

## Dress Uniform Day on Tue, Nov 1



### The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter Oct 31 – Nov 06, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



A mom sends advice to the students via her pumpkin. Thanks to all who brought mums and pumpkins!

Our annual Open House for prospective students for 2017 - 18 occurred yesterday, Sat, Oct 29. I had no idea as to how many people (if any) would attend, but we prepared as we always have: maintenance cleaned and polished, students prepared talks, student hosts were briefed, and faculty had presentations ready. Thanks to Trevor, department chairs, Karen, student hosts, Mothers Club, & Maintenance for all the hard work. And the results were very gratifying!

The “mood” among private schools in our area (on both shores) is guarded about enrollment as evidenced by an inordinate amount of private school advertising. Even Jesuit is running TV ads. Everyone is concerned. A less than robust economy, the rising cost to attend private school, charter schools, & the amount of students vs. the number of schools are all daunting challenges. And here on the northshore, we compete against an excellent public school system.

So how will SPS ultimately fare? If we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God’s work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and ultimately in the next life.

*Domine, Opus Tuum – no better message for us ALL to remember as we prepare for 2017 - 18 – our 106<sup>th</sup> year!*

#### Mon, Oct 31 (2 pm dismissal; E F G A)

- **Happy Halloween!** I offer you a traditional Scottish prayer for tonight: From ghoulies and ghosties / and long-leggedy beasties / And things that go bump in the night, / Good Lord, deliver us!
- **This Day in History:** In 1517, the priest/scholar Martin Luther nails a piece of paper containing the 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.
- **TDIH:** In 1940, the Battle of Britain ends. Beginning on July 10, 1940, German bombers and fighters had attacked coastal targets, airfields, London and other cities, as a prelude to a Nazi invasion of England. British pilots of Spitfires and Hurricanes show down over 1,700 German aircraft while losing 915 fighters. “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few,” declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill.
- **TDIH:** In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. It contains 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four presidents – representing American’s founding, political philosophy, preservation and expansion/conservation. Trivia question: can you name the four presidents? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **National Knock-Knock Joke Day:** Drive all crazy today by telling K-K jokes. It’s always on Halloween.
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity scrimmage v. Warren Easton (5)

**Mon, Nov 1 (Feast of All Saints; Mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM DAY B C D E)**

- Today we remember those who lived their lives so that their union with God was complete at death. These are the SILENT saints who far outnumber the "official" saints, and are often more cherished than "canonized" saints. Saint La Salle wrote for this feast: *yearn as the saints did for the happiness which they now enjoy, considering ...not the visible things, but the invisible, because the visible things are temporary, whereas the invisible are eternal.*"
- **National Authors' Day:** Read your favorite author today!
- **TDIH:** In 1512, ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time. Here's the link to the Vatican Museum site in order to view this incredible artistic achievement:  
[http://mv.vatican.va/3\\_EN/pages/CSN/CSN\\_Main.html](http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/CSN/CSN_Main.html)
- **TDIH:** In 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School opened with just 12 students. In 1874, the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools in America.
- **Student Council Food Drive Begins**
- **Drama:** Preview night for "You Can't Take It With You"

**Wed, Nov 2 (All Souls Day; assembly schedule; 7 am mass; F G A B)**

- **All Souls Day:** We remember those who have entered eternal life.
- **Dia de los Muertos:** We will have our annual remembrance today at a special prayer service. We remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life. Thanks to Liz Brett & Lobos for this special event.
- **National Deviled Egg Day:** Enjoy!
- **Drama:** "You Can't Take It With You" opens to the general public at 7. Best wishes, Marian Players!



*The AdvancED External Review Team interviews students at a working lunch.*

**Thu, Nov 3 (Senior Honor Roll Breakfast schedule; CNN & SSR during breakfast; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika
- **National Sandwich Day:** Enjoy your favorite sandwich!
- **National Cliché Day:** From the NCD website: *Every dog has his day. And evidently, so does every minuscule detail of modern society, including the cliché. Not to beat around the bush about it; we'll just come right out and tell you that, as hard as this fact may be to swallow, today is National Cliché Day. Really, we're not just yanking your chain. We wouldn't pull your leg about something as serious as National Cliché Day. By the time National Cliché Day is over, a good time will have been had by all.* Use your favorite clichés today.
- **National Men Make Dinner Day (1<sup>st</sup> Thu):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight or make sandwiches!
- **Basketball:** Hall of Fame Game v. U High (6:30)
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen v. Algiers Charter (6)
- **Drama:** "You Can't Take It With You" (7)

**Fri, Nov 4 (Junior HR Breakfast; CNN & SSR during breakfast; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident

are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history. For us, that's easy: just talk to Yehia!

- **Use Your Common Sense Day:** While CS should be used EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **Football:** Wolves in regular season finale v. Fontainebleau (7)

### Sat, Nov 5

- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. The day is celebrated in England with bonfires and fireworks. Only the British!
- **Fighting Math Wolves in Episcopal Tournament in BR**
- **SAT on campus this morning**
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi in Holy Cross Tournament; Varsity in Rummel Duals
- **Cross Country:** Varsity in Regional Meet at Money Hill (top 7 runners only)
- **Drama:** "You Can't Take It With You" (7)

### Sun, Nov 6 – We encourage all, especially our Catholic families, to attend church today.

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time ends today at 2 am. Fall back! Enjoy your extra hour!**



- **TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.
- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, was born. Play some basketball today! Or in my case, watch some basketball today!
- **National Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today!

Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass, TX) who is recorded to have first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the restaurant after it had closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!

- **Saxophone Day:** Adophe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. I wish you could have the Marching Wolves sax section play for us today!
- **Zero Tasking Day** allows you to spend the extra hour you got by doing whatever you want! #NOTASKS! Since it's a Sunday, feel free to zero task!
- **Drama:** Final performance of "You Can't Take It With You" (3 pm matinee)

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*Dayton enjoys jicama treat in Spanish class.*



**There He Goes Again:** Halloween is Monday; it's not my favorite holiday. I beg parents to preach safe choices with their children. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) says the scariest Halloween activity is drinking and driving, with 52 percent of all national fatalities on Halloween night from 2007 to 2011 involving a drunk driver. In addition, NHTSA points out that drinking and driving is one of the reasons why teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. I pray for a safe Halloween for all.

**Errata:** Thanks to alert reader and English scholar Brother Rich who gently corrected my excerpt from Tennyson's poem "Charge of the Light Brigade" in last week's newsletter. I wrote "ours is but to do or die." Brother wrote: "*That line from "The Charge of the Light Brigade" is one of those that has morphed into a slightly different version people generally quote. The men of the Light Brigade knew that the order from the aristocratic Commander to charge the enemy artillery was a suicide mission, hence Tennyson's line: "to do and die".*" The newsletter regrets the error!

**November:** In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!

**Advanced External Review Team:** A group of educators spent three days on campus last week reviewing all aspects of Saint Paul's. We passed with flying colors and our regional accreditation will be renewed for another five years. The team was very complimentary about what we do and why we do it. They met with students, teachers, parents, and staff. They visited classes and examined all of our printed policies. They toured the campus and attended the assembly. They were very thorough. I'll be sharing more specific information with you when we receive the written report in about a month. But their exit meeting with faculty was extremely positive and guarantees re-accreditation. Thanks to all, especially Assistant Principal Joe Dickens who directed our self-evaluation in preparation for this visit.

**2017-18 Admissions Process:**

- **Nov 08:** Our final Shadow Day. We have already exceeded the number of students who shadowed last year. Thanks for spreading the good news about SPS!
- **Nov 16:** Students in Catholic elementary schools turn in their high school applications to their elementary schools.
- **Nov 18:** Deadline for students not in Catholic elementary schools to submit their applications directly to SPS.

**SSA Open House: Thursday, November 3 at 6 pm. Encourage interested families to visit our sister school and see the benefits of single sex education.** Please help spread the good word about our two great schools!

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**Report Cards:** Report cards have been emailed. Let me know if you didn't receive it. Please speak with your son about his grades and the teacher comments. If improvement is needed, please make a plan with him to accomplish the improvement. Remember that first quarter grades count as 40% of the semester grade. First quarter grades DO NOT go on a student's transcript. ONLY SEMESTER grades are entered on the transcript.

**March through the Arch Pictures are in!** Senior parents can pick up their picture at the conferences Monday night or stop by the administration building during business hours.

**Honor Roll Breakfasts:** We look forward to recognizing our First Quarter HR students and their parents at this event (SPS pioneered HR breakfasts in our area starting in 1990.). We will continue to have the breakfasts in the cafeteria. Since the cafeteria can only handle so many people, we must do the breakfasts by level. If your son made honor roll, you will soon receive an invitation. If you think your son made honor roll but don't receive an invitation, let me know

Below is the Honor Roll Breakfast schedule. This is the correct schedule (I hope and pray!)

- *Thu, Nov 03 – Seniors*
- *Fri, Nov 04 – Juniors*
- *Mon, Nov 07 – Sophomores*
- *Wed, Nov 09 – Freshmen*
- *Thu, Nov 10 – Pre-freshmen*

The breakfasts last from 7:40 – 8:20. The format is simple: a breakfast by Chick-fil-A, individual recognition of the honor roll students, and some congratulatory remarks from yours truly. I always look forward to this event

**The Marian Players:** Our fall play, “You Can't Take It With You”, opens to the general public on Wednesday. Please support our drama department by attending the play and encourage your son to do so, too. There are only four performances: Wed, Thu, Sat at 7 pm and a Sunday matinee at 3 pm. The cast and crew have been working very hard to make this a memorable experience – as our drama performances always are.

**New Tutoring Services:** The National Honor Society has EXPANDED their tutoring services: Mon, Tue & Wed at lunch in La Salle Hall room 207 and Tue & Thu at 7:15 am in La Salle Hall Room 207. Help is offered in ALL subjects, including Math XL. And they now do proofreading services for papers and will even offer printing services. They held a pizza sale the other day to help with the cost of the printing.

### **Musings from Last Week:**

- **Parent – Teacher Conferences:** Thanks to all who attended. I hope the time was profitable for you and your son.
- **Sudden Impact:** Another group of sophomores attended. Thanks to the LA State Police and Lakeview Regional Medical Center for sponsoring this important program for our sophomores.
- **Christian Brothers School in City Park Falcon Spirit Day:** Jack Blossman, Andrew Curry, Jacob Eilers, Reagan Hill, A J Lacroix, Patrick Napier, Colin Quinlan and Josh Rovira represented SPS well at this great four-Lasallian school event last Tue.



- **Etiquette Training:** The boys were exemplary, looking great, learning etiquette, and enjoying food. A perfect trio. Thanks to all who help served (from the left and removed from the right! – I think!)
- **Cross Country:** District Champs, again! It was a treat, not a trick, for the Wolves on Sat!
- **Wednesday 7 AM Mass:** Again, short but spiritually uplifting. A great boost for midweek.
- **FB:** 9<sup>th</sup> won big against Brother Martin, 8<sup>th</sup> lost a close one to Brother Martin, and the Varsity Wolves prevailed with a big win against Mandeville.
- **CG, CLs, MWs & GBs:** They all acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner on Fri.
- **Winter Sports:** And our wrestling, basketball and

soccer seasons got started last week with tryouts and practices. We encourage those who did not make the team of their choice to become involved in some other SPS sport or activity. Or try something new, like the Marching Wolves, Paper Wolf, Lasallian Young Leaders, Marian Players, Shell Eco Car, Env Science, etc., etc. etc. (Yes, I know that's redundant.)

- **Swim Team:** The Aqua Wolves placed SECOND in Metro Meet! Fantastic! I hear The Water Music playing!
- **Jicama Tasting:** Thanks to Liz Brett for providing jicama to her Spanish classes. This is a root vegetable eaten in Latin America (especially in Mexico). This healthy, fibrous root is loaded with anti-oxidants and nutrients. Delicioso!
- **New Trash Can Tops:** We spruced up the campus last week with new grey can tops as we slowly replace the stained red ones.
- **Pack Time:** We had a great pack time exercise. I hope your son told you about it. It was about the election. One amazing finding: my guys are woefully ignorant about the US electoral process. The Electoral College, the number of votes needed to win, why states have different numbers of votes, what happens if a candidate doesn't reach 270 – all these elementary questions (which any naturalized citizen is required to know!) resulted in blank faces from my guys. Parents – stress these fundamentals of our electoral process with you sons.
- **Fighting Math Wolves** were up and at 'em early Sat morning, headed for competition at Ben Franklin Tournament. It was a great sight to see students excited about a math tournament!
- **Dads' Club** did landscaping work on Sat, sprucing up the lake area and the island. Many, many thanks!

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**The Business Office:** Jo Sutherlin will be gone most of the week as she attends a Lasallian formation meeting for CFOs of the 20 schools in the San Francisco New Orleans District of Christian Brothers. The group will be “roughing it” at Mont La Salle in Napa, CA. Tara Huguet will be keeping the “business” part of SPS going, but please be sensitive to her.

**Social Justice Month:** The Church dedicates November to social justice. While many concentrate on such things as food drives, the Church reminds us that a commitment to social justice goes WAY beyond acts of charity – it involves working for change that will make us a more just society. There are 7 key themes that comprise our Catholic social tradition. I doubt, however, if most of us know these seven: **Life and Dignity of the Human Person; the Call to Family and Community; the Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Vulnerable and Poor; Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers; Solidarity; Care for God's Creation.** I encourage you to pray this Prayer for Social Justice on a regular basis during Nov: *Almighty and eternal God, may your grace enkindle in all of us a love for the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings. Arouse in the hearts of those who call you Father a hunger and thirst for social justice and for fraternal charity in deeds and in truth. Grant, O Lord, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, and peace among nations! Amen*



*Sam, Shane, and Bradley carefully follow physics experiment directions last week.*

**The Paper Wolf Needs Our Help:** We have an award winning digital newspaper, but readership is down. I commended two staff writers at assembly last week for what I thought were excellent articles. Please subscribe and have your sons to do, too. And send the staff feedback. They love hearing from you. Thanks.

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



*Spanish Department offers jicama samples*

### **Student Service Opportunities:**

- **Family Promise of St. Tammany:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Mandeville will host a Family Promise week from Oct. 30 - Nov. 5. Family Promise ministers to homeless families – of which there are plenty in St. Tammany. SPS students have helped in the past by entertaining the small children of these families in the evenings from 6 – 8 pm. St. Michael's is hoping some SPS students will again help from Oct 30 – Nov 5. If interested, contact Pat Jensen at phone: 985-231-7582 or 281-797-8337 (cell) or email at [pat.jensen.eejr@gmail.com](mailto:pat.jensen.eejr@gmail.com)

- **Concerned Care Hospice in Covington** is seeking high school students in need of service hours. "By becoming a Concerned Care Hospice Volunteer, you will enrich the lives of our patients, their families,

and the community. All students will be supervised during visits and will receive training on the hospice Philosophy which will take a few hours. If interested, contact the April Accomando, Volunteer Coordinator, at 892-3947

- **MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE** is having their annual FLEUR DE FALL gala on Saturday, November 12. They are asking for students to help serve food from 4:00 to 10:30 pm. Join us for pizza, and fun, easy service hours. Please contact Maggie Kurtz at (985) 778-6172 or Celia Kurtz at (985) 773-8140 or [mkurtz@maryqueenofpeace.org](mailto:mkurtz@maryqueenofpeace.org) to sign up.

**PLEASE:** We take attendance seriously. Please follow procedures for checking out a student (which I hope you do for only very serious reasons.) Send a note with your son BEFORE SCHOOL or email Erin ([attendance@stpauls.com](mailto:attendance@stpauls.com)) to let her know. We can't always answer your calls as there is only one of her and over 1500 of you! Thank 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 receives a detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

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**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 and Brycen Brown are spearheading this effort. I am proud of them.



**Jazz n Roll:** On-line auction bidding is open! You received an email last week with the link. 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 and enjoy gourmet food by Gary Bonano catering. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This year we are using **Digital Bidding!** Bring your cellular device and get ready for some fun. Take a sneak peek at the items we have so far:

<https://stpauls.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/JazzNRoll2016/SilentAuctionItems/tabid/788848/Default.aspx>

This event will also include several raffles plus a 50/50.

I'm humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so:

<https://stpauls.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/JazzNRoll2016/RegistrationRaffles/tabid/788849/Default.aspx>

Contact the Development Office 985-892-3200, ext 1270, for info



**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: you 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.

**From The Botanical Wolves 5<sup>th</sup> annual "MUMS FOR SONS" EVENT. Thanks to ALL who brought mums and pumpkins! The campus is looking GREAT!**



**2017 Yearbook Sale:** From yearbook moderator Andrew Dart:

Yearbook pre-sales for this year are now open. There is a **reduced price** for any sale before December 31st, 2016. Price after this date goes to \$65, the usual price for past years. Book sales will close at the end of May, 2017. Senior Ad sales will end May 1st, 2017 without exception. The direct link for the sale location is copied below:

<https://yearbookforever.com/#school/4576/2017>



It should be noted that if a parent is searching for the school on the default "[yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)" website, they must type it in **exactly** as: "St. Paul's" with the period and apostrophe; that caused some confusion last year among parents, though the first link above should circumvent the need to type anything in.

Anyone wishing to buy previous year yearbooks should go to the Alumni Office or Administration building, to be sold on a first-come-first serve basis. I'm working with the Mother's Club to get some in the Bookstore as well. Any questions about past orders can be sent to me directly at [andrewd@stpauls.com](mailto:andrewd@stpauls.com)

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**iGiveCatholic** Day is Nov 29. Last year, SPS placed THIRD and won an additional \$1000. I hope you will consider a gift to SPS on that day.

**Last Wednesday's Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Oct 26 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- The students entered the gym listening to the first movement of "Autumn", part of "The Four Seasons Suite" by Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi. This perennial favorite musically mimics the harvesters going into the field to reap the crops that have been cared for during the summer. And as it's autumn here in south Louisiana, it's only appropriate that we listen to Vivaldi!.



Interested Wolves visit with Furman University Rep last week.

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Hanzala Hussain**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Chris Manguno, Class of 1996 and the cousin of sophomore Jack Anzalone.**

- Recognized and welcomed the External Review Team from AdvancED, the largest community of education professionals

in the world. We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of Pre-K-12 schools. The team was here to conduct our five year re-accreditation review.

- I then reminded the students that our mission statement calls for Saint Paul's to have strong academic, athletic and extracurricular activities in a safe and disciplined environment and then proceeded to offer examples.

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- Recognized and congratulated the AP Scholars for the Class of 2017:
  - **AP Scholars: Andrew Grashoff, Kyle Hladky, Trey Hughes, Ruston Keller, AJ LaCroix, Koby Schexnayder, Shane Strander, and Ryan Flood**
  - **AP Scholars with Honor: Marshall Roy and Max Tepper**
  - **AP Scholars with Distinction: Yehia Elkersh, Alex Oliveri**

- Recognized and congratulated the AP Scholars for the Class of 2016 – even though they graduated last May:
  - **AP Scholars: Ethan Desforges, Christian Flick, Austin Groeneveld, Nicholas Oubre, Leland Van Deventer and Landon Waite**
  - **AP Scholars with Honor: Logan Buras, Jack Cheng, Andrew Mercante and Greg Roy**
  - **AP Scholars with Distinction: Luke Avenel, Jacob Broussard, Patrick Connolly, John Cresson and Ryan Meraux**
- Recognized and congratulated the newly inducted members of the Brother Charles Crouzet Chapter of the National Honor Society: **Andrew Aceves, Matthew Algero, Bradley Anzalone, Brandon Barreiro, Jonathan Bertucci, Peter Bertucci, John Paul Bourgeois, Brennen Calato, Lenny Carollo, Landon Chambliss, Cole Chitwood, Quinn Cooney, Colin Cottrell, Joshua Devier, Joshua Dufrechou, William Duncan, Jacques du Passage, Francis Durio, Parker Edwards, Jacob Eilers, Christian Evans, Beau Franklin, Jackson Gold, William Harp, Hyde Healy, Evan Hendry, Ross Hightower, Owen Hnatyshyn, Cullen Irwin, Jacob Lauterbach, Griffin Lowry, Matthew Lyon, Jack Mashburn, Jakob Massey, Adrian Millan, Stephen Millet, David Needles, Beau Neelis, Andrew Norlin, Luke Paille, Philip Pearce, Jack Pellegrini, Michael Philippe, Blake Ramsey, Joshua Rovira, Noah Savoie, Jack Schwartz, Lukas Spady, Nicholas Stanton, Waleed Sultan, Emerson Vaccari, Joshua Verges, Nicholas Vitale, Christopher Wallace, Conner Walmsley, Matthew Weimer, Jonathan Wellmeyer, Christopher Wilson, and Jakob Yancey**



*Congratulations to the Class of 2017 AP Scholars!*

- Recognized and congratulated senior Nick Ashton for being chosen as the only Louisiana delegate to the annual Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference program, which targets rising high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism and who demonstrate qualities of “free spirit.” Students come to Washington, D.C., to participate in an all-expenses-paid journalism conference at the Newseum. Only one student per state is chosen – and Nick was LA’s representative. Congratulations Nick!

- I took the opportunity of having the External Review Team on campus to talk about ACT

scores. I projected:

- 21 (out of 36) is the Average National 2016 ACT
  - 19.5 (out of 36) is the Average Louisiana 2016 ACT Score
  - 21.5 (out of 36) is the Average St. Tammany Public Schools ACT Score
  - 25.9 (out of 36) is the Average Saint Paul’s 2016 ACT Score
  - I then told the students that as good as our scores are, I am not satisfied and want higher scores. I challenged them to prepare for ACT and that we have set this as a school goal.
- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity football Wolves for a great win over Slidell.
  - Recognized and congratulated the Cross Country Team for maintain the state ranking and wishes them the best as they defend their District Championship title on Saturday, Oct 29.

- Recognized and congratulated Ultimate Frisbee junior William James, who was one of only three students in the nation to win a full scholarship to the Competitive Ultimate Training Camp in Chicago. Part of the application process involved writing two essays, and William credited his SPS English teachers with teaching him essay writing skills. Well done, William!
- Recognized and congratulated The Marian Players who open their fall play this week – “You Can’t Take It With You.” I encouraged the student body to attend the play and to purchase their tickets early as the shows usually sell out.
- Recognized and congratulated the staff of The Paper Wolf and projected excerpts from two excellent recent articles: Spencer Fox’s reflection on his brother’s military service and Luc Hebert’s article on campus ambiance. I encouraged the students to subscribe to TPW and read the articles.
- I then projected a letter we recently received from Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, who congratulated the VEX Robo-Wolves for representing Louisiana in the recent national meet in Kentucky.
- I then reminded the students about their service obligation and encouraged them to volunteer for the upcoming Family Promise program at St. Michael’s church in Mandeville and Mary Queen of Peace Fleur-de-Fall even in November.
- We then tried to sing the Fight Song – I say “tried” because the students’ sense of timing was terrible that morning!
- I then reminded the boys that people notice Saint Paul’s students. I told them about a gentleman who approached me the other day to compliment a group of SPS boys he saw at Bud’s Broiler. He commented on how polite and respectful they were and how clean they left their table. I asked the ones involved to come see me at the end of the assembly so I could congratulate them – and they did! I also projected an email I received. Here’s what it said: *People always compliment the SPS students on being polite and courteous. One was a waitress who mentioned the boys always left the table clean and tipped well. Another is an elderly man that I work with. He told me he can just tell that they go or have gone to Saint Paul’s by the way they conduct themselves. My Mom loves to ask the boys if they’ve gone to Saint Paul’s because the cross from senior retreat is a dead giveaway for my mom. When she proudly asks, “Did you go to Saint Paul’s?” They always answer with a big smile, “Yes, ma’am!” Then she proceeds to tell them that her sons and now her grandsons are a part of the Saint Paul family. Makes me proud of our school!*
- We then sang “Mercy” – which the boys seem to like.
- And as junior Chandler Owenby extinguished the prayer candle, I urged the students to be “the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to each and every person they would meet that day – and always.
- It was a great assembly (except for the Fight Song!) -- at least I thought so!

### *Dress Uniform Day on Tue, Nov 1*

**Men Who Cook:** Principal Trevor Watkins has graciously agreed to serve as a "Celebrity" team member for the 2016 Men Who Cook! competition on 11/6/16 benefiting Hope House Children's Advocacy Center. His competition includes Headmasters of CES and NCS! For more information, please click

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This Wed, Nov 2, Mellow Mushroom will donate 20% of total sales in Trevor's name The Advocacy Center. Let's help him beat our private school competitors and wish him well when he cooks on Nov 6.

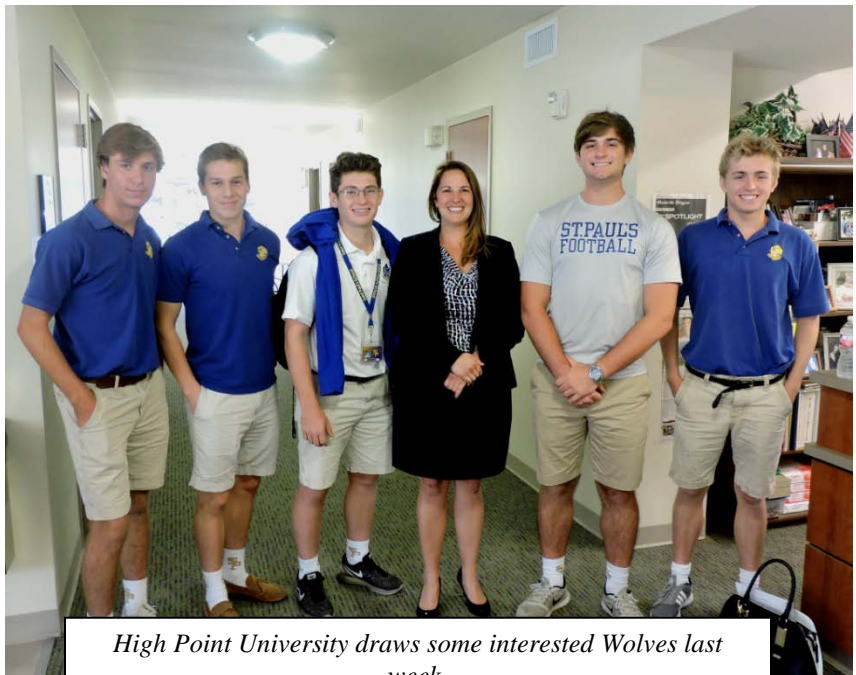
**Prayers Requested:** Covington Councilman-at-Large and SPS Alumnus Lee Alexius '63 died late Friday night from cancer. We offer our prayer and condolences to this long time, wonderful Covington Family with many SPS ties. Here's the link to a NOLA.com article on Lee:

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/10/councilman\\_lee\\_alexius\\_covingt.html#incart\\_river\\_home](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/10/councilman_lee_alexius_covingt.html#incart_river_home)

*Eternal rest grant unto Lee, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace! Amen!*

**H of the W:** In honor of Halloween.....

- *Q: What do ghosts eat for supper? A: Spooketi*
- *Q: What do you do when 50 zombies surround your house? A: Hope it's Halloween!!*
- *Q: What is the most important subject a witch learns in school? A: Spelling.*
- *Q: Why didn't the skeleton want to go to school? A: His heart wasn't in it.*
- *Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? A: He didn't have any guts!*
- *Q: Why did the skeleton cross the road? A: To get to the body shop.*
- *Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance? A: Because he had no BODY to go with.*
- *Q: What did the toddler say when he had to choose between a tricycle and a candy bar? "Trike or Treat"?*
- *Q: What do you call a fat pumpkin? A: A plumpkin.*
- *Q: Why are ghosts so bad at lying? A: Because you can see right through them!*



- *Q: Who did Frankenstein take to the dance? A: His "ghoul" friend!*
- *Q: Why is Superman's costume so tight? A: Because he wears a size "S".*
- *Q: What do ghosts use to wash their hair? A: Shamboo!*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a witch with sand? A: A sandwich!*
- *Q: What is a vampire's favorite fruit? A: A nectarine!*
- *Q: What kind of dessert does a ghost like? A: I scream!*
- *Q: What do birds say on Halloween? A: Twick o tweet*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a Cocker Spaniel, a Poodle and a ghost? A: A cocker poodle boo.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

## **November**

- 1 – Mass – DRESS UNIFORM DAY!
- 2 – Day of the Dead Assembly

- 3 – HR Breakfast for seniors
- 4 – HR Breakfast for juniors
- 5 – SAT on Campus
- 7 – HR Breakfast for sophomores
- 8 – President’s Assembly / Final Shadow Day for prospective students
- 9 – HR Breakfast for freshmen
- 10 – HR Breakfast for Pre-freshmen
- 11 – Veterans Day Assembly
- 12 – Jazz and Roll
- 15 – Pack Time
- 21 – 25 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 29 – President’s Assembly

**December**

- 1 – Blood Drive
- 6 – Pack Time (Luminaria Bags)
- 8 – Mass- Snack Day – Luminaria event in PM
- 10 – ACT on Campus
- 13 -16 Exams

Whew! Enough for now! I can’t believe we are starting the thirteenth 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!

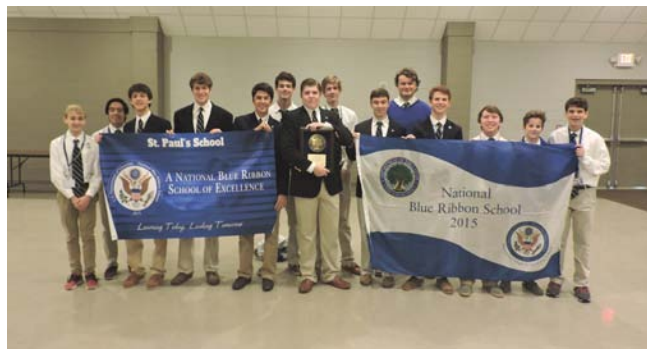
Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2016 – 17 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Safe Halloween and Preparing to Give Thanks in November as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



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



***Did I mention we have a Dress Uniform Day on Tue, Nov 1?***

Answer to Oct 31 Trivia Question: The four presidents on Mount Rushmore are George Washington (founding), Thomas Jefferson (political philosophy), Abraham Lincoln (preservation) & Theodore Roosevelt (expansion/conservation.)