



## *The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter*

### *Oct 19 – 25, 2015*



Founder's Week was a grand success. From the opening prayer service last Monday (with a great video – see below for the link but I hope your son told you about it!) to the final game on Friday afternoon, the Lasallian Young Leaders filled the week with meaning. I was moved (and I hope your son was, too) by Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen's address to the student body on the core principle of Respect for All Persons. Here are some excerpts.



*I want you guys to have strength. Strength is not just lifting weights. Strength is pride. Strength is righteousness. Strength is being who you say you are and acting at all times like who you want to be. St. John Baptist de LaSalle said "example makes a much greater impression than words".*

*I am here to tell you it takes strength to respect all persons. All weightlifters know it is easy to put the bar down. It is difficult to raise the bar up, especially if that bar has a lot of weight attached to it. Now apply that analogy to people. You never know what baggage some person may have dragging around. What weight they carry. I challenge you to have enough strength, enough respect, to lift them. Lift them with, at the very least, a positive glance or an encouraging word. Ephesians 4:29 – "let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths. But only such as good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who may hear".*

*I challenge you because doing that is difficult. It is not the easy path. It is the difficult path. It will take strength. De La Salle stated "the way you behave should be a model for those you teach".*

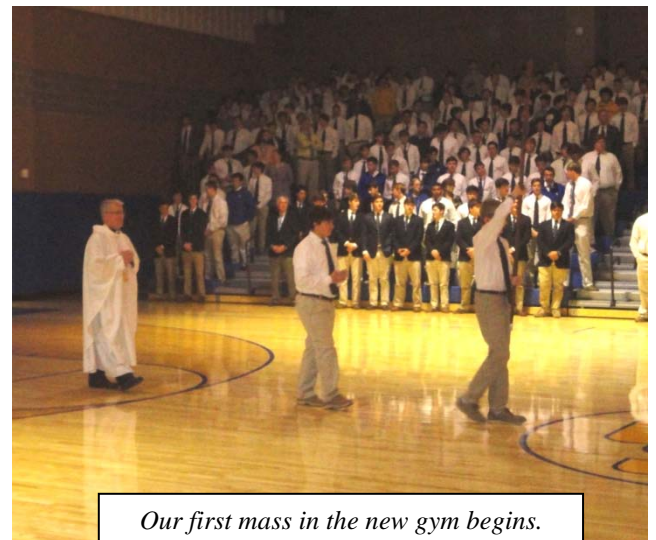
*My father died of Alzheimer's a couple years ago. The disease stripped him of his memory, his physical strength, his Macho. However, when he was basically helpless, I finally realized that he had been an example of REAL strength for me my whole life. Not on the mat, but by being the generous "farm boy" who was always willing to help. I finally found MY strength. My TRUE strength. The strength to go see him in the nursing home and sit with him and hold his hand. To finally be strong enough to tell him I loved him. To finally realize that, by spending my life trying to live up to his example, I was being an example for others. I just never knew what REAL strength was. And today, I can say I am very proud and I can hold chin up and stick my chest out, unashamed.*

*I close today asking all of you to develop your strength. We know that consistent working out can make your body stronger. I ask you to consistently work on your REAL strength. The strength of inspiring others, the strength of positive encouragement, the strength of loving enough to seek out and find the good in EVERY individual, regardless of whether you think they are deserving or not. De La Salle said it best when he said "inspire and lead others by encouraging them" If you can do this, you will feel it. It will be something you can be proud of.*

Thanks, Coach. May all of us live up to your challenge on a daily basis! And thank you, LYLs, for Founder's Week!

#### **Mon, Oct 19 (9:30 start; E F G A)**

- **9:30 START TODAY to allow for a faculty meeting.** Cafeteria will be open at regular time for early arrivals.
- **This Day in History:** In 1781, as their band played *The World Turned Upside Down* (ya' gotta love the British!), the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to Americans at



*Our first mass in the new gym begins.*

Yorktown. More than 7000 British & Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington, thus ending the war between the American colonies and Britain. The peace treaty was signed in Paris in 1783.

- **National Health Education Week begins today.** Some recent statistics from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration:
  - *Use of illicit drugs by youth decreased in 2013 to 8.8 percent.*
  - *About half (48.6) of the youth population felt that it would be “fairly easy” or “very easy” to obtain marijuana.*
  - *Adolescents did not see or hear drug and alcohol prevention messages outside school as much as in the past (72.6 percent, compared with 83.2 percent in 2002).*
  - *About one in eight youth report that they were approached by someone selling drugs.*
  - *Nonmedical prescription drug and pain reliever use also declined;*
  - *At least one in ten youth used alcohol (11.6 percent).*
  - *More than half (52.2 percent) of underage drinkers consumed alcohol at someone else’s home, and 34.2 percent drank at home.*
  - *Youth who drank alcohol were more likely to use illicit drugs – and for those under the influence of alcohol, marijuana was most common.*
  - *Youth who smoke cigarettes were also more likely to use illicit drugs (53.9 percent), compared with youth who do not smoke (6.1 percent)*
  - *According to Dr. Lloyd Kolbe, former Director of Adolescent School Health at the CDC, behaviors and attitudes developed during childhood are responsible for most causes of death, illness & disability, in the US.*
  - **So what is a Lasallian school's response to the above?** For Saint La Salle, the school was a place of safety and salvation. He would accept nothing less. **As we work with our students, be attuned to ALL of their safety issues: physical, mental, social, and spiritual. And let’s help them stay healthy!**
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in meet at TCC
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30 – 7:30 in the BAC)**

#### **Tue, Oct 20 (Pack Time; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France to purchase Louisiana Territory, doubling size of US.
- **TDIH:** In 1944, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, thus fulfilling his promise, “I shall return!”
- **Wolf Packs meet today!**
- **National Day of Writing:** Today celebrates writers and writing. Celebrate by writing something: email, poem, text message, short story, blog entry, grocery list, weekly newsletter to the faculty and parents, etc. Just write!
- **Field Trips:** Honors American History and AP Lit to Tulane, 15 juniors to Manresa for an overnight SILENT retreat, & Env Sci class to Ocean Springs.



*Matthew was chosen to serve the mass celebrating Our Lady of the Lake’s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The celebrant was Archbishop Aymond! Congratulations to OLL on its outstanding service to the community here on the northshore!*

#### **Wed, Oct 21 (Regular; F G A B)**

- **Mass:** Father Jacob DuMont, who resides in Mandeville, has offered to celebrate a 7 am mass in our school chapel. Mass will end by 7:30. Several students have requested this, and if the logistics work out, this may become a weekly event. **This is only for Saint Paul’s students/staff, as we cannot accommodate extra traffic/parking.**
- **TDIH:** In 1879, Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his lab in Menlo Park, NJ, keeping it lit for 13 hours. We’ve come a long way! Our LED lights in new gym are GREAT!

- **TDIH:** In 1967, 100,000 people marched on The Pentagon to protest the Vietnam War.
- **Babbling Day:** Calling all blatherskites (people who babble – yes, it's a real word!): today isn't a day to remain silent. We celebrate those with glib tongues who never stop talking. They babble on and on and turn a simple one sentence statement into an endless dissertation. I'm not one of them, however!
- **National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day:** Don't want to babble today? Then enjoy this classic fall dessert!
- **National Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day:** My virtual desktop is as messy as my wooden desktop!
- **Reptile Awareness Day:** Become as aware as you want of these critters, but I'll stay clear of 'em!
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV at Slidell (5:30)
- **Swimming:** Northlake Regional Championships (Slidell) Geaux Aqua Wolves!
- **New Gym Dedication and Blessing:** We will hold the official blessing and dedication of the new gym this evening beginning at 6:30. We have sent this announcement to all of our constituencies and invited them to come view this beautiful, functional, and much-needed new facility. May Gene Bennett smile upon us this evening!

#### Thu, Oct 22 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1962, President John Kennedy announces that he has ordered a blockade of Cuba in response to the discovery that Soviet missiles were being installed on the island, pushing the US to a nuclear showdown with Russia.
- **CAPS LOCK DAY: FEEL FREE TO CAPITALIZE EVERYTHING TODAY!** I will abstain, however!
- **International Stuttering Awareness Day:** 1% of the population stutters or has some other speech impairment. Let's be sensitive to them and learn how to assist. There are some great tips on the ISAD website.
- **Smart is Cool Day:** Flaunt your IQ today! Tout your ACT score! Quote Plato and Shakespeare! Take an on line IQ test at [www.iqtest.com](http://www.iqtest.com) and see how smart you really are!
- **Lacrosse Parent**

**Fri, Oct 23 (Regular; G A B C): Feast of Blessed Brother Arnold,** a Christian Brother (1838-1890) & who was beatified by Pope John Paul II. From the Brothers' web site: *Arnold was born into a poor family and left school early to work as a stable boy, coachman, and for local construction. He met the Brothers while attending evening classes at their school and joined. He taught for 14 years at a boarding school in Reims. Despite a full teaching schedule, he privately studied math, theology, science & agriculture. During Franco-Prussian War of 1870, he cared for medical & spiritual needs of the wounded on both sides; he was awarded the Bronze Cross. His work won the hearts of his students by his care for their spiritual and professional development. He died at 52 with a reputation for sanctity.* Work and pray so that people will say the same about us! Blessed Brother Arnold— watch over us and inspire us!



- **Mole Day:** Celebrated annually on Oct 23 from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., Mole Day commemorates Avogadro's Number ( $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ ), a basic chemistry measuring unit. Will Lee's classes make moles again this year? Stay tuned!
- **The Swallows Depart San Juan, Capistrano** today as they head for their winter home in Argentina.
- **Wellness Screening:** I hope that those of you on our medical insurance have signed up for wellness screening. I hope, too, you will get your flu shots. **FOR THOSE NOT ON OUR INSURANCE, SAINT PAUL'S WILL PAY FOR YOUR FLU SHOT.** Let's stay healthy – remember, if premiums go up again next year, we will have to move to a \$500 deductible. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!
- **Joseph A. Champagne/ Gene Bennett Memorial Alumni Golf Tournament.** Good luck, Development Team!
- **Falcon Spirit Day at Christian Brothers School in City Park:** A group of SPS LYLs will join Lasallians from De La Salle and Rummel to assist with Spirit Day at CBS. It's a celebration of our common Lasallian bond.
- **Football:** Varsity v. Slidell (7)

#### Sat, Oct 24



- **Let Us Remember Dept:** Today marks the eleven year anniversary of the death of Brother Bill Parsons. While fewer at SPS remember Bill, his presence and influence continue. We remember Bill and his contribution to the Christian education of youth and take comfort in the role he played in our lives. Brother Bill, pray for us! In his memory, let's pay attention to our English today – and teach the entire period – which was something on which he insisted.
- **TDIH:** In 1861, Western Union sends the first transcontinental telegram from San Francisco to Washington, DC, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, The United Nations is founded.
- **National Make A Difference Day:** Today (always 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of Oct) celebrates neighbors helping neighbors. Make a difference today, no matter how small, in another's life.
- **National Bologna Day:** Eat a bologna sandwich! I'll pass!
- **ACT** administered on campus this morning
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Sci Tech Academy (3)



*Reps from the Covington Heritage Foundation speak with a student about volunteering during last week's Service Expo.*

**Sun, Oct 25 – We encourage our Catholic families to attend mass today and our non-Catholic families to attend the place of worship of their choice.**

- **TDIH:** In 1854, during the Crimean War, the Charge of the Light Brigade occurred. Of the 673 British cavalymen, 272 were killed. The Charge was later immortalized in the poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. ("Ours is not to reason why, ours is but to do or die.") Re-read this famous poem today!
- **TDIH:** In 1983, over 2000 US Marines and Army Rangers invade the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada "to restore order and democracy."
- **This Day in History.** In 1881, Pablo Picasso, co-founder of the Cubist movement and one of the greatest, most influential artists of 20th century, is born in Malaga, Spain. Spend time today viewing some Picasso. Here's a link:

[http://www.google.com/images?q=picasso&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=univ&ei=D3XBTL\\_6AoT7lwff25nLCg&sa=X&oi=image\\_result\\_group&ct=title&resnum=4&ved=0CEoQsAQwAw&biw=1024&bih=578](http://www.google.com/images?q=picasso&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=univ&ei=D3XBTL_6AoT7lwff25nLCg&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=4&ved=0CEoQsAQwAw&biw=1024&bih=578)

- **Sour Day:** Life given you lemons? Today's the day to shout about it. Reserve the right to be grumpy, irritable and sour about the world and everything in it. But tomorrow you've got to be sweet to everyone!
- **World Pasta Day:** Pile up your plate with a big dish of any one of the 600 varieties of pasta and your favorite sauce!

**Report Cards** were emailed last week. Let me know if you did not receive one. Remember that the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will constitute 40% of the semester grade. The second quarter will also constitute 40% and the semester exam before Christmas will be 20%. It's hard to believe the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the 2015-16 school year is over.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parent teacher conferences are Mon, Oct 19, from 5-7 in the BAC.

**Honor Roll Breakfasts:** We will continue our Honor Roll Breakfast tradition by inviting honor roll students and their parents to this special event. The breakfasts last from 7:40 – 8:20. Here's the schedule:

- Oct 28 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- Oct 29 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- Oct 30 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast

**HR Breakfast invitations will be emailed this week.**

- Nov 04 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast
- Nov 05 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast

**Mock Crash Anniversary:** A leading cause of teenage deaths is auto accidents. Three years ago this week, our juniors and seniors witnessed an impaired driving mock crash. It was powerful. WDSU TV filmed it and it's still on their website and worth viewing again. Here's the link:

<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/northshore/Event-aims-to-steer-teen-drivers-from-distracted-impaired-driving/-/12537650/16960888/-/uoy28ez/-/index.html>

**I continue to get reports of unsafe driving by our students – especially those driving trucks. Parents: PLEASE speak to your sons about driving safety – and etiquette and INSIST that they respect other drivers.**

#### **Musings on Last Week:**

- **Founder's Week:** Many thanks to Jeaneen Schmitt, Jeff Ramon, the Lasallian Young Leaderss and all who helped make last week successful. See below for more.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> lost a squeaker but JV won big against Ponchy; Varsity? Wow! A win in double OT! Congrats!
- **Marching Wolves & Golden Blues, & Cheerleaders:** As always, the MWs, GBs & CLs performed great on Fri!
- **Living Rosary at OLL:** This annual event was again special; for the 29<sup>th</sup> year, I represented SPS as The Apostles Creed. The OLL Fair began Friday evening and runs through Sun. We wish them the best! And special congratulations to OLL as they celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- **Aqua Wolves:** Last week's 7 school cluster meet was a splashing success but as the Wolves came out on top, beating second place Slidell High 204-98. I hear Handel playing at next assembly! Go AWs!
- **Cross Country:** Da' Wolves were up and at 'em very early Sat morning, heading for the Walker Shoot Out. The result? First place, of course! Did you doubt?
- **PSAT & Redi Step:** Kudos to Counseling Dept for successful test administrations last week.
- **Trevor and Joe's Absence:** The school ran well without them at the end of last week! Didn't know they were gone? Well, Trevor spent Wed and Joe spent Thu at the annual Archdiocesan Administrators Conference in Biloxi.



*Wolves take the field v. Ponchatoula and ultimately prevail with an exciting OT win!*

**IMPORTANT! PLEASE HELP:** The future of SPS depends on a healthy enrollment. On Saturday, Oct 31 at 1 pm, we will hold our annual Open House for prospective students. Please invite any interested family to attend. This year, we want to send postcard announcements to families. If you know of a family with a son who would benefit from SPS, please email me their name and address. We will mail them a postcard invite. In the past, you, our parents, have been the best source of attracting students to SPS. Please help me now. Again, just send me names and addresses – all we'll send them is a simple postcard. Thanks!

**Last Tuesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Oct 13 assembly. Here's some of what we did:



- Listened to a stirring rendition of *Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above* as performed by the Music Ministry of Mary Queen of Peace Parish. I explained the significance of this traditional Catholic hymn to Mary and reminded students that October is a month the Church dedicates in a special way to Our Blessed Mother. I informed them that once again, an SPS mom who has had five sons graduate from Saint Paul's, has given us hundreds of rosaries for free distribution through religion classes. I encouraged them to keep a rosary in their pockets and pray a "Hail Mary" or decade when waiting or walking. We are grateful to this SPS mom for fostering our devotion to Mary!

I also reminded the students that 25% of the school year and 75% of the calendar year are over. I had them reflect: How have I used that time? Did I grow closer to God, family, and friends? Did I accomplish the goals I had set? Am I a better person? I exhorted them to make the most of the remainder of this calendar and school year.

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Ryan Flood**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: Spanish teacher Kim George's uncle and the maternal grandfather of junior **Miles Roppolo**. We then recited a "Hail Mary" for the repose of these souls and the consolation of the families.
- Welcomed a group of 35 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from the local elementary schools who were spending the morning with us to see what makes Saint Paul's such a great place.



*SPS Football Team of 1935 – the first team to play Covington High!  
Wolves won, 19 – 6! The tradition continues today!*

- Welcomed a very special guest to campus: **Mr. Frank Lombardo, SP Class of 1937**, who is our oldest living alumnus. Before I introduced Mr. Lombardo, I treated the students (well, I thought it was a treat!) to a slide show of SPS in the 1930s (our new gym has GREAT video and audio capacity!) which included pictures of some history (President Franklin Roosevelt, Vice President James Gardner (who?), Governor James Noe, Covington Mayor Marsolan, the Great Depression) and SPS (then President Brother Paul, various buildings – including a 1930s aerial view -- various athletic teams and some photos of the Class of 1937, including the final report card of Mr.

Lombardo, which described him as "intelligent, good spirit, and reliable.") I then gave some bio of Mr. Lombardo, which included being the son of Sicilian immigrants, working in the family French Quarter business, enrolling in SPS at the age of 12, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in his SPS graduating class of 1937, a football scholarship to Loyola, a BA in Economics from Loyola, honorable service as an officer in WW II AND the Korean War, a successful business career, retiring as VP of New Orleans Manufacturing Company, a 61 year marriage, five children and numerous grand and great grandchildren. With a standing ovation, the student body warmly welcomed Mr. Lombardo. In a short prepared talk, he told the students about the value of his Saint Paul's College (as we were known back then) education and exhorted them to make the most of educational opportunities provided them. It was a moving moment. Following the assembly, Mr. Lombardo and his family toured the campus and reminisced.

- Recognized and congratulated the **SPS Student Hosts** – without whose help we could not have put on Jazz n Roll. The hosts, as usual, were magnificent. They helped set up and take down the event in addition to working the evening. They received rave reviews from all. Thanks to the following young men: **Andrew Norlin, Jonathan Wellmeyer, Jared Saltaformaggio, Santana Elzy, Ashman Waterhouse, Andrew Aceves, Evan Cook, John Cresson, Yehia Elkersh, Christian Fortner, Alex Klocek, Patrick Napier, Alex Oliveri, Drew Putfark, Adam**

**Satterlee, Jack Statton, Leland Van Deventer, Chris Wilson, Chris Barnett, Al Nastasi, Austin Harris, Patrick Stewart, Blake DiSalvo, Hal Fox, Jack Ballard, Brayden Cornette, Jacob Broussard, Jakob Massey, Liam McCloskey, Larry Rase, Gregory Roy, Christian Flick, John Connor Flick and Joshua Murr**

- Then, as if by magic, The Ride of the Valkyries from Richard Wagner’s famous Ring of the Nibelung started playing: – which signals that the **Varsity Football Wolves** had done something pretty significant; in this case, they polished off Covington High. I told the students the first game against Covington High was played exactly 80 years ago, in 1935. I showed them a picture of that winning team and their 19-6 victory. And then I projected a picture of the “Little Brown Jug” which we get to keep for at least another year. Wild applause ensued.
- Then, as if by more magic, The William Tell Overture by Gioacchino Antonio Rossini (an Italian baroque composer from 1792–1868) started playing – which signals that the **Cross Country Wolves** are off and running. I recounted their latest accomplishments to date: At the St. Joseph Meet on Oct 3, the Wolves again had an amazing day with 38 PR’s (Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High combined) and a very convincing win, claiming 1<sup>st</sup> place in a race with 46 teams in a field of over 300 runners. **Eric Coston** was the meet runner-up, completing the 3 mile course in an incredibly fast 14:34! Eric’s time beat all former school records and he now holds the St. Paul’s record best time on a three mile course. Following him over the finish line and earning a very low score of 72 were **Spencer Albright, Colin Sullivan, Stephen Schlottman, and Henry Elliott**. The five then presented the first place plaque to retired Christian Brother John Fairfax. Not to be left unnoticed, the Junior High claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Episcopal of Baton Rouge. Every Junior High runner had a PR at the meet, including **Patrick Elliott** who led the Wolves with a “the-grass-is-still-burning-where-he-ran” time of 10:44 over the 2 mile course. In a field of 35 teams with over 350 runners, the Wolves claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> with great finishes by the next four scorers, **Will Harp, Harrison Elliott, Ryan Hill, and Blaine Sullivan**. These five guys then presented the trophy to Brother John.
- Recognized and congratulated **Adam Grashoff, Adam Schmitt, Sam Brown and Mrs. Joanna Case** who traveled to the National Association of Student Councils Conference at Rio Rancho High School in Albuquerque, NM last summer. They represented us well. While there, they visited St. Michael’s High School, the Lasallian school in Santa Fe, NM.
- 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 for all of the activities going on around school.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Alex Nunez**, 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 “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above.” It was a great assembly! At least I thought so!



*Jr Hi Cross Country Top Five present their second place plaque in a recent meet to Brother John*

**Founder’s Week:** I hope your son kept you informed about the events of last week. Each day focused on one of the Lasallian Core Principles. Here’s some of what we did:

- Monday: Respect for all Persons. We began with a prayer service in the new gym, which began with the students watched a fantastic video that stressed the common bounds of humanity. It’s worth a watch – I guarantee you’ll feel great after watching it. Here’s the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwe-pA6TaZk>. Coach Ketelsen then

gave his moving reflection on respect. We then prayed for peace and an end to abortion. In the school building, a couple of thousand post it notes were on display – each one representing a lost life.

- Tuesday: Quality Education. Students were allowed to wear college shirts. Coach Tommy Lahey spoke to the students about the value of his education. Each teacher was encouraged to speak to their classes about their educational journey. I know I spoke to my English classes about some wonderful teachers that I had. English classes then wrote “thank you” letters to some of their favorite teachers.
- Wednesday: Concern for the Poor and Social Justice. Mr. Richard Pichon spoke to the students, setting the tone for the day. Our Mission Collection was replaced with Jar Wars, the proceeds of which will benefit local charities. Students not taking PSAT watched a PBS Frontline documentary, *Poor Kids*. It was powerful. Following the video, classes discussed poverty in America. A “Service Expo” was held during lunch, which representatives from a number of community service agencies in our area speaking to students our service opportunities.
- Thursday: Faith in the Presence of God. Mrs. Gina Hall spoke to the students about this principle. We then had an all-school mass – the first in our new gym. It was wonderful, with students singing and praying.
- Friday: Inclusive Community. Coach Luke Barwick spoke to the student body about this principle. We then had two class blocks and a wonderful, active, fun-filled Field Day as students built community within their levels.
- All in all, it was a successful week. And now, we go forward in promoting these Lasallian principles in all that we do. Again, I am most grateful to the Lasallian Young Leaders for ALL of their hard work in planning last week!

**Tuition around the Archdiocese:** The Office of Catholic Schools has posted tuition information for ALL of the schools of the Archdiocese on its website: <http://ocs.arch-no.org/>. It’s worth a look. Our tuition compares VERY favorably with the other all-boy high schools in the Archdiocese. In fact, we are a bargain!

**ID Cards:** As part of our safety plan, we insist that students wear their Saint Paul’s issued ID cards on a lanyard around their necks. Please stress this with your sons. Also, we find that some students are chewing their ID cards. Parents – please stress that this is not acceptable. Thanks.

**Tutoring:** The National Honor Society has begun FREE tutoring which is available on Tue and Thu during the second half of lunch in Room 207 and after school in Room 210 (both are in La Salle Hall). On Mon and Wed, tutoring is available beginning at 7:15 am in Room 207. If your son is struggling in a subject, insist that he seek help, both from the teacher and the NHS. Do not let him tell you that “nobody goes to NHS tutoring.” And the NHS also keeps logs of who shows up, so if he tells you he’s going, feel free to check its truthfulness. As President Reagan said: trust but verify!

**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.

**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>



Don’t forget: 9:30 am start on Monday, October 19!



**Moms for Mums:** Our annual appeal for mums is scheduled for Oct 19-30 – just in time for our annual Open House for prospective students. Brother Ray if you think appropriate would you be so kind as to mention in your Sunday newsletter on Oct 18th? Help make the campus ablaze with mums to celebrate the fall and to welcome visitors on Open House.

**Senior Parents:** The commemorative March through the Arch photographs are in. If you have not yet received yours, just come to the office during normal office hours. If you would like your son to bring it home, send a note with him authorizing this. I'm reluctant to give the picture to your son (no offense!) because these kinds of things often end up at the bottom of his book bag! But send a note and we will entrust the photo to him.

**Service Opportunity:** MANY service opportunities are posted in the library. Remember that SPS students much complete a minimum of 10 service hours a year.

**Lunches:** PLEASE don't bring lunches to school for your sons as we definitely are not equipped to deliver lunches to students. We don't have the personnel, so please don't ask us. And PLEASE encourage your son to take care of his lunch box if he brings he school. We have MANY, MANY lunch boxes ALL over campus.

**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.*



*Seniors socialize during lunch under the Matthew Booth Memorial Pavilion*

#### **Important Facts of the Week:**

1) About 5.9 million (15.3 percent) of the 9.3 million 12- to 20-year-olds who reported past-month drinking were classified as binge drinkers according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [SAMHSA]).

2) Of the 4.3 million people who first began using alcohol during the past year, about 58.3 percent were younger than age 18 (SAMHSA).

3) Among high school girls, the prevalence of current alcohol use was 37.8 percent in 2011 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

4) There is too much underage drinking among the high school students of St.

Tammany, including SPS students, – according to me.

**Don't forget: 9:30 am start on Monday, October 19!**

**H of the W:** A mom actually said last week that she enjoyed the puns. That was all the opening I needed:

- *How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.*
- *Did you hear about the books falling on the clumsy librarian? "I have only my shelf to blame" he said.*

- *Why did the scientist put a door knocker instead of a doorbell on his door? He wanted to win the “no bell” prize.*
- *What do you call a dinosaur with a big vocabulary? A thesaurus.*
- *Which side of the chicken has more feathers? The outside*
- *Knock-Knock. Who’s there? To. To Who? No, to Whom*
- *Why do teenage girls only travel in odd numbers? Cause they can’t even.*
- *I went to an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers. [Hilarious!]*
- *I wrote a song about a tortilla once. Actually, it was a wrap.*
- *Our band is called 999 Megabytes, but we haven’t got a gig yet.*
- *Why didn’t the ghost cross the road? He didn’t have the guts.*
- *And the Bartender said “we don’t serve time travelers in here.” A time traveler walks into a bar.*
- *Psychic Convention Announcement: you know where and you know when.*
- *How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.*
- *Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!*
- *A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.*
- *I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.*
- *Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.*
- *England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool [I’m LOLing!]*
- *I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.*
- *They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.*
- *I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.*
- *Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.*
- *I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.*
- *I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.*
- *This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore*
- *OK, I’ll stop.*



*Eucharistic Ministers prepare to distribute Holy Communion as student body sings the Agnus Dei.*

## A Look Ahead:

Oct 19 – 9:30 AM late start; Parent/Teacher meetings 5:00-7:00 pm  
Oct 20 – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation Lunch  
Oct 21 – New Gym Blessing & Open House (6:30)  
Oct 23 – Faculty Wellness screening in BAC  
Oct 27 – President 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 – Dress Uniform Day  
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  
Nov 10 – President's Assembly  
Nov 17 – Pack Time  
Nov 18 – Thanksgiving Prayer Service  
Dec 01 – President's Assembly  
Dec 08 – Pack Time (luminaria bags)  
Dec 10 – Snack Day – Luminarias  
Dec 15-18 Exam Schedules

Did I mention there is a 9:30 am start on Monday, October 19?

Whew! Enough for now. As usual, I'll close with my paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now as I write the newsletter and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! 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.

Pray that things go well! Believe it or not, we've finished the first week of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2015-16 edition of Saint Paul's – our 104<sup>th</sup> year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Enjoying the Beautiful October Days as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

**“Preach by example; practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”**

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)