



The President's Newsletter for January 5-11, 2015



Welcome back to school and Happy 2015 – the fourth full year of our second century! I hope your holidays were physically renewing and spiritually fulfilling and that you have entered the New Year with hope, optimism, faith, and zeal. I hope, too, that your family grew closer during these special days. I know you've missed the weekly newsletter during the holidays, so here's the first edition of 2015.



In his meditation for January 1, Saint John Baptist de La Salle bluntly asks the first Brothers:

- *Is it only in vain that you live the name of Christian and minister of Jesus in the work that you do?*
- *Do you live in a manner that befits these glorious names? Do you instruct those for whom you are responsible with the attention and the zeal God asks of you in so holy a work?*

He then reminds the first Brothers (and us today) to make the following New Year's resolutions:

- *Act in a way that your life may begin today to be holy and edifying and continue to be so in the future.*
- ***By your good conduct, make yourself worthy of your distinguished role.***

These sound like good resolutions to me! And while they were written for the first Brothers, they apply equally to parents, the primary educators of their children. Let's pray for the grace to put these resolutions into practice!

At our opening of school prayer service last August 7, Student Council President Sam Giberga challenged the faculty to make the most of the 2014-15 year. He exhorted us to do our best to touch the hearts of the students entrusted to our care. He encouraged us to encourage the students to make the most of their year by getting involved and giving their best to all their endeavors. I asked the teachers in their newsletter this week if they have been faithful in doing so and, if not, to renew their resolve to adopt the tried and true methods of the Lasallian educator.



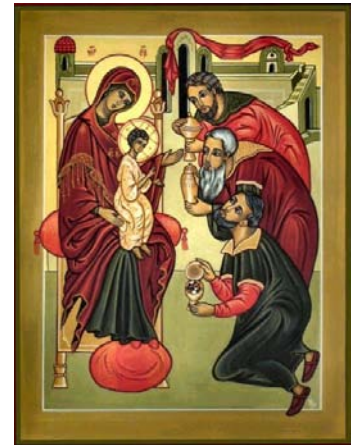
I think parents, too, need to encourage their sons to make the most of the opportunities being given them. I encourage you, therefore, to look for ways to have your sons make the most of each and every day. I wish you a happy 2015 and blessed second semester.

Mon, Jan 5 (Regular; A B C D)

- **This Day in History:** In 1933, construction begins on the Golden Gate Bridge, as workers began excavating 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt for the structure's huge anchorages. The bridge officially opened on May 27, 1937, the longest bridge span in the world at the time. The first public crossing had taken place the day before, when 200,000 people walked, ran and even roller skated over the new bridge. With its tall towers and famous red paint job, the bridge quickly became an American landmark, and a symbol of San Francisco – the western end of our District.
- **TDIH:** In 1896, William Roentgen announces the discovery of X-ray radiation.

- **National Bird Day:** Take a moment to notice and appreciate our birds. At SPS, that's easy to do, as birds abound. And after lunch each day, like clockwork, the black birds descend to feast on the students' food droppings.
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Northlake Christian

Tue, Jan 6 (Assembly; E F G A) – Traditional Feast of the Epiphany – Twelfth Night! The Twelve Days of Christmas are over! No more turtle doves, French hens, milking maids, leaping lords or swimming swans. You can keep the golden rings, however. Enjoy the quiet from that angry partridge in the pear tree and those darn drummers drumming! Trivia Question of the Week: do you know the traditional names of the three kings? Answer at end of newsletter.



- **TDIH:** In 1838, the first electric telegraph is successfully tested by Samuel Morse
- **National Bean Day:** Celebrate the lowly legume! Enjoy a tasty bean dish today! The USDA suggests adults should eat more than 3 cups of beans each week to take advantage of their health benefits, which include reduced risk of heart disease and certain cancers. On the other hand, today you may want to avoid crowded spaces.
- **President's Assembly**
- **Soccer:** 9th at Northlake Christian
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity at Slidell in opening of district play (6 & 7:30)

Wed, Jan 7 (Regular; B C D E)

- **Feast of St. Raymond of Penafort:** this 12th century Spanish Dominican Priest was known for scholarly work and holiness. He is patron saint of canon lawyers and all lawyers generally.
- **TDIH:** In 1789, America holds first presidential election (Spoiler Alert: G. Washington won!)
- **TDIH:** In 1953, President Harry Truman announces the development of a hydrogen bomb one thousand times more powerful than the atomic bomb dropped on Japan.
- **I'm Not Gonna Take It Anymore Day:** Well, I'll let you decide what you're not going to take anymore. Just hope it's not SPS, although some of you will probably vote for this newsletter – or, worse, the SPS President!
- **Senior Retreat** begins today. Prayers and best wishes go with the seniors & Retreat Team who begin the annual senior retreat. We owe the team a great deal of thanks for undertaking this important ministry. The group returns Friday afternoon. We are indebted to retreat coordinators Lee Pierre and Renee' Miller.
- **Soccer:** JV v. Lakeshore (5:30)

Thu, Jan 8 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1815, two weeks after the War of 1812 officially ended, U.S. General Andrew Jackson achieves the greatest American victory of the war at the Battle of New Orleans. Today we remember the 200th anniversary of this historic event.
- **TDIH:** In 1935, Elvis Presley is born in Tupelo, MS. Listen to some Elvis today!
- **National JoyGerm Day:** This is a day devoted to spreading joy via acts of kindness such as a hug, kiss, love letter, compliment, or any unexpected act of compassion.
- **Argyle Day:** Wear your argyle (diamond shaped blocks against a colored background) today!

- **Feast of the Patroness of Southeast Louisiana, Our Lady of Prompt Succor.** This devotion originated with a French Ursuline nun, who brought to New Orleans a statue she had commissioned under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. (Succor means “help.”) This statue now stands above the main altar in the Ursuline Chapel on State Street. OLPS played a prominent role in Battle of New Orleans and the great New Orleans fire. Today, we pray to her for help in the New Battle of New Orleans against violence, murder and racism. Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!
- **Basketball:** 9th & JV v. Hammond (6 & 7)



*Original OLPS
brought from
France in 1727 by
Ursuline nuns.*

Fri, Jan 9 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1793, Jean Pierre Blanchard made the first balloon aerial voyage in the New World at the Walnut Street Prison in Philadelphia at dawn. He sold tickets to the event and the excitement he generated was so great that almost the entire population of Philly turned out, in addition to a large number of visitors from the surrounding countryside.
- **TDIH II:** 1493, explorer Christopher Columbus, sailing near Dominican Republic, sees three "mermaids"--in reality manatees--and describes them as "not half as beautiful as they are painted" – a great example of understatement.
- **Static Electricity Day:** Find a Van de Graaff generator to touch and celebrate the wonders of the old balloon-sticking-to-the-wall trick, the hair-raising that takes place after we take off winter hats, and the shock of electricity that we get from petting a cat after scooting across a carpeted floor in socks.
- **B'Ball:** Alumni Game at 6 followed by Varsity v. Hammond
- **Soccer:** Varsity in Gulfport Tournament

Sat, Jan 10

- **TDIH:** 1982, San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Dwight Clark makes a leaping catch in the end zone on a pass from quarterback Joe Montana with 51 seconds left in the NFC, sending the '9ers to the Super Bowl & beginning their dynasty of the 1980s. To see “the catch”, click here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCEaAIPytY>
- **Cut Your Energy Costs Day:** Pretty self-explanatory, so do all you can to conserve energy today!
- **Application Day.** Applicants for next year take the placement test this morning. Pray for a successful day.
- **Soccer:** 9th in Rummel Tournament; JV in Battle on the Bayou Tournament;
- **Lacrosse:** Jr Hi, JV, & Varsity at Catholic
- **Fighting Math Wolves** compete in Catholic High Tournament
- **Wrestling:** JV & Varsity in District Meet at SPS; Jr Hi in dual meet
- **Football Awards Ceremony** in the BAC

Sun, Jan 11 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – official end of the Church’s Christmas season

- **National Milk Day:** In 1878 milk was reportedly delivered in bottles for the very first time. Prior to this, milk was brought door to door in large metal cans and they'd ladle you out a portion.
- **TDIH:** In 2012, exactly three years ago, a special blessing and opening ceremony for the newly renovated La Salle Hall was held. In the past three years, the building has served us well, and we continue to marvel at this incredible transformation of the old dormitory into currently usable space. As we mark the three year

anniversary, let's not forget to remember all those who helped make it possible and treat the building with respect and appreciation.

- **Human Trafficking Day:** We don't think much about this human horror, so today attempts to raise awareness about the effects of what has been termed modern day slavery.



- **Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of those who are trafficked:** *St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery. Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.*

- **Fruitcake Toss Day:** No guilt today if you toss that unwanted fruitcake. You can't toss it at another person, though!

Prayers Requested: Mr. Herman Shum, Vice-Principal of Saint Mary's College High School, the Lasallian school in Berkeley, CA, died on Saturday, December 27, following a cycling accident. Mr. Shum was slated to assume the duties of principal of Justin-Sienna High School, the Laallian school in Napa, in the 2015-2016 school year. We extend our condolences to both schools and to Mr. Shum's family and friends. May he rest in peace!

Welcome to January: Here are some of the causes celebrated in January: Apple and Apricots Month, Artichoke and Asparagus Month, Bath Safety Month, Be Kind to Food Servers Month, Birth Defects Month, California Dried Plum Digestive Month, Celebration of Life Month, Financial Wellness Month, Get A Balanced Life Month, Get Organized Month, International Creativity Month, National Clean Up Your Computer Month, National Glaucoma Awareness Month, National Hot Tea Month, National Mentoring Month, National Polka Music Month, National Poverty in America Awareness Month, National Soup Month, National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, Oatmeal Month, Rising Star Month, Shape Up US Month, Teen Driving Awareness Month, Tubers and Dried Fruit Month, Thyroid Awareness Month, & Worldwide Rising Star Month. Something for everyon



Soccer Wolves get creative with Christmas card.

Looking for Vehicle Donation: Our campus truck has died. It is used to pick up trash and landscaping debris along with other campus chores like delivering supplies to campus buildings, etc. If you have an old truck that you would like to get rid of (and receive a tax break for doing so), please let me know. We do not use the truck on city streets, so it just needs to be able to run. We are not in a position to purchase one, so we are looking for a donation.

Musings on Past Few Weeks:

- Exam week went well. We had few “issues” and most understood semester grading policy.
- Thanks to Barrett Baumgartner for organizing the Christmas Prayer Service. It was wonderful.
- Thanks to the Mothers Club who supplied faculty Christmas lunch on the 19th. All had a good time.
- Thanks to all who helped with Adopt a Family. The results were great, and we enriched the lives of several needy families. We also donated \$500 to the Covington Food Bank, \$500 to the Samaritan Center, and \$500 to the Rotary Club Feed the Needy Program, which used our facility for their program.
- Congrats to Wrestling Wolves who adopted Fairhaven Children’s home and put on a party for them! And on Jan 1, the grapplers boarded a bus for the Prep School Slam in Atlanta.
- Thanks to all who helped the Rotary Club with their Feed the Needy program. Over 1500 Christmas meals were prepared in our cafeteria and delivered on Christmas morning. It was quite a sight! A number of SPS families and alums, including the varsity baseball team, helped out.
- Thanks to all the coaches who kept our student athletes focused on their seasons by having practices during the holidays, including Christmas Eve. This provided a positive, safe, healthy activity for our students.
- The 32nd Saint Paul’s Holiday Soccer Tournament, which attracts the top teams in the state, was both an athletic and PR success, bringing the #1 ranked Wolves a lot of publicity along with a nice 1st place trophy!
- Thanks to Brother Ken for organizing the 10 pm Christmas Eve liturgy in the school chapel. A large crowd, composed largely of alums and current families, attended.
- Thanks to Al Nastasi for helping organize the Christmas on Columbia Alumni Gathering on Dec 26. All went well.
- And the holidays didn’t stop Danielle Lavie from publishing a December Wolf Tracks! Hope you enjoyed your copy. Excellent issue, Danielle! Thanks



Wrestlers have a party for Fairhaven Children’s Home

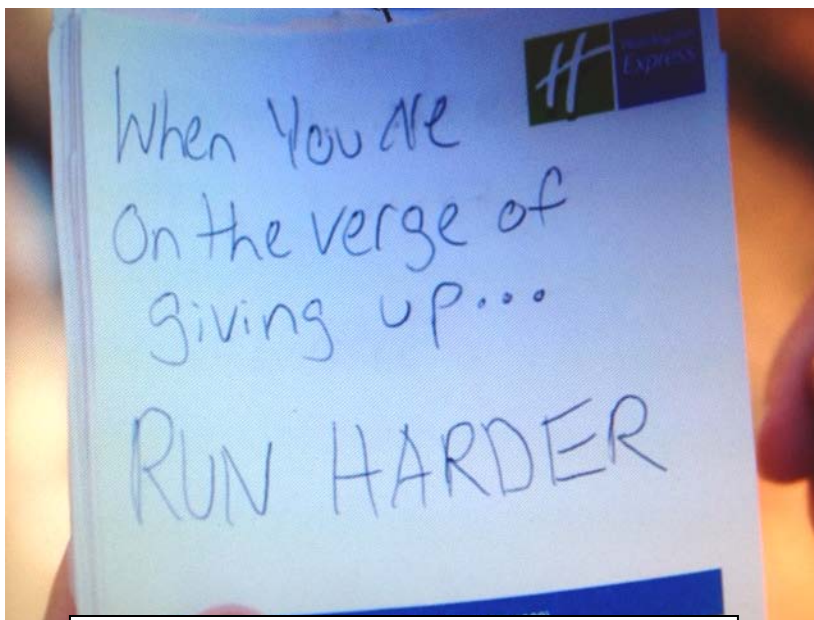
Grades, Exams, Report Cards, etc.

- **Report Cards** will be emailed this week, although grades have been accessible on Edline for a while. Let me know if you do not receive a report card. There are no parent-teacher conferences at this time, so email any concerns to teachers.
- **Semester Exams** DID NOT lower most student averages. The overwhelming number of students earned the same grade on exams that they had going into exams. There were a few exceptions – on BOTH ends of the spectrum (students who did worse and students who did better.) What the semester exams did accomplish is give your son college preparatory experience – which will pay dividends in the future.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Second quarter HR breakfast schedule is published below in A Look Ahead Calendar. All breakfasts last from 7:40-8:20. Note: HR is determined by **second QUARTER grades, not semester grades.**

Application Day: Saturday, January 10, all new applicants for NEXT year's 8th or 9th grade will take the placement exam at 8 am. We will administer the test in the Briggs Assembly Center. **New 8th grade applicants are being accepted on a wait list only basis as we've got a bumper crop of applicants right now.**

Dec 16 Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Dec 16 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a beautiful rendition of "Wait for the Lord" sung by the French monastic community of Taize. It's the song that the religion classes sang during Advent. While the music was playing, **junior Griffin Guzan** lit three Advent candles – including the pink "gaudete" (rejoice) candle. I encouraged the students to make the most of the remaining days of Advent and of 2014. And since it was the first day of Hanukkah, senior **Max Gold** told the story of Hanukkah, and then he and pre-freshman **Jackson Gold** and **freshman Luc Hebert** lit the first Hanukkah candle on a menorah. I was very pleased with the attention the students paid and hope they now know the Hanukkah story.
- We then prayed for pre-freshman **Colton Porter**, who lost his grandfather since our last assembly.
- I then had the entire student body stand and sing Wait for the Lord – it was quite powerful and moving.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Wrestling Wolves** who had just won their 17th (and 7th consecutive) Parish Championship in a resounding fashion, outscoring 2nd place Fontainebleau by over 100 points. St. Paul's had 20 wrestlers place in the top 3, with 10 champions. Individual winners:
 - 3rd Place: **John Birdsong, Gavin Grefer, Josh Mascaro, Colin Francis**
 - 2nd Place: **Brandon Stein, Stevie Van Zandt, Grant Hughes, Peyton Cuccia, Matt Krutzfeldt, Christian Fortner**
 - 1st Place: **Cole Houser, Jared Thieler, Shane Ulfers, Billy Harrison, Hunter Bourgeois, Seth Dragon, Sam Dufour, Blake Huff, Chase Cochran, Kyle Schech**



*New Year's Motivational Advice from the
SPS Cross Country Team!*

- Congratulated all who helped with our annual luminaria celebration: Student Council President **Sam Giberga** gave an inspirational reflection on "Logos"; the liturgical band sounded great in the chapel; the **Student Council** worked hard getting the campus illuminated. The cafeteria looked very festive -- thanks to **Mother's Club**; and **the Jazz Band** was great. It was a beautiful conclusion to the evening. I don't think we could have "planned" it better.
- Recognized and congratulated 23 Academic All State Senior Wolves for the sports of football, swimming, soccer, cross country, wrestling, & basketball: **Michael Brands (FB & W); Andrew**

Brouillette (SO), Bradley Clawson (FB), Chase Cochran (W), Jack Dubreuil (SW), David Durant (SO), Matthew Dysart (So), Bretton Feringa (So), Sam Giberga (CC), Erin Guin (SO), Colin Hanley (SO), Alex Harp (CC), Burke Irwin (CC), Ryan Keller (BB), William Kenyon (FB), Connor Lyons (BB), Christophe Robertson (BB), Brent Neal (So), Davis Neitzschman (So), Parker Rice (SO), Barrick Roberts (SO), Max Robin (CC), & Joseph Tanner (SO).

- At this point, I reminded the students of my custom of giving them a musical treat by playing one of my favorite pieces of classical Christmas music: *For Unto Us a Child is Born* from George Fredrick Handel's masterpiece *Messiah* (not "The" Messiah!) I told them I wasn't sure if I was going to do that again until an email arrived two days earlier from a 2013 graduate who was studying for exams at LSU. Here's what the graduate wrote: *I was sitting here studying for finals and could not concentrate because everyone was being loud around me, so I said to myself I need to play some study music. As I was sitting here thinking about what to play, the St. Paul's Assembly came to mind. I had always really enjoyed the songs you played for us. I thought a little while and bam, "Vivaldi" and the 4 seasons came to mind. How could I forget after you had me repeat his name many, many times while I was there. I HAD to send an email to let you know that your music did, in fact, rub off on me. Have a great day! SPS FOREVERMORE!* And after reading that email, I decided we would again listen to Handel and for three minutes and 45 seconds, the gym was transformed into an 18th century English concert hall with Handel, one of the greatest of the Baroque composers, conducting his musical masterpiece. It was beyond wonderful.
- 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.
- Then, while listening to the Mr. Gene Lipps' rendition of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”, junior **Seth Dragon** extinguished the Advent candles, and I reminded the students what the candles represent – the coming of the Lord into our hearts and our world. Since Jewish custom does not extinguish the Menorah candles, we allowed the Hanukah candle to burn itself out. I exhorted the students to leave the gym and spread God's love to all whom they meet. The students joined in with singing the refrain to the song. It was a very great assembly! At least I thought so!

New Year's Resolutions: Please make the following part of your New Year Resolutions!

- If your son is absent, phone Erin Abney before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1280, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns.**
- Have your son check Lost & Found which contains: coats, sweaters, shirts, lunch boxes, belts, etc.

2015-16 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8th graders:** registration information will be emailed during the week of January 19. **Current 8th graders planning to return for 2015-16 will have until Jan 31 to re-register.** Unregistered spots will be offered to new 9th grade applicants during February. I need to know your intentions about next year so I know how many new 9th graders we can accept.
- **Current 9th – 11th grades:** registration will take place in early - Feb. You don't need to do anything now
- **Current 12th grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2015-16! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involve the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**



Pre-freshmen Elves deliver gifts to their adopted family.

Annual Fund: Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars.

WONDERFUL!

- While we don’t send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son’s grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I’ll personally appeal. I’ll send them a nice “thank you” note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What’s important is that everyone participates.
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. If you cannot afford one, contact me and I will take care of it confidentially.

Saint Peter Parish Confirmation Info: St. Peter Parish will soon be registering students for Confirmation preparation classes for sophomores and unconfirmed juniors and seniors. Registration and a parents' meeting will take place on Sunday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. The parents should come with a COPY of their son's Baptismal certificate and the \$100 fee. The fee is negotiable for any family for whom that may be a hardship. A late registration will take place on Sunday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall, with classes beginning on Sun, Jan 25th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall.

A SERVE TEN Reminder: Five service hours are due. Students must fill-out and turn in completed "Serve Ten" forms to the Counseling Department in order to get credit for their service hours. We have been advertising MANY service opportunities. Remember that service hours are mandatory, not optional.

Important Driver’s License Requirement: A new requirement was added to the driver's license issuance process for all minor applicants. All minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his

or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license. These forms can be obtained in the administration building or the counseling center. **Several students went for licenses over the holidays and were turned away because they didn't have the form – in some cases they waited several hours before being turned away!**

Alumni News: I noticed the following alums graduated from LSU in December and extend congratulations:

- College of Business: Chase de la Houssaye, Matthew Gement, Andrew Madary, Josh Novoa, Taylor Price, Patrick Vinson & John Woodard.
- College of Engineering: Justin Kinchen; Joey Mingo; Zach Perret
- College of Human Sciences & Education: Kevin Kramer & Wesley Lee
- College of Humanities & Social Sciences: Jay Duet; Eric Guidry
- College of Mass Communication: Cody Pfister
- Graduate School (Master's): Bryce Addison; Nick Bowers; Ricky Preau

Application Letters Excerpts: Here are some more memorable lines from next year's application letters:

- *I am now at a very large school and haven't really been able to bond with my teachers. From what I've seen at Saint Paul's that won't be a problem. I love learning.*
- *At Shadow Day and Open House, I felt like I was at home and that I belonged.*
- *The student ambassadors that spoke at open house really wowed me.*
- *I admit that I can be loud and rowdy sometimes. I think that the more disciplined environment would serve me well.*
- *When I'm older, I will look back and say "I am so lucky to have received an education surrounded by my brothers!"*



Coach Mick participates in the Ice Man Challenge in Tchefuncta River on New Year Eve to benefit ALS research.

Humor of the Week: Student answers to exam questions:

- How do you change centimeters to meters? *Take out the "centi."*
- Write how you feel about this class. *If I had one hour to live, I'd spend it in this class 'cause it seems like an eternity.*
- Write your essay on this page. *Your essay.*
- What subject could you do better at? *Spelling*
- What is hard water? *Ice*
- In which battle did Napoleon die? *His last*
- Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? *At the bottom.*
- In which state does the River Ravi flow? *The liquid state*
- If you throw a red stone into a blue sea, what will it become? *Wet*
- How can you go five days without sleep? *Sleep at night*
- How can you drop an egg on a concrete floor without cracking it? *Any way you want; concrete is hard to crack.*

Gym Construction: Work continues. There's no turning back now. We will see increased activity over the weeks – and experience inconvenience from time to time. Most will appreciate this a year from now; I'm praying I live through it! **Now, I just have to figure out how to pay for it. [Hint, hint] Naming opportunities are available. Contact me if so inclined.**

A Look Ahead:

January 5 – Classes resume
January 6 – President’s Assembly – Snack Day
January 7-9 Seniors on Retreat
January 13 – Pack Time
January 20 – President’s Assembly
January 26 – Senior Honor Roll breakfast
January 27 – Pack Time – 10th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast
January 28 – 11th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast
January 29 – Career Day for juniors and seniors – 9th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast
January 30 – 8th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast
February 2 – 9:00 AM late start for Faculty In-Service/ Parent-Teacher meetings 5-7 PM
February 3 – President’s Assembly
February 10 – Mass Schedule – Dress Uniform Day
February 13 – Teacher Retreat – no classes
February 13 – 22 – Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
February 23 – Classes resume from Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent Holidays
February 26-27 Junior Retreat/Angola Trip
March 3 – Teacher Appreciation Day/Snack Day
March 5 – Celebrity Waiter Dinner
March 6 – 9:00 AM late start for teachers and students
March 9 – St. Joseph Altar – all periods meet (FGABCDE)
March 10 – President’s Assembly
March 13 – Third Quarter Ends



Work continues on the new gym with the site now ready.

Whew! I’ve worn you out in this first week of 2015, but you had the last two weeks off!

Even though it’s a New Year, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I complete the newsletter and LOLing): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Again, please 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.

Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we begin the New Year! Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul’s! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Blessed to See 2015 as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

As Christmas 2014 fades into history, let us not forget the inspiration provided by the Student Council on luminaria night: *and the LOGOS was made flesh; and dwelt among us.*

Mark Twain's Classic Seasonal Quotation: *New Year's Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.*



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Answer to Trivia Question for Jan 06: The three kings are traditionally named Caspar of Tarsus, Melchior of Arabia and Balthasar of Saba.