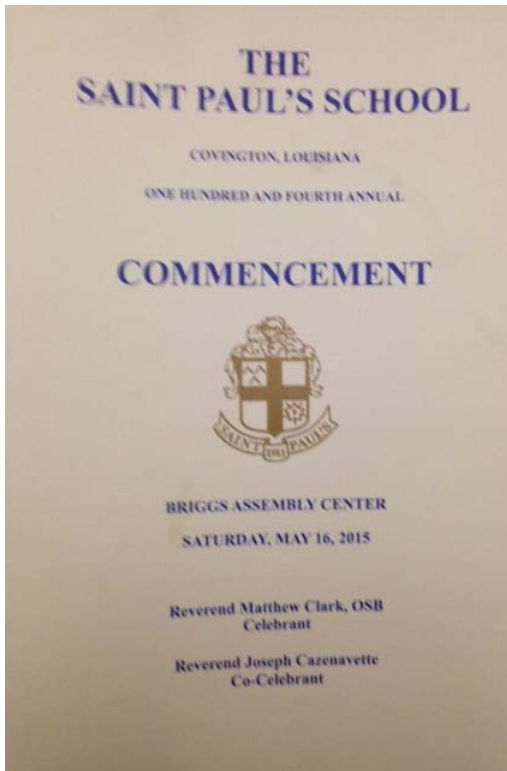




The President's Newsletter for May 18 - 24, 2015 *The Penultimate (look it up) Edition!*



The One Hundred Fourth Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School on May 16 were wonderful.

Please pray for the 179 young men of the SPS Class of 2015 – the fourth group of graduates in our second century of existence. As I told them before handing them diplomas, in a paraphrase of words taken from the First Letter of Peter, “they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul’s School in our age.”

Because this was an exceptionally busy week, this newsletter will be brief (I can hear you cheering.) And rejoice – you only have to endure one more issue of the newsletter for this year which I’ll send out next week, thus wrapping up the 2014-15 school year.

Mon, May 18 (8:30 start; only grades 9-11 are still here; level assemblies; 1:30 dismissal)

- **TDIH:** In 1588, a massive Spanish fleet, known as the "Invincible Armada," sets sail from Lisbon on a mission to secure control of the English Channel and transport a Spanish invasion army to Britain from the Netherlands.

- **Students report to Period A then attend level awards ceremonies**
- **Exam for Period A; review for B & C**
- **1:30 dismissal**
- **Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony at 6 pm.** The event will be over by 7:30. The Pre-freshmen have been excellent in practice.

Tue, May 19 (7:45 start; only grades 9-11 are still here; special schedule – -1:30 dismissal)

- **National Accountant’s Day:** God bless the accountants, who keep the money straight! Give a nod to Jo and Tara today for their work in our accounting office!
- **Exams** for Periods B & C; **Review** for Periods D & E
- **1:30 dismissal**

Wed, May 20 (7:45 start; only grades 9-11 are still here; special schedule – -1:30 dismissal)

- **Eliza Doolittle Day** honors Miss Doolittle (heroine of George Bernard Shaw’s *Pygmalion*) for demonstrating the importance of speaking one’s native language properly. Let’s all talk our bestest English today! (lol)
- **Exams** for Periods D & E; **Review** for Periods F & G
- **Turn Beauty Inside Out Day:** This day serves as a reminder that inner beauty is more important than outer beauty. Challenge the usual definition of beauty as portrayed in popular media and advertising by recognizing the wonderful actions and attitudes of people who are beautiful on the inside. Annually, the third Wednesday in May.

Thu, May 21 (Only grades 9-11 are still here! Special Exam Schedule; 7:45 – 11:10)

- **National Waitstaff Day:** Today we celebrate those men and women of the food service industry who go above and beyond to make your meal as pleasant as possible.
- **Exams for Periods F & G; 11 am dismissal**
- **End of the Year Luncheon:**

Fri, May 22 (Records Day; Conflict/Make Up Exam Day)

- **National Museum Day:** Plan to visit a museum this summer and expand your cultural horizons!

Sat, May 23

- **Prayer Breakfast (9 am in cafeteria):** The breakfast is sponsored by St. Benedict Parish Knights of Columbus but has outgrown the parish's facility so they asked to have it here. They expect about 150 people to attend. My thanks to Karen Hebert for being the liaison and to the Student Hosts who have volunteered to work the event.
- **International World Turtle Day:** Shellabrate turtles today (sorry!) Here's a little turtle poem by Vachel Lindsay, famous American poet. For more turtle verse, google "turtle poems":



Drama classes receive applause at conclusion of their original one-act plays last week. The plays were written, produced, and directed by the boys. Bravo!

There was a little turtle.
He lived in a box.
He swam in a puddle.
He climbed on the rocks.
He snapped at a mosquito.
He snapped at a flea.
He snapped at a minnow.
And he snapped at me.
He caught the mosquito.
He caught the flea.
He caught the minnow.
But he didn't catch me.

Sun, May 24 -- We encourage all families to begin summer by attending church today.

National Brother's Day: Today celebrates the brotherhood of biological brothers, fraternity brothers

and brothers bonded by union affiliation or lifetime experiences. What an appropriate day for the brotherhood SPS.

Apology: Please accept my apology for the confusion last week on dress codes, start times and awards ceremonies. I regret if anyone was inconvenienced. Please know I'll try to do better in the future.

The Last Day of School: Last year, I spent the last day of school listening to angry neighbors about the way several of our students drove away from campus. I don't intend to deal with this issue again this year. We will have Covington Police around campus and many faculty supervisors. We will take strong disciplinary action against any student driving irresponsibly. I know the boys are excited that the year has ended, but that's no excuse for this behavior.

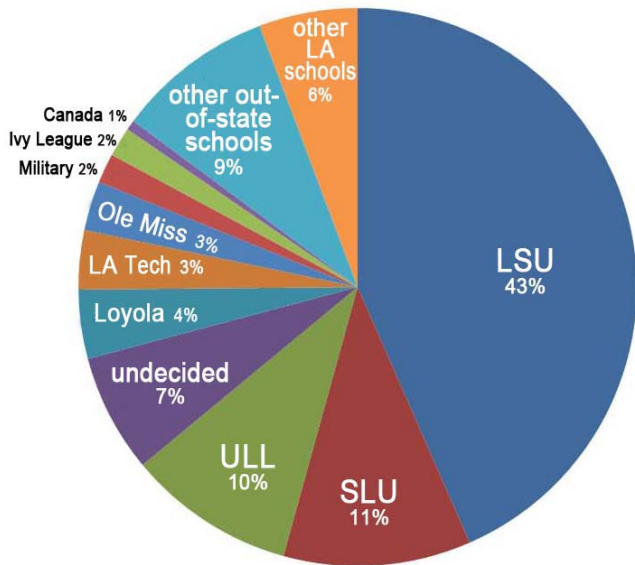
The Bad Dept: Our web site was "hacked" last week and the perp managed to alter our Pay Pal online donation link so that donations did not come to us but to the hacker. Over \$1000 of donations was diverted from SPS to the hacker – very disappointing. Our web site host has added additional layers of security to our web site, and we pray that this doesn't happen again. If someone has the tech savvy to do this, I don't understand why (s)he doesn't use that talent for legitimate purposes. Thanks to Danielle Lavie for her swift action when we discovered this last week.

Very Good News Anniversary Dept: One year ago this week, I announced that the executives of **Hornbeck Offshore Services** agreed to sponsor our PLTW Engineering Program. As we end the first year of our partnership, I remain indebted to Covington-based Hornbeck Offshore (NYSE:HOS) and five of its top executives (all of whom are SPS dads) who collectively pledged \$500,000 and other in-kind support toward a strategic academic endowment of our elective business and PLTW engineering professional curricula here at SPS over the next five years. I would again like to publically recognize and thank Hornbeck Offshore, Todd & Donna Hornbeck, Jim & Pam Harp, John & Nikki Cook, Tim and Lisa McCarthy and Sam & Jill Giberga for their most generous donations. I am again humbled and honored by the faith that HOS has placed in SPS to enhance our already prodigious STEM initiatives, especially in engineering. Hornbeck, headquartered in Covington, is a leading provider of marine transportation services to exploration and production, oilfield service, offshore construction and military customers. We are committed to working with HOS to enhance our engineering and robotics programs, thus making their investment a solid one in the future of their industry. For information on HOS, visit: <http://hornbeckoffshore.com/>

Looking for Sponsorships for Biomedical Sciences: With our four year partnership with Touro Hospital and the Harry T. Howard Foundation ending this year, we are seeking sponsorships for our Biomedical Sciences Program. Let me know if you are interested and know of some business that would be. I am indebted to the Harry T. Howard Foundation.

May 12th Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed the final assembly on May 12 – almost exactly nine months since our first assembly on August 13. Here’s some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to Jean-Joseph Mouret’s “Rondeau” – the same piece we listened to on August 13, a baroque piece of music which set the tone for our year of drama and excitement and majesty, and it certainly has been a year of drama, excitement and majesty!
- While junior **Sam Crowton** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for our newly graduated seniors as well as those who entered God’s Kingdom since the last assembly: **Dr. James Dowling**, grandfather of **Michael Hunter**; **Mr. Lloyd Montero**, father of SPS alums Matthew and Mark, and close friend to pre-freshmen **Chase May** and **Jacob Sanderson**, **Mr. Robert de Castro**, uncle of sophomore **Cameron Byrne**, and **Mr. Dewey Boudreaux**, father of SPS faculty member **Mr. Mike Boudreaux**.
- Introduced **Mr. Jeff St. Romain**, President/CEO of Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West. Mr. St. Romain was with us to accept our annual gift to Habitat. Making the presentation was next year’s president, **Charles “Nick” Rowbatham**, assisted by moderator **Mr. Richard Pichon** and our Development Team of **Danielle Lavie** and **Al Nastasi**.
- Recognized and congratulated the newly inducted members of the National Spanish Honor Society (La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica): **Silas Anthony**, **Brandon Barreiro**, **Leland van Deventer**, **Yehia Elkersh**, **Christian Flick**, **Ryan Flood**, **Shane Strander** and **Max Tepper**.
- Recognized and congratulated the students who represented us at the recent Foreign Language Festival at SLU: **Stevie van Zandt** (3rd place in Spanish Prose), **Alex Oliveri** (1st place in Spanish poetry), **Nicholas Woodman** (2nd place in Spanish Poetry), **Ealon Boudreaux** & **Patrick Stewart** (3rd place in Spanish poetry), **Andrew Norlin** (1st place in Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking), **Matthew Borgatti** & **Ethan Desforges** (2nd place in Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking), and **Adrián Millán** (3rd place in Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking). Other participants were **Colin Rice**, **Kenneth Avanzino** and **Chris Flood**.



The Class of 2015's post-SPS plans.

- Recognized, congratulated and presented a framed certificate and a medal to **Jacob Broussard** for his placement 3rd on the national Spanish exam.

- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Track Wolves on their recent District Championship and second place in the Regional Meet. The following track athletes then presented trophies to Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen: **Eric Coston had the Regional Runner Up trophy, Antwann Anderson, had the District Champion, and Deonte' Sorapuru had the St. Tammany Parish trophy.**

- Recognized and congratulated the Junior High track team for their outstanding season. Highlights of the season include a first place finish at the SPS-Trafton invitational held in Hunter Stadium. However, the most impressive performance (according

to Coach Lacour) came in the season finale at a meet at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis. The Comeback Kings were in LAST place going into the running events and walked away with a 2nd place trophy finishing the season on a high note. Congratulations JH track wolves! The team consisted of **Trevor Achee, Jonathan Bertucci, Jake DuRapau, Francis Durio, Austin Harris, Evan Hendry, Rhett Ibos, Matthew Lyon, Jacob Monahan, Andrew Moore, Luke Paille, Philip Pearce, Blake Ramsey, Will Robinson, Joshua Rovira, Christopher Wallace and Daniel Wieseneck**

- Recognized and congratulated the Sea Wolves for their appearance in the Sea Perch Regionals in Biloxi in late April. The Sea Wolves won first place in sportsmanship (out of 22 teams) and 4th place in the obstacle course and 1st for their research poster and presentation (given by freshman Brandon Gallego.) The Sea Wolves consist of **Brandon Gallego, Joel Fernandes, Andrew Smith, Andrew Norlin, Kevin Cluney, Ross Hightower, Josh Devier, Andrew DaBella, and Leonard Carollo.** Mrs. Julie Beck and Mrs. Ann Pfalzgraf moderate the group.

- Recognized and congratulated the Saint Paul's Wolves on-Wheels who raced at Pensacola, Florida this past weekend at the Emerald Coast Electrathon. We won 1st place in exotic battery category and 5th place overall out of 16 entries. Our Senior, Lucas Waldron, and Grant Fowler drove 49 half-mile laps each. The car performed in exemplary manner. We wore the rubber off of the wheels, coming in to finish with just the treads on the tires. Two weeks earlier we entered two cars in the Leeds, Alabama electrathon. We drove on the famous Barber motor park raceway and took our lessons learned there to increase our mileage for the car named "Sattelizer" from 32 miles to 49 miles for the total race in Florida. Our first place award was for being the winning team using Lithium-iron-phosphate batteries. The following young men came down to the floor to show off their cars: **Lucas Waldron, Jordan Wyble, Cray Pennison, Jacob Tullos, Shane Strander, Max Tepper, Grant Fowler, Cole Chitwood, Clayton Lind, Chris Gement, Marcus Garner, Ruston Keller and their moderator, Mr. John Carambat.**

- Recognized and congratulated the students who represented us at the State Math Convention: 28 schools; 827 math enthusiasts and no divisions. Everyone fend for himself. The competition was fierce. Our boys were trying to "three-peat" their state championship but finished in 2nd place. Quite an accomplishment! Congrats to: **John Cresson, Luke Avenel, Matthew Baldone, Michael Brands, George Cazenavette, Jeffrey Champ, Kyle Cleveland, Patrick Connolly, Benjamin Dantin, Ethan Desforges, Jack Dubreuil, Winston Duffour, Ryan**

Flood, Max Gold, Burke Irwin, Ruston Keller, Connor Lu, Ryan Meraux, Aaron Nguyen, Alex Nguyen, Walden Perry, Gregory Roy, Alex Seese, Hunter Simonson, Colin Skinner, Shane Strander, Ben Toups and Austin Willis.

- Recognized and congratulated the following freshmen for winning essay contests:

- Forge Mathes** won 1st place in the New Orleans Chapter of the Louisiana Bar Association’s Constitution Day Essay Contest covering 8 civil parishes. Forge won \$100 and read his essay at the Constitution Day Program attended by a number of civic dignitaries. Forge also placed FIRST in the Baton Rouge Bar Association Law Day Essay Contest on May 1. He again won \$100 and was recognized at the BRBA Law Day on May 1.

- Hayden Brewster** won FIRST PLACE IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA Letters about Literature contest. In addition to winning \$100, Hayden is invited to read his winning essay at the Louisiana Festival of the Book in October.



Freshman Forge places 1st in the Baton Rouge Law Day Essay Contest (in the senior high division no less) and is honored at the Law Day Ceremony in BR.

Hayden competed in the Level III which comprised grades 9-12, so he competed against seniors! Want to read Hayden’s winning essay? Go to <http://www.state.lib.la.us/about-the-state-library/in-the-news/2015-letters-about-literature-contest-winners>

- Ashton van Deventer** won SECOND PLACE IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA Letters about Literature contest, winning \$75. Again, Ashton was competing in the highest division so he, too, was competing against seniors.
- Ryley Perez** won THIRD Place in the Hammond Literary Arts Festival Short Story Contest. Ryley won \$50 for his original short story. Again, he competed in the highest division, grades 9-12.
- Matthew Borgatti** won FIRST PLACE and \$100 in the Hammond Literary Arts Festival for his original short story, competing in the grades 9-12 category. More impressive, though, is that Matthew was awarded the Katie Wainwright Excellence in Writing Award -- the TOP writer in the whole contest from ALL divisions include the ADULT division! Wow! Want to read Matthew’s winning short story? Go to <http://www.hammondarts.org/sytycw>, scroll down and click on Matthew’s story.

- Since we were running out of time, I called everyone’s attention to the empty bleachers where the seniors sit and said it was time to fill those places. I asked the juniors if they were ready to assume the mantle of leadership at SPS; if they were ready to be role models for the student body; if they were ready to accept the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being seniors. They resoundingly replied “Yes, Brother, I’m ready!” I then said: *By the authority vested in me by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Board of Trustees of the Saint Paul’s School, the Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, I recognize and honor these young men as the Saint Paul’s Senior Class of 2016 – the fifth class of our second century. With this recognition go all the honors, privileges and responsibilities that being a senior imparts. For they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical Christ and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul’s School in our age. Done in Covington, Louisiana on this 12th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 2015. With “Rise Up O Men of God” playing in the background, the juniors then rose and moved into the senior section, thus officially commencing their senior year. It was a moving experience.*

- As is our custom, we then sang a rousing rendition of the fight song – it was moving and wonderful.
- I then treated the assembly to the final selection from Handel’s *Messiah*: “The Amen” – and marveled how Handel, for 3 minutes and 46 seconds, took one word and made an incredible musical statement to end his masterpiece. It was a fitting end to our year.
- I then thanked the student body for a great year and closed by apologizing if I omitted recognizing anyone during year. I reminded the students of their obligation to love and serve the Lord and each other both now and throughout the summer. We exited to the strains of Mouret’s “Rondeau”, leaving the gym for the last time for 2014-15. It was a wonderful assembly! I had a great time!

Teens and Personal Finance Survey: Junior Achievement’s 2015 Teens and Personal Finance Survey, sponsored by The Allstate Foundation, examines teens’ attitudes and behaviors around money management. For the first time in the survey’s 16-year history, parents in addition to teens were surveyed to draw comparisons between the responses of the two groups. Some surprising differences emerged:

- **Paying for College:** 48% of teens think their parents will help pay for college while only 16% of parents say they plan to pay for post-secondary education. Because of the rising college costs, there is a 32% spike in the number of teens considering a local community college instead of a four-year college or university.
- **Parents’ and Teens’ Differing Views On Money Management:** 89% of parents say their child learns about money from them. 34%, however, more than a third (34 percent) say they do not discuss money with their children and “let the kids be kids.” But many young people want to learn more about managing money from their parents. A vast majority of teens (84 percent) say they look to their parents for information about how to manage money.
- **Percentage of parents who say their child learns about money from them:** Surprisingly, when parents do talk to their kids about money, there is a significant gender divide in the conversation. Specifically, girls are more likely than boys to say their parents don’t talk to them enough about money management (40 percent versus 24 percent) and about paying for college (34 percent versus 23 percent). Moreover, boys are more likely than girls to report that their parents help them keep track of money (31 percent versus 20 percent). The survey shows that some parents may inadvertently be favoring their male children when they discuss money matters.
- **Gender Gap in Future Expected Earning Power:** The survey’s key findings reveal that women— both teens and parents—have lower expectations about potential earning power than their male counterparts.

Looking Ahead for Those Who Are Returning Next Year:

- Tuition for 2015-16 is due on June 1st; the first payment for bank financed tuition is also due June 1st. Students will not receive their schedules in July and cannot start school in August if tuition/bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- **Summer reading assignments are on our website.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Thursday, August 6, is the first day of school.** This is a full day of instruction, not the traditional Book Day. Attendance is expected.
- A complete 2015-16 school year calendar is posted on the website. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul’s is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

I'm Still Begging: I had an excellent response last week! Thanks to those who each week respond to my request. But PLEASE – I need everyone's help, **including alumni and grandparents**. 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!**
- 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! Thanks. Can you send \$10 to 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!

WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! Several grandparents approached me on GP Day about donating and asked why they aren't solicited like other schools do. I replied that we need and welcome their support and they all replied that they would contribute. **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.

Dress and Grooming Rules: We will insist that students follow the dress code through the last second of the school year. Parents – please examine your son's dress before he leaves for school.

Exam Schedules: 12th and 8th grades are finished. Exam schedules for Grades 9-11 are included in this newsletter. Thursday will be here soon, so hang in there!

Alum Milestones:

- Sam Collett III will graduate with Juris Doctor degree from The LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.
- And our LSU grads from last Friday:
 - College of Art & Design: Norman Fauchaux (cum laude), Nathaniel Frank, Ryan Zeringue
 - E.J. Ourso College of Business: Reed Duncan, Jeffrey Gahn, Grant Hodgins, Paul Jaquillard, Tim Keller, Shane Lacrouts (cum laude), Shawn Lacrouts, Carson McCracken, Philip Richard, Ben Vollenweider,
 - College of Engineering: Lee Abide, Ben Bryan, Cody Fauchaux, Nathan Hidalgo, Michael Johnston (summa cum laude), Conrad Kuebel,
 - College of Human Sciences and Education: John Williams
 - College of Humanities & Soc Sci: Russell Berry, Michael Glynn, Jace Huval, Cody King, Nicholas Martin, Ben Morrison, McCray Sutherlin
 - Manship School of Mass Communications:
 - College of Science: Colin Cunningham, Connor Rougelot, Elliott Thompson (cum laude)
 - Graduate School: Raymond Braselman, Chris McGraw, David Nielson, Kenneth Rider
 - Doctorate: Aaron Duplantier



Concert Band takes a bow at conclusion of recent concert – which was EXCELLENT! Thanks Band Wolves!

Musings on Last Week:

- **Band Awards Ceremony** went very well. Congratulations to Andrew. In case you didn't hear, Ruston Keller will join Dustin Simoneaux as drum major for the Marching Wolves next year. The competition for the other drum major spot was intense. Please be sensitive to those who auditioned but didn't win.
- **Academic Awards Ceremonies** went very well. Special thanks to Merle, Trevor and counselors for all of their hard work in getting hundreds of awards ready.
- **Athletic Awards** ceremony went very well. Thanks, Craig, Claire, Carol for ALL of your hard work.
- **Track Wolves** also celebrated their season with cook out under the Wolf Dome on Friday evening.
- **Art Department** had a GREAT show; hope you got a chance to see our budding artists.
- **Drama Classes' Original One Act Plays and Video Projects** played to an appreciative audience on Thursday night. The young playwrights and actors acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner.
- **Senior Parents and Teachers** staged a very successful, enjoyable and well-attended Grad Night. The Class of 2015 passed a good time.
- **Mothers Club Bookstore Sale** was a huge success! Congrats!
- **LYLs** were busy last week electing new leadership. Congrats to Burke Irwin (new President) and William Saucier (new Vice President.) Our LYL program is outstanding.
- **Chamber Expo:** The event was a little disappointing as the number of attendees was down this year. But many stopped by our booth. Lots of positive praise for the presence of SPS in our area. Thanks to Danielle, Al, Shellie, & Keren Davis for their work in setting up our display
- **Live Streaming of Graduation:** Thanks to Mike Holmes of our Tech Dept and Brad Guillory, who moderates the Guerilla Wolves, for arranging live streaming of the graduation. Students Brandon Gallego and John Meyers did outstanding work in helping get the equipment to work and doing the camera work for the event.

Awards: I consider awards ceremonies the best of times and the worst of times. Certainly, the incredible accomplishments by our students evidenced last week constitute the best of times. But we also dealt with disappointment last week: parents who felt that their sons should have won the award and students who were less vocal but obviously disappointed. Please know I am sensitive to students who did not receive an award. I will look for ways to recognize the wonderful things done by our students who didn't make "the final cut."

Teresian Sisters: The 13th Annual Teresian Sisters rock 'n' Bowlarama will take place at Mid City Lanes/Rock 'n' Bowl in New Orleans, Sunday, May 31, from 6-9 pm. The money raised will go to support their retired and elderly Sisters as well as their ministries. This will be a fun-filled adult evening where participants will have the opportunity to bowl, dance, enjoy good food and win prizes. The event is \$25(\$30 at the door) and tickets can be purchased at the door. Must be 21 or older to attend. For more info, call Sr. Isabel at 985/893-1470. Good luck, sisters, with your event!

Ben Blanchard Update: Chris Blanchard sent out the following last week: *I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day weekend. Ben and I were able to enjoy a great weekend down in Grand Isle with our mom and dad and then visit our Granny on Sunday. It was a special weekend. Yesterday Ben was scanned again in Covington to check on the status of his tumors and to see if his tumors have reacted any to his latest chemo. This morning he met with Dr. Saux and went over his results. His large tumor seems to have stabilized and is holding close to the same size it was previously observed. Some of his smaller tumors have continued to grow. Right now Dr. Saux has suggested that Ben proceed with two more rounds of this same chemo and then undergo another scan. Dr. Saux will also be forwarding Ben's results to Dr. N out in California as well as Dr. Meyers at Sloan Kettering in NY for their observation and thoughts on the developments. Ben and our entire family continue to find comfort through the prayers and support of so many of our friends and family. We are truly blessed to have such a network to fight along Ben. Ben has enjoyed the numerous friends who have come in town in the past several weeks and months to visit with him and to offer encouragement. There is no doubt this support has encouraged Ben to continue carrying his cross. I ask that each of you continue to pray for Ben and to continue to keep in touch with Ben. It brings great joy to him to hear from so many. Never Retreat, Never Surrender!*

Final H of the W: Since I didn't get any "cease and desist" letters from lawyers last week, here are some more actual transcripts from trials:

- *Lawyer: "How old is your son, the one living with you?" Witness: "Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which."*
Lawyer: "How long has he lived with you?" Witness: "Forty-five years."
- *Lawyer: "Sir, what is your IQ?" Witness: "Well, I can see pretty well, I think."*
- *Lawyer: "Did you blow your horn or anything?" Witness: "After the accident?" Lawyer: "Before the accident."*
Witness: "Sure, I played for ten years. I even took lessons."
- *Lawyer: "Trooper, when you stopped the defendant, were your red and blue lights flashing?" Witness: "Yes." Lawyer: "Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car?" Witness: "Yes, sir." Lawyer: "What did she say?"*
Witness: "'What disco am I at?'"
- *Lawyer: "Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?" Witness: "No." Lawyer: "Did you check for blood pressure?" Witness: "No." Lawyer: "Did you check for breathing?" Witness: "No." Lawyer: "So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?" Witness: "No." Lawyer: "How can you be so sure, Doctor?" Witness: "Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar." Lawyer: "But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless? Witness: "Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere."*
- *Lawyer: "How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?"*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Sophomore Service Day: A mom sent me the following about the group she chaperoned. I thought it significant enough to share with you:

I had the privilege of chaperoning 6 boys on Sophomore Service Day last Friday. We were assigned to the Leslie Head Start program in New Orleans which is a small facility which provides child care from infancy to two year olds for low-income families that fall below the poverty level. Our boys were outstanding with the precious Head Start children! It was amazing to see the enthusiasm, politeness and charity of our boys. Oliver Sibley face painted the one and two year old faces of very active toddlers with great patience. Bradley del Rio read a story to the children and knew the name of each child by the end of our day. Cameron Gary had many of the children climbing on his lap so he could read them a story. Mark Larson was also a great story teller and even played the bongo drums for the children to dance. Reagan Hill was adorable with the children as he played with the children and held each one who asked. Nick blew bubbles for the children and had a never-ending line to play airplane. All of the boys went around to each of the children giving hugs when it was time to leave. St. Paul's was well represented and the Director of New Orleans Head Start encouraged us to come back frequently. The childcare workers were also very appreciative of the help and complimentary of our boys. Unfortunately, due to confidentiality I was unable to take pictures of the boys with the children. Our day ended early when it was time for naps. Since we had a few extra minutes, the boys obliged my request to quickly visit the Blessed Francis Seelos Shrine which was next to the Head Start facility. I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in this sophomore event and enjoyed getting to know some of [my son's] exceptional classmates.



Sophs visit Father Seelos Shrine following their service at Leslie Head Start Program.

From Assistant Principal Joe Dickens:

To make obtaining your son's English reading materials as facile as possible, our virtual bookstore will open for summer reading and for the school year on May 29. Any novel, play, or workbook he will need for English will be listed including new and used editions, and in some cases, eBooks. We offer this service for convenience, variety, and savings. Simply go to our website at www.stpauls.com, click the "Order Your Books Here" button on the left, and you'll be directed to our virtual bookstore. You'll choose his titles for summer reading and for the school year based on his placement in English. Payment will be handled on-line through MBS Direct, and the books will be shipped by UPS straight to your home.

Please take advantage of the flat shipping rate which will be the week of June 8. You will save on shipping by ordering summer reading and the titles for the school year during this week.

Next, all summer reading questions for English and social studies (if your son is in honors or AP history/civics) are posted on our website. **Please note that your son will independently have to obtain his own summer reading books for social studies if he is in honors or AP.** Click on the link for summer reading at the bottom of our homepage, www.stpauls.com, and find the class(es) applicable to your son.

Lastly, take advantage of the Spring Buyback offered by MBS Direct by selling back your son's novels and plays from his English class (sorry, no workbooks). It's a great way to maintain our used inventory, and it may get you a little cash back. Go to our website, and click on the Order Your Books Here button. Then, click Sell Your Books, and follow the steps from there.

If you have any questions about your son's placement in English or social studies, please contact our Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.

Saint Paul's Summer Camps:

- 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

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

- New electives for next year: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/11/new-electives-bring-new-opportunity/>
- Academic Achievement at SPS: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/12/sps-excels-on-state-national-academic-stage/>
- Student Summer Plans: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/14/what-are-your-plans-for-summer-vacation/>
- Class of 2015 Post SPS Plans: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/15/class-of-2015-post-graduation-plans/>

Monday, May 18

8:30 Students report to Period A for Announcements
8:45-9:15 9-11 Level Award Assemblies
9:25-10:55 Period A Exam
11:00-11:45 Period B Exam Review
11:45-12:35 Lunch
12:40-1:30 Period C Exam Review
1:30 Dismissal
6:00 pm Pre-freshman promotion/awards ceremony

Tuesday, May 19

7:45-7:55 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
7:55-9:25 Period B Exam
9:25-9:35 Break
9:40-11:10 Period C Exam
11:10-11:55 Lunch
12:00-12:40 Period D Review
12:45-1:25 Period E Review
1:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, May 20

7:45-7:55 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
7:55-9:25 Period D Exam
9:25-9:35 Break
9:40-11:10 Period E Exam
11:10-11:55 Lunch
12:00-12:40 Period F Review
12:45-1:25 Period G Review
1:30 Dismissal

Thursday, May 21

7:45-7:55 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
7:55-9:25 Period F Exam
9:25-9:35 Break
9:40-11:10 Period G Exam
11:10 Dismissal
11:30 Faculty and Staff Luncheon in Cafeteria – Thanks to Mothers Club



For the 8th consecutive year, LSU names SPS as one of the Top 20 schools in the state based upon spring testing results. Our 25 seniors who participated earned a total of 250 college credit hours at LSU, valued at \$140,500. Congrats, Class of 2015!

On a personal note, my time management skills have fallen apart lately (if, indeed, I ever had any to begin with!) so I'm WAY behind in sending "thank you notes" for annual fund gifts, responding to emails and phone calls. I'll get to the thank you notes as soon as school is out (I tried rushing a few last week and made mistakes!) But keep calling and emailing! The squeaky wheel gets the grease – or some sort of cliché like that!

Well, I'm sure I've worn out my welcome in your email "in box" this week! Sorry! Guess I wasn't so brief after all! Only one more newsletter to endure, though!

I will close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now 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. Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's – which is rapidly drawing to a close!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Incredibly Proud of the SPS Class of 2015 and Praying for a Successful Conclusion to the 2014-15 School Year as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

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