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The President's Newsletter for Sep 15 - 21, 2014



Each August since 1998, Beloit College, a highly selective liberal arts college in Wisconsin, releases the Beloit College Mindset List, a look at the cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students entering college that particular fall. The list was originally created to remind faculty of dated references. It quickly became an internationally monitored catalog of the changing of each new college generation. The online lists receive more than a million annual visits. Here's some "cultural touchstones" for the freshman college Class of '18 (and our Class of 2014):

- *When they see wire-rimmed glasses, they think Harry Potter, not John Lennon.*
- *During their first kindergarten weeks, they were upset by endlessly repeated images of planes blasting into the World Trade Center.*
- *"Press pound" on the phone is now translated as "hit hash tag."*
- *Celebrity "selfies" are far cooler than autographs.*
- *The water cooler is no longer a workplace social center; it's where you fill your water bottle.*
- *Women have always attended the Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel.*
- *Pepsi has always refreshed travelers in outer space.*
- *Hong Kong has always been part of China*
- *Nicotine has always been recognized as an addictive drug requiring FDA oversight.*
- *Students have always been able to dance at Baylor.*
- *Hello Dolly...cloning has always been a fact, not science fiction.*
- *Ads for prescription drugs, noting disturbing side effects, have always flooded the airwaves.*
- *Parents have always been able to rely on a ratings system to judge violence on TV.*
- *There has always been "TV" designed to be watched exclusively on the web.*
- *The Unabomber has always been behind bars.*
- *Bill Gates has always been the richest man in the U.S.*
- *They gather with friends on social media, not in their local park.*
- *Two-term presidents are routine.*
- *They have probably never used Netscape as their web browser.*
- *Everybody has always Loved Raymond.*
- *The rate of diagnosed diabetes has always been shooting up during their lifetime.*
- *"Good feedback" means getting 30 likes on your last Facebook post in a single afternoon.*



- *Their collection of U.S. quarters has always celebrated the individual states.*

So what's a Lasallian educator or parent to do? Our mission statement calls for us to be "centered on young people and attentive to their needs." To do so, we must realize their universe is all too different from those of us who've lived on this earth long before our students were born. It's a challenge to re-orient our mindsets, but one we must meet. I'm not willing, though, to give up my assembly CD player and I don't SKYPE, Tweet, or Facebook! But one thing is constant: God loves them just as much as he loves us dinosaurs! And we must love them, too.

Mon, Sep 15 (7:45 am faculty meeting; 9:00 class start; G A B C)

- **LATE START:** Students do not have to report until 8:55 this morning to allow for a faculty meeting. The cafeteria and library will open at regular time in order to accommodate early arrivals, so it's not a problem if you drop your son off at his regular time.
- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics from the past. I know of at least one SPS teacher who still uses them!
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, "Ballad of Birmingham." Click here to read the poem (which we study in my English class): <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **Faculty Meeting: Please be prompt and prepared (P²)**

Tue, Sep 16 (Pack Time; D E F G)

- **The Trail of Tears Commemoration Day:** this day, also called the Cherokee Removal Day, refers to the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from their lands in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and North Carolina to the Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma) in the Western United States from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our nation's history.
- **National Guacamole Day:** Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole!
- **Football:** Jr Hi v. Westside (6)



Botanical Wolves are honored at assembly.

Wed, Sep 17 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – to then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, to contractors, to our physical plant crew, to students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and become more familiar with.
- **National Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **Swimming:** SPS v. Covington & Slidell (6)



Grant, Brennan & Jack prepare for senior portraits

Thu, Sep 18 (Mass sched; E F G A)

- **DRESS UNIFORM DAY!**
- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs the National Security Act which establishes a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air Force.
- **F'ball:** 9th & JV at Franklinton (5:30)
- **SPS Board of Trustees meeting (6)**

Fri, Sep 19 (Regular; B C D E)

- **International Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy all pirate wanna bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrr!
- **Football:** Varsity v. McDonogh 35. Good luck, Wolves!

Sat, Sep 20

- **This Day in History:** In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sets sail, leading the first exploration to circumnavigate the world. Magellan dies before the journey is completed and the ship returns a year later.
- **Punch Day:** Have a glass of punch today! The word *punch* means *five*, originating from the Hindustani word *panch*. It celebrates the traditional punch base recipe of 5 key ingredients, which most punches still use - alcohol (usually spirits), lemon (or other fruits), sugar, water, and tea (or other spices, e.g., cinnamon). For our students, though, use only four of the five ingredients – I think you can figure out which one I'm not recommending for students!
- **International Eat an Apple Day:** No explanation needed! Enjoy & wash it down with punch
- **Cross Country** hosts Christian Brothers Invitational at Money Hill
- **Football:** 8th at John Curtis (11)
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves at TCC

Sun, Sep 21

- **We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass today and support their parishes. We encourage our non-Catholic families to attend the church of choice.**
- **TDIH:** In 1779, the Louisiana governor Bernardo de Galvez, aided by American troops and militia, captures the British post at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.
- **International Peace Day.** Let's all do our part by at least keeping peace locally!

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Incident at Salmen High: The disruption to the learning environment by a Twitter post at Salmen last week underscores the need for us to have our procedures in place. And it highlights once again the dangers of misusing social media. While the police called the threat “non-credible”, more than half the school checked out. We applaud the professional way in which the officials at Salmen, the Slidell police, and the St. Tammany Parish School Board handled the situation. As a sheriff’s office spokesman said: “I promise you, somebody’s going to jail.” We have no objection. Take every opportunity to educate students about the criminal consequences of misusing social media.

Twitter, Instagram, etc: Once again, I STRONGLY URGE parents to check their sons’ social media accounts and insist that they post socially correct messages. We’ve come across some pretty ugly stuff lately and parents were shocked when we informed them.

Inspiring Story of the Week: If you didn’t read the recent story in The Clarion Herald about Sean O’Brien, a 2014 graduate of Pope John Paul High School in Slidell, it’s worth reading about how he overcame the loss of his parents, Hurricane Katrina, and other “problems” that life threw at him. He’s currently playing football at Rhodes College and is He is one of 32 finalists for National Football Foundation’s High School National Scholar-Athlete Award. Click for full story: <http://clarionherald.info/clarion/index.php/parks-home/3663-pope-john-paul-ii-student-athlete-overcomes-all-odds>

From the Botanical Wolves: 2nd Annual Moms for Mums Day: Bring a yellow mum to place under the live oak tree at Founders' Circle during the week of Sept. 22nd to brighten the campus for fall festivities: Homecoming Dance, Jazz 'N Roll, and Grandparents' Day!

Last Tuesday’s Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 09 assembly. Here’s what we did:

- Listened to the 4th movement Ludwig von Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony, more commonly known as “Ode to Joy” – one of the most beloved pieces of music in the world. I explained that Beethoven (1770-1827) was a “post Baroque” composer, ushering in the Romantic Period, with its equally powerful music. Romantic does not refer to mushy love music but powerful music inspired by nature.

The Ninth Symphony and its “Ode” premiered in 1824, just three years before Beethoven’s death. It was one of the first instances of combining symphonic music with vocal accompaniment. Amazing fact: Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed this piece; he did it all in his head. The story has it that while he conducted the premier, he kept conducting even when the piece was finished – it kept playing in his head! The audience went wild with approval! I encouraged the students to learn from Beethoven and not let their challenges defeat them or prevent them from achievement.

And why did I choose Ode to Joy for the assembly? Because we were preparing to celebrate the 103rd birthday of Saint Paul’s School – and that’s a cause for joy!

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Louis LeBourgeois**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: **Mrs. Ruth Van Tol**, great grandmother of junior **Austin Wiles**; **Mr. Rick Neil**, the grandfather of senior **Tyler Maurin**; and the grandfather of pre-freshman **Peyton Halley**

- Recognized and congratulated the leaders of the Botanical Wolves: Mrs. Linda Trahan, Ms. Connie Phillips; and Mrs. Stephanie Fried. These ladies (and others) have transformed our campus with beautiful flora. The Env Sci Wolves who tended the vegetable garden were also recognized: Peyton Burkenstock, Glendon Durham, Michael Seaner, Dennis Carriere, and Shane Strander. Over 250 lbs of fresh vegetables were harvested this summer and donated to the Covington Food Bank.

- Recognized and congratulated the following students who have earned their letter jacket: **Austin Ho, Mason Rader, Kevin Baker, Declan Moennich, Kyle Garner, Kenneth Avanzino, Sam Crowton, Ryan Flood, Bryon Morgan, Shane Ulfers, David Doherty, Nick Nolan, Logan Buras, Michael Longo, Cray Pennison, Kyle Cleveland, David Von Bodungen, Evan hood, Garrett Hicks, Oliver Sibley, Yehis Elkersh, Dalton Mott, and Cullen Lagasse.**



Senior Drum Major Lane salutes the flag as Marching Wolves play our National Anthem.

- Recognized and congratulated the students who represented Saint Paul's at the Lasallian Young Leaders Conference in July: **Brennan Knepper, Jacob Authement, Austin Grashoff, Adam Schmitt, Lane Sumrall, Matt Wallace, Joack Donham, Patrick Stewart, Ben Hollingsworth and Nick Oubre.** Special thanks to Mrs. Myrle Wiggins, Mrs. Jeaneen Schmitt and Mr. Brad Marchese for chaperoning.
- And then, as if by magic, George Frideric Handel's *Water Music* started playing – which signaled that our Aqua Wolves were off and swimming, jumped out to a fast start this season by finishing third out of 13 teams in the Jesuit High Invitational at UNO on Sat, Sep 5. After adding Jack Dubreuil to give the team tri-captains, they racked up over 80% best times and several new Metro and State Qualifiers. Junior **Harrison Prieto** led the team in scoring with a 2nd in the 200 free and 4th in the 100 free. Junior **Jack Cheng** swimming in his first St. Paul's meet placed fifth in 200 individual medley and 500 free. Senior Tri-Captain **Jacob Elliott** touched fifth in the 100 breast and eighth in the 50 free, Sophomore **Kyle Hladky** added a 5th in the 100 fly and 7th in the 100 breast. Junior **Griffin Guzan** touched 4th in the 100 backstroke. Senior Captains **Jack Dubreuil** finished 9th in the 100 fly and **William Munn** and 11th in the 100 breast and 13th in the 50 free. Freshman **Myers Morgan** scored 11th in the 500 and 16th in the 200 individual medley. Sophomore **Brenton Larmann** dropped a lot of time to score 15th in the 200 free and 16th in the 100 free, and sophomore **Jordan Wyble** rounded out the scoring with a huge time drop and 15th place in the 500 free. Also competing and swimming best times were **Ashton Callender, Tonner Dougherty, Ian Fried, Sam Nuss and Max Tepper.**
- Recognized and congratulated the football program: pre-freshmen for a hard fought game against Jesuit, 9th & JV for strong victories over Fontainebleau, and the varsity for its wonderful come from behind victory against Karr.
- 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 **Dominic Adams**, 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 Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

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The Paper Wolf: The all new DIGITAL Paper Wolf is updated each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. The students are very excited about this new venture. So support them and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

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

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.*

National Honor Society Tutoring Has Begun! When? Tuesday and Thursday during lunch in LaSalle 205 AND after school in LaSalle 210. Monday, Wed. and Friday morning at 7:10AM in LaSalle 210. The tutors are very friendly, eager to help, and quite knowledgeable. Encourage your son to take advantage of this FREE service if he needs help. There is NO stigma attached to going to tutoring!



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

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Musings on Last Week

- **Parent Mini Schedule Night:** Thanks to all who came out last Monday to meet their sons' teachers. I hope the evening was worthwhile for you.



Ruston, Nick, & Jean-Paul accept Brown Foundation check.

- **Drills:** Fire and Evacuation drills went very well! We pray they will never be needed.
- **Service Assembly & Prayer:** Thanks to Barrett for a well-organized presentation.
- **Marching Wolves & Golden Blues:** Thanks for a great halftime show on Friday.
- **FB Team:** 8th fought hard against Rummel, 9th & JV won vs. Ponchy, and Varsity played hard against Jesuit.
- **Cross Country:** Harriers were up & at 'em early Sat AM, heading for Baton Rouge. I don't have results as this writing.
- **Mothers Club:** Thanks, MC, for a great snack day and teacher appreciation lunch on Tue.
- **Mission Collection:** Our first collection went well. In the words of the late Bro. Clarence, "St Paul's cares, St Paul's shares."
- **Brown Foundation:** We received a check last week to fund grant proposals written by Karen Hebert ("Reading Buddies") and Mark Richards (Env Sci Garden.) Service learning is VERY Lasallian.
- **Senior Portraits** went well. Thanks to all who helped.

- **Touchdown Club Dance:** A good time was passed by all!
- **ACT:** Again, the only problems were on the test.

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Official Logo: The District of San Francisco New Orleans released its official logo last week (right.) You will start seeing this logo in all official communication from the District – so get used to it! And notice – there is no punctuation between San Francisco and New Orleans.



Drug Testing: We will begin drug testing this week, choosing students both randomly and "for cause." As we continue our healthy choices war, I am convinced that testing is the best deterrent. A second positive result will jeopardize a student's place at SPS. Pray that our students resist the allure of temporary pleasure over finding true meaning in life.

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Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which introduced our students to a wide variety of activities, was a big success. 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.

Cafeteria Payments: To pay on line, go to the web site 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 recently 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.



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/>

As an incentive for the students to subscribe, all new email subscriptions using a stpauls.com email address will qualify for a chance to win a Best Buy gift card. Contest ends 9/30.

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.

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!



Cheerleaders lead Wolves onto Champagne Field at Hunter Stadium!

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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>

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.

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.

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.

Father – Son Bible Study: Some SPS dads and sons meet on Wednesday mornings for Bible study. You are invited. The next session is this Wed, Sept 17, at 7 am in the Administration Building Conference Room.

Humor of the Week: More “Questions That Haunt Me”:

- *Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?*
- *Why did you just try singing the two songs above?*
- *Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?*
- *Why, Why, Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?*
- *Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?*
- *Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?*
- *Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?*
- *Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?*
- *Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?*
- *Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?*

A Look Ahead

September 23 – President's Assembly

September 26 – Pep Rally Schedule

September 30 – Pack Time



2014 SPS grad and soccer phenom Cam Robinson scored his first collegiate goal last week in a game against George State. Cam, an all-state player last year, is on scholarship at Furman. He sends his best to SPS.

October 4 – Jazz and Roll
October 7 – President’s Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
October 9 – Mass
October 10 – End of First Quarter 11:00 Dismissal – Grandparents Day
October 11 – Homecoming Dance (8th & 9th)
October 13 – Late start for Teacher In-Service
October 14 – Pack Time
October 15 – PSAT for all 10th graders and selected other students (Periods BC)
October 16 – Redi-Step Test for 8th Graders (Periods FG)
October 17 – Homecoming Day – Pep Rally Schedule
October 18 – Homecoming Dancee (10th, 11th, & 12th)
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 – Late start of teacher In-service
November 4 – Teacher appreciation day – ACT Aspire for Freshmen Periods BCD
November 5 – President’s Assembly
November 6 – ACT Aspire for Sophomores Periods CDE
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 – Luminarios – Snack Day
December 16-19 – Semester Exams
December 19 – 11:00 AM dismissal for Christmas Holidays
January 5 – Classes resume

Dates in Italics indicate changes or additions since the last posting.



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 as we settle into the rhythm of September! 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 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's the Middle of September 2014 and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



...and where we do ordinary things extraordinarily well by making courageous choices each and every day.

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