



On Monday, February 9, Lasallians observe the feast of **Saint Brother Miguel Febres Cordero** (1854-1940.) Born into a prominent Ecuadorian family, and **crippled from birth**, Miguel became the **first native Ecuadorian Christian Brother**. He had such a reputation as scholar, teacher, & saint that **Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1984**. **Teaching remained Brother Miguel's priority, and his students admired his simplicity, concern for them, directness, and piety.** Miguel excelled as a teacher and looked “for every possible way to make the lessons and work agreeable and pleasant for students.” After Brother Miguel had taught the same material for twenty years, a confrere asked him why he **spent so much time with lesson plans**. Brother replied: ***I can find a better way of presenting it every year. If I teach this material for another 20 years, I will find newer and better ways of explaining it.*** His lessons were prepared, organized, clear and relevant -- even if he used student "lingo" to do it. **Miguel insisted on student mastery of material. How can we make this feast meaningful for us? Here are some reflection questions:**

- **Do I prepare** lessons that are clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- From year to year, **do I look for ways to present it in a better way?**
- How do I improve my teaching? Through continuing education? Professional organizations? Collaboration with colleagues? Caring?
- Have I cooperated with Joe Dickens in posting aligned lesson plans?
- Can I say along with Brother Miguel, ***"I must engage in all the works that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls"***?

I humbly and respectfully submit that the same reflection questions could be asked by parents:

- Do I teach my children the right way to live with lessons that are clear, agreeable, and pleasant?
- From year to year as my children grow, **do I look for ways to present my lessons to them in a better way?**
- How can I improve my parenting?
- Can I say with Brother Miguel, ***"I must engage in all the works [of parenting] that I undertake with a spirit of love, of gratitude for the divine goodness which employs me for His glory and the salvation of souls [of my children]"***?

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Dress Uniform Day – Tuesday, February 10th!

Mon, Feb 9 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1825, the U.S. House of Representatives votes to elect John Quincy Adams, who won fewer votes than Andrew Jackson in the popular election in Nov of 1824, as president of the US. Adams was the son of John Adams, the second president of the United States
- **National Stop Bullying Day** – Let's all work to eradicate this scourge from our schools, workplaces and lives.
- **Read in the Bathtub Day:** I'll let you decide whether to observe this day!

Tue, Feb 10 (Feast of Saint Scholastica; mass schedule; dress uniform; C D E F)

- **St. Scholastica** (480-547) was the twin sister of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictines. We rejoice with SSA on this feast and offer them prayer. The Benedictine nuns no longer serve there, but we remember gratefully their work from St. Scholastica Priory (on Stafford Road) for north shore Catholic education at SSA, St. Peter, & OLL. In remembering the sisters, we recall St. La Salle's words *"What glory there will be for those who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving!"* Remember and celebrate these wonderful women and ask St. Scholastica to bless their legacy -- and our school and work as well.
- **All School Mass** today at 8
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV, & Varsity at Northshore
- **Baseball:** JV v. Lakeshore (5)



Wed, Feb 11 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Today** we commemorate Our Lady's appearance in 1858 to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old farmer's daughter. Today, 2-3 million pilgrims annually visit Lourdes. While this apparition occurred after Saint La Salle, we know the Founder's great devotion to Mary: *"Beg the Most Blessed Virgin to obtain grace for you."* I encourage you to do so today – and always.
- **Be Electrific Day:** Today honors the birth of Thomas Alva Edison and recognizes his electrical inventions, including the light bulb. Where would we be today without electricity! Thanks, TAE!
- **Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day:** Today recognizes that everyone spills a little milk now and then. It's a day to be optimistic, think positive, look on the bright side, and to find something good in everything that happens. As the song says: *Don't Worry, be Happy!* Try to smile all day today!



Jalen, Jean-Paul, Colin & Kyle prepare to sign athletic scholarships last week to OK State, U of Dallas, Niagara U, & Loyola in football, lacrosse, soccer, and track, respectively.

- **Marching Wolves:** The MWs will perform at 10 am in Wal-Mart's annual parade for special needs children. It's a heartwarming event that brings much joy to these special children.
- **Lacrosse:** 9th & JV v. Catholic (5:30 & 7)
- **Parenting the Pack:** see below for more info on this important program.

Thu, Feb 12 (Regular; D E F G)

- **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday:** The 16th President of the United States was born on this day in 1809. One of my favorite Lincoln quotes: *Most folks are as happy as they*

make up their minds to be.

- **Oglethorpe Day:** General James Edward Oglethorpe, along with some 100 other Englishmen, landed at what is now Savannah, GA, on this day in 1733 and named the new colony Georgia for England's King George II.
- **Baseball:** Meet the Team (6 in the BAC) and **Lacrosse:** Varsity v. Catholic (6:30)

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Fri, Feb 13 (Faculty Retreat – no classes)

- Today, Feb 13, the Lasallians remember the 33rd anniversary of the death of Christian Brother James Miller, recently named “Servant of God” by Catholic Church. Here's info on Brother James as we remember this man who made courageous choices. From the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul: *James Miller was a Christian Brother who could have stayed comfortable teaching at private Catholic school in St. Paul. Instead, his story reflects a timeless Christian obligation: to reach out to those who cannot reach, to provide services to those who cannot afford it, and to change unjust systems through giving the poor access to a human and Christian education. At his request, Brother James began serving in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, in 1981. He gave young men practical training and academic curriculum, & maintained buildings and grounds. As Guatemala was in a civil war, many young men were “drafted”, i.e., literally taken off streets to be soldiers. (If they refused, their families would be tortured and killed.) Hearing of these “drafts,” the brothers would go and retrieve their students from the military station. Tensions arose between the military and the brothers. Death threats toward the brothers were common. Yet, such threats did not deter religious from walking with the people who lived in fear and oppression. On a Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, 1982, while Brother James was repairing the wall of the school, men in plain clothes approached and unloaded their guns into him, killing him. Brother James' mission did not die with him. We are called to reach out to the dear neighbor, to make education accessible to all, and to call into question the systems that continue to oppress and deny the dignity of every person. Brother James Miller! Help us make courageous choices!*



- **TDIH:** In 1945, a series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing as many as 135,000 people. It was the single most destructive bombing of the war—including Hiroshima and Nagasaki—and all the more horrendous because little, if anything, was accomplished strategically, since the Germans were already on the verge of surrender. It inspired novelist Kurt Vonnegut to write his classic novel, *Slaughterhouse Five*.
- **Blame Someone Else Day** (always 1st Friday the 13th of the year): Feel free to blame me! Lots of people do!
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV & Varsity v. Covington
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Hermes**

Sat, Feb 14

- **Happy Valentine's Day!** Today we honor St. Valentine – a saint shrouded in mystery. The Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine, all of whom were martyred. One legend says that Valentine was a 3rd C. Roman priest. When Emperor Claudius decided single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage. Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories

suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape Roman prisons. According to legend, Valentine sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression still used today. Although the truth is murky, the stories emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. In any event, celebrate those who you love today!

- **National Donor Day:** Today raises awareness of the need for organ and blood donations. For more info, go to organdonor.gov or resolve to donate blood at the local blood bank.
- **Basketball:** 8th in Catholic League Play at Holy Cross
- **Wrestling:** JV & Varsity in St. Tammany Open
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Endymion**

Sun, Feb 15 We encourage all to attend church, especially Catholics. Example speaks louder than words.

- **TDIH:** In 1898, the American battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor in Havana Harbor, at 9:40 PM. The ship sank quickly, and 260 members of its crew were lost. Inflamed public opinion in the US ignored the lack of evidence to establish responsibility for the explosion. "Remember the *Maine*" became the war cry, and a formal declaration of war against Spain followed on April 25.
- **World Whale Day:** Celebrate the whale today!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Bacchus**



Bike accident survivor Zac meets Martina Mahly, mother of Justin Addison at Justin's memorial bench recently. Zac made a video in honor of Justin and Martina gave Zac a Justin jersey - a touching moment.

Mon, Feb 16 -- Sun, Feb 22 – Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays

- You are on your own for events, TDIH & National Whatever Day during the holidays.

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Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays: Please stress with your sons the need to make good, healthy choices during Mardi Gras – especially while at parades. Stress with him that any inappropriate action, on or off campus, that damages the good name of Saint Paul's School subjects him to disciplinary action by the school. Remember that Mardi Gras ends at midnight on Feb 17 – and Lent then begins with Ash Wednesday. The second part of the week should reflect the season of Lent.

2015-16 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8th graders:** registration information was emailed last week. **Current 8th graders planning to return for 2015-16 had until Jan 31 to 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. Call me if you have questions.
- **Current 9th – 11th grades:** registration info was sent last week. You have until February 13th to register. After that we, will start interviewing students on our waiting list.

- **Current 12th grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2015-16! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involved the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**
- **Call me with problems or questions.**

Parenting the Pack: JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AT 6:30 PM IN THE BRIGGS ASSEMBLY CENTER for the first in a series of presentations designed to give parents valuable insights on current issues affecting their sons and their parenting. Sponsored by the Mothers' Club, the SPS Administration, and the Guidance Department, the program is designed to assist our students our sons and their parents in meeting the challenges in today's culture through professional information and honest, open communication. Tonight's session is entitled: *A PREVENTABLE TEEN EPIDEMIC*. Presenters are Sgt. Nick Manale of the Louisiana State Police and The Stokes Family, victims of a drunk driver accident. Topics covered include understanding leading causes of teen death, underage drinking and current teen behaviors such as *bowling* and *binging*. Join us to learn what we as parents can do to help prevent this epidemic. **SAVE THE DATES FOR FUTURE PARENTING PRESENTATIONS:** March 23: *Teens, Sex, and the Law* and April 15: *Cyberbullying and Social Media*.

Please email questions to mothersclub@stpauls.com

Good News Dept: Last week we received \$12,000 from the Richard M. Krannawitter Trust. Mr. Krannawitter was a very successful attorney /businessman in New Mexico and brother-in-law of a Christian Brother. Upon his death, his estate established a Trust to pay the "tuition, education expenses and living expenses of youth" in Lasallian schools in the New Orleans-Santa Fe Province. Each Jan or Feb, Saint Paul's and our other former NOSF province schools receive a check for this purpose. Join me in prayers of thanksgiving for this benefactor, who never stepped foot on our campus, but believed passionately in Lasallian education. Our work matters. Let's not let Mr. Krannawitter down! **And let's hope that there are other Mr. Krannawitters out there ready to do their part in insuring that our Mission survives!**

Musings on Last Week:

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Thanks for your professionalism last Monday.
- **Safe Driving Assembly:** Powerful. My thanks to the State Police. Let's hope our students (and us, too) take heed. I hope your son spoke to you about this assembly. Ask him about Ashley Stokes's presence. How can we ever forget Ashley? To learn more, go to her website: <http://www.ashleestokes.com/>
- **ASVAB Testing:** Our seniors responded well. Thanks, counseling department!
- **Gus Doskey Memorial Mass:** Thanks for your understanding as Gus's family and friends gathered to remember him on Fri.
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophs experienced this powerful program.
- **Soccer:** 5-0 win over Alexandria in first round playoff game! Congrats! On to state!
- **Lacrosse:** Wolf squad defeated Ocean Springs 9-6. Jv beat OS in an OT, 6-5. Varsity wolves beat OS 15-6 and freshman team won, too, but I don't have a score. Congrats, LAX Wolves!



State Trooper Dustin demonstrates field sobriety test on a student during last week's safe driving assembly. While the student easily passed the FST, he should have received a ticket for a shirt tail violation!

- **Basketball:** Great varsity win over Hammond and a tough loss to Mandeville. Wolves are still in district lead. 9th and JV had great come from behind wins over Mandy on Thu. Big week this week for the wolves!
- **Rugby:** Wow! A 15-5 thumping of Jesuit! Congrats, Rugby Wolves!
- **Wrestling:** A 2nd place out of 13 teams in the SPS Invitational. Great showing, Grappling Wolves! Thanks to Craig Ketelsen and the Wrestling Boosters for putting on a great tournament.
- **Athletic Signings:** Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing the Signing Day Ceremony for four of our student athletes: Jalen McCleskey, Colin Hanley, Jean-Paul Juge and Kyle Cleveland. I'll be recognizing them at a future assembly.
- **ACT:** Our staff administered another problem free ACT on Sat.
- **Marching Wolves:** Off to a great Mardi Gras start this weekend with three parade performances! Geaux MWs! More marching this weekend!

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Feb 18 Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Feb 18 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to world-famous cellist Yo Yo Ma play "Ecstasy of Gold", a song from the 1960's classic spaghetti - Western film, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." I explained that I chose YoYo Ma's version because, in addition to being outstanding, Ma's life is dedicated to promoting world peace and human rights. Two years ago, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor an American President can bestow. And I told them I use the song at the assembly before Mardi Gras, because that holiday, while having so much good, is also sometimes filled with the bad and the ugly. I beseeched the students to choose only the good this Mardi Gras season and to avoid the bad and the ugly. As the prayer candle was lit, we prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Zach Derbas's** maternal grandmother; **Hayden Ingram & Gabe Ingram's** paternal grandfather; **Mr. John Caffery**, Class of 1978, and Mr. **Don Celestine, Sr.**, former president of the SPS Athletic Association.
- Introduced approximately 40 alumni who were visiting campus and had the students warmly welcome them back to campus.
- Recognized and congratulated the district leading **basketball** team and the district champion **soccer** team.
- Recognized and congratulated **SPS Rugby** team, which had opened its season the weekend before with a 41-0 victory over West Jefferson. The victory showed great promise for this year's Rugby Wolves.



Rugby Wolves intimidate opposition!

- Recognized and congratulated the **SPS Lacrosse Wolves**: On the previous Friday night, Varsity LAX Wolves traveled to Lafayette and defeated St Thomas Moore 9-7. On Sat at Hunter Stadium, the Wolf Squad had a win over Bro Martin, 5-0, and a loss to Carrolton Park, 0-5. The varsity wolves then took on a brand new lacrosse team from St Martin's, and the SPS Wolves had a big win over this new team, 26-0. JV beat Rummel, 14 – 0 and I'm told freshmen beat Central of BR but have no score. Quite a dominating weekend of Wolves Lacrosse!
- Then, as if by magic, Charles-Marie Widor's Toccata for Organ #5 started playing. This powerful piece of music signals that our Power Lifting Wolves have been in action, so I recognized and congratulated the following for their showing in the Pope John Paul II Invitational on 1/17:
 - **Yehia Elkersh -5th**
 - **Jon Rushing -5th**
 - **Brandon Eberts -3rd**
 - **David Von Bodungen -3rd**
 - **Daniel DiPol (148)-2nd**
 - **Adam Rush -- 2nd**
 - **Nick Gordon -- 1st**
 - **Warner Moore ---1st**
 - **Ryan Sullivan -- 1st**
 - **Jack Vining -1st**
 - **David Ricalde, Jack Anzalone, and Jack Caminita** also did well in their first meet.



Biology student shows off his DNA model built in class.

- Recognized and congratulated the Fighting Math Wolves for their showing in the recent Lafayette High Math Tournament
 - **Nicholas Briggs** (2nd in Algebra I)
 - **Michael Pihllippe** (3rd in Algebra I)
 - **Josh Devier** (5th in Algebra I)
 - **Ryan Flood** (3rd in Algebra II)
 - **Aaron Nguyen** (1st in Calculus AB)
 - Middle School Team Competition – 1st Place (**Nick Briggs, Chris Flood, Jakob Massey, Eli Applebaum**) and 2nd place (**Josh Devier, Cullen Irwin, Joseph Brown, Michael Phillipe**)
 - Algebra II Team: 4th Place (**Yehia Elkersh, Alex Seese, Alex Nguyen, Ryan Flood**)
 - Calculus AB Team – 3rd Place (**Michael Brands, Aaron Nguyen, Benjamin Dantin, Hunter Simonson**)
 - Sweepstakes Middle School – 2nd place
 - Sweepstakes High School – 3rd place

- Recognized and congratulated the following students who represented St Paul's on the March for Life in Washington DC on January 22, the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision: **Andrew Aceves, Ross Albritton, Quinn Arnold, Jacob Authement, Chris Barnett, Zach Charles, Casey Fitzmaurice, Nick Gordon, Ben Hollingsworth, Addison Nick, Nick Oubre, Spencer Rhodes, & Patrick Stewart.** Chaperone was Mr. Tommy Lahey.

- Read a letter congratulating SPS students for their work at Mary Queen of Peace's Fleur de Fall: *I would like to send a huge, warm, heartfelt "Thank You!!" to the students who volunteered their time at the MQP Fleur de Fall event. The event was a big success, very well attended and a good time was had by all. The St. Paul's students were very well behaved, used wonderful manners, were eager to help and were very pleasant to have around. And I certainly thank you for your support and encouragement and the St. Paul's parents who called to volunteer their boys and who made sure they arrived timely and got home safely. It could not have happened without you all and I am very grateful. So, please share our huge thanks and gratitude. You have a wonderful community. The following students were especially helpful: **Brandon Gallego (was outstanding and noticed by many adults), Evan Cook, Patrick Ikner (very responsible), Blake Williams, Al Satches, Ben Satches, Nathan Volz, Jordan Kliebert, Ethan Desforjes, Zach Cobb, Jake Arena, Michael Longo, Yehia Elkersh, Jordan Edney, Robby Darrah, Gideon McRaney (also very helpful)***
- Then, to show our solidarity with ALL the groups on campus that are representing us so well, we robustly sang the fight song.
- By this time, we were well over time, so recognitions will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with extinguishing the prayer candle while Yo Yo Ma's rendition of "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on "the good" during this Mardi Gras season and to make safe choices. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God's love to all whom they meet.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

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Catholic Charities and SPS: All schools in the Archdiocese were asked to participate in Show Your Heart Day this Thu, Feb 12. Students are being asked to contribute \$1 to wear "their favorite red t-shirt." I fully support Catholic Charities but declined for SPS to participate, mostly because we need normalcy right now and I didn't think wearing a red t-shirt would appeal very much to our boys. BUT, I will make a donation to CC from Mission Collection, so SPS WILL be doing its share and don't let anyone say differently. Some important info about CC in the Archdiocese:

- Last year, Catholic Charities served 105,594 people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, including expectant mothers, the homeless, children, and adults with severe developmental delays, the mentally ill, the poverty-stricken, the unemployed, and those with many other needs.
- Catholic Charities embraces the poor and vulnerable – no matter who they are! Catholic Charities serves people regardless of religion, age, race, ethnicity, or economics

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- *"I am returning this otherwise good typing paper to you because someone has printed gibberish all over it and put your name at the top." - Ohio University English Professor to student*
- *"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr*
- *"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill*
- *"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow*

- *"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."*- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).
- *"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."*- Moses Hadas
- *"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."*- Mark Twain
- *"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."*- Oscar Wilde
- *"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend... If you have one."*
- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill
- *"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... If there is one."*- Winston Churchill, in response.
- *"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."* - Stephen Bishop

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Celebrity Waiters Dinner: Come celebrate "The Swing Era" at our 2015 annual Spring fundraiser, The Celebrity Waiters' Dinner, on Thursday, March 5 2015 in the Briggs Assembly Center from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. This fun filled evening includes a full course meal, refreshments, entertainment and fellowship amongst St. Paul's families as well as the local business community. Proceeds from this event directly impact our students while supporting the College Tour, the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity, honor roll breakfasts and other special student recognitions, Life Skills Day for Seniors, etiquette training for pre- freshmen, Wolves on Wheels, Robotics and Aqua Robotics, our Mu Alpha Theta competitions and many more programs which enrich the experience of the young men here at St. Paul's. For more information, please Click Here. <http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/celebrity-waiters-dinner/>

Attention Junior Parents: St. Paul's will offer the ACT test without the writing portion on **Tuesday, March 17, 2015**, to all eleventh grade students. This ACT test is official and will count as a qualifying score towards your son's college admissions and TOPS requirements. In addition we think it is to your son's advantage to take the ACT during normal school hours, which has previously been unavailable. The fee for this test administration per student is **\$38.00**. Please send a check payable to **St. Paul's School** for **\$38.00**. **In the memo line, please put your son's name.** Checks can be dropped off to the Counseling Office in La Salle Hall or mailed directly to: **The deadline to submit payment is Tuesday, February 24th.**

Annual Fund: 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.
- 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.)
- 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 are not sending 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: With the exceptionally cold weather last week, we relaxed our rule and allowed heavy coats and other warm weather gear. Now that things are more seasonal, we return to policy: **ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. If this presents a problem, please contact me.** We have some pre-owned sweatshirts in good condition which I'll be happy to distribute. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son.

IMPORTANT: Many parents have not opened their Edline. We are using Edline for attendance contacting and for our SCHOOL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM! PLEASE, PLEASE make sure you have activated your Edline account so you can receive important SPS notifications. Call Mike Holmes at 892-3200, ext 1044 if you need assistance. Parents need to create their own account and not rely on their son's account.

2015-16 Calendar: St. Tammany Parish Public Schools has published next year's calendar. They will begin on Fri, Aug 7. Accordingly, I have completed our calendar, which follows their calendar when possible. We must schedule 178 days per archdiocesan policy. **We therefore will start on Thursday, August 6 WITH A FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and NO book day – which corresponds to what we did this year. Please plan vacations accordingly.**

Paper Wolf Update: Please encourage your students to read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future.

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!**

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: **If your son needs one and you can't afford it right now, just have him come see me. This will be confidentially.** ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted.

2015 Summer at Camp Abbey Seeking Staff: Camp Abbey, a ministry of the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, has begun preparations for its 2015 summer program and is seeking high school student applicants for junior counselor positions and graduating seniors, college students, and older for senior counselor and administrative positions. Although all positions are paid, staff may decline stipends in favor of service hours if applicable. Camp includes opportunities for prayer, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as activities such as volleyball, basketball, softball, flag football, arts & crafts, archery, swimming, boating, performing arts, camping, and hiking.

If you enjoy the outdoors, want to share your Catholic faith, and desire to serve as a mentor and role model, consider applying for summer staff at Camp Abbey. Boys' camp staff serves during June 2015, and girls' camp staff serves during July 2015. For more information or applications, visit www.campabbey.org or contact campabbey@arch-no.org or 985-327-7240.

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From the Mothers Club: The traditional Mother-Son Brunch will now be a Mother-Son Supper on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:30 in the Briggs Assembly Center. Since we can no longer hold school events on Sunday by directive of Archbishop Aymond and since the MC was not able to find a conflict-free Saturday, we will experiment this year with a weekday supper. Details will be sent by the MC later.

From the Baseball Home Run Club: *Mark your calendar! Baseball Meet the Team for 2015 for players on Varsity- 8th grade team – Thursday, February 12th @ 6:00pm in the Briggs Center. All players must attend; family members and friends are invited. This is a great time to purchase all of your baseball spirit items to support the Diamond Wolves, volunteer, meet all players and coaches in the baseball program. Jambalaya will be provided to all...hope to see you there!!!*



Alums and sons/grandsons at last week's assembly. From l – r: Rhett '19 & dad Jeff '85 Ibos, Cameron '17 & dad Kevin '83 Byrne, Cole Chitwood '19 & GF Eddie Villere '64; Pierre '82 & Dustin '16 Simoneaux; & Charlie Wheeler '57 & grandson Evan Hendry '19.

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A Look Ahead:

February 24 – Pack Time

February 26-27 Junior Retreat/Angola Trip

March 3 – President's Assembly/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 – Pack Time

March 13 – Third Quarter Ends

March 17 – ACT for all juniors in BAC

March 19 – Mass – Feast of St. Joseph

March 25 – Life Skills Day for Seniors

March 27 – Band and LYL at Team up Against Violence in Afternoon
March 31 – President’s Assembly
April 13 – Leadership Week begins
April 14 – History of Covington presentation to juniors (Period G)
April 17 – Alumni Presentation assembly
April 20 – Founder’s Week begins
April 21 – President’s Assembly
April 23 – Feast of St. George Mass
April 24 – Field Day (Only periods B&C meet)
May 6-8 – Senior Exams
May 12 – Principal’s Assembly
May 13-15 – Pre Freshmen Exams
May 15 – Founder’s Day Mass
May 18 – Pre Freshmen Promotion
May 19-21 – Exam Schedules
May 22 – Faculty Records Day

Well, I wore you out again this week, but rejoice! **You get a break next week when the newsletter goes on Mardi Gras /Beginning of Lent holiday.** Enjoy next Sunday without my email cluttering up your “in” box. Next issue of newsletter will be sent on Feb 22.

And even though it’s 2015, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to now as I write 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 march forward through 2015! Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul’s!

I wish all of you a safe, happy, and enjoyable Mardi Gras and a blessed beginning of Lent!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Safe Mardi Gras for our Students as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s



I wish you a safe and happy Mardi Gras holiday and a blessed beginning of Lent holiday. And even though we will be on holiday, Lasallian core principles never take a holiday.

*Did I mention that we have a Dress Uniform Day on
Tuesday, February 10th?*