



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
February 29 – March 06, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy
Remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return!



St. Paul's Soccer Team blanks Acadiana 3-0 for its third straight state title!



It's been quite a weekend for the Wolves -- an amazing soccer win by an amazing group of coaches and players! Tad Gormley is becoming our "second home" stadium, as we've now appeared in six straight state final soccer games, bringing home four state Division I titles. Wow. Special congrats to Coach Sean Moser whose newspaper quote says it all: "This never gets old." Special congrats, too, to senior Austin Groeneveld who was named MVP of the game. GREAT JOB, SOCCER WOLVES!

And while the Soccer Wolves were making history at Tad Gormley Stadium, the junior high Robo Wolves were also racking up some pretty impressive stats this weekend at the Vex State Championship held at Holy Cross. Four SPS teams advanced to the semifinals and the members of team 9553E were named tournament champions! In addition to winning the state championship, team 9553E was also awarded the Judges Award and Programming Skills Award. The champions have been invited to represent the state of Louisiana and St. Paul's School at the Vex World's Championship in April. The members of team 9553E are Adam Smith, Greyson Mangrum, Luke DuRapau, Sean Hightower, and Justin Guidry. Special congratulations and thanks go to moderators Julie Beck and Marie Childs. Special congrats, too, go to Kevin Norlin, father of Andrew Norlin, who was also recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for his dedication and support.

Mon, Feb 29 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Leap Day:** Enjoy this extra day of 2016! Why does it exist? Although most modern calendar years have 365 days, a complete revolution around the Sun (one solar year) takes approximately 365 days and 6 hours. An extra 24 hours thus accumulate every four years, requiring that an extra calendar day be added to align the calendar with the sun's apparent position. Without the added day, in future years the seasons would occur later in the calendar, leading to confusion about when to undertake activities dependent on weather or hours of daylight. Got it now?
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Holden (3:30 at Tangi Lanes)
- **Baseball:** JV v. Covington (5:30)

- **TDIH:** In 1968, The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" wins Grammy. Listen to this iconic album today! (*It was twenty years ago today/Sgt. Pepper taught the band to play/They've been going in and out of style/But they're guaranteed to raise a smile/So may I introduce to you/The act you've known for all these years/Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*)

Tue, Mar 01 (Pack Time; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1961, President John F. Kennedy establishes The Peace Corps
- **TDIH:** In 1969, legendary slugger Mickey Mantle retires from baseball
- **National Pig Day:** Celebrate all things porcine today!
- **National Peanut Butter Day:** Eat a PB & J sandwich today – unless you gave it up for Lent!
- **Mothers Club Snack Day**
- **Freshman Service/Retreat Day:** Half will do service; half will do retreat
- **Baseball:** 8th at Rummel (5:30); JV & Varsity v. John Curtis (4:30 & 6:30)
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Varsity (5:30 & 7)
- **Basketball:** Wolves v. East Ascension in second round of state playoffs

Wed, Mar 2 (Regular; rising junior & senior scheduling assembly; A B C D)

- **7 am Mass – encourage your son to join us!**
- **TDIH:** In 1904, Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss) was born. Read a Dr. Seuss book today! Celebrate with green eggs and ham and oh, the places you'll go!
- **National Banana Cream Pie Day:** Enjoy – unless you've given it up for Lent!
- **Same Old Stuff Day:** You are supposed to do something different today, instead of the "same old stuff." For me, I'm happy with the "same old stuff" so I'll skip this day!
- **Freshman Service/Retreat Day: Tue's groups will flip:** half will do service; half will do retreat
- **Sacrament of Penance:** Priests will be available in every Catholic parish this evening from 5 – 6:30 during this Year of Mercy initiative. See letter from Archbishop Aymond below.
- **Golf:** Wolves at Royal Golf Club
- **Baseball:** 9th v. Fontainebleau (5:30)
- **Track:** SPS/Trafton Jr Hi Meet (Hunter Stadium & Varsity soccer field)



Liz Brett's senior retreat group keeps spirit of senior retreat alive through monthly meetings – and lunch helps, too!

Thu, Mar 3 (Rising freshman & sophomore scheduling assemblies; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1931, Congress makes The Star Spangled Banner the National Anthem of the United States. Sing it today! Do you know who wrote it and on what occasion? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **I Want You to be Happy Day** is an unselfish day. It's a thought that we wish upon others that we care for or love. Celebrate today by doing more than wishing someone is happy. Do something to make others happy.
- **Celebrity Waiters Dinner – We wish the Development Team the best in this important event!**
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Destrehan (5:30)

Fri, Mar 4 (9 am start in deference to those working CWD last night; B C D E)

- **9 AM Start:** Library and cafeteria will be open at regular time to accommodate regular time arrivals. No problem!

- **TDIH** In 1933, at the Great Depression height, Franklin Roosevelt was inaugurated as the 33rd US President. In his inaugural address, Roosevelt orates one of his most memorable lines: “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”
- **National March Forth and Do Something Day** (get it? March Fourth and March Forth?) Stop wasting valuable time, do something for once, and stop procrastinating!
- **National Grammar Day:** Language is something to celebrate, and March 4 is the perfect day to do it. It's not only a date, it's an imperative: March forth on March 4 to speak well, write well, and help others do the same
- **Track:** JV & Varsity in Fontainebleau Invitational
- **Baseball:** 8th in Holy Cross Tournament; Varsity v. Live Oak (4:30) & Salmen (6:30)

Sat, Mar 5

- **TDIH:** In 1946, Winston Churchill delivers his “Iron Curtain” speech in Fulton, Missouri.
- **SAT on campus this morning**
- **Baseball:** 8th in Holy Cross tournament; Varsity v. Dutchtown at Covington
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Varsity at St. Thomas More; JVB & Wolf Squad in Battle at the Beach (Jackson, MS)

Sun, Mar 6

- **TDIH:** In 1912, the National Biscuit Company introduces the Oreo Cookie! Dunk an Oreo today!
- **Dentist Day:** Appreciate your dentist today, especially our SPS parents and alums who are dentists!
- **National Frozen Food Day:** Frozen foods first hit store shelves in 1930 in Springfield, MA. Who developed the process? Why, Clarence Birdsong, of course! Celebrate by thawing and eating some frozen food today!



*Students cheer BB Wolves to victory in playoff game.
Photo credit: Jim Derry of NOLA.com/The Times Picayune*

Welcome to March: It’s hard to believe we have reached March! 17% (OK, only 16.66666...%) if you want to be technical about it) of 2016 is over. And only two more weeks exist in the third quarter! Time is flying by! Seniors have only ten weeks left in their SPS careers! The month of March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars (Ares in the Greek mythological system.) March is National Irish American Month, Music in our Schools Month, National Craft Month, National Frozen Food Month, National Nutrition Month, National Peanut Month, National Women’s History Month, Red Cross Month, and Social Workers Month. Enjoy March!

Scheduling Assemblies: Students who have registered will receive their course selection materials this week for next year. They will receive priority in the scheduling process. If you want your son in this number and you haven’t registered but intend for him to return, please do so ASAP. If your son is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know so I can fill his spot from our applicant pool.

Jason Everett Assembly Anniversary: One year ago, we had a special assembly featuring this nationally recognized speaker on teenage chastity. He was very well received by our students, but time has a way of fading his message. It’s time for a booster shot. Parents: please take this one year anniversary as an opportunity to speak to your sons on the virtue of chastity. Yes, it can be a bit “uncomfortable”, but it’s needed. Students are bombarded daily with messages that dismiss the virtue of chastity in today’s world and they need to know the value of respecting their bodies and those of others. If your son was here last year, ask him if he still has the materials that Jason distributed. Review with him!

Celebrity Waiters Dinner: Come celebrate "The Swing Era" at our 2015 annual Spring fundraiser, The Celebrity Waiters' Dinner, on Thursday, March 5 2015 in the Briggs Assembly Center from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. This fun filled evening includes a full course meal, refreshments, entertainment and fellowship amongst St. Paul's families as well as the local business community. Proceeds from this event directly impact our students while supporting the College Tour, the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity, honor roll breakfasts and other special student recognitions, Life Skills Day for Seniors, etiquette training for pre- freshmen, Wolves on Wheels, Robotics and Aqua Robotics, our Mu Alpha Theta competitions and many more programs which enrich the experience of the young men here at St. Paul's. For more information, please Click Here. <http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/celebrity-waiters-dinner/>

PLEASE -- I Need Help With the Annual Fund: ANY amount is needed as the new gym and ALL the other improvements we have been making have costs attached to them – and tuition does not cover all of those costs. Thanks to all who have responded so date. No amount is too small; no amount is too large!

IMPORTANT: Many parents have not opened their Edline. We are using Edline for attendance contacting and for our SCHOOL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM! PLEASE, PLEASE make sure you have activated your Edline account so you can receive important SPS notifications. Call Mike Holmes at 892-3200, ext 1044 if you need assistance. Parents need to create their own account and not rely on their son's account.

Paper Wolf Update: Please encourage your students to read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future.

Important Driver's License Requirement: A new requirement was added to the driver's license issuance process for all minor applicants. All minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license. These forms can be obtained in the administration building or the counseling center.

What I Did On My San Antonio Vacati... uh...Conference: I know you're anxious to learn what Trevor and I did in San Antonio for four days last week, so:

- Sunday afternoon: checked into Holiday Inn Riverwalk Hotel (nice). The hotel is right on famed downtown San Antonio Riverwalk. The conference began at 6 with mass at St. Mary's Church (pic at right), a very old (built in 1857) and beautiful church. After mass, we had welcoming talks by conference officials. The highlight of the opening evening was the Wine & Wisdom gathering which paired attendees from across the Districts in groups that discussed (made much more palatable over a glass of wine after a long day of travel!) their experiences and challenges in four broad areas facing our communities



generally and our Lasallian schools in particular. These topics included Canon Law and our schools' relationship with the local Church, issues related to members of our communities who identify as LGBTQ, forming disciples in a society in which students' exposure to "Church" increasingly relies on their experience in our schools, and finally on the challenges faced by schools that are struggling to deal with students who are immigrants.

- We then had a very nice social (the chardonnay was great!) to reacquaint ourselves with our colleagues and relax from our day's travel.
- Monday: Our prayer centered on "Catholic Education and Culture" – which is becoming more and more of an issue in the Church, especially the Church in America. We then had a "business meeting" of our association: financial statement, dues structures, election of a new vice-president and a few other "business type" things.
- We spent had an outstanding Keynote Speaker by Rev. Mark Massa, S.J., Professor of Church History and Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. Rev. Massa spoke on "The Lasallian Tradition and American Culture: What is to be Done?" Again, the talk was outstanding
- I then attended a session on The Pivotal Connection Between Governance and Advancement while Trevor attended a session on Legal Implications of Limiting or Monitoring Student and Employee Use of Social Media.
- We then had an excellent lunch. I ate more in those 3 days than I usually do in more than a week.
- During the afternoon, I met with the Presidents of Lasallian schools while Trevor met with principals. We discussed a wide variety of common problems involved in school governance, canon law, technology, professional development, admissions, and development – and culture.
- On Monday night, the San Francisco New Orleans District contingent walked a few blocks for dinner at a local restaurant – Pat O'Brien's of San Antonio! Yes, there's a franchise there, complete with the iconic "flaming fountain." While nice, the cuisine can't compare to New Orleans restaurants! But we "passed a good time" – I'll leave it at that! After an rather exhausting day, we retired for the night!
- On Tue, our prayer centered on "Being Blessings." Then, Dr. Bob McCarty, Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington spoke to us. He, too, was outstanding, and I learned much.



Percussion Wolves prepare to ignite students at Friday's pep rally.

- I then attended a session on The Affordable Care Act – yes, this affects Catholic schools, too! I learned more in those 90 minutes than I have in much longer meetings on the ACA and how it will continue to affect Catholic schools.
- Following another great lunch (I've started a diet!), the Districts met. The what, you ask? The Brothers have divided the United States into three provinces or districts: District of Eastern North American (aka DENA), The Midwest District and the San Francisco New Orleans District. The SFNO District stretches across eight states and has 21 schools. We spoke about our upcoming Mission Assembly and a number of other formation programs for faculties in the schools.
- On Tue evening, we took a 20 minute walk in gale force winds (the weather that hit SE LA the next day only not as bad) for an excellent Mexican meal at La Margarita Restaurant. Very nice! As in Vegas, though, what went on at La Margarita stays at La Margarita! Sleep was welcome that night.
- On Wed morn, we again gathered for prayer, which was centered on how we experience our Lasallian ministry of education as a ministry of the Church.
- We then listened to an exciting educational opportunity for the Region: the creation of LEAP – the Lasallian Education Access Platform. This is basically a virtual school put together by the 50+ high schools in the US. This would greatly expand curricular offerings in the schools at reasonable costs while keeping the Lasallian tradition of education. Very promising! Stay tuned! We then bade farewell and headed for the airport after being informed that next year we'll meet in Orlando (which does not have a Lasallian school!)

- Well, that's more than you wanted to know, but know that I was not on vacation! Kudos to Southwest Airlines for on time flights but a little too bumpy for my nervous system (especially when the captain barked out "flight attendants take your seats immediately!") As always, I said a prayer of thanks as Southwest Flight 278 touched ground at Louis Armstrong Airport at 5:37 PM Wed and an hour and a fifteen minutes later as I reentered the holy ground of Saint Paul's School.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Thanks:** Thanks to all for keeping things running smoothly while Trevor and I were in San Antonio.
- **Tuesday's Weather Emergency:** Our school closure policy went into effect last Mon evening. According to policy of Office of Catholic Schools, when civil parish closes, then Catholic schools must close. Thus, when St. Tammany decided on Mon night to close on Tue, our decision was also made. Our job, then, was to inform our families. I am indebted to Joe Dickens who arranged the school cancellation robo-call on Mon night. You should have received a phone call (we need to work on the voice!), text message and email. If you didn't receive all three, it means you have not activated your Edline account! Please do so! It was the first time we used this new system. And Ken Sears came to school on Tue to make sure students did not show. Our maintenance crew secured the campus before leaving and Ken returned after the storm to make sure it was safe for us to open on Wed. Many thanks.
- **Basketball:** A thrilling playoff victory Friday night! The Wolves acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner against a tough Acadiana team – our first playoff game in our new gym. Gene Bennett is smiling in heaven!
- **Junior Retreat/Angola Trips** were positive and profitable. Thanks to chaperons & subs, especially Luke and Lee.
- **Baseball:** Wolves played hard last week against some tough competition.
- **Tennis:** Wolves beat Slidell, 5 – 0! Geaux Tennis Wolves!
- **AFJROTC Field Trip:** The LA 41st JROTC Curriculum-in-Action Field Trip to Lackland AFB in San Antonio went very well. Lackland is the base where all Active Duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard attend Basic Military Training. "Gateway to the Air Force"
- **Powerlifting:** Iron Wolves headed for regional competition at Pearl River on Sat AM. No results as of the newsletter's printing.
- **Bowling:** Wolves beat Hannan, 24 to 3; they are now 3 – 5 on the season.
- **Lacrosse:** Didn't get any results but I'm sure they did great!
- **Rugby:** 40 – 10 over Brother Martin. Wow! Congrats!
- **Teacher Appreciation Lunch:** While I feasted in San Antonio, the faculty feasted on Wed lunch, thanks to the Mothers Club! Our MC is the best!
- **ASVAB:** The testing went well for the seniors. May it offer them career guidance!
- **St. Joseph Altar Cookie Baking:** Thanks to all who helped Dr. Logarbo prepare for March 7th! Our students are in for another outstanding St. Joseph Altar.
- **Apology to WW II Quiz Bowl Team and Mock Trial Team** for omitting them from last week's newsletter. I'll be recognizing their accomplishments at future assembly.



Juniors begin retreat with bonding activities.

St. Joseph Altar: This much anticipated event, spearheaded by Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo, is right around the corner: March 7. Set up is March 6 from 3-6 pm. Student help is needed and service hours will be offered. Dr. Logarbo is still in need of LOTS of food and help and would like all willing parties to contact her at alogarbo@charter.net. Lastly, this year, Dr.

Logarbo is selling rosaries made from last year's St. Joseph Altar roses (yes, she had them drying in a closet for 12 months!) and also cookbooks. Contact her via the same email.

2016 - 17 Calendar: St. Tammany Parish Public Schools has published next year's calendar. They will begin on Mon, Aug 8. Accordingly, I have completed our calendar, which follows their calendar when possible. We must schedule 178 days per archdiocesan policy. **We, too, will start on August 8 WITH A FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION. Please plan vacations accordingly.**

2016 Summer at Camp Abbey Seeking Staff: Camp Abbey, a ministry of the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, has begun preparations for its 2015 summer program and is seeking high school student applicants for junior counselor positions and graduating seniors, college students, and older for senior counselor and administrative positions. Although all positions are paid, staff may decline stipends in favor of service hours if applicable. Camp includes opportunities for prayer, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as activities such as volleyball, basketball, softball, flag football, arts & crafts, archery, swimming, boating, performing arts, camping, and hiking.

If you enjoy the outdoors, want to share your Catholic faith, and desire to serve as a mentor and role model, consider applying for summer staff at Camp Abbey. Boys' camp staff serves during June 2016, and girls' camp staff serves during July 2016. For more information or applications, visit www.campabbey.org or contact campabbey@arch-no.org or 985-327-7240

From Archbishop Gregory Aymond: Here is an excerpt from a letter being read in all Catholic parishes:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I pray that our Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion. As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession.

Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the next 3 Wednesdays from 5 pm – 6:30 pm. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy.

Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has beene many yers, now is the time to know that his heart is open and eager to forgive.

H of the W: Some "daffinitions":

- 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
- If a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, the first step of a one-mile journey = 1 Milwaukee
- 1 million microphones = 1 megaphone
- 1 million bicycles = 2megacycles
- 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
- 2200 mockingbirds = two kilo mockingbirds [sorry, Harper Lee]
- 10 cards = 1 decacards [LOL!]
- 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton [hilarious]
- 1000 grams of wet socks = 1 literhosen
- 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche

- 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
- 1 million billion piccolos = 1 gigolo
- 10 rations = 1 decoration
- 100 rations = 1 C-ration
- 10 millipedes = 1 centipede
- 3 1/3 tridents = 1 decadent
- 10 monologues = 5 dialogs
- 5 dialogs = 1 decalog
- 2 monograms = 1 diagram
- 8 nickels: 2 paradigms
- 2 wharves = 1 paradox
- OK, I'll stop!

A Look Ahead

- March 5 – SAT on Campus
- March 7 – St. Joseph Altar (All periods meet)
- March 8 – President’s Assembly
- March 11 – End of Third Quarter
- March 15 – ACT for juniors
- March 21 – Late start for faculty meeting
- March 22 – President’s Assembly
- March 23 – Passion Play (two lunch schedule)
- March 24 – Mandatum
- March 25 – Good Friday holiday
- April 5 – Pack Time
- April 7 – Mass (SJB DLS)
- April 9 – ACT on campus
- April 11-15 – Leadership week
- April 12 – President’s Assembly –Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- April 18 – Late start
- April 19 – Pack Time – Snack Day
- April 20 – Life Skills day for seniors –*Freshmen HR Breakfast* (yes, this is a change from earlier publication)
- April 21 – *Pre freshmen HR Breakfast* (yes, this is a change from earlier publication)
- April 22 – Blue Ribbon Holiday
- April 25 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast
- April 26 – President’s Assembly
- April 27 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast
- April 28 – 12th Grade HR Breakfast - Sophomore Service Day/Retreat
- April 29 – Sophomore Service Day/Retreat
- May 3 – Pack Time
- May 4-6 – Senior Exams in BAC
- May 10 – President’s Assembly – *Band Awards* in Evening
- May 11 – 13 – Pre Freshmen Exams
- May 11 – Grad Night
- May 12 – Athletic Awards in am
- May 13 – Academic Awards in am
- May 14 – Senior Graduation 4:00 pm in BAC



Robo-Wolves pose with their trophies after 1st place win at recent competition.

May 16 – Pre Freshmen Promotion

May 17-19- Exam Schedule

May 20 – Teacher records day

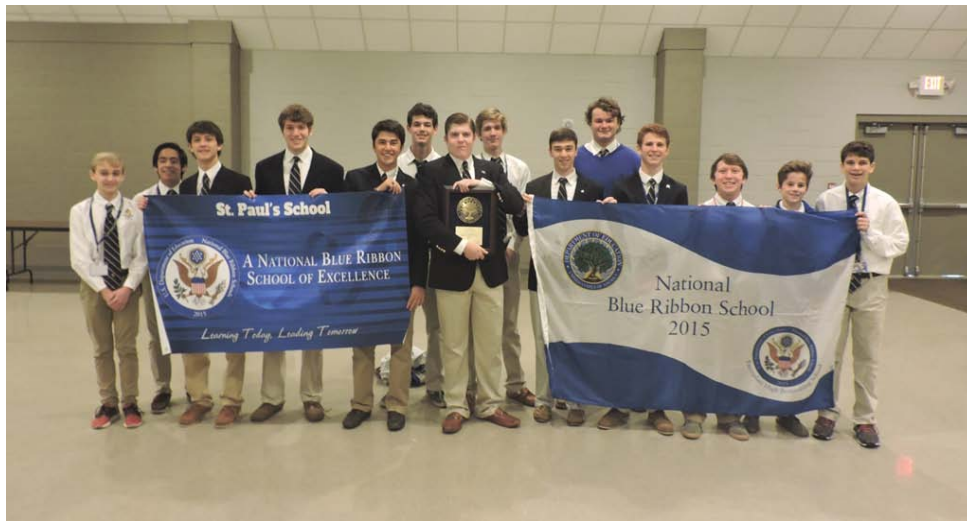
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Whew! Hope I wasn't too long winded this week! And even though it's 2016, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Again, please let me know if there's an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others. Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we march forward through 2016! Hard to believe two months of 2016 are now history! Again, thanks for being part of the 2015 - 16 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Glad to Be Back from San Antonio and Still Be the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, and doing God's will!

Answers to trivia question for March 3: The National Anthem was written by Francis Scott Key during