

**Warning about the Newsletter:** This is another LONG newsletter, but there's a lot to cover as we begin school. So pour another cup of coffee (or beverage of your choice!), relax, and read. Feel free to take breaks!



## *The President's Newsletter for Aug 18 - 24, 2014*

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



Welcome to the third week of the 2014-15 school year. Due to the hard work and cooperation of many, we have had a wonderfully smooth opening of school. Thanks! My message this week is very simple:

### *Make courageous choices!*

The theme is taken from the life of Servant of God Brother James Miller, FSC, about whom I wrote in the first newsletter. Every day provides us many opportunities to be courageous by doing the right things despite what popular opinion may dictate. And certainly being a good parent takes lots of courage! If you are not on board with this theme, resolve, as we pray at the end of each school day, “to make tomorrow a better day.”

May your week and year be filled with extraordinary doses of courage, faith and zeal! Thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of the Saint Paul's and part of 330+ year tradition of the Lasallian Family!

#### **Mon, Aug 18 (Regular; A B C D)**

- **TDIH:** In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.
- **Bad Poetry Day:** This day was started by cynics who, after all of the “good poetry” they were forced to read in high school, wanted payback. They want people to celebrate by gathering with friends, writing bad poetry, and sending the poetry to their high school English teachers! So with apologies to Brother Hilary, the best English teacher ever who I was privileged to have for three years in high school, here's a really bad poem.

*This Is Just a Text to Say* by Kelly Robinson  
*i 8 the salmon that wr n*  
*the fridge & which u bought*  
*at Costco 4 KT's thing after book club*  
*4 give me they wr delicious*  
*so pink & so salmony*

- **Morning Prayer: 7:15 in chapel. Thanks, Barrett.**
- **Pre-Freshman Student Council Speeches**
- **CBU Engineering Faculty Visit**
- **New Parent Reception (6:30 – 8:00) in the BAC.**

#### **Tue, Aug 19 (Wolf Pack; E F G A)**

- **TDIH:** In 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate *Constitution* defeats British frigate *Guerrière* in a furious engagement off coast of Nova Scotia. Witnesses claim that British shot bounced off the *Constitution's* sides, as if the ship were made of iron rather than wood. By the war's end, "Old Ironsides" destroyed or captured seven more British ships. The success of the USS *Constitution* against the supposedly invincible Royal Navy provided a tremendous boost in morale for the young American republic. (History Channel website)



- **National “Black Cow” Root Beer Float Day:** With vanilla ice cream, coppery root beer, and frothy foam, a root beer float is a classic. Root beer was manufactured, bottled, and sold starting in 1880. Legend has it that 13 years later, the root beer float, often referred to as a black cow, was invented when Frank Wisner of Cripple Creek, CO floated vanilla ice cream on top of his root beer. The full moon allowed him to glimpse the snow on top of nearby Cow Mountain. The tasty treat was tremendously popular among the town's children, who then called it a "black cow." Note: several dates claim to be the “national celebration day” -- obviously, people want an excuse to indulge!
- **Get Involved Day:** We will have tables set up along the sidewalks from the Main School Building to the Cafeteria during lunch. Representatives of our different activities will be present to inform and/or recruit students to their activities.
- **Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30)** under the Wolf Dome. This is a change from the original date of Aug 20 due to a football scrimmage being scheduled on Wed. Thanks to the senior class moms who are organizing this activity.

### Wed, Aug 20 (Feast of St. Bernard; B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** In 1920, seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful National Football League.
- **National Radio Day:** Listen to the radio today! My favorite? WWNO & WWNO 2 (NPR & Classical!)
- **World Mosquito Day:** On this day in 1897, Sir Ronald Ross, a British doctor working in India, made the link that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. To mark this day, kill all the mosquitoes you can find!
- **Football:** Wolves scrimmage John Curtis (6)
- **Band Booster Meeting (7)**



*Brother Louis makes his directorial debut with our wonderful liturgical band!*

### Thu, Aug 21 (Assembly schedule; Feast of St. Pius; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1959, Hawaii enters the Union as the 50<sup>th</sup> state.
- **TDIH:** In 2004, American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his eighth medal of the 2004 Athens Olympics. As we all know by now, Phelps became the most medaled contestant in modern Olympian history.
- **National Spumoni Day:** This Italian dessert is made from layers of ice cream, whipped cream, candied fruit, and nuts. It is typically made with three layers of flavor: chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. Each layer of ice cream is mixed with fruits and nuts. Spumoni **should always be sliced, never scooped.** Enjoy this classic – but slice, don’t scoop.
- **Poet’s Day:** Celebrate poets today! Write a poem! Read a poem! Hug a poet!
- **March through the Arch** commemorates the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian Brothers. Seniors assemble at arch by 7:15 for pictures.

- **Senior & Parent Breakfast** following the March. Because they all can't fit in the cafeteria, we will have a large outdoor tent and seating, thus providing "al fresco" dining (from the Italian meaning "in the fresh" – air, that is.)
- **Senior Unity Day.** After Breakfast until 11:30 in the theater. In the afternoon, we will practice for ring ceremony. Dismissal follows practice.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony (6:30 pm in the BAC):** Seniors assemble by 6:15.

**Fri, Aug 22 (Regular; Memorial of the Queenship of Mary; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1989, Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers becomes first major league pitcher in to register 5,000 career Ks.
- **Be An Angel Day:** Be like angels today and do one small act of service for someone; be a blessing in someone's life!
- **Senior Ring Holiday:** Seniors—enjoy your holiday, but be angels today!
- **FIVE CORE Rally for Pre-Freshmen during Period G.** Our Lasallian Youth Leaders have prepared a special program during G Period for our Pre-Freshmen. They will pray, play, learn, and interact as they begin building Lasallian brotherhood.

**Sat, Aug 23 (Memorial of St. Rose of Lima)**

- **TDIH:** Legendary Pete Rose is banned from baseball for betting on the game. How ironic that this was done on Saint Rose's feast day!
- **Football Meet the Team (BAC)**



*Newly commissioned Eucharistic Ministers prepare to distribute Holy Communion to congregation.*

**Sun, Aug 24: Attend church today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today. We encourage non-Catholic families to worship at the church, synagogue, or mosque of choice**

- **TDIH:** In 79, Mount Vesuvius erupts in southern Italy, devastating the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- **Strange Music Day:** Strange

Music Day was started by Patrick Grant, a Julliard graduate and professional musician. The purpose of Strange Music Day is to listen to music you have never heard before, just for the heck of it. Have fun today and listen to something different! I think I'll ask some students for suggestions!

- **National Waffle Day:** Today marks the anniversary of the first waffle iron patent in 1869. Eat a waffle today! Or just keep changing your mind about things -- get it? Waffling?

**Jazz n Roll:** Join us for the **25th anniversary of Jazz 'N Roll on Saturday, October 4th, 2014!** Come together with parents, alumni, sponsors and supporters in the community for Saint Paul's major fundraiser. This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend **SATURDAY evening from 7:00pm – 11:00pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center and enjoy

gourmet food and libations from exclusive local establishments. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous live auction, raffles and the Wolf Wheel of Prizes. I'm humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so: <http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/jnr-order/> Contact the Advancement Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.



### **Meet the Schools of San Francisco New Orleans District:**

Last week I highlighted La Salle High School in Yakima, Washington. This week, we move into the state of Oregon, where there are two Lasallian schools. I'll start with La Salle Catholic

College Prep in Milwaukie, OR. With a motto of "Enter to learn, leave to serve", La Salle has been providing a quality, Catholic, college-preparatory education on their 34 acre campus to students of the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area since 1966. La Salle serves a socio-economically diverse student population; about 19% of this population is minority and 67% are Catholic. Their co-ed student body (about 700, almost equally divided between boys and girls) is drawn from as far north as Ridgefield, WA and as far south as Salem, OR. Sixteen percent of their students live in the state of Washington. They offer 14 AP courses and 170 of their students sat for AP exams last spring. The class of 2014 garnered over \$11M in scholarship offers. They are a 1 to 1 iPad school and offer a STEM academy option. Some interesting courses include Chinese, German, Music Technology, Fashion Illustration, & Game Design and Theory. Their annual school theme centers on a social justice issue. Last year, the theme was *Investing in the World's Women* and the whole student body had the same book to read. Their mascot is *Falcons*. *Geaux Falcons!*

**Student-Parent Handbook & Signature Card: The signed cards are now overdue!** The Student-Parent Handbook is posted on the homepage of our website (under the "Student Life" button.) Students and parents must know our policies and agree to follow them. As evidence of that agreement, students and parents **MUST** sign a form attesting they have read the Handbook, understand its contents, and intend to adhere to it. **Print out the signature form which is posted on our website under News.**

**Believe it or not, even Reagan Hill, who's been hospitalized for the last month, has returned his signed card! Now, that's Wolf Pride!**

**Wolf Pack Time:** Our revised advisory program (now known as Wolf Packs) debuts on Tuesday. Here are the highlights of the program:

- All students are assigned to a Wolf Pack which will meet every other Tuesday. The Wolf Pack is a grouping of a single faculty member and a selection of students. Most, but not all, returning students have the same faculty advisor as they did last year. A many factors were involved in forming Packs but any adjustments were done out of necessity. Students will be informed on Mon about which Wolf Pack they are assigned to.

- The "re-branding" of the program to Wolf Packs is intended foster more of a 'pack' mentality to promote a stronger relationship within the group.
- A committee of teachers and students plans each Wolf Pack time.
- During Pack Time, we still deal with important topics of discussion when such topics are deemed relevant and necessary (bullying, safety, etc.). We also emphasize DOING things to reinforce the topic of the day as opposed to just talking.
- The success of the program relies upon everyone's openness to the structure. Many people, teachers and students work hard to make this program relevant and enjoyable.
- Senior leadership and mentoring is stressed, especially between seniors and Pre-freshmen. This is Big Brother program.
- I hope your son has positive things to say about our first Wolf Pack time on Tuesday.



*A senior gives Holy Communion to his mom.*

**Painless Fund Raisers:** Take advantage of these painless fund raisers for SPS:

- Target: 5% of your Red Card purchases come to SPS when you give them our name at checkout.
- Office Depot: SPS receives 5% on purchases when you give our number: 70041640.

**Attendance:** Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

**Senior Week:** SW is finally here! Here's the basic plan:

- Tue, Aug 19 – Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Wed, Aug 20 – Varsity Football scrimmage v. John Curtis
- Thu, Aug 21 – March through the Arch at 8 am
- Thu, Aug 21 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30
- Thu, Aug 21 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:00 (maybe earlier if we finish)
- Thu, Aug 21 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center; seniors assemble at 6:15. This ceremony is mandatory for all seniors, whether getting a ring or not. And, yes, seniors may use family rings or state championship rings. Just bring them to the Admin Bldg.
- Fri, Aug 22 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors

**Edline:** Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.* And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It's very annoying when we get an Edline email with a question but your setting won't accept our response.

**After School Issues:** Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a

procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed. Some do but some didn't last week and we had a couple of parents in a quandary wondering where their sons were.

**Last Wednesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed last Wed's assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to Jean-Joseph Mouret's "Rondeau" and used this wonderfully stirring baroque piece of music to set the tone for the year. Ask your son to hum it for you! The older students should be able to do this!

- As junior **Hayden Ingram** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for the following relatives of SPS families who have recently died: **Mr. Julius Pichon**, grandfather of senior **David Durand**, **Mr. Gordon Johnson '80**, **Josh Hathcox**, friend of sophomore **Nick Ashton**, **Mr. Joe Hart**, grandfather of senior **Gunnar Young**; **Mrs. Lois Fast**, grandmother of junior **Etienne Winston**; **Mrs. Ouida Logarbo**, mother of **Mr. Brian Logarbo**; **Mr. Joseph Patton "Pat" Mashburn, Sr.**, grandfather of **Bradley and Jack Mashburn**; **Mrs. Toni Besse**, grandmother of senior **Patrick Rudiger**;



*Seniors pay attention at last week's assembly. We've outgrown our gym! Any ideas?*

- grandmother of senior **Tanner Brunner**; **Mr. Peter A. Pellegrini**, grandfather of pre-freshman **Zachary Uson**; **Mr. A. Thomas Delery**, grandfather of sophomore **Robert Baricev**; **Mr. Gottlieb T. "Bootsie" Batt III**, grandfather of **Ms. Erin Abney**; **Mrs. Catherine Lambert**, grandmother of sophomore **CJ Cage**; **Mr. Paul Francis Cressy**, uncle of junior **David Cressy**; **Mrs. Frances Jo Reggio**, grandmother of freshman **Sal Orlando**, & **Mr. Richard O'Krepki**, grandfather of senior **Ryan O'Krepki**.
- Asked the students, level by level, if they were ready to assume the tasks ahead of them; they responded enthusiastically, "Yes, Saint Paul's, I'm ready!"
- Welcomed the new Pre-Freshmen as the Class of 2019 and had them enter to a rousing ovation by the rest of the student body and faculty;
- Had the faculty commit themselves to their role as Lasallian educators by having senior Lasallian Youth Leader President **Burke Irwin** and Vice President **William Saucier** ask the faculty a series of questions about their commitment to the Mission. Faculty responded to each question with a resounding "I will!"
- Ran out of time before I could do accomplish any individual recognitions – which will "roll over" to the next assembly!
- We ended the assembly with Student Council President **Sam Giberga** and Vice President **Austin Grashoff** who blessed the entire student body and faculty with holy water while the ancient Marian hymn "Salve Regina" in Gregorian chant played in the background.

- Finally, we ended with the entire student body joining in a thunderous rendition of The Fight Song.
- Before we dismissed, we made a “video postcard” of the entire student body to send to sophomore **Reagan Hill** who is in Children’s Hospital recovering from a spinal cord injury. All of the students stood and chanted “Get well, Reagan!” (followed by the obligatory rhythmic clapping) which the Guerilla Wolves (our video club) filmed. We hope it brightens Reagan’s day!



*Pre-freshmen prepare to enter gym to a “standing o” for first assembly.*

- As junior **Michael Seenapa** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of Mouret’s Rondeau.

- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

**Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be this Tuesday. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we’ve had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we’ve had call outs for football, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.

**Cafeteria Payments:** To pay on line, go to the web site [www.schoolcafe.org](http://www.schoolcafe.org) and then My School Bucks comes up. Create an account. Put your son’s name, DOB and school. You DO NOT have to enter the Student ID.

**Traffic:** Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. We’ve already learned of a few accidents on the way to and from school. Saint Paul’s is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action as well.

**Lost & Found:** Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

**2013-14 Yearbooks:** The yearbooks have arrived and members of the Class of 2014 are already claiming their copies. For the rest of the school, distribution was last Friday. Note the following:

- If any student feels they ordered one, and did not receive one, please have him (or a parent) email Andrew Dart at [andrewd@stpauls.com](mailto:andrewd@stpauls.com) so we can double check our records.

- If a student asks if they can buy one, they can be put on a waiting list by mailing the same andrewd@stpauls.com, but we don't have many leftovers to sell.

**Wolves Football: *Please join in for the 2014 Wolves Adult Social....*** Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the BAC, the Band is The Issue, Cocktails start at 7:00 the band starts for 8:00. *Tickets are \$25.00 at the door...* For information and details about reserving a table, contact Debbie Bodenheimer, 985-502-1315. *The atmosphere is casual and festive! Don't miss out.*

**Helping Saint Paul's:** Don't forget – here are two painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SPS participates in the Community Coffee program.

### **Musings on Last Week:**

- **Assignment Hall** is full swing. Please encourage your son to do his homework, lest he end up with me in AH.
- **Mass:** Congratulations and thanks to Brother Louis and the Liturgical Band, Eucharistic Ministers, Lasallian Young Leaders, Barrett, Physical Plant crew and all who helped. Thanks to the many parents who attended. I was deeply moved by the experience.
- **SSR:** I hope your son enjoyed the first week of Sustained Silent Reading. Ask him what he's reading.
- **Bulletin Boards:** If you've been on campus, I hope you noticed the nicely decorated bulletin boards, thanks to Karen Hebert.
- **Habitat:** Thanks, Mr. Pichon and Habitat Wolves, for your work day on Sat!
- **Morning Announcement Video:** Mr. Guillory and the and Guerilla Wolves, re-made our morning video. Ask your son about it.
- **WGNO TV** ran a segment last Thu at 5:30 am (I'm sure most of you were watching!) on Covington's Hoops for Kids project this past weekend to raise money for a roof at Rev. Peter Atkins Park BB court. Coach Donnie Midkiff and freshman Brandon Nicotri represented the City of Covington on TV along with Mayor Cooper. Brandon displayed some prodigious BB talent. Here's the link:  
<https://docs.google.com/a/stpauls.com/file/d/0B09h7hms-9TZmtHZFVjNtFJOVk/edit?pli=1> Brandon and Coach start at 2:40 into the segment, so just advance the video!



*Cross Country Wolves have already started making items for their Christmas Fun Run!*

- **Dads Club:** Thanks to DC for the New Family BBQ on Sat evening. A good time was passed by all.
- **Student Council:** The Executive Board held its annual retreat on Sat to pray and plan for the year.
- **Pardon Our Mess:** The Administration Building is getting a much needed sprucing up with paint and flooring. Please pardon the mess. We hope to have everything finished early this week.



**When the Game Stands Tall:** I don't usually recommend movies, but this Fri, Aug 22, WTGST opens in theaters across the country, including Covington. The film is an inspiring story about the 151 game high school football win streak by Coach Bob Ladouceur of De La Salle High School in Concord, CA – a Lasallian school in the San Francisco New Orleans Province. Coach's approach emphasizes to his young men the value of purpose and significance over the glory of titles and streaks. It's based on a true story and is an inspiring film, worth viewing by our students. The two local Covington movie houses are showing it – just in case your son is looking for a good flick.

**New LA Laws:** In case you weren't aware, the following legislative acts became law on Aug 1:

- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** Motorists are now prohibited from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- **LA Litter Law Updates:** Amendments to the LA litter law now specifically include cigarettes and cigarette butts to the official definition of litter. Additionally, the fine for a first offense increases to \$300 with 8 hours of community service in a litter abatement program, second offense to \$700 with 16 hours of litter abatement, and a third and subsequent offense to \$1500 with 80 hours of service in a litter abatement program.

**ALERT St. Tammany:** If you have not done so, I encourage you to register for this service. It will inform you when any event poses a threat to us. With ALERT St. Tammany, the Parish can inform you, by phone, based on your geographical location in the Parish, when your safety or well-being is at risk. Evacuation orders, security issues and health threats are among some of the reasons they would feel it necessary to use the Alert St. Tammany. Your information will be used only for this purpose. You can access the self-registration page [here](https://stpgov.onthealert.com/) or at <https://stpgov.onthealert.com/> and enter your contact info. I've signed up and we'll react accordingly.



*Campus is looking good thanks to the hard work of our grounds crew!*

**Seniors:** Want to earn \$200 or more in one day? The St. Tammany Clerk of Court has opportunities for you as an Election Commissioner on Election Days. 17 year old US citizens enrolled in 12th grade as well as 18 year old and older registered voters are eligible. You must attend a training class. See your Civics teacher for more information or go to the St. Tammany Clerk of Court website: [www.sttammanyclerk.org/main/elections.asp](http://www.sttammanyclerk.org/main/elections.asp)

**Service Hours:** We remind all of our students of their obligation to do at least 10 hours of service this year. Last May, a number of seniors did not receive their caps and gowns because they had not completed their service hours. If a student does not want to help others by giving of his time, Saint Paul's is not the place for him.

**Important Tax Info:** The Louisiana Department of Revenue reminds parents that back-to-school shopping can qualify for a \$5,000 per-dependent tax deduction on their state tax returns next year by saving receipts. Items such as uniforms, supplies and TUITION are eligible for tax breaks on the income tax forms due May 15, 2013. The maximum deduction is \$5,000 per dependent student, he said. More information is available at [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction).

**Driver's License Proof of Attendance:** Don't forget: you son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act, so don't blame me!

**Humor of the Week:** *Sniglets* this week – words that aren't in the dictionary but ought to be:

- **Toastaphobia:** *The fear of sticking a fork in a toaster even when it's unplugged*
- **Anniversorry:** *The act of buying presents make up for a forgotten anniversary.*
- **Pre-autoistic McConsumption:** *The tendency to start eating your French fries in the car on your way home.*
- **Idiot Box:** *The part of an envelope that tells where to place the stamp when you can't figure it out for yourself*
- **Ancinematation:** *The curious act of waiting in line to see a movie and watching exiting movie goers' reactions to see if they liked the movie or not*
- **Downpause:** *The split second interruption of rain as you drive your car under a bridge*
- **Lactomangulation:** *Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk carton so badly that one has to resort to using the "illegal" side*
- **Cinemuck:** *The sticky substance on the floor of a movie theater.*
- **Doork:** *A person who tries to enter through a door clearly marked 'Exit'*
- **Magnacarta:** *The lonely car in lot that always attracts shopping carts*
- **Idiolocation:** *The spot on the map marked "You are here."*
- **Icealanche:** *The avalanche of ice that occurs when a glass or cup is tipped up to drink the last of the liquid*
- **Cheedle:** *The stuff left on one's fingertips after consuming a bag of Cheetos*
- **Parkrastinate** --*The inability to decide which parking space to choose in a near empty parking lot.*
- **OK, I'll stop!**



Even though he graduated in May, State Champion Tanner LeBlanc (standing center) signed a wrestling scholarship last week for King's College in PA. His fellow wrestlers and coach celebrated with him.

**Words of Encouragement Dept:**

I don't usually publish emails I get from alumni, but this one bear reading. It's from a 2013 alum who just completed his first year at Spring Hill. It speaks about his SPS experience: *I just wanted to say thank you so much for allowing me into St. Paul's School. It honestly changed me and formed me into a better man of faith and leadership. I would be so much different today if I had not gone there. St. Paul's has allowed me to begin a successful career at Spring Hill College. I'm currently*

*majoring in History with a minor in Pre-Law and plan to go to law school afterwards. With the first year under my belt, I have finished with a 3.89 GPA. I was a freshman senator for the school's Student Government Association, and am now sophomore class president. I am secretary of a fraternity I joined called Lambda Chi Alpha (along with [two other SPS alums] who are also doing really well) and I have gained a new passion for ping pong. I hope St. Paul's is continuing to do well, and I plan to be an avid supporter and donor once I am older! Thanks again!*

#### **A Look Ahead:**

August 25-29 Safety Week  
August 26 – President's Assembly – Tornado Drill during SSR  
August 27 – Fire Drill (Assembly Schedule)  
August 28 – Total Evacuation (Assembly Schedule)  
August 29 – Intruder on Campus Drill (During Student News)  
September 1 – Labor Day Holiday  
September 8 – Parent Mini Schedule 6:30  
September 9 – President's Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Day – Snack Day  
September 11 – Service Assembly – Senior Pictures during Civics classes  
September 12 – Senior Pictures during Civics classes  
September 15 – 9:00 AM Late Start for Teacher in-service  
September 16 – Pack Time  
September 18 – Mass Schedule  
September 23 – President's Assembly  
September 30 – Pack Time

Sorry I was so long-winded this week! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now as I write the newsletter and LOLing as I do so): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Honored to be the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

***CAN YOUR SON RECITE THESE CORE LASSALLIAN PRINCIPLES FROM MEMORY?  
CAN YOU?***

***Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for the Poor & Social Justice,  
Inclusive Community and Faith in the Presence of God***



**“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young  
what you wish them to accept.”**

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)