



# *The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter*



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*Final 2016-17 Edition*

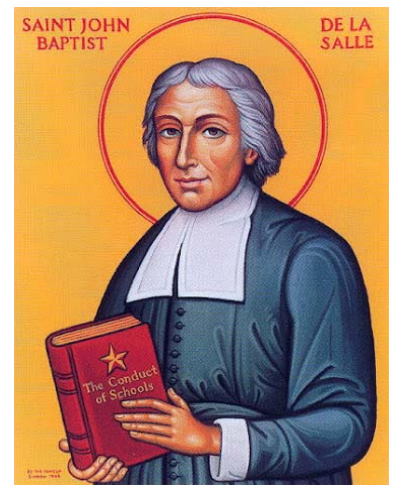
**Alleluia! He is risen!**

My last newsletter (I hear you cheering!) will be brief. My final Lasallian thought is the same one I use every year at this time: a short excerpt from Saint John Baptist de La Salle's last Meditation for the Time of Retreat to the Brothers entitled: *On the reward that a Brother should expect in heaven, if he is faithful in the work*. Saint La Salle wrote this meditation because the life of the early brothers was VERY hard – and he needed to assure them that Almighty God would one day reward them. He made sure they read this meditation every year.

I shared the meditation with the faculty, too, and asked them to believe that St. La Salle wrote the meditation for them, for their lives as teachers are challenging, and they need to believe they are valued by Almighty God and doing His work.

I share the excerpt from the meditation with you, too, because as parents, you are the primary educators of your children as you lead them on the path to salvation. Your work as parent is hard, but it is God's work. I believe, therefore, that Saint La Salle's words apply equally to you, too:

*Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed children, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven. Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself.*



Thank you for your parental ministry. I am profoundly awestruck by the responsibility you have in raising your children. I am most grateful that you have allowed Saint Paul's to share in your parental teaching ministry. I am confident that the good work we have done this past year will help insure the truth of Saint La Salle's words for all of us when our day of judgment comes and that "all heaven" is resounding with the good example and instruction you provide to your children.

***Thanks for 2016 - 17 and here's looking to 2017 - 18 – the seventh year of our second century!***

**Mon May 22 (Regular start; Periods F & G exams; Periods A & B review; 1:30 dismissal)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1455, England's War of the Roses begins when Richard of York defeats Henry IV's troops at St. Albans, about 20 miles northwest of London.
- **TDIH:** In 1939, Italy and Germany agree to a military and political alliance, giving birth formally to the Axis powers, which will ultimately include Japan. Mussolini called The Pact of Steel.
- **National Museum Day:** Plan to visit a museum this summer and expand your cultural horizons!



*Covington Mayor Mike Cooper, SPS Class of '71 congratulates Salutatorians Will, Andy and Max*

**Tue, May 23 (Regular start; Periods A & B exams; 11:10 dismissal)**

- **Lucky Penny Day:** These are pennies found on the ground. Good luck finding one!
- **World Turtle Day:** Go the pond and wish the many turtles living there a happy day!
- **Emergency Medical Services Day:** Thanks to all in this vital profession!

**Wed, May 24 (Conflict / Make Up exams; Teacher Records)**

- **TDIH:** In 1844, in a demonstration witnessed by members of Congress, American inventor

Samuel F.B. Morse dispatches the first telegraph message from the U.S. Capitol to Alfred Vail at a railroad station in Baltimore, Maryland. The message—"What Hath God Wrought?"—was telegraphed back to the Capitol a moment later by Vail. The question was taken from the Bible (Numbers 23:23).

- **National Escargot Day:** I'll pass on celebrating.

**Thu, May 25 – Sun, July 30 – You are on your own for TDIH, National Whatever Day, and H of the W.**

**Final Report Cards** will be emailed at end of week. Grades will be posted on Edline as teachers complete grading exams.

**Summer Reading:** ALL students have a summer reading obligation for their English class. The list and discussion questions are posted on Edline. Please encourage your son to take his summer reading obligation seriously. We deliberately limit the number of books to be read in order not to make this an onerous task, and we certainly encourage more reading that just what we are requiring. Toward that end, I offer the following:

- We often see that a student's weakest ACT score is in reading. Why? Students don't like to read! Solution? Read more! PLEASE insist your son devote part of each day (30 minutes? 15? 10?) to reading. He's used to this in school with SSR (I hope you know what SSR is!) This could be a family activity – set aside time when the whole family reads. Turn off the TV, i-pad, X-Box, phone, the computer – and read.



*Brother Jerry Vincent presents Provincial's Award to Reagan*

- And speaking of ACT /SAT scores, summer provides an excellent opportunity to prepare. There are local formal courses, but both ACT and SAT offer on-line prep programs at very reasonable costs. Or just purchase one of the many test preparation books on the market and ask your son to spend 15 minutes a day preparing. Long term preparation is the only solution. You can't "cram" for an ACT or SAT the night before.

**One Last Appeal: If you have not contributed to the Annual Fund or supported SPS in any financial way and are in a position to do so, I would appreciate hearing from you as to "why" you have chosen not to.**

**Perhaps it's something I've done or not done and I would welcome the feedback. I have deliberately avoided having people call or directly solicit you as many other schools do with their annual funds. Again, I need your help to continue to make SPS the best school we can be because:**

- **SPS cannot prosper** on tuition alone;
- **SPS tuition** is lower than almost every other boys' Catholic high school in the Archdiocese;
- **Faculty salaries** are lower than public school salaries and we cannot lose good teachers to finances;
- And we've gotten some nice **Grandparent gifts** lately. Thank you! Grandparent gifts are welcome and needed – and they are often happy to help if asked. I don't like to solicit grandparents so I rely on your to do so. They'll get a very nice "thank you" note from me. And if you want me to directly ask a grandparent, send me the address and name.
- Gifts of stock are welcome and no gift is too small.
- If you are contributing to Capital Campaign or supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you!
- Please consider helping **if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.** Many thanks!



*Louis Ross 'SPS Class of 1924 Memorial Scholarships (funded by Citizens Bank) are given to four and five year Perfect Attendance seniors! Congrats to Alex, Austin, Karson, Lloyd, Shane, Thomas, Patrick, Bradley and Alex!*

**Senior Graduation:** The 106<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School were exemplary. We were honored to have the Reverend Matthew Clark, OSB of St. Joseph Abbey as celebrant. The Reverend Jacob DuMont concelebrated. The SPS Class of 2017 outdid themselves with singing, responding, and being "living stones building the edifice of the mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age." The following seniors earned special awards at graduation:

- Valedictorians: **Thomas Howell Carriere, Yehia Gamal Elkersh, Lloyd Joseph Guillot III, & Alexander Joseph Oliveri**
- Salutatorians: **Andrew Thomas Grashoff, William Paxton Murphy, & Jeffrey Maxwell Tepper**
- Christian Brother Provincial's Award: **Reagan Winthrop Hill**

- Signum Fidei (Sign of Faith)/Brother Cassian Scholarship: **Andrew Thomas Grashoff**

BTW, the Salutatorian and Valedictorian addresses are posted on our website. *Ad multos annos*, Class of 2017! We shall miss you! **Want to view the graduation? Here's the link to You Tube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btsLIHQIYuY&t=68s>

**Pre-freshmen Promotion / Awards Ceremony:** This ceremony was equally wonderful. The Class of 2021 acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner and the weather was perfect. Thanks to the Mothers Club for providing the reception. Want to view the ceremony? Here's the link to You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFsfQox7h8s>

**Major Award Winners:** The following students won the top level awards at our recent ceremony:

- National Merit Commended Students: **Thomas Carriere Yehia Elkersh, Lloyd Guillot**
- National Merit Finalists: **Alex Oliveri**
- District Attorney's Senior High Award: **Oliver Sibley**
- District Attorney's Junior High Award: **Justin Baham**
- American Legion Citizenship Award: **Alex Seese**
- American Legion Scholarship: **Andy Grashoff**
- Edmondson Arata Scholarship: **Christopher Weintritt**
- Slidell Elks Lodge Award: **Will Murphy**
- Francis H. Richard Memorial Habitat for Humanity Scholarship: **Kyle Schmitt**
- Louisiana 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Year: **Yehia Elkersh**
- Rotary Club Scholarship: **Ruston Keller**
- Circle of Friends Award: **Christopher Weintritt**
- Knights of Columbus Patriotism Award: **Landon Chambliss**
- Knights of Columbus High School Medallion Awards: **Stephen Cangelosi**
- K of C Father Placid Scholarship: **Jared Saltaformaggio**
- K of C Father Hubert Scholarship: **Chris Weintritt**
- Special Habitat for Humanity Awards: **Marc Costa, Cameron Byrne, Ford Brasher, Yehia Elkersh, Shane Strander, Max Tepper & Andy Grashoff**
- Benjamin Bragg Memorial Scholarship Award: **Luke Paille**
- Daren Boudreaux Memorial Scholarship: **Garrett Schwing**
- Eric Kolb Memorial Scholarship: **Bradley Anzalone & Landon Chambliss**
- Francis R. Sharp Memorial Scholarships: **Stephen Beach, Zach Scheurich, & Ethan Hopel**
- Justin Addison Memorial Scholarship: **Matthew Borgatti**
- Graham Thomas Jordan Memorial Scholarship: **Hanson Stuckey**



*Mr. Tim McCarthy, member of Executive Team of Hornbeck Offshore Services, presents the HOS Business Award to Evan*

- Larry McIntyre Memorial Scholarship: **Chris Dufour**
- Beacon of Hope/Peanut Butter Project Scholarship & Award: **Josh Rovira**
- 4 Year Perfect Attendance/Louis Ross Memorial Scholarships: **Bradley del Rio, Lloyd Guillot, Karson Matherne, Alex Paille, Shane Strander, & Patrick Napier**
- 5 Year Perfect Attendance / Louis Ross Memorial Scholarship: **Thomas Harris, Alex Nguyen, & Austin Scheyd**
- Al Doskey Memorial Outstanding Science Student Award: **Max Tepper**
- Jan Neumann Outstanding Math Student Award: **Ruston Keller**
- Modern Languages Outstanding Student: **Ryan Lavin**
- Public Relations Award: **A. J. LaCroix**
- Quiz Bowl/Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Scholarship: **Sam Avenel**
- Dr. Walker & Bunt Percy/Brother Bill Parsons Writing Award: **Isaac Hebert**
- Walker & Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Writing: **Nick Ashton**
- Baton Rouge Bar Association Teen Court Members: **Chris Dufour, Will Murphy, Myles Roppolo, Noah Seiden**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering Medal: **Andy Grashoff**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Business Medal and Scholarship: **Christian Evans**
- Dr. & Mrs. David Oubre Biomedical Sciences Award & Scholarship: **Curtis Zimmerman**
- Dr. Seiden Memorial Law Scholarship: **Brennan Calato**
- Student Council Leadership Scholarship: **Luke Vargas**
- Order of St. La Salle Award for 100+ service hours:
  - Pre-freshman: **Justin Baham**
  - Freshman: **Lane Amedio, Blake Bollinger, Grant Burger, Brenden Dauterive, Caleb Frost, Andrew Lacoste, Colin Mayberry & Sean Noel**
  - Sophomores: **Merrick Coghlan, Garrett Cooper, Joshua Dufrechou, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Stephen Millet, Andrew Norlin, Anthony Pennison, & Jonathan Wellmeyer**
  - Juniors: **Patrick Guidry & Brandon Nicotri**
  - Seniors: **Bradley del Rio, Chris Dufour, Yehia Elkersh, Andy Grashoff, Rreagan Hill, Ruston Keller, Patrick Napier, Alex Nunez, Alex Oliveri, Bentley Roberts & Jordan Wyble**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Adam Cazayoux, Luke Beckendorf, Ben Broussard, Evan Greene & Brady Talley**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Jacob Frolich & Joey Gioe**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Brady Billiot, James Bradford, Blake DiSalvo, Miles Gensler, Ben Klein, Alex Klocek, Jarrett Meibaum, Adam Smith**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Jesse Cheng, Brenden Dauterive, Andrew Lacoste, Collin Murray, Daniel Nunez**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Jonathan Bertucci, John Paul Bourgeois, Josh Devier**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Nicholas Briggs, Jackson Gold, Luke Paille**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Cullen Irwin & Patrick Baldone**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **John Connor Flick, Matthew Borgatti, Andrew Smith, Kevin Schneider**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Thomas Carriere**
- 12 Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Alex Oliveri & Lloyd Guillot**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Trey Paine & Scott Woodard**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Thomas Bitterwolf & Davis Lagarde**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Blake Bollinger, Matthew Roussel**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Callan Danenhower & Paul Stolin**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Andrew Norlin & Josh Rovira**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Ross Hightower**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Forge Mathes & Lester Guttuso**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Hanzala Hussain & Alex Prokop**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Andy Grashoff & Yehia Elkersh**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Ruston Keller**



*2017-18 Student Council Executive Board (l to r): VP Carson Caulfield, Treasurer Luc Hebert, Secretary Paxton Ballard and President Matthew Stalter*

And I annually give out awards to our faculty, celebrating years of service in multiples of five. If you see these teachers, please thank them for their service to SPS:

- Completing Five Years of Service to SPS: **Barrett Baumgartner, Gina Hall, Vic Morlas & Christine Woodard**
- Completing 10 Years of Service to SPS: **Brad Guillory, Sam Francis, & Sean Moser**
- Completing 15 Years of Service to SPS: **Brian Logarbo**
- Completing 20 Years of Service to SPS: **Brother Jeffrey Calligan**
- Completing 30 Years of Service to SPS: **Denny Charbonnet**
- Special retirement gifts were presented to **Erin Abney and Myrle Wiggins** in thanksgiving for their many years of service in the cause of Lasallian Education.
- Finally, I presented the Brother Charles Crouzet Award (our highest faculty award) to **Brother Rich Kovatch, FSC**, educator extraordinaire, who teaches English.

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Whew! There were MANY more awards, but space does not allow for a comprehensive list. We are proud of our students who excelled this year. We look forward to even more achievement next year.

### **Alum Milestones:**

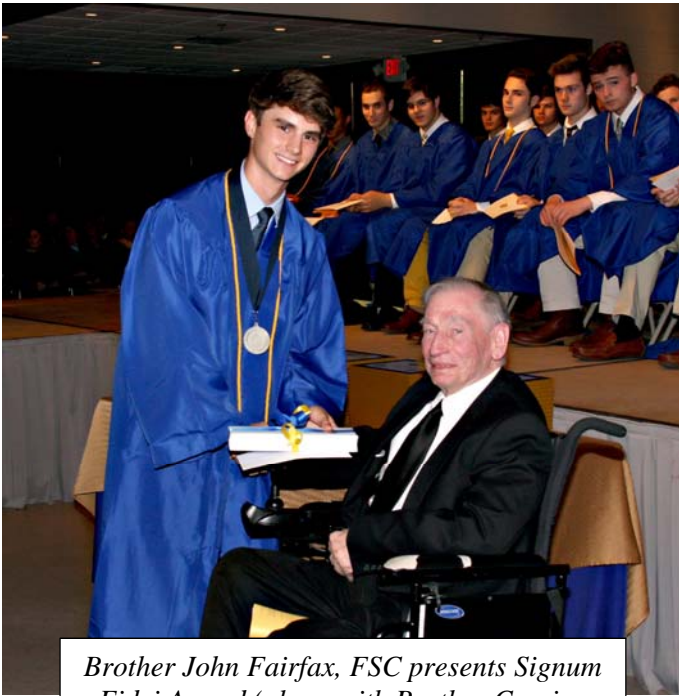
- Connor Campo graduated from Wartburg College with a BBA in Business Administration
- And our LSU grads from May 12:
  - College of Art & Design: Blake Sellers
  - E.J. Ourso College of Business: Kevin Donnelly, Josh Farr, Chris Ikner, Matt Landry, Austin Montgomery, Greg Morales, Brett Pellesier, Matt Ross, Trevor Schott, David Stechman, Trey Suffern, Brandon Walther,

- College of Engineering: Steven Aertker, Michael Booth, Mason Cole, Seth Dessauer, Travis Dugas, David Englehardt, Cole Landry, Vincent Orlando, Matt Tanner, Hunter Thibodeaux, & Reed Wilson
- College of Human Sciences and Education: Mitchell Blaise, Paul Hood, Brandon Pierce, Brett Scheuermann, Connor Vallette
- College of Humanities & Soc Sci: Reid Francis, Nick Noggerath, Antonio Otero, Matt Scott
- Manship School of Mass Communications: Zach Barnett and Lyle Manion
- College of Science: Nick Anzalone, Joel Spansel & Michael Vetter
- Graduate School: Peyton Blank, Charles Guin, Taylor Napolitano, & Paul Toups

### **Musings on Last Two Weeks:**

- **Student Council:** The new student council gave up their Friday afternoon before graduation to pressure wash the Wolf Dome and Horack Pavilion. I am grateful and impressed.
- **Band:**
  - **The Awards Ceremony** went very well. Congratulations to Andrew Moran and Jimmy Brinkman.
  - In case you didn't hear, **Ross Hightower will join Andy Anderson** as drum major for the Marching Wolves next year. The competition for the other drum major spot was intense.
  - A famous New York photographer was so impressed with our guys (she saw them at Mardi Gras) that she spend a day on campus and will publish a book featuring just the Marching Wolves!
- **Academic Awards Ceremonies** went very well. Special thanks to all for their hard work in getting hundreds of awards ready.
- **Athletic Awards** ceremony went very well. Thanks, Craig, Claire, Carol, & Coaches for ALL of your hard work.
- **Track Wolves** also celebrated their season on Thursday evening before graduation.
- **Baseball** celebrated their season (on the baseball field, no less) on 5/20.
- **Senior Parents and Teachers** staged a very successful, enjoyable and well-attended Grad Night. The Class of 2017 passed a good time – and left with lots of loot!
- **Mothers Club Bookstore Sale** was a huge success! Congrats!
- **The Maelstrom:** Congrats to Brad Guillory and The Beowolves for an excellent spring issue of our literary and art collection. Some great writing! Get a copy and read it!
- **Guerilla Wolves:** Thanks to Brad, Joel Fernandes, Brandon Gallego, Alex Prokop & John Meyers for arranging to have our graduation & Promotion Ceremony LIVE STREAMED over You Tube! Fantastic! Here are the links:
  - **Graduation:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btsLIHQIYuY&t=78s>
  - **Promotion:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFsfQox7h8s>
- **Wolf Track:** Congrats to Danielle for an excellent mid-month edition!
- **Student Council Teacher Appreciation Treat:** Thanks to SC for treating us last week and to PJ's coffee for their donation!
- **Drama Production:** The theater classes' original one-act plays were wonderful! I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thanks, Drama Classes. Congratulate playwrights Isaac Hebert, Evan Carse & Carson Caulfield.
- **End of Year Party:** Thanks to those who participated and a huge thanks to Mothers' Club for sponsoring this event. Due to a long-scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, Trevor and I were unable to attend.
- **Special Olympics:** Thanks to Coaches Lee Pierre & Kevin Moore for recruiting almost 40 Wolves to work Special Olympics at SLU yesterday. I'm very proud of these students!
- **106<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony and the Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremonies of the Saint Paul's School:** Whew. They are over. They were great. Thank you.

**RIP:** Long time SSA stalwart Tricia Schaff died last week after a brief illness. She was well loved by the SSA community and we offer our prayers for Tricia, her family, and all at SSA. May she rest in peace! Amen!



*Brother John Fairfax, FSC presents Signum Fidei Award (along with Brother Cassian Scholarship) to Andy Grashoff*

**Lost and Found Final Call:** We'll clear out our lost and found, keeping what's usable and discarding what's not. If not claimed this week, we will get rid of them.

**We've got prescription glasses, phones, watches, sweatshirts, uniform shirts and lunch boxes galore!**

**Taylor Scholar Awards:** Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, named for Mr. Patrick Taylor for whom the TOPS program is named, we presented qualified students last week with Taylor Scholar Awards. For a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the award grants one year free admission for student and one parent/guardian to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectariums, Audubon Zoo, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist and educational reformist

who wanted all students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.

If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or maybe treat some students who didn't earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.

Taylor Awards were distributed at last week's level awards assemblies.

**2017 - 18 Calendar: We will start on Monday, August 7 WITH A FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and NO book day – which corresponds to what we did this year. Please plan vacations accordingly.**

**Summer Camps:** SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (8-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics (rising 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Video Production (boys and girls, 10-14)
- Creative Writing (boys and girls 10-14)
- Drama (boys and girls 9-13)
- For more information, consult our website: [www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com)



## Looking Ahead for Those Returning:

- Tuition for 2017 - 18 is due on June 1<sup>st</sup>; the first payment for bank financed tuition is also due. Students cannot start school in August if tuition/bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



*Covington Mayor Mike Cooper, SPS Class of 1971, congratulates our Vals: Thomas, Yehia, Lloyd & Alex*

- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Monday, August 7, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2017 - 18 school year calendar is posted on the website. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

**School Supplies for 2017 - 18:** The school administration and Mothers Club are working to streamline the school supply process. Info should be sent out soon.

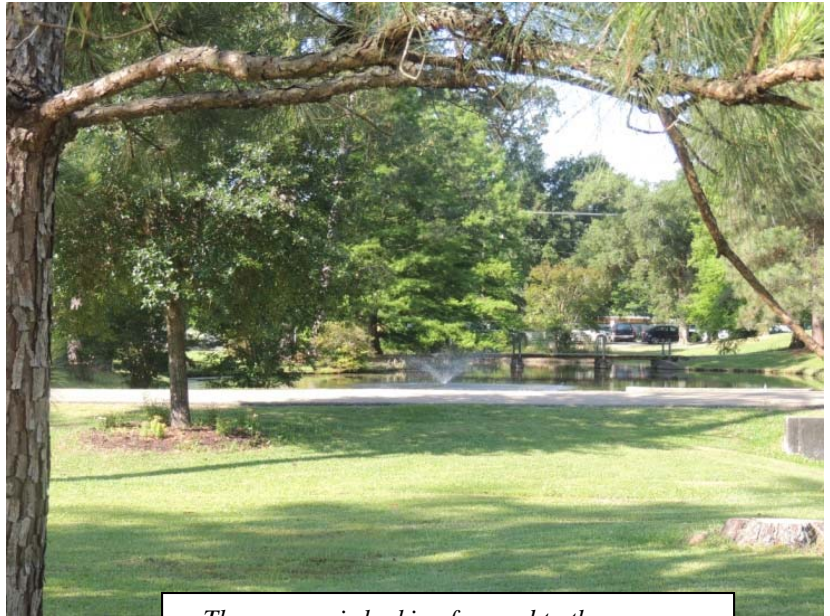
**English Books:** All English paperback books will be purchased on-line this year through MSB, our virtual bookstore. This will save you money as you can purchase new, used, or e-editions of books. You only have to purchase books you don't already have (e.g. an older brother may have had the same book.) **And you can sell the books back to MSB when your son is finished with them at the end of the year.** Go to our website, [www.stpauls.com](http://www.stpauls.com), and click on "Order Your Books Here" on the right side.

**Feedback:** We spend time in the summer evaluating the past year and planning for next year. Toward that end, feel free to email me a suggestion if you think we need to "beef up" an area of life around here. While I can't promise we will implement every suggestion made, I assure you we will consider it. Be aware of our limitations in terms of personnel, finances, facilities, and interrupting class time when emailing me your suggestion.

**Lasallian Youth Leaders:** Congrats and thanks to the new officers:

President Kyle Schmitt  
Vice President Andrew Curry  
Secretary Cullen Irwin  
Treasurer Kevin Schneider

**An Important Message from Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, to the Young People of the Archdiocese:** In the past, Archbishop Aymond issued the following letter at the end of the school year. While he didn't issue it again this year, it's worth reading again. I encourage our students to heed these words of the Archbishop:



*The campus is looking forward to the summer break, too!*

*I pray in a special way for each of the young people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Know that you are important to all of our ministries, in parishes, schools and other programs.*

*I am aware of the educational experience you have received in regard to the use of electronic media. You know very well how to use the tools and you know intellectually the consequences when social media is not used respectfully.*

*I want to reach out to you at the moral level and beg you to remember that it isn't how much you know that is crucial, but rather, the respect that you show for God, yourself, and others when you communicate through cell phones, computers, and other technology.*

*Always treat other people in a manner that shows your awareness of their reflecting the image of God. In all ways let your friends, classmates, and acquaintances know that they are respected. Speak out if you know someone is being abused or bullied. Share the information with a parent, priest, or teacher who can step in and help. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has the staff available to help you in abusive or bullying situations.*

*One of your many responsibilities at this time is to make choices which will allow you the opportunity to make decisions about your future education or career choices. Choose wisely. Choose only those opportunities and interactions which will give you a greater chance to achieve all of the goals you set for yourself and those which God has in store for you.*

*If you need help, please let a member of the clergy, a Catholic School Administrator, a Director of Religious Education, or your Youth Minister know.*

**Summer Office Hours:** In a few weeks, we will gradually start reducing our summer office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, at some point we will start closing the office earlier, so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. I will be available throughout most of the summer if needed. Call or email me if I can be of assistance. I'll be working enough to "earn my keep" and justify my existence at SPS but will take an occasional day off. I will be out of the office from June 19 - 23, attending a meeting with the administrators of Lasallian schools for the south, southwest, and west. Otherwise, I'll be around.

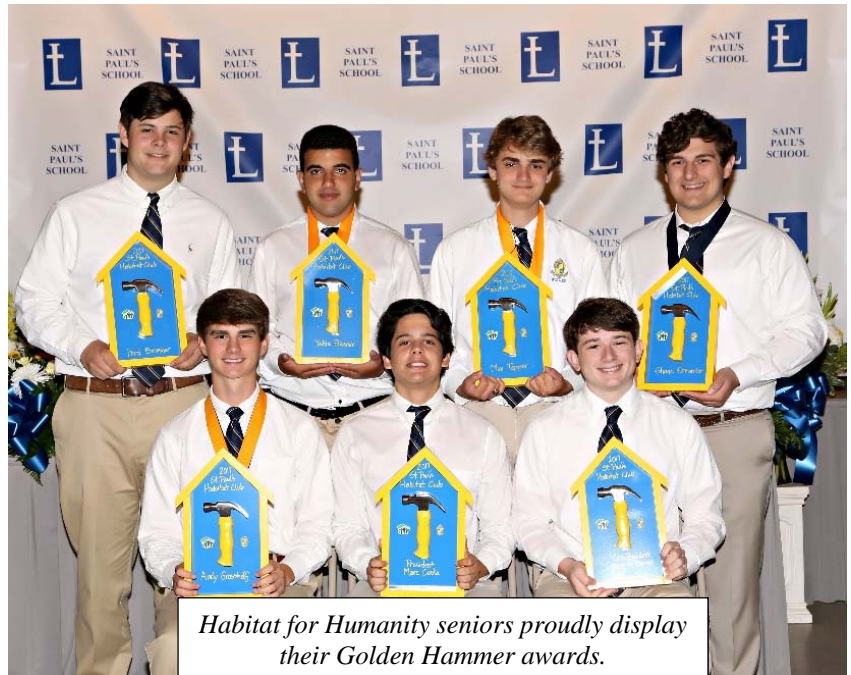
**Service Hours:** Summer is a great time for your son to earn his mandatory ten hours of service – and to do even more, perhaps even earning the Brother Alfred Service Award or Order of St. La Salle Service Award. Here are some great opportunities:

- **CEEP, Christ Episcopal Enrichment Program**, is an educational outreach program of the church for low-income children entering grades 3-6. They would love to have some wonderful SPS young men volunteer to serve as counselors with them this summer to earn service hours. This is a great program, and I hope some of our students can help. Contact Christ Episcopal Church in Covington for more info.
- **Family Promise.** *St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Mandeville will be hosting families this summer June 11-17. If any of your young men are interested in earning some service hours with us we'd love to have them! The time each evening would be about 6:00-8:30. And if they'd like to join us for supper that would be about 5:30. The times, of course, are flexible and we'd be very happy and grateful for anytime someone is able to give. Each of the young men from St. Paul's that we've had the privilege of meeting have been outstanding! Hopefully these dates fit someone's schedule. Please give my contact information to anyone who might be interested: Pat Jensen H - [985-321-7582](tel:985-321-7582) C - [281-797-8337](tel:281-797-8337); [pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com](mailto:pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com)*
- One of our students, Cullen Irwin is volunteering this summer to work at Christ Episcopal's at risk children's summer camp by teaching guitar lessons three days a week. He is seeking donations of old guitars to buy guitars to give to the students at the end of the month long camp. If you have an old guitar and want to get rid of it, contact Cullen at [cullen.irwin.2019@stpauls.com](mailto:cullen.irwin.2019@stpauls.com) or bring the guitar to school and we will get it to him.

**The Paper Wolf:** Good stories this week. Check them out <http://thepaperwolf.com>

**H of the W:** In honor National Turtle Day:

- *What do you get when you cross a turtle and a porcupine? a slow-poke.*
- *What do turtles use to communicate? A shellphone!*
- *Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the shell station!*
- *What does a turtle do on it's birthday? It shellebrates!*
- *What kind of photos does a turtle take? Shellfies.*
- *Where do you send turtles who commit crimes? To the shell-block.*
- *What happens when you bring a turtle to a party? It becomes a shellebration.*
- *What did the cow say to the turtle? A: Get a moove on*
- *What do you call a famous turtle? Shellbrity!*
- *What is a Leatherback Sea Turtle's favorite sandwich? Peanut butter and jellyfish.*
- *What happens when you get into fight with a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle? You get shell shocked.*
- *What kind of jokes do sea turtles tell? Shell-arious ones!*
- *What do you get if cross a Turtle with a Giraffe? A Turtle-Neck*
- *What happens when your kids want to buy a tortoise? A: You shell out a lot of money.*
- OK, I'll stop!



Habitat for Humanity seniors proudly display their Golden Hammer awards.

Well, I wasn't brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! But you get a break as the newsletter goes on summer vacation. I'll only be sending things out periodically during the summer. **And for the Class of 2017, this is the final newsletter you'll receive.** Thanks for putting up with them – and with me, too. Naturally, you can always access the current newsletter on the SPS website if you get nostalgic or need a newsletter “fix”!

**On a personal note, I apologize to anyone whom I've overlooked recognizing this year or offended or disappointed in any way by something I did, didn't do, said, or didn't say. I'm very aware of my failings and limitations, and I will definitely try to do better this coming year.**

Thanks for having been part of the 2016 - 17 edition of Saint Paul's – the sixth year of our second century of existence. If the next 106 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence.

Enjoy the final days of May. May they be ones of grace and blessing. Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC  
The 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of St Paul's School

*Have a great Lasallian summer. Remember: the Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!*

*Care and Vigilance and Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer, and always.*

**\*\*\*\* SPS begins for all students on August 7 with a full day of instruction \*\*\*\***

