

Note: I pray that you suffered no-effects from the weather this weekend. As of now, Sunday morning, we play to re-open on Monday, pending no further weather complications. We have adjusted the schedule and will have FIVE periods on Monday through Thursday which will put us back on regular rotation on Friday.

So tomorrow, Monday, we will have periods C D E F G. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter* *Aug 15 - 21, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*



Welcome to the second week of the 2016 – 17 school year. Except for Friday's weather issue, we have had a smooth opening. Thanks!

Our beginning of the year faculty meetings provided me with memorable moments. We began meetings on Aug 3 with Student Council President Will Murphy reminding us of the power of teacher / student relationships. Will exhorted the faculty to continue being older brothers and sisters to our students, which is in the finest Lasallian tradition. Throughout the meetings, presenters referred to Saint La Salle's belief that the school must be a place of salvation: both earthly salvation and eternal salvation. And, of course, we covered practical rules, regulations, practices and policies.

So what does all of the above have to do with you as parents? Well, I humbly submit the following:

- Just as Will stressed teacher / student relationships, your relationship with your son is critical to your success as a parent – and with teenagers, that's not always easy!
- Just as Saint La Salle wanted his schools to be places of salvation, **your home** must also be a place of salvation – both earthly and heavenly.
- Just as Brother Solomon remained faithful to his calling (see last week's newsletter), you as parents daily must remain faithful to your parental calling – again, not always easy with teenagers!
- And just as we went over policies and procedures with teachers, you as parents must make clear your rules for and expectations of your sons.



*Brandon lights candle at first assembly,
a symbol of the presence of God.*

In my newsletter to teachers this week, I reminded them of what Christian Brother Superior General Brother Robert said to the Lasallian world two years ago: *if anything is to get done, it's up to the Lasallian world family to do it.* Similarly it's up to you as parent, if your son is to be the man God is calling him to be.

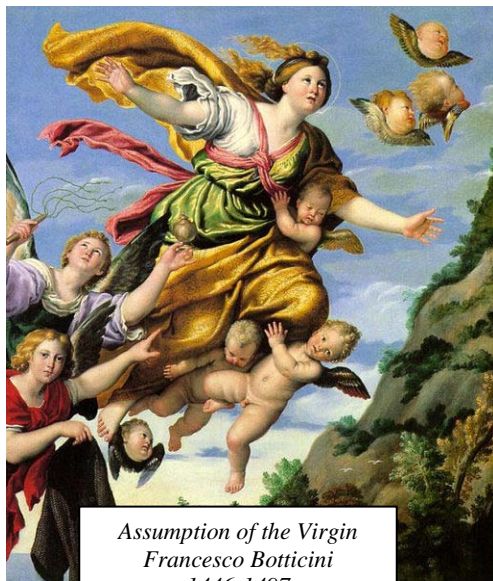
Let's pray for and support each other as we begin our new school year, the 106th year of SPS history, thus continuing the Lasallian tradition of transforming lives since 1680.

Note: In order to make up the four “lost classes” from last Friday, we will have FIVE periods, Monday through Thursday of this week, adding one of the lost classes to each day.

Mon, Aug 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption (C D E F G – five periods to make up for last Friday)

- **Today’s Solemnity** celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into Heaven at her death and being crowned Queen of Heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed infallibly by Pope Pius XII in 1950. May our Blessed Mother shower our school with her protection!

- **From the Archdiocese:** *Liturgical considerations for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin August 15, 2016, are as follows: Because the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin falls on a Monday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.*



Assumption of the Virgin
Francesco Botticini
1446-1497

- **This Day in History:** In 1914, the American-built Panama Canal, connecting Atlantic and Pacific, is inaugurated with the passage of the U.S. vessel *Ancon*, a cargo and passenger ship.

- **TDIH:** In 1877, Thomas Edison wrote to president of the Telegraph Co in Pittsburgh. The letter stated that the word, "hello" would be a more appropriate greeting than "ahoy" when answering the telephone – which was the way people were answering. I like “ahoy” – and think I’ll start answering the phone that way, thus scaring off callers!

- **National Relaxation Day:** Self-explanatory! Celebrate today – but only after 3!

- **Lemon Meringue Pie Day:** Enjoy this iconic dessert today!

- **New Parent Reception (6:30 – 8:00) in the BAC.** We hope all of our new parents will join us this evening.

Tue, Aug 16 (President’s Assembly; A B C D E)

- **TDIH:** Baseball great Babe Ruth (aka The Bambino & The Sultan of Swat) and rock star icon Elvis Presley (The King) died in 1948 & 1977, respectively, at ages 53 & 42, respectively.
- **TDIH:** In 1812, General William Hull surrenders Fort Detroit to the British without a fight. In 1814, Hull was court-martialed for cowardice and neglect of duty in the surrender and sentenced to die. Because of his service in the revolution, however, President James Madison remitted the sentence.

- **National Tell A Joke Day:** Celebrate today by telling jokes! I’ve done my part below.

- **President’s Assembly:** I look forward to beginning my recognition of student accomplishment.



Pre-freshman prepare to enter gym for first assembly

- **Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30)** under the Wolf Dome. This is for seniors. Thanks to the senior class moms for organizing this BBQ.

Wed, Aug 17(F G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1978, The *Double Eagle II* completes the first transatlantic balloon flight when it lands in a barley field near Paris, 137 hours after lifting off from Preque Isle, Maine.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, “the grooviest event in music history”-- the Woodstock Music Festival--closes after 3 days of peace, love and rock 'n' roll [and a lot more, too!] in upstate New York.
- **TDIH:** In 1896, prospectors find gold in Alaska, setting off the Klondike gold rush.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, Hurricane Camille devastates the Gulf Coast. We pray for a safe year!
- **Black Cat Appreciation:** If you don't like cats, read Edgar Allen Poe's “The Black Cat” instead!
- **Football:** Wolves scrimmage John Curtis (6) Come see the 2016 edition of SPS football!

Thu, Aug 18 (Assembly; D E F G A)

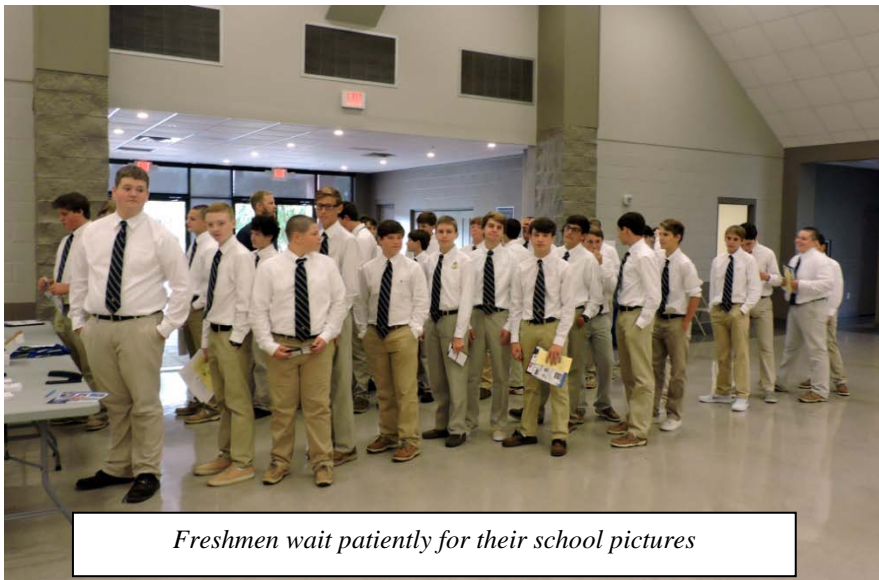
- **TDIH:** In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.
- **TDIH:** In 1963, James Meredith becomes first African American to graduate from the University of MS.
- **Bad Poetry Day:** This day was started by a group of cynics who, after all of the “good poetry” they were forced to read in high school, wanted payback. They want people to celebrate this day by gathering with friends, writing bad poetry, and sending the poetry to their high school English teachers! So with apologies to

Brother Hilary, the best English teacher ever who I was privileged to have for three years in high school, here's a really bad poem.

This Is Just a Text to Say by Kelly Robinson

*i 8 the salmon that wr n
the fridge & which u bought
at Costco 4 KT's thing after book club
4 give me they wr delicious
so pink & so salmon*

- **March through the Arch** commemorates the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian



Freshmen wait patiently for their school pictures

Brothers. Seniors assemble at arch by 7:15 for pictures. **Senior families are encouraged to attend. See below for more info.**

- **Senior & Parent Breakfast** following March. Because we all can't fit in the cafeteria, we will have outdoor tent and seating, thus providing “al fresco” dining (from the Italian meaning “in the fresh” – air, that is.)
- **Senior Unity Day.** After Breakfast until 11:00ish in the theater. In the afternoon, we will practice for ring ceremony. Dismissal follows practice.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony (6:30 pm in the BAC):**

Fri, Aug 19 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** *In 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution defeats British frigate Guerrière in a furious engagement off coast of Nova Scotia. Witnesses claim that British shot bounced off the Constitution's sides, as if the ship were made of iron rather than wood. By the war's end, "Old Ironsides" destroyed or captured seven more British ships. The success of the USS Constitution against the supposedly invincible Royal Navy provided a tremendous boost in morale for the young American republic.* (History Channel website)
- **National "Black Cow" Root Beer Float Day:** With vanilla ice cream, coppery root beer, and frothy foam, a root beer float is a classic. Root beer was manufactured, bottled, and sold starting in 1880. Legend has it that 13 years later, the root beer float, often referred to as a black cow, was invented when Frank Wisner of Cripple Creek, CO floated vanilla ice cream on top of his root beer. The full moon allowed him to glimpse the snow on top of nearby Cow Mountain. The tasty treat was tremendously popular among the town's children, who then called it a "black cow." Note: several dates claim to be the "national celebration day" -- obviously, people want an excuse to indulge!
- **Senior Ring Holiday:** Seniors—enjoy your holiday as I was tempted to revoke it due to the weather closing!
- **SSA 8th Grade Social (5:30-7) & SSA Back to School Dance (7-10):** Friday is SSA's annual social for the 8th graders of both schools. The Back to School Dance follows at 7. **Note:** we expect students to comply with rules and regulations of events at other schools. We expect students to respect staff from other schools. We will take disciplinary action against SPS students who do not uphold our standards while they attend such events. **This applies BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER the event.**

Sat, Aug 20 (Feast of St. Bernard)

- **TDIH:** In 1920, seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful National Football League.
- **TDIH:** In 1977, the space probe *Voyager 2* was launched. It continues to explore to this day, and is now more than 7 billion miles from Earth.
- **National Radio Day:** Listen to the radio today! My favorite? WWNO & WWNO 2 HD (NPR & Classical!)
- **World Mosquito Day:** In 1897, Sir Ronald Ross, a British doctor working in India, made the link that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. To mark this day, kill all the mosquitoes you can find! Eliminate standing water!
- **World Honey Bee Day:** Where would we be without these incredible creatures? Unlike Mosquito Day, do not kill any honey bees today – or any day. We need the honey bees!
- **Football Meet the Team (10 am in the BAC)**



Pre-freshmen dive into the exciting world of Gateway to Technology.

Sun, Aug 21 -- Attend church today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today. We encourage our non-Catholic families to worship at the church, synagogue, or mosque of their choice

- **TDIH:** In 1959, Hawaii enters the Union as the 50th state.
- **TDIH:** In 2004, American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his eighth medal of the 2004 Athens Olympics. As we all know by now, Phelps became the most medaled contestant in modern Olympian history.

- **National Spumoni Day:** This Italian dessert is made from layers of ice cream, whipped cream, candied fruit, and nuts. It is typically made with three layers of flavor: chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. Each layer of ice cream is mixed with fruits and nuts. Spumoni **should always be sliced, never scooped**. Enjoy this classic – but slice, don't scoop.
- **Poet's Day:** Celebrate poets today! Write a poem! Read a poem! Hug a poet!

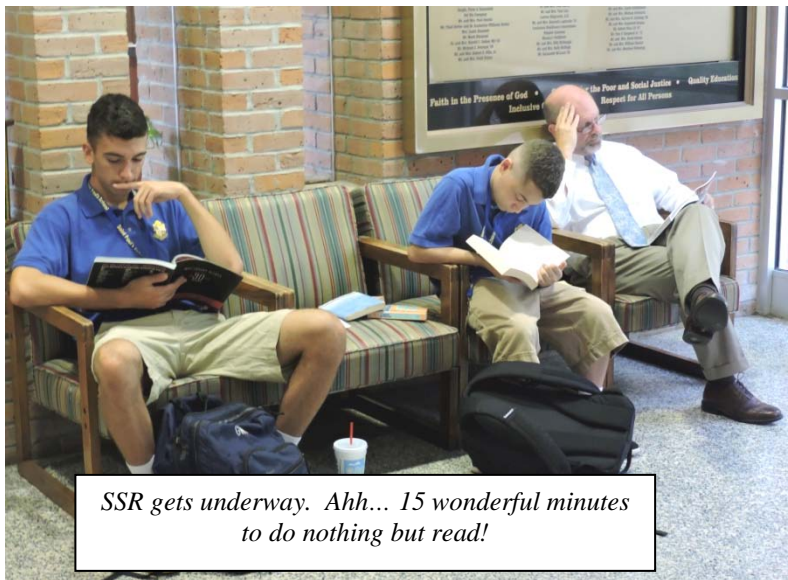
Emergency Closings: As experienced on Friday, Saint Paul's School will follow the same decision of closure as the public school system of St. Tammany Parish. The announcement concerning emergency closures will be broadcast on all local television stations in the metropolitan area of New Orleans when possible. School messaging will also be activated with updated information and situations unique to our school. For multi-day closings, Saint Paul's reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants, even if the public school remain closed, as was the case in Hurricane Katrina.

If you didn't get a robo-text and email last Friday morning, let me know.

New Parent Reception & Information Meeting: A welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** will be held on Mon, Aug. 15 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and an information meeting starts at 7:00 which will be over by 8:00. We hope you will be with us!

Musings on Last Week:

- **Friday School Closure:** I hope you suffered no damage in our unexpected weather holiday. Our robo-call system worked perfectly. I am grateful to Joe Dickens for activating the call system early Fri morning.
- **Pictures:** Yes, you can still order; no, you did not have to purchase an ID card.
- **Orientation Assemblies:** All went well. See below for a summary of what we did.
- **President's Assembly:** See below for a summary of what we did.
- **Mass:** We had to postpone mass, but thanks go to Liturgical Band, Eucharistic Ministers, Lasallian Young



SSR gets underway. Ahh... 15 wonderful minutes to do nothing but read!

Leaders, Jeff Ramon, Physical Plant crew and all who helped and who were prepared for our first liturgy.

- **SSR:** See below for a summary of SSR
- **Class of 2016 Yearbook Day:** Over 100 2016 grads showed up on Tue evening to get yearbooks and pictures of them receiving their diplomas from yours truly. They also received a picture receiving diplomas from the 8th grade promotion ceremony five years ago. Quite a contrast that produced many laughs – and a visible reminder of how quickly the years passed. They all agreed: SPS was a great place to grow up. It was

good to see them. Godspeed Class of 2016! Thanks to Alumni and Development Departments for giving up part of their evening to organize the event.

- **Moms Wine & Cheese Social:** A very good attendance last Tue night! Thanks, Mothers Club!
- **Five Core Rally** which I announced in last week's newsletter was a mistake –one of my many.
- **Chris Stipe** continued his concussion testing of our athletes.

ALERT St. Tammany: I encourage you to register for this service. It will inform you when any event poses a threat to us. With ALERT St. Tammany, the Parish can inform you, by phone, based on your geographical location in the Parish, when your safety or well-being is at risk. Evacuation orders, security issues and health threats are among some of the reasons they would feel it necessary to use the Alert St. Tammany. Your information will be used only for this purpose. You can access the self-registration page [here](https://stpgov.onthealert.com/) or at <https://stpgov.onthealert.com/> and enter contact info. I've signed up and will have the school react accordingly.

School Zone Cell Phone Ban: Motorists are now prohibited from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.

School Cell Phone Policy: We instituted a new policy last year and it worked fine so we are continuing it: students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. We were losing this battle so we made this concession – but we will be relentless in enforcing the no cell phone ban during class time and inside buildings. So if you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect.

Student Email Addresses: We issued each student a unique Saint Paul's email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to his new email, there's a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access**. The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1**.

Fall Sports Call-Outs: Football, Cross Country, and Swimming are underway!

The Rosary: The retired Brothers recite the Rosary each Monday morning at 7:50 in the Brothers Residence chapel. A group of SPS moms (past and present) joins them. You are welcome to join them, too, if your schedule permits. Just park in the front of the residence and enter the glass doors – you'll run right into the chapel. Rosary lasts about 15 minutes; post-rosary coffee and chatting – well, it's hard to say how long that lasts!



Trey and Bam smile at the start of their senior year.

Student-Parent Handbook & Signature Card: The signed cards are now overdue! The Student-Parent Handbook is posted on the homepage of our website (under the "Recent News" button.) Students and parents must know our policies and agree to follow them. As evidence of that agreement, students and parents **MUST** sign a form attesting they have read the Handbook, understand its contents, and intend to adhere to it. **Print out the signature form which is posted on our website in the student handbook if not already done.**

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.

Senior Week: SW is here! The Senior Class Moms sent out an email with specifics, but here's the basic plan:

- Tue, Aug 16 – Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Wed, Aug 17 – Varsity Football scrimmage v. John Curtis
- Thu, Aug 18 – March through the Arch at 8 am (seniors must arrive by 7:15 in school dress uniform)
- Thu, Aug 18 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30
- Thu, Aug 18 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:00 (I'll dismiss them earlier if we finish)
- Thu, Aug 18 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center (lasts 90 minutes max)
- Fri, Aug 19 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors

Traffic Flow on Campus: If you drop off or pick up your son, you are now aware of the congestion on the roadways in the morning and afternoon around our campus. We would like to ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety. Please do the following:

- Consider an alternate pick up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13th and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11th Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.
- DO NOT pick up your son using the shoulder of 11th Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.
- If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) car line, please wait to the left so that thru traffic can still move through our campus using the right lane.



A pre-freshman takes his class work seriously!

- Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.

- Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up.

- Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.

Last Week's Orientation: Please discuss with your son the assemblies he had last week:

- A chapel prayer service
- A meeting with Level Teachers to review handbook and policies
- A meeting with the counseling department
- A meeting with Coach Ken Sears to review expectations of conduct. **Note: during this assembly, Coach Sears conducted the Archdiocesan-mandated Child Protection/Safe Environment presentation which**

informs students about the dangers of abuse, how to prevent it, and what to do if it is suspected. Please discuss this with your son.

Helping Saint Paul's: Don't forget – If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!

Service Hours: We remind all of our students of their obligation to do at least 10 hours of service this year. Last May, a number of seniors did not receive their caps and gowns because they had not completed their service hours. If a student does not want to help others by giving of his time, Saint Paul's is not the place for him.

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams are already forming. Encourage your son to get involved. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

Silent Sustained Reading: Last Wednesday we began daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. Students were instructed to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared on Monday and every day thereafter. **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I'll keep you posted as to how things go.

Cafeteria: Again, for those families experiencing difficult financial times, the free and reduced lunch/ breakfast program can help. **Applications can be picked up from me or the cafeteria manager.** This does not embarrass your son as no one knows. It's all very confidential. Also, even if a student doesn't qualify for free/reduced lunch/breakfast, he can receive a free meal by helping to serve in the lunch line. It actually can be fun – I do it occasionally myself! Have your son approach me if he is interested.

Lost & Found: We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.

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

New Campus Signage: I hope you appreciate our new signage, courtesy of B & D Signs, Inc., which is owned by SPS parent Mark Daigle, father of junior Nikita. Mark and Nikita spent long hours installing the signage, which make our buildings much more identifiable to visitors. Hope, too, that you noticed the La Salle Hall signage which Mark also donated. Thank you, B & D Signs, Inc!

From the Student Council:

- The Student Council would like to invite all students to its general membership meeting on Monday, Aug 15, in room 107 at the beginning of the lunch period. Meetings are brief so students still have plenty of time to get lunch in the cafeteria.
- Pre Freshmen speeches and elections for Class President and Vice President will be held Friday, August 19. Students may obtain the rules and candidate forms from the Pre Freshmen English teachers Ms. Allen or Mrs. Wiggins. These forms are due Wednesday to room 107.

Speaking of Edline: Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son’s grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.* And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It’s very annoying when we get an Edline email with a question but your setting won’t accept our response.

After School Issues: Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. If your son does end up in AH or detention, establish a procedure for him to follow so you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We’ll provide a phone if needed.

Last Thursday’s Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 11 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Assembled in the new, air conditioned gym while listening to Baroque composer Jean-Joseph Mouret’s “Rondeau” and used this wonderfully stirring baroque piece of music to set the tone for the year. Ask your son to hum it for you! The older students should be able to do this!



- As junior **Brandon Nicotri** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for the following relatives of SPS families who have recently died: Mrs. Eve Barton, pre-freshman Donald Garvey’s maternal grandmother; Patsy Grefer, junior Gavin Grefer’s grandmother, Richard Allie Noel, grandfather of freshman Sean Noel; Col. Philip Gensler, grandfather of freshman Miles Gensler
- Asked the students, level by level, if they were ready to assume the tasks ahead of them; they responded enthusiastically, “Yes, Saint Paul’s, I’m ready!”
- Welcomed the new Pre-Freshmen as the Class of 2021 and had them enter to a rousing ovation by the rest of the student body and faculty;
- Had the faculty commit themselves to their role as Lasallian educators by having senior Lasallian Youth Leader President **Patrick Napier** and Vice President **Reagan Hill** ask the faculty a series of questions about their commitment to the Mission. Faculty responded to each question with a resounding “I will!” Assistant Principal Joe Dickens then briefly introduced the seven new faculty members.

- Ran out of time before I could do accomplish any individual recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly!
- We ended the assembly with Student Council President **Will Murphy** and Vice President **Oliver Sibley** blessing the entire student body and faculty with holy water while the ancient Marian hymn “Salve Regina” in Gregorian chant played in the background.
- Finally, we ended with the entire student body joining in a thunderous rendition of The Fight Song.
- I then reminded the students of our opening of school mass the next day and we prepared for it by singing “Mercy.” It was great hearing them sing again!
- As junior **Paul Gremillion** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of Mouret’s Rondeau.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be on Aug 23. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we’ve had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we’ve had call outs for football, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.

Humor of the Week: In honor of World Mosquito and Honey Bee Day on Sat and with apologies in advance:

- *What do you get if you cross the Lone Ranger with an insect? The Masked-quito!*
- *What has antlers and sucks blood? A moose-quito!*
- *What is a mosquito's favorite sport? Skin-diving!*
- *Why are mosquitoes religious? They prey on you!*
- *Why did the mosquito go to the dentist? To improve his bite!*
- *How do you know if you have a tough mosquito? You slap him and he slaps you back!*
- *What has 6 legs, bits and talks in code? A morse-quito!*
- *What is the difference between a mosquito and a fly? Try zipping a mosquito!*
- *What's the difference between a Mosquito and a fly? A mosquito can fly, but a fly can't mosquito!*
- *Why did the bee get married? Because he found his honey*
- *What do you call bears without ears? B's*
- *What do you call a wasp? A wanna-bee!*
- *What's a bee's favorite novel? The Great Gats-bee!*
- *What do you get if you cross a bee with a door bell? A hum dinger!*
- *Who is the bees' favorite pop group? The bee gees!*
- *What is a bee's favorite part of a relationship? The Honeymoon period.*
- *What did the sushi say to the bee? Wassabee!*

- *What do you call a bee that can't stop eating? Chub-bee.*
- *What kind of bee is a sore loser? A cryba-bee*
- *Who protects the Queen Bee? Her Hub-bee.*
- *How many bees do you need in a bee choir? A humdred!*
- *What do you call a bee born in May? A maybe!*
- *What kind of bee can't be understood? A mumble bee!*
- *Where do bees go on holiday? Stingapore!*
- *What is a bee's favorite classical music composer? Bee-thoven!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A Look Ahead

August

- 15 – New Parents Reception – 6:30 in BAC
- 16 – President's Assembly in Gym
- 16 – Senior BBQ (5:30 – 7:30)
- 18 – March Through the Arch, Senior Parent Breakfast, Senior Unity day, Senior Ring Ceremony
- 19 – Senior Holiday/Back to School Dance at SSA
- 20 – Football Meet the Team
- 22 – Safety Week Begins
- 23 – Pack Time- Get Involved Day
- 26 – Senior graduation products ordering during lunch
- 27 – President's Annual Fund Dinner
- 29 – Parent/Teacher Mini Schedule – 6:30 PM
- 30-- President's Assembly – Shadow Day

September

- 05 – Labor Day Holiday
- 06 – Pack Time
- 10 – ACT on campus
- 10 – Touchdown Club Dance
- 13/14 Senior Portraits
- 13 – President's Assembly – Shadow Day – Snack Day
- 17 – SPS Math Tournament
- 19 – Founders Week
- 20 – Pack Time
- 21 -- All School mass
- 23 – Field Day (Periods GA meet)
- 24 – Jr Hi Homecoming Dance
- 27 – ACT on campus for seniors
- 28 & 29 – Senior Portraits
- 30 – Homecoming Pep Rally

October



Students enjoy first lunch period of 2016 -17!

01 – SAT on campus – Sr. High Homecoming Dance
04 – President’s Assembly – Shadow Day
11 – Pack Time
14 – Grandparents Day (11:30); Periods BC meet – End of First Quarter
17 -- Fall Break Day (no classes)
18 – Second quarter begins

Whew! That’s enough for now! I’m sure I’ve forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

As usual, I’ll close with a 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!

Pray that we continue to have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul’s! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Off to a Great Start for 2016 - 17 as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School

“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”
~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

