



# The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter

## Sep 07 - 13, 2015



Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now:

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the early Brothers:



- *You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks of you.*
- *If, then, you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work? [The early Brothers relied on charity for their work; they received no salary & charged no tuition so were always worried about how they would live. Would that I had such faith today!]*
- ***Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.*
- *You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important** and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.*

- ***God has called you, destined you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.***

I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work (Domine, Opus Tuum!) -- nothing less. And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching him to be a man of God.**

May this comfort, inspire, and strengthen us – you as parent and us as teachers -- both this week and in the year ahead!

### Mon, Sep 7 – Labor Day; no classes

- **TDIH:** In 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a New York meat packer, who supplied barrels of beef to the US Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers referred to the food as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper ran the story on this date and Uncle Sam gained widespread use as the nickname for the U.S.
- **TDIH:** in 1940, the German Luftwaffe begins its Blitz Bombing campaign against London during WW II.
- **TDIH:** In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I is born to King Henry VIII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn. During her reign, Britain became a world power by defeating the Spanish Armada. The irony is that Henry did not think a woman capable of leading the kingdom. Will Shakespeare write many of his plays during her tenure as queen.
- **Google Commemoration day:** Today celebrates the creation of Google on this day back in 1996 "I dunno, just Google it" has become a phrase uttered multiple times a day, all around the world. And, of course, there's the memorable quote from former President Bush when he referenced "the Google. Useless info:"Google's First Tweet was, "01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01110101 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010," which is binary code for "I'm Feeling Lucky." Also, Instead of hiring a grounds crew at Google, Google rents goats, a herder and a border collie to help cut down the amount of weeds and brush. (Hmm..... wonder if I can have goats in Covington?) We've all been lucky, I guess, to have Google available!

- **Salami Day:** From the Salami Day website (yes, it really exists!): *Salami is a too-often overlooked meat in the deli world, and the Salami Appreciation Society felt that it deserved its day in the sun. Salami has a rich history, providing important nutrients such as protein and potassium. It can be eaten on sandwiches, crackers, in pita wraps, tortilla wraps, or even by itself. No one can resist the ultimate duo of salami and cheese, for that matter!*

**Tue, Sep 8 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Assembly; E F G A)**

- **TDIH:** In 1565, the first Catholic settlement in American was founded in St. Augustine, FL.
- **TDIH:** In 1900, a hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, TX, killing over 8,000 persons, making it the deadliest natural disaster in US history. Over 2500 buildings were destroyed.



*Student body reflects/prays on the 10 year anniversary of Katrina on an area of campus drastically changed by the storm*

- **TDIH:** In 1935, Senator Huey Long is shot in the Louisiana state capitol building. He died about 30 hours later. Also, Star Trek premiers on TV in 1966. Live long and prosper!
- **Pediatric Hematology / Oncology Nurses Day:** Each day, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses care for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders. We honor them today and thank them.
- **President's Assembly / Shadow Day**

**Wed, Sep 9 (Regular; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1776, The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new nation from the United Colonies to the United States.
- **This Day in History:** In 1965, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax pitches the eighth perfect game in major league history, leading the Dodgers to a 1-0 win over the Chicago Cubs.
- **National Teddy Bear Day:** Admit it: we all like Teddy Bears and we adults miss the ones we had as children. So today, it's perfectly OK to spend some time with a Teddy Bear -- a special friend who's cuddly, lovable, and makes us feel secure & safe in an otherwise insecure and unsafe world. Confession: I keep one in my office for tough days!
- **Senior Portraits during Civics class**
- **Spring Hill College Visits**
- **FB:** 9<sup>th</sup>/JV v. Ponchatoula (5:30)
- **Sacrament of Penance:** Confessions will be available in ALL Catholic churches in the Archdiocese this evening beginning at 7 pm. From Archbishop Gregory Aymond: *"Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Francis has reminded us that God never tires of forgiving us. Perhaps we grow tired of asking for forgiveness. H reminds us instead that we must humbly ask for God's mercy knowing that he gives it in abundance. Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>."*

### Thu, Sep 10 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1940, in light of the destruction and terror inflicted on London by German bombing raids, aka "the Blitz," British Cabinet instructs British bombers over Germany to drop their bombs "anywhere" if unable to reach targets.
- **Swap Ideas Day:** Swap your good ideas with others! I'm always in need of good ideas, so feel free to send 'em here
- **World Suicide Prevention Day:** I list many ridiculous observances in my newsletters, but this one is very serious. St. Tammany Parish has a high suicide rate – which has gone up since the suicide of Robin Williams. Unfortunately, each year we deal with students who feel that suicide is the answer to the problems of life. We will soon hold an annual suicide prevention program for all sophomores. And we've already dealt with at least one issue this year. Pray



*During evacuation drill, accommodations are made for any injured students. Blake, Dylan & Greyson (and their crutches!) are transported to the evacuation site during the drill!*

for all who think that it is a solution. We ask God's help.

- **Service Assembly:** Our annual assembly stress3es service opportunities to students. We obviously cannot invite all service opportunity reps, but we hope this will spark discussion among you and sons. Stress service!
- **Washington University visits**
- **Senior Portraits during Civics class**
- **Picture re-takes at lunch**
- **FB:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. De La Salle (6)

### Fri, Sep 11 (Pep Rally Schedule; C D E F)

- **Make Your Bed Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! I make mine every day!
- **TDIH:** Today we remember the terrorist attack on our country. We pray for families of all of who lost loved ones. We pray for an end to terrorism of all kinds, foreign and domestic. We pray for men and women who defend

our freedom in all parts of the world. We pray for all people of peace, regardless of race or creed.

- **Football:** Varsity at Jesuit (7; Tad Gormley Stadium)

### Sat, Sep 12

- **TDIH:** In 2013, the **Catholic Lasallian Assessment Process** Team began its visitation. SPS passed glowingly!
- **TDIH:** In 1940, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings are discovered by four teenagers who stumbled upon the ancient artwork after following their dog down a narrow entrance into a cavern. The 15,000- to 17,000-year-old paintings, consisting mostly of animal representations, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period. What to see them? Click here: [http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02\\_00.xml](http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02_00.xml)
- **Chocolate Milkshake Day! Enjoy!**
- **Banana Day:** Eat this healthy snack today! I eat one every day. Wash it down with a Chocolate Shake!
- **ACT on campus today**
- **Cross Country** runs in Episcopal (BR) Round Table Meet.
- **Touchdown Club LSU Adult LSU Tailgating (BAC)**

### Sun, Sep 13

- **TDIH:** In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens words, later set to music, that in 1931 becomes USA's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written when Key saw Fort McHenry in Maryland bombarded by British in the War of 1812 & was inspired by a lone U.S. flag flying at daybreak.

- **National Peanut Day** is the peanuttiest of days. Native to South America, the locals there couldn't keep this great nut to themselves. Actually, peanuts are not nuts. They are "legumes", like peas, beans, and lentils. Who knew?
- **Blame Someone Else Day:** self explanatory! Feel free to blame me!
- **National Hollerin' Day!** Feel free to holler today! It's Sunday!
- **National Iguana Day:** Celebrate the lowly iguana today! I may re-read *Night of the Iguana* by Tennessee Williams.
- **National Grandparent Day:** The impetus for National Grandparents Day originated with *Marian McQuade*, a WV housewife, to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the **first Sun after Labor Day**

**Shadow Days:** For years, I resisted these events. Increased competition forced me to re-think last year, and we instituted shadow days – which resulted in a record number of applicants and pre-freshman students. So we will continue with them this year. The first few shadow days are already filled. In fact, we have over 100 shadowers (is that a word?) already scheduled. If you know of a family interested in SPS next year, therefore, have them contact us (892-3200, ext 1003) if they would like the student to participate.

**Parent Mini Schedule:** On Mon, Sep 14, beginning at 6:30 PM, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. **This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that.** Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening. Parents should be in their son's A Period classroom by 6:30. **A copy of your son's schedule will be emailed to you on Friday.**

#### Musings on Last Week:

- **Safety Week:** I hope your sons spoke to you about Safety Week. We conducted the following drills: Tornado, Intruder on Campus, Fire, and Evacuation. We thank the Covington Fire and Police Departments who were present during these drills to observe and give feedback. They were very helpful. We pray that none of these drills will ever be needed for real, but we are prepared. We stressed all week with the students that their safety is paramount.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks to Danielle Lavie for a GREAT issue. Hope you read it and enjoyed it.
- **Religion Dept:** Thanks for meaningful First Fri devotions.
- **Football:** Congrats to Varsity for great win on Fri v. Karr; 9<sup>th</sup>/JV also did great against F' Bleau on Wednesday.
- **Marching Wolves** were their usual wonderful selves. Well done, MWs! And Boosters, too!
- **Cross Country Wolves:** CC Wolves placed a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> in John Curtis meet – a great start to their season!
- **Aqua Wolves** swam strong in their first meet on Sat! Handel was proud!
- **Wolf Packs:** Last week's Wolf Pack focused on Katrina. We showed an 8 minute video and then read reflections that students wrote ten years ago. I found the boys in my pack glued to the TV as the video showed, and they enjoyed reading the reflections from the students.



*During evacuation drill, Marvin takes his supervision duties seriously while police block street in background.*

- **RIP:** We offer condolences and prayers to Math Department Chair Pam Cullen on the loss last week of her father, Mr. Elwood Dufour. The funeral last Tue went well, with Archbishop Aymond as the primary celebrant. Eternal rest grant unto Mr. Dufour, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**New Gym Naming Opportunities:** As the new gym rapidly speeds toward completion, I thought I'd report on how the naming opportunities have gone. Here's a report:

Building	\$2,000,000	Available
Main Court	\$250,000	Available
Bleachers (2)	\$50,000	Available
Courtyard Plaza	\$30,000	The Dr. John Thompson Family
Classroom	\$25,000	Available
Coaches Office	\$20,000	Available
Lobby	\$20,000	SPS Class of 1982
Scoreboard 1	\$40,000	Mr. Eddie Tourelle/Northpark Auto
Scoreboard 2	\$20,000	B & K Construction
Scoreboard 2	\$20,000	The Wayne Mediamolle Family
Concession Stand	\$15,000	The Adrian & Sally Duplantier Family
Sound System	\$15,000	Available
Locker Room 1	\$10,000	The Dr. Kevin Darr Family
Locker Room 2	\$10,000	The Dr. Anthony Albright Family
Locker Room 3	\$10,000	Available
Lockers	\$500 each	Some already sold; more available

**Current Gym Naming:** As you know, we started this project early to save by having the contractor already on campus. This is taxing our budget but the improvements are needed. Please consider helping if you can:

Wrestling Gym:	\$250,000	Available
Weight Room	\$50,000	Available
Medical Training Rm	\$25,000	Available
Coaches Office	\$20,000	Available
Concession Area	\$15,000	Available
Lockers	\$500 each	Some sold; more available

**And we have received many smaller donations. All help is needed! If interested in any of these naming opportunities, contact me or Danielle Lavie in Development.**



*Drum majors Ruston and Dustin start putting the Marching Wolves in formation.*



**Jazz n Roll:** Join us for the **26th anniversary of Jazz 'N Roll on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015!** Come together with parents, alumni, sponsors and supporters in the community for Saint Paul's major fundraiser. This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend **SATURDAY evening from 7:00pm – 11:00pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center and enjoy gourmet food and libations from exclusive local establishments. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous live auction, raffles and the Wolf Wheel of Prizes. I'm humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need

you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so: <http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/jnr-order/> Contact the Advancement Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.

**Attendance:** Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

**And Speaking of Edline:** Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grade and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.*

**Football Tailgating:** With the opening of football season, allow me to review our rules:

- Absolutely NO ALCOHOL may be on the premises and/or consumed during school athletic events by either students OR ADULTS. Such activity violates laws as well as LHSAA and school policies. We will be vigilant this year, including asking police to routinely patrol the tailgating area.
- Since we are in a residential neighborhood, tailgaters must be respectful. While music is permitted, no songs with vulgar or obscene lyrics are permitted. Volume must be moderate.
- Tailgaters must remove their trash from the area.
- We are not responsible for RVs – either before, during, or after the game.



*Seniors, sporting their new Class of 2016 gold uniform shirts, help prepare the new wetlands area in back of the new gym which will be used for teaching purposes.*

**Student Football Game Conduct:** Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but MUST enter through the South Gate (by the Brothers' Residence). Only CURRENT SPS students are allowed in free by showing THIS YEAR's ID card. Do NOT try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- SSA students DO NOT get in free.
- Football Sports passes are not "Family Passes." They DO NOT let an unlimited number of people in for free. For a varsity football game, the sports pass is redeemable for 4 tickets ONLY FROM THE SOUTH GATE (Bros. Residence side). For all other football events, showing the card will be sufficient.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.**

- During the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be ABSOLUTELY QUIET. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is NEVER permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.

**Adult Football Game Conduct:** With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or anywhere on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Adults should only use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise



*Brother Jerry hands Andrew a Popsicle while Brother Ralph looks on approvingly on Popsicle Day, in honor of Brother Ralph's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

**Emergency Closing:** As we approach the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public school system following Hurricane Katrina.

- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure. We have a new notification system which I'll be testing soon.
- **Consult** Edline and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.

#### Senior Parents:

- Senior portraits will be taken this Thu and Fri during your son's Civics class. Students MUST be in conformity with school grooming regulations.
- A video of the March through the Arch is now posted on our website. Or click here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amv0EzeEf\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amv0EzeEf_U)
- On Mini-Schedule Night, you make pick up a free picture of your son on March through the Arch Day. After that night, the pictures will be in the administration building. You may pick them up when on campus or authorize your son (via a note, please) to obtain his picture.
- A representative from Balfour was on campus last Fri to take orders for senior products such as graduation announcements, name cards, class mugs, etc. \$100 deposit is required. If you missed this date, a makeup day will be scheduled soon.

**Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which introduced our students to a wide variety of activities, was a big success. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

**Cafeteria Payments:** To pay on line, go to the web site [www.schoolcafe.org](http://www.schoolcafe.org) and then My School Bucks comes up. Create an account. Put your son's name, DOB and school. You DO NOT have to enter the Student ID.

**Student Driving:** We issued two fines last week: one to student who drove from school in an inappropriate way and another who was reported littering the highway and driving recklessly. We will continue to be vigilant. Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action against students as well. And remember: **cell phone use in a school zone is against the law and can be ticketed by police!**



**The Paper Wolf:** Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe. If

not, support our guys and do so. It's free. Here's the link: <http://thepaperwolf.com>

**Wolves Football:** Please join in for the 2015 Wolves Adult Social.... Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in the BAC, the Band is The Issue, Cocktails start at 7:00 the band starts for 8:00. Tickets are \$25.00 at the door... For information and details about reserving a table, contact Debbie Bodenheimer, 985-502-1315. The atmosphere is casual and festive! Don't miss out.

**Helping Saint Paul's:** Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SPS participates in the Community Coffee program.
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.

**Driver's License Proof of Attendance:** Don't forget: your son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act, so don't blame me!

**ID Cards and Lanyards:** Students **MUST** wear their ID cards on their lanyards **EVERY DAY**. This is part of our enhanced safety plan to insure that only SPS students are on campus during the school day. Parents – please stress this with your sons and insist that they comply. If your son loses his ID, he may purchase a new one for \$10 by seeing Sgt. Pressley in the Book/Snack Room.

**After School Issues:** Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed. Some do but some didn't last week and we had a couple of parents in a quandary wondering where their sons were.

**Lost & Found:** Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

**School Pictures:** We distributed more school pictures last week. If you ordered pictures, I hope your son brought them home to you. For any problems, contact Mr. Andrew Dart at [andrewd@stpauls.com](mailto:andrewd@stpauls.com). **RETAKES WILL BE TAKEN ON THU, SEP 10<sup>TH</sup> DURING LUNCH!**

**Key Club Book Drive:** The SPS Key Club will hold a book drive from Sep 8-18. All books are accepted, but children's books are especially wanted. Books may be dropped off in boxes by Mrs. Erin's office, one in counseling by Mrs. Ann's office, and one in founder's circle. There will be a key club member everyday during that week from 7:00 to 7:45 to assist parents that drop off the books. Some books will be sold to benefit the Covington Food Bank and others given to schools in need

**From the Student Council:** Student Council is pleased to team up with Mugshots for the first ever Mugshots Lunch! The boxes, consisting of Mugshots burger, condiments, bag of chips and a cookie will be delivered for lunch on Friday, September 25. All lunches cost \$10 and must be pre-ordered no later than Fri, September 18. See any Student Council Executive Board member or Class officer to place your order.

**Touchdown Club Adult Social:** The Touchdown Club is sponsoring an adult social evening on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in the Briggs Assembly Center. For \$25.00/person, there will be good food, music, adult beverages and the LSU v Mississippi State Football game will be on the big screen and other games on multiple TVs set up in the BAC. Bring your friends to the BAC to kick back and enjoy the social for the night.



*Pre-freshmen engage in Gateway to Technology class as they employ principles of engineering to hands-on projects.*

Casual attire – Tailgating for the games start at 7 – LSU kickoff is at 8:15. If interested in sponsoring a group table for the night - \$500.00 – call Debbie Bodenheimer 985-502-1315 or [debbie@carcsllc.com](mailto:debbie@carcsllc.com), if you should have questions.

**H of the W:** I've used these before for Labor Day but they are worth repeating. Prepare to groan over these job woes:

- *My first job was in an orange juice factory, I couldn't concentrate on the same old boring rind, so I got canned.*
- *Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.*
- *I then tried working in a donut shop, but I soon got tired of the hole business.*
- *I manufactured calendars, but my days were numbered.*
- *I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. Mainly because it was a sew-sew job, de-pleating and de-pressing.*
- *I took a job as an upholsterer, but I never recovered*
- *I tried working in a car muffler factory, but that was exhausting.*
- *I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it.*
- *Then I was a pilot, but tended to wing it, and I didn't have the right altitude*
- *I studied to be a doctor, but I didn't have enough patients for the job.*
- *I became a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it.*
- *I tried my hand at a professional career in tennis, but it wasn't my racket. I was too high strung.*
- *I became a baker; it wasn't a cakewalk, & I couldn't make enough dough.*
- *I was a masseur for a while, but I rubbed people the wrong way.*
- *I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.*
- *Then I was a gym personal trainer, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.*
- *I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it.*
- *Next I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me.*



Wolves wore jerseys and were ready for Karr last Friday!

- *I worked at Starbucks, but I quit because it was the same old grind.*
- *OK, I'll stop! Happy Labor Day!*

## A Look Ahead

September 12 – ACT Testing on campus

September 14 – Happy Birthday SPS-9:00AM late start – Parent Mini Schedule 6:30-8:30

- *I tried teaching, but I lost my principal, faculties, and my class.*
- *I turned to farming, but I wasn't outstanding in my field.*
- *I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had ups and downs.*
- *I sold origami, but business folded.*
- *I took a job at UPS, but I couldn't express myself.*
- *I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout.*
- *I became a banker, but I lacked interest and maturity, and finally withdrew from the job.*
- *I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.*
- *I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot.*

September 15 – President’s Assembly – Shadow Day – NHS Induction – Snack Day – Teacher Appreciation Lunch  
 September 22 – Pack Time  
 September 25 – Pep Rally Schedule for Homecoming  
 September 26 – Senior High Homecoming Dance  
 September 29 – ACT test for seniors  
 September 30 – President’s Assembly (long) – Shadow Day  
 October 3 – SAT on campus – Jazz & Roll on campus  
 October 6 – Pack Time  
 October 9 – 11:00 am dismissal for Grandparents Day – End of first quarter  
 October 12-16 – Founder’s Week  
 October 13 – President’s Assembly (second block) –Shadow Day  
 October 14 – PSAT Testing for all Sophomores and select other students (BAC)  
 October 15 – Mass schedule  
 October 16 – Field Day, Periods CD meet / Redi-Step Test for 8<sup>th</sup> grades in BAC  
 October 19 – 9:30 AM late start for faculty in-service – Parent/Teacher meetings 5:30-7:30 pm  
 October 20 – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation Lunch  
 October 23 – Faculty Wellness screening in BAC  
 October 27 – President’s Assembly – Possible Shadow Day (if needed)  
 October 28 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 October 29 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 October 30 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast – Pep Rally  
 November 2 – Dia de los Muertos – Mass  
 November 3 – Pack Time  
 November 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 November 5 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast – Aspire test to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in BAC  
 November 9 – Late Start  
 November 10 – President’s Assembly  
 November 17 – Pack Time  
 November 18 – Thanksgiving Prayer Service schedule  
 December 1 – President’s Assembly  
 December 8 – Pack Time (luminaria bags)  
 December 10 – Snack Day – Luminarias in the evening  
 December 15-18 Exam Schedules  
 December 18 – Christmas Holidays (not winter break) begin at 11 am

Whew! That’s enough for Labor Day Weekend! As usual, I’ll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I’m listening to right now as I finish writing the newsletter and LOLing as I do so): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time (on Labor Day weekend, no less) reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2015 - 16 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Chillaxin’ on Labor Day Weekend as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School