



# The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



March 06 – 12, 2017

Remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return!



*Iris blooms are appearing on campus – indicating springtime, the etymology of Lent.*

Welcome to Lent! Sister Carolyn Brockland, OSU, the Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, wrote the following last week: *As we begin the season of Lent, our thoughts turn to Lenten practices. Our Church encourages us to focus on positive ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus rather than on “giving up” things (as used to be the emphasis in earlier times).*

Sister than talked about “fasting” – one of the traditional acts of penance practiced during Lent and reminded us of the fasting described by the Prophet Isaiah, which was the mass reading for last Friday:

*Thus says the Lord, God: This is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!*

While we all need to fast occasionally in the traditional way, we also need to fast in Isaiah’s positive manner, thus bringing the conversion of heart that is the core of the Lenten message. So let’s release the bounds of ignorance that shackle our students; let’s help untie the yokes that prevent them from being their best selves; let’s provide them with the bread of life and the clothing that counts – and let’s never turn our backs on them. Thank you, Sister Carolyn, for reminding us of this message! **I wish you a blessed Lenten season!**

## **Mon, Mar 06 (Assembly; B C D E) – Welcome back, Michael!**

- **Assembly:** Shepherd Center reps will meet with junior and seniors to educate them about Michael’s injury and needs.
- **This Day in History:** In 1899, the Imperial Patent Office in Berlin registers Aspirin, the brand name for acetylsalicylic acid, on behalf of the German pharmaceutical company Friedrich Bayer & Co
- **TDIH: In 1986,** Georgia O’Keefe, the artist who gained worldwide fame for her austere minimalist paintings of the American southwest, dies in Santa Fe at the age of 98. View some masterpieces of this incredible artist!
- **Dentist Day:** We thank all of our dental professionals today for their dedication to our dental health!
- **National Frozen Food Day:** Where would we be without frozen food?
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> in DH at Franklinton (4:15 & 6:15)

## **Tue, Mar 07 (Wolf Pack schedule; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** In 1923, *The New Republic* publishes Robert Frost’s poem “Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening.” The poem, beginning with the famous line “Whose woods these are, I think I know. His house is in the village though,” has introduced millions of American students to poetry. Re-read this classic today!
- **World Math Day!** Celebrate & work math problems!
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Bro. Martin (6:30)

## **Wed, Mar 8 – (Regular; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members, loses contact with air traffic control less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur then veers off course and disappears. Despite a massive air-and-sea search effort for the Beijing-bound Boeing 777, investigators have failed to find any trace of the aircraft or determine why it vanished.
- **Bowling v. Hannan at Tangi Lanes**

**Thu, Mar 9 (Regular; G A B C)**

**TDIH:** In 1916, Pancho Villa raids the United States. This matters to us at SPS. What I've printed here is a repeat, but it's one of our significant foundational stories – both in our history and God's plan -- and needs to be read yearly. Enjoy.



From the History Channel's "This Day in History": *On March 9, 1916, several hundred Mexican guerrillas under the command of Francisco "Pancho" Villa cross the U.S.-Mexican border and attack the small border town of Columbus, New Mexico.... President Woodrow Wilson orders the U.S. Army into Mexico to capture the rebel leader dead or alive.*

Other than historical curiosity, why should we at SPS care about this anniversary? Because in an unwitting and unintentional way, Pancho Villa (left) helped found Saint Paul's School. According to the historical records of the Christian Brothers of the former New Orleans - Santa Fe Province, Mexican revolutionaries besieged the city of Zacatecas in 1914, where Christian Brothers had conducted a school for six years. Two Brothers were killed and 14 were imprisoned. *On July 6, the sister of the finance minister to the First Chief of the Revolutionaries hosted Poncho Villa for dinner. During this meal she interceded for the Brothers. Her son had attended the Brothers' school at Monterey. Villa consented and the Brothers were conveyed by rail coach under guard to El Paso. The Jesuit priests took them in, gave them necessities and advised them to travel to Santa Fe. The French consul arranged for train tickets, and the Brothers arrived at Santa Fe on July 13. Some of these Brothers later returned to France. Others were sent to different American communities, while some remained and helped establish the new District of New Orleans-Santa Fe. The unknown Brother who wrote the Historical Sketch, awed by the courage and dedication of these Brothers, remarked, ". . . for a more exemplary or edifying body of religious men, it would be very difficult to find."*

Some of those same brothers, exiled from France in 1904 due to religious persecution and who went to Mexico only to be driven out in 1914, would eventually settle in Covington to assume ownership of Saint Paul's School. The rest, as they say, is history. Had Pancho Villa not released the Brothers from prison, they may never have found their way here.

Scripture tells us that God's ways are not our ways. Could there be a more relevant example of how God brings good out of evil, strength out of weakness, salvation out of despair? Could the Hand of God be any more obvious in our school's existence? Could we have any doubt that our work today is God's work -- a continuation of that miraculous journey to Covington, those incredible stories of heroic men giving their lives for the sake of the Lasallian Mission?

Today, we are the ones entrusted with that Mission. Today, we must be faithful. Today, we are the cooperators with God in His plan of salvation. Today, we must honor our ancestors and, yes, thank Pancho Villa for granting the Brothers a release from prison and a safe journey from Mexico. Who knows what good will come from our work today -- even when times are tough and the future blurry? May our Lenten journey give us eyes of faith and merciful hearts!



*A billboard in Mexico City greeted SPS students on the two-week exchange program – and reinforced the international character of Lasallian education.*

- **National Get Over It Day:** We all have something to “get over.” Do it today! Can’t think of something? Ask your friends what they tire of hearing you complain about!
- **National Panic Day:** Who knew? Try to stay calm today although with all this activity, it will be hard.
- **Tennis v. Lakeshore**
- **Baseball:** SPS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament begins

#### **Fri, Mar 10 (Regular; D E F G) – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter!**

- **TDIH:** In 1876, the first telephone call occurs when Alexander Bell says “Mr. Watson, come here; I want you.”
- **Mario Day:** A day for all persons named Mario. Using the abbreviation for the month of March, i.e., MAR, with the day, i.e., 10, you get the name spelled out: MAR10 – who knew?
- **Middle Name Day:** How often do we think of our middle names? Spend some time discussing their history today.
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Tournament continues; Varsity in Chalmette Tournament
- **AFJROTC Field Trip to McGill AFB, FL through Sunday**

#### **Sat, Mar 11**

- **TDIH:** In 1818, Mary Shelley publishes *Frankenstein*, called the first science fiction novel.
- **Johnny Appleseed Day:** Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman was a real person, a settler who was captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree planted, the legend grew. Eat an apple today in honor of Johnny.
- **World Plumbing Day:** Appreciate plumbing today, something we all too often take for granted. And I guess we should give a shout out to plumbers, too! Where would we be without them?
- **Math Tournament:** Math Wolves in Bro. Martin Tournament
- **Lacrosse:** JVB & Wolf Pack in Bayou Bash Tournament; JVA & Var v. Ocean Springs (5:00 & 7)
- **Rugby:** Var v. Bayou Hurricanes (1 pm on Var soccer field)
- **SAT on campus today**
- **Baseball:** Var in Chalmette Tourney & SPS 8<sup>th</sup> grade tourney

**Sun, Mar 12 – First Sunday of Lent. We encourage all to attend church services. Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time begins at 2:00 am. Spring forward!**

- **TDIH:** In 1622, Pope Gregory XV canonized a pretty extraordinary group of men and women, making them saints in the Roman Catholic Church: Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, & Ignatius Loyola. May these saints pray for us in our work at SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first “fireside chat” radio address. Today he would send out a tweet!
- **Genealogy Day:** Spend time today researching your ancestors or at least giving thanks for them!



*Juniors congratulate Jack and Kelsey after state championship game on 2/24!  
(Photo courtesy of Emerson Vaccari)*

**Important 2017 – 18 Calendar Change:** We learned last week of two first semester events that necessitate a change in next year’s calendar. Because of a Lasallian formation experience for the four Lasallian schools in the New Orleans area on Sep 1 and an Archdiocesan All Catholic School formation experience on Nov 6, **we will now end the first semester on Tuesday, Dec 19, after the last exam.** This still ends our semester a day before the public schools.

**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 was on March 4 in the cafeteria. Thanks to all who helped!
- 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>



*Seniors attend their level mass on Feb 22*

**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 has passed. We offered unregistered spots to new applicants.
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades:** Deadline to register for next year was Feb 22. If you intend for your son to return, please register him. If he is not returning, please let me know. **Unregistered students will not be allowed to schedule next year's classes – which will happen in mid-March.**
- **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. 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!

**2017-18 Admissions:** The Admissions Committee completed its work. On Thursday, March 2, we mailed acceptance letters to next year's new students – as did 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!

**Last Two Weeks in Review:**

- **Manresa:** Thank you for cooperating. I pray that the boys benefitted.
- **ASVAB Testing:** Most of our guys took this career inventory test seriously and we hope it helps them. Thanks to counselors for arranging this test for the senior class.
- **Feb 22 Masses:** All went well with the level masses – all five of them! I am appreciative to Fathers Matthew Johnston, Jacob, Zachary, Gregory, and Ian for ministering to our students by celebrating Eucharist with us.
- **Marching Wolves** once again represented us in an exemplary manner, marching in Hermes, Endymion, Bacchus and Zulu, but their greatest publicity came from the Wal Mart Special Needs parade. If you haven't seen the video (which has received over 700,000 views), here's the link:  
[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=10154715578676943&id=130238036942](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=10154715578676943&id=130238036942)
- **Junior Class Field Trip:** Once again, our juniors received many compliments from the WW II museum staff. Thanks, social studies dept, for arranging this experience for our juniors.
- **Soccer Finals:** Seven consecutive appearances in the finals. Five titles. Amazing. Congrats, Soccer Wolves!
- **Faculty Day of Service:** Thanks to all who participated in this very Lasallian experience.
- **Mothers Club Lunch:** Thanks, MC, for feeding the faculty/staff following their Day of Service.
- **St. Joseph Altar Cookie Making Day:** Ann Kay and her legions had a productive morning!
- **Mexico Exchange Program:** All is going well, according to Trevor, for our six guys attending classes at a Lasallian high school in Mexico City and living with local families. Trevor is staying at the Brothers Residence and will return

on Mar 6. Liz Brett flew up Friday and will take over the group for week two. Thanks for cooperating with this new program. Soon, a contingent from Mexico will be staying with our boys and attending classes here for two weeks.

- **Basketball:** Our very successful and more than respectable season ended on Fri night in a nail biter of a game against a tenacious and unrelenting Brother Martin team. While disappointment was palpable post-game, we must focus on the big picture: a district championship and a positive, upbeat program that is well prepared for future seasons. Thanks Coach Dale, assistant coaches, and team for many memorable moments. We are very proud of you and you have every reason to be proud of yourselves!
- **Golf:** Wolves competed and did well
- **Baseball:** Lots of games with some wins, some losses. Young season looks promising.
- **Bowling:** I know they had practices but I don't think they had any matches.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle!
- **LHSAA Compliance Check:** Once again, the LHSAA showed up last week for a compliance check of our paperwork on our athletes. Once again, we passed with flying colors, a compliment to the team of Craig, Claire and Carol, aka C<sup>3</sup>
- **VEX Robotics:** Our Robo Wolves took no break last week as they prepared for the state championship competition at Holy Cross on March 4 – and returned home with a FIRST Place award! Well done, Robo-Wolves!
- **Lacrosse** traveled to Memphis to play Christian Brothers High School. JV won 12-2 (congrats!) but Varsity fell 8-10 (Congrats anyway!)



*#1 ranked LAX Wolves pray before game.*

**National Catholic Sisters Week:** Wed, March 8 begins NCSW to shine a national spotlight on the good works and good will of the almost 50,000 Catholic sisters in the US. It recognizes past and present sisters, from the movers and shakers of Catholic education, to those who pressed the front lines of social change to those who ministered to the sick in hospitals to those faithful praying in cloistered chapels. Few students today have had contact with Catholic nuns. Sad. Some of my most influential teachers in elementary school were nuns. Let's pray for an increase of vocations to this worthy life and thank God for the good these faith-filled women have done so much for so many, many years – and continue to do today.

**Kids Glued to Phones:** If you missed this editorial on NOLA.com and the TP, it is worth a read:

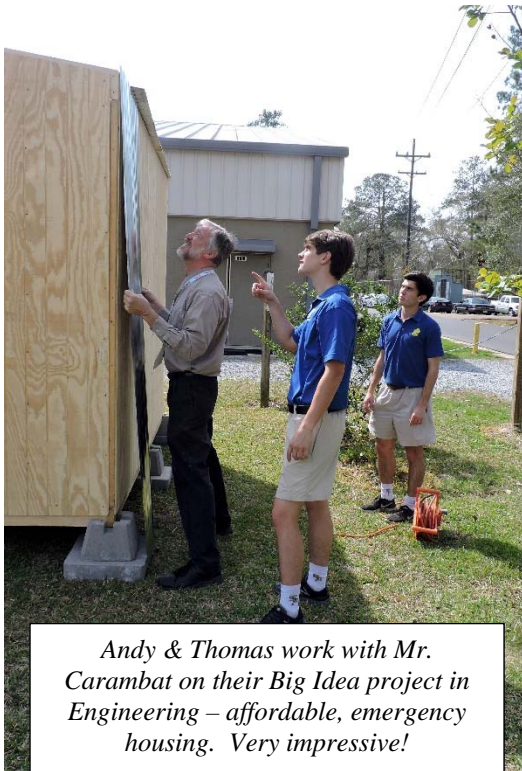
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**Feb 21 Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Feb 21 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to world-famous cellist Yo Yo Ma play "Ecstasy of Gold", a song from the 1960's classic spaghetti - Western film, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." I explained that I chose YoYo Ma's version because, in addition to being outstanding, Ma's life is dedicated to promoting world peace and human rights. Several years ago, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor an American President can bestow. And I told them I use the song at the assembly before Mardi Gras, because that holiday, while having so much good, is also sometimes filled with the bad and the ugly. I beseeched the students to choose only the good this Mardi Gras season and to avoid the bad and the ugly. As the prayer candle was lit by junior **Hanzala Hussain**, we prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: the grandfather of freshman Robert Smith and the grandmother of freshman Dayton Shirah. And, of course, we prayed for Michael.



- Recognized and congratulated the Marching Wolves and ROTC Color Guard for performing exemplarily in the first three Mardi Gras parades: Eve, Olympia and Carrollton and wishes them well in the final four: Hermes, Endymion, Bacchus and Zulu!
- Recognized and congratulated students who participated in District Literary Rally at SLU. Those who placed were: **Max Catalanotto (Accounting)**, **Evan Cook (Accounting)**, **Patrick Baldone (Advanced Math)**, **Hanzala Hussain (Advanced Math)**, **Trey Paine (Algebra I)**, **Scott Woodard (Algebra I)**, **Cullen Irwin (Algebra II)**, **Isaac Hebert (American History)**, **Peyton McNeil (Art)**, **Liam Ordoyne (Art)**, **Josh Devier (Biology)**, **Ross Hightower (Biology)**, **Jack Nunez (Biology II)**, **Yehia Elkersh (Civics)**, **Andrew Norlin (Computer Science)**, **Andrew Smith (Computer Science)**, **Brenden Dautrieve (English I)**, **Beau Franklin (English II)**, **Beck Heebe (English II)**, **Luc Hebert (English III)**, **Lester Guttuso (Journalism)**, **Max Tepper (Physics)**, **William James (Spelling)**, **Davis Lagarde (World Geography)**, **Matthew Algero (World History)** and **Jackson Gold (World History)**
- Recognized and congratulated the Freshman Robo-Wolves for their FIRST PLACE win at the recent Vex Robotics competition at Holy Cross. Team members are Blake Bollinger, Luke DuRapau, Blake Inzinna, Adam Smith, Darrin Lea, Greyson Mangrum & Roman Landry. The sophomore team made it to the semi-final round: Andrew Norlin, Jake DuRapau, Ross Hightower, Josh Devier, Noah Savoie, Cole Chitwood, Josh Dufrechou, Cameron Heiden and Quinn Cooney. The freshman team also won the Design and Excellence Awards.



Andy & Thomas work with Mr. Carambat on their Big Idea project in Engineering – affordable, emergency housing. Very impressive!

- Recognized and congratulated Varsity Soccer Wolves for advancing to the Division I State Championship game for the seventh consecutive year!
- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Basketball Wolves for winning District Championship (again!) and advancing State Playoffs.
- Recognized and congratulated the Indoor Track Team for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Meet. Individually, **Eric Coston** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1600 m and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800 m races. **Stephen Schlottman** placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1600m and **Jonathan Bertucci** placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 3200m. And the 4 x 800 m relay team of **Colin Sullivan**, **Stephen Schlottman**, **Evan Hendry** and **Eric Coston** placed 1<sup>st</sup> with Alternate **Frankie Durio** running in both qualifying races.
- Senior **Reagan Hill** then gave a brief reflection to the student body about getting involved. He told the story of his soccer career ending injury that led him to pursuing other interests. It was a great reflection.
- I then had senior **AJ Latapie** stand while I projected an email that I recently received: *I wanted to share a wonderful story. My in-laws went to the St. Paul's basketball game with us last Friday night. After the game we*

*all went to TCBY. All six of us fixed our cups full of yogurt and toppings, but the bill was only \$5. The employee told us that the young man at the table next to us already paid over \$20 toward our bill-- that young man was AJ Latapie. My father-in-law was wearing his USS Missouri hat and AJ wanted to show his appreciation. He wears that hat because my husband's brother was in the Navy during the Gulf War and served on the Missouri. That was such a kind gesture; I had a tear in my eye when I thanked AJ. We really appreciate his thoughtfulness--not just for paying the bill, but also for acknowledging servicemen. This is such a perfect example of living the Lasallian principles. Thank you again. Well done, AJ!*

- With time running out, I had the boys sing “Mercy” and they sounded great. By this time, we were well over time, so recognitions will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with **Grant Robicheaux** extinguishing the prayer candle while Yo Yo Ma’s rendition of “Ecstasy of Gold” from “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during this Mardi Gras season and to make safe

choices. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God’s love to all whom they meet.

- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter ends for SPS (11 am dismissal)
- Fri, Oct 06: Grandparent Day (11:30)
- Mon, Oct 16: Fall break. No classes.
- **Tue, Dec 19: Christmas (not winter) holidays begin for SPS at 11:45; THIS IS A CHANGE**
- **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 the public schools? St. Tammany only has to schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177. So in second semester, we will have two extra days.**

**Power of the Positive Educator – and Parent:** Here’s the fourth of seven points that motivational expert Jon Gordon says all teachers should adopt in order to be effective. So far, we have had “Be Positively Contagious” and “Take a Daily Thank You Walk” and “Celebrate Success” and “Expect to Make a Difference”.

This week it’s “Believe in your students (and children!) more than they believe in themselves.” Here’s what Gordon writes: *I tried to quit lacrosse during my freshman year in high school but Coach Caiazza wouldn’t let me. He told me that I was going to play in college one day. He had a vision for me that I couldn’t fathom. He believed in me more than I believed in myself. I ended up going to Cornell University and the experience of playing lacrosse there changed my life forever. The difference between success and failure is belief and so often this belief is instilled in us by someone else. Coach Caiazza was that person for me and it changed my life. You can be that person for one of your students if you believe in them and see their potential rather than their limitations.*

#### **Alum News:**

- 2013 graduate Bobby Bayer, who is a senior at Santa Clara University majoring in computer engineering, was featured in SCU’s engineering periodical – not for his engineering achievements (which are impressive in themselves) but because he and another student are running a writing clinic for the engineering students! Read the article at <https://www.scu.edu/engineering/stories/engineering-news-winter-2017/the-write-stuff.html>
- 2001 alumnus Andrew Capitelli was honored for his pro bono legal work by Louisiana Appleseed, a public interest law center that advances social justice with projects that increase access to education, opportunity and justice.

**And Then There Were Three:** One of our four American Pekin white ducks was attacked over the holidays and didn’t survive. We suspect a coyote or raccoon. I’m amazed at the number of animals on campus at night; we’ve seen deer, raccoons, coyotes, feral cats, all making regular appearances. We offer condolences to the remaining three ducks.

#### **Service Opportunities:**



- The American Heart Association is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2016 Northshore Heart Walk. Volunteers are needed on Friday, March 17 as well as Saturday, March 18. No – students can't miss school on the 17<sup>th</sup> by volunteering, but they can volunteer on the 18<sup>th</sup>!
- The Mandeville Police Department is seeking volunteers for a Special Olympics fundraiser at Fontainebleau State Park called Polar Plunge. It will be held on Saturday, March 18, 8 am until 2 pm. If you can help, contact Officer Becky White at [bkwhite@cityofmandeville.com](mailto:bkwhite@cityofmandeville.com)

**H of the W:** In honor of start of baseball season:

- *Q: Why did the coach kick Cinderella off the baseball team? A: She ran away from the ball.*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a tree with a baseball player? A: Babe Root.*
- *Q: Why did the pastry chef hire a pitcher? A: Because he knew how to handle the batter.*
- *Q: Why did the cops go to the baseball game? A: Because they heard someone was stealing a base.*
- *Q: When do royalty watch baseball? A: At knights.*
- *Q: Why can't you play baseball in the jungle? A: Because there are too many cheetahs.*
- *Q: Why is the baseball stadium hot after the game? A: Because all the fans have left.*
- *Q: What was the frog doing on the baseball field? A: Catching flies.*
- *Q: What's the difference between a pick pocket and an umpire? A: One steals watches and the other watches steals.*
- *Q: Did you hear the baseball joke? A: It will leave you in stitches.*
- *Q: What did the glove say to the ball? A: Catch ya later.*
- *Q: What do you call a monkey that wins the World Series? A: A chimpion.*
- *Q: Why did Dracula quit the baseball team? A: They only let him be "BAT" boy!*
- *Q: Who makes CAKE during a baseball game? A: The Batter!*
- *Q. What goes all the way around a baseball field but never moves*



*Marching Wolves perform in Wal-Mart Special Needs parade – worth a lot more than 98 cents!*

**Application Letter Excerpt:** This letter from a next year applicant is extraordinary and needs to be read by all:



Michael and Koby get their senior supplies, signaling that graduation is not too far away!

*I was born in New Orleans and am the great-grandson of a graduate of Jesuit. This means I was a natural born "Blue Jay." My great-grandfather passed away a few months before I was born. I never got to meet him, but my parents tell me he is always with me.*

*My great-grandfather was with me when we followed a moving truck with all of our belongings right past Jesuit high School and across Lake Pontchartrain. My dad said my great-grandfather probably shed a tear or two that day.*

*My great-grandfather was with me when I went to my first St. Paul's School football game. They played against Jesuit, but I think my great-grandfather was confused because we were sitting on the "wrong side" of the field.*

*My great-grandfather was with me when my family first started attending masses at the St. Paul's School chapel on Sunday mornings. He learned about the religious side of the school and witnessed me taking communion from student Eucharistic Ministers. I think he was impressed.*

*My great-grandfather was with me when I attended the St. Paul's open house. He saw I can study medicine, engineering, architecture, and art. He learned that I can build robots, work on cars, learn to weld, participate in theater, join a band, and fly fish. He listened to confident students lead tours and give speeches. I believe he was extremely impressed.*

*My great-grandfather is with me right now as I am writing this letter and he will also be with me forever. He is excited about the opportunities available to me at St. Paul's School. He knows that there is not a better place for me to receive a quality education and build on my relationship with God.*

*I know he couldn't be more proud of me for becoming a "Wolf."*

**Be assured that this young man received an Acceptance Letter last week!**

**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.

**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!



*Faculty at work on a Habitat Home during their Day of Service on 2/24*

- 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: sweatshirts, coats, 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 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 are friendly and helpful! To borrow a line from a popular commercial "put these men to work!"

**Lost and Found:** The bins runneth over! Please stress responsibility for his belongings with your sons!

**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!

**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=PR42e6IxjKo>



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**

#### **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 –



*One of the options for our faculty service day on Feb 24 was helping tornado victims in NO East. Here are some of our teachers who chose that option.*

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

## 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 – Pres 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



**Sudden Impact for Parents:** All of our sophomores experience Sudden Impact – a powerful program by the LA State Police and local hospitals on the implications of unsafe driving decisions. Now, University Medical Center, in conjunction with St. Tammany Parish Hospital and the Louisiana State Police, will have one hour program for parents covering LA laws specific to teen driving, how to be your teen’s driving coach, how to log your teen’s driving experiences and more. The event will be on March 20 from 5:30 – 6:30 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital’s Covington Conference Room. Admission is free but you must register at [tracy.lemaire@lcmchealth.org](mailto:tracy.lemaire@lcmchealth.org)



Michael 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!

Well, I really taxed your patience this week – but you got a break last week while the newsletter went on Mardi Gras /Beginning of Lent holidays. And even though it's now March of 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 and a blessed Lent!

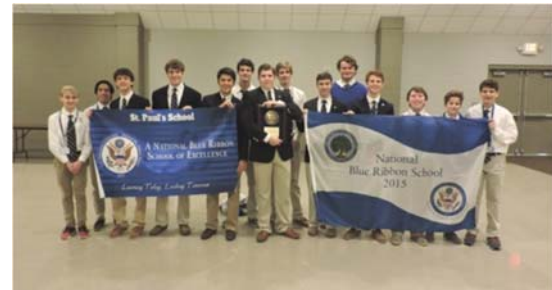
Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Grace-filled Lent 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!**



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



Prayer for the Beginning of Lent

Eternal Father, we are sinners, yet you love us deeply. You see into the secret places inside us and you know us in our weakness and in our goodness. Give us the courage to look at our faults. Give us humility to ask for your help to repent and to make better choices. Guide us into new pathways that will draw our hearts home to you. In this time of Lent, may we turn away from our sinfulness and return ourselves to you, always aware of your presence and always obedient to your will. We ask this of you who lives and reigns with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

(See below for two last minute pics!)





*Highly ranked LAX Wolves are doing great!  
Don't forget Senior Night on Sat, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>!*



*And Robo-Wolves did great at state meet on Sat, Mar 4! 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
grade made it to semi-finals and 9<sup>th</sup> grade team won **FIRST**  
**PLACE** in State! On to World Competition!*