



# The President's Hebdomadal Newsletter

## Sep 21 - 27, 2015



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDP) and The World Meeting of Families begin this week.



The ILDP start Sep 21 and run until Oct 21. The theme this year is: *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God* (Matthew 5:9). The month long observance encourages study, reflection, prayer, and action. As former Superior General Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria said concerning ILDP: *Peace is possible if each of us gets involved. It is possible when we place persons above things. It is possible if we make God's plan for humankind our own plan.* I invite you to join the Retired Brothers who daily pray the following, official Lasallian Prayer for Peace:

*We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope!  
Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!*

The World Meeting of Families runs from Sep 22-25, coinciding with the visit of Pope Francis to the US. Since its inception by Saint John Paul II in 1994, the meeting has strengthened the sacred bonds of families across the globe. Held every three years and sponsored by the Vatican's Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. The theme this year is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." And I invite you to pray the official prayer of the World Meeting, especially for those families most in need:



*God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us!*

**May these two events bring peace and love, especially to families who need it most!**

**Mon, Sep 21 (Regular; Homecoming Week Begins; See below for more info; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** In 1779, the Louisiana governor Bernardo de Galvez, aided by American troops and militia, captures the British post at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.
- **International Peace Day.** Let's all do our part by at least keeping peace locally!
- **World Gratitude Day:** We should be grateful EVERY day, but be extra grateful today!

**Tue, Sep 22 (Pack Time C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** The ice cream cone debuted today in 1903 & the band aid in 1920! Where would we be without these?

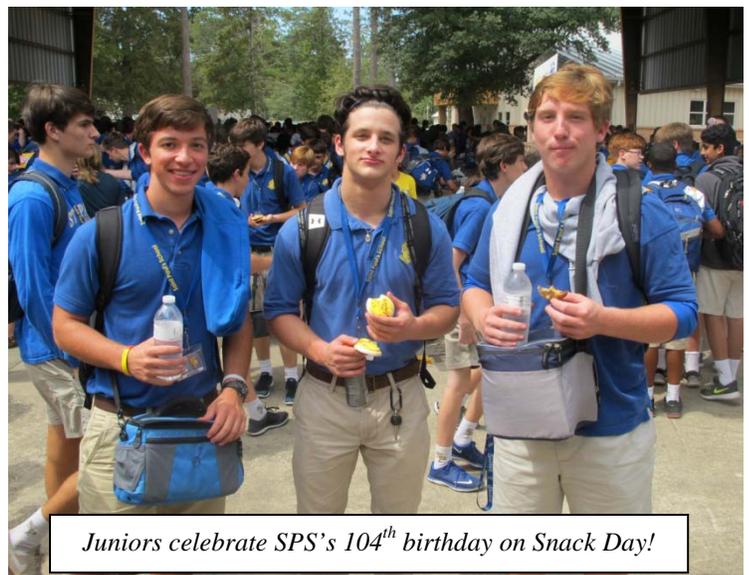
- **TDIH:** In 1776, during the American Revolution, Nathan Hale was executed without trial after caught spying on the British. His famous last words? “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.” Thank you, Nathan!



- Today we mark the **Feast of the Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Valencia**. In 1936, five Christian Brothers (Florencio, Bertran, Ambrosio, Elisas, & Honorato) were martyred for their faith. When religious persecution began in Spain, they were arrested and executed. Even though they knew that being Brothers result in death, they did not hesitate in admitting their Faith and that they were Brothers of the Christian Schools. These five Brothers, beatified by Pope John Paul II, followed Jesus in the vocation to which He had called them: to bring salvation to young people by giving a human and Christian education. May their faith inspire us, their heroism edify us, and their devotion to young people cause us to redouble our efforts with the students entrusted to our care! **Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Valencia! Pray for us!**

- **TDIH:** In 2005, after having re-opened from Katrina, we closed school to brace for Hurricane Rita. While spared Rita’s brunt, many in our area suffered additional damage, while the southwest part of LA took a major hit. We continue to pray for those healing from Rita's wrath.

- **White Chocolate Day:** Go ahead and indulge – moderation, of course!
- **Elephant Appreciation Day:** Celebrate the elephant today and learn something about these Endearing, Loyal, Elegant, Powerful, Heavy, Amusing, Noble, and Talented creatures.
- **Papal Visit:** Pope Francis begins his six day visit to the US. The Pope will visit Washington, DC, New York and Philadelphia. He will become the first Pope to address a joint session of Congress and he will also address the General Assembly of the United Nations. We offer prayer and support for the Holy Father during this historic visit.
- **Yom Kippur begins at sundown** today and lasts through sundown tomorrow. This most important holiday of the Jewish year means "Day of Atonement." It is a day to atone for the sins of the past year. This day is a last appeal, a last chance to change the judgment, to expiate for sin. Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. For the latter, one must first reconcile with that person, righting the wrongs if possible. Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath; no work can be performed, and you are supposed to refrain from eating and drinking (even water) on Yom Kippur. **We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters!**
- **Etiquette Training Class for Pre-freshmen**
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Franklinton (6)



*Juniors celebrate SPS's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday on Snack Day!*

### Wed, Sep 23 (Regular; G A B C)

- **The Autumnal Equinox**, when the sun crosses the equator from North to South, occurs today at 12:37 a.m., CDT. Fall officially begins! In the Southern Hemisphere, spring officially begins. Play Antonio Vivaldi’s incredible “Autumn” from his *Four Seasons Suite!* In Japan, the Autumnal Equinox is a holiday to mark the new season and to pay respects to deceased parents and relatives. How meaningful! Marvel at God’s wonderful creation today, anticipate the cool coming months, and remember deceased loved ones.
- **Checkers Day:** This day, begun on the anniversary of former Vice President Richard Nixon’s “Checkers Speech” (look it up, history buffs!), has morphed into a celebration of the game of checkers. Enjoy a game or two today!
- **Innergize Day:** Today is the day to set time aside for yourself to do anything you want to do. OK to observe, but don’t let it interfere with any of your obligations, especially students to their classes!

- **Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen**
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Northshore (5:30)

#### Thu, Sep 24 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1957, President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **National Punctuation Day:** Let's all punctuate our writing correctly! I plan on celebrating! Here's a great website to help: <http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com>.



*Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday,  
Brother Alfred!*

- **Eat Dinner with Your Children Day:** Started by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia Univ, this day informs parents that the engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance abuse free. *Dinner Makes A Difference!*
- **Happy Birthday Brother Alfred,** who turns 93 today. A member of our retired Brothers Community, he still works as hard. We offer him prayer and best wishes on this day. We thank him for his life as a Christian Brother in the cause of Lasallian education, especially at SPS, where he has labored for so many years of his religious life. *Ad multos annos, Brother Alfred!* Thank you for your life as a Christian Brother!
- **Etiquette Training for Pre-freshman**
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves at TCC for meet

#### Fri, Sep 25 (Pep Rally; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama. Imagine his reaction!
- **TDIH:** In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice in history when she is sworn in by Chief Justice Warren Burger. How many other women have been named to the Court? [answer at end]
- **National Comic Book Day:** Read a comic book today! Or at least the comics in the newspaper! I read 'em daily!
- **Alumni:** Pre-homecoming game gathering in the cafeteria (5:30)
- **Football:** Varsity v. Northshore (7) as Wolves begin their drive to re-claim the District Championship and celebrate Homecoming with a win!



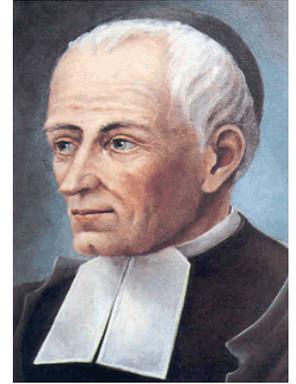
*Pre-freshmen snag a snack,  
courtesy of the MC, on SPS's  
104<sup>th</sup> birthday last week!*

#### Sat, Sep 26

- **This Day in History:** In 1580, English man Francis Drake returns to England in the *Golden Hind*, becoming the first British navigator to sail around the earth. His voyage started on December 13, 1577.
- **TDIH:** In 1960, the first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. Many who watched on TV said Kennedy won the debate, while those who listened to the radio thought Nixon did better. Nixon, who declined to use makeup, appeared somewhat haggard on TV in contrast to the youthful, tanned Kennedy.
- **Shamu the Whale Day:** Today is Shamu's birthday (who knew?) He was born in 1985!
- **International Rabbit Day:** Celebrate the rabbit today! But no hunting!
- **SPS Math Tournament:** Geaux, Fighting Math Wolves!
- **Cross-Country** runs in the Gulf Coast Stampede Cross Country Meet in Pensacola, FL
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Jesuit (11)
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in St. Martin's Meet
- **Senior High Homecoming Dance**

**Sun, Sep 27 -- We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass today and support their parishes. We encourage our non-Catholic families to attend the church of choice.**

- **Feast of Blessed Brother Scubilion:** Jean Bernard Rousseau joined the Christian Brothers in 1822. After ten years in elementary schools, Scubilion left France to dedicate the remaining 34 years of his life to the enslaved natives on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Remembered as the "catechist of slaves," he started well attended evening classes, even after a long day of hard labor. He devised programs and techniques in order to teach essentials of Christian doctrine and prepare them to receive sacraments. He won them over by his kind manner and respect. After the emancipation of the slaves in 1848, he continued to care for them and to help them adapt to their new life of freedom. In the last years, despite failing health, he assisted pastors in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death he was venerated on the island as a saint. As the Brothers put it – "Brother Scubilion – one in a million!"
- **TDIH:** In 1540, The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) is chartered by Pope Paul III. The Jesuit movement was founded by Ignatius de Loyola, a Spanish soldier turned priest.
- **TDIH:** In 1964, after a ten month investigation, the Warren Commission Report was issued stating a lone gunman had been responsible for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Conspiracy theorists continue to dismiss the Report. Trivia Question: can you name the lone gunman believed to have assassinated President Kennedy? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **Ancestor Appreciation Day:** All of us have ancestors. And with genealogy so popular today, take some family time to discuss your family's ancestors. Our students should have a deep appreciation for those who made their existence today possible. And ALL of us have "characters" in our family background. Enjoy the stories!



**Homecoming Week:** The Student Council is hosting "dress down" days during Homecoming week. Each day, students may wear accessories and shirts that accompany the assigned theme. **Students must wear regular khaki school pants/shorts with school socks and shoes each day – only shirts and accessories that match the themes are allowed. Here are the themes:**

- Monday-America (khaki shorts/pants and wear red, white, & blue shirts or accessories)
- Tuesday-Beach (khaki shorts/pants and beach shirts or accessories but NO TANK TOPS)
- Wednesday-Twins (khaki shorts/pants and dress alike with another student)
- Thursday-Jersey Day (khaki shorts/pants and wear a sports jersey/accessories)
- Friday-Gold Out (Khaki shorts/pants and wear gold SPS spirit shirts)

**St. Paul's 2015 Homecoming Court:** Congratulations to the Homecoming Court: Elizabeth Simoneaux, Alyssa Asaro, Camille Royerre and Queen Kerilynn Walsh. The court will be presented at halftime at the Homecoming football game on Friday, September 25.

**Senior High Homecoming Dance:** The 10th, 11th and 12th graders will have their Homecoming dance on Saturday, September 26 from 7-10PM in the Briggs Assembly Center. Dance registration forms are available in room 107 or on Edline and are due along with payment on Wednesday, September 23.

**Pre-Freshmen Etiquette Training:** Saint La Salle wrote extensively about "civility and decorum" for students, including detailed instructions on how to eat (e.g. *you should always keep the lips shut while eating so that you do not slurp as pigs do.... It is simply intolerable for you to eat using both hands....You must not notice if others have been served better portions than you.... It is rude to spit things you cannot swallow, such as bones, onto the plate or into your hand. It is even worse to let these things fall from your mouth*). Thus, on Sep 22, 23, & 24, the Saint Paul's Renaissance Program, in an effort to augment the work of parents in the area of proper etiquette, has paired with Tony Bosco's in

Mandeville to provide a short course on proper restaurant behavior. We divided the pre-freshmen into three groups to provide a short course on restaurant etiquette followed by a meal catered by Tony Bosco's. A staff member from Bosco's will instruct the boys in place settings, ordering, dealing with waiters, tipping, and making reservations. After the class, the boys will enjoy a meal, prepared by the restaurant, putting into practice what they have learned. The Saint Paul's Renaissance Program will cover the cost of the course and meal. The students will gather in the BAC when their PE or ROTC class falls after the lunch period. There are a few exceptions to this rule. Thus, the boys can learn about etiquette and eat without missing other classes. **The students will wear the formal uniform. In case you are wondering, the menu will be soup of the day, Caesar salad, baked chicken breast with pasta, and dessert.** In view of St. La Salle's emphasis on manners, therefore, this activity is very Lasallian!

**The President and Principal Travel:** Trevor and I will be gone M-W as we attend the **Secondary Schools Administrators Association (SSAA)** in Albuquerque, NM with almost 50 Lasallian presidents, principals, and provincial staff of the San Francisco New Orleans Province for our annual fall meeting. Ordinarily, we meet in Napa, CA, but in honor of the new Lasallian District, the group is meeting in other cities with schools of the District. Last year, you may remember, the group came to NO and visited Saint Paul's – and still talk about our incredible Wolves.

New Mexico was the western end of the New Orleans-Santa Fe Province of Christian Brothers – but is now the middle of the San Francisco New Orleans Province. Lasallian tradition continues strong in northern New Mexico, with two Lasallian institutions currently serving there – the Albuquerque campus of Lewis University and St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe. Here's a brief refresher:

- Saint Mike's is the only Catholic high school in Santa Fe. It began in the mid-1800s when the Brothers first went to New Mexico. For much of its history, Saint Mike's was an all-boy boarding school, similar to Saint Paul's. It is now a modern, coed day school with more than 700 students in grades 7-12 and doing well. Brothers Louis, Rich, Bill Ray, Peter D, & Jerry, have all served faithfully at St. Mike's.
- Lewis University in Albuquerque (where we will meet) is an extension campus of Lewis U in Illinois. When The College of Santa Fe (started by the Brothers in the late 1940s as a baccalaureate granting, liberal arts institution) folded 7 years ago, Lewis continued programs in ABQ that CSF had started. The loss of CSF was painful for us as most of us received undergraduate degrees there. Hence, Bros Ken, Peter T, Peter D, Rich, and yours truly all have

CSF degrees. Today, the former is known as Santa Fe University for the Arts, as Santa Fe is a cultural Mecca. Unfortunately, it has ceased to be Lasallian. This loss is difficult for the Brothers, but we remain thankful for the good done by the CSF since the late '40s.

- Enjoy your time without Trevor and me on campus. God willing and Southwest Airlines cooperating, we return on Wed night and will be in school on Thursday.

**Drug Testing:** We have begun drug testing, choosing students both randomly and “for cause.” As we continue our healthy choices war, I remain convinced that testing is the best deterrent. Know our policy by reviewing the handbook. Reinforce with your sons. A second positive result jeopardizes a student's place at SPS. Pray that students resist the allure of temporary



*Our faithful feathered friends feast on Snack Day leftovers!*

pleasure over finding true meaning in life.

## Musings on Last Week:

- **Monday's Late Start for a Faculty Meeting** went well – except for the record number of tardies I predicted in last week's newsletter (see below.) Thanks for your cooperation. We accommodated early arrivals with no problems.
- **Exaltation of the Cross:** My thanks to Campus Minister Jeff Ramon and the Religion Dept for this observance of this feast. The crosses which Jeff made are meaningful and the boys seemed to embrace the signing and carrying of the crosses. May the Grace of the Cross descend upon all of us in abundance!
- **Mini Schedule Night:** Thanks to all who attended. I hope the evening was beneficial for you. Several commented that they wished it had been held earlier. We will remember this for next year.
- **Teacher Appreciation / Snack Day:** We are again indebted to the Mothers Club for sponsoring these events. I appreciate them scheduling the September treats to coincide with the school's birthday.
- **NHS Induction:** Thanks to Kristin Lagraize and the NHS for a great induction ceremony. I was impressed at the role the boys played in the ceremony, including leading the singing and organ accompaniment. I will be recognizing the 28 newly inducted members at the next assembly.
- **Shadow Day:** We had another full crop of prospective students. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!
- **Brown Foundation:** We received a check last week to fund grant proposals written by Karen Hebert ("Reading Buddies") plus an unrestricted \$1000 grant. I am grateful to **Reagan Hill, Isaac Hebert, Patrick Napier and Mrs. Norma Richard** who represented SPS at this event.
- **Cross Country:** Christian Brothers Invitational went well. Congrats, CC Wolves for hosting a great meet! Results? Var (1<sup>st</sup>); JV (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Jr Hi (1<sup>st</sup>). Wow!
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade played strong games against John Curtis & Rummel, winning the latter in the final minutes! JV & 9<sup>th</sup> beat Franklinton and Varsity won big against a strong Denham Springs team. On to District next week!
- **Swim Team:** Aqua Wolves swam strong this week but I didn't get results. Geaux Aqua Wolves!
- **The Paper Wolf:** Hope you are keeping up with the GREAT stories. Loved the "SPS Urban Lessons" article last week! And "The Penny Pandemic" is excellent, too! Here's the link: [www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)
- **Constitution Day:** I hope you remembered Constitution Day last week and gave thanks for that amazing document which insures our liberty. The day is also one where naturalized citizens throughout the land are given their oath of citizenship after traveling that road for quite a while – and it's not an easy road. I again refer you to the official website with flashcards asking 100 questions. Have some fun and see how many you can answer: [http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/PDFs/M-623\\_red\\_slides.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/PDFs/M-623_red_slides.pdf).
- **Habitat for Humanity Work Day:** Thanks, Mr. Pichon and Habitat Wolves, for your commitment to Habitat.
- **Jr Hi Homecoming Dance:** Thanks to Mrs. Joanna Case and Student Council for a great dance for Jr Hi Wolves.



*Seniors enjoy lunch and each other's company under the Matthew Booth Memorial Pavilion.*

**A Lesson in Irony:** Irony is defined as an outcome of events contrary to what was, or might have been, expected. For example, on a "late start" morning, one might reasonably expect that the number of tardy students would be fewer than on a regular start date. Wrong! In actuality, the number of students tardy last Monday was the HIGHEST since the beginning school! Amazing!

**Grandparent Day:** GP is Friday, Oct 9. Here's the schedule:

- Grandparents arrive on campus on Fri, Oct 9, and report to the Briggs Assembly Center to meet grandsons. School dismisses at 11:00 for the students, and the Grandparent Day Program begins at 11:15. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will be attending. If a student has no grandparent attending, he is free to leave at 11.
- A photographer will be available for photographs if so desired; more info on photos will be sent later;
- A prayer service will begin shortly after everyone has been seated;
- A "President's Assembly" will follow;
- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program (a little over an hour or so.)

Past programs have been very successful, and we receive many compliments from the grandparents who attend. Thank you for helping us make this annual event so successful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**In order to adequately prepare, we ask that you RSVP with the TOTAL number (students plus grandparents) who will be attending. Reply to [reception@stpauls.com](mailto:reception@stpauls.com) or just reply directly to me. Please indicate if handicap accommodations will be necessary. Please RSVP by Monday, October 5.** I know that some of you have suffered a loss lately; know that I am sensitive to these situations and offer our prayers for you. **Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms!**

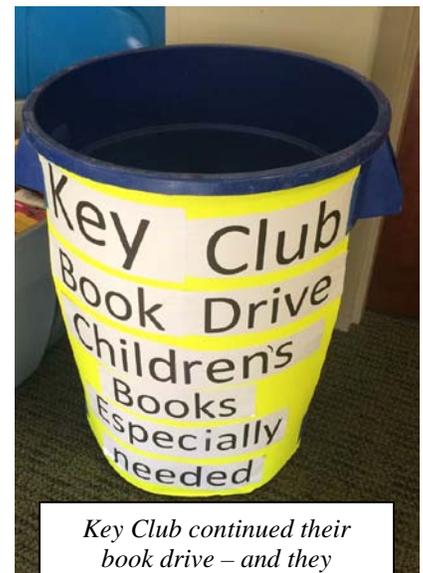
**Last Tuesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 15 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to the 4<sup>th</sup> movement of Ludwig von Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, more commonly known as "Ode to Joy" – one of the most beloved pieces of music in the world. I explained that Beethoven (1770-1827) was a "post Baroque" composer, ushering in the Romantic Period, with its equally powerful music. Romantic does not refer to mushy love music but powerful music inspired by nature.

The Ninth Symphony and its "Ode" premiered in 1824, just three years before Beethoven's death. It was one of the first instances of combining symphonic music with vocal accompaniment. Amazing fact: Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed this piece; he did it all in his head. The story has it that while he conducted the premier, he kept conducting even when the piece was finished – it kept playing in his head! The audience went wild with approval! I encouraged the students to learn from Beethoven and not let their challenges defeat them or prevent them from achievement.

And why did I choose Ode to Joy for the assembly? Because we were celebrating the 104<sup>th</sup> birthday of Saint Paul's School – and that's a cause for joy!

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **TJ Bedford**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: the grandmother of **Cooper and Brady Meibaum**; pre-freshman **Sam Glynn's brother in law, Mr. Joseph Davis**; **Mrs. Elizabeth Gary**, great aunt of pre-freshman **Julien Borel**; and Mrs. Rita Ann Dillon, great grandmother of sophomore Larry Rase
- Congratulated **Mr. Alex Lacour** on the arrival of his daughter Elise into his family. He received a loud ovation from the students and faculty.



*Key Club continued their book drive – and they corrected their punctuation error before I could get there! Thanks, Key Club!*

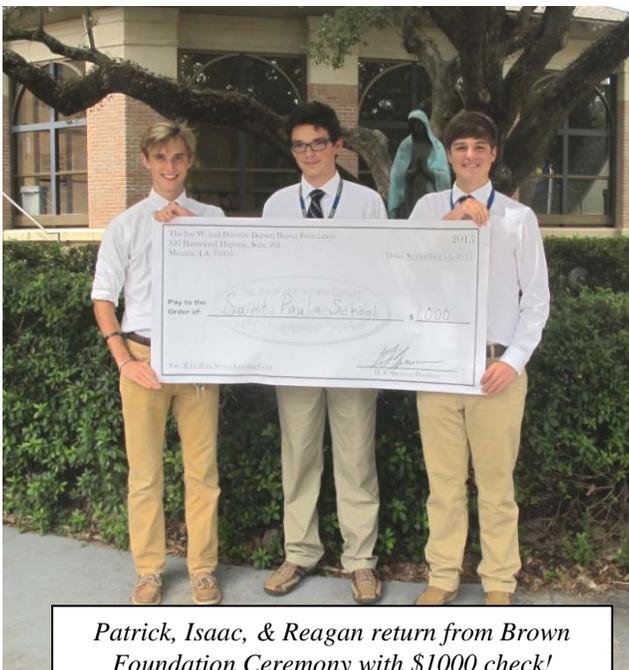
- Recognized and welcomed a group of 30 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who were visiting campus on one of our Shadow Days. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome!
- Recognized and congratulated our newest Eagle Scouts: **Ashton Young, Max Tepper, Chris Barnett & Thomas Williamson**. This is an outstanding accomplishment, earned by only 2% of those who begin scouting. The list of presidents, politicians, astronauts, CEOs and other prominent people who were Eagles is impressive! I then had all of our Eagle Scouts stand for recognition – SPS is blessed to have many -- and more on the way!
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Thomas Williamson** who was a part of an independent movie production for a film, *People*, made by St. Paul's Alumni Shane McGoey. He worked as a Media Wrangler, taking the audio and film files and backing them up for the post-production work (editing, color correction, etc.) He also worked on the 48 Hour Film Project, a contest in which a group has to make a short film in just 48 hours His group's film, *Darwin Day*, won Audience Favorite. Thomas thanks the Guerrilla Wolves for allowing him to practice and improve on his filmmaking skills.
- Recognized and congratulated Air Force Junior ROTC cadets **Christian Fortner and Stephen Cangelosi**, who represented SPS at this year's Cadet Leadership Course at Keesler AFB in Biloxi last week. It's a grueling week and not for the faint of heart – but well worth the effort for those who persevere! Christian won "Best Flight Speech Award" and we are very proud of both of them – and all of our cadets who comprise the LA 41<sup>st</sup>, the second oldest ROTC unit in the State of LA and the only Air Force unit in a private school in the State of LA.
- Then, as if by magic, the strains of Rossini's "William Tell Overture" filled the gym, signaling that the Cross Country Wolves were off and running. I told the boys that **SPS Cross Country** traveled to Baton Rouge the previous Saturday and returned with two trophies:



*Stephen, Sgt. East, & Christian celebrate at conclusion of Cadet Leadership Course!*

- The Junior High race had 316 runners from 27 schools. The SPS Junior High team captured **SECOND** place behind Episcopal, followed by Catholic High in 3rd and Jesuit in 4th. Top 10 finishers included Patrick Elliott in 5th and Harrison Elliott in 10th. The top 5 runners (**Patrick Elliot, Harrison Elliot, Ryan Hill, Austin Harris, & Blaine Sullivan**) presented the trophy to Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen.
- The Varsity Race had 295 runners from 31 schools. With a low score of 73, St. Paul's finished **FIRST** followed by Jesuit, John Curtis, Brother Martin, and Episcopal. Our top 5 runners all placed in the top 25 of the race. **Eric Coston**, placing 2nd, only 2 seconds behind the first place finisher, ran a 14:58 on the muddy three mile course. Our top five runners were **Eric, Colin Sullivan, Spencer Albright, Stephen Schlottman, and Henry Elliott**, who posted as a team, a 16:10 average running time for the 3 miles, which is an incredibly **FAST** pace this early in the season. The above named five then presented the trophy to AD Ketelsen while the student body applauded and Rossi swelled!
- I informed the students that the CC Team was hosting the Christian Brothers Invitational on Sat, Sep 19 at Money Hill and encouraged interested students to go out and support one of the best cross country teams in the state.

- Recounted a story from last week about the Covington Police stopping a driver on Jefferson Avenue right before dismissal. The driver, an older lady, turned into our parking lot and proceeded up the wrong way. When the students were dismissed, they were unable to exit because the lady's car was blocking the exit. Immediately, three seniors, **Logan Hayden, Brooks McMahon and Sam Duffour**, offered to help the somewhat confused lady, with Logan driving her car into a safe area. The lady was so grateful that she brought a large box of brownies and a nice note and asked me to give the treats to the boys – which I was glad to do! Thanks, Logan, Sam and Brooks for giving SPS a good name!
- And then, as if by magic, George Frideric Handel's *Water Music* started playing – which signaled that our Aqua Wolves were off and swimming, jumped out to a fast start this season by finishing in **SECOND** place in the Greater New Orleans Metro Swim League Kick Off Meet on 9/5. Senior Co-Captains **Jack Cheng, Griffin Guzan and Harrison Prieto** each had their own bold statements to make. Jack was double-winner in the 200 freestyle, and then again in the 50 free. Griffin placed first in the 100 butterfly and a pair of second place finishes in the 500 free and 200 IM. Harrison took 2nd places in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Harrison stepped up for a 5th place finish in the 500 free, as well, showing that even if a clerical error leads to a unanticipated distance event (500 free instead of a 50 free), that he was going to throw down a top-effort swim and score points for the team regardless. Junior **Brenton Larmann** placed 9th place in the 100 breaststroke and a 15th place finish in the 200 IM. Junior **Ian Fried** came out with his guns blazing and won his heat, finishing with a 13th place in the 50 free. Sophomore **Myers Morgan** swam an ironclad schedule and came away with a 6th place finish in the 200 free, a 7th in the 500 free and a 9th in the 100 butterfly. Sophomore **Tonner Dougherty**, though struggling with an injury, stroked to a 16th place finish in the 200 freestyle. 8th graders **Drew Putfark and Alex Rawls** showed that they are ready to contend for varsity points. Drew came in 8th in the 100 breaststroke. Alex had a pair of 16th place finishes in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly. Other contributors were **Jordan Wyble, Max Tepper and Matthew Lyon**. On the JV level we had **John Buckley and Jacob Eilers** scoring points for the Wolves. John swam to a pair of 3rd place finishes in the 100 backstroke and the 100 breaststroke. Jacob swam to a 4th in the 50 free and a 5th in the 100 free. Well done, Aqua Wolves!
- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song in support of all of the activities going on around school.



Patrick, Isaac, & Reagan return from Brown Foundation Ceremony with \$1000 check!

- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Liam Ordoyne**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Beethoven's “Ode to Joy.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

**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.*

**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.

**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.

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**Humor of the Week:** In honor of Shamu the Whale Day. But first, some “Shamu Facts”:

- Shamu is the name that is used for several of the SeaWorld orca shows and it is the stage name that is given to the “**star**” of those shows, beginning with the original Shamu in the late 1960's. Shamu died in 1971; however, the name Shamu was trademarked by SeaWorld and has been given to different orcas at different times when performing in Shamu shows in different SeaWorld parks. Did you know that female orcas can live to 90 years and male orcas can live to 60 years? Did you know that, on average, a killer whale eats 500 pounds a day? The origin of National Shamu the Whale Day stems from the first surviving baby Shamu born in captivity on September 26, 1985. That is how the date to celebrate was chosen. And now some whale jokes!
- *What do whales eat? Fish and ships!*
- *What do whales like to chew? Blubber gum!*
- *Where are whales weighed? At a whale weigh station!*
- *Did you hear about the flying whale? It's a whale of a story!*
- *What do you call a baby whale? A little squirt!*
- *What did the shark say to the whale? What are you blubbering about?*
- *What do you get when you cross a cow and a whale? Sha-Moo! [Hilarious!]*
- *How do you get banned from Sea World? Free Willy!*
- *How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? One wags a tail and the other tags a whale!*
- *Why did the whale cross the road? To get to the other tide!*
- *How do you make a fish laugh? Tell a whale of a tale!*
- *I know a whale joke. It's a real killer.*
- *What do you call a whale band? An Orca-stra! [I'm LOLing!]*
- *Why do people say whales like to talk a lot? Because they are always spouting off!*
- *What is Shamu's favorite TV show? Whale of Fortune!*

- *What was the whale so sad? Because he was a Blue Whale!*
- *What time is it if a whale hits your boat? Time to get a new boat!*
- *What Kind of whale flies? A Pilot Whale!*
- *How do you make a whale float? With root beer, ice cream, and a whale!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

### **A Look Ahead:**

Sep 22 – Pack Time

Sep 25 – Pep Rally Schedule for Homecoming

Sep 26 – Senior High Homecoming Dance

Sep 29 – ACT test for seniors

Sep 30 – President's Assembly (long) – Shadow Day

Oct 03 – SAT on campus – Jazz & Roll on campus

Oct 06 – Pack Time

Oct 09 – 11:00 am dismissal for Grandparents Day – End of first quarter

Oct 12-16 – Founder's Week

Oct 13 – President's Assembly (second block) –Shadow Day

Oct 14 – PSAT Testing for all sophomores and select other students (BAC)

Oct 15 – Mass schedule

Oct 16 – Field Day, Periods CD meet / Redi-Step Test for 8<sup>th</sup> grades in BAC

Oct 19 – 9:30 AM late start for faculty in-service –

Parent/Teacher meetings 5:30-7:30 pm

Oct 20 – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Oct 23 – Faculty Wellness screening in BAC

Oct 27 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day

Oct 28 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade HR B'fast

Oct 29 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR B'fast

Oct 30 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR B'fast & Pep Rally

Nov 02 – Dia de los Muertos – Mass

Nov 03 – Pack Time

Nov 04 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast

Nov 05 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast – Aspire test to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in BAC

Nov 09 – Late Start

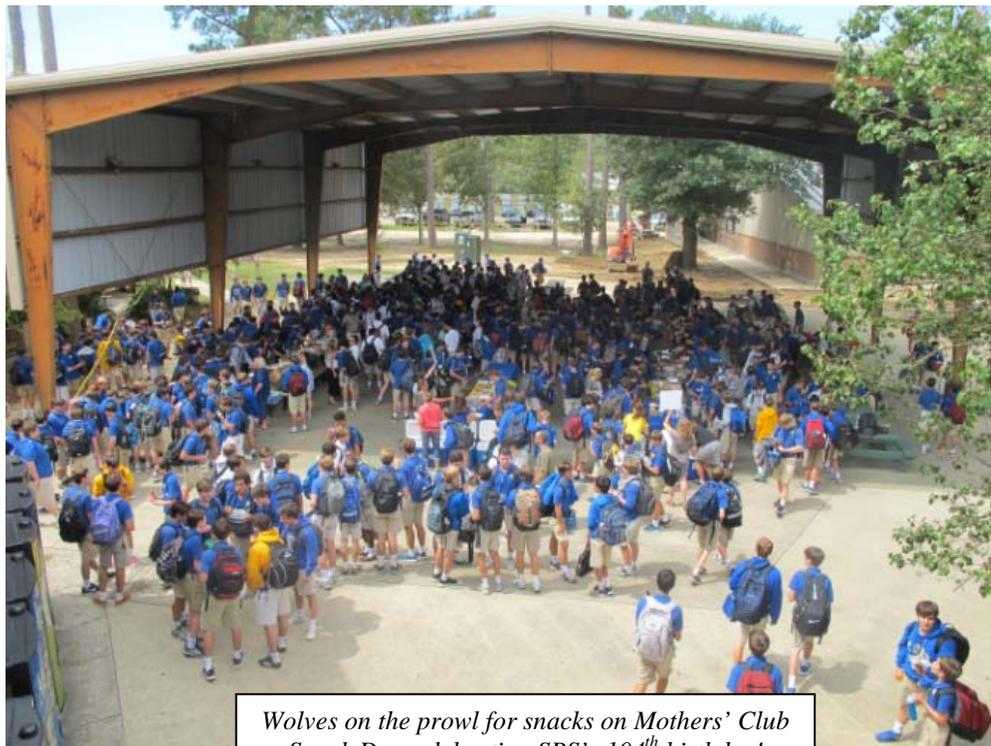
Nov 10 – President's Assembly

Nov 17 – Pack Time

Nov 18 – Thanksgiving Prayer Service schedule

Dec 01 – President's Assembly

Dec 08 – Pack Time (luminaria bags)



*Wolves on the prowl for snacks on Mothers' Club Snack Day celebrating SPS's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

Dec 10 – Snack Day – Luminarias in the evening

Dec 15-18 Exam Schedules

Whew! Enough for now! Sorry I was so long-winded this week (so what made this week different from other weeks?)

I can't believe we are starting the SEVENTH week of the school year!

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 the newsletter and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time 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

Anticipating the Start of Fall as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Answer to Sep 25 trivia question: Besides Sandra Day O'Connor, three women have been appointed to US Supreme Court, all currently serving: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor & Elena Kagan

Answer to Sep 27 trivia question: Lee Harvey Oswald is officially the lone gunman who assassinated President Kennedy.



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