

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 25 – Oct 01, 2017*



Welcome to the final week of September and the 8th week of the school year.
After this week, only three months remain in 2017! Amazing!

Over the next ten days, the universal Church focuses on angels – on Sep 29 (Ss. **Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael**) and Guardian Angels on Oct 2 (more on next week.) Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only named archangels in the Bible:



- **Michael** (meaning “Who is like God?”) is mentioned in the Book of Daniel as Israel’s protector, acting as captain with other angels to thrust earth’s evil rulers into the flames. His status as conqueror of God’s enemy is further stressed in the Apocalypse where he and his angels cast down Satan and his rebellious followers. Michael is also portrayed as an intercessor with God for mankind.
- **Gabriel** (meaning “God is my strength”) appears in four biblical episodes: twice to the Daniel to explain Messianic visions; once to Zachary to announce the birth of John the Baptist; & once to Mary: “Hail thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!”
- **Raphael** (meaning “God has healed”) plays an important part in the Book of Tobias, where he was sent by God to assist Tobias by curing his blindness.

May these three great angels protect us at Saint Paul’s, where we have over 100 students and faculty who have “Michael” as a first or middle name, 8 who have Gabriel and 1 who has Rafael! Happy Feast Day to them all!

Mon, Sep 25 (Regular; A B C D)

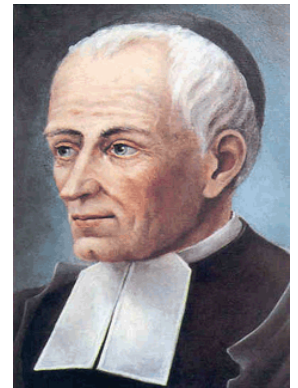
- **This Day in History:** In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama. Imagine his reaction!
- **TDIH:** In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice in history when she is sworn in by Chief Justice Warren Burger.
- **National Comic Book Day:** Read a comic book today – or at least the comics in the newspaper! I read ‘em daily!
- **The President and Principal leave for Portland, OR this morning (see below for info)**

Tue, Sep 26 (Pack Time; E F G A))

- **This Day in History:** In 1580, English man Francis Drake returns to England in the *Golden Hind*, becoming the first British navigator to sail around the earth. His voyage started on December 13, 1577.
- **TDIH:** In 1960, the first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between John Kennedy and Richard Nixon. Many who watched said Kennedy won the debate, while those who listened to the radio thought Nixon did better. Nixon, who declined to use makeup, appeared somewhat haggard on TV in contrast to the youthful, tanned Kennedy.
- **Shamu the Whale Day:** Today is Shamu's birthday (who knew?) He was born in 1985!
- **International Rabbit Day:** Celebrate the rabbit today! But no hunting!
- **Picture Re-takes in the BAC**

Wed, Sep 27 (Regular; 7 am mass; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1540, The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) is chartered by Pope Paul III. The Jesuit movement was founded by Ignatius de Loyola, a Spanish soldier turned priest.
- **TDIH:** In 1964, after a ten-month investigation, the Warren Commission Report was issued stating a long gunman (Lee Harvey Oswald) had been responsible for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Conspiracy theorists continue to dismiss the Report.
- **Feast of Blessed Brother Scubilion:** Jean Bernard Rousseau joined the Christian Brothers in 1822. After ten years in elementary schools, Scubilion left France to dedicate the remaining 34 years of his life to the enslaved natives on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Remembered as the "catechist of slaves," he started well attended evening classes, even after a long day of hard labor. He devised programs and techniques in order to teach essentials of Christian doctrine and prepare them to receive sacraments. He won them over by his kind manner and respect. After the emancipation of the slaves in 1848, he continued to care for them and to help them adapt to their new life of freedom. In the last years, despite failing health, he assisted



pastors in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death he was venerated on the island as a saint. As the Brothers put it – "Brother Scubilion – one in a million!"

- **Ancestor Appreciation Day:** All of us have ancestors. And with genealogy so popular today, take some family time to discuss your family's ancestors. Our students should have a deep appreciation for those who made their existence today possible. And ALL of us have "characters" in our family background. Enjoy the stories!
- **Senior Portraits in BAC during Civics Class**
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in Mandeville Invitational at Franco's
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Hammond (5:30)

Thu, Sep 28 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1066, William the Conqueror invades England, defeating Harold the Great in Battle of Hastings – changing British (and thus US) history.
- **TDIH:** In 1542, Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovers California upon his arrival at San Diego Bay.



Trevor and Gavin get homecoming spirit on Twin Day

- **Good Neighbor Day:** Let's be good neighbors today and every day.
- **Ask a Stupid Question Day:** Today is your opportunity to ask all those questions you have been afraid to ask. The roots of this day go back to the 1980s, teachers started a movement to get kids to ask more classroom questions. Feel free to ask me any question you want; I promise not to laugh or make fun.
- **Football:** 8th at Rummel
- **Senior Portraits in BAC during Civics Class**

Fri, Sep 29 (Regular; Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)

- **TDIH:** In 1954, Willie Mays, centerfielder for New York Giants, makes an over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball hit to rob Vic Wertz of extra bases in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series. The catch has gone down as one of the greatest in the history of baseball. You can watch the catch on You Tube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUK9IG-7HTc>
- **TDIH:** Today marks the 168th birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). On this date in 1899, a small group of Spanish-America war veterans joined together to form what would become the nation's largest and most dedicated group of combat veterans. Thank you, Veterans!
- **National Women's Health & Fitness Day:** Take care of yourselves, ladies! We need you!
- **Coffee Day:** Whether you favor espresso, americanos, lattes or cappuccinos; iced, decaf, instant or filter – **Coffee Day** is the day to savor and appreciate your beverage. Have some while reading the newsletter!
- **Confucius Day:** Today honors one of the world's great philosophers, who was born in China in 551 BC
- **Football:** Varsity at Hammond (7)

Sat, Sep 30

- **TDIH:** In 1938, British and French prime ministers sign the Munich Pact with Nazi leader Adolf Hitler. The pact averted war but gave Czechoslovakia to Germany. The Munich Pact has become a metaphor for capitulation.
- **National Mud Pack Day** (who knew?): Ladies, this is your day! Mudpacks were once the rage. They are still popular, but the "mud" has been replaced with a variety of other ingredients to keep the skin young, soft and supple. A real mudpack, though, is a quick treatment for bee stings. Guys -- make this a special day & buy a facial gift certificate for your special lady. Tell her it's not that she needs it, but because it is a comforting, feel-good thing.
- **SAT on campus this morning**
- **Cross Country in St. Joseph Meet in BR**
- **Robotics:** Robo-Wolves host first tournament of the year.
- **Yom Kippur begins at sundown** today and lasts through sundown tomorrow. This most important holiday of the Jewish year means "Day of Atonement." It is a day to atone for the sins of the past year. This day is a last appeal, a last chance to change the judgment, to expiate for sin. Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. For the latter, one must first reconcile with that person, righting the wrongs if possible. Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath; no work can be performed, and you are supposed to refrain from eating and drinking (even water) on Yom Kippur. **We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters!**



Freshmen get homecoming spirit with Jersey Day

Sun, Oct 1 -- We encourage all to worship today, especially for Catholics to attend mass as a family

- **Welcome to October! 75% of 2017 is over!** Make the most of the remaining three months of 2017!
- **If today were not a Sunday, the Catholic Church would celebrate the Feast of St. Theresa. Happy Feast Day to the Carmelite & Teresian Sisters** – those incredible religious women here in Covington and elsewhere throughout the world. May God bless them abundantly for their prayerful ministries!
- **TDIH:** In 1890, Congress creates Yosemite Park
- **TDIH II:** In 1908, the first production Model T Ford is completed at the company's Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford would build some 15 million Model T cars. It was the longest production run of any automobile model in history until the Volkswagen Beetle surpassed it in 1972.
- **CD Player Day:** Digital downloads, MP3s, smart phones and integrated media have made the humble CD player a thing of the past. Get lo-tech and celebrate today by enjoying music from a CD player. I still use mine at assemblies, even though my student helpers are urging me to go digital!

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 on Sept 19: I hope the students enjoyed our Sep 18 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- In honor of Homecoming Week, the students entered the gym listening to a song called "I Feel Home" by O. A.R. This song was sung at an assembly in our gym thirteen years ago by then student council president **Kramer Johnson**, brother of SPS alums **Nick and Evan** and son of alumnus **Mark Johnson**, to express how he felt about Saint Paul's. It's become a ritual ever since at homecoming as alums return to the "SPS Home" to reconnect with the brotherhood of SPS. Two years ago, magically, Kramer appeared in the gym complete with his guitar. Unbeknownst to me, he had arranged to come in from Georgia to sing the song again for the then current student body – which he did to the obvious delight of



everyone present. At the conclusion of the song, the student body burst into a rousing, spontaneous, standing ovation! It was a magical moment! BTW, Kramer graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in marketing and works for the marketing department of Chick-fil-A. He is married with two children. He's a fantastic young man!

- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Beau Taranto**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mrs. Edith Flores, great-grandmother of Alex Robert '18 & Mr. Israel Batiste, 30+ year employee of Saint Paul's School**. We also prayed for **those affected by hurricanes and earthquakes**.
- Welcomed a group of 30 7th grade students who were visiting SPS on a Shadow Day
- Reminded all that our **Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus**
- Recognized and congratulated the entire school for their response to the Hurricane Relief Drive. We filled our bus with food and supplies and sent them to Texas via Northshore Food Bank and Humane Society. In particular, I recognized our HOSA group for spearheading the drive



Juniors get homecoming spirit on Jersey Day.

- Recognized and apologized to **Andrew Lacoste, Justin McCleskey and Patrick Thompson** for omitting in the last assembly their participation in Louisiana Youth Seminar program this past summer. Sorry, Andrew, Justin and Patrick!

- Recognized and congratulation the Quiz Bowl Team of our AFJROTC program, the LA 41st. Our guys won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC to compete as one of 250 quiz bowl teams in the Air Force's annual competition. When the questions had been answered, our guys finished 6th

out of 250 teams! Pretty impressive! Congrats to **Anthony Pennison, Landon Chambliss, Stephen Millet and Robby Ferrante**. Sgt. AJ East chaperoned the team.

- Recognized and congratulated St Paul's rugby players **Hayden Coutrado, Nick Montreuil and Adam Moennich** who participated in an all-star rugby tournament in Atlanta in June as members of the Louisiana Exiles All-star team. They represented the Wolves well as each of them scored in the games.
- Recognized and congratulated junior **Chase May** who was awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship by the Kelly Gibson Foundation and their partner BC Cup. Chase, who played in the Kelly Gibson Junior Golf Tournament, spent time mentoring younger golfers. Scholarships are awarded based on community service and grade point average
- Recognized and congratulated junior John'tae McDowell for being named NOLA.com's top 14 players for Week Two. The junior quarterback threw for 205 yards and four touchdowns in a 31-6 win over Jesuit at Hunter Stadium. McDowell connected with **Grant Grosch** for a 49-yard touchdown catch on the Wolves'

second drive and then again for a 50-yard touchdown. The impressive part was that McDowell took several big hits, including on the 50-yarder that essentially gave the Wolves an insurmountable 21-0 first-half lead.

- Then, as if by magic, George Frederic Handel's "Water Music" started playing – which means that the Aqua Wolves are off and swimming. On Sep 6, the Aws finished in 2nd place. The followed earned points for the team: **Myers Morgan, Tonner Dougherty, Cameron Smith, Harrison Juneau, Austin Peak, Matthew Lyon, Bradford Day, Alex Rawls, David Barcelona, John Buckley, Jacob Eilers, Austin Peak, Ryan Bolton, Jesse Cheng, Jeremy Cannon, Jack Rodgers, Drew Putfark.** And on Sep 11, the AWs finished in FIRST place. While The Water Music played, I projected the names of all those who placed in the meet.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Jared Thieler** a state champion wrestler who became an **All American** wrestler over the summer by virtue of finishing 5th at the UWW Cadet and University Greco Roman Wrestling Nationals in June and 8th in the nation at the USA Wrestling Cadet/Junior Wrestling National championships in Fargo.



Homecoming Court and escorts are presented to student body at homecoming pep rally.

- Recognized and congratulated Campus Minister **Jeff Ramon '08, Colin Quinlan '18, and Garrett Cooper '19** who represented SPS at the Lasallian Youth Assembly 2017 at Loyola University in New Orleans. LYA is an annual gathering of students involved in the Lasallian Youth movement focused on prayer, reflection, service opportunities, education sessions around themes of social justice, and Catholic social teaching.

- Recognized and congratulated Lasallian Youth Leaders **Lane Amedio, Alex Klocek, Hyde Healy, Cullen Irwin, Roman**

Landry, Andrew Moore, Blake Ramsey, & Kyle Schmitt who assisted the Band Boosters with hosting the band from Christian Brothers High School in Memphis. As the Band Boosters wrote me: *A special note of thanks to all the LYLs who assisted us with meal service for the 102 Marching Wolves and the 70+ band members and parents from Christian Brothers High School prior to Friday's football game. In less than 60 minutes they set up the event, provided food service and quickly cleaned up – it was quite remarkable. All the young men handled the new challenges of food service quite remarkably.*

- Recognized, thanked and congratulated a group of Lasallian Youth Leaders for giving up part of their Labor Day holiday to come clean the statues on campus – which now look much, much better. Special thanks to: **Kyle Schmitt, Andrew Aceves, Blake Bollinger, Braden Cornett, Evan Cook, Christian Harrison, Robby Nolan, Ethan Haydel, Jacob Eilers, Josh Rovira, & Blake Franklin**

- Recognized and congratulated senior **Andrew Aceves** and sophomore **Miguel Seruntine** for hearing “honor” status in the 1st round All-State Vocal & Music. Andrew placed in “voice” and Miguel for “trombone.” On to the next round!
- I then introduced senior **Jack Manifold** who gave an inspiring talk to us on overcoming your fears and using your time well. His words were wonderful. Thanks, Jack!
- As I was running out of time, we robustly sang the Fight Song, led by the seniors.
- I then reminded the students of some very worthwhile service opportunities: OLL’s Fall Festival, MQP’s Fleur de Fall, and St. Michael’s Family Promise Week. More info on these are below.



Seniors learn physics – and have fun, too.

- I then projected an email I received from a teacher at Lake Harbor Middle School: *I want to share with you how some of the young men who are currently at St. Paul's affect places elsewhere in our community. I put out a message regarding some work that needed to be done at Lake Harbor Middle School in Mandeville. This morning I was very happy to see six young men who came to volunteer. **Grant Addison, Andrew Addison, Trey Paine, Christian Kramer, Jake Holincheck, and Joseph Pierce** worked tirelessly as our paint crew today. They pulled staples out of walls, taped around bulletin boards, baseboards, doorways, and more to prepare the walls for painting. Then, they spent hours up and down ladders, while painting the long upstairs hallways of Lake Harbor. I listened to them speak and of course asked a few questions. They were surprised when I showed them my classroom decorated in SPS royal blue and gold. Their manners sparkled and they never complained about anything that we asked them to do. They made my day! These young men are such wonderful examples of how St. Paul's encourages them to volunteer and help out in the community. Five of them had never stepped foot in our school, but spent their summer day helping us. This shows the character of fine young men that represent St. Paul's. Thank you for helping these and the rest of your students rise up to become men of God. All of this reinforces the reasons St. Paul's will always have a special place in my heart!*

- As the prayer candle was extinguished by junior **Evan Fisher**, 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 “I Feel Home” by O.A. R. It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

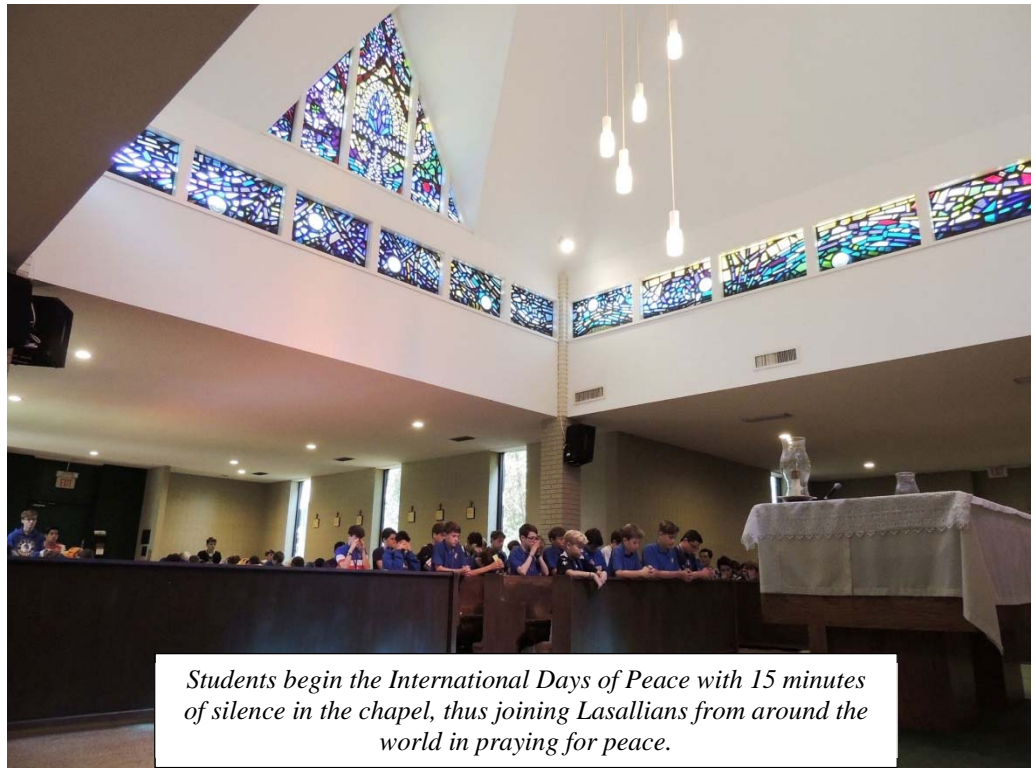
Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook that is posted on our website. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day. Here’s the link to our handbook: <https://www.stpauls.com/student-life/student-parent-handbook1-pdf/>

Banned Books Week is observed this week. The week was designated by the American Library Association to call attention to the attempt by some to censor a right to read. While I’m not a proponent of inappropriate

writing or students reading inappropriate literature, I do think that some entities have “gone overboard” in banning books, e.g. Huckleberry Finn, Of Mice and Men, To Kill A Mockingbird, Romeo and Juliet – all of these classics and more have been banned in some schools. If occasion arises, discuss with students the appropriate v. inappropriate reading. Here’s the ALA’s website discussing BBW if you want more info: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>.

Biomedical Science Program Sponsored by Ponchartrain Cancer

Center: Seven years ago, Saint Paul’s inaugurated a biomedical sciences program via Project Lead the Way’s nationally recognized curriculum. This was made possible by a sponsorship from the Harry T. Howard Foundation. The five year agreement with the Foundation ended two years ago and while we will always be grateful to the Foundation for launching our program, we needed to find a new sponsor. Last year, **Dr. David and**



Students begin the International Days of Peace with 15 minutes of silence in the chapel, thus joining Lasallians from around the world in praying for peace.

Mrs. Kathy Oubre of Ponchartrain Cancer Center generously offered to sponsor the program for the four years. Last week, SPS received the second installment on their sponsorship. The Ponchartrain Cancer Center and their personnel have been resources for the students involved in the program. The PLTW Biomedical Sciences Program is aligned with national learning standards, following a proven hands-on, real world problem solving approach to learning. The students explore the concepts of human medicine, and are introduced to a variety of topics including: physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health. Kathy Oubre, Pontchartrain Cancer Center’s Chief Operating Officer stated, “David and I are blessed and honored to be able to give back to Saint Paul’s School, a community that has meant so much to our family over the years. Moreover, this sponsorship allows us the opportunity to be a part of further educating those Saint Paul’s students who have an interest in biomedical science. Dr. & Mrs. Oubre are the parents of SPS alumnus Nicholas, Class of 2016, and Michael, Class of 2020. We are EXTREMELY grateful.

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.
- **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.

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.”

Grandparent Day: Please RSVP with the total number of guests to reception@stpauls.com if your son will be attending Grandparent Day with his grandparents on Friday, October 6 at 11:30 am. Refer to the email I sent last week for more information. Remember: classes dismiss at 11; students not attending GP Day are free to leave. Students attending GP Day should wear their dress uniforms in honor of their grandparents. As I mentioned in my email, I know some of our families are experiencing grandparent loss these day; know of my sensitivity towards and prayer for you!

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 catered gourmet food from Gary Bonano Catering and enjoy the Bucktown Allstars Band. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous restaurant raffle, and a 50/50. 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.

Last Week:

- **Cross Country:** Wolves traveled to Pensacola for Gulf Coast Stampede and finished in 2nd place! Great!
- **Faculty Meeting:** Thanks for cooperating with last week's late start. It was worthwhile for faculty.
- **Football:** 8th grade dropped a squeaker to a strong John Curtis team, 9th and JV won victories against Northshore, Touchdown Club provided a nice pre-district meal for Varsity, and Varsity won v. Northshore!
- **Homecoming** Many thanks to:
 - Student Council for all the activity and organization
 - Marching Wolves for a great halftime show and pep rally
 - Alumni Dept for hosting many alums who returned to campus for the event
 - All faculty and staff who cooperated with the changes to schedule
 - Chaperones who helped with the dance
- And thanks to NOLA.com for giving us a GREAT spread with 43 fantastic pics! It's worth a look:
http://www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2017/09/homecoming_2017_st_pauls_crown.html#incart_river_home
- **Lasallian Days for Peace:** Thanks to Religion Dept and Campus Ministry for joining with Lasallians around the world in observing 15 minutes of silence at the beginning of the International Month of Peace
- **Shadow Day:** Another successful day. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!
- **Speech Class:** Kim Gardner's speech class gave their first formal speeches; I thoroughly enjoyed watching them! The boys had obviously worked on their presentations and polished their delivery skills – great! And the stories with messages they relied were genuinely touching.
- **Swim Team:** Aqua Wolves in a splashing display of aquatic prowess last week! I hear Handel playing!



Juniors get homecoming spirit by celebrating Jersey Day

Moms for Mums: The Mothers' Club will again sponsor this wonderful event. The event honors the moms' sons while simultaneously beautifying the campus in anticipation of our many guests who will tour the campus during Open House. It's time to save the date. October 28th is the date for Open House so we will collect them starting on the October 19 - 27. This is always a special sight to see the campus festooned (love that word!) with mums. Thanks, Moms!

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!

Our Lady of the Lake Confirmation Class Parent Invitation to Pray Please join us for prayer for all students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Lake. We will meet each Thursday from 7:30-8:15 while the students are in class beginning Sept. 21- Oct 5th. We will meet in room 301 next to the Chotin Center. Come Holy Spirit!



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>

President and Principal Travel: Trevor and I will be gone M-W as we attend the San Francisco New Orleans District Chief Administrators Association (DCAA) in Portland, OR with almost 50 Lasallian presidents, principals, and provincial staff of the San Francisco New Orleans Province for our annual fall meeting. Ordinarily we meet in Napa, CA, but in honor of the new Lasallian District, the group is meeting in other cities of the District with schools. Three years ago, you may remember, they came to NO and visited Saint Paul's – and still talk about our incredible Wolves. Last year, we went to Denver and two years ago to Albuquerque. Portland is the site of one of three Lasallian schools in the Pacific Northwest: De La Salle North Catholic. The other two are La Salle Catholic College Prep in Milwaukie, WA and La Salle High School in Yakama, WA. Here is a brief history of De La Salle North Catholic:

De La Salle North Catholic High School opened in 2001 to provide a faith-based, college preparatory high school education to underserved students from the Portland area. Today, it serves 334 students (coed) in grades 9 – 12; Their mascot is “Knights”. A nation-wide, independent rating agency has identified De La Salle North Catholic High School as the most diverse private high school in all of Oregon. Their annual tuition is \$2,995. How can they do this so cheaply? The school belongs to the Christo Rey network, about 30 schools throughout the country. Students at De La Salle North Catholic High School and all Christo Rey schools attend class four days per week and work for a local company one day each week as part of the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP). The CWSP provides work experience, business contacts, and helps offset the cost to educate them. This school exists to provide this unique educational opportunity to families who would not be able to afford a private, Catholic education. Our goal is to develop tomorrow's community leaders by making quality education accessible to motivated young people in a learning environment that values cultural, spiritual, and ethnic diversity. They don't turn away any capable, motivated or interested student because they cannot afford our modest tuition. DLSNC is a wonderful school, transforming lives in the finest tradition of Lasallian education.

God willing and Southwest Airlines cooperating, Trevor and I will return late Wednesday night.

Senior Portraits: Senior Portraits will be taken during your son's Civics class on **Wednesday, September 27th and Thursday, September 28th**. (See attached flyer from Expressions)

Rotation for Wednesday 9/28

- A— Moser
- B—Scoriels
- C—Scoriels (first half) Moser (second half)

- **Rotation for Thursday 9/29**

- E—Scoriels (first half) Moser (second half)
- F—Moser (first half) Scoriels (second half)
- G—Moser
- Please make sure your son is **clean shave and his haircut is the appropriate length**. All seniors will be photographed in both a cap and gown and tuxedo which will be provided by Expressions. They DO need to wear a plain white t-shirt under their school uniform.
- Email senior counselor Renee Miller if you have any additional questions.



Hawaiian shirt day was a big hit!

Service Opportunities: Please

encourage your son where possible to support:

- **Family Promise of St. Tammany:**

Did you know that St. Tammany School System as identified 1,124 children as homeless? Their parents choose to be “invisible” in order to keep their families together, but just because you can’t see a problem doesn’t mean it is not real. Family Promise of St. Tammany. Family Promise of St. Tammany does everything they can to help these families and their children get back on their feet emotionally, financially, mentally & spiritually. The next host week at St. Michael's in Mandeville is coming up.

The families will arrive Oct. 8 and be with us for the week. Students are needed in the evening to tutor children and engage them in games and social activities. This is a VERY Lasallian endeavor and I encourage our students to volunteer. Contact: pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com or hm: 985-231-7582 or cell: 281-797-8337. For more info about Family Promise, go to: <http://www.fpstp.org/>

- **Mary Queen of Peace’s** 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>
- **Northshore Walk to End Alzheimer’s:** [Volunteers are needed for this worthwhile event on Sat, Oct 7 at Fontainebleau State Park. For more info, go to www.alz.org/walk or contact volunteer coordinator Maggie Connick at mbconnick@alz.org or 504/613-6505](#)

- **OLL Festival of the Lake** will be October 20, 21, & 22. Please visit the Festival website at www.festivalofthelake.com -advanced ticket purchasing, volunteering (sign up genius tab) and entertainment schedule. Any questions on volunteering, please contact Shawn Klein (504)-235-9008 or sklein1534@gmail.com
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- **St. Tammany Monster Parish Hospital's Mash** on Oct 21 at Bogue Falaya Park in Covington. Monster Mash is the only fundraiser for the STPH Parenting Center and all of its program for families, which are offered to the community at little or no cost. Almost 450 volunteers are needed to make Monster Mash a success. If interested in volunteering, contact Marlise Eschete at 898-4670 or click <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aa8ac2aa4fa7-monster2>. Tickets go on sale Sep 25. Go to <http://www.stph.org/MonsterMash> for more information.
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- **Teresian Family Day on Sunday, Oct 15.** Student volunteers are needed to blow up balloons, set up for outdoor mass, help at registration table, help serve lunch & do fun activities with the children. Contact Sr. Isabel at 893-1470. Support the Teresian in their ministry!

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 or Twitter @SPSWolfpack

Sunday Activities: I remind all of the policy of Archbishop Gregory Aymond that Catholic schools are not to schedule any activity on a Sunday without permission.

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: Some riddles for this week's WH:

- *Which is faster, hot or cold? Hot, as you can catch cold.*
- *Forwards I am heavy; backwards I am not; what am I? Ton*
- *What has teeth but cannot eat? A comb*
- *What kind of dog never bites? A hot dog*
- *What wears a cap but has no head? A soda bottle*
- *Why is six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine*
- *What is clean when it's black and dirty when it's white? A chalkboard*
- *What table doesn't have legs? A vegetable*
- *What's never used until it's broken? An egg*
- *Why did the boy throw butter out the window? To see the butterfly.*
- *What starts with E, ends with E, and has only one letter? An envelope*
- *What is the largest ant in the world? An elephant*
- *What starts with T, ends with T, and is full of T? A teapot*

- *OK, I'll stop!*

Yearbook: Yearbook sales are now OPEN! Purchase The Conifer 2017-2018 online at <https://yearbookforever.com/> for the discounted price of \$60 (price increases to \$65 after Jan 1.) Yearbooks can ONLY be purchased online. Make sure you choose Saint Paul's School in Covington, LA. The word Saint must be spelled out and not abbreviated. Please contact Yearbook Moderator Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you have any questions.

A Look Ahead:

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*
- 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)

January

- 3 – Classes resume from Christmas (not winter) holidays



Jonathan and Mason celebrate Twin Day!

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

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can't listen to any more since WWNO stopped broadcasting the show but I'm still LOLing over past shows!): 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

Praying for Safe Travel to Portland (I'm a Frightened Flyer!) as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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