



Michael Doherty as he recovers from his recent football injury. At the present time, Michael remains at The Shepherd Center in Atlanta. We offer prayer and support. May all our holy Christian Brother saints, especially our newest saint, Brother Solomon, intercede with Almighty God on Michael's behalf!



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*
January 23 – 29, 2017



I've printed this before, but it's worth a gentle reminder:

**IF YOU ARE NOT A BETTER PERSON TOMORROW THAN YOU
ARE TODAY, WHAT NEED HAVE YOU FOR A TOMORROW?**

--Rebbe Nachman, an Hasidic rabbi who lived and taught in Ukraine from 1802 to 1810.

**I BEG YOUR PARDON FOR MY OFFENSES AND OMISSIONS OF
TODAY, AND I RESOLVE TO MAKE TOMORROW A BETTER
DAY.**

--SPS End of Day Prayer

**I pray that all teachers and students take our end of the day prayer seriously.
We must make each tomorrow a better day than today.**

Mon, Jan 23 (HR Breakfast for Grades 8 & 9 in BAC; D E F G)

- **This Day in History:** In 1957, Wham-O Toy Company rolls out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--known as the Frisbee. Toss a Frisbee today in honor of its birth!
- **National Pie Day:** Indulge!
- **Bowling v. Holden at Tangi Lanes in Hammond**

Tue, Jan 24 (HR Breakfast for Grades 10 & 11 in BAC with Wolf Packs; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1965, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, dies in London at the age of 90. Churchill was a brilliant orator and writer and the source of some wonderful Churchillian quotations such as: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Google Winston Churchill quotations for a real treat today!
- **National Belly Laugh Day:** Celebrate the gift of laughter today!
- **National Compliment Day:** Let's all give each other compliments today – deserved or not!
- **National Peanut Butter Day:** Indulge!

- **Right to Life March:** A group of Wolves travels to Washington, DC today with other students from the Archdiocese of NO to participate in this annual event. They return Sunday. I am proud of these students and support them in their “right to life” stance. I thank the following for their participation: **Patrick Napier, Rhyne Sepcich, Blake Bollinger, Charlie Layman, & Gavin Sabathier, & Mr. Roger Bacon.**
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Mandeville (7)
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV & Varsity v. Fontainebleau (starting at 5)

Wed, Jan 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; E F G A)

- **Mass – 7 am; encourage your son to join us! It’s over by 7:30 at the latest. I was very pleased with the increased attendance last week and hope it continues – and grows.**
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV & Varsity v. Madison Prep (starting at 5)

Thu, Jan 26 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1725, Pope Benedict XIII recognized the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools as an official Religious Congregation of the Church. De La Salle had died five years earlier and the Brothers' future was unsure. Church approval, therefore, provided them with legitimacy, purpose, & promise. We continue that work here at SPS.
- **Career Day (morning only) for Juniors**
- **Mu Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony**

Fri, Jan 27 (HR Breakfast for seniors in Cafeteria; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1973, the United States, South Vietnam, Viet Cong, and North Vietnam formally sign "An Agreement Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam" in Paris bringing America’s most unpopular war to an end.
- **TDIH II:** In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart** was born. Listen to some Mozart today!
- **Chocolate Cake Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **UN International Commemoration of Holocaust Victims:** On each Jan 27, the UN remembers the Holocaust of WW II. The day also commemorates when Soviet troops liberated the Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland on Jan 27, 1945. From the website: *This year’s observance is centered “Journeys through the Holocaust”. This theme recalls journeys taken during this dark period, from deportation to incarceration to freedom, and how this experience transformed the lives of those who endured it. These are stories of pain and suffering, yet ultimately also of triumph and renewal, serving as a guiding force for future generations. Each person who becomes aware of this history will no doubt reflect upon his or her own capacity to turn compassion for others into decisive and heroic action in their time of need. We must use teachable moments this week in to remind students of this horrible stain on the history of the world – and to pray such hatred never again occurs.*
- **Swimming Awards Banquet (6 pm in cafeteria)**
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Fontainebleau
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV & Varsity v. Northshore (beginning at 5)

Sat, Jan 28

- **St. Thomas Aquinas** was a Catholic intellectual giant. My personal favorite St. Thomas story is when he said that he learned more by kneeling at the foot of the crucifix than from all his university studies.
- **TDIH:** In 1986, the space shuttle *Challenger* explodes after liftoff, killing seven astronauts aboard.

- **Fun at Work Day:** Have fun today at work! I have fun every day by working at Saint Paul's (well, almost every day!)
- **National Blueberry Pancake Day:** Enjoy!
- **National Kazoo Day:** To celebrate 165 years of kazoo playing in America (the kazoo was first introduced at the George State Fair in 1852), toot away today!
- **Basketball:** 8th v. Rummel (10) & Shaw (11) at DLS in NO.
- **Soccer:** 8th & 9th at Jesuit's Jack Ryan Stadium
- **Lacrosse:** JV A & B & Varsity in All State Sugar Bowl Tournament in Hammond
- **Basketball:** 9th v. Franklinton (11:30)
- **Rugby v. Bro. Martin** (details TBA)
- **Wrestling:** Dale Ketelsen Memorial Tournament in Old Gym



*Luke battles for the ball v. Slidell
(photo courtesy of NOLA.com)*

Sun, Jan 29

- **TDIH:** In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven," is published. Enjoy rereading the poem today. "Nevermore!"
- **National Puzzle Day:** Work a puzzle today! A crossword, jigsaw, or any type will do fine. Enjoy!
- **National Corn Chip Day:** Eat a corn chip today! Did you know the corn chip was first marketed in 1961?

Grades, Exams, Report Cards, Honor Roll Breakfasts, etc.

- **Report Cards** have been emailed. Let me know if you did not receive a report card. There are no parent-teacher conferences until Feb 6, so email any concerns to teachers.
- **Semester Exams** DID NOT lower most student averages. The overwhelming number of students earned the same grade on exams that they had going into exams. There were a few exceptions – on BOTH ends of the spectrum (students who did worse and students who did better.) What the semester exams did accomplish is give your son college preparatory experience.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** We will experiment with a new format: 8th & 9th will be on same day in the Briggs Assembly Center and 10th & 11th will be on same day in the Briggs Assembly Center. We will have multiple serving lines for efficient serving, so the period should be the same, ending at 8:20. 12th grade will remain in the cafeteria. Here's the schedule for the second quarter HR breakfast schedule:
 - **Mon, Jan 23** – Grades 8 & 9 in the BAC
 - **Tue, Jan 24** – Grades 10 & 11 in the BAC
 - **Fri, Jan 27** – Grade 12 in the cafeteria

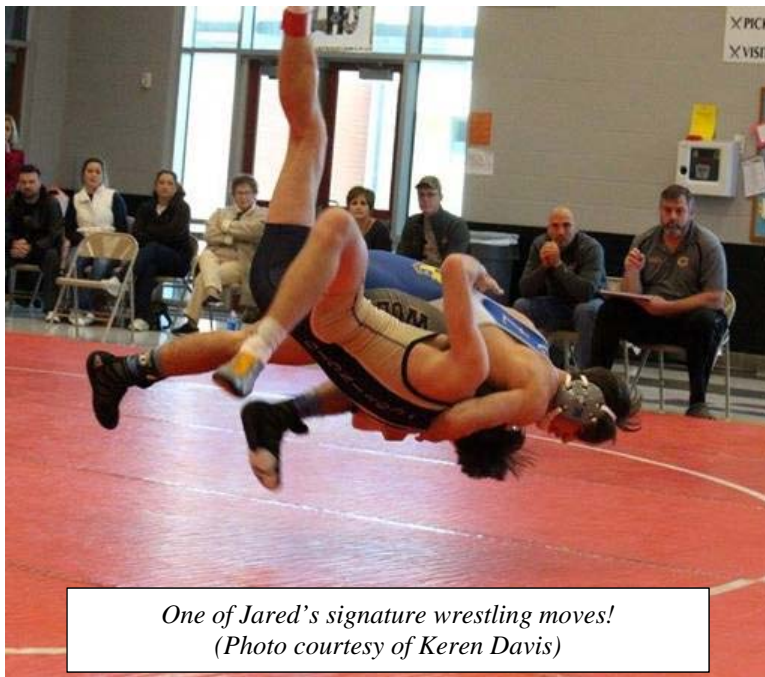
2017 - 18 Registration: Please note the following:

- **Current 8th graders:** registration information will be emailed during the week of January 23. **Current 8th graders planning to return for 2017 - 18 will have until Feb 03 (two weeks) to re-register.** We will offer unregistered sports to new 9th grade applicants during February. I need to know your intentions about next year so I know how many new 9th graders we can accept.
- **Current 9th – 11th grades:** registration will take place in February. More info later.

- **Current 12th grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2017 - 18! Rejoice!
- **Note the following:**
 - **Registration will involve the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**
 - **Students with outstanding balances on this year's tuition will not be allowed to register.**
 - **Students who failed first semester will not be allowed to register until credit recovery is done.**

Warm Hearts Drive: Sean Noel and members of Lasallian Youth began the annual "Warm Hearts" winter clothing drive. Lasallian Youth will collect gently used winter weather clothing (pants, sweaters, coats, scarves, gloves, etc.) which will go to the less fortunate of our community during the winter of 2017-18. Last year, St. Paul's achieved a record collection of over 1,500 items. Collection stations will be set up in the lobby of the Main School Building, Benilde Hall, and LaSalle Hall. The drive will conclude on Tuesday, January 31. Please contact, Mr. Ramon (j.ramon@stpauls.com) with any questions.

LHSAA: The Louisiana High School Athletic Association holds its annual convention beginning on Wed, and for the third time in 30 years, I am not allowed to attend -- since it's only for principals, not presidents! So Trevor gets the fun of participating.



*One of Jared's signature wrestling moves!
(Photo courtesy of Keren Davis)*

Musings on Last Week:

- **Judy Martin's Memorial Service:** The service for long time SPS Social Studies Department Chair was great. It was a fitting tribute to this remarkable Lasallian educator. Judy's family was well-pleased. I am grateful to Brother Ken for the music and, especially, Luke Barwick – who gave a stirring reflection on Judy's love that for her students and SPS.

- **Soccer:** I think we won last week but don't have confirmation. Soccer is not good at giving me scores.

- **Basketball:** Congrats to the Varsity Wolves for hard fought games last week against Slidell and Mandeville. The Wolves won great victories over both – a squeaker against Slidell and a comfortable win over Mandy.

- **Craig Ketelsen:** Congratulations to

Craig on his being featured in "The Coaches Corner" of the Louisiana High School Coaches Association. There's a very nice article on Craig. Here's the link: <http://pub.lucidpress.com/239e74f3-16c5-4c50-906f-2395bc23d171/>

- **Wrestling:** I know they were active, but I don't have results. I'm sure they did well.
- **A Busload of Fighting Math Wolves** battled the elements and traveled to Baton Rouge for the Catholic High Tournament. I boarded the bus before they left at 7 am to wish them well and was overwhelmed by the positive spirit that a group of almost 40 students can exude over the prospect of working math problems on a Saturday morning. It's really a sight to see. If you ever want to feel educational excitement, come visit the FMWs on a Sat morning! And they returned home with a **FIRST PLACE TEAM** win and many individual wins! Geaux Fighting Math Wolves!
- **Lacrosse** played in NO on Sat (unless weather cancelled the games) but I do not have any results.

- **Coach Terryl Chatham was named Louisiana High School Cross Country Coach of the Year by the U. S. Track and Field and Cross Country Association! Congrats, Coach!**
- **Indoor Track: Wolves** ran in the LSU High School Qualifier meet. Eric Coston won the 3200 m run while breaking a meet record. The 4 x 800 m relay team of Jonathan Bertucci, Frankie Durio, Colin Sullivan and Steven Schlottman finish second. Geaux Indoor Track Wolves!

Annual Fund: Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym.)



- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we don’t send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son’s grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I’ll personally appeal. I’ll send them a nice “thank you” note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.

- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What’s important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

Cold Weather: ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. If you cannot afford one, contact me.

A SERVE TEN Reminder: Five service hours are due. Students must fill-out and turn in completed "Serve Ten" forms to the Counseling Department in order to get credit for their service hours. We have been advertising MANY service opportunities. Remember that service hours are mandatory, not optional.

Important Driver's License Requirement: You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.

2017 - 18 (NEXT YEAR) CALENDAR: St. Tammany Parish Public School System has set its calendar for next year; we have modeled ours closely on theirs. Here are some important dates:

- **Mon, Aug 07: Full day of class instruction**
- Fri, Oct 06: 1st Quarter ends for SPS (11 am dismissal)
- Fri, Oct 06: Grandparent Day (11:30)
- Mon, Oct 16: Fall break. No classes.
- **Fri, Dec 15: Christmas (not winter) holidays begin for SPS at 11:45;**
- **Wed, Jan 03: Class resume; SPS begins second semester**
- Fri, Feb 09: Faculty Retreat (no classes) followed by week off for Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent Holidays
- Fri, Mar 30: Good Friday holiday followed by week off for Easter Holidays (not spring break)
- Sat, May 12: Graduation for the Class of 2018
- Mon, May 21 – Thu, May 24: Final exams for grades 8 - 11
- **Why the slight discrepancy in dates with public schools? St. Tammany schedules 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177. In 2nd semester, we will have two extra days.**

Power of the Positive Educator: Jon Gordon is a motivational expert that works with large companies throughout the US. I recently read his article The Power of the Positive Educator in which he lists seven points that all teachers should adopt in order to be effective. Over the next seven weeks, I'll include one of the points to the faculty. None will be earthshatteringly surprising, but together they form a nice reminder of our Lasallian approach to education. I respectfully submit that they are good points for parents, too. Here's point one:



*Waleed checks out a book in the library for reading pleasure – a rare sight these days!
Congratulate him!*

1. ***Be Positively Contagious*** – Research shows that emotions are contagious. Sincere smiles, kind words, encouragement and positive energy infect people in a positive way. On the flip side your students are just as likely to catch your bad mood as the swine flu. **So each day you come to school you have a choice. You can be a germ or a big dose of Vitamin C.** When you choose to be positively contagious, your positive energy has a positive impact on your students, your colleagues and your school culture. Your students will remember very little of what you said but they will remember 100% of how you made them feel. I remember Mrs. Liota and her smile and love and it made all the difference

I will try to practice this during this week!

New Year's Resolutions: Please make the following part of your New Year Resolutions!

- If your son is absent, phone Erin before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1280, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns.**
- Have your son check Lost & Found which contains: coats, sweaters, shirts, lunch boxes, belts, etc.

SPS Social Media: Want up-to-date news on all of the good things happening at Saint Paul's School? Get event and classroom pictures, latest scores, calendar reminders, and spiritual uplifting by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/> or following us on Twitter @SPSWolfpack. The strength of the Wolf is in the pack! Many thanks to Mimi Montiero for maintaining our social media information.

PLEASE – SAFE DRIVING: Parents –let's start 2016 with a resolution for safe driving! Set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

School Zone Cell Phone Ban: It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone. _

Cash Back Programs: Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Amazon Smile: This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul's School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- Office Depot: We receive a store credit for each of your purchases. Give SPS name or number at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul's will do. This will help a lot.
- Box Tops for Education: Each top is worth 10 cents – which adds up quickly. Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..

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.*

Tutoring: The National Honor Society offers tutoring each Tue and Thu during ALL of Lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 205 and each Wed and Thu from 7:15AM in LaSalle Hall Room 212. It's easier to be tutored early in the than to wait until later in the quarter. Get a jump on exam study by visiting our NHS tutors! The tutors are friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial "put these men to work!"

Kehoe-France Northshore Tennis Tournament: Registration is underway for this annual event, which benefits the Humane Society of America as well as KFN school. The tournament is the weekend of Feb 3rd – 5th at Tchefuncte Country Club. For more info, contact Mr. Brad Humphreys at KFN at bhumphreys@kehoe-francens.com. Or sign up at www.kehoe-francens.com. Registration forms are available at KFN, The Tennis Shop (4626 Hwy 22), or at SPS administration building.

In addition, they need some student help on Saturday of the tournament last year. Service hours will be awarded. If your campus minister would allow service hours to be earned again this year, please let me know. Duties would include filling coolers, replacing trash bags, serving lunch and. Call tennis pro gopher duties Kehoe France for info.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate's FATHER-SON HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM
Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate presents a FATHER-SON HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM for fathers and their 12-14-year-old sons on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 5-8 PM in St. Mary's Hall at St. Peter Catholic Church, Covington. Fathers and sons are invited to grow together in God's gift of human fertility and the wonder of growing up and becoming a man. The program is based on the teachings of Pope Saint John Paul II's "Theology of the Body". Presenters include peers, health care professionals and fathers. Cost is \$25. For more information, please contact St. Peter Office of Religious Education, 985.893.2446 or email ore@stpeterparish.com.

Gallego & Fernandez Productions: Juniors Brandon Gallego and Joel Fernandez did an outstanding promotional video for Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology. It's worth the 3:58 minutes to watch and tech savvy wolves at work. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/r7xhXB3DQkc>

St. Peter Confirmation Program: It is that time of year again at St. Peter Parish - time to register our sophomores for Confirmation preparation. St. Peter will be registering sophomores wishing to be confirmed in the fall or any juniors and seniors who have not yet been confirmed, this Sunday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. They need a copy of their Baptismal certificate and a \$100. No one will be denied the sacrament due to the inability to pay the fees. If they have any questions, please contact St. Peter at 504-352-1050.

Third Quarter Period Rotation

January

17 – BCDE - President's Assembly

18 – FGAB

19 – CDEF

20 – GABC

- 23 – DEFG – 8th-9th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 24 – ABCD – 10th-11th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 25 – EFGA – Feast of St. Paul Mass
- 26 – BCDE – Career Day in AM for Juniors
- 27 – FGAB – 12th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- 30 – CDEF
- 31 – GABC – President’s Assembly

February

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE- Parent Teacher meetings 5-7
- 7 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC
- 10 – DEFG
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFGA – Pre Freshmen in Explore Test
- 15 – BCDE – 9th in PLAN Test
- 16 – FGAB – 10th in Pre ACT Test
- 17 – CDEF
- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG – President’s Assembly
- 22 – ABCD
- 23 – EFGA
- 24 – Faculty Retreat Day – no classes

March

- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC – NAPE test for certain 8th graders during G
- 10 – DEFG – End of Third Quarter

Fourth Quarter Period Rotation

March

- 13 – ABCDEFG –St. Joseph Altar
- 14 – ABCD – President’s Assembly
- 15 – EFGA



Last week (Jan 17) was the 60th anniversary of the chapel fire in 1957 in 12-degree weather. The chapel was a total loss.

- 16 – BCDE
- 17 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 21 – GABC
- 22 – DEFG
- 23 – ABCD – Juniors on Retreat/Angola
- 24 – EFGA – Juniors on Retreat/Angola
- 27 – BCDE
- 28 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 29 – CDEF- 8/9th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 30 – GABC -10/11th HR Breakfast in BAC
- 31 – DEFG – 12th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria

April

- 3 – ABCD – Leadership Week
- 4 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 5 – BCDE – Leadership Breakfast
- 6 – FGAB- Guest Speaker
- 7 – CDEF – Feast of St. La Salle
- 10 – GABC
- 11 – DEFG – Pack Time – Teacher Appreciation
- 12 – ABCD – Passion Play in BAC
- 13 – EFGA – Mandatum Assembly in Gym
- 24 – BCDE
- 25 – FGAB – President’s Assembly
- 26 – CDEF
- 27 – GABC
- 28 – DEFG

May

- 1 – ABCD
- 2 – EFGA – Pack Time (last)
- 3 – BCDE – Senior Exams
- 4 – FGAB – Senior Exams
- 5 – CDEF - Senior Exams
- 8 – GABC
- 9 – DEFG – President’s Assembly – Band Awards in PM
- 10 – ABCD
- 11 – EFGA – Athletic Awards in AM
- 12 – BCDE – Academic Awards in AM
- 13 – Senior Graduation in BAC 4:00 PM
- 15 – FGAB – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 16 – CDEF – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 17 – GABC – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- 18 – 9-11th Final Exams begin



SPS Quiddich played nationally ranked LSU Quiddich team, losing 150-130 a very respectable showing by our Quiddich Wolves!

19 – 9-11th Final Exams – Pre Freshmen Promotion in BAC at 6:30PM
22 – Final Exams
23 – Final Exams
24 – Records Day

Junior Noah Seiden attended the Presidential Inauguration and was interviewed by a Baltimore TV station. Here's the link: <http://www.abc2news.com/news/region/baltimore-city/baltimore-area-residents-travel-to-donald-trumps-inauguration> Noah is exactly one minute into the story.

H of the W: In honor of Belly Laugh Day on Tuesday:

- *Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry.*
- *Why do the French like to eat snails so much? They can't stand fast food.*
- *Girl: Daddy did you know that girls are smart. Dad: No I didn't. Girl: There you go.*
- *A recent scientific study showed that out of 2,293,618,367 people, 94% are too lazy to actually read that number.*
- *A boy breaks on old vase at a rich uncle's house. The uncle gets extremely angry and yells: "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!" The boy sagged in relief: "Oh, good that it wasn't new.*
- *Police officer talks to a driver: Your tail light is broken, your tires must be exchanged and your bumper hangs halfway down. That will be \$300. Driver: All right, go ahead. They want twice as much as that at the garage.*
- *I've always thought my neighbors were quite nice people. But then they put a password on their Wi-Fi.*
- *Man to lawyer: "What is your fee?" Lawyer: "1000 US dollars for 3 questions." Man: "Wow - so much! Isn't it a bit expensive?" Lawyer: "Yes, what is your third question?" [Sorry, lawyers!]*
- *Bob: "I just fell off a 30 ft ladder." Jim: "Are you okay?" Bob: "Yeah, luckily I was just on the first step."*
- *Clerk: "Where were you born?" Man: "In the United States." Clerk: "Which part?" Man: "My entire body."*
- *Judge to Dentist? "Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?"*
- *My friend boasted he had the body of a Greek god. I had to explain where Buddha actually comes from.*
- *OK, I'll stop but you can't say I didn't try! Just make sure you laugh on Tuesday! Feel free to laugh at me!*

Letters of Application: More unedited comments from letters from next year's applicants:

- *I feel it would be ignorant to not say anything about athletics when talking about a Goliath like St. Paul's. [I understand what he's trying to say but remind him that Goliath was defeated – unlike SPS!]*
- *The teachers surprised me when I saw them keeping their students active in class with Socratic circles and experiments.*
- *When I walked into Spanish class and saw everyone singing, I was amazed.*
- *To me, the campus makes it feel that it's not even a school. [Sometimes current students forget it's a school!]*
- *I fully agree with the Mission of St. Paul's and I like the brotherhood.*
- *That senior ring – dang, it's nice. [Yes, it sure it!]*

And even though it's 2017, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's School! I wish you a blessed week!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Hard to Believe January is Almost Over and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for poor & social justice, faith in God's presence – our mantras this week, throughout 2017, and always!

As Christmas 2016 fades further into history, let us not forget the inspiration provided by the Student Council on luminaria night: *Lux – God is our light and #36 – Mighty Michael!*

