on line to the school's web-site, stpauls.com. If you need more information, call Danielle or Al in the development office. Cost of a brick is \$125.

Service Hour Reminder: I'm disappointed at the students who have not met their service hour requirement. It makes me want to question whether Saint Paul's is the place for them. If your son is in that number, please urge him to get those service hours in.

Senior Graduation, as stated in our handbook, is a privilege, not a right. Please note the following:

- Graduation is Sunday, May 18, at 10 am.
- Admission is **BY TICKET ONLY**. Each senior was issued EIGHT (8) tickets on May 09.
- The ceremony takes place within the context of a Catholic mass. Proper behavior **FROM ALL** is required. The ceremony lasts about two hours and is a beautifully moving event, but **is NOT a "small children" friendly event.**

NEXT YEAR'S 2014-15 School CALENDAR!

- **School starts on August 7.** Note: this will be a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION. It will NOT be the Book Day of the past. We expect full attendance.
- The full calendar is posted on our website for you to plan accordingly.
- We are in the process of finalizing course offerings and staffing for next year. It's imperative, therefore, that your son turn in his course selection sheet if he has not already done so.
- Tuition invoices have been emailed and tuition is due June 1. Prepayment is always welcome!

And Speaking of Next Year: Tuition invoices have been sent to returning students. Tuition is due by June 1. Bank loans must be secured by end of this week. Go to any branch of Resource Bank.

I'm Still Begging: I had an excellent response last week! Thanks to those who each week respond to my request. But PLEASE – I need everyone's help, including alumni and grandparents. For clarity, I offer the following:

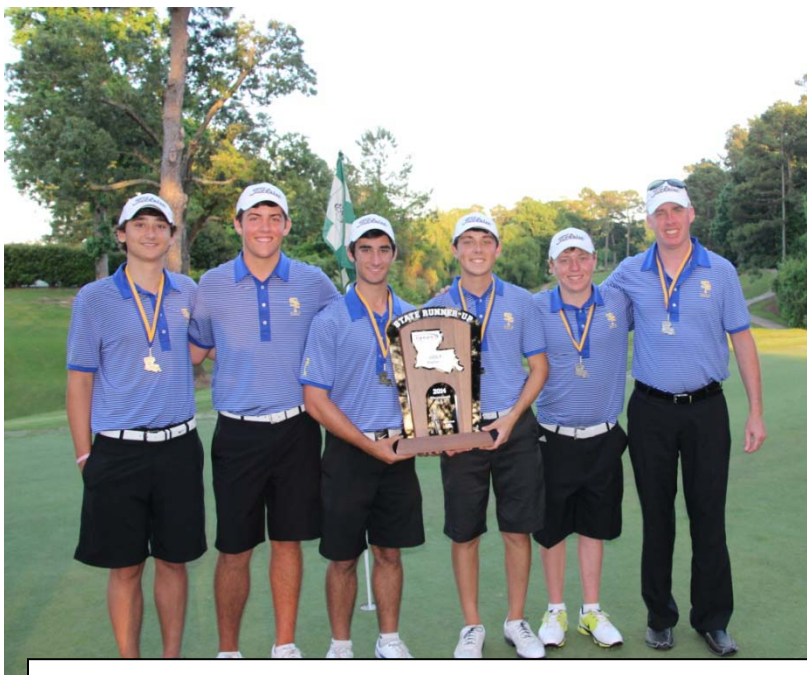
- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation.)
- 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!

- 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! Thanks. Can you send \$10 to 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!

WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! Several grandparents approached me on GP Day about donating and asked why they aren't solicited like other schools do. I replied that we need and welcome their support and they all replied that they would contribute. **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.



*Golf Wolves with State Runner-up Trophy!
The Wolves had a GREAT year!*

Dress and Grooming Rules: We will insist that students follow the dress code through the last second of the school year. Parents – please examine your son’s dress before he leaves for school.

SAFE DRIVING: The **neighbors are again complaining about the way some of our students are driving.** They have called the police on several cars which have been issued tickets or warnings. I will not intercede with the police on behalf of the students if they are in violation of traffic codes. And we are taking disciplinary action at school as well. Parents – PLEASE stress with your sons the need to respect the residential nature of our neighborhood. Students MUST drive appropriately.

A Look Ahead for the Remainder of This Year:

May 13 – President’s Assembly –
May 13 -- Band Awards in PM
May 14 – Athletic Awards in AM
May 14-16 – Pre Freshmen Exams & Promotion Ceremony Practices begin
May 14 – Senior Grad Night (5-8)
May 15 – Level Awards Assembly in AM assembly
May 15 – Original One Act Plays by Theater Classes (always an experience)
May 16 – Major Awards Assembly in AM assembly (**dress uniform day**)
May 18 – Senior Graduation (10 am in the BAC)
May 19 – Exam Schedules Begin for grades 9-11
May 19 – Pre Freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6 pm)
May 22 – Exams End for Grades 9-11
May 23 – Make up /conflict exam day
Aug 07 – School begins for 2014-15 with A B C D!

Well, I’ve really taxed you again this week! Don’t worry! Only one more newsletter to endure! And even though it’s the middle of May (already!) 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. Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul’s – which is rapidly drawing to a close!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Safe and Successful End to the 2013-14 School year as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

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