

Note: Our thoughts and prayers extend to the many thousands of people in south Louisiana who have been negatively impacted by the recent unprecedented flooding in the area. While Saint Paul's escaped unscathed, and our lives are returning to normal, thousands face long and difficult recovery periods. As we go about our daily, relatively comfortable lives, we remember those who are hurting. We will do our part to aid in the recovery, and I'm pleased that so many of our students have asked how they can help. In addition to the Humane Society drive we are conducting, the baseball team has partnered with the Kiwanis Club to collect the following items for victims of the flooding: toiletries, personal items (pillows, blankets clothing, etc.), and items for infants (diapers, wipes, clothes, etc). Items should be brought to Mrs. Jordan's classroom or PE classroom in new gym. Also, I've been told that a number of students have joined the recovery efforts throughout the area. I'm very proud of them.



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

Aug 22 - 28, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



Last week's Senior Week moved me deeply. It usually does, but I found last week's events particularly moving. Maybe it's just old age, but I detected an amazing level of insight and maturity among the members of the Class of 2017. I was touched by their willingness to share their "stories" during Unity Day. The Spirit of God was definitely moving in the theater last Thursday morning. Here are a few lines that I jotted down that morning, as senior after senior spontaneously took the floor to speak to his brothers:

- *I'm proud to know you guys. Y'all are awesome.*
- *Let's make this a year when we all give 110%*
- *I don't want to leave this place.*
- *Do things for the 8th graders – even small things. Invest in them.*
- *I had a negative self-image when I came here but you made me feel like you cared about me.*
- *It's cool to be part of this brotherhood.*
- *When I first arrived, I barely spoke English and Coach Sears looks at my hair and says "That's not gonna fly, Chief." I had no idea what he was talking about!.*
- *Y'all are my family.*
- *You bring out who I really am.*
- *It's a pleasure to call you brothers.*
- *Y'all have made me a better man.*
- *I would not want to be anywhere else.*
- *I would not trade any of you for any other student anywhere.*
- *Let's ask that any hearts of stone be broken.*
- *Let's thank faculty and staff [followed by applause!]*
- *I had a plan last year – it went down in flames. But that's OK.*
- *I was not comfortable opening up; now I am.*



Seniors surround our Founder to pray and sing following the March through the Arch

- *I was depressed; I am here today because of all of you.*
- *I'm OK now.*
- *Serve each other as we serve God: with heart and soul and mind and strength*
- *I'm always available if anyone needs to talk.*
- *I love y'all.*

I could go on with many more such quotations, but I think you get the flavor of our time together. SPS is indeed transforming lives –which Lasallian education has been doing since 1680. God bless the Class of 2017! I'm incredibly proud to be their school president – and the Classes of 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021!

All school mass at 9:15 am Thursday; dress uniform required! Parents invited!

Mon, Aug 22 (Regular; F G A B; Feast of the Queenship of Mary)

- **This Day in History:** In 1989, Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers becomes first major league pitcher in to register 5,000 career Ks.
- **TDIH:** In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt becomes first president to ride in an automobile.
- **Be An Angel Day:** Be like angels today and do one small act of service for someone; be a blessing in someone's life!



Ruston, Max, Patrick and Reagan read "The Call of Samuel" at Ring Ceremony, reminding all that God calls each of us

Tue, Aug 23 (Memorial of St. Rose; Pack Time; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** Legendary Pete Rose is banned from baseball for betting on the game.
- **Wolf Pack Time:** Wolf Packs debut today. As Gina and Kevin sent out last week, all must cooperate for this to be successful. I am very grateful to all who are helping to infuse life into this program—which consistently is touted in educational literature as a potential powerful force for school spirit, safety, unity, and progress. I thank Kevin & Gina who again will lead the Packs this year.
- **Get Involved Day:** see below for more info
- **Alumni General Meeting (6:30 in Cafeteria)**

Wed, Aug 24 (Feast of St. Bartholomew; Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 79, Mount Vesuvius erupts in southern Italy, devastating the Roman cities of Pompeii and

Herculaneum.

- **Strange Music Day:** Strange Music Day was started by Patrick Grant, a Julliard graduate and professional musician. The purpose of Strange Music Day is to listen to music you have never heard before, just for the heck of it. Have fun today and listen to something different! I'll ask some students for suggestions!
- **National Waffle Day:** Today marks the anniversary of the first waffle iron patent in 1869. Eat a waffle today! Or just keep changing your mind about things -- get it? Waffling?
- **Mass at 7 am:** We again are privileged to have Father Jacob to celebrate mass for us on Wednesday mornings at 7:00. Encourage your son to take advantage of this mid-week spiritual practice.
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Mandeville (5:30)

Thu, Aug 25 (Mass schedule; Memorial of St. Louis; dress uniform day; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1944, French General Jacques LeClerc enters Paris, freeing it from German control during WW II.
- **Kiss and Make Up Day.** Today is a great day to end a spat, a fight, an argument, or a feud. And it can be fun! The “kiss” is optional, but everyone is encouraged today to “bury the hatchet” over an argument or disagreement.
- **National Banana Split Day** celebrates the invention of this treat in 1904. Splurge ‘n eat a Banana Split today!
- **Opening of School Mass** is this morning, re-scheduled from the Aug 12 weather closure. **Students must wear their dress uniforms.**
- **Cross Country Meet the Time Trials and Meet the Team**

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Parents Invited!**

Fri, Aug 26 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1944, French General Jacques LeClerc enters Paris, freeing it from German control during WW II.
- **TDIH:** In 1974, Charles Lindbergh, the first man to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, dies at age of 72. Trivia Question: What was the name of Lindbergh’s plane in which he first crossed Atlantic? Answer at end.
- **National Dog Day:** Give Fideaux an extra treat today and appreciate your pet!
- **Balfour Senior Products Ordering Day (during lunch) – see below for more info**
- **Football Jamboree:** Rummel JV v. SPS JV;
Rummel Varsity v. SPS Varsity (6)

Sat, Aug 27

- **Memorial of St. Monica** -- a special one for all moms, as Monica prayed for years for the conversion of her son, Augustine, who strayed far from the path of righteousness. Her persistent prayer paid off and Augustine became one of the greatest saints in the church. Thanks, St. Monica!
- **TDIH:** Brother Ralph Baltz, a member of our retired Christian Brothers Community celebrates his 96th birthday today. Brother has had to slow down a bit of late due to health issues, but he’s working hard to return to full activity. We offer him our prayer and best wishes on this special day. We thank him for his life as a Christian Brother in the cause of Lasallian education. *Ad multos annos*, Brother!
- **TDIH:** In 1910, Mother Teresa is born. In honor of her birth, coincidentally on the same day as Brother Ralph’s birth, I reprint a famous prayer which is purported to be hers. I’ve used it before but it’s always worth re-reading:

*People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.*



Seniors sing robustly at Ring Ceremony

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

- **President's Annual Fund Appreciation Dinner (7)**

Sun, Aug 28 -- Attend church today. We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today.

We encourage non-Catholic families to worship at place of choice.

- If today were not a Sunday, the Church would be celebrating the memorial of Saint Augustine -- a most influential scholar saint. His story offers us much by way of inspiration. From Catholic Online: *Augustine is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a life of loose living, parties, and worldly ambitions. His turnaround and conversion have inspired many who struggle with a particular vice they long to break.*

This son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent years in wicked living. One of the most intelligent men who ever lived and brought up Christian, his sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind. Through prayers of his mother and St. Ambrose's preaching, Augustine became convinced that Christianity was the true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day he heard about two men who had converted, and he felt terribly ashamed. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"

Augustine flung himself out to the garden and cried, "How long, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Then he heard a child singing, "Take and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage. It was just what he needed: Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, bishop, famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and a great saint. On the wall of his room he had the following written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." Augustine overcame heresies, practiced poverty supported the poor, preached often and prayed with great fervor until his death. His holy life made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. The following prayer by Augustine is beautiful:

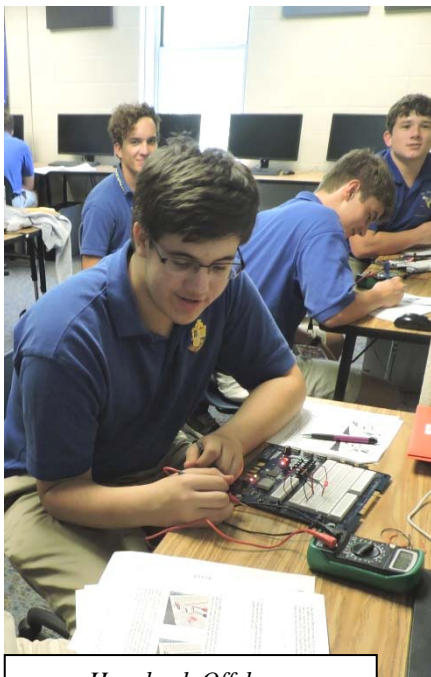
Late have I loved You, O Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved You! For behold, you were within me and I outside, and I sought you outside. In my unloveliness, I fell upon these lovely things that you had made. Thou were with me and I was not with You. I was kept from You by those things, yet had they not been from You, they would not have been at all. You did call and cry to me to break open my deafness. I tasted You, and now hunger and thirst for You; You touched me, and I burn for Your peace.



Renee' Sibley and Cheryl Murphy bless the seniors while the rest of the senior parents recite the parental blessing.

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Biomedical Science Program Good News: Six years ago, Saint Paul's inaugurated a biomedical sciences program via Project Lead the Way's nationally recognized curriculum. This was made possible by a sponsorship from the Harry T. Howard Foundation. The five year agreement with the Foundation ended last year and while we will always be grateful to the Foundation for launching our program, we needed to find a new sponsor. I am pleased to announce that Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Oubre of the Ponchartrain Cancer Center have generously offered to sponsor the program for the next four years. The Cancer Center and their personnel will be resources for the students involved in the program. The PLTW Biomedical Sciences Program is aligned with national learning standards, following a proven hands-on, real world problem solving approach to learning. The students explore the concepts of human medicine, and are introduced to a variety of topics including: physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health. Kathy Oubre, Pontchartrain Cancer Center's Chief Operating Officer stated, "David and I are blessed and honored to be able to give back to Saint Paul's School, a community that has meant so much to our family over the years. Moreover, this sponsorship allows us the opportunity to be a part of further educating those Saint Paul's students who have an interest in biomedical science." Dr. & Mrs. Oubre are the



Hornbeck Offshore Engineering Program at SPS gives students lots of hands-on learning.

parents of SPS alumnus Nicholas, Class of 2016, and Michael, Class of 2020. Thank you, Dr. & Mrs. Oubre! May your generosity help provide the next generation of medical personnel!

Emergency Closings: As per policy of Office of Catholic Schools, Saint Paul's will follow the decision of closure by 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 when possible. School messaging will also be activated with updated information and situations unique to our school. **If you didn't receive your robo-call on the morning of Aug 12, let us know.** For multi-day closings, Saint Paul's reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants, even if public schools remain closed, as was the case in Hurricane Katrina when we re-opened weeks before public schools.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Five Period Schedules:** Thanks for adjusting to the "make up five period schedule days" last week.

- **New Parent Reception:** Thanks to all, especially the Development Team. The evening went very well and I kept my word and had everything finished before 8 pm!

- **Football Scrimmage:** Thanks to all who helped. It went very well and I'm

told we looked good!

- **Senior Week:** Thanks to all who helped make the Senior BBQ, the March through Arch, Senior Breakfast (especially Mark and Liam Dixon of *LaLou* who catered the event), Unity Day, and Senior Ring Ceremony so successful. Shout outs to the Mothers' Club, Physical Plant Director Don Pressley and his maintenance staff, Senior Class Moderator Paul Scoriels, senior parents and Special Events Coordinator Shellie Campo. **Special**

thanks to Mr. Steve Arton, manager of Chick-fil-A at the HWY 21 location, for donating the sandwiches for the Unity Day lunch. Support his business if you can.

- **Football:** Meet the Team was successful on Sat.
- **Pre-freshman Student Council Election** was held on Friday morning. Speeches and candidates were great. Congratulations to Pre-freshman President Michael Slimming and Vice-President Davis Lagarde!
- **SSA Back to School Dance:** I'm told all went well with no problems! Thanks SSA!

Get Involved Day: Tuesday is GID. Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc will have displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students can talk to representatives from these clubs, etc. and decide if they wish to join. Encourage your son to get involved!

LHSAA Flooded: We received the following last week: *Presently the LHSAA mode of normal day-to-day operations is suspended until further notice. As you may or may not know, the LHSAA office on Old Hammond Hwy has approximately 20" of water throughout. We have staff members and/or immediate family of staff that now have homes with water from various inches to rooftop flooding.* What this means for the high school athletics right now remains uncertain. The LHSAA assured us that they are working on implementing an emergency plan. In the meantime, we will continue with our normal athletic operation, which is in full compliance with all LHSAA regulations.

Wolf Pack Time: Our revised advisory program (now known as Wolf Packs) debuts on Tuesday. Here's info:

- All students are assigned to a Wolf Pack which will meet every other Tuesday. The Wolf Pack is a grouping of a single faculty member and a selection of students. Most, but not all, returning students have the same faculty advisor as they did last year. Many factors were involved in forming Packs but any adjustments were done out of necessity.

Students will be informed on Mon as to which Wolf Pack they are assigned.

- The "re-branding" of the program to Wolf Packs is intended foster a 'pack' mentality to promote a group relationships.



- A committee of teachers and students plans each Wolf Pack time.
- During Pack Time, we still deal with important topics of discussion when such topics are deemed relevant and necessary (bullying, safety, etc.). We also emphasize DOING things to reinforce the topic of the day as opposed to just talking.
- The success of the program relies upon everyone's openness to the structure. Many people, teachers and students work hard to make this program relevant and enjoyable.
- Senior leadership/ mentoring is stressed, especially between 12th & 8th grades. This is Big Brother program.
- I hope your son has positive things to say about our first Wolf Pack time on Tuesday.

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Student Council News: Throughout the year Student Council will collect empty ink and toner cartridges for recycling. Please send any brand toner or ink cartridges from your home or office. Collection bins are located in the Library, Guidance Office and Miss Claire's office.

Senior Graduation Supplies: Seniors received ordering packets last Thursday from Balfour, the schools vendor for these supplies (graduation announcements, name cards, etc.) Senior parents, please note the following:

- You do not have to order anything; this is strictly optional.
- Graduation announcements are exactly that – announcements. They are NOT invitations to the ceremony. On the last day of your son's senior year, he will be given EIGHT (8) tickets to the ceremony. No ticket – no admission. If you will need more, start seeking out those who do not need the full 8.
- You do not order caps and gowns. These are provided by the school.
- Order forms are due this Friday as Balfour reps will be on campus during lunch.

Last Tuesday's Assembly: My power point malfunctioned that morning (actually, I forgot to save the final version to the flash drive!) so I was limited in my presentations. In spite of my technological shortcomings, I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 16 assembly. Here's what we did:

- Listened to the “**Academic Festival Overture**” by **Johannes Brahms, a German composer who lived from 1833-1897**. This piece was composed in 1880. Brahms never went to college. In 1879, after Brahms had achieved much fame in the music world, the University of Breslau conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Brahms was flattered and sent a postcard of thanks to the faculty. However, he needed to do more. While vacationing at Bad Ischl during the summer of 1880, Brahms penned his musical “thank you” – the Academic Festival Overture – to the university. With a masterful balance of serious and light-hearted elements, the emphasis is on the “festival” rather than the “academic” in an overture that brims with an irrepressible sense of fun. As we begin our academic year, the Academic Festival Overture seemed appropriate – we have serious work ahead, but we'll have periods of fun, too.
- Prayed, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Matthew Borgatti**, for all suffering from the recent flooding.
- I then told the students that before I could recognize this year's accomplishments, I still had things on my list from last year that I never got around to recognizing, so we traveled back in time.
- Recognized the Catholic High Math Tournament winners from last January
 - **Algebra 1 (Ben Klein, 2nd place, Josh Bonnett, 3rd, & Andrew Lacoste, 4th)**
 - **Algebra 2 (Matthew Borgatti, Honorable Mention)**
 - **Algebra I Team (Andrew Aceves, Josh Bonnett, Christopher Guillot, 2nd Place), (Adam Smith, Darrin Lea, Ben Klein, Andrew Lacoste, 3rd Place)**
 - **Geometry -- 4th (Ross Hightower and Cullen Irwin)**
 - **Algebra II -- 1st (Daniel Wieseneck, Beren Perry, William James, Jordan Edney)**

- **Calculus B -- 3rd (Luke Avenel, John Cresson, Ethan Desforges)**
 - **8th Grade Interschool --1st place (Darrin Lea, Adam Smith, Andrew Lacoste, Ben Klein, Josh Bonnett, Christopher Guillot)**
 - **Alg 2 & Below Interschool – 3rd (Andrew Aceves, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Andrew Norlin, Forge Mathes, Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Ashton van Deventer, William James, Beren Perry, Jordan Edney, Daniel Wieseneck, Lester Guttuso, Jack Manifold, Henry Elliott)**
- Recognized and congratulated the new members of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society: Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Max Catalanotto, Carson Caulfield, Evan Cook, Jordan Edney, Robert Ferrante, John Connor Flick, Parker Hagood, Christian Harrison, Hanzala Hussain, William James, Benjamin Klein, Jack Manifold, Forge Mathes, Payton McNeil, Brandon Nicotri, Andrew Norlin, Ryley Perez, Beren Perry, Zachary Scheurich, Noah Seiden, Blake Vallee, Ashton van Deventer, Cameron Vidal
 - Recognized and congratulated the winners in last spring’s Foreign Language Festival at SLU:
 - Native Speaker Division: **David Needles (Spanish Prose) 1st Place** and **Daniel Núñez (Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking) 2nd place**
 - Spanish Poetry Division: **Sp. II Blake Ramsey (3rd place); Sp. III Christopher Flood (1st pl)**
 - French Music : **Andrew Aceves (3rd place)**
 - Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking: **Luke Vargas (3rd in Spanish I), Matthew Borgatti (1st place in Spanish III) and Adam Moennich (1st in Spanish IV** which carried with it a \$1000 award to travel to a Spanish speaking country.
 - Other participants in the Festival were: Stephen Millet, Ben Klein, Cullen Irwin, William Heebe, Forge Mathes, Miguel Seruntine, John Connor Flick, Adrian Millan, Joshua Rovira, Kenneth Avanzino, William James and Jonathan King.
 - Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song in support of all of the activities going on around school and then sang “Mercy.”
 - As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Hanzala Hussain**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Brahms’s “Academic Festival.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so – in spite of my technology woes!



Seniors enjoy Senior Week BBQ

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Mini-Schedule Night: On Monday, Aug 29, parents are invited to school to meet their sons' teachers by following a mini-schedule of their son's classes. The evening begins at 6:30 and last until about 8, with ten minute periods. Come experience what your son does!

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!

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.

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.
- 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.

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: We have begun 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: you 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!

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.

Humor of the Week: In honor of National Dog Day on Aug 26. Apologies in advance...

- *How did the little Scottish dog feel when he saw a monster? Terrier-fied!*
- *Why did the dog cross the road? To get to the "barking" lot!*
- *What is it called when a cat wins a dog show? A CAT-HAS-TROPHY!*
- *What kind of dog does Dracula have? A bloodhound!*
- *What happened when the dog went to a flea circus? He stole the show!*
- *What do you get if you cross a gold dog with a telephone? A golden receiver!*
- *What do a dog and a phone have in common? Collar I.D.*
- *What do you get if you cross a Beagle and Australian dog? Dingo Starr*
- *What do you call a dog magician? A labracadabrador. [LOL]*
- *What do you get when you cross a race dog with a bumble bee? A Greyhound Buzz.*
- *What do you call a large dog that meditates? Aware wolf.*
- *What do you call a frozen dog? A pupsicle.*
- *What did the skeleton say to the puppy? Bonappetite!*
- *What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator? A friend you can count on.*
- *Did you hear about the dog who couldn't stop talking like a horse? It was a dog and pony show.*

- *What do you call a cold dog? A Chilli Dog.*
- *How is a dog and a marine biologist alike? One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.*
- *When does a dog go "moo"? When it is learning a new language!*
- *Why do dogs bury bones in the ground? Because you can't bury them in trees!*
- *Why did the poor dog chase his own tail? He was trying to make both ends meet!*
- *What kind of dog chases anything red? A Bulldog.*
- *What state do dogs like? New Yorkie.*
- *What happened to the dog that swallowed a firefly? It barked with de-light! [LOL]*
- *What is a dog's favorite instrument? A trombone.*
- *What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a rose? A collie-flower!*
- *Why do dogs wag their tails? Because no one else will do it for them!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

All School Mass on Thursday – DRESS UNIFORM Required

A Look Ahead

August

- 23 – Pack Time- Get Involved Day
- 26 – Senior graduation products ordering during lunch
- 27 – President's Annual Fund Dinner
- 29 – Parent/Teacher Mini Schedule
- 30-- President's Assembly – Shadow Day

September

- 05 – Labor Day Holiday
- 06 – Pack Time
- 10 – ACT on campus
- 10 – Touchdown Club Dance
- 13 – 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



*Seniors prepare to
March through the Arch*

October

- 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

Did I mention we have an all 9:15 school Mass on Thursday and that dress uniform is required and that parents are invited?

Whew! That's enough for now! 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!

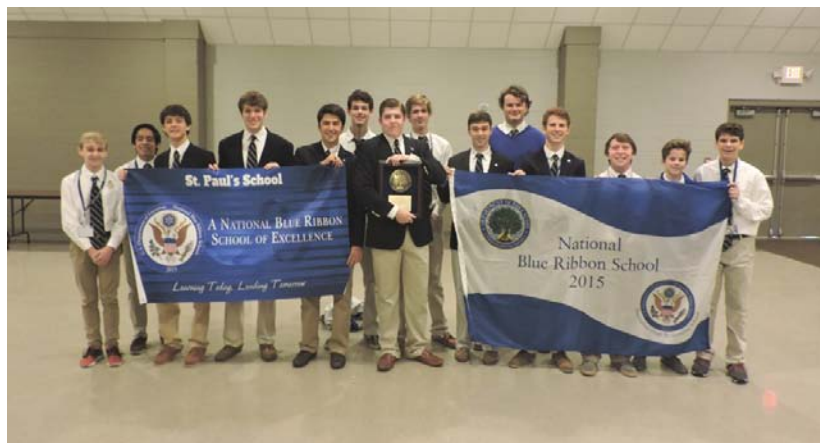
Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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)

Answer to Aug 26th Trivia Question: Charles Lindberg's plane was named The Spirit of St. Louis!



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