



The President's Newsletter for Apr 27 – May 3, 2015



Alleluia! He is Risen!

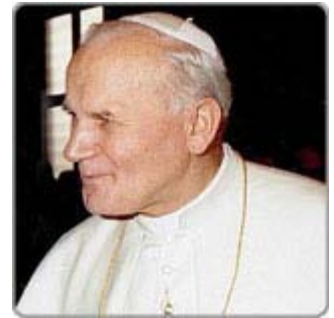
One year ago this Monday, Apr 27, Pope Francis canonized the late Pope John XXIII and the late Pope John Paul II. In the Catholic Church, “canonization” makes the person an official “saint” of the Church. The Church stresses that both former popes were canonized because of personal holiness, not politics or Church governance. Few can dispute that both were among the most influential 20th Century spiritual leaders. Accordingly, I offer you the following quotations from Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II as we begin the final month of the school year. First, from Saint John XXIII:



- *See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little.*
- *A peaceful man does more good than a learned one.*
- *Anybody can be Pope; the proof of this is that I have become one.*
- *The feelings of my smallness and my nothingness always kept me good company.*
- *Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.*
- *It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.*
- *Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.*

And from Saint John Paul II:

- *As the family goes, so goes the nation and the whole world in which we live.*
- *Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.*
- *From now on it is only through a conscious choice and through a deliberate policy that humanity can survive.*
- *The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.*
- *To maintain a joyful family requires much from both parents and children. Each family member must be, in a special way, the servant of the others.*
- *Violence and arms can never resolve the problems of men.*
- *Young people are threatened... by the evil use of advertising techniques that stimulate the natural inclination to avoid hard work by promising the immediate satisfaction of every desire.*



Saints John XXIII and John Paul II – Pray for us!

Mon, Apr 27 (Honor Roll Breakfast for Seniors; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1941, the German army enters the Greek capital, signaling the end of Greek resistance.
- **National Teach Children to Save Day:** Teach Children to Save is a national campaign that raises awareness about the important role that banks and bankers play in helping young people develop lifelong savings habits.
- **National Sense of Smell Day:** Spend some time today appreciating the sense that most people feel they could most live without. Smell the flowers, the coffee, the Cajun spices, the cooking – all those freebies that add to life
- **Football:** Spring practice begins today for the next two weeks, climaxing with The Pie Bowl on May 8th.

Tue, Apr 28 (HR Breakfast for Juniors & Pack Time; A B C D)

- **Great Poetry Reading Day:** Don't just read any poem today; read a classic.
- **Band Boosters:** Final meeting! 7 pm in band room. Officer election, camp planning & other items on agenda. I am MOST grateful to the Band Boosters for ALL they do to make the Marching Wolves such an important part of SPS.
- **Golf:** Regional Golf Tournament
- **Eucharistic Ministry** training for next year's EMs at Camp Abbey; date is set by Archdiocese
- **Soccer End of Year Awards Ceremony**



English I H students interact with 1st Graders last week in the Brown Foundation Reading Buddies Service Learning Project.

Wed, Apr 29 (HRB for Sophs; E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** In 1862, Union troops take possession of New Orleans after Confederate General Mansfield Lovell surveyed his tiny force and realized resistance was futile. If he resisted, Lovell told Mayor John Monroe, the city would be bombed, causing severe damage and casualties.

- **National Zipper Day:** Have you ever thought about what your life would be like without zippers? Backpacks, blue jeans, gym bags ... the list is endless. On April 29, 1913, Swedish-born scientist Gideon Sundback was issued a patent for his "Hookless Fastener." The rest is history. To commemorate this feat of genius, here are some fun zipper facts: The U.S. Army was one of the first users of the zipper, applying them to a variety of uniform parts and gear. Yoshida Kogyo

Kabushibibaisha is the world's largest zipper manufacturer. You are likely to see "YKK" engraved on many of your own zippers. The world's longest zipper can be found at the hotel in Fort Lauderdale's Executive Airport. It measures 6,000 feet long and was commissioned as a publicity stunt for the hotel's nightclub, "Zippers."

- **National Shrimp Scampi Day:** Take a little pasta, a few plump, juicy shrimp, throw in a bit of butter, garlic and white wine, and what do you get? The elegance that is shrimp scampi, of course!
- **Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast:** The Exchange Club of West St. Tammany will honor a S o t Y from each local high school this morning at TCC. Max Gold has been chosen to represent SPS. Congratulate Max when you see him. From National Merit Finalist to Washington and Lee scholar, Max is deserving of this honor – as are a number of other seniors! Unfortunately, Max won't be here! He'll be at orientation at W & L – so I had him record his talk on my phone. Yeah, technology!
- **Stuff the Bus Day (see below for more info)**
- **State Tennis Tournament in Monroe through Friday**
- **AFJROTC Awards Banquet (BAC):** A shout out to Sgt East for keeping our program together again this year – and doing so in an exemplary manner. We hope the program will grow and return to full approved status.

Thu Apr 30 (Feast of St. Pius V; HR Breakfast for Freshmen; B C D E)

- During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the crushing responsibility of getting a battered Church on its feet after being shaken by corruption, the Reformation, the threat of Turkish invasion and the bloody bickering of young nation-states. The Church's response was the Council of Trent, and Pius implemented the mandated reforms. No easy task.
- **TDIH:** In 1789, in New York City, George Washington, the great military leader of the American Revolution, is inaugurated as the first US president.
- **National Honesty Day:** Celebrate National Honesty Day in a completely open and honest way. There are few rules for this special day.....just be honest.
- **National Bugs Bunny Day:** The first time audiences saw the wascally wabbit was on April 30, 1938, in a short cartoon called "Porky's Hare Hunt." In that first appearance he was called "Happy Rabbit." Bugs did not utter his famous catch phrase, "What's up, Doc?" until he came face to face with Elmer Fudd in "A Wild Hare" in 1940.
- **Happy Birthday Saint La Salle!** On this day in 1651, John Baptist de La Salle was born. Let us pause a moment today to give thanks for the birth of this extraordinary saint and educator whose work we continue today!

- **Happy Birthday Louisiana!** From the official Louisiana Website: *On April 30, 1812, the United States admitted Louisiana as the 18th state into the Union. Louisiana was the first state to have a majority Catholic French- and Spanish-speaking population, reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1699-1763 and Spain from 1763-1803. Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Louisiana's road to statehood was not all smooth. Federal law required citizens of a newly admitted territory to apply to congress for statehood, and the admission of the Orleans Territory as the 18th state followed years of lobbying efforts by prominent citizens—both American and Creole (French-speaking Catholics). Finally in 1811, Democratic President James Madison signed the bill allowing the people of Louisiana to form a state constitution. Following the state constitutional convention in New Orleans, on April 14, 1812, President Madison signed the bill approving statehood. The bill designated April 30, 1812, as the day of formal admission. Join me in praying for our state on its birthday!*
- **Rugby & Lacrosse Awards Banquets**



Michael and William were honored last week as Allstate Sugar Bowl Football Scholar-Athletes. And William walked away with a \$10,000 scholarship – one of only 5 given!

Fri, May 1 (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker; HR Breakfast for Pre-freshman; F G A B)

- In response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. Today honors all workers, reminding us that we all have a responsibility to build the Kingdom of God on Earth through our labor. Here at SPS, that takes on special meaning.
- **Mother Goose Day:** Read childhood nursery favorites and feel the warmth of Mother Goose's embrace once again!
- **This Day in History:** In 1933, the legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting makes local news.
- **Great American Grump Out Day:** Calling all grumps! For one whole day, there is to be no grumping, no frowning, no grouching, or complaining! I'll try to do my part
- **Pre-freshmen Retreat Day**
- **Funeral Mass for Mrs. Hazel Bennett**, mother-in-law of Trevor, will be celebrated in Our Lady of Peace Chapel today at 11.
- **Wolf Jam:** At the request of LYLs, we agreed to re-institute this event – with changes. ALL of the groups are composed of SPS students, there are a variety of groups (acoustic, rock, poetry reading, standup comedy), only SPS and SSA students and families may attend, and there is a lock in component. In the past, we have used the proceeds to assist San Miguel High School in Tucson. We will do so again this year. My thanks to the LYLs.

Sat, May 2

- **TDIH:** In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea begins between Japan and the US. Lasting four days, it is considered the first modern naval engagement, resulting in 70 Japanese and 66 Americans warplanes destroyed. This was the first air-naval battle, as carriers did not fire at each other; planes did the battling. The US carrier *Lexington* was a casualty; "the Blue Ghost" (so-called because it was not camouflaged like other carriers) suffered extensive damage and was sunk by its crew. 216 *Lexington* crewmen died. Japan would go on to occupy all the Solomon Islands, but its victory was a Pyrrhic one: the cost in experienced pilots and aircraft carriers was so great that Japan had to cancel its expedition to other South Pacific targets.
- **Two Different Color Shoes Day** celebrates the uniqueness and diversity of humanity. Since it's Saturday, wear whatever color shoes you want!
- **No Pants Day:** Again, since it's Sat, wear or don't wear whatever you want! But if they come to the prom, boys must wear pants!

- **Junior-Senior Prom** at Abita Quail Farm (7:30-11:30). We pray that it will be a wonderful, SAFE, event. We stress with the students the need for an alcohol and drug free experience. We encourage parents to monitor and be vigilant. We will have security checking for violations, including searching busses, cars, and limos.

Sun, May 3

- **TDIH:** SF Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's HR record.

Post Easter Holidays (NOT spring break!) Grooming and Dress Issues: Our guys are starting to look shabby. It's not summer yet and we will continue to enforce our rules until the end of school. Parents: please help by trimming hair, making sure he shaves (if applicable), check his uniform before he leaves and encourage good hygiene. Help us by insisting your son conforms to policy. And, no, I don't think hair regulation is more important than drug and alcohol regulations, but I'm not willing to ignore the less important rules that we have.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Founder's Week:** Many, many thanks to the LYLs for a great Founder's Week. More below.
- **State Literary Rally:** No results until April 30 but I'm sure the Wolves did well!
- **Baseball:** Five games in five days: wow. Five consecutive wins against Hammond, Ponchy, Northshore, F'Bleau, & Covington give the Wolves a District Championship. We now await the playoffs. Congrats, Wolves!
- **Tennis:** Regional champs! Congrats! On to state next week!
- **Golf:** A tough technical loss for the Wolves in District. On to the regional tourney!
- **Track:** Track Wolves won their District Championship – again – by 100 points! Wow
- **Soccer Assembly:** Thanks for Craig Ketelsen for organizing a fitting tribute to our State Champion Soccer Wolves. I am appreciative to Mayor Mike Cooper for proclaiming "Saint Paul's Soccer Day in Covington" last Wednesday.
- **Mother-Son Dinner:** Our first non-Sunday event went very well. Thanks to MC for all the hard work. Ten seniors paid GREAT public tributes to their moms. Congratulate **Michael Brands, Matthew Dysart, Casey Fitzmaurice, Max Gold, Alex Gravelle, Ben Hollingsworth, William Kenyon, Keegan Lange, Josh Nunez & Walden Perry.** And the Pre-freshmen were wonderful with "Love You Forever." Congratulate **Josh Devier, Beck Heebe, Chris Flood, Jason Toups, Jonathan Bertucci, Matt Weimer, & Nicholas Briggs.**
- **All State Sugar Bowl Scholar Athlete Scholarship Awards Banquet:** Congrats to **Coach Ken Sears, William Kenyon, & Michael Brands** who were honored last week by this group. And the icing on the cake was when William was awarded one of the five \$10,000 scholarship based upon his athletic and academic achievements plus an ESSAY which he wrote – which was outstanding! Here's the NOLA.com article link: <http://highschoolsports.nola.com/news/article/8582082211337912749/allstate-sugar-bowl-awards-10000-scholarships-to-five-area-football-athletes/>
- **English I H Field Trip:** The boys completed their Brown Foundation Service Learning Project by traveling to a Hammond Title 1 school and reading their original books to the first grade students, interacting with them, and giving them gifts of laughter, candy, camaraderie, and crayons. The boys were moved by the event as they interacted with low income students who have few of the material goods that our guys have. It was a positive experience for them. Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing and Joe Dickens for driving.



Ten seniors paid tribute to their moms at the Mother-Son Dinner last week.

- **Father-Son Supper:** Another successful event. Thanks, Craig and Dad's club.
- **Sea Perch:** A group of Pre-freshmen and Freshmen, under the direction of Mrs. Julie Beck, headed to Biloxi on Sat to participate in Sea Perch (Underwater robotics) competition. Geaux, Robo Wolves!
- **Habitat Work Day:** Congrats to Mr. Pichon and the Habitat Wolves for their work day, Sat, Apr 25 – Lasallian education in action!
- **Lacrosse** handed Byrd its first loss of the season and is now in the state championship game. Go Lax Wolves!

Employment: The Development Office is looking for a part-time assistant. Skills needed for this position are as follows: highly organized, able to multi-task, very familiar with Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office products, particularly Microsoft Word and Excel. This person should be familiar with social networking tools such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. A basic understanding of income and expenses is needed with a willingness to learn new software to assist in tracking this information. This person will have to interact with parents and children, particularly when major events approach. Over time and weekend work will be required prior to and during the major events. This person will also be responsible for keeping office supplies stocked and answering phones. Interested candidates should submit a resume to Danielle Lavie at development@stpauls.com no later than Friday May 1st.

In Praise of the Robo-Wolves: In the midst of Presidential Scholars, Regional Championships, Soccer celebrations, Founder's and Leadership Weeks, and a host of other uplifting accomplishments, I do not want our Robo-Wolves to be overlooked. What this group of pre-freshmen did, under Julie's leadership, was truly extraordinary. So allow me to offer the following, as I didn't have all the information needed for last week's newsletter:

- **Andrew Aceves, Grant Addison, Joseph Brown, Merrick Coghlan, Colin Cottrell, Coleman Guidry, Ross Hightower, Andrew Norlin, Jonathan Wellmeyer, Julie Beck, and a number of parents** spent hours of their free time including Easter Break preparing for the World Championships in KY. They also took time away from school that now has to be made up.
- Julie deserves special praise for all her hard work. It was a major event to co-ordinate and the fact that this is the first year this club has been formed, there were a huge amount of unknowns.
- Julie took her first pre-freshman robotics team to the VEX Robotic World Championships. The team was awarded the Excellence Award at the State Championship by competing against high schools from around the state to be one of the four teams to represent Louisiana. The team joined 700 teams from 29 counties who competed over a four day tournament. Three St Paul's students represented Team USA at the Parade of Nations during the opening ceremonies.
- The team competed hard, communicated and worked well with teams even though sometimes the teams spoke different languages. The team showed amazing team spirit. Because of their amazing team spirit and cheering section got so much attention for their enthusiasm and were called out many times by the Emcee calling them 'Her Robowolves' she even wrote via her social media the day after the tournament that she missed her wolves, singling them out over all other teams in the division.
- The boys came home with World Championship participation medals and a new team mascot "Dave".
- As one mom wrote me, *"it was an amazing trip for the boys and their parents. We will carry these memories with us always. The boys were a credit to their parents, school and Mrs. Beck. I feel very privileged to be a part of this group."*



*Thank you, Mrs. Beck and Robo-Wolves!
We are VERY proud of you!*

- And I feel privileged to have these guys as part of Saint Paul's School. We should all rejoice.



Seniors and their moms enjoy Mother-Son Dinner last Wed.

April 21 Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our April 21 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of "The Hallelujah Chorus" from George Fredrick Handel's incredible oratorio entitled "Messiah." Too often associated with Christmas, this iconic Baroque masterpiece actually musically represents the joy that Christians should feel over the Resurrection. That Handel composed this work in just 24 days in 1741 borders on the miraculous. I explained to the students that when King George III first attended a performance of "Messiah" in 1742, he was so astounded by "The Hallelujah Chorus" that he stood up in amazement. Naturally, the whole audience

also stood. So, today, when you attend a performance of "Messiah", it is customary to stand for "THC." OK, enough music trivia! While the music played, junior **Parker Layman** lit the prayer candle – now the large Paschal candle, symbolically representing Christ's resurrection. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mrs. Jean Sisson**, aunt of senior **Alex Zenor**, **Mrs. Shirley Cahall**, grandmother of senior **Kevin Cahall**, & **Mrs. Hazel Bennett**, mother-in-law of **Mr. Trevor Watkins**.

We also prayed for and congratulated faculty member Mr. Tommy Lahey on the birth of his first child, a girl named Zoe.

- Listened to a presentation by sophomore Reagan Hill and Chris McDonald '99, CEO of Mugshots. Following Reagan's spinal injury last summer, a friendship developed between the two, as Chris provided Reagan with some of his favorite items from the restaurant. So inspired by Reagan, Chris proposed a partnership where a percentage of certain restaurant sales would be used to help others in a similar situation as Reagan was last summer. Chris then informed the student body that during the month of July, the anniversary month of Reagan's accident, certain menu items at Mugshots would be half-priced, with proceeds going to the Foundation which Chris and Reagan have started to help others. It was an inspiring story.
- Listened to SPS 2012 valedictorian **Andrew Mullet** speak about quality education and how it applies to the life of a Lasallian school. Andrew is double majoring at LSU – and doing great.
- Recognized and congratulated the nine seniors who have been named National Merit Finalists or Commended Students by the National Merit Corporation, thus placing these guys among the top 2% of students in the nation – quite an honor! We are VERY proud of **Matthew Baldone**, **Beau Briggs**, **George Cazenavette**, **Jack Dubreuil**, **Max Gold**, **Ryan Keller**, **Connor Lu**, **Aaron Nguyen**, and **Walden Perry**.
- Recognized, congratulated, and presented awards to our Region 8 Science Fair Winners: **Josh Devier** (Plant sciences, First place), **John Cresson & Luke Avenel** (Plant Sciences, First place), **Walden Perry & George Cazenavette** (Computer Science, First place), **Alexander Nguyen** (Computer Science, Second Place), **Robert Baricev** (Energy

and Transportation, Honorable Mention), **Leland Van Deventer** (Microbiology, Second Place), **Benjamin Dantin & Aaron Nguyen** (Physics and Astronomy, Third Place)

- Recognized, congratulated, and presented certificates and medals to the large group of young men who placed in District Literary Rally: Jacob Broussard (Advanced Math & also a state qualifier), John Cresson (Advanced Math), Ryan Meraux (Pre-Calculus, also a state qualifier), Leland van Deventer (American History, also a state qualifier), Austin Ho (Art), Alex Paille (Biology I, also a state qualifier), Patrick Connolly (Biology II, also a state qualifier), Aaron Nguyen (Calculus, also a state qualifier), Ryan Keller (Calculus), Gregory Roy (Chemistry), Luke Avenel (Chemistry, also a state qualifier), James Pagnutti (Computer Science), Tanner Bruner (Computer Science, also a state qualifier), Patrick Baldone (English I, also state qualifier), Ryan Flood (English II, also state qualifier), Cray Pennison (English III, also state qualifier), Sam Giberga (English IV, also state qualifier), Casey Fitzmaurice (Journalism), Nick Ashton (Journalism, also state qualifier), Andy Smith (Physical Science, also state qualifier), Matthew Baldone (Physics, also state qualifier), Ross Hightower (Spanish I, also state qualifier), Matthew Borgatti (Spanish II, also state qualifier), Forge Mathes (Spanish III, also state qualifier), Kyle Hladky (World History, also state qualifier) and Alex Seese (World History.)
- Recognized and congratulated seniors **George Cazenavette & Ryan Keller** for being named Semi-Finalist in the Presidential Scholars Competition – two of only 8 students in the entire state of Louisiana. This is perhaps the most prestigious academic recognition in the country. Wow. We are beyond proud.
- Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions – which will carry over to the next assembly. So I quickly congratulated the golf, tennis, baseball, rugby, & lacrosse Wolves and we encouraged everyone to finish strong by singing the fight song. . **Junior Nick Oubre** extinguished the prayer candle while “The Hallelujah Chorus” played robustly. 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!



Covington Mayor Mike Cooper '71 and Police Chief Tim Lentz declare Apr 22 as SPS Soccer Day in the City of Covington!

Senior Graduation Information:

- Monday and Tuesday, May 4 & 5: regular schedules for seniors; full days of school
- Wed, May 6: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Thu, May 7: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice

- Fri, May 8: one exam in the morning followed by short graduation practice and distribution of caps, gowns, and graduation ceremony tickets. **Each senior will be issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets are handed directly to the senior on this day. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced. Tickets and caps/gowns will NOT be issued to any student who still has an obligation to the school.**
- Mon – Thu, May 11-15: seniors **do not** report to school unless they are coming for an awards ceremony
- Fri, May 15: Mandatory attendance at morning awards ceremony followed by final graduation practice
- Sat, May 16: the 104th commencement exercises of The Saint Paul’s School; 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors will open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only**. The beautiful ceremony, within the context of a Catholic mass, lasts about two hours.

- Note: Everything seniors need to know for graduation will be part of a printed set of instructions given to them on Friday, May 8th. I’ll also email a copy to senior parents.



Dine for a Purpose: Zea Restaurant in Covington has a program called Dine for a Purpose. They will donate 10% of all sales that we bring in to the Touchdown Club. Our night is this Wednesday, April 29th from 5-9. Support the football wolves and get a great meal in the process. The brochure must be brought in at the time of purchase so that Zea can keep track of sales – and the brochure can be found on our website under “news.”

Stuff the Bus: Again this year, the six Catholic schools in Western St. Tammany (Saint Paul’s, Saint Scholastica, Archbishop Hannan, Saint Peter, Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Queen of Peace) will have a Stuff the Bus food drive on Wednesday, April 29, for the Covington Food Bank. Saint Paul’s will supply the bus and driver, which will visit each of the schools and load whatever canned food donations that have been collected. Last year, we literally (OK, I hate the word “literally” but it makes a point here!) “stuffed the bus” and hope to do so again this year. Thanks!

Junior-Senior Prom: The Junior Senior Prom will be held Sat, May 2 from 7:30 until 11:30. St. Paul’s Juniors and Seniors who wish to go need to read Prom Information form found on the website (under news) or in room 107. The signature form should be returned with payment no later than Wed, Apr 29. Photo order forms are available in room 107.

Camp Out: The Dad’s Club is considering a Father-Son campout. Info will be sent soon. Archdiocesan Policy insists that all adults on overnight trips with minors undergo Safe Environment Training. The next one is scheduled for Wed, May 13 at OLL at 6:30.

Saint Paul’s Summer Camps: We will offer the following camps this summer:

- Sports Camps for Boys, ages 8-14: One week in length, 9-3, beginning June 1 in baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, and speed and strength. Contact Phil Williams at philw@stpauls.com for more info.
- Creative Writing Camp: June 22-26 from 1-4 pm open to boys and girls ages 10-14. Contact Brad Guillory at bradg@stpauls.com for more info.
- Video Production Camp: July 13-17, from 1-4 pm open to boys and girls ages 10-14. Contact Brad Guillory at bradg@stpauls.com for more info.
- Drama Camps from June 1-5 and June 15-19, from 1-4 pm, open to boys and girls, ages 8-14. Contact Denny Charbonnet at dennyc@stpauls.com for more info.

- Pre-Engineering Camp: July 6-10, from 9-noon, open to boys and girls grades 5-7. Contact Julie Beck at j.beck@stpauls.com

H of the W: Math jokes this week! Your son may need to explain them to you! I needed help on a couple!

- *What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter? Pumpkin Pi!*
- *What is a bird's favorite type of math? Owlgebra!*
- *What do you call a number that can't keep still? A romain' numeral!*
- *Why can't the number 4 get into night clubs? Because he is 2 square!*
- *Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine!*
- *What do you call a man who spent all summer at the beach? A tan gent!*
- *What do you call a teapot of boiling water on top of Mount Everest? A high pot in use!*
- *What snakes are good at doing arithmetic? Adders!*
- *Why should the number 288 never be mentioned? It's two gross!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



*Congrats Regional Champion Tennis Wolves!
We are proud of you!*

Alum News: Nick Authement, Class of 2010, has published his first book, "Refraction: The Principles of Light". It is a fictional trilogy, and Nicholas is currently writing the 2nd book to this trilogy. Congrats to him. Since he is an unknown author, his publisher advised him to first start out with publishing the book for the Kindle and eventually, as he continues to write other books, he hopes to get them published in hard back. Nick, brother of current senior Jacob, is a graduate from Southeastern with a bachelor degree in Mass communication and is currently working for a CBS TV affiliate in Lafayette. As his dad wrote me: *Please pass this news to the English teachers and all the dedicated teachers of St. Paul's as they are a big part of Nicholas's success and I know sometimes it goes unsaid from*

the parents of how much of an impact they have on their students!! I look forward to reading Nick's book!

From the Mothers Club:

- Our 3rd Annual Sidewalk Sale will be on Friday, May 15th from 9:00-4:00. Come take advantage of huge savings and great bargains with pre-owned uniforms, clearance items, and overstock sales! If you have any St. Paul's clothing items that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the bookstore (weekdays 7:15-8:00, 11:00-12:30, and 2:15-3:15) anytime between now and May 15th! Any unclaimed items in Lost and Found will be donated to the Sidewalk sale, so please ask your son to check for any missing clothing!
- The Cyberbullying Parenting the Pack presentation scheduled for April 15th has been postponed until the fall. There are just too many activities going on in May!

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!

AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! Please invite them to participate if they are able or I'll invite them with your permission. Just send me names and addresses.

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: Read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com). Great stories this week on:

- Robo-Wolves: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/04/22/robo-pups-build-their-way-to-the-top/>
- Kahoot! (ask you son!): <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/04/24/kahoot-latest-classroom-craze-on-campus/>
- Lacrosse: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/04/24/lacrosse-wolves-enter-final-four-saturday/>
- Apple Watches:
<http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/04/23/apple-and-samsung-watches-compete-for-time-and-money/>
- Rugby: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/04/22/rugby-captures-state-deep-south-titles-in-second-year/>
- Biology Crawfish Dissections:
<http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/04/23/biology-classes-dissect-crawfish/>

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

Wolf Jam: Wolf Jam: Started several years ago by former campus minister Charlie Legendre, WolfJam makes its highly anticipated return to the Briggs Center this Friday, May 1st! All funds raised will go towards assisting



Congrats to Parker Rice for winning the Tulane Legislative Scholarship awarded by Rep. John Schroeder – a full tuition to Tulane! He competed against many well-qualified applicants for this prestigious award. A reception was given by Rep. Schroeder.

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San Miguel High School, a fellow Lasallian institution in Tucson, AZ. The benefit concert will last from 6:30 to 9:00 and will feature all student-led acts, including Storm Drainers, Kole Gorney, A One Time Thing, Tanner Bruner, C Sharp, Wet Paint, and Brass Narwhal. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale and \$10 at the door. Buy your tickets soon and help support San Miguel and the musicians of St. Paul's!

A Look Ahead (And these are just some of the events!)



Pre-freshmen prepare to read perennial favorite "Love You Forever" at Mother-Son Dinner last week.

- April 27 – Honor Roll Breakfast for Seniors
- April 27 – Spring Football Begins
- April 28 – Last Pack Time – HR Breakfast for Juniors
- April 29 – Jazz Band field trip to LPO – HRB for 10th
- April 30 – Honor Roll Breakfast for Freshmen
- May 1 – Honor Roll Breakfast for Pre-Freshmen & pre-freshmen retreat/service day
- May 2 – Junior/Senior Prom at Abita Quail Farm
- May 5 – President's Assembly
- May 6-8 – Senior Exams
- May 8 – Pie Bowl
- May 9 –FREE Physicals for athletes & band members; mandatory for athletic & band participation
- May 9 – Band Concert in BAC
- May 11-12 – Art Show in BAC
- May 12 – President's Assembly
- May 12 – Band Awards
- May 13- 15 – Pre Freshmen Exams
- May 13 - Grad Night
- May 14 – 9-11 Level Awards
- May 14 – Athletic Awards 8:00 AM
- May 15 – Academic Awards Ceremony 8:00 AM – Senior Level Awards
- May 16 – Senior Graduation (4 pm in the BAC)
- May 18 – Pre Freshmen Promotion and Awards 6 PM
- May 19-21 – Exam Schedules

Whew! Sorry I was so long winded this week!

And even though it's the last week of April 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 we only have four more weeks in the school year! Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of SPS!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's the End of April and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School