



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



February 20 – March 06, 2017

Welcome to the eighth week of the Third Quarter – and the final week before the Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays! I think it is important to note that our holidays next week are really for two reasons: Mardi Gras for two days and the beginning of Lent for three.



*The Howlin' Wolf gets festooned with beads!*

Recently, General Councilor (and former SPS teacher, coach and athletic director) Brother Tim Coldwell sent me this quotation from Saint La Salle's Conduct of Schools – the faculty handbook for the first Brothers and an incredible guide for us even today: *Holidays may not be given on the Monday and Tuesday immediately preceding the first day of Lent. Furthermore, students will even be required to be more exact in their attendance at school on these days than on any other day in the year.* Tim speculated that things were pretty wild in France in the two days preceding Ash Wednesday, and our Founder wanted the students even more protected from the evil temptations and near occasions of sin of his day.

Well, I hate to ignore our Founder, but I don't think I could get away with having school on the two days prior to Ash Wednesday in our south Louisiana culture! I'd be sitting here by myself! But the temptations that the Founder wanted to protect the students from still abound – and, perhaps, are even magnified – in our current Mardi culture, which is not my favorite holiday of the year.

And while I feel pretty helpless to do much about the harmful temptations, I'll still play YoY o Ma's "Ecstasy of Gold" from The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly at Tuesday's assembly. I'll still exhort the students to embrace the good, shun the bad, and eschew the ugly of Mardi Gras. I'll still encourage them to attend Ash Wednesday services. I'll still praise the Marching Wolves and encourage families to have fun but take precautions and be vigilant. I'll still support families who leave town at Mardi Gras. And I'll still pray for the safety of all of our students. I hope you will join me in all of these, especially prayer.

And then I'll spend a quiet Mardi Gras Day with a good detective novel and prepare for the beginning of Lent.

**I wish you a safe and blessed holiday week.**

### Mon, Feb 20 (Regular; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** In 1962, John Hershel Glenn Jr. is successfully launched into space aboard the *Friendship 7* spacecraft on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut.
- **Presidents Day:** We honor the 44 men who have had the incredible privilege of serving as President of the US. Question: If President Trump is the 45<sup>th</sup> president, how come there are only 44 names? Grover Cleveland served two non-consecutive terms, becoming the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> president. But you knew that!
- **Cherry Pie Day: Enjoy!**
- **Bowling:** SPS v. St. Thomas
- **Manresa:** A group of juniors embarks on a 24 hour SILENT, no-device retreat. We pray for these juniors.

## Tue, Feb 21 (Assembly; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1972, President Richard Nixon becomes first sitting US President to visit The People's Republic of China. Arriving in Beijing, the president announced his breakthrough visit to China is "The week that changed the world."
- **ASVAB Testing** in the BAC. This is an interest inventory designed to help seniors make career choices. Please encourage your senior son to take this opportunity seriously.
- **Baseball:** Varsity at John Curtis (7); 8<sup>th</sup> v. Mandeville (4)
- **Tennis:** SPS at Slidell



*Speech III Class debates homeland security issues.*

## Wed, Feb 22 (Regular; A B C D)

- **7 am mass in chapel; I encourage our students to attend!**
- **TDIH:** George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar that moved Washington's birth day a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.
- **TDIH:** In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered first presidential radio broadcast from White House.
- **TDIH:** In 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York.
- **Single Tasking Day:** Concentrate on only one task at a time today without feeling guilty about wasting time!
- **Be Humble Day:** Today's the day to practice humility! And we've all got things to be humble about.
- **Bowling:** SPS v. Albany

## Thu, Feb 23 (Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1896 - The Tootsie Roll was introduced.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, U.S. flag was raised on Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal's photo, showing 5 Marines & 1 Navy man struggling to hoist the flag pole, became the most reproduced photograph in history and won a Pulitzer Prize.
- **National Inconvenience Yourself Day:** Often, we think that our lives and schedules are more important than some else's. We inconvenience other people to make our own lives easier and forget the impact of our actions on others. Concentrate today on trying to make someone else's life easier and happier rather than focusing on ourselves – I know what you're saying: if he wanted to make our lives more convenient, he wouldn't write these newsletters!
- **Marching Wolves in Wal Mart Special Needs Children's Parade. This is always a special event!**
- **Junior Class to WW II Museum Field Trip**
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Ruston in WGNO Invitational
- **Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays begin for students at 3 pm**



*Drama classes transform theater into a Russian village for "Fiddler on the Roof."*

### Fri, Feb 24 (Faculty Retreat / Day of Service)

- **TDIH:** In 1803, the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Marshall, decides *Marbury vs. Madison* and confirms the legal principle of judicial review--the ability of the Supreme Court to limit Congressional power by declaring legislation unconstitutional--in the new nation.
- **TDIH:** In 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted by the Senate. Trivia question: who was the only other US President to be impeached? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **National Tortilla Chip Day:** Enjoy your favorite chip today!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Hermes**
- **Baseball:** Varsity in WGNO Invitational (7 pm at Heap Field)
- **Soccer: STATE FINAL GAME pits**

**defending state champion SPS against Catholic of Baton Rouge! Geaux Wolves!**

### Sat, Feb 25

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.
- **TDIH:** In 1862, The U.S. Congress passes Legal Tender Act, authorizing use of paper notes to pay the government's bills. This ended a long-standing policy of using only gold or silver, and it allowed the government to finance the enormously costly Civil War long after its metal reserves were depleted.
- **TDIH:** In 1807, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is born. Although not read much today, Longfellow was an American literary giant of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Who can forget his immortal poem "Evangeline" or the opening lines of "Paul Revere's Ride": *Listen my children and you shall hear / Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere....*
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Endymion Parade**
- **Powerlifting:** Regional Meet at PJP
- **Baseball:** 9th v. Pearl River (double header) and Varsity in WGNO Invitational
- **Wrestling:** USA Kids Tournament in gyms

### Sun, Feb 26

- **TDIH:** In 1993, a bomb explodes in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people died and 1,000 were injured by the powerful blast, a precursor to the 9-11 attack.
- **National For Pete's Sake Day:** Who is Pete and why do we do or not do things for his sake?
- **National Pistachio Day:** Crack a handful of these addictive nuts today and enjoy! Some pistachio facts:
  - Pistachios grow on trees. A pistachio tree takes 7-10 years to mature and produce nuts.
  - While native to the Middle East, California is the major producer in the US
  - Pistachios are harvested in Sept by machines that shake the trees
  - Red pistachios are dyed due to consumer demand for the color
  - Its open hull is unique. The nut is ripe when the hull splits open



- In the Middle East, they are called “smiling nuts” and in China they are called “happy nuts.”
- Pistachios are nutritious so eat ‘em up today!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Bacchus Parade**

### Mon, Feb 27 (Lundi Gras Holiday)

- **TDIH:** In 1827, masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi. And we're still reeling from the effects!
- **International Polar Bear Day:** Polar Bear Day celebrates the world's largest carnivore which can grow up to 9 feet tall (when standing) and 1400 pounds. Polar bears live at the North Pole region, and are native to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia. Celebrate the polar bear today! Visit the international website at <http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/bear-facts/>
- **National Chili Day:** Enjoy a bowl of your favorite chili today! (Mine is New Mexican green chili!)

### Tue, Feb 28 (Mardi Gras Day Holiday!)

- **TDIH:** In 1953, Cambridge U scientists James Watson and Frances Crick announce they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes.
- **TDIH:** In 2013 - Benedict XVI resigned as pope. He was the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415 and the first to resign voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294.
- **National Sleeping Day:** This is how I plan to spend Mardi Gras Day after I finish my detective book!
- **Marching Wolves in Krewe of Zulu Parade**

### Wed, Mar 01 (Ash Wednesday; Beginning of Lent Holiday)

- **Remember that we are dust and to dust we will return!**

### Thu, Mar 02 – Sun, Mar 05 – Beginning of Lent Holidays

#### Help with Our St. Joseph Altar:

Once again, Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo and her legion of volunteers will prepare an incredible St. Joseph Altar. The date is Monday, March 13. They will prepare and offer a multi-course meal to ALL of our students, faculty, staff, and volunteers – over 1000 people! It's an amazing tribute to Dr. Logarbo's devotion to St. Joseph. As usual, though, Ann Kay makes the following requests:

- **COOKIE MAKING DAY** will be on March 4 in the cafeteria. We start at 9 sharp and usually finish well before 1 pm. Service hours are offered for SPS, SSA and any other schools your children may attend. Bring a rolling pin and clothes that can get flour on them. Please email Ann Kay if you can attend at [alogarbo@charter.net](mailto:alogarbo@charter.net)



*A scene from last year's St. Joseph Altar! Hope you can help this year!*

- ALTAR SET UP will be on Sunday, March 12 from 3-6 pm. Please bring your sons (more service hours) and come help us set up the Altar.
- MONDAY, MARCH 13 is the Altar:
  - PLEASE BRING FOOD COOKED AND COVERED. WRITE THE NAME OF THE ITEM ON THE COVER AS WE WILL HAVE SEPARATE WARMERS.
  - FRUIT MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE BRIGGS CENTER ON THE 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - WE WILL NEED AT LEAST 60 MOMS ON MAR 13 FOR LUNCH. PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL IF YOU CAN HELP SERVE. MOMS WILL WEAR AN SPS SHIRT.
  - TAKE DOWN IS FROM 2;30-4;30...MORE SERVICE HOURS OFFERED.
  - There is NO MEAT on the ALTAR...seafood OK.
- There will be a limited number of rosaries, bracelets, and car rosaries available made from last year's blessed roses. If you would like a rosary (and they are gorgeous), please send the money to my PO Box with your name as they are pre-order only. The rosaries are \$50 each but are worth every penny.
- THIS YEAR, ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE FUND FOR OUR OWN MICHAEL DOHERTY, TO HELP IN HIS RECOVERY, SO ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.
- MY ADDRESS FOR DONATIONS IS PO Box 983, Covington, La 70434. Make payable to SPS St. Joseph Altar.
- MY EMAIL IS [alogarbo@charter.net](mailto:alogarbo@charter.net) Send me any questions.
- I'm trying out the sign up genius this year. Here is the link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A82CA0FF2-stjoseph>

**Mighty Michael 36 SLAM Events:** The following events (Mighty Michael's 36 Slam) have been organized to help with Michael's medical needs:

- Raffle Fundraiser: \$25 a ticket (purchased from Claire Coutrado here at school) with an LSU Golf Cart as grand prize along with other prizes. Drawing held at PAC on Sat, Mar 11 at 5. Winner need not be present. Checks should be made to Mighty Michael's 36 Slam.
- Men's & Women's Tennis Tournament (Mar 9 – 12); \$100 a person; 2 match guarantee; complimentary tournament apparel, catered meals, beverages and courtside snacks; hosted by Pelican Athletic Club. Register at [tennislink.usta.com/tournaments](http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments) ID 700130417
- High School Boy's 4 vs. 4 Flag Football One Day Tournament on Mar 11 (in conjunction with adult tennis tournament): JV (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades) and Varsity (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) divisions; maximum of 20 teams; min 5 players per team; max 8 players per team; \$25 per player; two game minimum; hosted by PAC; Registration deadline is Mar 8 or until full.
- Sponsorships available for all of the above.
- For more info, visit [www.mm36slam.com](http://www.mm36slam.com) or email [mm36slam@gmail.com](mailto:mm36slam@gmail.com)

**2017 - 18 Registration:** Please note the following:

- **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** Deadline for registering has passed. We are now offering unregistered spots to new applicants for next year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades:** We have emailed registration materials. Deadline for registering for next year is Feb 22.
- **Current 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2017 - 18! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involve the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**
- **If your son will not be returning, please give me the courtesy of an email so I can plan accordingly.**

**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!

**Congratulations:** We extend our prayer and congratulations to RaeNell Billiot Houston, Ph.D. who will be the next Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans as of July 1. Archbishop Gregory Aymond named Dr Houston to this position last week, succeeding Dr. Jan Lancaster. Dr. Houston has served as Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the archdiocese since 2011. We extend our thanks to Dr. Lancaster for her tireless efforts on behalf of Catholic education and pledge our support and cooperation to Dr. Houston as she guides the 80+ Catholic schools in our Archdiocese in very challenging times.

**District Rally:** Congrats to the large number of Wolves who represented SPS at Sat’s District Literary Rally at SLU. Thanks to Joe Dickens for coordinating this event.

**Admissions:** The Admissions Committee has completed its work, having vetted our applicants for next year. On Thursday, March 2, we will mail acceptance letters to next year’s new students – as will all Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. Both the quality and quantity for SPS are very good! Thanks for spreading the good news about SPS!

### **Musings on Last Week:**

- **Counseling:** Congrats to counselors for successful testing sessions for 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> grades last week. Students were very cooperative and took the tests seriously. We look forward to great results.
- **Marching Wolves:** the MWs acquitted themselves in exemplary fashion during three parades. And the Band Boosters deserve special kudos for their incredible support system.
- **Golf:** Golfers won their first match last week and are off to a great start! Three of our five guys shot under 40. I don’t know what that means, but I’m told it’s great! And we have two pre-freshmen on varsity!



Rannie and Jimmy explore infectious disease causes in Biomed I

- **Soccer:** Heart-stopping last minute win over St. Amant propelled the Wolves into the semi-finals, where they took on Acadiana and defeated them 3-2 in DOUBLE OVERTIME! Another heart stopper! On to the finals!
- **Tennis:** Wolves are off to a good start, even though rain forced a termination of last week's match at 2-2!
- **Bowling:** Wolves fell to an undefeated Holden team.
- **Basketball:** Great wins over Mandeville & F'Bleau garner another District Championship for SPS! On to the playoffs! Gene is smiling.
- **Baseball:** Meet the Team went well

(creative, too, as they had inter-squad scrimmages as well as the usual intros and food and the never-ending

selling of merchandise...)

- **Key Club:** Our Key Clubbers were in action on Sat making Covington a cleaner place. Many thanks!
- **Aqua Wolves swam in the USA Swimming Louisiana State Short Course Championship in Sulphur.**
- **Indoor Track:** In the 2017 Indoor State Championships. SPS finished in third place in Division 1. Eric Coston was the state champion in the 1600 m run and finished second in the 800 m run. The 4 x 800 m relay team of Colin Sullivan, Stephen Schlottman, Evan Hendry, and Eric Coston also finished in first place. Frankie Durio was the alternate on this team and ran in both qualifying races prior to the state meet. Stephen Schlottman finished in fifth place in the 1600 m run. Jonathan Bertucci also finished in fifth place in the 3200 m run. Well done, Indoor Track Wolves!
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity & JVA beat St. Thomas More – a lacrosse powerhouse. Well done, LAX Wolves!

**Better Late than Never Dept:** Last Monday was the thirty-fifth anniversary of the death of Brother James Miller – and I forgot to include it. As a young Brother, he expressed a deep desire to work in Central America. He loved working with the poor, especially the indigenous of Guatemala. As the army began campaigns of repression and genocide against them, Hermano Santiago remained firm in his commitment to serving them. Asked by his relatives if he was afraid, he quipped in a letter: *“Are you kidding? I never thought I could pray with such fervor when I go to bed.”* A month before his death, he wrote home: *“... the Church is being persecuted because of its option for the poor. Aware of numerous dangers and difficulties, we continue working with faith and hope and trusting in God's Providence.”* While patching a wall outside of the boarding school for indigenous boys (which protected them from being kidnapped into the army), Brother James was shot down by three assassins. The Catholic Church has named him a Servant of God, the step toward sainthood.

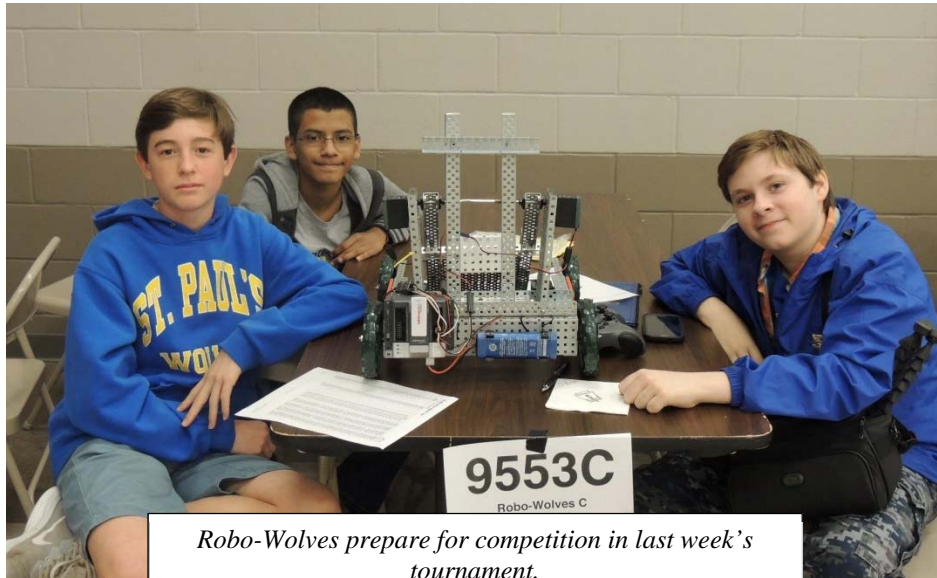
**Greater Lasallian World Dept:** Last week, Mullen High School (the Lasallian school in Denver) posted a YouTube video entitled “What It Means To Be Lasallian.” It's very well done and worth the 5+ minutes it takes to view. And you get some great views of this wonderful Mile High City school – including their INDOOR football/soccer practice facility! Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzHxuoBJU08&feature=youtu.be>



**Alumni News:** Four SPS alumni were co-authors of an article published in the Journal of Electronic Imaging arising out of work that they did this past summer during their internship with Innovative Imaging and Research at Stennis Space Center. The title of the article was “Laying the Foundation to use Raspberry Pi 3V2 camera module imagery for scientific and engineering purposes.” I have no idea what all of that means, but it sure sounds impressive! Congrats to 2011 and Washington U graduate Ryan Harlan and 2015 alumni George Cazenavette (LA Tech), James Pagnutti (LA Tech) and Maxwell Gold (Washington & Lee).

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



*Robo-Wolves prepare for competition in last week's tournament.*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Courteous Driving:** PLEASE!

**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:** Keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Office Depot: We received a \$250 store credit last week. 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.



- **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>.
- **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 and friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial “put these men to work!”

**I Felt Sorry For This Parent:** A parent approached me and said that his son lost two sweatshirts and did I have any idea of where they might be? I started naming places where I had seen sweatshirts: gym locker rooms (old and new), school offices, coaches’ offices, Horack Pavilion, La Salle Hall lobby – and then I pointed to a sweatshirt that someone had thrown on the rafter of our new gym! I’m amazed how many sweatshirts (and every other item of clothing imaginable) has accumulated all over campus – with NO NAMES written in them! And don’t even get me started on the accumulation of lunch boxes, flash drives, pencil cases, etc. I will start giving away unmarked things to those who want them. Parents: please put your son’s name on things and **stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.**

**Lacrosse:** Please join SPS Lacrosse on Saturday March 11 as senior players and their parents are honored for their commitment and dedication to the SPS Lacrosse program. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm in Hunter Stadium followed by a 7:00pm varsity game against the Ocean Springs Greyhounds. A 5:00pm JV game will precede the event. Come out and support our LAX Wolf teams and their families!

**Mothers’ Club Bookstore:** The Mothers’ Club will open the bookstore at lunch on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 11:00 – 12:30, even though students do not have school. Also, the bookstore will be open on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 10:00 – 12:00. Thanks to the MC for their devotion to the bookstore – the proceeds directly benefit the students of Saint Paul’

**HOSA Request:** Our newly formed club of future medical professionals makes the following request: Please consider joining the marrow donor registry if you are **between the ages of 18 and 44**. One online registration followed by four cheek swabs could match you to save a life. For an intro to joining the bone marrow registry, feel free to watch this 3-minute video! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR42e6IxiKo>

Want a detailed description of what is involved in signing up for Be The Match? Visit the SPS HOSA website! : <https://sites.google.com/stpauls.com/hosa/be-the-match-donor-drive?authuser=0>

One of the most common myths is that all bone marrow donation involves surgery. However, the majority don’t. Most are done without surgery, using a procedure called peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation. The second way to donate is marrow donation, and that’s surgical. Whichever way you donate, you’d typically go home the same day.

**Ready to Register?:** <https://join.bethematch.org/spssaves>

## **Third Quarter Period Rotation**

### **February**

- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG – President's Assembly
- 22 – ABCD
- 23 – EFGA – Mardi Gras/Beginning of Lent Holidays begin at 3
- 24 – Faculty Retreat Day – no classes

### **March**

- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC – NAPE test for certain 8<sup>th</sup> 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
- 16 – BCDE
- 17 – FGAB
- 20 – CDEF
- 21 – GABC
- 22 – DEFG
- 23 – ABCD – Juniors on Retreat/Angola
- 24 – EFGA – Juniors on Retreat/Angola
- 27 – BCDE – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast in cafeteria
- 28 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 29 – CDEF- 8/9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in BAC
- 30 – GABC -10/11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in BAC
- 31 – DEFG – Mu Alpha Theta Convention

### **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

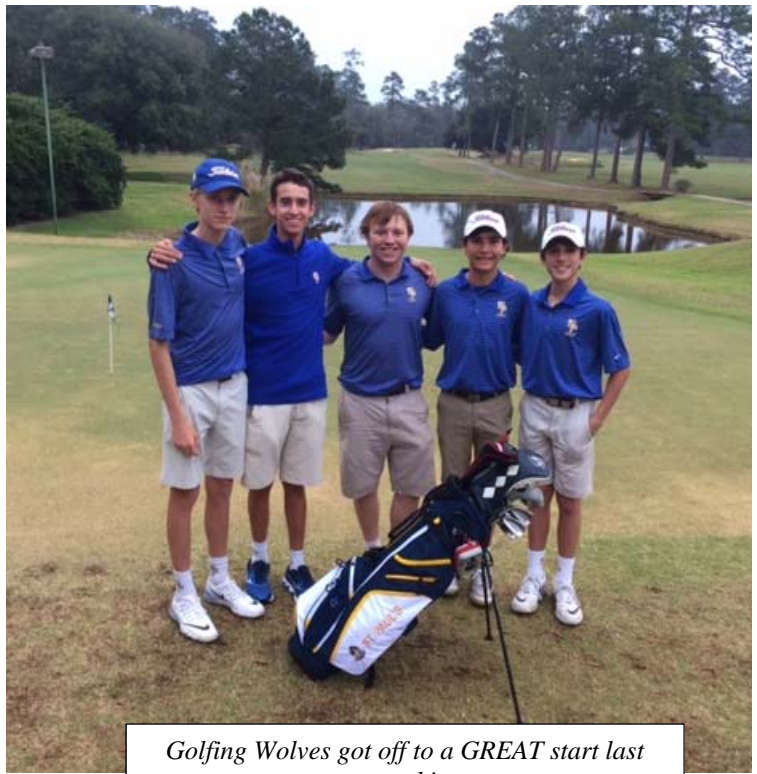


*Tenacious defense propelled SPS past F'Bleau last week and into a District Championship.  
(Photo courtesy of NOLA.com)*

- 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
- 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 – 9-11<sup>th</sup> Final Exams begin
- 19 – 9-11<sup>th</sup> Final Exams – Pre Freshmen Promotion in BAC at 6:30PM (yes, this is the correct date)
- 22 – Final Exams
- 23 – Final Exams
- 24 – Records Day



*Golfing Wolves got off to a GREAT start last week!*

## **H of the W:** In honor of Presidents’ Day

- *Q. Which one of Washington's officers had the best sense of humor? A: Laughayette!*
- *Q: Why did they call Lincoln "Honest Abe"? A: Because that's what it said on all his campaign buttons.*
- *Q: What would you get if you crossed a whale with the first US president? A: Large Washington!*
- *Q: Why did George Washington have trouble sleeping? A: Because he couldn't lie.*
- *Q: Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? A: At the chopping mall!*
- *Q: What do you call George Washington's false teeth? A: Presidentures!*
- *Q: What was General Washington's favorite tree? A: The infantry!*
- *Q: Was General Washington a handsome man? A: Yes, he was George-eous!*
- *Q: What would George Washington be if he were alive today? A: Really, really, really old!*
- *Q: Did you hear the one about the crooked George Washington? A: He committed Valley Forgery!*
- *Q: How did George Washington speak to his army? A: In general terms!*
- *Q: What rock group has four guys who don't sing? A: Mount Rushmore!*
- *Q. What was Thomas Jefferson’s favorite dessert? Monti-jello!*
- *OK, I’ll stop*





Michael has returned to The Shepherd Center in Atlanta. He is scheduled to return to SPS on March 6. We are making accommodations for his needs and will welcome him back enthusiastically. May all our Christian Brother saints intercede with Almighty God on Michael's behalf!

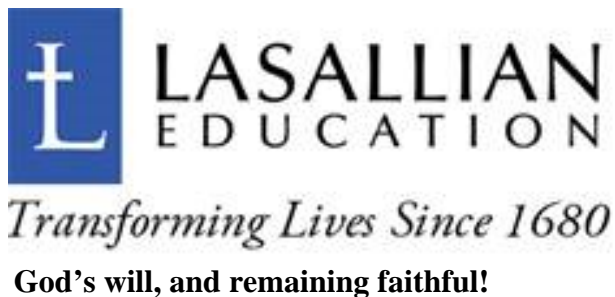
And even though it's 2017, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

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

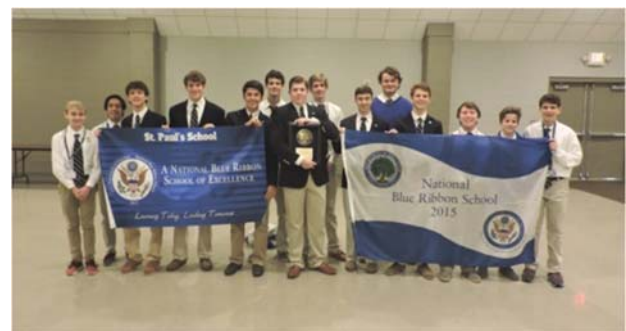
Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for the Safety of Our Students During Mardi Gras as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President/CEO 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!**



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Answer to Feb 24 Trivia Question: On Dec 19, 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives. He, too, was later acquitted by the Senate. But you knew that!