



Dress Uniform Day on Thursday!
The President's Newsletter for March 16-22, 2015

Remember that we are dust and to dust we will return!



Repent and Believe
 the Good News – as we
 begin the fourth quarter!



Mon, Mar 16 (Regular; A B C D – Firsts Day of the Last Quarter of 2015-16)

- **May 16-21: Brain Awareness Week:** Let's celebrate our brains and encourage the students to use their brains! Here's a website with activities about the brain: <http://www.dana.org/resources/brainykids/>
- **TDIH:** In 1802, the United States Military Academy at West Point is founded by the US Congress.
- **National Lips Appreciation Day:** Do something nice for your lips today! Use lip balm and civil language.
- **Basketball Awards Ceremony:** 6 in the cafeteria. Phil, the assistant coaches, the teams and their parents deserve a wonderful event to celebrate excellent seasons. Thanks, basketball wolves!

Tue, Mar 17 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 461 A.D., Saint Patrick, Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland, dies in Ireland. Happy Feast Day to all Irish and Irish wanna-bees!
- **ACT on Campus to All Juniors:** This is the "real deal", not a practice. ACT now allows certified testing centers, of which SPS is one, to administer the test to its junior class members. The advantage: no Saturday morning slumps following Friday night activities (like games), familiar surroundings, testing with friends, etc.
- **Track:** SPS/Trafton Jr Hi meet
- **Golf:** Northshore League-leading Wolves compete at Pinewood
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity begin district play at Slidell (4 & 6:30)
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity at Catholic High

Wed, Mar 18 (Assembly; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with other investors to launch their namesake banking and shipping business.

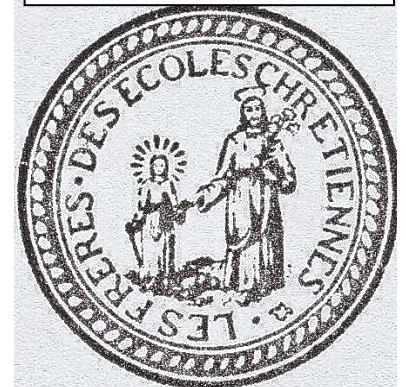


- **Awkward Moments Day:** Celebrate our common humanity – we've all made awkward mistakes.
- **Assembly:** Because of ACT yesterday, President's Assembly is moved to today.
- **Rugby:** Wolves v. Lake Shore (4:30)

Thu, Mar 19 (DRESS UNIFORM; mass; F G A B)

- **St. Joseph's Feast** was special to Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The morning and night prayers of the first Brothers included a special prayer to Joseph and in the Brothers' Rule

The original seal of the Institute created by St. La Salle shows St. Joseph and the boy Jesus: Joseph, the teacher caring for and raising the boy Jesus; the Lasallian teacher caring for and raising students entrusted to him/her.



of 1705, the Brothers were instructed to gather at 1 pm (before afternoon classes) to recite the litany of Saint Joseph, the "patron and protector of the Institute." And a holiday was given in those early days on the feast of Saint Joseph! (Oh, for the good old days!) In his meditation for the feast of Saint Joseph, Saint La Salle says: *You have been charged, like Saint Joseph, with a holy work very similar to his and requiring that your piety and your virtue be more than ordinary. You have been made responsible for your students just as Saint Joseph was made responsible for the Savior of the world. Take Saint Joseph as your model to make yourself worthy of your ministry.*

- **TDIH:** In 1719, John Baptist de La Salle was gravely ill. Brother Luke Salm writes in his book "This Work Is Yours": *As the Feast of St. Joseph drew near, de La Salle expressed a great desire to celebrate Mass in honor of this patron and protector of the Brothers. So weak was his condition and so intense the pain, that any such idea seemed out of the question. However, on the eve of the feast, he felt that pain was subsiding and his strength had returned. In the morning he was well enough to celebrate mass for the Brothers. They were overjoyed. But immediately thereafter, he relapsed. The end was near and that it was in honor of St. Joseph that he had celebrated Mass for the last time. De La Salle died less than a month later, on Apr 7th.*



Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo puts last minute touches before the altar is opened to the school. We are most grateful to her and her volunteers!

- **Swallows Return to San Juan Capistrano Day**
- **All School Mass in Honor of St. Joseph – dress uniform for students**
- **Tennis:** Wolves v. Northshore
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Rummel
- **Godspell** opens to public tonight at 7. Good luck Denny and Marian Players!

Fri, Mar 20 (Regular; C D E F)

- The **Vernal Equinox** (the arrival of spring), occurs today at 5:45 pm CDT when the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. Easter is fixed as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Day and night grow equal; more wonderfully, day grows longer than night. Winter is over. Ancient Jewish & Christian poets saw the equinox as the anniversary of creation, with spring equinox as lovelier and richer of the two because it's followed by light winning over dark, an image of paschal mystery. Our redemption is nigh!
- **Foreign Language Festival at SLU:** Good luck, la lucha contra los lobos! (blame Google Translate!)
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Northlake Christian
- **Track:** Varsity in Fontainebleau Invitational
- **Godspell** at 7. Good luck Denny and Marian Players!

Sat, Mar 21

- **TDIH:** In 1980, President Jimmy Carter announces that the U.S. will boycott the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Moscow that summer to protest Russia's invasion of Afghanistan.
- **Christian Brothers on Campus:** The Retired Brothers Community will host Christian Brothers from New Orleans, Lafayette and a contingent from California as we spend the day addressing items important to our lives as Brothers. Please pray for the success of this day.
- **Abbey Youth Fest** on the grounds of St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. This annual gathering of literally thousands of young people from around the state is quite an event, as the students gather to proclaim their Faith.
- **Corn Dog Day:** Always the first Sat of the NCAA Tournament; watch Bball and eat a corn dog!

- **National Common Courtesy Day:** This should be every day!
- **World Poetry Day:** Read (better yet, recite, some poetry day while you're eating corn dogs!
- **Baseball:** V at Mandeville v. Chalmette; 9th v. Northshore (11 & 1:30)
- **Lacrosse:** All teams at Jesuit (Muss Bertolino) beginning at 11
- **Powerlifting in State Meet in Alexandria:** Good luck, Iron Wolves!
- **Ultimate:** The Dire Wolves in The Ogre Open (yes, that's really the name) in St. Francisville
- **Rugby:** Wolves v. Niceville
- **USA Kids Wrestling Tournament in Gym**
- **Habitat Work Day (8-12)** Thanks, Habitat Wolves!
- **Godspell** at 7. Good luck Denny and Marian Players!

Sun, Mar 22

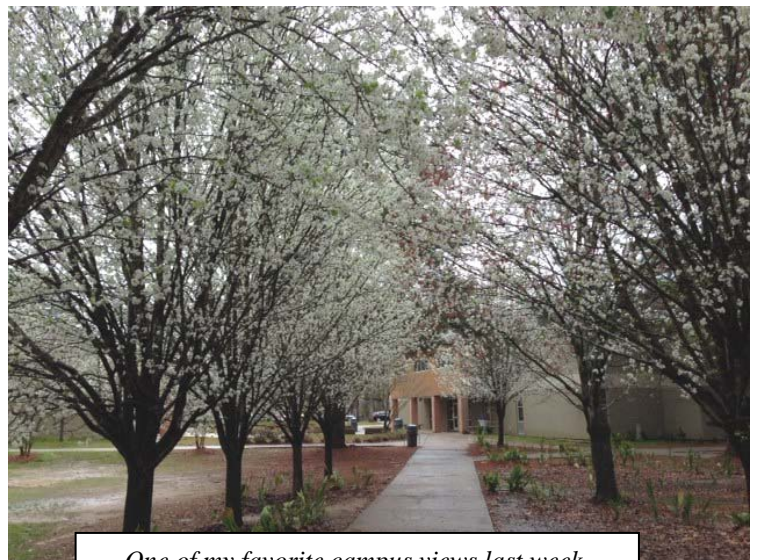
- **I hope and pray our Catholic families will attend mass today. I encourage non-Catholic families to attend the church, synagogue or mosque of choice, especially our Christian families as we reach the midpoint of Lent.**
- **TDIH: In 1765,** the British government passes the Stamp Act, which levied a direct tax on all materials printed for commercial and legal use in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and dice which stirred a storm of protest in the colonies leading to the slogan "No taxation without representation."
- **National Goof Off Day:** Since it's Sunday, goof off all you want!
- **Eagle Scout Ceremony:** We congratulate junior Evan Hood who will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony today on our campus. We are proud of Evan and ALL of our many Eagle Scouts!
- **Godspell** matinee (3)

Dress Uniform Day on Thursday: We will have a school mass on the feast of St. Joseph on Thursday. **DRESS UNIFORM DAY for STUDENTS! Parents – you are welcome to attend the mass, which will begin at 8 am in the Briggs Assembly Center.**

Report Cards will be emailed by mid-week and, in some cases, reality will set in. Parents, please insist that your sons give their best effort in the fourth quarter! Email teachers with concerns as there is no Parent-Teacher meeting day at this time.

Lenten Abstinence Obligation: Remember that we may not eat or serve meat on Fridays during Lent. Any field trip or athletic event must remember this. Last week, we almost had a problem at the WW II Museum junior field trip. Fortunately, the museum catering service was willing to change the order on less than 24 hours notice. Part of the reason they were so accommodating is the great reputation that we have with the museum. Ms. Angela Fortes, Sales Manager for the American Sector Catering Company at the museum wrote field trip organizer Kim Gardner: *Your students are so well behaved and polite, we enjoy welcoming them back*

SPS Jazz Band: Some words of praise need to be written about this group. Their performance at Celebrity Waiters Dinner was nothing short of spectacular. They actually played along – seamlessly -- with the professional musicians from the WW II Museum Orchestra. It was an amazing musical experience! **Geaux Jazz Band Wolves!**



One of my favorite campus views last week.

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Musings on Last Week: It was a BUSY, if wet, ONE!

- **Saint Joseph Altar:** Special thanks to **Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo** and her volunteers for an incredible St. Joseph Altar. Saint Joseph! Pray for all of them! As one mom wrote me: *I was able to take the day off of work on Monday to serve at the St. Joseph Altar. I have wanted to do this since [my son] started St. Paul's. I can't tell you how touched I was as each student came through the line and said thank you as we served! I walked in excited and happy to be giving my time and left feeling like I had received so much instead of giving.*
- **Engineering Field Trip:** A large group of bleary eyed (but nicely attired in their dress school uniforms) wolves found their way to campus in the fog early last Wed for an exciting & educational field trip to ULL. Thanks to Mark Richards and Richard Pichon who chaperoned the trip.
- **CB Relays:** Coach Al Nastasi and Track Wolves conducted an outstanding meet, which required MUCH work! That they began the event with mass speaks highly to the special nature of this event. Al deserves much credit for resurrecting what used to be one of the most prestigious track meets in the area. Thanks, Al! And SPS WON the meet! Sweet! Congrats! Geaux Track Wolves!
- **Junior Field Trip:** Our guys represented us well at the WW II Museum and learned a lot in the process. And they looked great in their dress uniforms!
- **Baseball, Golf, & Tennis:** Rain played havoc with Wolves in these sports! So much havoc, in fact, that the LHSAA has issued numerous special dispensations from their rules governing these sports in order to get make ups done. Baseball did play Sat and went 1-1 and Coach says they are playing well.
- **TOPS/College Fair Night** last Wednesday was a success. Thanks, Counseling Department. Changes are afoot for TOPS, beginning with the Class of 2018, but Counseling is on “top” of the matter because they are the “tops!”
- **Soccer:** Coach Moser and the State Champion Soccer Wolves acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner last week during their live interview on 94.7 “The Lake” radio. We continue to be proud of their accomplishment and will have a special assembly to recognize them.
- **Tree Planting:** Thanks to all who worked on Sat to plant more trees, which was part of junior Christopher Barnett’s Eagle Scout project. While I may not live long enough to see these efforts mature to full fruition, we’re leaving a legacy for those who come after us. They will thank us! For now, we thank Christopher!
- **Gym Construction:** In spite of the rain, work is on schedule. Last week, we made decisions on brick color and also approved building a rear entrance (which will be the one the students use on a daily basis) to mirror the entrance of the Briggs Assembly Center. It will make a very nice aesthetic, though a bit more expensive, addition to the project.



Alums Will Syll & Will Barnett returned last week to speak about Louisiana Youth Seminar and College Life.

- And speaking of the Briggs Center, thanks to Shelley Campo for arranging for lettering on the front and side of the building. Now people can identify it. Lettering on La Salle Hall is scheduled to be installed soon and slowly we’ll get to the other buildings. **The lettering is courtesy of Mr. Mark Daigle, father of freshman Nikita. Mr. Daigle owns a signage company. We are grateful for this very generous act!**

- And I’m sure you celebrated “Pi Day” on Sat. As Math Department Chair Pam Cullen pointed out to me: *Since you mentioned pi day in your email, I thought I’d let you know that this Pi day is the “Pi day of the century” - 3/14/15 at 9:26:53 a.m.- get it? 3.141592653. Unfortunately it's on Saturday this year. I*

would have loved to have Kenny interrupt class at 9:26:00 and have a countdown to the "Pi day of the Century"! Thanks, Pam, for this info! Hope y'all celebrated at home!

- **Lacrosse:** Wolves played Ocean Springs on Fri night: Varsity won 13-5 & JV won 7-1. Go LAX Wolves!
- **Rugby:** Wolves played Shaw Eagles on Sat and won 17-10! Geaux, Rugby Wolves!

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E-Cigarettes Can Churn Out High Levels of Formaldehyde: National Public Radio reported last week on the latest study that vapor produced by electronic cigarettes can contain a surprisingly high concentration of formaldehyde — a known carcinogen. The findings, described in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, intensify concern about the safety of these things, which have become increasingly popular – including among our students. Here's the link to the story: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2015/01/21/378663944/e-cigarettes-can-churn-out-high-levels-of-formaldehyde>

St. Tammany ACT Scores: In case you missed the flurry of articles a couple of weeks ago, The St. Tammany Parish School Board recently released their ACT scores for the Class of 2014. Last year's class had a composite score of 21.5, up from 21.4 the year before. The score was the best among the state's **public school** districts. The scores for St. Tammany public high schools ranged from 18.4 at Salmen High School to 23.4 at Mandeville High School. The Louisiana state average was 19.2 and the national average is 21. Over the last 10 years the district's average score has ranged from a low of 21.4 to a high of 21.9 in the 2011-2012 year. After the 2011-2012 year, the state required all juniors to take the ACT, which had the effect of lowering the score.

We congratulate St. Tammany on having the highest public school scores in the state. **We humbly but proudly remind all, however, that Saint Paul's Class of 2014 had an average score of 25.9 – and we had all of our students take it, too!**



Juniors clown while enjoying St. Joseph Day lunch from the altar.

Rugby: Our Rugby Wolves are still recovering from last Saturday's ugly game against Houma. Our healing prayers are with the student who underwent shoulder surgery this past week and for the ones with concussions and back injuries. Fortunately, the Rugby Association is taking action against the offending players from the other team, which might include suspending at least one player for the rest of the season. Our guys continue to conduct themselves appropriately. On Friday afternoon, they held a special prayer service to pray for healing and forgiveness. I'm proud of them. Please support them if you have the opportunity.

Godspell: The SPS Drama Department, aka The Marian Players, open their spring musical with the perennial favorite, *Godspell*. Tickets are on sale in the administration building. Performances are this Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun and next week on Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun. Get your tickets early as this show always sells out, especially in the second week of performances.

Parenting the Pack: Join us on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 in the Briggs Assembly Center for a presentation on Teen, Sex and The Law. The program covers Louisiana laws regarding teen sexual activity as it pertains to consent, age,

alcohol, internet, texting, sexting and pornography. **This is a parent presentation. The students will attend a presentation the following Tuesday morning.** Naturally, we teach the students the Catholic teaching on these matters, as evidenced in our religion classes and the recent Jason Evert assembly, but they – and you -- need to know the law, too.

Mothers Club Day of Recollection: The deadline for registering has been extended until Wednesday, March 18th. The Day of Recollection Retreat will be held Thursday, March 26th at the Avila Retreat Center. We will be celebrating the role of the Catholic Mother with Monsignor William Bilinsky. This day promises to be spiritually uplifting. If you have any questions, please email Mothers Club at www.mothersclub@stpauls.com.

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H of the W: More absolutely hilarious student answers to test questions. Read carefully for full humor:

- *Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. [Cervantes wrote Don Quixote! Hilarious!] The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.*
- *During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe.*
- *Later, the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was called Pilgrim's Progress. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.*
- *One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. Finally the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis. Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin discovered electricity by rubbing two cats backwards and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Lenten Services: Religion classes have begun Lenten devotions at start of each block. Ask your son about them. Feel free to participate if you are on campus. Ask your son to sing "O That Shame!"



No, we're not building a swimming pool, but the rain last week turned the new gym slab into one.

WHY DO I CONTINUE TO INCLUDE

ANNUAL FUND REMINDERS? Because every time I do, I get responses. So, please – if you have not supported SPS this year and are in a position to do so, please contribute to the Annual Fund. **ANY amount is needed** as the new gym bills are coming in. Interested in having part of the new gym named after you? Contact me and we'll talk!

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!**

Free Money: Last week we received checks from Target and Office Depot representing rebates on purchases: Target gives a 1% cash rebate and Office Depot gives a 5% store credit. PLEASE: anytime you purchase at Target or Office Depot, make sure you indicate your rebate go to Saint Paul's School! This is FREE money! You're not being charged extra.

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A Look Ahead:

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 30 – Honors/AP Civics on field trip (Periods FGA)
March 31 – President's Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Lunch
April 1 – Passion Play Special Schedule
April 2 – Mandatum Assembly - Easter Holidays begin at 3:00
April 13 – Leadership Week begins
April 14 – History of Covington presentation to juniors (Per G)
April 17 – Alumni Presentation assembly
April 20 – Founder's Week begins
April 21 – President's Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Lunch/Snack Day
April 24 – Field Day (Only periods B&C meet)
April 29 – Jazz Band field trip to LPO
May 6-8 – Senior Exams
May 12 – President's Assembly
May 13-15 – Pre Freshmen Exams
May 15 – Founder's Day Mass
May 16 – Senior Graduation Ceremony (4 pm)



Seniors are served a delicious lunch (including fried catfish, several pastas, salads, vegetables and desserts) on St. Joseph Altar Day. Imagine feeding over 900 hungry students and faculty – all within 50 minutes!

May 18 – Pre Freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6 pm)

May 19-21 – Exam Schedules

May 22 – Faculty Records Day

Whew! Hope I wasn't too long winded this week! And even though it's March of 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! Hard to believe two months of 2015 are now history! Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Celebrating Saints Patrick & Joseph as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

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