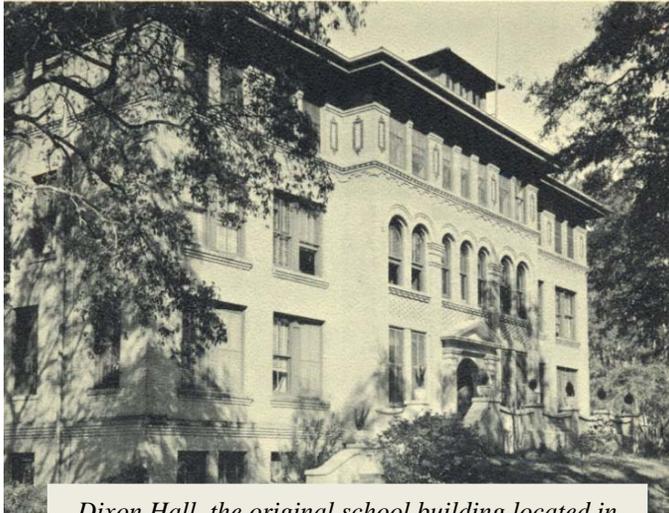




*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*

September 5 - 11, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



Dixon Hall, the original school building located in Founder's Circle, contained classrooms, labs, dormitories, & housing for faculty on top floor

Happy 105th Birthday, Saint Paul's!

Wednesday, Sep 14, is the 105th anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of St. Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictine priests (Fathers Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, & Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, & Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, 70 boarders & 30 day students had enrolled. The rest, as they say, is history. And so Wednesday will be a day of remembrance:

- We will remember the commitment and faithfulness of the Benedictines in founding Saint Paul's school, making it as a place of learning, growth, and the Spirit of God.
- We will remember the courageous Christian Brothers who assumed ownership of Saint Paul's in the summer of 1918 against incredible odds, after being exiled from France and barely escaping with their lives from Mexico. We will thank them for bringing the 335+ year Lasallian dream here.
- We will remember all the Christian Brothers and their Partners who have worked to make the Lasallian dream alive here in Covington -- a dream incarnate in this year's student body. It is a dream that says that at Saint Paul's, we are all brothers and sisters, no one is insignificant, everyone is important, we are ministers of God's grace to one another, and we must announce the message of the gospels, thus bringing salvation to all.
- We will remember alumni and former students and the contribution that each made – especially those who no longer walk on this earth, but remain important to us.

As we enter into the sixth year of our second century, we again remember and paraphrase the words of Nobel Laureate William Faulkner, that we will "not merely endure, we will prevail" because we have "souls capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance." Indeed, Saint Paul's will prevail as long as we remember, in the words of William Faulkner, the "courage and honor and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of the past" and which we are now called upon to replicate.



Saint Paul's College Faculty in 1921 Brother Charles Crouzet is on the right of the middle row.

And now I present to you Saint Paul's School – 105 years young! And as I tell the students all the time: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age. As we thank God for our past, we pause and remember that we are still walking on holy ground -- for God is here and where God is -- is holy. Happy Birthday Saint Paul's School! *Ad multos annos!*

Mon, Sep 12 (Regular; F G A B)

- **This Day in History:** In 2013, the **Catholic Lasallian Assessment Process** Team began its visitation. SPS passed glowingly!
- **TDIH:** In 1940, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings are discovered by four teenagers who stumbled upon the ancient artwork after following their dog down a narrow entrance into a cavern. The 15,000- to 17,000-year-old paintings, consisting mostly of animal representations, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period. What to see them? Click here: http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/?lng=en#/fr/02_00.xml
- **Chocolate Milkshake Day! Enjoy!**
- **Banana Day:** Eat this healthy snack today! I eat one every day. Wash it down with a Chocolate Shake!
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in action this afternoon at TCC.

Tue, Sep 13 (President's Assembly; Shadow Day; Snack Day; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens words, later set to music, that in 1931 become USA's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written when Key saw Fort McHenry in Maryland bombarded by British in the War of 1812 & was inspired by a lone U.S. flag flying at daybreak.
- **National Peanut Day** is the peanuttiest of days. Native to South America, the locals there couldn't keep this great nut to themselves. Actually, peanuts are not nuts. They are "legumes", like peas, beans, and lentils. Who knew?
- **Blame Someone Else Day:** self explanatory! Feel free to blame me!
- **National Hollerin' Day!** Feel free to holler today – after school, of course.
- **National Iguana Day:** Celebrate the lowly iguana today! I may re-read *Night of the Iguana* by Tennessee Williams
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen v. Rummel (6)



Robo-Wolves sell Chick-fil-A biscuits on Fri morn

Wed, Sep 14 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross & SPS Birthday; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1911, 48 students, 5 Benedictine priests, and 4 lay teachers opened Saint Paul's College and began classes, beginning an educational tradition of excellence that continues today. Happy B-Day, SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1741, George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* (not "The Messiah") after working on it nonstop for 23 days. It's one of my favorite pieces of music – absolutely incredible! Listen to it today!
- **TDIH:** In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized by Pope Paul VI, making her the first American saint.
- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** Emperor Heracles, who brought the cross discovered by Saint Helena in 320 AD (and purported to be the True Cross) to Jerusalem, placing it on the believed spot of Jesus' crucifixion, began this feast in 629. I don't know whether the Benedictines opened SP on this feast by coincidence or plan, but establishing Saint Paul's was a triumph by them and, later, by the Christian Brothers. Today, it remains a triumph. With your dedication, it will triumph far into the future, a triumph of the Lasallian dream and God's work.

- **National Hug Your Hound Day:** Give Fideaux a great big hug.
- **Eat A Hoagie Day:** Go ahead and indulge today!
- **Sacrament of Penance:** Confessions will be available in ALL Catholic churches in the Archdiocese this evening from 5 – 6:30 pm. From Archbishop Aymond: *"Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Francis has reminded us that God never tires of forgiving us. Perhaps we grow tired of asking for forgiveness. He reminds us instead that we must*

humbly ask for God's mercy knowing that he gives it in abundance. Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 14th”

- **Football:** 9th & JV at Franklinton (5:30)

Thu, Sep 15 (Regular; D E F G)

- **8-Track Tape Day:** OK, admit it! Some of you probably still have these relics from the past. I know of at least one SPS teacher who still uses them!
- **TDIH:** In 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls. The incident is memorialized in a famous poem, “Ballad of Birmingham.” Click here to read the poem (which we study in my English class): <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175900>
- **TDIH:** In 1916, tanks are first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of Somme in WW I.

Fri, Sep 16 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1620, *The Mayflower* ship departed from England, bound for American with 102 passengers and a small crew. Trivia Question: what is the traditional site where the pilgrims disembarked on Dec 26? Answer at end.
- **Mexican Independence Day:** The **Grito de Dolores** (“*Cry of Dolores*”) was uttered from the small town of Dolores, near Guanajuato in Mexico, on September 16, 1810. It is the event that marks the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. The “grito” was the *pronunciamiento* of the Mexican War of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Roman Catholic priest. Since October 1825, the anniversary of the event is celebrated as **Mexican Independence Day**, not Cinco de Mayo, of Mexico's Independence from Spain. Viva la independencia!
- **The Trail of Tears Commemoration Day:** this day, also called the Cherokee Removal Day, refers to the forced relocation of the Cherokee Nation from their lands in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and North Carolina to the Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma) in the Western United States from 1836 to 1839. More than 4,000 Cherokee died along the trail during this relocation. This is a sad blot on our nation’s history.
- **National Guacamole Day:** Celebrate today! Delicious! Ole!
- **American Legion Day:** Congress granted the AL its federal charter on this day in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from WW I. Since then, it has grown and supported all veterans.
- **Football:** Varsity at Denham Springs (7:00)



Seniors meet with Kenyon College rep in counseling center. SPS 2015 alumnus Burke Irwin is currently attending Kenyon – doing very well and loving it.

Sat, Sep 17

- **TDIH:** In 1862, the bloodiest day in US military history occurred as Gen Robert E. Lee and his Confederate armies were stopped in Antietam, MD by Gen George B. McClellan. 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, SPS reopens after 3 weeks of Hurricane Katrina closure. We were among first to open – miraculous! Thanks to many people – to then Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, to contractors, to our physical plant crew, to students, parents, & teachers who made reopening possible. We thank God, too.
- **Constitution Day:** In 1787, the official signing of the US constitution takes place – a document we should all treasure and become more familiar with.

- **National Apple Dumpling Day:** Indulge and enjoy
- **22nd Annual Math SPS Tournament:** Geaux Fighting Math Wolves as you sponsor one of the premier math tournaments in the area.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves host Christian Brothers Invitational at Money Hill

Sun, Sep 18 – I encourage all families to attend their place of worship today!

- **TDIH:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs the National Security Act which establishes a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air Force.
- **National Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal!



Senior research in library

- **POW/MIA Recognition Day (always 3rd Fri of Sept):** Today we hope and pray for the speedy and safe return of American Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action. The first official commemoration of this day was in 1979. We pray for all in this situation.

Lunch with the Archbishop: Last Friday, Archbishop Gregory Aymond hosted the CEOs (presidents & principals of schools without presidents) of the 22 high schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. As always, the Archbishop expressed his support of our work with the “Young Church.” The dialogue was open, honest, and supportive. Among the issue we discussed were: the LHSAA (surprise!); Catholic identity of our schools; Chaplains and Eucharistic Ministers; new Religion curriculum for 2017-18; cooperation v. competition among our schools; and expanding our availability to special needs students – which is emerging as a prime goal of this Archbishop. He assured us of his support and prayer and asked that we extend his gratitude to our faculties. I am grateful to him for his support of the high schools as we all face the challenges of the future. (And it was a VERY nice lunch!)

Musing on Last Week

- **Pack Time:** We focused on the 9/11 incident of 2001 – before most of our students were even born. The video we showed was powerful. My guys sat glued to the TV. I hope your son spoke to you about it. Most were born post-911 and only a couple of my seniors had the vaguest of recollections.
- **Marching Wolves & Golden Blues:** Thanks for a great halftime show Friday.
- **FB:** 8th fought hard v. Sci Tech, 9th fought hard v. Rummel and Varsity played hard v. Jesuit – and won in OT.
- **Cross Country:** Harriers were up & at ‘em early Sat, heading for Baton Rouge and returned with a FIRST place trophy! Jr Hi finished third! Great start, CC Wolves!
- **Mission Collection:** Our collections are going well. In the words of the late Bro. Clarence, “St Paul’s cares, St Paul’s shares.”
- **ACT:** Again, the only problems were on the test
- **Swim Team:** The Aqua Wolves did well in their first meet.

Admissions for 2017 - 18: Yes, we are already looking ahead to next year. Here’s how you can help: If you know any family who might be interested in SPS, encourage them to

- Consider a shadow day (but hurry as space is filling up fast;)
- Encourage them to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 29 at 1 pm. Send us their email address or physical address and we’ll send them an invitation.
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you

ID Cards: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their SPS issued lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he must purchase a temporary ID from Sgt. Pressley. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

And Speaking of Edline: Please check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grade and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.*

Football Game Day Shirts: the Touchdown Club's Game Day shirts are now being sold in the Mothers' Club Bookstore.

Paws with a Cause: Several seniors have partnered with Children's Hospital in New Orleans to raise funds for Children's oncology program. They have named their drive Paws with a Cause and seek pledges for each point the varsity football team scores during regular season. To view their website and learn more about the program, to <http://pledgeit.org/paws-with-a-cause> Seniors Miles Roppolo, Brycen Brown, Kevin Katich and Austin LeBlanc are spearheading this effort. I am proud of them.

Jazz n Roll: Join us for the **27th anniversary of Jazz 'N Roll on Saturday, November 12!** Come together with parents, alumni, sponsors and supporters in the community for Saint Paul's major fundraiser. This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend **SATURDAY evening from 7:00pm – 11:00pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center and enjoy gourmet food and libations from exclusive local establishments. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous live auction, raffles and the Wolf Wheel of Prizes. I'm humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we



need you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so: <https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/> Contact the Development Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day. And students must bring a note with them when they return from an absence. Please help us!

Student Football Game Conduct:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. **Do NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- SSA students do not get in free.



Tubas prepare to entertain

- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3rd quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be ABSOLUTELY QUIET. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is NEVER permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.



Defense swamps Jack Bonaldi after his game winning interception (Photo by SPS alumnus Pat Mashburn for NOLA.com)

Adult Football Game Conduct: With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or anywhere on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Adults should only use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise

Emergency Closing: As we approach the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public school system following Hurricane Katrina.
- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure. We have a new notification system which we used for the Aug 12 closing. Let me know if you did not receive that notification.
- **Consult** Edline and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which introduced our students to a wide variety of activities, was a big success. 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.

Cafeteria Payments: To pay on line, go to the web site www.schoolcafe.org and then My School Bucks comes up. Create an account. Put your son's name, DOB and school. You DO NOT have to enter the Student ID.

Student Driving: Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action against students as well. And remember: **cell phone use in a school zone is against the law and can be ticketed by police!**



The Paper Wolf: Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe. If

not, support our guys and do so. It's free. Here's the link: <http://thepaperwolf.com>

Helping Saint Paul's: Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SPS participates in the Community Coffee program.
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.

Driver's License Proof of Attendance: Don't forget: your son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit. 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, so don't blame me!

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

Lost & Found: Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

From the Student Council:

- 8th and 9th Grade Homecoming Dance will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Sat, September 24 (Dance is from 7:00-9:00pm with lock-in at 8:00pm). *Please pick up your child no later than 9:00.*
- **10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Homecoming Dance** will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Saturday, October 1 (**Dance is from 7:00-10:00pm with lock-in at 8:30 pm.**)
- **All students attending the dance must pay admission and complete a registration form that is due prior to the dance. Forms are available in room 107, on Edline, and on the school website.**

Opportunity from Football Booster Club – If your business would like to sponsor a football game or run a 30 second commercial on the scoreboard during a game, please contact Tim McCarthy at tmmcarthy122@gmail.com. Our new scoreboard is a great way to advertise your business to the enthusiastic crowds who attend Friday night football games in Hunter Stadium. Game day sponsorships include various scoreboard advertisements, stadium banner and option to distribute promotional items as well as other items.

Cafeteria Payments: To pay on line, go to the web site www.schoolcafe.org and then My School Bucks comes up. Create an account. Put your son's name, DOB and school. You DO NOT have to enter the Student ID.

Tutoring: The National Honor Society has begun offering FREE tutoring services this week. Here's the schedule:

- Tuesday and Thursday during Lunch in La Salle 207 AND after school in LaSalle 210
- Monday and Wednesday at 7:15AM in La Salle 210

Encourage your son to take advantage of this wonderful service. It is not embarrassing to do so!

SPS/LSU Alum to the Rescue: 1981 SPS grad John Dunlop, (now Louisiana National Guard Col. John Dunlap), his wife Jill, and a friend were enjoying libations on Monday afternoon in Milwaukee following the LSU loss to Wisconsin when they heard commotion along the river walk. A man attempting to tie a boat to the dock nearby had fallen into the water and was struggling. John and his friend rescued the man and received local publicity. Here's the link to the story and video: <http://www.wisn.com/news/lsu-fans-pull-man-from-milwaukee-river/41533580>

RIP: Brother Benildus Sulzer, FSC died last week at the Brothers Retirement Community at Saint Michael's High School in Santa Fe, NM. Ben was a prominent presence at Saint Paul's through the 1970s and early 1980s. He was a dormitory prefect, reading teacher and, Director of Camp Saint Paul for many years. Even though he has not been back to Saint Paul's since he left SPS in 1982, he kept very close tabs on all that we did. He read my on-line newsletter faithfully and would often email me with questions. He loved seeing pictures of the how the campus has evolved since his time. He was very proud of what we are doing here. Eternal rest grant unto you, Brother Benildus, and let perpetual light shine upon you. May you rest in peace. Amen!



Cheerleaders give a young fan lots of attention at Friday night's game

RIP II: SPS alumnus Eric Gustafson, '94 died in an accident last week. Eric was a firefighter in Meridian, MS and was responding to a fire report when his fire truck overturned. We offer our condolences to his family and honor his service as a first responder. Here's a link to the story: http://www.meridianstar.com/news/local_news/meridian-firefighter-dies-seriously-injured-as-fire-truck-crashes-on/article_abe0af93-bc80-520f-a283-828ee4aa3c37.html

Grandparent Day is Friday, Oct 14th, beginning at 11:30 am. This is always a well-attended event, so please inform your son's grandparents in case they are interested in attending. The program lasts until about 1 pm and refreshments are served. More info will be sent later, but I wanted you to know the date as we are already being asked.

Honor Roll Breakfast Dates: We have set the first quarter HR breakfast dates – which will be in November. See below for the exact schedule in “A Look Ahead.”

H of the W: In honor of Banana Day on Monday:

Q: Why do bananas wear suntan lotion? A: they peel!

Q: What are two banana skins? A: A pair of slippers

Q: Why did the banana go to see the doctor?

Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune? A: He couldn't find a date.

Q: How do you make a banana split? A: Cut it in half.

Q: If a crocodile makes shoes, what does a banana make? A: Slippers!

Q: What is the hippest kind of fruit? A: A bae-nae-nae.

Q: What did the banana do when he saw a monkey? A: The banana split!

Q: Why did the banana fail his driving test? A: He kept peeling out.

Q: Why did the man lose his job in a fruit packing firm? A: He kept throwing the bent bananas away.

Q: How did the Mother Banana spoil the Baby Banana? A: She left him out in the sun too long.

Q: What do you do if you see a blue banana? A: Try to cheer it up.

Q: How do monkeys get down the stairs? A: Slide down the banana-ster!

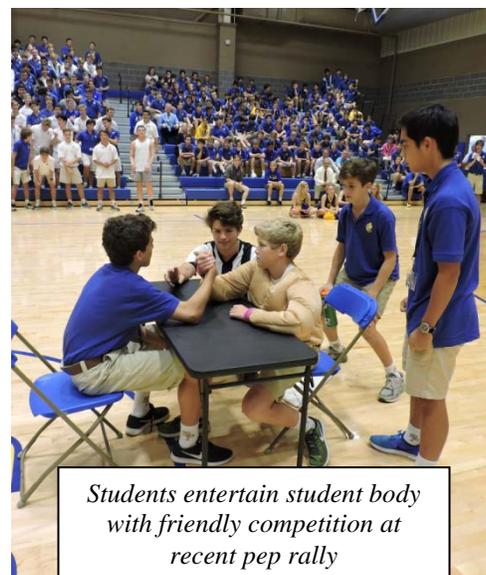
Q: What kind of a key opens a banana? A: A monkey!

Q: Why are bananas never lonely? A: They hang around in bunches.

Q: Why did the kid keep falling off his bike? A: It had a banana seat.

Q: Why do bananas do well on the dating scene? A: They have appeal!

*Q: Why did the banana go to the hospital? A: Because it wasn't peeling very well!
OK, I'll stop!*



Students entertain student body with friendly competition at recent pep rally

From the Student Council:

- Attention parents of Pre Freshmen and Ninth graders: the deadline is approaching for registration to attend the Junior High Homecoming Dance. Students may find registration forms on Edline, the school website, or in room 107. The forms contain valuable information regarding cost, times, and dress code. Forms are due Wednesday, September 21 to room 107.
- Thank you to everyone who has sent donations of school supplies. Donations may be sent until Friday, September 16. Student Council is collecting school supplies for schools in Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes. Collection bins are located in Founders' Circle, Guidance, Attendance Office, room 107 in the main building, and room 202 in LaSalle. The items most in need are: pencils, crayons 16 or 23 pack, construction paper, glue sticks, looseleaf paper, single subject notebooks, Lysol wipes, folders with brads and pockets, new or gently used book bags.

Words Worth Reading From Archbishop Gregory Aymond: *We rejoice with the whole Church that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, declared Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, also known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a saint in the Catholic Church...on Sep 4, 2016...Mother Teresa has inspired thousands of followers in different nation. After her death, some focused on the fact that Mother Teresa, like all humans, had moments of doubt on her faith journey. What is important, however, is not that Mother Teresa doubted, but that she, who was called the “saint of the gutter” in Calcutta, had a faith-filled life following Jesus in spite of her doubts. During her ministry to the “poorest of the poor” she was a living witness to the Works of Mercy....As we recommit ourselves to these same Works of Mercy may we hear St. Teresa of Calcutta remind us, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”*

A Look Ahead:

September

- 19 – Founders Week
- 20 – Pack Time
- 21 – Mass Schedule – Dress Uniform Day!
- 23 – Field Day (Periods GA meet)
- 27 – ACT on campus for seniors
- 28 – Street Smart Presentation
- 30 – Homecoming Pep Rally

October

- 1 – SAT on campus – Sr. High Homecoming Dance
- 4 – President’s Assembly – Shadow Day
- 11 – Pack Time
- 12-13- 9th Grade Service Day/Retreat
- 14 – Grandparents Day- Periods BC meet – End of First Quarter
- 17 – Fall Break Day
- 18 – President’s Assembly – Shadow Day
- 19 – PSAT test for selected students
- 20 – Health Screening Day
- 21 – PSAT for all Pre-Freshmen
- 22 – ACT on Campus
- 24 – Late Start for Faculty In-Service – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7
- 25 – Pack Time
- 26 – President’s Assembly (SACS visit begins)
- 27 – SACS visit ends – All Faculty meeting at 3:00 – 3:30
- 29 – Open House for prospective student

November



Hayden and Noah smile after OT win against Jesuit on Fri night.

- 1 – Mass
- 2 – Day of the Dead Assembly
- 3 – HR Breakfast for seniors
- 4 – HR Breakfast for juniors
- 5 – SAT on Campus
- 8 – President’s Assembly
- 9 – HR Breakfast for sophomores
- 10 – HR Breakfast for freshmen
- 11 – HR Breakfast for Pre-freshmen
- 12 – Jazz and Roll
- 15 – Pack Time – President’s Assembly

December

- 1 – Blood Drive
- 6 – Pack Time (Luminaria Bags)
- 8 – All school mass; luminaria celebration in evening
- 10 – ACT on Campus
- 13 -16 Exams; Christmas holidays begin at 11:15, following exams

Whew! Enough for now! I can’t believe we are starting the sixth week of the school year!

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

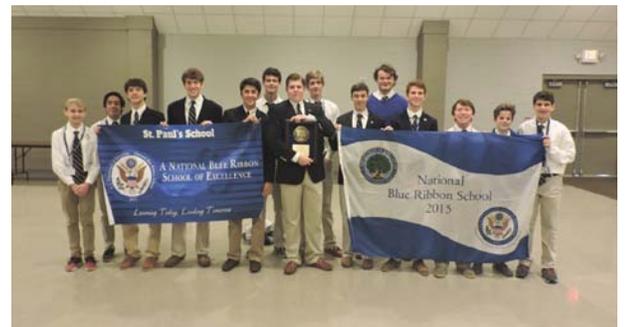
Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2016 – 17 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Looking Forward to Celebrating SPS’s 105th Birthday as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



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



“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 Sep 16 Trivia: Tradition has it that the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, MA – although there are no contemporaneous references to landing on a rock!