



The President's Newsletter for Oct 13-19, 2014



Welcome to the start of the second quarter and congratulations on an excellent first one! Now is a good time to remind ourselves of and recommit ourselves to the fundamentals of what we do and why we do it. Nine weeks ago, we committed ourselves to being Lasallian, to doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, and to making courageous choices. In the last nine weeks, we've had highs and lows and maybe found ourselves on occasion feeling unsure of our mission – and perhaps falling back into doing the ordinary in ordinary ways and lacking courage.

As we begin the second quarter, we again commit ourselves to the five Lasallian Core Principles:
Provide a quality education, Build an inclusive community, Respect all persons, Show concern for the poor and social justice, and Have Faith in the presence of God

We also commit ourselves to Brother Benilde's path to sainthood by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well and to Brother James Miller's life of making courageous choices. And we do the above by infusing Saint Paul's with the story of *St. John Baptist de La Salle* as we remember his directive to touch the hearts of the students entrusted to our care!

Mon, Oct 13 (9 am start; faculty meeting; A B C D)

- **9 am Start:** Students must be in their A Block class at 9 am. As usual, cafeteria (complete with breakfast service), library, and chapel are open for regular time arrivals.
- **TDIH:** In 1792, the cornerstone of the White House is laid and in 1775, the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force—the precursor to the US Navy.
- **National Yorkshire Pudding Day:** Calling all Brits! Celebrate this iconic British dish that dates to the 1700s. It is made with flour, eggs, butter, milk, and pan drippings from roast beef & most often served with beef or chicken, and, of course, lots of gravy. A traditional staple of the British Sunday lunch, Yorkshire Pudding is still common today.
- **International Music Day:** Enjoy music today in all of its varied forms, and share your favorite music with others. I'll be happy to lend some classical selections! Or even better, why not make some music of your own?
- **Manresa Retreat:** A group of juniors leaves today for a 24 hour silent retreat at Manresa.
- **Columbus Day Observed**
- **Homecoming Week Begins** with a series of themed dress down days



Patrick calls us to worship at last week's mass.

Tue, Oct 14 (Wolf Pack schedule; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis begins, bringing the US & Russia to the brink of nuclear war. I remember our "Nuclear bomb drills" in grammar school! We really thought we'd survive by hiding under desks!
- **National Dessert Day!** Who knew? Treat yourself to some special dessert tonight!
- **Football:** 8th v. Ponchatoula

Wed, Oct 15 (Regular; St. Teresa of Avila; B C D E)

- **Saint Teresa of Ávila**, was a prominent 16th century Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun, writer, and theologian. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered to be, along with John of the Cross, a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. Happy Feast Day to the Carmelite Sisters on River Road in Covington!
- **National Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity:** we pray in a special way today for an end to abortion.
- **Global Hand Washing Day:** Today stresses good hygiene. Wash hands often – it's one of the best disease defenses.
- **National Grouch Day:** You have permission to be a grouch today but you must go back to being nice tomorrow!
- **PSAT Administered this morning to all sophs & selected 11th, 9th & 8th**
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Northshore
- **Swimming:** Cluster meet at TCC



Thu, Oct 16 (Feast of St. Gerard Majella; F G A B)

- **Saint Gerard Majella** is an 18th century Saint whose intercession is requested for childbirth, children (unborn children in particular), & mothers, particularly expectant mothers. Most people don't know of St. Gerard Majella HS in NO, a school for pregnant high school girls that was forced to close last year due to financial pressures. Pray today for all mothers, especially pregnant ones, and reaffirm our belief in life's sanctity from conception to natural death.
- **Dictionary Day:** In 1758, Noah Webster, considered the Father of the American Dictionary, was born. In his honor, read the dictionary today and learn a new word!
- **Redi-Step Test administered to pre-freshmen**
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Northshore (5:30)
- **Lacrosse:** A PARENT ONLY lacrosse meeting tonight in the SPS gym. NEW lacrosse parents should meet for 6:30 then returning parents for 7:00p m please. Players are not to attend this meeting- coaches will meet with players at a later date.

Fri, Oct 17 (Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; Pep Rally; C D E F)

- **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** was a 17th Century French Roman Catholic nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in its modern form.
- **Wear Something Gaudy Day:** "gaudy" refers to something bright, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste. We will NOT be celebrating this day at school (unless you consider our regular uniform gaudy), but feel free to do so at home or at work!
- **National Pasta Day:** Enjoy one of more than 600 varieties of pasta today! Ciao!

- **Living Rosary at OLL:** This annual event is always special; for the 28th year, I will represent SPS as The Apostles Creed. The OLL Parish Fair begins this evening and runs through Sun. We wish them the best!
- **Joseph A. Champagne/ Gene Bennett Memorial Alumni Golf Tournament.** Good luck, Development Team and golfers!
- **Football:** Varsity v. Northshore (7) in homecoming game. Alumni reception follows.

Sat, Oct 18 (Feast of St. Luke)

- **St. Luke the Evangelist** is the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He is patron saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students, & butchers. Happy feast day to the twelve SPS teachers & students who have Luke or Lucas or Luc as part of their name!
- **TDIH:** In 1790, John Baptist de La Salle entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, beginning his journey toward priesthood. By answering God's call, he opened himself up to future calls which allowed him to found the Brothers of the Christian Schools. May we, too, be open to the call of God in our lives!
- **National Evaluate Your Life Day:** We reflect today upon our life -- where it's been, and where it's going. What do I need, or want, to change? I know I'll be evaluating!
- **National Chocolate Cupcake Day:** Splurge! Enjoy!
- **Cross Country** runs in Walker Shoot Out
- **Swimming:** 8th at TCC
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi, JV & Varsity scrimmage at Holy Cross
- **20th Annual SPS Math Tourn** (yes, this time it's real; last week was a mistake)
- **Senior High Homecoming Dance in the BAC**



A Eucharistic Minister gives Holy Communion to Ms. Charbonnet at last week's all school mass.

Sun, Oct 19

- **We encourage Catholic families to attend mass and our other families to attend church of choice.**
- **Mission Sunday:** Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves today to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. At Saint Paul's, every Wednesday is Mission Day. We ask students to donate snack or drink money for our brother Lasallian school in Marsabit, Kenya, which is also named St. Paul's. Without our support, that school, which serves poor tribal students in eastern Kenya, could not exist. BTW, the school's students consistently score high on national exams, thus providing them with the opportunity for university studies and a better life. We also make a donation to the greater Catholic Church's missionary efforts through the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
- **TDIH:** In 1781, British General Lord Cornwallis, hopelessly trapped at Yorktown, surrenders to a larger Franco-American force, effectively bringing an end to the American Revolution.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE HELP: The future of SPS depends on a healthy enrollment. On Nov 1 at 1 pm, we will hold our annual Open House for prospective students. Please invite any interested family to attend. This year, we want to send postcard announcements to families. If you know of a family with a son who would benefit from SPS, please email me their name and address. We will mail them a postcard invite. In the past, you, our parents, have been the best source of attracting students to SPS. Please help me now. Again, just send me names and addresses – all we'll send them is a simple postcard. Thanks!

End of First Quarter: It's hard to believe the 1st Quarter of the 2014-15 school year is over. Later this week, you will receive a report card. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for next Mon, Oct 20, from 5-7 in the BAC. Remember that the 1st Quarter will constitute 40% of his semester grade. The second quarter will also constitute 40% and the semester exam before Christmas will be 20%.

Honor Roll Breakfasts: Below is the schedule. The breakfasts last from 7:40 – 8:20.

- *Oct 29 – Pre-freshman Grade HR Breakfast*
- *Oct 30 – Freshman HR Breakfast*
- *Nov 5 – Sophomore HR Breakfast*
- *Nov 6 – Junior HR Breakfast*
- *Nov 7 – Senior HR Breakfast*

PSAT: The PSAT will be given this Wednesday (10/15) in the Briggs Assembly Center to the entire sophomore class and select 8th, 9th, and 11th graders. If your son is slated for the tests, have him report directly to his first period class on Wednesday for attendance. Students will be dismissed from class at 8 am to begin the test in BAC. Registered 8th pre-freshmen will be dismissed to Lasalle 201 with Mrs. Gina Hall. Please remind your son to bring his calculator and two #2 pencils, sharpened. Students will complete the PSAT around 11 am and will then be dismissed for lunch. Good luck to all testers!

Musings on Last Week:

- **Shadow Day:** A large group of prospective students spent Tue morning with us. They seemed to enjoy the day and we hope they choose SPS for their secondary education.
- **Sudden Impact:** Our first group of sophs went on Wed; very powerful program.
- **Football:** 8th won big last Tue & Sat; 9th played hard against John Curtis; and Varsity fought hard against Mandeville.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves were here at 5:30 am on Sat, heading to BR for meet!
- **Grandparent Day** was highly successful with many compliments from the GPs. Thanks, Mothers Club, Barrett, Liturgical Band, Physical Plant Dept, et al. **Special thanks to co-chairs Miriam Wyble & Letha Tepper!**
- **Mothers Club:** The MC outdid itself with last week's faculty luncheon. Thanks, MC!
- **Touchdown Club:** Thanks for the great dinner you provided the team on Thu prior to the Mandy game.
- **Mass:** Thanks to Campus Ministry, Liturgical Band, and all who helped make our mass special.
- **Jr Hi Homecoming Dance:** Jr High Homecoming dance was a success! Thanks to tuxedo clad Student Council officers Sam Giberga, Kole Gorney, Connor Rees, Philip James, Colin Skinner, and Casey Fitzmaurice and John Cresson (in suits) for their energy and enthusiasm with serving water, monitoring doors, modeling suitable dancing and cleaning. And thanks to the chaperones.
- **Dads Club:** A very brave group of dads set sail Sat morning to attack what the Brothers call Trevor Island in Lake Alfred (aka campus pond). These names come from the late 80's, when Trevor, Brother Alfred and the late Timmy Taylor drained, re-dug, and repaired the lining of the pond. The island has been an eyesore of late with overgrown vegetation (aka weeds!) Thanks, Dads Club!

Blood Drive: Will hold our annual on-campus Blood Drive on October 23. Students who are 17 or older and in good health are encourage to give this "gift of life."

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: I have been remiss in mentioning this and it's certainly more important that National Dessert Day or Frustration Day. As an all boys school, we must not overlook the teachable moments concerning issues pertaining primarily to women, and our boys need to know about this insidious disease, which can strike their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and future wives and daughters. And we have current parents and friends battling this medical scourge. I encourage enlightened, appropriate discussion of this important health issue with our students when possible. We reach out in prayerful support to any family struggling with this issue. I invite you to pray the following:



Covington Mayor Mike Cooper supports Sam and other wolves who were washing cars for Elise.

We pray for those who are now ill. O God, Source of Life, heal them!
For those who are affected by illness, anguish and pain. O God, Source of Life, heal them!
Grant courage to those whose bodies, holy proof of Your creative goodness, are violated by illness.
O God, Source of Life, encourage them!
Grant strength and compassion to those who give loving care, support and help to overcome despair.
O God, Source of Life, strengthen them!
Grant wisdom to those who labor in the search for treatment and cures.
O God, Source of Life, inspire them!
Grant clarity of vision and strength of purpose to the leaders of our institutions and our government.
May they be moved to act with justice and compassion and find the courage to overcome fear and hatred!
O God, Source of Life, guide them and bless us all!

Important Fact of the Week: People who begin drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to abuse or become dependent on alcohol than those who begin drinking after age 21. A young person's brain and body are still growing. Drinking alcohol can cause learning problems or lead to adult alcoholism. (Source: www.stopalcoholabuse.gov)

2015 Yearbook Ordering: The yearbook ordering process is *all* digital this year, taking payments directly through our website. Anyone wishing to purchase a 2015 yearbook should go to stpauls.com and go to the "Student Life" section where you can order a book, pay for a senior ad, etc. SENIORS DO NOT NEED TO ORDER A BOOK AS ONE WAS INCLUDED IN YOUR SENIOR FEES.

Service Opportunity: MANY service opportunities are posted in the library. Remember that SPS students much complete a minimum of 10 service hours a year.

Lunches: PLEASE don't bring lunches to school for your sons as we definitely are not equipped to deliver lunches to students. We don't have the personnel, so please don't ask us. And PLEASE encourage your son to take care of his lunch box if he brings he school. We have MANY, MANY lunch boxes ALL over campus.



Students in dress uniform

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 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.*

Tutoring: The National Honor Society offers tutoring each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It's much easier to be tutored early in the quarter than to wait until later in the quarter. The tutors are very friendly and helpful!

Last Tue's Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Oct 07 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to a stirring rendition of *Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above* as performed by the Music Ministry of Mary Queen of Peace Parish. I explained the significance of this traditional Catholic hymn to Mary and reminded students that October is a month the Church dedicates in a special way to Our Blessed Mother. I informed them that once again, an SPS mom who has had five sons graduate from Saint Paul's, has given us hundreds of rosaries for free distribution through religion classes. I encouraged them to keep a rosary in their pockets and pray a "Hail Mary" or decade when waiting or walking. We are grateful to this SPS mom for fostering our devotion to Mary!

I also reminded the students that 25% of the school year and 75% of the calendar year are over. I had them reflect: How have I used that time? Did I grow closer to God, family, and friends? Did I accomplish the goals I had set? Am I a better person? I exhorted them to make the most of the remainder of this calendar and school year.

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Logan Haydel**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: junior Brock May's maternal great grandmother; senior Peyton Cuccia's great uncle; Mrs. Eleanor Hawley Scherer, grandmother of sophomore Joshua Scherer; Mrs. Lillian Moran Stalter, **grandmother of freshman Matthew Stalter; and Mr. Ernest Prieto, grandfather of junior Harrison Prieto. Mr. Prieto was a 1953 alumnus of Saint Paul's and very proud of his association with the school.** Since it was the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we recited a "Hail Mary" for the repose of these souls and the consolation of the families.
- Welcomed a group of 30 7th grade students from the local elementary schools who were spending the morning with us to see what makes Saint Paul's such a great place.

- Called on Junior **Nick Oubre** to introduce another guest on campus: 7th grader Sean Noel, who started the Warm Hearts Drive several years ago. SPS is again participating in this drive to college used, but still usable, jackets, sweaters, blankets, gloves and other items to help keep those in need warm for the winter. Sean gave a moving reflection on poverty and was extremely articulate for a 7th grader. He informed the student body that Saint Paul's was the top donor in last year's drive. I'm sure we'll participate well again this year.
- Recognized and congratulated the **SPS Student Hosts** – without whose help we could not have put on Jazz n Roll. The hosts, as usual, were magnificent. They helped set up and take down the event in addition to working the evening. They received rave reviews from all.
- Recognized sophomore **Hayden Ocman** by bringing him on the court while I told the student body about the automobile accident he was in last week. The car in which Hayden was riding hit another car. Hayden thought quickly to get the lady out of the car before paramedics arrived. The car had flipped, and the side door wouldn't open. Hayden talked to her through the driver's window, got her to open the hatchback on her SUV, and got her out through the back with the help of a passerby. When asked about it, he responded that he was worried that the lady was trapped and the car would catch fire. The victim of the accident was amazing; she was more worried about boys than herself because he was very upset. Hayden acted with a lot of courage and equanimity. I told the boys their personal safety is always paramount, but anytime they can help someone in this situation takes courage – which we pray for every day. Well done, Hayden!
- Then, as if by magic, The William Tell Overture by Gioacchino Antonio Rossini (an Italian baroque composer from 1792–1868) started playing – which signals that the **Cross Country Wolves** are off and running. I recounted the accomplishments to date:
 - St. Michael's Bayou Boogie: Varsity & Jr Hi both took 3rd Place
 - Episcopal Round Table: Junior Hi was 5th out of 30 teams and Varsity was 3rd out of 29 teams; Sophomore Eric Coston placed 1st out of 281 runner.
 - Christian Brothers Relays: Junior Hi was 2nd, JV was 2nd and Varsity was 2nd
 - Newman Invitational : Junior Hi was 2nd and Varsity was 1st
 - Watson Ford Invitational in MS: Junior Hi was 2nd, JV was 3rd and Varsity was 1st. Once again, Eric was 1st with Spencer Albright, Stephen Schlottman and Collin Sullivan in top 10 in Varsity. Jonathan Bertucci was 1st in Junior Hi with Connor Walmsley in the top 10. Well done, Wolves!
- Recognized and congratulated the **football program** for its great showing so far: Junior High is playing hard, 9th & JV are undefeated and Varsity is 4 – 1 and undefeated in District. Recognized and congratulated **Kenny Sears, Jr.** for being named the WWL Prep football player of the week after the McDonough 35 game.
- 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 for all of the activities going on around school.
- Before we dismissed, I reminded the students that Oct 7 was You Matter To Me Day and encouraged them to tell those people in their lives about whom they care that “you matter to me.” I hope your son came home and did so. To practice, I had them turn to each other and say “you matter to me.” And they did so!

- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Colin Ross**, 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 “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above.” It was a great assembly! At least I thought so!

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, Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento, St. Mary’s College HS in Berkeley and DeMarillac Academy in San Francisco. This week, it’s **Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Francisco.**

While Sacred Heart Cathedral’s roots date back to the mid-1800s, the present school dates to 1987, when Sacred Heart High School, which was conducted by the Daughters of Charity, merged with Cathedral High School, which was conducted by the Christian Brothers. The school is situated in the heart of San Francisco’s cultural center. SHC students benefit from the prime location, near San Francisco’s City Hall, the opera and the ballet. As with any urban campus, however, safety and security are issues and the school has extensively trained security personnel and safeguarded facilities. As a “merged” school, they strive to keep the traditions of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and Saint Vincent de Paul, founder of the Daughters of Charity. They are a Bring Your Own Device school and have the largest high school library in northern CA. Some interesting clubs: The Tea Club (yes, they sit around and drink tea!), the Yoga Club (remember, we’re in San Francisco!), the Japanese Club (they explore Japanese culture, view Japanese films, play Japanese video games (who knew?), eat Japanese food, etc.) and a Badminton Club. Their tuition and fees total \$18,200 and over \$24,000 for international DAY students! Wow!



Bio-medical Wolf presents his project.

Warm Hearts Drive: Our annual collection of gently used coats, jackets, sweaters and other such items is currently underway. Last Tue, the organizer of the drive, 7th grade Sean Noel, spoke to our student. Here are his remarks – pretty remarkable for a 7th grader!

I’ve had the privilege of serving as a speaker for the St. Paul’s assembly for several years. I’ve shared with you my three service projects, including ‘St. Tammany Remembers’, a program I founded to honor and recognize our local veterans, ‘Sean’s Factor’, a non-profit to raise funds to send children and teens with Hemophilia to a medically-staffed summer camp for free and finally, my sister Annie and I are in our 8th year of collecting blankets, hats, gloves and socks (basically anything that can keep you warm) for our “Warm Hearts”.

We collect the items throughout a 3 parish region, and then sort them and distribute them throughout five local parishes: Washington, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Orleans and Jefferson. To date, we have collected more than 10,000 items, some of which are even given to other states during major disasters such as the devastating tornados in Mississippi and Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey.

St. Paul’s has the distinction of being our largest contributor within “Warm Hearts”. Again, this school is our largest collection site. Thank you, St. Paul’s.

I have no doubt that many of you don't realize the significance of your single donation. You don't grasp the impact that one blanket makes in your community. And that's normal. We are blessed to live in one of the more affluent parishes in the state. Many of you will never know someone who has been touched by homelessness or poverty. When you are hot, you turn on the air conditioner; when you are cold, you turn on the heat, grab your new coat and its all fine...

*But that scenario is **not** the reality for many of our fellow citizens. Less than 18 blocks away from this very school, an entire family did not eat dinner last night. Within this parish, there are children and elderly citizens without adequate housing or electricity. It's a very real picture, and I don't mean to depress you with that knowledge, but I do encourage you to be more aware.*

*It doesn't take much to make a difference. When you go to the linen closet and choose a clean blanket to donate, or go through your closet and pick out that coat that doesn't fit anymore; picture in your mind who will be receiving that "gift". And I do refer to your donations and efforts as "**gifts**", because they truly are. If you use a little bit of your allowance money and take the time to purchase a new bag of socks, you **are** changing the world.*

*That's a big statement to claim for just bringing in something to keep someone warm. But it's true. When you decide today that **YOU** will go to purchase the items to donate, or that **YOU** will go through your closet, **YOU** are then the hero. If you just tell someone else to do it, (like your mom) then **the outcome is the same, but are you really getting the point of "service"?***

*"Service" doesn't have a monetary minimum. "Service" doesn't mean bringing in the most or the nicest. "Service" is not delegating to another. "Service" is not doing it because you have to. Now let me tell you what service "**IS**". The dictionary defines service as "an act of helpful activity; to help; to aid." I can't think of better way to improve our community and our world than to "aid". You don't have to come up with a brand new program; you don't have to raise a million dollars. You just have to aid that one person. Just help one person. Just serve one person.*

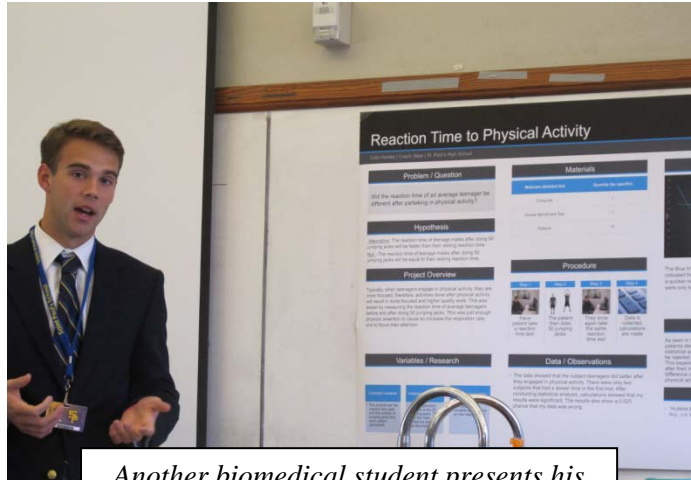
St. Paul's will be collecting for our "Warm Hearts" campaign starting tomorrow until October 23. The name of our program serves two purposes. I like to say that if you give someone a blanket, not only will they have a warm heart, but you will, too.

If I have given you just one motivation today regarding service, it would be to actually picture in your mind that one person your blanket is going to warm. Students of St. Paul's, I challenge you. Change the world. Serve.

The Political Season: With elections taking place soon, I remind all of the regulations of the Archdiocese of New Orleans concerning political activity and Catholic institutions. From the Archdiocesan Policy Manual:

- *Church organizations may not at any time participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.*
- *Church facilities cannot be used for any meeting, lecture or other activity sponsored by any political party or candidate. Parish and other church facilities may not be used for any activity related to the support of or opposition to any candidate for political office nor as forums for partisan debate.*

- *Catholic institutions may not make statements (oral or written) supporting or opposing any candidate for public office in any manner....Further, no statements may be made which label a certain candidate, such as referring to the candidate as pro-abortion or anti-peace, etc.*
- *The archdiocesan newspaper, parish bulletins, and other parish or archdiocesan sponsored publications are not to accept political advertising in support of or opposition to any candidate for public office or in support of or opposition to a political party.*
- *Catholic institutions may not provide financial support to any candidate, political action committee, or political party.*
- *No Catholic institution may distribute or authorize distribution of campaign literature or other campaign material on its premises, including parking lots.*
- *I have provided these regulations to our faculty and insisted that they abide by them.*



Another biomedical student presents his project

Humor of the Week: Hilarious headlines from newspapers:

- *Camouflaged Army Vehicle Disappears*
- *Man Accused of Killing Attorney Gets New Lawyer*
- *Mississippi's Literacy Program Shows Improvement*
- *Homicide Victims Rarely Talk to Police*
- *Poison Control Center Reminds People Not To Take Poison*
- *Most Earthquake Damage Caused By Shaking*
- *Teenage Pregnancy Declines After Age 25*
- *Feds Raid Gun Shop; Find Weapons*
- *Attorney Accidentally Sues Himself*
- *City Can't Find Source of Sewer Smell*
- *City to Spend \$25,000 to Advertise Lack of Funds*
- *Volunteers Search for Civil War Planes*
- *High Fat Diet May Lead to Weight Gain, Study Shows*
- *Winter Best Time To Go Ice Fishing*
- *Hispanics Ace AP Spanish Tests*
- *Rally Against Apathy Draws Small Crowd*
- *OK, I'll stop*

A Look Ahead

Oct 20 – Parent/Teacher Conferences at 5-7 PM

Oct 24 – Pep Rally Schedule

Oct 27-28 – 9th retreat/service days (Camp Abbey)

Oct 27 – Assembly for Guest Speaker, Bro. Ghebreyesus

Oct 28 – President's Assembly

Oct 29 – 8th Grade HR Breakfast – Snack Day
Oct 30 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
 Oct 31 – Day of the Dead ceremony – Assembly Schedule
 Nov 3-18 – Food Drive begins
 Nov 3 – Late start of teacher In-service
 Nov 4 – Teacher appreciation day-Assembly Schedule – Shadow Day
Nov 5 – Sophomore HR Breakfast – ACT Aspire for 9th Graders
Nov 6 – Junior HR Breakfast /ACT Aspire for Sophomores Periods CDE
Nov 7 – Senior HR Breakfast
 Nov 13-14 – Pre freshmen retreat/service days (on campus)
 Nov 18 – Food Drive ends
 Nov 21 – Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 3:00PM
 Dec 1 – Parent/Teacher meetings in BAC 5-7 PM
 Dec 11 – Luminarios – Snack Day
 Dec 16-19 – Semester Exams
 Dec 19 – 11:00 AM dismissal for Christmas Holidays
 Jan 5 – Classes resume
 Jan 6 – President's Assembly – Snack Day
 Jan 7-9 Seniors on Retreat
 Jan 29 – Career Day

Dates in italics indicate changes or additions since the last posting

Whew! Enough for now. As usual, I'll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to right now and LOL as WWNO is having its pledge drive!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Let me know if there's an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others.

Pray that things go well! Believe it or not, we've begun the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's – our 103rd year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Still Learning New Things as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



Future engineers in our Hornbeck Offshore Engineering Program survey the campus with equipment donated by FLWB architectural firm.



.... and doing ordinary things extraordinarily well by making courageous choices!