

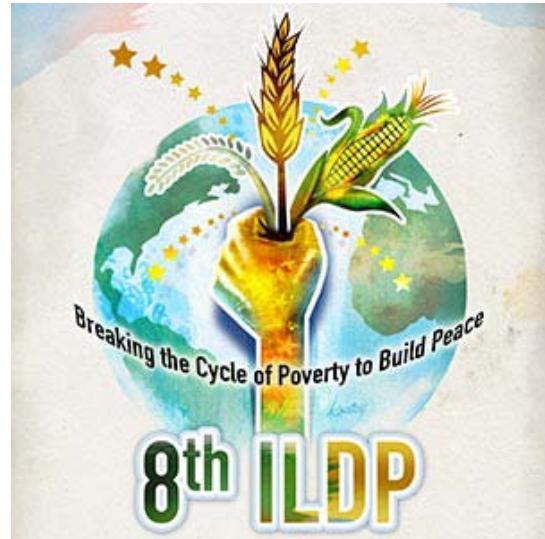


The President's Newsletter for Sep 22 - 28, 2014



The 8th Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDP) began Sep 21 and run until Oct 21. Here are some points made by former Superior General Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria concerning Lasallian Days for Peace:

- *Peace is possible if each of us gets involved in seeking it. It is possible when we place persons above things. It is possible if we make our own God's plan for humankind.*
- *As Lasallians, we think about children and the world they will inherit. Gandhi said: "If we want to achieve true peace and if we want to wage a true war against war, we must start with the children."*
- *Since the beginning of the war in Syria, more than 6,500 children have died, according to UN. It is sad to know that today there are about 300,000 child soldiers according to Amnesty International. These children are used as loaders, spies, messengers, bodyguards, sex slaves, & human mine detectors. It is important to pray for these children.*
- *Peace is possible...inspired in Gospel values in dialogue with all religions and men and women of good will.*
- *Hopefully, peace will be a reality and we will make possible this beautiful view of our future: "May the day come when some words will be difficult for children to understand. The children of India will ask: What is hunger? The children of Alabama will ask: What is racial segregation? The children of Hiroshima will ask: What is an atomic bomb? And all kids in all the schools will ask: What is war? And you will have to say to them: They are the names of things that have fallen into disuse such as stagecoaches, galleys or slavery. These words no longer mean anything and for that reason we have removed them from the dictionary." (Jean Debruyne)*



I invite you to join the Retired Brothers Community who daily pray the following official Lasallian Prayer for Peace:

We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope! Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!



Mon, Sep 22 (Regular F G A B)

Today, Lasallians mark the **Feast of the Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Valencia**. In 1936, five Christian Brothers (Florencio, Bertran, Ambrosio, Elisas, & Honorato) were martyred for their faith. When religious persecution began in Spain, they were arrested and executed. Even though they knew that being Brothers would lead them to death, they did not hesitate in admitting their Faith and that they were Brothers of the Christian Schools. These five Brothers, beatified by Pope John Paul II, followed Jesus in the vocation to which He had called them: to bring salvation to young people by giving a human and Christian education. May their faith inspire us, their heroism edify us, and their devotion to young people cause us to redouble our efforts with the students entrusted to our care! **Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Valencia! Pray for us!**

- **TDIH:** In 2005, after having re-opened from Katrina, we closed school to brace for Hurricane Rita. While spared Rita's brunt, many in our area suffered additional damage, while the southwest part of LA took a major hit. We continue to pray for those healing from Rita's wrath.
- **TDIH:** The ice cream cone debuted today in 1903 & the band aid in 1920! Where would we be without these?
- **White Chocolate Day:** Go ahead and indulge!
- **The Autumnal Equinox**, when the sun crosses the equator from North to South, occurs today at 9:29 pm, CDT. Fall officially begins! Play Antonio Vivaldi's incredible "Autumn" from his *Four Seasons Suite*! In Japan, the Autumnal Equinox is a holiday to mark the new season and to pay respects to deceased parents and relatives. How meaningful! Marvel at God's wonderful creation today, anticipate the cool coming months, and remember deceased loved ones.
- **Elephant Appreciation Day:** Celebrate the elephant today and learn something about these Endearing, Loyal, Elegant, Powerful, Heavy, Amusing, Noble, and Talented creatures.

Tue, Sep 23 (Special – TWO Assemblies Today; C D E F)

- **Checkers Day:** This day, begun on the anniversary of former Vice President Richard Nixon's "Checkers Speech" (look it up, history buffs!), has morphed into a celebration of the game of checkers. Enjoy a game or two today!
- **Innergize Day:** Today is the day to set time aside for yourself to do anything you want to do. OK to observe, but don't let it interfere with any of your obligations, especially students to their classes!
- **President's Assembly:** I'll do my usual morning recognition assembly in the gym; I'll also use some time to practice for this afternoon's assembly for Lasallian presidents and principals
- **Special Assembly in the BAC (approximately 1:15):** A 15 minute prayer service to welcome Lasallian guests (info below)
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen at Franklinton (6)

Wed, Sep 24 (Regular; G A B C)

- **National Punctuation Day:** Let's all punctuate our writing correctly! I plan on celebrating! Here's a great website to help: <http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com>.
- **National Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children** was by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia Univ. *Family Day* informs parents that the engagement fostered during

frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance abuse free. *Dinner Makes A Difference!*



- **Happy Birthday Brother Alfred**, who turns 92 today. A member of our retired Brothers Community, he still works as hard as most people nowhere near his age. We offer him prayer and best wishes on this day. We thank him for his life as a Christian Brother in the cause of Lasallian education, especially at SPS, where he has labored for so many years of his religious life. *Ad multos annos*, Brother Alfred! Thank you!

- **Rosh Hashanah** begins at sundown today and ends at sunset on Friday, September 26, 2014: Saint Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to learn more about our Jewish heritage and form closer ties with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Thus, we recognize the great feast of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year. It is the year 5775 in the Jewish calendar. The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah

and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur. One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are penance, prayer, & good deeds – great practices for people of all faiths. These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the greeting during this time: "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*" (May you be written [in the book of life] for a good year!) We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed Rosh Hashanah! "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*"

- **Football:** 9th & JV at Slidell (5:30)
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves at TCC for meet

Thu, Sep 25 (Regular; D E F G)

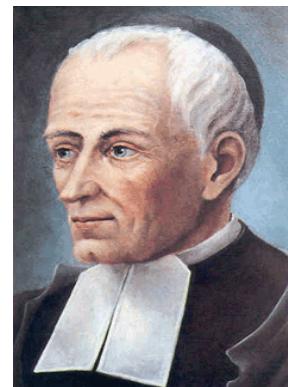
- **TDIH:** In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice in history when she is sworn in by Chief Justice Warren Burger. How many other women have been named to the Court? [see answer at end of newsletter]

Fri, Sep 26 (Pep Rally Schedule; A B C D)

- **This Day in History:** In 1580, English man Francis Drake returns to England in the *Golden Hind*, becoming the first British navigator to sail around the earth. His voyage started on Dec 13, 1577.
- **Shamu the Whale Day:** Today is Shamu's birthday (who knew?) He was born in 1985!
- **Football:** Varsity v. Slidell (7) as Wolves begin defense of their District Title

Sat, Sep 27

- **Feast of Blessed Brother Scubilion:** Jean Bernard Rousseau joined the Christian Brothers in 1822. After ten years in elementary schools, Scubilion left France to dedicate the remaining 34 years of his life to the enslaved natives on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Remembered as the "catechist of slaves," he started well attended evening classes, even after a long day of hard labor. He devised programs and techniques in order to teach essentials of Christian doctrine and prepare them to receive sacraments. He won them over by his kind manner and respect. After the emancipation of the slaves in 1848, he continued to care for



them and to help them adapt to their new life of freedom. In the last years, despite failing health, he assisted pastors in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death he was venerated on the island as a saint. As the Brothers put it – “Brother Scubilion – one in a million!”

- **This Day in History:** In 1540, The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) is chartered by Pope Paul III. The Jesuit movement was founded by Ignatius de Loyola, a Spanish soldier turned priest.
- **Ancestor Appreciation Day:** All of us have ancestors. And with genealogy so popular today, take some family time to discuss your family’s ancestors. Our students should have a deep appreciation for those who made their existence today possible. And ALL of us have “characters” in our family background. Enjoy the stories!
- **Cross Country:** Harriers run in Newman Invitational in NO



Wolves' defense swarms Mac 35 QB!

Sun, Sep 28

- **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 1066, William the Conqueror invades England, defeating Harold the Great in Battle of Hastings – changing course of British (and thus US) history.
- **National Good Neighbor Day:** Let’s be good neighbors today and every day.

Grandparent Day: The Saint Paul’s Mothers Club is again sponsoring our annual “Give Thanks for Grandparents” Day on **Friday, October 10, at 11:15**. We are again issuing the

invitation this year to you via email as we don’t mail things directly to grandparents. If your son has a grandparent or grandparents who would like to attend the program, please invite him or her or them to attend. We would love to have them on campus. Here’s a summary of what will happen:

- Grandparents arrive on campus on Friday, October 10, and report to the Briggs Assembly Center to meet their grandsons. School dismisses at 11:00 for the students, and the Grandparent Day Program begins at 11:15. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will be attending. If a student has no grandparent attending, he is free to leave.
- A photographer will be available for photographs if so desired; more info on photos will be sent later;
- A prayer service will begin shortly after everyone has been seated;
- A “President’s Assembly” will follow (ask your son or read my newsletter about what we do at these assemblies);
- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program (a little over an hour or so.)

Past programs have been very successful, and we receive many compliments from the grandparents who attend. Thank you for helping us make this annual event so successful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In order to adequately prepare, we ask that you RSVP with the number who will be attending. Reply to reception@stpauls.com or just reply directly to me. **Please RSVP by Monday, October 5.**

Also, if your son’s grandparent needs handicap accommodations, please indicate that as well. I know that some of you have suffered a loss lately; know that I am sensitive to these situations and offer our prayers for you.

Secondary Schools Administrators Association (SSAA): From Mon evening through Wed at noon, almost 50 Lasallian presidents, principals, and provincial staff will meet in New Orleans for their annual fall meeting. Ordinarily we meet in Napa, CA, but in honor of the new Lasallian San Francisco New Orleans District, the group decided to meet here. Of the four Lasallian schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the group chose to visit Saint Paul's, as they have heard so much about us. They will arrive around 1 pm and stay until about 3:30. We will begin with an all-school prayer service in the BAC. They will then go on a tour and then participate in a panel discussion with a religious educator from each of the four schools about the state of religious education in our Archdiocese. Please welcome them.

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. And NOLA.com published a nice article. Here's the link:

http://www.nola.com/community/sttammany/index.ssf/2014/09/saint_pauls_school_plans_lots.html

Homecoming Dances: The Student Council is pleased to announce the dates of the 2014 Homecoming Dances:

- The Junior High dance for 8th and 9th grades will be held Saturday, Oct 11 from 7:00 until 9:30PM. Lock-in will be at 8:00PM.
- The High School dance for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades will be held Saturday, October 18 from 7:00 until 10:00PM. Lock-in will be at 8:30PM.
- Both dances will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center.
- Young men are required to wear a tie with dress shirt and long pants. Coat is OPTIONAL. Young ladies may wear formal or semi formal dresses. Further dress code details



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may be found on the dance registration forms.

- Homecoming Dance registration forms will be available starting this week in the Library, room 107 in the Main Building, room 202 in LaSalle Hall, OR on EDLINE home page.

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! Planting day is Sat, Sept 27, from 9 – 1. Thanks, Botanical Wolves, for ALL you are doing to beautify the campus.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Monday's Faculty Meeting** went well. Thanks for cooperating with the late start.
- **Popsicles:** Thanks to Development for offering this treat to the students.
- **Wolf Packs** on Tue focused on social media. Ask your son about ti.
- **Habitat Work Day:** Thanks, Habitat Wolves, for this very Lasallian work on Saturday.
- **Cross Country:** Christian Brothers Invitational went well. Congrats, CC Wolves for hosting a great meet!
- **Football:** 8th grade played a strong game and beat John Curtis, 8-6; JV & 9th beat Franklinton and Varsity beat a strong Mac 35 team. On to District next week!
- **Swim Team:** Aqua Wolves swam strong against Slidell & Covington, defeating Cov 133-20 and Sli 102-60. Congrats Aqua Wolves!
- **LHSAA Audit:** Thanks to the C³ Team (Craig, Claire, & Carol), we passed with flying colors!
- **The Paper Wolf:** WWLTV website has begun reposting some stories from The Paper Wolf. They've also been tweeting some of these posts on their Twitter page, as well. Patrick Napier's Wolf's Eye View of cross country: <http://usatodayhss.com/2014/09/15/wolfs-eye-view-the-bayou-boogie/>; Carson Caulfield's Jesuit advance story: <http://usatodayhss.com/2014/09/12/wolves-set-for-jesuit-rematch/>; and Nico Arcuri's jumbotron story: <http://usatodayhss.com/2014/08/29/big-screen-puts-st-pauls-on-big-stage/> Congrats, Christy and Geaux Paper Wolf!
- **All School Mass:** Thanks to all who made it a meaningful one: campus ministry, liturgical band, Eucharistic ministers, Father Gary from St. Anselm, the parents who came – and, most of all, the incredible student participation.
- **Bus Parking Lot:** Thanks to parent Mr. Clark Heebe and several SPS alums for putting several truck loads of gravel in the bus parking lot, thus making it usable again. Busses were getting stuck.
- **Constitution Day:** I'm sure you celebrated Constitution Day last Wednesday. I spent part of the day at Loyola University celebrating with about 400 other guests, including federal judges, US Attorney Kenneth Polite, Loyola President Rev Kevin Wildes, and a host of other dignitaries. Also present were 99 individuals who became naturalized citizens during the ceremony. Why was I there? Because amid the pomp and circumstance, freshman Forge Mathes read an essay he wrote which won FIRST PLACE in the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education's Constitution Day essay contest. I had my classes enter this contest on the second week of school. I wasn't expecting much because 1) it was our first writing assignment; 2) I only had time to give rudimentary instruction, and 3) the contest was open to grades 8-12, so my guys would be competing against much



Liturgical Band "makes joyful noise to the Lord" at mass last week

more experienced writers. But Forge prevailed and won – and the experience was invaluable for him (and me, too.) So why do I tell you all of this? Our guys are talented. They “shine before others.”

And Speaking of Constitution Day: I found the naturalization ceremony for 99 new citizens rather fascinating. After a little research, I found that the road to naturalized citizenship is not easy. I wonder how many of us could pass the Civics portion of the test that prospective citizens must take. Here’s the official website with flashcards asking 100 questions. Have some fun and see how many you can answer:

http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/PDFs/M-623_red_slides.pdf. And if you do OK, recite the oath that the new citizens had to take. I think sometimes we take our American citizenship too lightly. Here’s what the new citizens promised:

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."



Meet the Schools of the Lasallian District 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, Justin-Sienna High School in Napa, CA, and Christian Brothers

High School in Sacramento, CA. This week it’s St. Mary’s College HS in Berkeley, CA: From the school’s website: *Saint Mary’s is a Lasallian Catholic coeducational college preparatory high school located on a 13-acre site in North Berkeley and is fully accredited. Saint Mary’s is notable for the deep and powerful influence of the Christian Brothers, their mission, and values, which ensure the quality and character of the school. Saint Mary’s has a long, well-respected educational tradition in the Bay Area as it celebrates its 145th year of education in the community and its 80th year on the North Berkeley campus. Saint Mary’s College High School is firmly rooted in Catholic and Lasallian educational traditions. The educational program provides a strong foundational basis and challenges students to become agents of their own learning while developing important skills, strategies, and abilities that will prepare them for college and a personal commitment to lifelong learning. At Saint Mary’s, students are encouraged to challenge themselves and their world by engaging in intellectual and moral inquiry in order to develop critical and independent thinking.* Some interesting clubs at the school: The Anime Club (to explore different Japanese anime series); The Dissection Club (yes, they dissect animals!); The Capoeira Club (they practice and study the African-Brazilian martial art of Capoeira); The BBQ Club (weekly BBQs!); The Outdoor Club (they hike, bike, wakeboard, ski, etc.) Tuition and fees total over \$16,000! Interesting note: the City of Berkley limits the number of students the school can accept! (Don’t tell Covington!)

Meeting with Juniors and Seniors: We called a special meeting of juniors and seniors last Friday to address their football game behavior – which, quite frankly, has been embarrassing in terms of negative cheering. We told them we had reached a point where if the negative cheering continued, we would not allow them in the games. Parents – please stress with your sons that they come to the games to support Saint Paul’s – not tear down

the other team. Yes, I know they see a lot of this in college and professional games, but it has not place at Saint Paul's, and we won't allow it.

Humor of the Week: Final set of “Questions That Haunt Me”:

- *If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?*
- *Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?*
- *Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?*
- *Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?*
- *Why do people run over a thread a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?*
- *Why will no plastic bag open from the end on your first try?*
- *How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?*
- *Why is it that when you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?*
- *In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?*
- *How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?*
- *The statistic on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A Look Ahead

September 30 – Pack Time

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 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 20 – Parent/Teacher Conferences at 5-7 PM

October 24 – Pep Rally Schedule

October 27-28 – Freshmen retreat/service days (Camp Abbey)

October 27 – Assembly for Guest Speaker, Bro. Ghebreyesus

October 28 – President’s Assembly – Snack Day

October 29 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast

October 30 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast

October 31 – Day of the Dead ceremony – Assembly Schedule

November 3-18 – Food Drive begins



LA 41st’s finest present colors on Fri night.

November 3 – Late start of teacher In-service
 November 4 – Teacher appreciation day-
 Assembly Schedule – Shadow Day
November 5 – Sophomore HR Breakfast – ACT Aspire for 9th Graders
November 6 – Junior HR Breakfast /ACT Aspire for Sophomores Periods CDE
November 7 – Senior HR Breakfast
 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



Al Nastasi & Brother John distribute popsicles to grateful Wolves last week.

Answer to Sep 25 Trivia Question: Besides Sandra Day O'Connor, three women have been appointed to the US Supreme Court, and all are currently serving: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor & Elena Kagan

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
 Anticipating the Start of Fall as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



...and doing ordinary things extraordinarily well by making courageous choices each and every day.