



## *The President's Newsletter for Sep 01-07, 2014*

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



Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now:

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the early Brothers:



- *You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks of you.*
  - *If, then, you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?*
  - ***Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.*
  - *You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.***
- ***God has called you, destined you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.***
- I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum!*) -- nothing less.** And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching him to be a man of God.

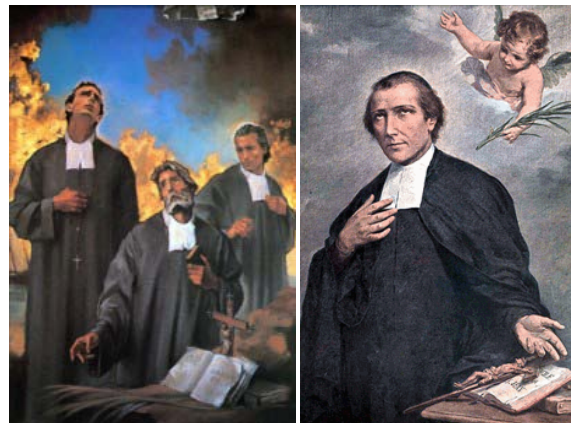
May this comfort, inspire, and strengthen us – you as parent and us as teachers -- both this week and in the year ahead!

### **Mon, Sep 1 (Labor Day Holiday – no classes)**

- **TDIH:** In 1939, 1.5 million German soldiers invade Poland, thus beginning WW II.

### **Tue, Sep 2 – (Pack Time; Tornado Drill; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** In 1790, Brother Solomon, FSC, is martyred by French authorities bent on Church suppression. The Christian Brothers Website says once Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette were overthrown, the next target was the Church. In 1790, the state took over the French Church. To function, priests & religious had to swear support.



Most Christian Brothers refused and had to abandon schools and disband. Eventually, the Institute was deprived of legal status – ironic since the Institute began in France. Brothers Solomon, Roger, Leon & Uldaric were imprisoned for refusing to take the oath. Solomon was executed on Sep 2. Roger, Leon & Uldaric later died while confined in prison ships. Because of their heroism, these Brothers were beatified – one step away from official sainthood. May their heroic lives give us strength in times of difficulty! May their devotion to Christian education inspire all of us!

- **TDIH II:** In 1945, The Empire of Japan officially signs the Instrument of Surrender at 9:04 am aboard the USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. Although Emperor Hirohito had announced on Aug 15 Japan's intention to unconditionally surrender following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the official surrender ceremony did not occur until over two weeks later, and thus President Truman marked 2nd September as the official **V-J Day**. It is estimated that anywhere from 60 to 80 million people died during World War II, on all sides of the conflict. **V-J Day** should thus be seen as not only the celebration of the defeat of the tyrannical Japanese government of the time, but also the remembrance of those who lost their lives.
- **National Blueberry Popsicle Day:** Enjoy a Popsicle today! Popsicles were invented in 1905 by 11 year-old Frank Epperson. He accidentally left a stirring stick in a fruit-flavored drink on his porch one winter night. In the morning, it was frozen into an icy treat. He first named this delight the "Epsicle." This name was changed 18 years later.

### Wed, Sep 3 (Assembly; Fire Drill; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1783, the American Revolution officially ends when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain & France sign The Treaty of Paris, signifying America's status as a free nation.
- **TDIH II:** In 1752, British citizens "lost" 11 days when the United Kingdom "left" the Julian calendar and adopted the Gregorian calendar, already in effect in the rest of the world (you know those independent British!) As a result, Sep 3 instantly became Sep 14 simply by an Act of Parliament. The people were outraged and demanded their 11 days back. Moral: make the most of each day God gives us; while it's a shame to lose a day, it's even worse to waste it.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Fontainebleau (5:30)



*Pre-freshmen intently watch a robotics demonstration by St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.*

### Thu, Sep 4 (Assembly; Evacuation Drill; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1951, President Harry S. Truman's opening speech before a conference in San Francisco is broadcast across the nation, marking the first time a television program was broadcast from coast to coast.
- **Newspaper Carrier Day** honors Barney Flaherty, the first newspaper carrier or paperboy hired in 1833 as, as well as all current newspaper carriers – whose jobs were downsized when the TP went digital two years ago.



*Pre-freshmen "chill" before going to class.*

**Fri, Sep 5 (Regular; Intruder on Campus Drill during Student News; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1774, the First Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia. Thank you, Founding Fathers!
- **Lazy Moms Day:** OK, moms, here's your day to relax and take it easy. Let them fix their own meals; wash their own clothes; find their own rides to practice, etc. In short, "let them eat cake" today! They'll appreciate you tomorrow!
- **Be Late For Something Day:** Observe this day at your peril! We will still enforce deadlines and expect all to be on time. Feel free to be late after 3 pm.

- **National Cheese Pizza Day:** Enjoy – if your arteries permit!
- **Football:** Varsity v. Edna Karr in season opener (7)

**Sat, Sep 6**

- **TDIH:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28-year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. President McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever. Trivia Question: While TR was the youngest person to assume the presidency, who was the youngest man ELECTED to the presidency? Answer at end.
- **Read a Book Day:** This should be EVERY day!
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves kick off their season with Jesuit meet at UNO. I hear The Water Music playing!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves begin their title defense at St. Michael's Bayou Boogie in BR. I hear Rossini playing!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen v. Jesuit (10)
- **Celebration for Reagan Hill:** 4-6 pm in cafeteria

**Sun, Sep 7 -- Attend church today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family.**

- **TDIH:** In 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a New York meat packer, who supplied barrels of beef to the US Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers referred to the food as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper ran the story on this date and Uncle Sam gained widespread use as the nickname for the U.S.
- **Google Commemoration day:** Today celebrates the creation of Google on this day back in 1996 "I dunno, just Google it" has become a phrase uttered multiple times a day, all around the world. And, of course, there's the memorable quote from former President Bush when he referenced "the Google. Useless info:" Google's First Tweet was, "01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01110101 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010," which is binary code for "I'm Feeling Lucky." Also, Instead of hiring a grounds crew at Google, Google rents goats, a herder and a border collie to help cut down the amount of weeds and brush. (Hmm..... wonder if I can have goats in Covington?) We've all been lucky, I guess, to have Google available!



- **Salami Day:** From the Salami Day website (yes, it really exists!): *Salami is a too-often overlooked meat in the deli world, and the Salami Appreciation Society felt that it deserved its day in the sun. Salami has a rich history, providing important nutrients such as protein and potassium. It can be eaten on sandwiches, crackers, in pita wraps, tortilla wraps, or even by itself. No one can resist the ultimate duo of salami and cheese, for that matter!*
- **National Grandparent Day:** The impetus for National Grandparents Day originated with **Marian McQuade**, a WV housewife, to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the **first Sun after Labor Day**.

**School Phones:** Our phone system went down last week so you may have had trouble contacting us. The new phone system is on order and should be installed shortly. I pray that our old one hangs in there until it is replaced. I apologize for the inconvenience.

**Parent Mini Schedule:** On Mon, Sep 8, beginning at 6:30 PM, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that. Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening.



**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.



*Freshmen proudly wear their football jerseys.*

**Last Tuesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 26 assembly. Here's what we did:

- Listened to Johann Sebastian Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #1 – one of my all time favorites which I listen to regularly. I told the students that Bach (1685-1750) was one of the greatest of the Baroque composers who polished the "rough pearl" (the meaning of baroque) of his musical

talent in incredible ways. The Brandenburg Concerto #1 is one of six concertos presented in 1721 to the ruler of Brandenburg (called a Margrave), a province of Germany, as a type of job application for Bach. The Margrave didn't appreciate them, didn't pay Bach (much less hire him) or even thank him and didn't bother to perform the concertos. Bach didn't allow himself to become discouraged, however, and went on to accomplish incredibly great things. Little did Bach know that the Brandenburgs (as they came to be called) would become some of the world's favorite musical selections, still immensely popular over 250 years after his death. So what is the lesson that I gave the students? We must give our best effort whether others appreciate it or not. We much take the rough pearls that life gives us and make them polished and smooth. We must not become discouraged when someone doesn't recognize our talent. Let's all take the "rough pearl" of 2014-15 and make a pearl of great price! To do so, I exhorted the students to make the most of each moment of their lives – in school, with their families and friends, and with their God.

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Landon Waite**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: Prayer: **Mrs. Sydney Cook**, grandmother of **Logan and Garrett Cook**; **Mr. Jules Damare'**, grandfather of **Christopher Damare'** & cousin of **Coach Phil Williams**; **Mrs. Evelyn Kern**, great grandmother of **Noah and Ben Seiden**; **Mr. Eugene Duhon**, great grandfather of **Garrett Drouant**; **Alicia Icamina**, step great grandmother of **Trey and Cade Icamina**; **Mrs. Elaine Brewster**, grandmother of SPS alums **Alejandro and Antonio Otero**. We also prayed for the continued healing of **Reagan Hill, Kyle Schech, & Elise Angellette**, Ms. Denny Charbonnet's daughter. Finally, we prayed for all those affected by the Napa, CA earthquake, especially the Lasallian school of Justin Sienna, located in Napa.
- Congratulated **Brother Ralph Baltz** on his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday! Brother continues to work hard around Saint Paul's with gardening projects. The students sang a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday!
- Congratulated and recognized **Mr. Thomas Leahy** in his marriage in July to his lovely wife, Cara, a teacher at St. Peter School.
- Congratulated and **Mr. Vic Morlas** became a grandfather: Her name is Evelyn Frances Shannon



*Reagan (fifth from right with neck brace) is surrounded by friends at the Jamboree.*

- Recognized and congratulated **Mr. Kevin Moore** and those students who worked the **Special Olympics in June: Gavin Gaude, Ben Gorringer, Oliver Sibley, Hunter Romero, Seth Dragon, Sam Brown** and some 2013 & 14 grads.

- Recognized and congratulated those students who gave up the first Saturday of the summer vacation to work the St. Benedict Knights of Columbus Prayer Breakfast on 5/14: **John Cresson, Jean Paul Juge, Ethan Desforges, Alex Nunez, Trey Icamina, James Varney, Jacob Broussard, & Yehia Elkersh**. Faculty members **John Glorioso and Karen Hebert** also worked the event.

- Recognized, congratulated and distributed Service Awards to those students who completed the needed service hours after last May's award ceremony. Earning the Brother Alfred Service Award for 50+ service hours: **Carson Bayle, Garret Grass,, Percy Pena, Kevin Cahall, Mitch Richard, Mark Larson, Lucas Waldron, & Hays Hayden.** Earning the Order of St. La Salle Award for 100+ service hours was **Austin LeBlanc**
- Recognized and congratulated those students who were recently awarded **Letter Jackets.**
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Beau Brigg.** Over the summer, Beau was one of 14 national finalists in the American Junior Golf Association's President's leadership award. The award is given to golfers who demonstrate leadership, character, and community service through their involvement with the Leadership Links program. In addition to being an outstanding golfer (Beau finished seventh in the Division I state finals in Shreveport this past season as a member of the Saint Paul's Team that placed second in the Division I tournament in May), Beau's foundation raised \$17,000 last year which was donated to Covington Food Bank and Kelly Gibson Foundation.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Jack Dubreuil** who organized Laps for Leukemia, an over-the-summer fundraiser. Over 30 local swimmers, with pledges from hundreds of sponsors, raised over \$6000 to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-Premise: Each swimmer has about an hour to swim as many laps as possible. Sponsors are contacted beforehand and asked to pledge either a flat donation or a rate per lap (e.g. 10 cents a lap). -Why: Spencer Boyer, a student at Christ Episcopal School, passed away from Leukemia while I was in the third grade. I had his mom as a teacher at the time, and I was directly impacted by the shock wave that reverberated through the community throughout his struggle.
- Recognized and congratulated sophomore **Eric Coston** who won the Freshman Boys one mile race at the national New Balance Outdoor Track and Field Championship held at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, North Carolina in July. His winning time was 4:21:55. Eric was the individual state champion in Cross Country 5A for 2013. In the spring he was selected to the All-State Track Team in the 1600 with a time of 4:16:48.



*Seniors prepare for the Christian Brothers Jamboree and proudly wear their game jerseys.*

- Recognized and congratulated the group of students who gave up Sat, Aug 23 to work the lemonade stand that the children of Elise Angellette ran to raise funds for their mom's treatment. Many of Ms. Denny's students participated.
- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song in support of all of the activities going on around school.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Austin Grashoff**, I reminded the students that



they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto #1." It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

**Safety Week:** This week we will do our annual drills for various emergencies: fire, tornado, intruder, and total evacuation. Ask your son about these drills, as we take them very seriously. I'll give you a report in next week's newsletter.

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

- **Jamboree:** Thanks to Craig, Kenny, the FB Wolves, Marching Wolves, Band Boosters, ROTC Color Guard, Ticket Takers, and all who helped Fri evening as we highlighted our common Lasallian heritage with Rummel.
- **Congrats:** to Cross Country for a great Meet the Team.
- **DOTEW (Doing Ordinary Things Extraordinarily Well):** Pack Time, SSR, Edline use, full period teaching, silence during announcements, energy saving, good stewardship, supervision, attendance taking, and heart touching.
- **Dads Club:** The club had a nice turnout at last week's meeting as they planned projects and fun at the same time.
- **Guerilla Wolves:** Congrats to the GWs for their first show last week. And the special on Reagan was very moving.
- **Gateway to Technology:** Congrats to Julie for having St. Tammany Sheriff's office bring their "bomb detonating robot" to class. Who knew we had one of those things? The Pre-freshmen were intrigued.
- **Alumni Mtg:** Thanks to Al for conducting the first alumni general meeting last Mon. Those who attended seemed to have a great time. Yours truly delivered a "State of the School" – which assured them that things are very good.
- **WolfTracks:** Another great issue! Thanks, Danielle!



**Meet the Schools of San Francisco New Orleans:** So far I've highlighted La Salle High School in Yakima, WA, La Salle Catholic College Prep in Milwaukie, OR & De La Salle North Catholic in Portland, OR. This week it's Justin-Sienna High School in Napa, CA, the site of the recent earthquake. From the school's website: *Justin-Siena is a Catholic, college preparatory high school in the Lasallian tradition which serves approximately 635 young men and women in grades 9 - 12. The School is located on forty acres in the City of Napa and in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Justin-Siena serves a variety of students from Napa, Sonoma, and Solano Counties. In 1966 two schools opened on adjacent campuses--Justin High School (for boys) sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers and Siena High School (for girls) sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael. The schools merged in 1972 and were co-sponsored until the end of the 2005-06 school year when the Dominican Sisters transferred their sponsorship to the De La Salle Christian Brothers.* The school is a one-to-one i-Pad school and also participates in the One School – One Book initiative. This summer, the entire faculty, staff, & student body read Strength in What Remains, about a young medical student from war-torn Burundi who migrates to the U.S. and eventually returns to his home country to found a health clinic. While the school has been accepting about 20 international students a year (housed with local families), this year they opened a boarding section by converting for former nuns' convent into a residence hall. They can accept up to 28 boarding students – at over \$40,000 a year per student! Trevor and I have visited JS, and the campus and climate are truly beautiful. Geaux, Braves!

**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.

**And Speaking of Edline:** Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grade and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.*

**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.

**Student Driving:** We issued our first fine last week to a student who drove after from school in an inappropriate way. We will continue to be vigilant. 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 against students 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 he can buy one, he can be put on a waiting list by mailing the same [andrewd@stpauls.com](mailto:andrewd@stpauls.com), but we don't have many leftovers to sell.



**The Paper Wolf:** Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I

do hope you subscribe. If not, support our guys and do so. It's free. I was particularly pleased last week with Trey Couvillion's article about Yik-Yak. Here's the link in case you missed it:

<http://thepaperwolf.com/2014/08/27/yik-yak-yuck/> Also, Parker Layman's article on Reagan Hill (complete with a video worth watching) was also great. Here's the link to that one:

<http://thepaperwolf.com/2014/08/29/paralyzed-student-makes-miraculous-recovery/>



**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.



*LYLs recruit new members!*

**Senior Parents:** You recently received an important email from Mrs. Renee Miller, senior counselor. Please pay attention to all of the college admission information it contained. **Also, please note that Senior Portraits will be taken on campus on Sep 11 & 12 during Civics class.** Students must be in compliance with our grooming regulations, especially haircuts, in order to take portraits.

**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!

**Texting and Driving:** I'm sure you've heard about this video, but here's the link to an amazing short documentary on texting and driving. The film was directed by the brilliant Werner Herzog (Grizzly Man,

Encounter's at the End of the World, Aguirre the Wrath of God, etc.). The

documentary contains four stories of people affected by car accidents caused by texting. The film is only 34 minutes and it is hauntingly beautiful with tragedy and forgiveness. We still have many students texting and driving! Here's the link: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_BqFkRwdFZ0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BqFkRwdFZ0)

**Botanical Wolves:** The BWs continue campus beautification efforts and our campus is looking better than ever. Many thanks, Botanical Wolves! Feel free to join them in watering, weeding, and / planting.

**ID Cards and Lanyards:** Students **MUST** wear their ID cards on their lanyards **EVERY DAY**. This is part of our enhanced safety plan to insure that only SPS students are on campus during the school day. Parents – please stress this with your sons and insist that they comply. If your son loses his ID, he may order a new one for \$5 by seeing Ms. Janet in the Administration Building.

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**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.

**Humor of the Week:** In honor of Labor Day, some job woes:

- *My first job was in an orange juice factory, but I couldn't concentrate on the same old boring rind, so I got canned.*
- *Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.*
- *After that, I tried working in a donut shop, but I soon got tired of the hole business.*
- *I manufactured calendars, but my days were numbered.*
- *I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. Mainly because it was a sew-sew job, de-pleating and de-pressing.*
- *I took a job as an upholsterer, but I never recovered*
- *Next I tried working in a car muffler factory, but that was exhausting.*
- *I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it.*
- *Then I was a pilot, but tended to wing it, and I didn't have the right altitude*
- *I studied to become a doctor, but I didn't have enough patients for the job.*
- *I became a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it.*
- *I tried my hand at a professional career in tennis, but it wasn't my racket. I was too high strung.*
- *I became a baker, but it wasn't a cakewalk, and I couldn't make enough dough.*
- *I was a masseur for a while, but I rubbed people the wrong way.*
- *I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.*
- *Then I became a personal trainer in a gym, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.*
- *I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it.*
- *Next I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me.*
- *I tried teaching, but I soon lost my principal, my faculties, and my class.*
- *I turned to farming, but I wasn't outstanding in my field.*
- *I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had its ups and downs.*
- *I sold origami, but the business folded.*
- *I took a job at UPS, but I couldn't express myself.*
- *I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout.*
- *I became a banker, but I lacked interest and maturity, and finally withdrew from the job.*
- *I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.*
- *I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot.*
- *I worked at Starbucks, but I quit because it was the same old grind.*



*A senior LYL member addresses Pre-freshmen at recent Five Core Rally.*

- *OK, I'll stop!*

## A Look Ahead:

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 – Pep Rally Schedule  
 September 15 – 9:00 AM Late Start for Teacher in-service (supervised areas will be provided for students who arrive early)  
 September 16 – Pack Time  
 September 18 – Mass Schedule – Dress Uniform Day  
 September 23 – President's Assembly  
 September 26 – Pep Rally Schedule; 2:30 dismissal  
 September 30 – Pack Time  
 October 7 – President's Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
 October 10 – End of First Quarter 11:00 Dismissal – Grandparents Day  
 October 13 – Late start for Teacher In-Service  
 October 14 – Pack Time  
 October 16 – Redi-Step Test for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders  
 October 17 – Homecoming Day – Pep Rally Schedule  
 October 20 – Parent/Teacher Conferences at 5-7 PM  
 October 24 – Pep Rally Schedule  
 October 27-28 – Freshman retreat/service days (Camp Abbey)  
 October 28 – President's Assembly – Snack Day  
 October 31 – Day of the Dead ceremony – Assembly Schedule  
 November 3-18 – Food Drive begins  
 November 3 – 9 am late start for teacher meetings  
 November 4 – Teacher appreciation day – ACT Aspire for Freshmen  
 November 6 – ACT Aspire for Sophomores  
 November 13-14 – Pre freshmen retreat/service days (on campus)  
 November 18 – Food Drive ends  
 November 21 – Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 3:00PM  
 December 1 – Parent/Teacher meetings in BAC 5-7 PM  
 December 11 – Luminarias – Snack Day  
 December 16-19 – Semester Exams  
 December 19 – 11:00 AM dismissal for Christmas Holidays  
 January 5 – Classes resume



*SPS Habitat Club recruits new members at Get Involved Day!*

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## Celebration for Reagan Hill:

Our prayers have been answered! Reagan is on a road to full recovery and will continue treatment through outpatient services.

Please join his family and friends in celebrating his homecoming and miraculous recovery [on Saturday, September 6th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.](#) in the cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00 and includes pizza and a drink. Tickets can be purchased at the SPS bookstore (before and after school or at lunch) or at the door.

You can also support Reagan's journey by making a donation at the celebration, online through the link provided below or by donating to the "Reagan Hill Benefit Account" at any Whitney Bank location. An online donation includes admission to the celebration.

<http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/celebrating-miracles-with-reagan-hill/225894>

Thanks so much for your support and continued prayers!

Friends of the Hill Family

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Whew! Enough for now! Sorry I was so long-winded this week (so what made this week different from other weeks, right?) Enjoy the rest of your Labor Day weekend!

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 finish writing 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! Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to September as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Answer to Wed's Trivia Question:

John F. Kennedy, age 43, was youngest man elected to the US presidency.



**...and where we make courageous choices and do ordinary things extraordinarily well.**