



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

Aug 28 – Sep 4, 2017



This week we observe the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. While some would prefer to erase any mention or memory of this dark time in our history, I think it important that we remember how far we have come in the past 12 years – and celebrate the tenacity and drive of those who helped make recovery possible.

Following the storm, our Computer Apps II Class, taught by long time SPS computer whiz Weese Petersen, published a book about what the boys learned from the storm. With Hurricane Harvey bearing down upon TX, I re-read the book and offer some excerpts from students – some funny, some insightful, some poignant:

- *I learned that my brother gets aggravated after 10 hours of riding in a car.*
- *I learned that relatives can get annoying and they bring friends when they stay with you.*
- *I learned that my relatives eat a lot of food when they are depressed.*
- *I learned that your family is more important than you.*
- *I learned that having an obnoxious uncle around is not a big help.*
- *I learned that having my family and friends is the only real thing that matters in my life.*
- *I learned what I should be thankful for.*
- *I learned that I take many thanks for granite [sic] like yesterday I was mad because I didn't get my way then I thought that many people have lost everything.*
- *I learned that everything is a hard road, but it can be survived.*
- *I learned that if you think you have it bad, someone somewhere has it worse.*
- *I learned that chainsaws are a lot more dangerous than they look.*
- *I learned that rakes are not my friend.*
- *I learned that having 25 rambling Irish people in my house is not cool.*
- *I learned that Gatlinburg, TN does not have many girls.*
- *I learned that plugging your XBOX into a generator doesn't go well.*
- *I learned that pine trees fall easily.*
- *I learned that my parents are incredible motivators and always get the job done.*
- *I learned my father likes martial law.*
- *I learned that my uncle is mechanically incompetent.*
- *I learned that living with grandparents is not always an enjoyable experience.*



Our campus 12 years ago Tuesday...

- *I learned not to drive to Slidell at 10 pm when there is a 7 pm curfew.*
- *I learned that 35 people in one house can get on your nerves.*
- *I learned that there are a lot of good looking girls at Texas A & M.*
- *I learned that you don't realize the value of what you have until you lose it.*
- *I learned that the poor people are less fortunate than us in a situation like this.*
- *I learned to watch your head when climbing through fallen trees.*
- *I learned that my grandparents are not as bad as I thought they were.*
- *I learned that my family turned out to be pretty cool.*

May our remembrance of Katrina on Tuesday elicit continued prayers for the people of Texas. May our remembrance serve as a reminder of how far we have come – and how far we still have to go.

### **Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!**

#### **Mon, Aug 28 (Regular, E F G A -- Memorial of St. Augustine)**

- Today is the memorial of Saint Augustine -- a most influential scholar saint. His story offers us much by way of inspiration. From Catholic Online: *Augustine is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a life of loose living, parties, and worldly ambitions. His turnaround and conversion have inspired many who struggle with a particular vice they long to break.*

*This son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent years in wicked living. One of the most intelligent men who ever lived and brought up Christian, his sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind. Through prayers of his mother and St. Ambrose's preaching, Augustine became convinced that Christianity was the true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day he heard about two men who had converted, and he felt terribly ashamed. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"*



Nunez & Lea brothers enjoy Honey Buns in Mrs. Schmitt's Wolf Pack last week.

*Augustine flung himself out to the garden and cried, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Then he heard a child singing, "Take and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage. It was just what he needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.*

*He was baptized, became a priest, bishop, famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and a great saint. On the wall of his room he had the following written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." Augustine*

*overcame heresies, practiced poverty supported the poor, preached often and prayed with great fervor until his death. His holy life made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. The following prayer by Augustine is beautiful:*

*Late have I loved You, O Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved You! For behold, you were within me and I outside, and I sought you outside. In my unloveliness, I fell upon these lovely things that you had made. Thou were with me and I was not with You. I was kept from You by those things, yet had they not been from You, they would not have been at all. You did call and cry to me to break open my deafness. I tasted You, and now hunger and thirst for You; You touched me, and I burn for Your peace.*

- **This Day in History:** In 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his “I Have a Dream” speech – one of the best known in US History, second only to Lincoln’s 1863 “Gettysburg Address” – on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to about 250,000 people attending the March on Washington. He ended his stirring 16-minute speech with his vision of the fruit of racial harmony: *“When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”* The speech is worth a Youtube view.
- **Happy Birthday Brother Ralph:** In honor of his birthday yesterday, Brother Ralph has requested that we give the students a treat. I’m happy to oblige, and Brother Ralph and some of the retired Brothers will distribute popsicles to the students today during lunch.
- **Mini-Schedule Night for Parents (6:30) – See below for more info.**

#### **Tue, Aug 29 (President’s Assembly; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastates south Louisiana and floods the New Orleans. We remain grateful to the incredible support from so many people who helped in the aftermath of the storm to welcome displaced students, care for our own students, and keep hope alive on our campus -- all while dealing with their own issues and challenges. Their work at that difficult time was in the finest tradition of heroic Lasallian education.
- **TDIH:** In 2012, Tropical Storm Isaac bashes south LA; SPS closes for four days!
- **More Herbs, Less Salt Day:** Pretty self-explanatory! Stay healthy!

#### **Wed, Aug 30 (Regular; F G A B)**

- **Mass at 7 am:** We again are privileged to have Father Jacob willing to celebrate mass for us on Wednesday morning at 7:00. Encourage your sons to take advantage of this source of God’s grace!
- **TDIH:** In 1893, Huey Pierce Long (“The Kingfish”) was born in Winnfield, LA.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, the US Senate confirmed Thurgood Marshall as the first African-American Supreme Court justice.



*Jack makes his presentation in Coach Barwick’s Religion class*

- **National Marshmallow Toasting Day:** OK, you were healthy yesterday with less salt, so you can splurge today and toast a marshmallow. Or make some 'smares for the family!
- **Slinky Day:** The humble Slinky was invented in the 1940's by Navy engineer Richard James. It proved an immediate hit, quickly became one of our favorite toys. **Slinky Day** should be spent doing slinky tricks, watching Slinkies race down staircases, or untangling the things as they inevitably knot, twist and spiral! Dig out your Slinky!
- **Frankenstein Day:** This day is in honor of author Mary Wollenstone Shelley who was born on August 30, 1797. She wrote the novel Frankenstein in 1818.
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup>/JV v. Fontainebleau (5:30)
- **Alumni Association General Meeting (6:30)**

#### Thu, Aug 31 (Regular; C D E F)

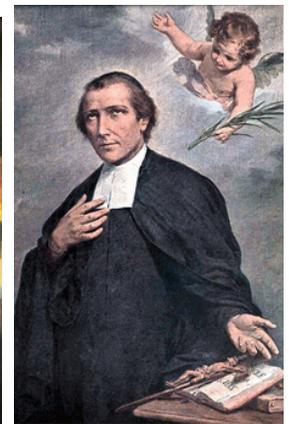
- **TDIH:** In 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in Paris.
- **Love Litigating Lawyers Day.** Give your favorite litigator a big 'ol hug today – and hope you aren't sued!
- **Trail Mix Day:** Trail mix is a high-energy snack comprised of dried fruits, nuts and energy snacks, designed to keep you alert and energized when walking, hiking, and partaking in similar endurance and intense activities. **Trail Mix Day** is all about creating good trail mix and testing it out. After yesterday's marshmallows, go back to healthy today!
- **Cross Country Time Trials and Meet the Team**

#### Fri, Sep 1 (Lasallian Faculty Formation Day; no classes for students)

- **TDIH:** In 1830, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was first published. Can you recite it from memory?
- **TDIH:** In 1939, 1.5 million German soldiers invade Poland, thus beginning WW II
- **Cherry Popover Day:** Enjoy!
- **Football:** Varsity v. Edna Karr is season opener (7)

#### Sat, Sep 2

- **TDIH:** In 1790, Brother Solomon, FSC, is martyred by French authorities bent on Church suppression. The Christian Brothers Website says once Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette were overthrown, the next target was the Church. In 1790, the state took over the French Church. To function, priests & religious had to swear support. Most Christian Brothers refused and had to abandon schools and disband. Eventually, the Institute was deprived of legal status – ironic since the Institute began in France. Brothers Solomon, Roger, Leon & Uldaric were imprisoned for refusing to take the oath. Solomon was executed on Sep 2. Roger, Leon & Uldaric later died while confined in prison ships. Because of such heroism, Brother Solomon was made a saint last year and the others are beatified – one step away from official sainthood. May their heroic lives give us strength in times of difficulty! May their devotion to Christian education inspire all of us!



- **TDIH:** In 1945, The Empire of Japan officially signs the Instrument of Surrender at 9:04 am aboard the USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. Although Emperor Hirohito had announced on Aug 15 Japan's intention to unconditionally surrender following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the

official surrender ceremony did not occur until over two weeks later, and thus President Truman marked 2nd September as the official **V-J Day**. It is estimated that anywhere from 60 to 80 million people died during World War II, on all sides of the conflict. **V-J Day** should thus be seen as not only the celebration of the defeat of the tyrannical Japanese government of the time, but also the remembrance of those who lost their lives.

- **National Blueberry Popsicle Day:** Enjoy a Popsicle today! Popsicles were invented in 1905 by 11 year-old Frank Epperson. He accidentally left a stirring stick in a fruit-flavored drink on his porch one winter night. In the morning, it was frozen into an icy treat. He first named this delight the "Epsicle." This name was changed 18 years later.
- **National Bacon Day (Sat before Labor Day):** Go ahead and spurge with this favorite food!

**Sun, Sep 3 We encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass as a family today.** We encourage non-Catholic families to worship at place of choice

- **TDIH:** In 1783, the American Revolution officially ends when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain & France sign The Treaty of Paris, signifying America's status as a free nation.
- **TDIH II:** In 1752, British citizens "lost" 11 days when the United Kingdom "left" the Julian calendar and adopted the Gregorian calendar, already in effect in the rest of the world (you know those independent British!) As a result, Sep 3 instantly became Sep 14 simply by an Act of Parliament. The people were outraged and demanded their 11 days back. Moral: make the most of each day God gives us; while it's a shame to lose a day, it's even worse to waste it.

**Mon, Sep 4 -- Labor Day Holiday – no classes**

- **TDIH: In 1951,** President Harry S. Truman's opening speech before a conference in San Francisco is broadcast across the nation, marking the first time a television program was broadcast from coast to coast.
- **Newspaper Carrier Day** honors Barney Flaherty, the first newspaper carrier or paperboy hired in 1833 as, as well as all current newspaper carriers – whose jobs were downsized when the TP went digital.

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



**Admissions Season for 2018-19:** The admissions process for NEXT year begins Tue with our first Shadow Day – which have become very important in causing students to choose SPS as their first choice school. Please encourage interested people to take a look at us. You are our best publicity.

**After School Issues:** Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We will provide a phone if needed.

**Amazon Smile:** Last week, we received a check for \$140.20 from Amazon Smile. While not a fortune, it is \$140.20 we didn't have before – and came without us doing anything. If you shop on Amazon Smile (the same as Amazon, I'm told) mention SPS as a recipient of a portion of your total. Ditto for Office Depot, too!

**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.

#### **Cell Phones:**

- **State Law:** Motorists are prohibited 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.
- **SPS Law:** 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. And, yes, security firewalls are in effect



*Seniors celebrate the eclipse!*

**Driver's License Proof of Attendance:**

Don't forget: your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit AND his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act, so don't blame me!

**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.

**Emergency Closings:** Yes, I printed this at the beginning but with Harvey out there, it's important that we know the policy, especially as Hurricane Season is becoming more active. As per the policy of the Office of Catholic Schools, 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 schools remain closed, as was the case in Hurricane Katrina when we re-opened weeks before the public schools.

**Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs and teams have begun forming. Last Tuesday's Get Involved Day introduced our students to a wide variety of activities. Encourage your son to get involved.

**Football Booster Club Opportunity:** If your business would like to sponsor a football game or run a commercial on the scoreboard during a game, please contact Tim McCarthy at [tmmcarthy122@gmail.com](mailto:tmmcarthy122@gmail.com) or 504-481-7830. Our new scoreboard is a great way to advertise your business to the enthusiastic crowds who attend Friday night football games in Hunter Stadium. Game day sponsorships include scoreboard advertisements, stadium banner, listing in Football Program & Media Guide, announcements throughout the game and a signed helmet from the 2017 Varsity Football Wolves.

**Grandparent Day:** Our annual Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 6, beginning at 11:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. If your son's grandparents are interested, please inform them of the date and time. Thanks!

**Helping Saint Paul's:** Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- Box Tops for Education
- And we also benefit from the Amazon Smile! Program!  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>



*Sophomore FB players await the Jamboree.*

**Homecoming Dances:** Student Council is pleased to announce the dates for the Homecoming dances

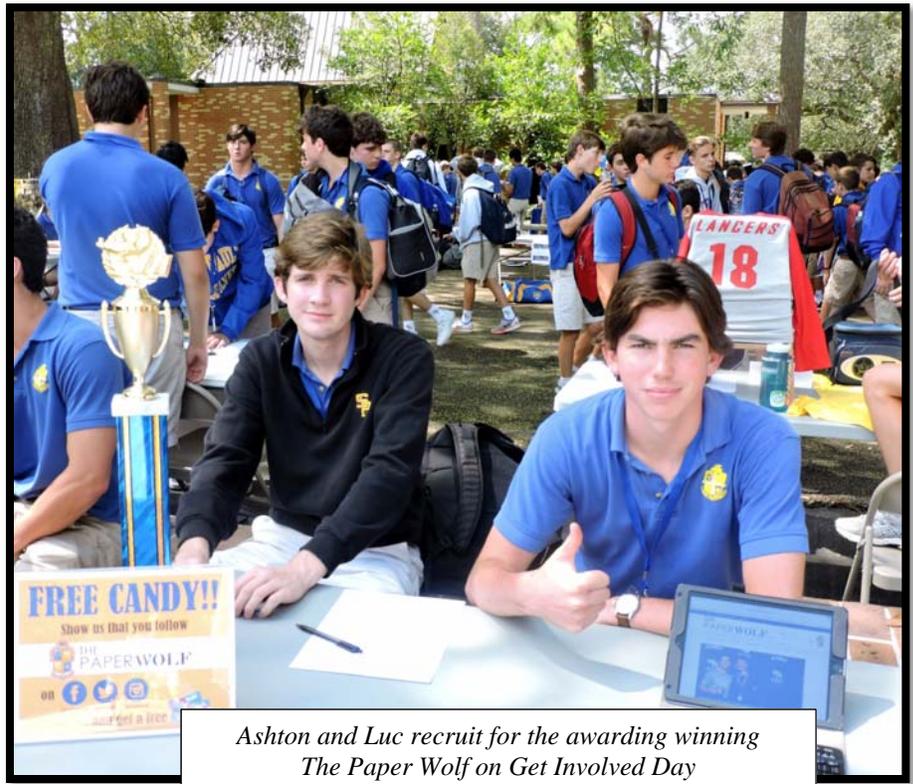
- **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Homecoming Dance** will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on **Saturday, September 16 (Dance is from 7:00-9:00pm with lock-in at 8:00). Please pick up your child at 9:00**
- **10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Homecoming Dance** will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center on **Saturday, September 23 (Dance is from 7:00-10:00pm with lock-in at 8:30 pm)**
- Everyone who attends the dance must complete a dance registration from which may be found on Edline. Hard copies are available in room 107. Completed forms and payment are due the Wednesday prior to each dance. See the registration form for full details.

**ID Cards and Lanyards:** Students **MUST** wear their ID cards on their lanyards **EVERY DAY**. This is part of our enhanced safety plan to insure that only SPS students are on campus during the school day. Parents – please stress this with your sons and insist that they comply. If your son loses his ID, he may purchase a new one for \$10 by seeing Sgt. Pressley in the Administration Building.

**Last Week Musings:**

- **Graham Jordan '14 Memorial Tree:** Classmates, friends, and family of Graham gathered last Sunday on campus to plant another memorial tree – a sweetbay magnolia. It was a moving moment. We continue to pray for the Jordan Family. Eternal rest grant until Graham, O Lord...
- **Eclipse of 2017:** I was underwhelmed, but all seemed to have a good – and safe – time. Thanks for cooperating.
- **Wolf Packs:** I enjoyed meeting my Wolf Pack and hope your son enjoyed his. I had my seniors run it and they did great. I'll keep having them run the show.
- **Get Involved Day:** Thanks to all who participated. Lots and lots of involvement! Hope your son told you about it!

- **President's Annual Fund Dinner:** Almost 100 of our major donors joined us for this special evening of thanks. Once again, the student hosts were the stars of the evening and acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner. Many thanks to the Development Team for organizing this event. Hope even more can attend next year!
- **9<sup>th</sup>/ JV Football:** Tough loss for 9<sup>th</sup> but JV won big v. Mandeville. Geaux Wolves!
- **Jamboree:** Thanks to Craig, Kenny, the FB Wolves, Marching Wolves, Band Boosters, ROTC Color Guard, Ticket Takers, and all who helped Fri evening as we highlighted our common Lasallian heritage with Rummel.



*Ashton and Luc recruit for the awarding winning The Paper Wolf on Get Involved Day*

- **DOTEW (Doing Ordinary Things Extraordinarily Well):** Hope your son has told you about Saint Brother Benilde and the prayer we say every day! Ask him about it!
- **The Paper Wolf:** Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe. If not, support our guys and do so. It's free.

**Lost & Found:** Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

**Mini-Schedule Night for Parents (6:30):** Beginning at 6:30 PM on Monday, Aug 28, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. This is NOT a night for extended parent-teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that. Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening. For your convenience, the Bookstore will open at 5:30.

**Open House for Prospective Students** will take place on Sat, Oct 28, at 1 pm starting in the BAC. Spread the word! Parents and students are our best publicity! People would much rather listen to you than to me!

**Paper Wolf:** Please read The Paper Wolf! ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) I do! We've got an outstanding, AWARD WINNING digital newspaper!

Compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe! Support the future of journalism! Geaux Paper Wolves!



**Phones:** We have been having phone problems. If you tried to call or left a voice mail message, we may not have received it. Please call again. Sorry for the inconvenience. Let us know if you are still having problems contacting us by phone.

**Safety Week:** I hope your sons told you about our drills last week for tornadoes, intruders, fire and evacuation. We appreciate the presence of the Covington PD who evaluated our procedures – and commended us the way the drills were conducted. We pray the drills are never needed, but we are prepared. BTW, in the highly unlikely but theoretically possible need for campus evacuation, we would assemble at SSA – if they have to be evacuated, we would be bussed to First Baptist Church in Covington.

**Senior Rings:** Josten's will be on campus on Aug 30 during lunch to address any problems with senior rings.

**September: Welcome to** the ninth month in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of four months with a length of 30 days. September in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere. In the Northern hemisphere, Sep 1 is the beginning of the meteorological autumn. In the Southern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological spring is on the 1st of Sep. September begins on the same day of the week as December every year, because there are 91 days separating September and December. September (from Latin *septem*, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months on the oldest known Roman calendar, with March (Latin *Martius*) the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 153 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day. September is National Cholesterol Education, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, National Honey Month, National School Success Month, Whole Grains Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month & Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness month. And that's probably more than you wanted to know about September! Have a great one!

**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 by giving of his time, Saint Paul's is not the place for him.

**Shadow Days:** Our first Shadow Day is this Tuesday, Aug 29. It is almost full. And our other Shadow Days are filling up, too. Encourage anyone you know who may be interested to call for a reservation at 892-3200. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!

**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

**Traffic:** Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. We've already learned of a few accidents on the way to and from school. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action against students as well.

**Weekly Humor:** In honor of National Bacon Day on Sat:

- *Why do we cook bacon and bake cookies?*
- *Which actor is now being quarantined for Swine Flu? Kevin Bacon*
- *What's the name of the movie about Bacon? Frankenswine*
- *What's the name of play about Bacon? Hamlet*
- *Why do pigs go to New York City? To see the Big Apple.*
- *Why was the meat packer arrested? For bringing home the bacon.*
- *What do you get when you cross a pig and a chicken? The best bacon-and-eggs of your life.*
- *What do you call a bacon wrapped dinosaur? Jurrasic Pork.*
- *What do you call a pig that can tell you about his ancestors? History in the bacon.*
- *How do pigs get to town? In pigup trucks.*
- *What do you get when you cross a pig and a centipede? Bacon and Legs.*
- *What would happen if pigs could fly? The price of bacon would skyrocket.*
- *What did the boy bacon say to the girl bacon? Girl, you're bacon my heart melt.*
- *What are tourists warned to watch out for? Pigpockets.*
- *What do you call a pig that's wrong? Mistaken bacon.*
- *Why aren't pigs good sportsmen? They always hog the ball!*
- *Patient: "Nurse I'm suffering from bacon disease!" Nurse: "Baloney"*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



Josh and Charles recruit for the Spanish Club on Get Involved Day

**A Look Ahead**

**August**

- 28 – EFGA – Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30) – see above for more info; bookstore opens at 5:30
- 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

## 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



*Eco-Car Club recruits at GID by showing one the cars they built last year.*



*Students practice evacuation drill.*

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'll 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! 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

Can't Believe It's the End of August 2017 and I'm Still the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul's School

**“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)



*...by doing ordinary things  
extraordinarily well, making  
courageous choices, doing  
God's will, remaining faithful  
and letting Our Lady of the  
Star guide us to God!*

