



The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter

Nov 30 – Dec 06, 2015



Happy New Church Year!



We begin December celebrating the season of Advent – which is the beginning of the new Catholic Church year -- a time of waiting. Advent commemorates the centuries of our awaiting the Messiah. Catholic families put out Advent wreaths, the priest wears purple vestments, and Jessie trees spring up – all to remind us of the season of waiting for the "fullness of time."

I like Advent. I know I'm in the minority here, but I find it a very human season. I know, too, that our students don't like Advent because they don't like the concept of waiting. They routinely grumble about waiting in the cafeteria line, about how far away a particular event is that they are looking forward to, etc. Somehow, in our instant gratification society that emphasizes getting what you want as quickly as possible, patience is no longer promoted as a virtue. In a world where we upgrade to faster computers, buy faster Internet access, text and tweet instead of talk, deliver overnight, buy faster cars, patronize establishments that offer "lunch in ten minutes or it's free" and emphasize that time is money, our students no longer know how to wait. And yet think about how much time we do spend waiting: in store lines, in traffic jams, for the check that's in the mail, for a happy time to occur or a difficult time to end.

Think about your son and how much time you have spent and continue to spend waiting for him: to be born, to learn to talk, to take his first step, to develop his talents, in the car pool line, to come home from a date, to see the importance of grades, to learn to appreciate family and life, to mature.

Advent teaches us to turn times of waiting into times of grace. At my next assembly, I will remind the students of one of the oldest prayers in the Church. It consists of just one word: *Maranatha*, which is Aramaic for "Come, Lord." If we can fill our time of waiting with God's presence, then the whole concept of patience will take on a new and more fulfilling meaning. What a wonderful way to fill periods of waiting! Use it as a greeting, too. Your spirits will be renewed and your time of waiting will be filled with blessing.

Maranatha! Come, Lord!

Mon, Nov 30 (Regular; Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle; G A B C)

- **Happy Feast Day to the 27 students and faculty who have Andrew as their first or middle names!**
- **This Day in History:** In 1782, a provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of the Revolutionary War. The final treaty was signed in Paris the following Sept. It declared the US "to be free, sovereign and independent states" and that the British Crown "relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same."
- **TDIH:** In 1835, Samuel Clemens is born. He wrote books under the name Mark Twain including *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.
- **TDIH:** In 1874, Winston Churchill was born. In May 1940, he became Prime Minister of England, stating "I have nothing to offer but blood, tears, toil, and sweat."
- **Cyber Monday:** If you shop on-line today, consider using AmazonSmile & help SPS! See below for info.
- **BBall:** 9th & JV at Hammond
- **Soccer:** JV & V v. Covington (5:30 & 7)

Tue, Dec 1 (Assembly; D E F G)

- **I Give Catholic Day.** Please consider a gift to SPS at <https://igivecatholic.org/#npo/st.-pauls-school>. Many thanks to the students and teachers who recorded videos for this campaign!
- **Word to Begin December:** After you gormandized on Thanksgiving, beware of oniomania (the uncontrollable desire to buy things) in Dec! Let's not become oniomaniacs this month! For you etymology lovers, the word comes from the Greek "onios" meaning "for sale" and the Latin "mania" meaning "excessive desire."
- **This Day in History:** In 1955, Rosa Parks is jailed in Montgomery, AL, for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man in violation of the city's racial segregation laws. This sparks the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott and earns her the moniker "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement."
- **Eat a Red Apple Day:** Delicious – and healthy, too! Enjoy!
- **Basketball:** 8th at Bogalusa
- **Soccer:** 8th v. Fontainebleau

Wed, Dec 2 (Regular; A B C D)

- **Mass:** 7am start; 7:25 end; come join us and get Advent off to a great start!
- **National Fritters Day:** Indulge with a fritter, a fried cake filled with fruit or meat.
- **National Mutt Day:** For those of you with one of these, celebrate today
- **TDIH:** In 1823, during his annual address to Congress, President James Monroe proclaims a new U.S. foreign policy initiative that becomes known as the "Monroe Doctrine" which forbade European interference in the American hemisphere but also asserted U.S. neutrality in regard to European conflicts.
- **Basketball:** Varsity v. Rummel at Hannan in CYO tournament
- **Wrestling:** SPS v. Holy Cross

Thu, Dec 3 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1947, Marlon Brando's famous "STELLA!" first booms on a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience during the debut of Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Since Vic's AP English class is studying this iconic play, they recently did their first "Stella Yelling Contest" a la the yearly one in the French Quarter.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, a 53 year old named Lewis Washansky received the first human heart transplant.
- **International Day of People with Disability** promotes support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. As Lasallians, we aim to build an inclusive community which respects all. We celebrate this day.
- **Basketball:** Varsity v. E St. John at Hannan in CYO Tournament
- **Soccer:** 8th v. MJH (4); 9 v. Northlake (following)

Fri, Dec 4 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1991, after 64 years of operation, the American airline Pan Am ceases service.
- **National Cookie Day:** Enjoy! DYK the English word "cookie" comes from Dutch "koekje," which means little cake? Dutch bakers tested oven temps on small amounts of batter so they would not waste the entire cake mix if the temp wasn't right & discovered that these tiny pieces of cooked batter were actually quite tasty!
- **Basketball in CYO Tournament;** 8th in Rummel Tournament
- **Wrestling in Grace King Tournament**

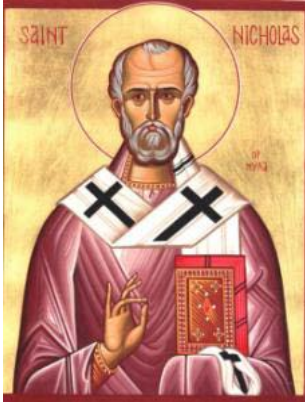


Seniors Andrew & Logan (top) direct pre-freshman in their first SPS food drive.

Sat, Dec 5

- **TDIH:** In 1901, **Walter Elias Disney** is born. Watch a Disney classic today!
- **Bathtub Party Day:** Relax with a good soak!
- **Sachertorte Day:** Forget your diet today and enjoy this classic Viennese chocolate treat.
- **Cross Country Christmas Fun Run:** Best wishes, CC Wolves, for a successful event!
- **Basketball:** 8th in Rummel Tourney; Varsity in CYO Tourney
- **Soccer:** 8th in Bro. Martin tournament; 9th in Rummel tournament
- **Wrestling in Grace King Tournament**

Sun, Dec 6 (2nd Sunday of Advent; I encourage our families, especially Catholic ones, to attend Church today.)



- **Traditional Feast of St. Nicholas:** From American Catholic.org: *Eastern and Western Churches honor Nicholas; it is claimed that, after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. We can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of tongue, Santa Claus—expanding the example of generosity showed by this holy bishop.*

- **TDIH:** In 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers place a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of the Washington Monument

The Annual Fund: Last week, I officially launched our Annual Fund Drive – just like almost every other private school. You should have received in the mail a brochure explaining the drive and a response card. I'm humbled by the number of you who have anticipated the drive and have already sent in your donations. The success of this drive is critical to Saint Paul's. Please keep us in mind as you plan your end of year giving. Again, thanks to all who have already contributed. We need everyone, to at least some degree, to follow suit.

The Cross Country Wolves: I can't say enough great things about his incredible group of young men and their coaching staff. Day after day throughout the summer and fall, these guys collectively run literally hundreds miles. Week after week, very early on fall Sat mornings, these guys gather in Guiteau Plaza at 5:30 am to travel to their race site. And while they fell short in reclaiming the state title, they acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner.

The Aqua Wolves: Ditto the above for the Aqua Wolves, who receive very little acclaim. Their third place finish in state deserves special mention. A small (only 9 qualified for state) but determined group of swimmers represented us in an exemplary manner! They deserve kudos.

The Football Wolves: Ditto the above for our Gridiron Wolves who fought hard against John Curtis in an exciting,



Bradley, Alex, & Garrett sort canned good before bringing them to Covington Food Bank.

quarterfinal playoff game, coming from behind to tie in the final minutes. While the outcome wasn't what we hoped for, we are proud of their season of success. They provided many moments of Friday night excitement – and a District Championship to boot. Kudos to the Football Wolves!

Musings on Last Two Weeks:

- **Care & Vigilance – Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent:** Due to the C & V of our faculty and you, we began the Thanksgiving holiday with few problems. But don't let up – we won't! These next three weeks can be challenging! We will keep forging ahead with education until 11 am on Dec 20. Parents – help us keep your sons focused!
- **Huether Conference:** Thanks to Jeff Ramon and Austin Ashcraft who represented SPS in Chicago at this annual gathering of Lasallians from across the US. I pray the time was worthwhile.
- **Soccer:** Varsity won games last week against Mandeville & Grace King. Great! Geaux Soccer Wolves!
- **Wrestling:** Grappling Wolves did GREAT in Atlanta (1st place!) and hosted a four school tournament on Saturday in their new facility – from which all traces of basketball are being slowly purged!
- **Food Drive:** Congrats to Student Council for a very successful food drive. Over 9 tons of canned goods were delivered to Covington Food Bank. SPS remains one of the largest, if not the largest, supporters of the CFB.
- **Science Fair:** Thanks to Science Department for another successful fair before Thanksgiving.
- **Art Department:** We were well-represented in Three Rivers Art Festival. Thanks, Gerald, Andrew & Art Wolves! I'll be speaking about the winners at assembly this week and publishing in next newsletter.
- **Pack Time:** Our last pack time focused on Thanksgiving. My pack was excellent in articulating those things for which they are grateful.
- **Jason Marsalis:** Noted musician and member of the famous Marsalis Family, Jason gave a percussion workshop and discussed the jazz genre for members of our percussion section.
- **Basketball:** The newest addition to the Gene Bennett Sports Complex was christened on Saturday with the first three games in the gym against fellow Lasallian school, De La Salle. The facility functioned beautifully and received rave reviews from those in attendance. It's not 1955 for SPS basketball anymore! Now, I just need to pay for it! Hint! A few naming opportunities still remain! Let me know if interested!

Donor Wall: the President's Academic Annual Fund donor wall was installed in the school lobby right before the holidays. The wall recognizes donors at the \$1000 or higher level. The wall was encouraged and funded by Dr. Peter Feringa. While we are grateful for any level of giving to SPS, we need those who are able with larger gifts to do so, as tuition alone will not financially sustain SPS into the future. In addition to the wall, donors were invited to a special President's Dinner. The names will be re-done on an annual basis and the dinners will continue. Mr. Mark Daigle, owner of B & D Displays and father of sophomore Nikita Daigle, created the sign.

The Development Office: Our Development team of Danielle Lavie, Shellie Campo, Mimi Montiero and Al Nastasi continue to work hard, with Karen Hebert supplying support where needed. I meet with them weekly. Appreciate and support of their work. Recent events include:

- Launch of the Annual Fund on Nov 20. This appeal is critical to us moving forward. For the first time, we published an Advancement Review. Pray for the success of the drive – and we need everyone's participation.
- Along with other Catholic organizations in the Archdiocese, we will participate in the I Give Catholic Campaign on Tue, Dec 1. This is an initiative by Archbishop Aymond to get the entire Community to support Catholic works. Videos by yours truly, Brother Ken, Luke Barwick, Lee Pierre, Renee Miller and several other faculty and students were produced and email to constituents and posted on our social media sites. We pray for the success of this day.
- Brother Timothy Wine Donation: The District of San Francisco New Orleans supplies each school with 20 cases of specially produced Brother Timothy Diener Cabernet. SPS asked for an initial order of 10 cases (120 bottles) and



Wrestling Wolves traveled to Atlanta & returned with **FIRST** Place, on Coach Ketelsen's birthday, no less – a very nice gift!

offered a bottle for a donation of \$45. All 120 bottles were spoken for within 72 hours! The money must be used for tuition assistance for students on free or reduced lunch – which we will certainly do!

Gratitude: Last week, National Public Radio's Morning Edition did a story of the role of gratitude and heart health. Here's the scoop: *Research shows that feeling grateful doesn't just make you feel good. It also helps – literally helps – the heart. A positive mental attitude is good for your heart. It fends off depression, stress and anxiety, which can increase the risk of heart disease, says Paul Mills a professor of family medicine and public health at the University of California San Diego*

School of Medicine. Mills specializes in disease processes and has been researching behavior and heart health for decades. He wondered if the very specific feeling of gratitude made a difference, too. So he did a [study](#). He recruited 186 men and women, average age 66, who already had some damage to their heart, either through years of sustained high blood pressure or as a result of heart attack or even an infection of the heart itself. They each filled out a standard [questionnaire](#) to rate how grateful they felt for the people, places or things in their lives. It turned out the more grateful people were, the healthier they were. "They had less depressed mood, slept better and had more energy," says Mills. Read or listen to the full story at <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/11/23/456656055/gratitude-is-good-for-the-soul-and-it-helps-the-heart-too>. Spend more time being grateful! It's good for the soul and the heart!

Gratitude at Saint Paul's: During the Thanksgiving Prayer Service, students wrote slips listing what they were thankful for and what they will do to become even more thankful. The slips were placed before the chapel altar and remained there through the week. I looked through a random sample of the slips and was inspired and humbled. So I will share some over the next few weeks. Here are things for which SPS students are grateful and what they plan to do to about it:

- *I am grateful for St. Paul's School, the Holy Spirit, my mother, father and brothers, my athletic ability, my girlfriend and friends. I will respect everyone; give and not take constantly; give thanks to God.*
- *I am grateful for my family and my education. I will help out my family and pray for those without families; work my hardest on everything to make the most of my education.*
- *Love, my warm home, my privelages [sic], SPS, family & friends. I will express my thanks more.*
- *I am grateful for my faith, family, and friends. I will show thankfulness by being respectful and benevolent, attending mass and praying daily and showing my faith through my actions.*
- *Family, friends, opportunity, St. Paul's, faith. I will help others as best I can, trusting God & doing my best for Him.*
- *I am thankful for all the people in my life, a roof over my head, and a table full of food. I will pray for my parents, family and people who have helped me.*
- *My granpa [sic], family and my health. I will hug them and always eat healthy.*
- *I am thankful for my family. I will cook for them!*
- *I am thankful for my parents. I will listen to them.*
- *I am thankful for my father's retirement. I will spend more time with him now that he has time.*
- *I am thankful for my family. I am going to hug them and say thanks.*
- *My house, my family and Thanksgiving food. I am going to do the dishes after the dinner.*
- *Life, my family & friends, & attending stable St. Paul's; I will not take anyone or anything for granted.*



Jonathan, Kent, Peyton, Caleb & Preston with their award winning art from Three Rivers Art Festival!

School Zone Cell Phone Ban: It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

2016-17 Admissions: I am VERY pleased with our applicant pool for next year, both in quantity and quality. New applications will now be accepted on a “wait list” basis as we have a full crop who applied on time. Thanks for all you did to promote SPS. Don’t let your son take his SPS enrollment for granted as others want his spot!

Application Letters: I annually publish some memorable lines from next year’s application letters. Here’s the first batch:

- *If you are having a rough day, you could go sit in the chapel and be silent for a little bit to clear out your mind in the presence of God.*
- *The open house I attended “sealed the deal” and I returned home to immediately start working on my application.*
- *I would like to follow in the footsteps of my brother, who is my role model and hero in life. He tells me about all of the good things at Saint Paul’s.*
- *At the first open house I attended, they were studying a “dead body” on the floor to discover how she died, and this year the students were making robot cards and projection lines. I would love to do this type of learning.*
- *My favorite part of the campus was the pond and Marvin, the duck. I was sad to hear that he disappeared.*
- *I know I will like being at St. Paul’s. And I think you will like having me there.*

Cash Back Programs: Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- **AmazonSmile:** This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul’s School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- **Office Depot:** Last week we received a \$500 store credit from customers who gave SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul’s will do. This will help a lot.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..

Senior Parents: Senior Retreat is just around the corner. You should have received an email with all the details from Renee Miller and Lee Pierre, retreat coordinators. If you didn’t receive this email, please email Renee at reneep@stpauls.com or Lee at leep@stpauls.com.

Adopt A Family: We again have identified several needy families in the local St. Tammany Parish area and have “adopted” them in order to provide them with a wonderful Christmas. Students on each level will shop, wrap and deliver the gifts. It’s a very educational endeavor in social justice. We encourage your son to participate if he is able. Donations will be accepted for the next two weeks.

A Word about Exams: Semester exams begin on Dec 15. Remember that exams are SEMESTER exams which will cover the entire semester. The **semester grade** (the only grade that counts in GPA and the only grade on the transcript) will be averaged in the following manner: 40% for Quarter 1; 40% for Quarter 2; 20 % for the semester exam. Encourage your son, therefore, to take his exams seriously. **It's time to start reviewing.** A good review lasts several weeks and avoids last minute cramming. Learning how to study for semester exams will aid your son considerably in college. The complete exam schedule is printed at the end of this newsletter and is posted on Edline.

From the Mothers Club: The Bookstore will be open on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9:00-3:00 for your convenience. Come do your Christmas Shopping and take advantage of some great bargains! Winter has finally arrived, and we have some great new sweatshirts and scarves! We'll also have an overstock sale on selected items. Normal bookstore hours are weekdays 7:15-8:00 am, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, and 2:15-3:15 pm. All proceeds from the bookstore are used for the benefit of our students!

Thanksgiving to Christmas: This period of the school year can be a real challenge. While it should be a time of good will and cheer, often we find ourselves handling a crisis. The best way to prevent any difficulty is through the Lasallian virtues of caring and vigilance – which will be in full force. Teachers will teach until the very end. **Parents, please remind your students to adhere to ALL procedures & policies.** We will show care to the students, but we will be vigilant.

Mission Collections, Adopt a Family Projects, and Other Worthy Causes: We encourage our students to be generous with these causes. However, I again want to reassure parents that we DO NOT want to cause an economic hardship for our families. Please speak with your son about charitable giving. Perhaps you can reread as a family the parable of the Widow's Mite. Our teachers are aware that not every student can give or give a lot. PLEASE let me know if your son is feeling uncomfortable with our appeals. And that goes for you, too. Let's face it – tuition does NOT cover the cost of running Saint Paul's. Hence, we have fundraisers. As stated above, I've launched our Annual Fund Drive, and if you can give, that's great. If not, I understand but ask that you pray for Saint Paul's. In turn, we pray for financial health for all.

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: Only Saint Paul's outwear is permissible in cool/cold weather. **If your son needs an SPS sweatshirt and money is tight right now, just have him come see me. This will be handled confidentially and appropriately.** Remember that ONLY SPS cool weather clothing is allowed.

A SERVE TEN Reminder: Five service hours are due. Students must fill-out and turn in completed "Serve Ten" forms to the Counseling Department in order to get credit for their service hours. We have been advertising MANY service opportunities. Remember that service hours are mandatory, not optional.

Current Student Re-Registration for 2016-17: For those of you who plan ahead, here's the process:

- Current 8th graders will be asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8th graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9th graders we can accept.
- Current 9th – 11th grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12th graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2016 -17, a \$300 registration fee will be due.



Stephen runs in cross country state meet on a VERY muddy course!

- **Also, if your son does not plan on returning for the second semester of this year, please let me know ASAP. We are getting inquiries about January admissions.**

PLEASE: Our Attendance Office is being taxed to the max. Under ordinary circumstances, it is difficult enough to keep track of the students. When you call Erin and request “immediate” dismissal for a student, it places an unfair burden on her. If a student must leave school early, please send a written note with your student and have him check in with the attendance office when he comes to school to get a dismissal slip for the time requested. This is the policy in our handbook – which you pledged to uphold at the beginning of the year when you signed. And we just can’t stop everything to deliver an assignment, a lunch, a message – we just don’t have the personnel. Thanks for understanding.



The Paper Wolf: The all new DIGITAL Paper Wolf is updated each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. The students are very excited about this new venture. So support them and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here’s the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class! Wanna’ see the

field day video? Click here: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/11/17/field-day-promotes-class-unity-video/> Wanna’ see the Stella Yelling Contest? Click here: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/11/17/ap-lit-class-holds-stella-yelling-contest-video/>

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.*

Tutoring: The National Honor Society offers tutoring each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It’s easier to be tutored early in the than to wait until later in the quarter. Get a jump on exam study by visiting our NHS tutors! The tutors are friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial “put these men to work!”

From Junior Alex Seese: *Dear Students and Parents of St. Paul's School,*

In case you missed my earlier email, my name is Alex Seese, a junior at St. Paul's School and a current Life Scout within Boy Scout Troop 611. This email is a follow up to the end of my Eagle project to collect items for Operation We Care, (<http://www.operationwecare.com/>) a local organization that sends items to America's troops overseas. I collected items from October 26-30 from you, the St. Paul's community, and the response I received was astounding. You, the St.

Paul's community, donated enough items to fill four bins worth of items, a large part of the picture attached. On estimation, each bin should fill around eight boxes Operation We Care sends, meaning your items will fill around thirty-two boxes. I am very grateful for an overwhelming response on such a short notice, and thank you for giving so much to help our troops. I wish all of you a blessed rest of the year.

*Sincerely,
Alex Seese*

PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING: Parents – set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School's 8th Annual Christmas Market info:

- When: Thu, Dec 3, 3-8 pm and Fri, Dec 4, 12-8 pm
- Location: Church Parish Center, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville
- Santa will be available for pictures from 5-7 pm
- Admission: nonperishable item or monetary donation to benefit The Samaritan Center
- All are Welcome!
- Vendors include: Abba Dabba Beads, Young Living, Catholic Creations, All Wrapped Up, Twisted Peppermint, Susan Lange Designs, Origami; Owl Custom Jewelry, Thirty-One Gifts



*Cross Country Wolves pose proudly following state meet!
We are proud of them, too!*

Thanks, Lasallian Young Leaders, for this service.

Lost and Found: The accumulation continues. Sweatshirts, pants, belts, uniform shirts, many, many lunch boxes, books, art supplies, pencil cases, folders, flash drives, you name, it's probably in our lost and found. Parents, please put your son's name on things and stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.

Warm Hearts Drive: Upon return from Thanksgiving Holidays, we will conduct our annual Warm Hearts Drive, collecting gently used warm clothing for the needy. Be prepared to send usable but no longer needed sweaters, jackets, blankets, gloves – anything that can help someone stay warm this winter.

Humor of the Week: Some “daffynitions”:

- **BEAUTY PARLOUR:** A place where women curl up and dye.
- **CHICKENS:** The only animal you eat before they're born and after they die.
- **COMMITTEE:** A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
- **DUST:** Mud with the juice squeezed out.
- **EGOTIST:** Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
- **HANDKERCHIEF:** Cold Storage.

- *INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.*
- *MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.*
- *SECRET: A story you tell to one person at a time.*
- *SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.*
- *TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.*
- *TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.*
- *YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.*
- *WRINKLES: Something other people have....similar to my character lines.*
- *OK, I'll stop! I had a few others, but this is a family friendly newsletter!*

Our Blue Ribbon Assembly: I don't usually publish emails from parents, but this one deserves being read by everyone. It's from a mom who attended our Blue Ribbon Assembly – which I hope your son raved about, too!

I wanted to tell you how genuinely moving the service was on Thursday and how humbled and inspired I felt to have been a part of it. To sit in the midst of the seniors who proudly and majestically sang was one of the most moving experiences I have had the privilege to experience in years. To hear their strong voices sing not only in English but also in French was a joy. Not to mention Kurt Thompson singing Ave Maria, his angelic voice surely reached the heavens! To have the boys spontaneously give him a standing ovation was a credit to their genuine respect for one another. What an uplifting experience that will be remembered by all those present for years to come. It was a great day for all of the St. Paul's family with the honor appropriately shared by the boys, faculty and staff. You all should feel very proud of the accomplishment. I feel blessed to have participated in such a milestone service and am proud to be part of the St Paul's family. A job well done!

A Look Ahead

Dec 1 – President's Assembly
 Dec 8 – Pack Time (Luminaria bags) Mass Schedule
 Dec 10 – Snack Day – Luminarias in the evening
 Dec 12 – ACT on Campus
 Dec 15-18- Exam Schedules
 Jan 4 – ABCD
 Jan 5 – President's Assembly -Snack Day
 Jan 6-8 Senior Retreat
 Jan 12 – Pack Time
 Jan 19 – President's Assembly
 Jan 20 – 9th Grade PLAN Test
 Jan 21-22 – 9th Grade Retreat

First Semester Exam Schedule

December 2015

Monday, December 14 – EFG(A)

Regular classes in periods EFG

Review for Period A Exam

SPECIAL EXAM SCHEDULE (With SSR & CNN)

(80 Minute Classes)

7:40 Chimes

7:45 – 9:20 Period E

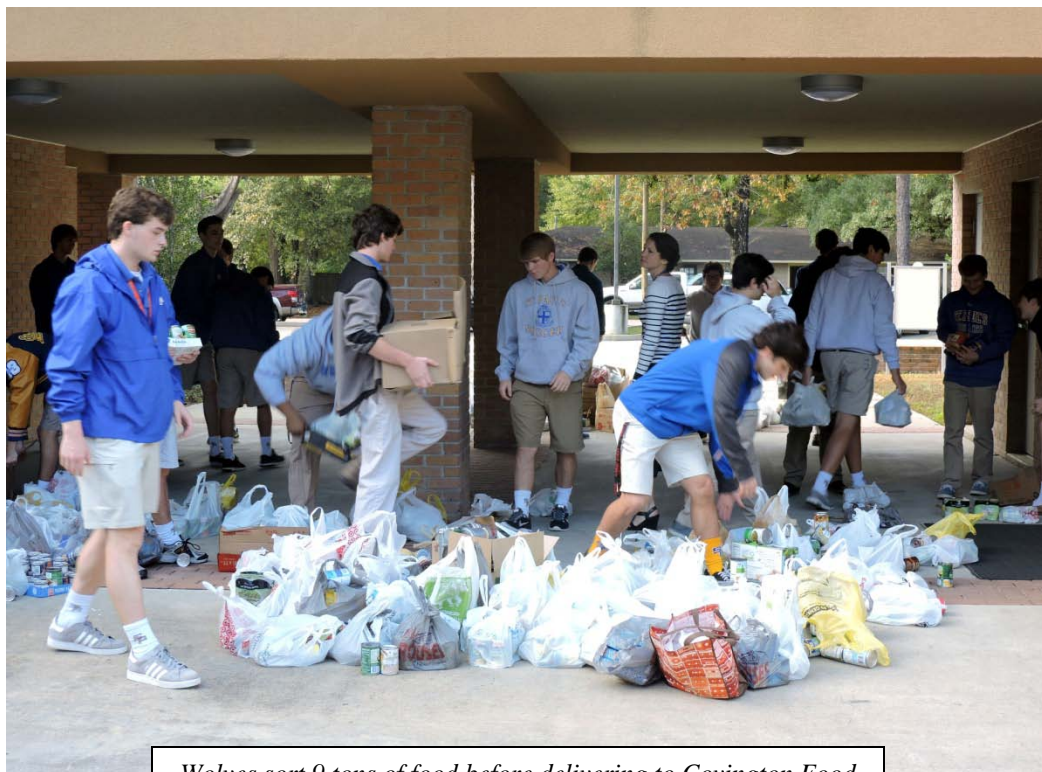
9:27 – 11:02 Period F/SSR

11:02 – 11:42 Lunch
 11:47 – 1:12 Period G
 1:19– 2:04 Period A Exam Review
 2:10 Dismissal

Tuesday, December 15

Special Exam/Prayer Service/ Principal's Assembly/Snack Schedule

8:15 -8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
 8:30 – 10:00 Period A Exam
 10:05-10:45 Advent Prayer Service (Gym)
 10:55- 11:40 Period B Review
 11:40-12:25 Lunch
 12:30-1:00 President's Assembly (Gym)
 1:00-1:15 Break
 1:15 – 2:00 Period C Review
 2:10 Dismissal



Wolves sort 9 tons of food before delivering to Covington Food Bank. Thanks to all who helped make the drive such a success!

Wednesday, December 16

8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
 8:30 -10:00 Period B Exam
 10:00-10:10 Break
 10:10-11:40 Period C Exam
 11:40-12:25 Lunch
 12:30-1:15 Period D Review
 1:20-2:05 Period E Review
 2:10 Dismissal

Thursday, December 18

8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
 8:30 -10:00 Period D Exam
 10:00-10:10 Break
 10:10-11:40 Period E Exam
 11:40-12:25 Lunch
 12:30-1:15 Period F Review
 1:20-2:05 Period G Review
 2:10 Dismissal

Friday, December 18

8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
 8:30 -10:00 Period F Exam
 10:00-10:10 Break
 10:10-11:40 Period G Exam

11:45 Dismissal
12:00 Faculty Christmas Luncheon in Cafeteria

Whew! I've taxed your patience this week, but you got a break last Sunday as the newsletter went on holiday!

As usual, I'll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to as I write 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.

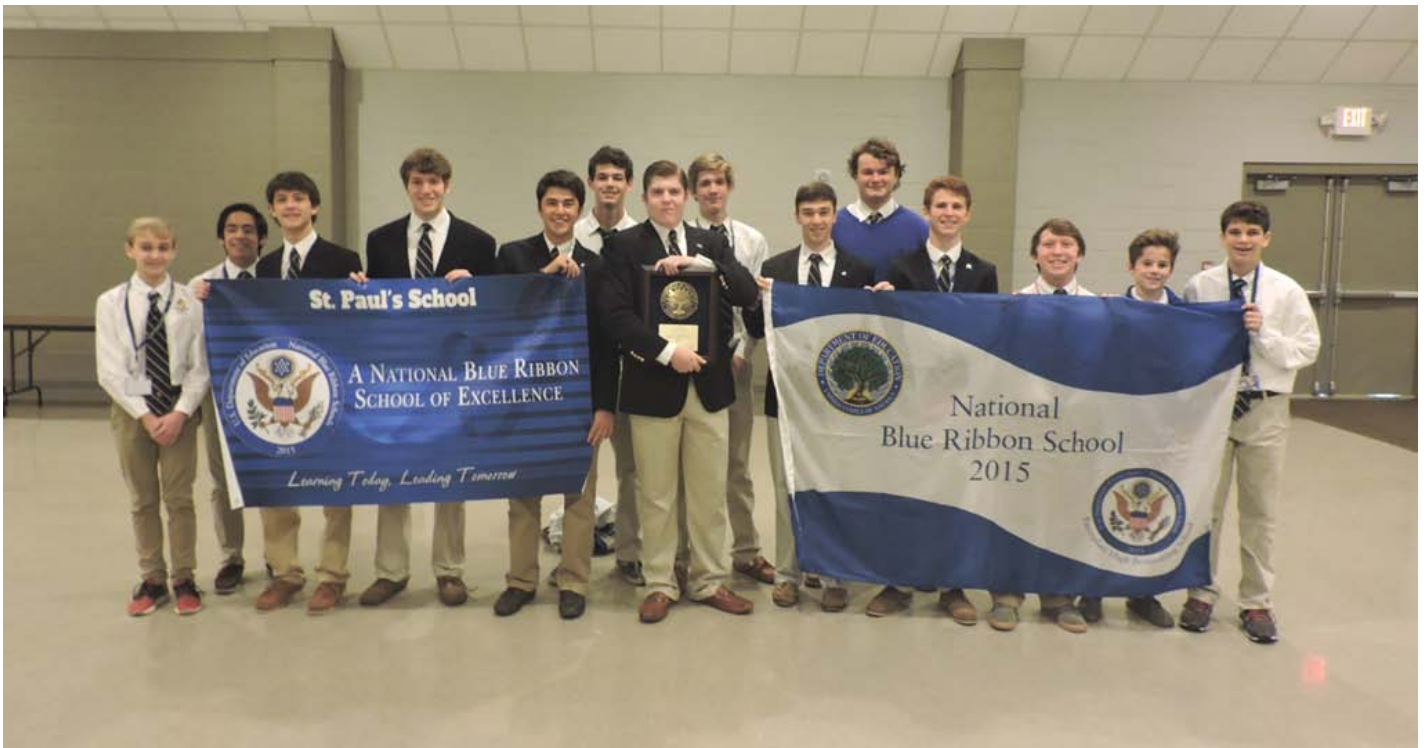
Pray that things go well! We're already reached the seventh week of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May the final month of 2015 (can you believe it?) 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 104th year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Renewed from Thanksgiving Holiday and Ready for the Last Three Weeks of the Semester as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near! Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!



Can't get enough of this picture!