

Our thoughts and prayers extend to all victims of Hurricane / Tropical Storm Harvey.
May an abundance of God's grace and humanity's help be with them all!



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



September 4 – 10, 2017



Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now and that we take time to read it again:

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the early Brothers:

- You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks of you.
- If, then, you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?
- **Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.
- You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important and most necessary services**, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.
- **God has called you, destined you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.**

I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum!*)** -- nothing less. And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching him to be a man of God.

Thanks for supporting Lasallian Catholic education here at Saint Paul's School!

Mon, Sep 4 -- Labor Day Holiday! No classes! Chillax!



Bryce lights prayer candle at last week's assembly.

Tue, Sep 5 (Wolf Pack schedule; G A B C)

- **This Day in History:** In 1774, the First Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia.
- **Lazy Moms Day:** OK, moms, here's your day to relax and take it easy. Let them fix their own meals; wash their own clothes; find their own rides, etc. In short, "let them eat cake" today! They will appreciate you tomorrow!
- **Be Late For Something Day:** Be late all you want today – except for classes.
- **National Cheese Pizza Day:** Enjoy – if your arteries permit!
- **Parent Mini-schedule Night (6:30)** – see below for more info & refer to email from Trevor Watkins

Wed, Sep 6 (Regular; D E F G)

- **Mass this morning at 7 am – encourage your son to attend**
- **TDIH:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28-year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. President McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever. Trivia Question: While TR was the youngest person to assume the presidency, who was the youngest man ELECTED to the presidency? Answer at end.
- **Read a Book Day:** This should be EVERY day!
- **Fight Procrastination Day:** If you do not have time today for this, put it off until tomorrow.
- **Etiquette Training for 1/3 of our Pre-freshmen:** This is always a special event. Our Renaissance Board funds a formal meal with etiquette instruction for our youngest wolves. I am grateful to Renaissance for sponsoring and our Development Team for implementing.
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen open their season at Ponchatoula (6); 9th at Rummel
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves open their season at Franco's with a tri-meet v. Mandeville & Jesuit

Thu, Sep 7 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1813, the US gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Sam Wilson, a New York meat packer, who supplied barrels of beef to the Army during 1812 War. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers referred to the food as "Uncle Sam's." A newspaper ran the story on this date and Uncle Sam gained widespread use as the US nickname.
- **TDIH:** in 1940, German Luftwaffe begins Blitz Bombing campaign against London during WW II.
- **TDIH:** In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I is born to King Henry VIII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn. During her reign, Britain became a world power by defeating the Spanish Armada. The irony is that Henry did not think a woman capable of leading the kingdom. Will Shakespeare wrote many of his plays during her reign.



Lane delivers his class's donation for victims of Harvey to LYLs Ethan and Isaac.

- **Google Commemoration day:** Today celebrates the creation of Google on this day back in 1996 “I dunno, just Google it” has become a phrase uttered multiple times a day, all around the world. And, of course, there’s the memorable quote from former President Bush when he referenced “th Google. Useless info:”Google’s First Tweet was, “01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01110101 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010,” which is binary code for “I’m Feeling Lucky.” Also, Instead of hiring a grounds crew at Google, Google rents goats, a herder and a border collie to help cut down the amount of weeds and brush. (Hmm..... wonder if I can have goats in Covington?) We’ve all been lucky, I guess, to have Google available!
- **Salami Day:** From the Salami Day website (yes, it really exists!): *Salami is a too-often overlooked meat in the deli world, and the Salami Appreciation Society felt that it deserved its day in the sun. Salami has a rich history, providing important nutrients such as protein and potassium. It can be eaten on sandwiches, crackers, in pita wraps, tortilla wraps, or even by itself. No one can resist the ultimate duo of salami and cheese, for that matter!*
- **First Friday Devotions begin today in Period B. Join the boys for the first fifteen minutes of each period.**
- **Etiquette Training for middle 1/3 of our Pre-freshmen**
- **Theology Uncorked: Wine, Cheese & Theology** presented free by SSA. Tonight’s topic is Holy Homes: Faith in the Family Life with Melody Barousse from 7 – 9 at Columbia Coworking, 215 N. Columbia in Covington.

Fri, Sep 8 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1565, the first Catholic settlement in American was founded in St. Augustine, FL.
- **TDIH:** In 1900, a hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, TX, killing over 8,000 persons, making it the deadliest natural disaster in US history. Over 2500 buildings were destroyed.
- **TDIH:** In 1935, Senator Huey Long is shot in the Louisiana state capitol building. He died about 30 hours later. Also, Star Trek premiers on TV in 1966. Live long and prosper!
- **Pediatric Hematology / Oncology Nurses Day:** Each day, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses care for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders. We honor them today and thank them.
- **First Friday Devotions continue during first 15 minutes of each block today**
- **Etiquette Training for the last 1/3 of our Pre-freshmen**
- **Football:** Varsity v. Jesuit (7)



Evan, Merrick, Cameron, & William conduct an experiment in petroleum engineering class.

Sat, Sep 9

- **TDIH:** In 1776, The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new nation from the United Colonies to the United States.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax pitches the eighth perfect game in major league history, leading the Dodgers to a 1-0 win over the Chicago Cubs.
- **National Teddy Bear Day:** Admit it: we all like Teddy Bears and we adults miss the ones we had as children. So today, it's perfectly OK to spend some time with a Teddy Bear -- a special friend who's cuddly, lovable, and makes us feel secure & safe in an otherwise insecure and unsafe world. Confession: I keep one in my office for tough days!
- **ACT on campus this morning**
- **Cross Country:** Our State Champion Wolves begin defense of their title with participation in the Episcopal Round Table Meet in Baton Rouge. Geaux Wolves!

Sun, Sep 10

- **TDIH:** In 1940, in light of the destruction and terror inflicted on London by German bombing raids, aka "the Blitz," British Cabinet instructs British bombers over Germany to drop their bombs "anywhere" if unable to reach targets.
- **Grandparent Day (1st Sunday after Labor Day):** If grandparents still bless your life, honor them today!
- **Swap Ideas Day:** Swap your good ideas with others! I'm always in need of good ideas, so feel free to send 'em here
- **World Suicide Prevention Day:** I list many ridiculous observances in my newsletters, but this one is very serious. St. Tammany Parish has a high suicide rate – which has gone up since the suicide of Robin Williams. Unfortunately, each year we deal with students who feel that suicide is the answer to the problems of life. In October, we will hold an annual suicide prevention program for all sophomores. Please speak to your students about this issue if the occasion arises. Pray for all who think that it is a solution. We ask God's help



After last week's rain, PE classes enjoyed the opportunity for outside activity.

I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance:

Admissions Season for 2018-19: The admissions process for NEXT year began last week with our first Shadow Day – which have become very important in causing students to choose SPS as their first choice school. Call Karen Hebert at 892-3200, x 1003 for schedule a Shadow Day visit. Please encourage those interested in SPS to come take a look at us. Open House for prospective students is Sat, Oct 28 at 1 pm.

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'll provide a phone if needed.

Assembly: Due to Harvey's rain and wind last Tuesday, we moved my assembly to Thursday – during which it started raining and winding (is that a word?) again! In spite of the weather, I hope the students enjoyed our August 31 assembly. Here's what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to **“Academic Festival Overture” by Johannes Brahms, a German composer who lived from 1833-1897.** Brahms composed this piece in 1880 and the story of its origin is interesting. Brahms never went to college. In 1879, after Brahms had achieved much fame in the music world, the University of Breslau conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Brahms was flattered and sent a postcard of thanks to the faculty. However, he needed to do more. While vacationing at Bad Ischl during the summer of 1880, Brahms penned his musical “thank you” – the Academic Festival Overture – to the university. As we begin our academic year (actually, the first month is over!), the Academic Festival Overture seemed appropriate – we have serious work ahead, but we'll have periods of fun, too. Just as Brahms used his talent to say “thanks”, I encouraged the students to use their talents to thank those who have been good to them.
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Bryce Bosch**, for those who have entered God's kingdom since the last assembly: the **Aunt of math teacher Mrs. Audrey Pool, Mrs. Hazel Atzenhoffer, grandmother of Ms. Claire & Ms. Suzy, great-grandmother of Hayden '18, Jacob '18 & Cooper '22 Coutrado and Luke Paille '19 and Mrs. Jennifer Sonnier, grandmother of Scott Sonnier '20.** And, of course, we prayed for all those affected by Harvey.

- Reminded the students that had we met on Tuesday, we would have welcomed a large group of 7th grade students who were “shadowing” that morning. I encouraged the students to spread the good word about SPS and invite any interested seventh grader to one of the remaining Shadow Days. We applauded our guests “in absentia.”



Freshmen enjoy physical science lab activity.

- Reminded the students of our Mission Statement that calls us to have strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospels of Jesus.

- Recognized and congratulated the student body for their response to Get Involved Day and encouraged all to seek involvement and to ask for help if needed.

- Recognized and congratulated the Senior Class for an outstanding Senior Week and had rest of student body give the Class of 2018 a round of applause.
- Recognized and congratulated the student body for their cooperation with Safety Week and prayed that we would never need any of the drills we practiced.
- Recognized and congratulated the students who worked Special Olympics over the summer: **Josh Rovira, Zach Taylor, Zach Ingram, Hanzal Hussain, Beck Heebe, Julian Rodrigue, Noah Seiden, Larry Rase, Evan Fisher, Owen Hnatyshyn, Michael Doherty, Christian Harrison, Robert Buquoi, Nick Ditta, Gavin Gaude, Jack Bonaldi, Blake Ramsey, Henry Elliot, Hyde Healy, Connor Eikel, Eli Applebaum, Nick Stanton, Jase Moore, Ben Seiden, Ethan Haydel, Michael Philippe, Colin Craddick, Grant Hughes, Cameron Vidal, Gabe Ingram, Lane Scobel, Spencer Fox, Paul Gremillion, Taylor Lacoste, Travis Dugas, Jacob Hornbeck, & Andrew Lacoste.** Thanks to Coach Kevin Moore for organizing the day and for Coach Lee Pierre who accompanied the group.
- Recognized and congratulated the SPS students who were chosen to participate in St. Tammany Parish Hospital's Summer Internship Program – where SPS students have served for years, donating a minimum of eight hours a week at the hospital: **Joshua Devier, Jacques du Passage, Miles Gensler, Oliver Guice '16, Griffin Lowry, Kristian McHugh, Cooper Meibaum, David Needles, Andrew Norlin, Alex Oliveri '17, Paul Stolin, Beau Taranto, and Patrick Thompson**
- Recognized and congratulated the students who participated in Christ Episcopal Youth Group Mission Trip to West Virginia: **Blake Lewis, William James, Nicholas Briggs, Jordan Edney, Jakob Massey, Hyde Healy and Jacques and Jacques Du Passage**



Some of the SPS contingent at LYS this summer.

- Recognized and congratulated the students who participated in the Louisiana Youth Seminar, a premier leadership development program in our state: **Michael Valliant, Joseph Giberga, Henry Elliot, Brennen Calato, Josh Rovira, and Mathew Stalter.** Several SPS alums are staff members of LYS.
- Recognized and congratulated the students who represented SPS at the Louisiana Association of Student Council's summer leadership program: Michael Slimming, Luke Vargas, Paxton Ballard and Ryan Hill.

- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly! We then robustly sang the Fight Song in support of all of the activities going on.

- I then introduced Paul Stolin, Jakob Massey and Christopher Wilson who spoke to the Student Body about our drives to help victims of Harvey. SPS is partnership with SSA, Archbishop Hannan and Pope John Paul II High Schools to present a coordinated effort from the four Catholic high schools of St. Tammany Parish.
- Finally, I reminded the boys that on Tuesday we observed the 12th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. I showed them powerful slides of what our campus and area looked like after the storm. While the slides showed on the screen, Cold Play’s appropriate song “Fix It” played in the background. It was a moving experience.
- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Trevor Achee**, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. I asked them to remember the Katrina slides of SPS’s campus as they exited the gym to realize how far we have come and to pray for Harvey’s victims who are just beginning their recovery. The students exited to the strains of Coldplay’s “Fix It.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



A few of the Wolves who worked Special Olympics

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regs as printed in the handbook that 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 to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

Etiquette Training for Pre-Freshmen takes place this week. Here is the letter Trevor Watkins send to pre-freshmen parents with all the needed info:

In an effort to augment the work you do with your son in the area of proper etiquette, the Saint Paul’s Renaissance Program has paired with Tony Bosco’s restaurant in Mandeville to provide a short course on proper dining behavior. We will divide the pre-freshmen students into three groups and provide a short course

on restaurant etiquette followed by a meal catered by Tony Bosco's. The dates of these sessions will be September 6, 7 and 8. A staff member from Bosco's will instruct our students in place settings, table etiquette, ordering, dealing with waiters, tipping, and making reservations. After the class, the boys will enjoy a meal, prepared by the restaurant, putting into practice what they have learned. The Saint Paul's Renaissance Program will cover the cost of the course and meal.

*The **pre-freshmen** will gather in the Briggs Assembly Center during their lunch period on the dates listed below based on their Physical Education or ROTC class period.*

- *Wednesday, September 6: H&PE Periods D and E and ROTC Period F*
- *Thursday, September 7: H&PE Periods B and C*
- *Friday, September 8: H&PE Periods A and G and ROTC Period A*

The boys should wear their formal uniform on the day of their Bosco's lunch so please check your son's class schedule and mark your calendar.

Lastly, the menu for lunch will be soup of the day, Caesar salad, baked chicken breast with pasta, and dessert.

I am grateful to the Renaissance Program and to Bosco's restaurant for their support of this program.

Football Game Conduct for Students: Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the retired Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do **NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- SSA students do not get in free.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3rd quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, **ALL** are to be **ABSOLUTELY QUIET**. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he **MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS** (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is **NEVER** permitted.

- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- The LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

Football Game Conduct for Adults: With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise
- LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.



*Docs from Lakeview Regional Medical Center discuss DNA with Bio Med class.
Thanks, Lakeview Hospital, for supporting the future medical professionals.*

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 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.

Good News Dept: Last week, an alumnus showed up at my office and handed me a \$5,000 donation – with one stipulation: he wants anonymity. No problem! God bless this alum and his family! May there be many more like him!

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!

Greater Lasallian World Dept: The San Francisco New Orleans District Office of Education has named Janell Kloosterman, AFSC, as the District’s Director of Leadership Formation. Office of Education Director Michael Daniels, Ed.D made the announcement. Janelle, who serves on the Saint Paul’s Board of Trustees, is currently principal and chief academic officer of Mullen High School, Denver. She will conclude her tenure as principal of Mullen at the end of the 2017-2018 academic year and assume her new duties with the District effective the summer of 2018. Newly conceived as a position within the Office of Education, the Director of Leadership Formation is responsible for providing ongoing support to District school leadership, including the District Chief Administrators Association. Besides co-facilitating board of trustee policy governance training and trustee formation and accompaniment, the Director serves on the District’s leadership team and on the Louisiana Lasallian Education Corporation (LLEC).

Harvey: The four Catholic high schools of St. Tammany are uniting in the initiatives to help Harvey victims:

- A “Stuff the Bus for Harvey” to gather food, diapers, toiletries, etc.
- A “mission collection drive” to support an affected Catholic school in the area
- The drive will take place from Tue, Sep 5 – Thu, Sep 14th.
- Here is a list of items most sought:
 - Bottled water
 - Nonperishable food items
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Paper Towels

- Toiletries/hygiene products
- Baby items
- Towels & washcloths
- Sheets & blankets
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Benadryl
- Dog/cat food (canned/dry)
- Dog/cat crates
- Dog/ cat beds
- Dog/Cat toys
- Dog/cat treats
- Collars and Leashes
- Cat litter
- Tennis balls
- Nylabones
- Dog harnesses
- Peanut butter (must be xylitol-free)
- Pedialyte (MUST BE 2 oz. and UNFLAVORED)
- Nutrical (cat or dog)
- Gloves (M, L, or XL)
- Heating pads
- Pet Baby Bottles

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>

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

- **8th and 9th 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*
- **10th, 11th, and 12th 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. 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 Book/Snack Room.



Mason explains Mission Statement to guests at President's Annual Fund Dinner.

Last Week:

- **Harvey:** Thanks for your cooperation. We continue to keep the people affected by the storm in our prayer and will work with other Catholic high schools to aid them.
- **Mini-schedule Night** is re-scheduled to this Tuesday. You should have received an email from Trevor Watkins to this effect.
- **Shadow Day:** Our first Shadow Day went well – in spite of the rain. I am grateful to Karen Hebert for re-arranging the schedule. Our first group of shadowers (is that a word?) seemed to have a good experience last week. Please invite interested families to attend Open House and / or a Shadow Day. Call us for info.
- **NOLasallian Day:** Our faculty joined the south shore faculties of De La Salle, Christian Brothers School and Rummel for a day to celebrate and enhance our common Lasallian heritage. Hope your son enjoyed the day off.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks, Danielle Lavie, for a GREAT issue. Hope you have had a chance to view it.
- **Football:** Varsity for great job on Fri v. Sorry about the postponement of the 9th & JV game.
- **Marching Wolves** were their usual wonderful selves. Well done, Andrew & MWs! And Boosters, too!
- **President's Donor Appreciation Dinner:** I forgot to thank Andrew Moran for his outstanding marimba playing during the event. We are also in the process of updating the donor board in the school building lobby.
- **Alumni Meeting:** We had a nice gathering last Wed night and took them on a tour of Benilde Hall. A couple of the guys present actually lived in BH when it was a dormitory. One of them identified the spot where his bed was on the second floor! (Yes, the second floor was the 7th grade dormitory!)
- **Cross Country** time trials and Meet the Team went well. Geaux CC Wolves!
- **Quiddich Wolves** were flying around the stadium field on Sat. Wonderful!

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 (Tuesday at 6:30): Beginning at 6:30 PM Tuesday tonight, 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.

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



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. Here's the link: <http://thepaperwolf.com>

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

SSA announces auditions for its fall play, "The Odd Couple: The Female Version: on Tuesday, September 12 at 3:30 (with possible callbacks on Wednesday Sept 13) in Wisdom Hall Room 64. Students should be prepared to do readings from the script. All SSA girls and boys from local high schools are invited to audition.

Tutoring: National Honor Society tutoring begins Tue, Sep 5, according to the following schedule:

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 7:15 in La Salle 207
- Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thu at lunch in LaSalle 207.
- Help is offered in ALL subjects
- Essay proofreading and printing services also provided.
- Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so!**

Weekly Humor: I use these every Labor Day because they are worth repeating. Some job woes:

- *My first job was in an orange juice factory, I couldn't concentrate, so I got canned.*
- *Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.*
- *I then tried working in a donut shop, but I soon got tired of the hole business.*
- *I manufactured calendars, but my days were numbered.*
- *I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. Mainly because it was a sew-sew job, de-pleating and de-pressing.*
- *I took a job as an upholsterer, but I never recovered*
- *Next I tried working in a car muffler factory, but that was exhausting.*
- *I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it.*
- *Then I was a pilot, but tended to wing it, and I didn't have the right altitude*
- *I studied to be a doctor, but I didn't have enough patients for the job.*
- *I became a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it.*
- *I tried my hand at a professional career in tennis, but it wasn't my racket. I was too high strung.*
- *I became a baker; it wasn't a cakewalk, & I couldn't make enough dough.*
- *I was a masseur for a while, but I rubbed people the wrong way.*
- *I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.*
- *Then I was a gym personal trainer, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.*
- *I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it.*
- *Next I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me.*
- *I tried teaching, but I soon lost my principal, my faculties, and my class.*
- *I turned to farming, but I wasn't outstanding in my field.*
- *I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had its ups and downs.*

- *I sold origami, but the business folded.*
- *I took a job at UPS, but I couldn't express myself.*
- *I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout.*
- *I became a banker, but I lacked interest and maturity, and finally withdrew from the job.*
- *I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.*
- *I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot.*
- *I worked at Starbucks, but I quit because it was the same old grind.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A Look Ahead

September

- 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



A great group of Student Hosts prepares to serve at Presidents' Annual Fund Dinner

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
- 9 – CDEF - Founders Week /Mass Schedule

- 10 – GABC - President's Assembly
- 11 – DEFG – *PSAT administered to selected students*
- 12 – ABCD – Assembly for Special Presentation
- 13 – EF – Field Day 3:00 PM Dismissal
- 16 – GABC
- 17 – DEFG – Pack Time
- 18 – ABCD
- 19 – EFGA
- 20 – BCDE – *Pep Rally schedule*
- 23 – FGAB - 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-Service – *Parent/Teacher Meetings 5-7 in BAC*
- 24 – CDEF – President's Assembly
- 25 – GABC
- 26 – DEFG
- 27 – ABCD – 9:00 Late Start for Faculty Health Screenings
- 30 – EFGA – *8th-9th Honor Roll Breakfast in BAC*
- 31 – BCDE – Pack Time *10th-11th Honor Roll Breakfast in BAC*

November

- 1 – FGAB – Mass
- 2 – CDEF – Day of the Dead Assembly
- 3 – GABC – *Senior HR Breakfast - Cafeteria*
- 6 – Archdiocese Day for Faculty
- 7 – DEFG – President's Assembly
- 8 – ABCD – Sophomore Service Day
- 9 – EFGA – Pre Freshmen on Retreat
- 10 – BCDE – Pre Freshmen on Retreat
- 13 – FGAB - 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-Service
- 14 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 15 – GABC
- 16 – DEFG
- 17 – ABCD
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF

December

- 1 – GABC – *Blood Drive in New Gym Lobby*
- 4 – DEFG
- 5 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – *Snack Day*
- 8 – FGAB – Mass I. Conception
- 11 – CDEF
- 12 – GABC – President's Assembly
- 13 – DEFG
- 14 – Exams
- 15 – Exams
- 18 – Exams
- 19 – Exams

Whew! That's enough for Labor Day Weekend! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now as I finish writing the newsletter and LOLing as I do so but am saddened as the last show will air on Sep 16): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time (on Labor Day weekend, no less) reading my ramblings!

Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 – 18 edition of Saint Paul's – our 107th year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Chillaxin' on Labor Day Weekend as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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

