

**We continue to pray for all victims of natural disasters.
May they receive an abundance of God's grace and humanity's help!**



The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter



September 18 – 24, 2017

Welcome to the 7th week of the 2017 – 18 school year!

In the Saint Paul's School Paradigm, the freshmen are the “children of the school community.” They need continued welcoming and a sense of belonging from the school. This year, we have the largest freshman class in school history. I thus am monitoring their progress to ensure we meet our obligations to them.

At their opening of school prayer service, the freshmen were invited to write a prayer on craft sticks (aka Popsicle sticks) which were then placed on the altar while they prayed that God would bless them. I recently came across the sticks and read many. While many of the prayers were predictable (“for my family”, “help me make good grades”, “for a sick relative”, etc.), I was moved by the prayers our freshmen wrote:

- *I pray for my great grandpop, that he lives to let me see him before he dies.*
- *I pray that I will leave my comfort zone to do whatever the lord Jesus is encouraging me to do.*
- *Lord, help me in my struggles with faith.*
- *Lord, I hope you lighten my path of life and tell me everything's OK.*
- *I can do all things in God who strengthens me.*
- *Lord, I thank you for all you've done; give me strength.*
- *God, guide every student to greatness.*
- *God, please help my family through their hardships.*
- *God, give me strength to face my fears and meet new people.*
- *God, help me be patient*
- *Lord, give me the chance to right my wrong.*
- *O Creator of heaven and earth, please bless my entire family.*
- *Lord, please help me make good choices in everything I do.*
- *God, help me get my priorities straight.*
- *God, I want to thank you for all the stuff you did for me.*
- *God, help me to obey, honor, and respect my parents.*
- *God, help me to reflect your will in all that I do.*
- *Lord, help every day be a great day.*
- *Dear God, thank you for all that you do for me.*



Craft sticks containing prayers of our freshmen

- *God, help me get through the struggles of the 9th grade.*
- *God, please forgive everything I've done wrong and help me be the best that I can be.*
- *Give me confidence through the day, encourage me to step out and explore, challenge me to become closer to you.*
- *Lord, I pray for the conversion of my family.*
- *Lord, I love you.*

Wow. I could add more such examples to the list, but I think you get the idea. Our freshmen are men of faith. Would that each of us offered such prayers! I did pause, however, over a few blank sticks in the pile. Join me in praying that God will bless those who had nothing to write with the courage and strength to do so! The Class of 2021 will indeed make the world a better place – as will the SPS classes of 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2022! Saint Paul's Forevermore!

Mon, Sep 18 (Faculty Meeting at 7:45; classes begin at 9; A B C D)

- **This Day in History:** In 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building.
- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Truman signs the National Security Act which establishes a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. The act also created the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy, so today is considered the birthday of the US Air Force.



SPS and Christian Brothers High School in Memphis band members prepare to enter stadium.

- **National Cheeseburger Day:** Enjoy this classic meal!
- **Late Start Today:** To allow for a faculty meeting, classes will begin at 9 today. Don't worry, though, if your son needs to arrive earlier: cafeteria and library will be open. Thanks for allowing our faculty find time to meet.

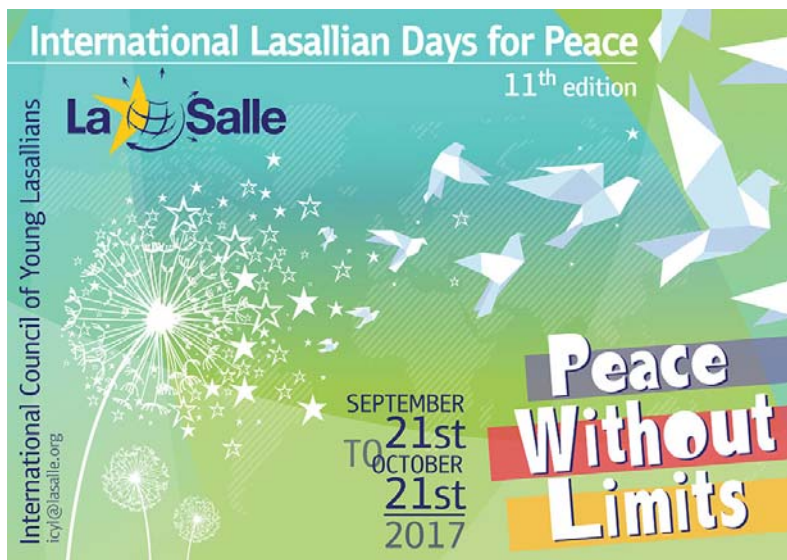
Tue, Sep 19 (Assembly; Shadow Day; E F G A)

- Yes, I know we had assembly last week but I will be out of town next Tuesday and didn't want to lose an assembly and a Shadow Day so we swapped with Pack Time – which will be next Tuesday. Hope that makes sense!
- **International Talk like a Pirate Day:** Avast & Ahoy all pirate wanna bees! Shiver your timbers today! Arrr!

Wed, Sep 20 (Regular; B C D E) -- Mass at 7 am

- **This Day in History:** In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sets sail, leading the first exploration to circumnavigate the world. Magellan dies before the journey is completed and the ship returns a year later.
- **Punch Day:** Have a glass of punch today! The word *punch* means *five*, originating from the Hindustani word *panch*. It celebrates the traditional punch base recipe of 5 key ingredients, which most punches still use - alcohol (usually spirits), lemon (or other fruits), sugar, water, and tea (or other spices, e.g., cinnamon). For our students, though, use only four of the five ingredients – I think you can figure out the one I'm not recommending for students!
- **International Eat an Apple Day:** No explanation needed! Enjoy & wash it down with punch
- **Rosh Hashanah** begins at sundown and lasts until sundown on Thu, Sep 21. The late Saint Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to learn more about our Jewish heritage and form closer ties with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Thus, we recognize the great feast of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year. It is the year 5776 in the Jewish calendar. The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur. One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are penance, prayer, & good deeds – great practices for people of all faiths. These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the greeting during this time: "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*" (May you be written [in the book of life] for a good year! We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed Rosh Hashanah! "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*")
- **Football:** 8th v. John Curtis at Delta Playground (5:30); 9th & JV at Northshore (5:30)

Thu, Sep 21 (Regular; Feast of St. Matthew; F G A B)



- **The 11th Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDP)** begin today and run until Oct 21. The theme this year is *Peace Without Limits*. The month long observance encourages study, reflection, prayer, and action. As former Superior General Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria said concerning ILDP: *Peace is possible if each of us gets involved. It is possible when we place persons above things. It is possible if we make God's plan for humankind our own plan.* **May this event bring peace and love, especially to families who need it most!** I invite you to join the

Retired Brothers who daily pray the following, official Lasallian Prayer for Peace: ***We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope! Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and***

intolerance and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!

- **TDIH:** In 1779, the Louisiana governor Bernardo de Galvez, aided by American troops and militia, captures the British post at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.
- **International Peace Day.** Let's all do our part by at least keeping peace locally!
- **World Gratitude Day:** We should be grateful EVERY day, but be extra grateful today!

Fri, Sep 22 (Pep Rally schedule; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** The ice cream cone debuted today in 1903 & the band-aid in 1920! Where would we be without these?
- **TDIH:** In 1776, during the American Revolution, Nathan Hale was executed without trial after caught spying on the British. His famous last words? "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Thank you, Nathan!
- Today we mark the **Feast of the Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Valencia**. In 1936, five Christian Brothers (Florencio, Bertran, Ambrosio, Elisas, & Honorato) were martyred for their faith. When religious persecution began in Spain, they were arrested and executed. Even though they knew that being Brothers result in death, they did not hesitate in admitting their Faith and that they were Brothers of the Christian Schools. These five Brothers, beatified by Pope John Paul II, followed Jesus in the vocation to which He had called them: to bring salvation to young people by giving a human and Christian education. May their faith inspire us, their heroism edify us, and their devotion to young people cause us to redouble our efforts with our students! ***Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Valencia! Pray for us!***
- **TDIH:** In 2015, Pope Francis began a six day visit to the US. The Pope visited Washington, DC, New York and Philadelphia. He became the first Pope to address a joint session of Congress and he also addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- **TDIH:** In 2005, after having re-opened from Katrina, we closed school to brace for Hurricane Rita. While spared Rita's brunt, many in our area suffered additional damage, while the southwest part of LA took a major hit. We continue to pray for those healing from Rita's wrath.





- **The Autumnal Equinox**, when the sun crosses the equator from North to South, occurs today at 03:02 pm., CDT. Fall officially begins! In the Southern Hemisphere, spring officially begins. Play Antonio Vivaldi's incredible "Autumn" from his *Four Seasons Suite*! In Japan, the Autumnal Equinox is a holiday to mark the new season and to pay respects to deceased parents and relatives. How meaningful! Marvel at God's wonderful creation today, anticipate the cool coming months, and remember deceased loved ones.
- **White Chocolate Day**: Go ahead and indulge!
- **Elephant Appreciation Day**: Celebrate the elephant today and learn something about these **E**ndearing, **L**oyal, **E**legant, **P**owerful, **H**eavy, **A**musing, **N**oble, and **T**alented creatures. (get it?)
- **Football**: Varsity v. Northshore (7) as Wolves begin their defense of their District Championship. And this is our Homecoming Game. Post – game reception for alumni.

Sat, Sep 23

- **Checkers Day**: This day, begun on the anniversary of former Vice President Richard Nixon's "Checkers Speech" (look it up, history buffs!), has morphed into a celebration of the game of checkers. Enjoy a game or two today!
- **Innergize Day**: Today is the day to set time aside for yourself to do anything you want to do. OK to observe, but don't let it interfere with any of your obligations, especially students to their classes!
- **Habitat Club work day**
- **Cross Country Race in Pensacola, FL**
- **Senior High (10-12) Homecoming Dance in the BAC**

Sun, Sep 24 We encourage all to worship today, especially for Catholics to attend mass as a family if possible

- **TDIH**: In 1957, President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **National Punctuation Day**: Let's all punctuate our writing correctly! I plan on celebrating! Here's a great website to help: <http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com>.
- **Eat Dinner with Your Children Day**: Started by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia Univ, this day informs parents that the engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance abuse free. *Dinner Makes A Difference!*



Happy BD, Bro. Alfred!

- **Happy Birthday Brother Alfred**, who turns 95 years young today. We value his presence as a member of our retired Brothers Community. We offer him prayer and best wishes. We thank him for his life as a Christian Brother in the cause of Lasallian education, especially at SPS, where he has labored for so many years of his religious life. *Ad multos annos*, Brother Alfred! Thank you for your life as a Christian Brother!

I offer the following for your consideration, in alphabetic order, not necessarily order of importance.

Admissions for 2017 - 19: Yes, we are already looking ahead to next year. Here's how you can help: If you know any family who might be interested in SPS, encourage them to

- Consider a shadow day – all slots are filled in the regular shadow days so we added an additional one in November;
- Encourage them to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 28 at 1 pm. Send us their email address or physical address and we'll send them an invitation.
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you

Assembly Last Tuesday: I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 12 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Listened to the 4th movement of Ludwig von Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, more commonly known as "Ode to Joy" – one of the most beloved pieces of music in the world. I explained that Beethoven (1770-1827) was a "post Baroque" composer, ushering in the Romantic Period, with its equally powerful music. Romantic does not refer to mushy love music but powerful music inspired by nature.

The Ninth Symphony and its "Ode" premiered in 1824, just three years before Beethoven's death. It was one of the first instances of combining symphonic music with vocal accompaniment. Amazing fact: Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed this piece; he did it all in his head. The story has it that while he conducted the premier, he kept conducting even when the piece was finished – it kept playing in his head! The audience went wild with approval! I encouraged the students to learn from Beethoven and not let their challenges defeat them or prevent them from achievement.



Eli lights prayer candle at last week's assembly.

And why did I choose Ode to Joy for the assembly? Because we were celebrating the 106th birthday of Saint Paul's School – and that's a cause for joy! And while the music played, a montage of pictures from our past was projected on the screen. We've come a long way in 106 years!

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Eli Applebaum**, for the following who have entered eternal rest since our last assembly: **Mrs. Ellen Cartier, great grandmother of pre-freshman Cole Cartier; Mr. Leslie Scobel, grandfather of senior Lain Scobel, & Mr. Brad Theard, uncle of junior Bryce Parchman.** We also prayed for the victims of the recent hurricanes and earthquakes and for all affected by 9-11. To commemorate this last group, I played a song composed by local musician and former SPS faculty member, Mr. Gene Lipps, entitled “Hold On.” It was a moving moment.
- Recognized and welcomed a group of 30 7th grade students who were visiting campus on one of our Shadow Days. The student body applauded vigorously in welcome!
- Recognized a group of alums and friends of the school who were visiting in support of our guest speaker.
- Introduced Mr. Michael McMurray, member of the Class of 1963. During his career at SPS, Mike was an accomplished athlete, earning the prestigious Jimmy Dunn award and earning membership in the 1000 point basketball club. He attended SLU on a basketball scholarship and upon graduated was drafted into the armed forces and sent to Vietnam. Upon completing his military service, Mike eventually was hired by Saint Paul's and the Christian Brothers to provide accounting services. Four years ago, he was diagnosed with ALS, and the disease has debilitated him. Through his computer, he gave a moving message to the students about how God has a plan for him and he has faith in that plan. He encourage the students not to look upon the negatives, but the accent the positives – and to always have faith in God's plan. It was a moving talk.
- Ran out of time before I could do any 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 around school
- I closed the assembly by reminding the boys of the following:
 - 7 am mass on Wednesday
 - Hurricane Relief Food Drive
 - Mothers' Club Snack Day – be polite and thank the moms
 - La Salle Sisters in Houston who were flooded and said that our next Mission Collection would be for them.
- I then had the boys sing “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” – which is Beethoven's Ode to Joy set to religious lyrics. I used a recording from a student body mass in 2011 when we sang it robustly. So the student body of 2017 joined the student body of 2011 in singing this magnificent hymn of praise and job in honor of our 106th birthday. It was magnificent. As junior **Beck Heebe** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of Beethoven's “Ode to Joy.” It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



Sophomore FB players are treated to a pre-game meal by their moms.

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook that is posted on our website. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day. Here's the link to our handbook:

<https://www.stpauls.com/student-life/student-parent-handbook1-pdf/>

Brother Ralph Update: Brother has been moved from Lakeview Medical Center to AMG Rehabilitation Hospital. We hope he will soon return to Saint Paul's. Thank you for your concern for him. We still owe the students a popsicle treat in honor of his 97th!

Driving: Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. 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. And remember: **cell phone use in a school zone is against the law and can be ticketed by police!**

Drug Testing: We have begun drug testing, choosing students both randomly and “for cause.” Just because a student is tested does not mean he is suspected. Naturally, you may confidentially request that we add your son to the test list. We have committed more resources this year to increase the number of students tested. Know our policy by reviewing the handbook. A second positive result jeopardizes a student's place at SPS. Pray that students resist the allure of temporary pleasure over finding true meaning in life.

Emergency Closing: As we reach the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public school system following Hurricane Katrina.
- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure. We have a new notification system that we have used a couple of times this year. Let me know if you have never received our texts.
- **Consult** Edline and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.

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.

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 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 SPS 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.



Wolves deliver hurricane relief food and supplies to Northshore Food Bank for transport to Texas.

- 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.

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 anywhere 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.



HOSA members deliver hurricane relief pet supplies to Humane Society.

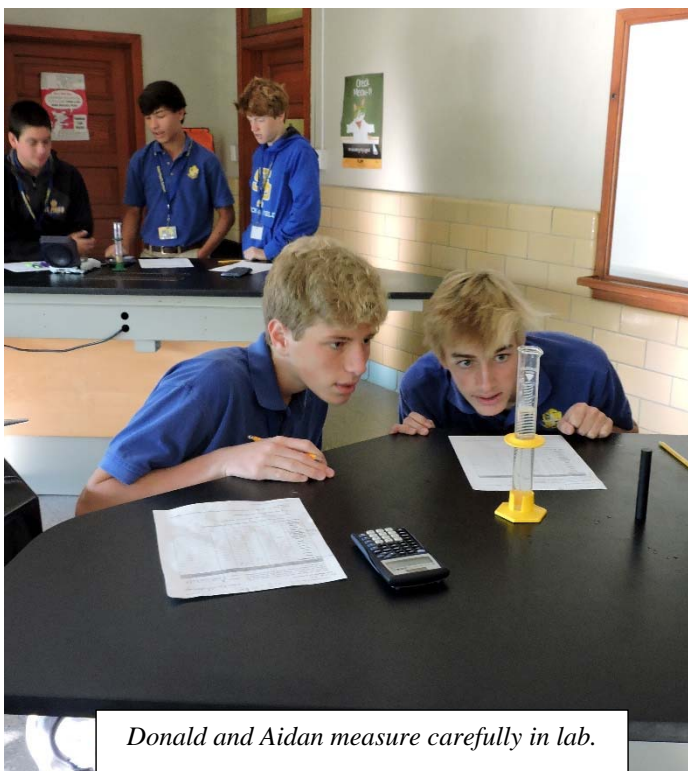
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Adults should only use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful 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

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!
- SPS participates in the Amazon Smile program. If you shop on Amazon Smile, choose SPS as a recipient of a portion of your order.
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher..

Heroin and Opioid Awareness Week -- This Week: In recognition of this growing problem in the US and particularly the greater New Orleans area, the Dept of Justice has declared this week to shine a spotlight on this office. We were privileged that US Attorney Kenneth Polite, a graduate of De La Salle High School in New Orleans, offered our students a special program on this problem last year. Please speak to your son about this significant health threat.



Donald and Aidan measure carefully in lab.

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- Tuesday: No Theme (Due to President's Assembly)
- **Wednesday: Hawaii** Bring out your favorite Hawaiian shirt (Normal rules for shorts and socks upheld)
- **Thursday: Jers-Day** Bring out your best Jersey and rep your favorite team!(Normal rules for shorts and socks upheld)
- **Friday: Blue and Gold :** Show your St. Paul's Spirit with some loud and proud blue and gold!(Normal rules for shorts and socks upheld)

Honor Roll Breakfast Dates: We have set the first quarter HR breakfast dates – which will be in November. See below for the exact schedule in “A Look Ahead.”

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 Book/Snack Room.

+ **Israel Batiste:** Long-time SPS maintenance man Israel Batiste died last week of an apparent heart attack. Israel worked at SPS for over thirty years. We were honored to host his funeral in our chapel on Saturday followed by a reception in our cafeteria. We offer our prayer and support to the Batiste Family for Israel's faithful service to SPS. I am grateful to the physical plant department for the extra work, the math department for re-arrangement their tournament logistics and the Mothers' Club for sponsoring the reception. **MC President Shelly Mott, Ann Bizette, Angela Rovira, Kim Hill, Gina Wellmeyer, Robbie Slaton and Laurie Kilgore** were positively heroic in spearheading the post-funeral reception. I am grateful beyond words. *Eternal rest grant unto Israel, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen!*

Homecoming Dance: Student Council announces the date for the Senior High Homecoming dance:

- **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 form 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.

Homecoming Week Dress-Down Themes: Students are encouraged to participate this week:

- **Monday: Twin Day** Find a classmate to creatively twin with to start homecoming week! (No tank tops or

Jazz n Roll: Join us for the **28th anniversary of Jazz ‘N Roll on Saturday, October 21!** Come together with parents, alumni, sponsors and supporters in the community for Saint Paul’s major fundraiser. This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend **SATURDAY evening from 7:00pm – 11:00pm** in the Briggs Assembly Center and enjoy gourmet food and libations from exclusive local establishments. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous live auction, raffles and the Wolf Wheel of Prizes. I’m humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need you to purchase tickets. Click here to do so or for more info:



<https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/> Contact the Development Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.

Mary Queen of Peace: Mary, Queen of Peace will be hosting its 11th annual Fleur de Fall Gala on Saturday, October 7th. They are in need of high school students who would like to volunteer and earn service hours. Students will be needed from 5:00pm-11:00pm on Saturday, October 7th. Students are needed to help serve food, assisting patrons with online bidding, and other tasks. Students should wear black pants and white dress shirts. Students should sign up prior to volunteering via the sign up link so that we know how many volunteers to expect, and where to assign each student. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Letha Tepper at fleurdefall@gmail.com with any questions. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c45a8aa2fa5fb6-fleur1>

Musings on Last Week:

- **Constitution Day:** I hope you remembered Constitution Day last week and gave thanks for that amazing document which insures our liberty. The day is also one where naturalized citizens throughout the land are given their oath of citizenship after traveling that road for quite a while – and it’s not an easy road. I again refer you to the official website with flashcards asking 100 questions. Have some fun and see how many you can answer:
http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/PDFs/M-623_red_slides.pdf
- **Cross Country:** Christian Brothers Invitational went well. Congrats, CC Wolves for hosting a great meet!
- **Fire Drill:** We held an unannounced fire drill last week. The students did great! Congratulate your son.
- **Football:** 8th, 9th & JV beat Franklinton and Varsity played hard against a strong Christian Brothers High School of Memphis team. On to District next week!
- **Homecoming Dance:** Our jr hi guys and their dates seemed to have had a great time. Thanks Student Council and chaperones! And thanks to physical plant department who had to set up the dance following the math tournament.
- **Hurricane Relief Drive:** Once again our families rose to the occasion with a very large bus load of relief supplies, food and pet supplies. Deliveries were made to Northshore Food Bank and Humane Society – who will insure that the donations reach those in need.
- **Math Tournament:** SPS 23rd Annual Math Tournament was a huuugggeeee success with over 400 students on campus – working math problems!

- **Mike McMurray '63:** I hope your son told you about 1963 alumnus Mike McMurray who spoke to the students last week. Mike suffers from advanced ALS – and his message to the boys was moving and inspirational. If you would like to view his talk, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/y-EUxWdcXeM>
- **Mothers' Club Appreciation Lunch / Snack Day:** Thanks, MC, for helping us celebrate our 106th birthday! I appreciate their scheduling of these events with the school's birthday celebration.
- **The Paper Wolf:** Hope you are keeping up with the GREAT stories
- **Sep 11 Anniversary:** Thanks to campus minister Jeff Ramon for arranging for prayer at the exact minute of the first plane hitting the Tower.
- **Shadow Day:** A full complement of prospective students attended our second shadow day. Thanks for spreading the good work about SPS.
- **Swim Team:** Aqua Wolves swam strong this week, finishing in 1st Place. I hear Handel's Water Music playing! Geaux Aqua Wolves!

Open House for Prospective Students will take place on Saturday, Oct 28, at 1 pm starting in the Briggs Assembly Center. Spread the word! Parents and students 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>



PSAT Prep for Free: Kahn Academy is offering their PSAT Prep Live -- the only free, live PSAT prep program available to students online, and which features 16 hours of interactive test prep by our Prep Squad. Students can ask questions and learn key strategies that can help improve their scores. Register today and gain instant access to online resources for the PSAT. Live lessons begin September 23rd. Register at www.kaptest.com/psatpreplive

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

Sunday Activities: I reminded our faculty and staff last week of the policy of Archbishop Gregory Aymond that Catholic schools are not to schedule any activity on a Sunday

Travel: Trevor and I will be traveling to Portland, OR next week to attend a meeting of Lasallian Presidents and Principals. If you need something from us, see us this week.

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
- Monday and Thursday at lunch in LaSalle 207.
- Essay proofreading 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: Books never written:

- *'Under the Grand Stands' by Seymor Buts*
- *'To the Outhouse' by Willie Maket, illustrated by Betty Wont*
- *'How to Survive a Bear Attack' by Ben Eaton*
- *'Walking to School' by Misty Bus*
- *'How to Check a Pulse' by Izzy Dead*
- *'Where Have All the Animals Gone?' by Darin Dabarn*
- *'The Yellow River' by I.P. Daily*
- *'Over the Mountaintop' by Hugo First*
- *'The Numbers Game' by Cal Q. Later*
- *'Falling Off a Cliff' by Eileen Dover*
- *'My Life with Igor' by Frank N. Stein*
- *'Supporting Athletes' by Jacques Strappe*
- *'I Was Prepared' by Justin Case*
- *'Caulking Made Easy' by Phil McKrevis*
- *'The Future of Robotics' by Cy Borg and Anne Droid*
- *'What to Do if You're in a Car Accident' by Rhea Ender*
- *'Breathing Lessons' by Hal E. Tosis*
- *'Why Should I Walk?' by Iona Carr*
- *'Deep in Debt' by Owen A. Lott*
- *'Taking Tests' by B.A. Wiseman*
- *'Computer Memory' by Meg A. Byte*
- *'Gotta Go' by C. U. Later*
- *'The Membership List' by Ross Terr*
- *'The Giant Clock Tower' by 'Big' Ben*
- *'All About Flowers' by Chris Anthymum*



Lucas and Mason enjoy SPS
birthday snacks last week.
Thanks, Mothers' Club!

Wine Sale: Brother Timothy's Cabernet 15 Day Wine Sale started Sep 9 and runs through Sep 23. Through the Wine for Scholarships sales *September 9-23*, proceeds from your purchase of Br. Timothy Cabernet Sauvignon will go to support our Lasallian mission at Saint Paul's School, which strives to promote a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor. Limited quantities available for shipping directly to your home from the Hess Winery in partnership with the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans. The Hess Collection Winery in Napa, CA crafts this highly collectible wine from a tiny single vineyard on the Mont La Salle Vineyard estate. The grapes are grown at the site of the original Christian Brothers winery where Brother Timothy worked as cellar master for more than 50 years. Click here for more info or to purchase: <http://lcbfoundation.org/wine-for-scholarships/>

September

- 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
- 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*



Marching Wolves and Purple Wave Band from Christian Brothers High School in Memphis perform at half time.

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 – *Teacher Christmas Party in Cafeteria 11:30*
- 19 – Christmas (not winter) holidays begin following exams (about 11:15)



Wolves on the prowl for birthday snacks last week. Thanks, Mothers' Club!

January

3 – Classes resume from Christmas (not winter) holidays

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the seventh week of the school year!

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now for the last time as the show is going off the air as I finish the newsletter and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time 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!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't believe It's the 7th Week of School and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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