



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



Aug 14 – 20, 2017

Welcome to the second week of the 2017 - 18 school year. We have had a smooth opening. Thanks!

Our beginning of the year faculty meetings provided me with memorable moments. We began meetings on Aug 2 with Student Council President Matthew Stalter reminding us of the power of teacher / student relationships. Matthew exhorted the faculty to continue being older brothers and sisters to our students, which is in the finest Lasallian tradition, especially helping students in their faith journeys and in getting involved. Throughout the meetings, presenters referred to Saint La Salle's belief that the school must be a place of salvation: both earthly salvation and eternal salvation. And, of course, we covered practical rules, regulations, practices and policies.

So what does all of the above have to do with you as parents? I humbly submit:

- Just as Matthew stressed teacher / student relationships in helping with their faith journeys, your relationship with your son is critical to your success as a parent – and with teenagers, that's not always easy!
- Just as Saint La Salle wanted his schools to be places of salvation, **your home** must also be a place of salvation – both earthly and heavenly.
- Just as the Brothers invoke Our Lady of the Star to “guide us to God”, you, as parents, must be the “start” that guides your sons to God.
- And just as we went over policies and procedures with teachers, you as parents must make clear your rules for and expectations of your sons.



*St. John Baptist de La Salle
Founder of the Christian
Brothers and Patron Saint of
Teachers*



*Carson and Matthew bless the student body
at opening assembly.*

In my newsletter to teachers this week, I reminded them of what Christian Brother Superior General Brother Robert said to the Lasallian world two years ago: *if anything is to get done, it's up to the Lasallian world family to do it.* Similarly it's up to you as parent, if your son is to be the man God is calling him to be.

Let's pray for and support each other as we begin our new school year, the 107th year of SPS history, thus continuing the Lasallian tradition of transforming lives since 1680.

Mon, Aug 14 (G A B C)

- **Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe.** Born in Poland in 1894, Maximilian became a Franciscan. After earning a doctorate in theology, Maximilian did missionary work in Japan and India, returning to Poland in 1936 due to ill

health. In 1941, he was arrested by the Nazis and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where on July 31, 1941, in a reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were *chosen to die*. *Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. He was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982.*

- **This Day in History:** On this day in 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the Social Security Act.
- **TDIH:** In 1914, the American-built Panama Canal is inaugurated with the passage of the US vessel *Ancon*.
- **Navajo Code Talkers Day:** Today celebrates the young Navajo men who transmitted secret communications on the battlefields of WWII and played a vital role in helping America win the war.
- **New Parent Reception & Information Meeting** (6:30 – 8:00) in the BAC.

Dress Uniform Day on Tues, Aug 15!

Tue, Aug 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption (Mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM DAY; D E F G)

- **Today's Solemnity** celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into Heaven at her death and being crowned Queen of Heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed infallibly by Pope Pius XII in 1950. May our Blessed Mother shower our school with her protection!
- **TDIH:** In 1914, the American-built Panama Canal, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific, is inaugurated with the passage of the U.S. vessel *Ancon*, a cargo and passenger ship.
- **TDIH:** In 1877, Thomas Edison wrote to president of the Telegraph Co in Pittsburgh. The letter stated that the word, "hello" would be a more appropriate greeting than "ahoy" when answering the telephone – which was the way people were answering. I like “ahoy” – and think I’ll start answering the phone that way, thus scaring off callers!
- **Mass:** This morning we will have our first all school mass with Father Matthew Clark as celebrate. Parents are welcome to join us.
- **National Relaxation Day:** Self-explanatory! Celebrate – but only after 3!
- **Lemon Meringue Pie Day:** Enjoy this iconic dessert today!
- **Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30)** under the Wolf Dome. Thanks to the senior class moms who are organizing this activity.



Assumption of the Virgin
Francesco Botticini
1446-1497

Wed, Aug 16 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** Baseball great Babe Ruth (aka The Bambino & The Sultan of Swat) and rock star icon Elvis Presley (The King) died in 1948 & 1977, respectively, at ages 53 & 42, respectively.
- **TDIH:** In 1812, General William Hull surrenders Fort Detroit to the British without a fight. In 1814, Hull was court-martialed for cowardice and neglect of duty in the surrender and sentenced to die. Because of his service in the revolution, however, President James Madison remitted the sentence.

- **National Tell A Joke Day:** Celebrate today by telling jokes! I've done my part below.
- **Football:** Wolves scrimmage John Curtis (6) Come see the 2017 edition of SPS football!

Thu, Aug 17 (Assembly; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1978, The *Double Eagle II* completes the first transatlantic balloon flight when it lands in a barley field near Paris, 137 hours after lifting off from Preque Isle, Maine.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, “the grooviest event in music history”--the Woodstock Music Festival--closes after 3 days of peace, love and rock 'n' roll [and a lot more, too!] in upstate New York.
- **TDIH:** In 1896, prospectors find gold in Alaska, setting off the Klondike gold rush.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, Hurricane Camille devastates the Gulf Coast. We pray for a safe year!
- **Black Cat Appreciation:** If you don't like cats, read Edgar Allen Poe's “The Black Cat” instead!
- **March through the Arch** commemorates the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian Brothers. Seniors assemble at arch by 7:15 for pictures. **See below for more info.**
- **Senior & Parent Breakfast** following March in cafeteria and outdoor tent and seating, thus providing “al fresco” dining (from the Italian meaning “in the fresh” – air, that is.)
- **Senior Unity Day.** After Breakfast until 11:00ish in the theater. In the afternoon, we will practice for ring ceremony. Dismissal follows practice – which will end around 2 pm.
- **Senior Ring Ceremony (6:30 pm in the BAC)**

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*SSR got off to a good start on Wed.
Concentrate on the book, Hunter, not the camera!*

Fri, Aug 18 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.
- **TDIH: In 1963,** James Meredith becomes first African American to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
- **Bad Poetry Day:** This day was started by a group of cynics who, after all of the “good poetry” they were forced to read in high school, wanted payback. They want

people to celebrate this day by gathering with friends, writing bad poetry, and sending the poetry to their high school English teachers! So with apologies to Brother Hilary, the best English teacher ever who I was privileged to have for three years in high school, here's a really bad poem.

This Is Just a Text to Say by Kelly Robinson
i 8 the salmon that wr n
the fridge & which u bought
at Costco 4 KT's thing after book club
4 give me they wr delicious
so pink & so salmon

- **Senior Ring Holiday:** Seniors—enjoy your holiday!
- **Re-scheduled Five Core Principle Rally for Pre-freshman (Period E):** Lasallian Youth Leaders will introduce the Five Core Lasallian Principles to our pre-freshmen during period E. Prayer, play, presentations & provisions will fill the period.
- **SSA 8th Grade Social (5:30-7) & SSA Back to School Dance (7-10):** Friday is SSA's annual social for the 8th graders of both schools. The Back to School Dance follows at 7. See below for more info.

Sat, Aug 19

- **TDIH:** *In 1812, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution defeats British frigate Guerrière in a furious engagement off coast of Nova Scotia. Witnesses claim that British shot bounced off the Constitution's sides, as if the ship were made of iron rather than wood. By the war's end, "Old Ironsides" destroyed or captured seven more British ships. The success of the USS Constitution against the supposedly invincible Royal Navy provided a tremendous boost in morale for the young American republic.* (History Channel website)
- **National "Black Cow" Root Beer Float Day:** With vanilla ice cream, coppery root beer, and frothy foam, a root beer float is a classic. Root beer was manufactured, bottled, and sold starting in 1880. Legend has it that 13 years later, the root beer float, often referred to as a black cow, was invented when Frank Wisner of Cripple Creek, CO floated vanilla ice cream on top of his root beer. The full moon allowed him to glimpse the snow on top of nearby Cow Mountain. The tasty treat was tremendously popular among the town's children, who then called it a "black cow." Note: several dates claim to be the "national celebration day" -- obviously, people want an excuse to indulge!
- **Football Meet the Team (10 am in the BAC)**

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Sun Aug 20: We encourage Catholic families to attend mass and our non-Catholic families to worship at place of their choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1920, seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful National Football League.



Mrs. Schmitt treated her English classes to S'mores on National S'more Day last Thu!

- **TDIH:** In 1977, the space probe *Voyager 2* was launched. It continues to explore to this day, and is now more than 7 billion miles from Earth.
- **National Radio Day:** Listen to the radio today! My favorite? WWNO & WWNO 2 HD (NPR & Classical!)
- **World Mosquito Day:** On this day in 1897, Sir Ronald Ross, a British doctor working in India, made the link that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. To mark this day, kill all the mosquitoes you can find!
- **World Honey Bee Day:** Where would we be without these incredible creatures? Unlike Mosquito Day, do not kill any honeybees today; we need them!

I draw the following to your attention -- in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance:

ALERT St. Tammany: ALERT will inform you when any event poses a threat to us. With ALERT St. Tammany, the Parish can inform you, by phone, based on your geographical location in the Parish, when your safety or well-being is at risk. Evacuation orders, security issues and health threats are among some of the reasons they would feel it necessary to use the Alert St. Tammany. Your information will be used only for this purpose. You can access the self-registration page [here](https://stpgov.onthealert.com/) or at <https://stpgov.onthealert.com/> and enter your contact info. I've signed up and will have the school react accordingly.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond: The Archbishop sent administrators the following letter last week and asked us to share with the faculty the following. I think it's important for you to know how much the Archbishop supports Catholic education: *To all faculty members, I express sincere, heartfelt gratitude to you for answering the call to serve in the ministry of Catholic Education. As you know, it is truly a vocation. A vocation is a call from God to use our gifts for the good of his people and for the building up of his kingdom in our world. You have been called by God to care for the young people of our church. Thank you for answering that call. I know that for some of you it is indeed a sacrifice and I am grateful.*

Assembly on Aug 10: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 10 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Assembled in the new gym; it was great having air conditioning!
- Listened to Baroque composer Jean-Joseph Mouret's "Rondeau" and used this wonderfully stirring baroque piece of music to set the tone for the year. Ask your son to hum it for you! The older students should be able to do this! I explained how the word "baroque" means "rough, irregular pearl" and used that metaphor for our new school year: a rough pearl for which we must spend the next nine months polishing and shining it through our actions and accomplishments.

- As junior **Andrew Aceves** lit the prayer candle, we prayed for the following relatives of SPS families who have recently died:
- Asked the students, level by level, if they were ready to assume the tasks ahead of them; they responded enthusiastically, “Yes, Saint Paul’s, I’m ready!”
- Welcomed the new Pre-Freshmen as the Class of 2022 and had them enter to a rousing ovation by the rest of the student body and faculty;
- I then welcomed everyone to the 2017-18 school year, the beginning of our 107th year of existence and continuing the Lasallian tradition that has been transforming lives since 1680. I projected views of the campus from the 1950s and pointed out how much has changed.
- Had the faculty commit themselves to their role as Lasallian educators by having senior Lasallian Youth Leader President **Kyle Schmitt** and Vice President **Andrew Curry** ask the faculty a series of questions about their commitment to the Mission. Faculty responded to each question with a resounding, “I will!”
- I then projected the core of our Mission Statement explained that I try to use assemblies to recognize the great things that are happening and to encourage more. My first recognition came from an email sent to me over the summer by Mrs. Vita Dickens, Assistant Principal of Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic School. Mrs. Dickens wrote to recognize a group of our students who “worked tirelessly (politely and with smiles on their faces) in the oppressive heat” thus helping OLL begin the school year. I then had the following boys stand to applause: **Jared Kreeger, Michael Philippe, Barrett Palazzo, Jeb Juge, Jordan Eberts, Matthew Algero, Connor Stuard, Cooper Meibaum, Owen Hnatyshyn, Brandon Nolan, Chase McClellan, Nick Picone and Andrew Eikel**. I encouraged the boys to help whenever they can.
- Recognized and congratulated **Coach Josh Gast** on his marriage over the summer. President Stalter then presented Josh with a small gift, wishing him and his wife Taylor a long and happy marriage.
- Ran out of time before I could do accomplish any more individual recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly!
- I then had the entire student body join in a thunderous rendition of The Fight Song.



Biomedical Wolves begin their study as medical detectives.

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Jacob and Joseph enjoy their first lunch of the new school year.

- We ended the assembly with Student Council President **Matthew Stalter** and Vice President **Carson Caulfield** who blessing the entire student body and faculty with holy water while the ancient Marian hymn “Salve Regina” in Gregorian chant played in the background.
- As junior **Kyle Conigliaro** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of Mouret’s Rondeau.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

Assignment Hall: AH is in full swing. Students will be sent to AH if they report to class without their homework. They will stay in AH after school until they finish the homework. AH is not a punishment but a helping structure. Please stress with your son the need to complete his homework on time and to bring it to class.

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook, which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

Bookstore: The Mothers’ Club will open the bookstore at 5 pm on Monday, prior to the New Parent Reception / Information Meeting. Thanks, Mothers’ Club! I’ll soon be publishing a complete list of ALL that the MC did for SPS last year. It’s very impressive! Thanks for patronizing the MC’s Bookstore – proceeds go to help SPS.

Buy-A-Brick: 36 new personalized bricks were just added to the La Salle Hall Courtyard. Many family members of the Class of 2017 purchased bricks in their grad’s honor. We are grateful.

Cell Phones:

- State Law: State law prohibits motorists from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- School Cell Phone Policy: students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

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Dance: SSA will host a Back to School Dance on Friday, August 18 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm in the school gym. All SSA and St. Paul's students are invited to attend. Admission is \$10 and the class dress up themes are as follows: 8th grade is the 60's, 9th grade is the 70's, 10th grade is the 80's, 11th grade is the 90's and 12th is the 2000's/togas. **Prior to the dance at 5:30 in the SSA gym is an 8th Grade Social for all SSA and SPS 8th graders, featuring icebreaker games and snacks. Note:** we expect students to comply with rules and regulations of events at other schools. We expect students to respect staff from other schools. We will take disciplinary action against SPS students who do not uphold our standards while they attend such events. **This applies BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER the event. #**

Edline: Please activate your account and check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.* And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It's very annoying when we get an Edline email with a question but your setting won't accept our response.

Emergency Closings: The pumping problems in Orleans Parish that prompted parish-wide school closings also prompted the Office of Catholic Schools to remind us of our closing procedure – to follow the civil parish. Thus, if needed (and we hope it's not), Saint Paul's School will follow the same decision of closure as the public school system of St. Tammany Parish. The announcement concerning emergency closures will be broadcast on all local television stations in the metropolitan area of New Orleans when possible. School messaging will also be activated with updated information and situations unique to our school. For multi-day closings, Saint Paul's reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants, even if the public school remain closed, as was the case in Hurricane Katrina.



Seth, Peyton, Kyle, and Michael claim the lobby for their dining experience!

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be on Aug 22. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we have had call outs for football, cross-country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.

Football Spirit Shirts: From the Touchdown Club: *We have started selling our 2017 Game Day shirts. The senior football moms helped tremendously with this shirt design. They incorporated many of the traditions our boys share with one another day in and day out as a student at Saint Paul's. They also made sure it was inclusive of all organizations that make Friday Night Football at Saint Paul's so special. The shirts are now being sold in the bookstore. If you are unable to get to the bookstore we will have them available at all home games or they can contact Kim Icamina.*

Handbook Signature Card: The signed cards are now overdue! Students who have not turned in the card will receive detention. I am disappointed at how many seniors have not turned in their handbook card!

Last Week:

- **Pictures:** Thanks to Religion Department for cooperating with picture taking.
- **Orientation Assemblies:** All went well
- **President's Assembly:** I enjoyed my first assembly and hope your son did, too. See above for more info.
- **SSR:** We began this important reading initiative. See below for more info.
- **Class of 2017 Yearbook Day:** Many grads showed up (in various degrees of sartorial & grooming demise!) on Wed evening to get yearbooks and pictures of them receiving their diplomas from yours truly. They also received a picture receiving diplomas from the 8th grade promotion ceremony five years ago. Quite a contrast that produced laughs – and a visible reminder of how quickly the years passed. They agreed: SPS was a great place to grow up. It was good to see them. Godspeed Class of 2017! Go make the world a better place!
- **New Moms Welcoming Social:** A very good attendance last Tue night! Thanks, Mothers Club!
- **Chris Stipe** continued his concussion base-line testing of our athletes.
- **Yearbook:** Thanks to Andrew Dart and staff (especially editor Nick Ashton) for the 2017 Conifer! We have a few extra books for sale – first come, first served. When they are gone – they are gone.
- **Cross Country, Football, and Swimming** began full practices. And congrats to football for cancelling practice on the first day of school!

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Lost & Found: We are already finding shirts, books, lunch boxes, etc. left around campus. PLEASE stress responsibility with your. And please CLEARLY mark his clothing with his name to facilitate return of lost items. BTW, the lost and found locker is located outside the School Attendance Office.



Pre-freshmen attend their first President's Assembly

Mass: Our first all-school mass is this Tuesday, August 15, at 9:30 in the BAC. This is the Catholic Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Students are required to wear their DRESS UNIFORM. We have room for parents who would like to join us for mass.

New Parent Reception & Information Meeting: A welcome reception and information meeting for **new parents** will be held on Mon, Aug. 14 at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and an information meeting starts at 7:00 which will be over by 8:00. We hope you will be with us!

Office Depot: I received the following email from one of our moms last week: *I wanted to pass along a nice compliment/information I received from a manager of the Mandeville Office Depot. I saw this gentleman, and thanked him for the "5% to schools" program the store offers, and let him know as a parent of a St. Paul's student, the program is beneficial to the school. His response, "well, thank you, but more importantly thanks to St. Paul's. It is the only school in the area that promotes and benefits from this program. Each year, Office Depot gives money back from the program to St. Paul's. The other schools don't take advantage of it". Needless to say, I was a bit shocked. I'm shocked, too! Make sure you give SPS's name whenever you check out at Office Depot.*

Orientation Last Week: Please discuss with your son the assemblies he had last week:

- A chapel prayer service
- A meeting with the counseling department
- A meeting with Coach Ken Sears to review expectations of conduct. **Note: during this assembly, Coach Sears conducted the Archdiocesan-mandated Child Protection/Safe Environment presentation which**

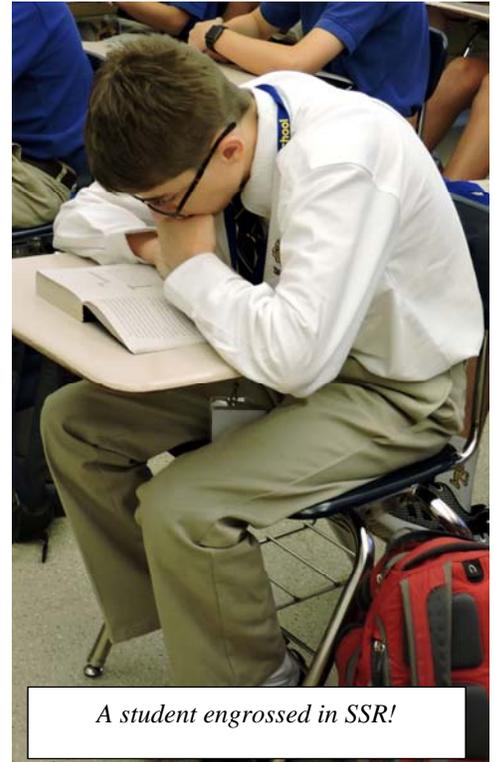
informs students about the dangers of abuse, how to prevent it, and what to do if it is suspected.
Please discuss this with your son.

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Robo-Wolves: Congrats to state champion SPS Robo-Wolves for being featured in the latest Project Lead the Way promotional materials. Here's the link: <https://www.pltw.org/blog/pltw-gateway-robotics-curriculum-supports-development-of-louisiana-state-champion-robowolves>

Senior Week: SW is here! The Senior Class Moms have sent out an email with specifics, but here's the basic plan:

- Tue, Aug 15 – Senior BBQ (5:30-7:30) under the Wolf Dome
- Wed, Aug 16 – Varsity Football scrimmage v. John Curtis
- Thu, Aug 17 – March through the Arch at 8 am (seniors must arrive by 7:15 in school dress uniform)
- Thu, Aug 17 – Senior – Parent continental breakfast 8:30
- Thu, Aug 17 – Senior Unity Day /Ring Ceremony Practice: 9:30 – 2:00 (I'll dismiss them earlier if we finish)
- Thu, Aug 17 – Senior Ring Ceremony at **6:30 pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center (lasts about 90 minutes). there were a number of students who did not get rings – which is perfectly OK. If you wish to use a family ring (father, brother, etc.) or state championship ring, that is perfectly OK, too. You can bring these rings to the Administration Building and we will present on Thursday evening at the ceremony.
- Fri, Aug 18 – Senior Ring Holiday – no classes for seniors



A student engrossed in SSR!

Service Hours: We remind all of our students of their obligation to do at least 10 hours of service this year. Last May, a number of seniors did not receive their caps and gowns because they had not completed their service hours. If a student does not want to help others, Saint Paul's is not the place for him.

Signage: SPS parent Mark Daigle, father of senior Nikita and owner of B & D Signs, Inc., continues to improve our campus signage. Please notice the names on La Salle Hall and go in the lobby to see a very imposing icon of our crest and the Signum Fidei. Thanks, Mark!

Silent Sustained Reading: Last Wednesday we began daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. We instructed students to bring their own reading material, but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. Help your son prepare for this initiative and have

him come prepared on Monday and every day thereafter. **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I will keep you posted as to how things go.

Social Media: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at

Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana

Twitter @SPSWolfpack

Student Council: Any pre-Freshman who wishes to run for class office should see Mrs. Case in room 107 to get a Candidate Form. Forms and speeches are due Wednesday, August 16. Campaigning will take place on Thursday, with speeches and voting being held on Friday, August 18.

Weekly Humor: In honor Black Cat Day on Thursday, with apologies in advance:

- *Did you hear about the cat who drank 13 bowls of water? He set a new lap record!*
- *What kind of car does a fat black cat drive? A Catillac!*
- *What is a cat's favorite magazine? Good Mousekeeping!*
- *Why don't black cats play poker in the jungle? Too many cheetahs!*
- *How do black cats get their way? With purrsuasion!*
- *What's a black cat's favorite school subject? Hisstory!l*
- *Where is the one place your black cat can sit but you can't? Your lap!*
- *If lights run on electricity and cars run on gas, what do cats run on? Their paws!*
- *What do you use to comb a black cat? A catacomb!*
- *What has more lives than a black cat? A frog because it croaks every night!*
- *Why did the judge dismiss the entire jury of black cats? They committed purrjury!*
- *What does a black cat do when he loses his tail? He goes to the retail store!*
- *What did the black cat run from the tree? It was afraid of the bark!*
- *How do black cats end a fight? They hiss and make up!*
- *Why did the black cat put oil on the mouse? Because it squeaked!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

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*Here's why we do what we do....
A great group of students on first day of school, ready to begin and happy to be back.
Tuck your shirttail in, Michael, like Thomas is doing!*

Yearbook: The 2016-17 Yearbooks are hot off the press and were delivered this week to the students that pre-ordered one. The Yearbook Staff did a fantastic job documenting a spectacular year at St. Paul's School. We have a limited amount of 2016-17 yearbooks available for \$65ea. in the Admin or Development/Alumni Offices. Get yours before we sell out, we don't run a second printing, so once these are gone, **THEY ARE GONE!**

A Look Ahead

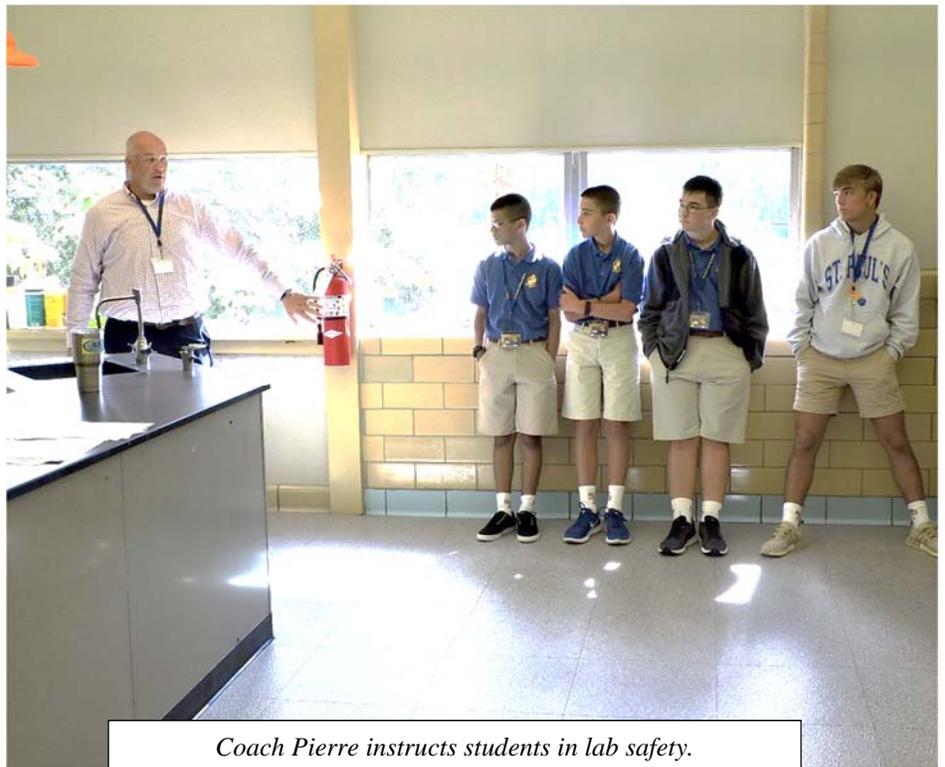
August

- 14 – GABC – New Parent Reception / Information Meeting (6:30 – 8:00 in the BAC)
- 15 – DEFG – Mass – Dress uniform day! Senior BBQ
- 16 – ABCD – Football scrimmage v. John Curtis
- 17 – EFGA – March through the Arch / Senior-Parent Breakfast – Senior Unity Day; Senior Ring Ceremony
- 18 – BCDE – Senior Holiday; pre-freshmen student council election
- 21 – FGAB – Safety Week
- 22 – CDEF – Get Involved Pack Time
- 23 – GABC – Safety Week
- 24 – DEFG – Safety Week

- 25 – ABCD – Safety Week
- 28 – EFGA – Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
- 29 – BCDE - President’s Assembly
- 30 – FGAB
- 31 – CDEF

September

- 1 – Lasallian Formation Day for Faculty; no classes for students
- 4 – Labor Day Holiday
- 5 – GABC – Pack Time
- 6 – DEFG – Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen
- 7 – ABCD – Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen
- 8 – EFGA – Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen
- 9 – ACT administered on campus this morning
- 11 – BCDE
- 12 – FGAB- President’s Assembly
- 13 – CDEF
- 14 – GABC
- 15 – DEFG
- 16 – SPS Math Tournament; Jr Hi Homecoming Dance (grades 8 & 9)
- 18 – ABCD – 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-Service
- 19 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 20 – BCDE
- 21 – FGAB
- 22 – CDEF – Homecoming
- 23 – Homecoming dance for senior high (grades 10, 11 & 12)
- 25 – GABC
- 26 – DEFG – Pack Time
- 27 – ABCD – Senior Portraits
- 28 – EFGA – Senior Portraits
- 29 – BCDE



Coach Pierre instructs students in lab safety.

October

- 2 – FGAB
- 3 – CDEF – Seniors take ACT
- 4 – GABC – Pack Time
- 5 – DEFG
- 6 – AB –End of Frist Quarter/ Grandparents Day; SPS Golf Tournament

Dress Uniform Day on Tues, Aug 15!

Whew! That's enough for now! I'm sure I've forgotten something so email me if you still have a question about the opening of school.

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

Pray that we continue to have a good beginning! Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's School during our 107th year of existence! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)



Did I mention that we have a dress uniform day on Tue, Aug 15?