

**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 ***Oct 02 - 08, 2017***



This honor recognizes your students' accomplishments and the hard work and dedication that went into their success. Your journey has taught you collaboration, intentional instruction, and strong relationships in school and with your community. You represent excellence -- in vision, in implementation, and in results -- and we want to learn as much as we can from you.

--US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Sept 29, 2015

The United States Department of Education announced the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools last Thursday, thus marking the two year anniversary of Saint Paul's as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence – an honor that the Department of Education allows a school to celebrate for five years. While only 50 private schools are recognized each year, we were saddened to see that no private schools in Louisiana were chosen this year.

As we think back over the past two years, we must ask ourselves: have we rested on our laurels or truly lived up to the national recognition we earned in Oct of 2015? Are we a better school today than we were then by living the principle of continuous improvement or do we feel we are “good enough” and improvement isn't needed?

As I wrote last year, the Blue Ribbon status was earned by all of us, working “together and by association” in the finest tradition of Lasallian education. We worked hard to raise our test scores to a level where we could at least be considered. But the award demanded more than test scores. **Accordingly, I strongly invite you to re-read our application and you will the scope of accomplishment needed to win.** Here's the link:

http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/winning/15la348pv_st_pauls_school.html

Rejoice in our Blue Ribbon status – which is good for three more years – and know that we will not become complacent. **We are committed to live up to this standard each and every day.** We must be prepared to duplicate this accomplishment in the future (which is not an easy thing to do), but for now, continue to rejoice and be glad and thanks for being part of this wonderful, Blue Ribbon School of Excellence!

Mon, Oct 2 (Regular; F G A B) -- Feast of the Guardian Angels.

This feast was a favorite of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The school year in France began on October 2 at that time, and the function of guardian angels became a metaphor that La Salle used often in exhorting the brothers to take seriously their work of Christian education of youth. In honor of this feast, I again offer these words from Saint La Salle. We need our angels!



- *Children need good teachers, like **angels**, to help them learn Christian truth.*
- *Like **angels**, teachers help students understand the truths in the gospel and guide them in such a manner that they will be led to put these truths into practice.*
- *It is your duty to act towards the students in the manner in which your guardian **angel** acts toward you. Your angel inspires you and helps you keep clear of whatever obstacle you might encounter.*
- *It is your duty, like the **angels**, to go up to God every day in prayer so that you can learn all you can about how and what to teach the students; and then come back down to their level to teach them what God taught you..*
- *You share in the ministry of guardian **angels**, helping students know the truth, and practice it. To do this, though, you must have great zeal for your work.*
- *As **angels**, you must cheer the faint-hearted, support the weak and be patient toward all. Is this what you have been doing? Has your zeal been ardent enough?*
- *Ask God for grace to watch so well over students confided to you that you take every possible care to shield them from fault. This must be your main concern.*

I'm asking the teachers, this week and every week, to view themselves as guardian angels to the students entrusted to their care!

I'm asking parents, this week and every week, to view yourselves as guardian angels to the children that God has blessed you with!

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I'm asking students, this week and every week, to view yourselves as guardian angels to friends and families!

Holy Guardian Angels! Pray for us and protect us!

- **This Day in History:** In 1919, at the White House in President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke that leaves him partially paralyzed and effectively ends his presidential career. Miraculously, the government continues to run.

- **TDIH:** In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as first African-American Justice of the US Supreme Court. Trivia Question: how many other African Americans have served or are serving on the Court? Answer at end of newsletter.

- **TDIH:** In 1968, California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of trees, growing up to 400 feet during a lifetime that can span 2000. Scientists are currently concerned that the CA drought is stressing these incredible natural wonders.

- **Phileas Fogg's Wager Day:** from Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*, of the famous wager upon which the book is based: *I will bet twenty thousand pounds... that I will make the tour of the world in eighty days or less.* Then, consulting an almanac, Phileas Fogg said: *As today is Wednesday, the second of October, I shall be due in London, in this very room of the Reform Club, on Saturday, the twenty-first of December, at a quarter before nine PM; or else the twenty thousand pounds . . . will belong to you.*
- **Custodial Workers Day:** Today honors those who clean our buildings. SPS is VERY fortunate to have an excellent custodial staff. I'm saddened, however, about how difficult we make their jobs by the amount of trash that is left in the classrooms and especially outside. Let's strive for cleanliness today (and every day) since it is next to Godliness.

- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in SSA meet

Tue, Oct 3 (Regular; C D E F)

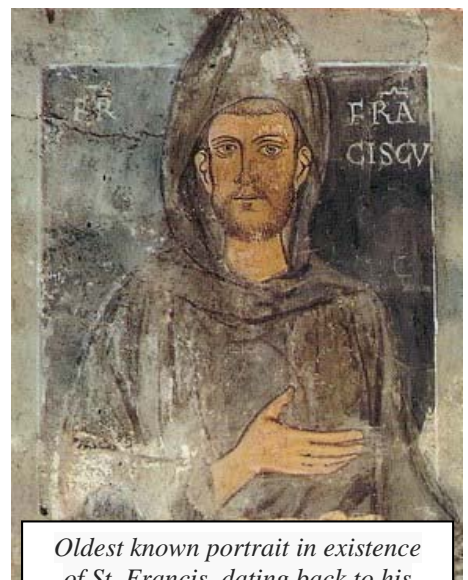
- **TDIH: In 1990,** Less than one year after the destruction of the Berlin Wall, East and West Germany come together on what is known as "Unity Day."
- **ACT:** All seniors will take a real ACT today

Wed, Oct 4 (Pack Time; 7 am Mass; G A B C)

- **Today** is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, one of the most venerated religious figures in history and founder of the Franciscan Order. It's most appropriate that we remember this iconic saint by reciting the prayer attributed to him: *Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*



Seniors pose before they take their official portraits.



Oldest known portrait in existence of St. Francis, dating back to his retreat to Subiaco (1223–1224)

- **TDIH:** In 1957, the Soviet Union launches the first artificial satellite. The US is shocked. Trivia question: what was the name of this satellite that launched a space race between the US and USSR?
- **Ten-Four Day:** The 4th day of the 10th month is a day of recognition for radio operators, whose code words, “Ten-Four,” signal an affirmative reply.
- **Cinnamon Roll Day:** Indulge and enjoy – if your health permits!
- **National Taco Day:** Enjoy! From the NTD web site: *The history of the taco is unknown. According to some taco experts [a job I wouldn’t mind having!], the word originates from the 18th C. silver mines in Mexico, when taco referred to little explosives workers used to extract ore. These were pieces of paper wrapped around gunpowder and placed in holes carved in rock. “A chicken taquito with a good hot sauce is really a lot like a stick of dynamite,” says taco expert Jeffrey Pilcher [and I thought I had the best job!] “The first references [to the taco] come from the end of the 19th C. One of the first tacos described is called tacos de minero—miner’s tacos. Others claim tacos predate the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico in the 16th century. Anthropologists say there is evidence suggesting inhabitants of the lake region of the Valley of Mexico ate tacos filled with small fish. The fish were replaced by small live insects and ants in the states of Morelos and Guerrero, while locusts and snails were favorite fillings in Puebla and Oaxaca. Taco Bell is believed to have pushed widespread popularity of Mexican food in the U.S.... The hard-shell taco was invented long before Taco Bell. The U-shaped version is first noted in 1949 in a cookbook. And now you know....*
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Covington (5:30)



Thu, Oct 5 (Regular; D E F G)

• **Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos:** Father Seelos is a favorite in the New Orleans area. He was assigned in 1866 to the Redemptorist community in New Orleans. Here also, as pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, he was known as a pastor who was joyously available to his faithful and singularly concerned for the poorest and the most abandoned. In God’s plan, however, his ministry in New Orleans was destined to be brief. In the month of September, exhausted from visiting and caring for the victims

of yellow fever, he contracted the dreaded disease. After several weeks of patiently enduring his illness, he passed on to eternal life on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48 years and 9 months. Saint Pope John Paul II beatified Fr. Seelos in 2000. Father Seelos, pray for us!

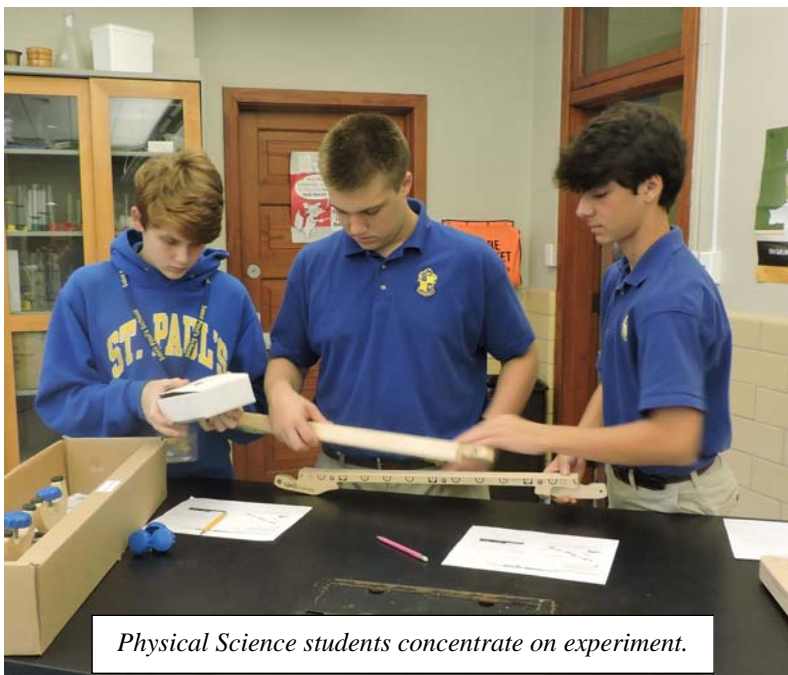
- **TDIH:** In 1892, The Dalton gang attempts to rob two banks simultaneously in Coffeyville, Kansas, but meets resistance from townspeople, who wind up killing four of the five bandits. Emmett Dalton, the sole survivor, returned to the site of the crime nearly 40 years later and offered a caution to would-be thieves:

“The biggest fool on earth is the one who thinks he can beat the law, that crime can be made to pay. It never paid and it never will and that was the one big lesson of the Coffeyville raid.”

- **TDIH:** In 1947, President Harry Truman (1884-1972) makes the first-ever televised presidential address from the White House, asking Americans to cut back on their use of grain in order to help starving Europeans. At the time of Truman’s food-conservation speech, Europe was still recovering from WW II.
- **Do Something Nice Day:** Go ahead, do something nice – anything. It won’t hurt; I promise!

Fri, Oct 6 (End of First Quarter; Grandparent Day; 11:10 Dismissal; A B)

- **TIDH:** in 2015, SPS students entered the new gym for the first time, to the resounding strains of George Fredrick Handel’s Halleluiah Chorus! It was a magnificent moment! We thank all those who made this campus jewel possible!
- **TDIH:** In 1927, the first “talkie” opened in New York. *The Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.
- **TDIH:** In 1979, President Jimmy Carter receives Pope John Paul II, the first Pope to visit the White House.
- **Mad Hatter Day:** Today refers to the character from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, where the Mad Hatter is always seen wearing a hat bearing a slip of paper with the notation "In this style 10/6" – an invitation to behave in the style of the Mad Hatter on 10/6. Mad Hatter Day began in Boulder, CO, in 1986, among computer folk who had nothing better to do. In 1988, it was recognized as an official holiday by an area business, and also received its first national press coverage by news services. What do people do on Mad Hatter Day? In general, people celebrate silliness – but not during school!
- **World Smile Day (First Fri in Oct):** The original ‘smiley face’ (☺) was created by commercial artist Harvey Ball in 1963. Concerned about the commercialization of the quickly iconic graphic, Harvey established **Smile Day**, which encourages us to participate in acts of kindness and friendliness, and to smile and make others smile. I’ll do my part! I promise get Coach Sears to do to so, too – although his smile may have to wait until after we beat Covington.
- **Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament:** I am once again humbled by the response to this event, proceeds of which will help pay for our new gym. Thanks to all!
- **Football:** Varsity v. Covington (7)



Physical Science students concentrate on experiment.

Sat, Oct 7 -- Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray the rosary today.

- **TDIH:** In 1913, for the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park, MI automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line. We've come a long way, Henry!
- **You Matter To Me Day:** Four simple words, one single phrase, that makes a profound difference to all who hear it and share it. Tell people who matter to you that they do.
- **Frugal Fun Day** (always first Sat in Oct): Do something fun today that doesn’t cost anything! Yes, it’s possible!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves in Mississippi College/Watson Ford Invitational

- **Football:** 8th at Jesuit (10)
- **Lasallian Youth Leaders:** A group of approximately ten LYLs will spend the morning at St. Joseph Abbey joining the seminarians for morning prayer, a few games of flag football (to prepare the seminarians for their upcoming tournament) and then lunch.
- **Habitat for Humanity Club Work Day:** Thanks, Habitat Wolves!

Sun, Oct 8 -- I encourage all, especially our Catholic Families, to attend church today as a family.

- **Alvin C. York Day:** Sgt. York is the most decorated American soldier in World War I. From the Sgt. York website: *On Oct 8, 1918, after being pinned down, York took his fateful walk into history. He and 16 other soldiers... were given the unenviable task of silencing the machine guns that halted the advance. It was a cold, wet morning. Rain mixed with sleet added to the gloom of the fog that draped the landscape. As the soldiers worked their way around the hill, the men on the left flank stood exposed in the creek bottom. German machine gunners opened fire, wounding or killing nine Americans, including York's best friend. York was on the right flank beneath the crest of the hill in a natural depression, which he used to kill nine of the men who operated the guns. In the meantime, his comrades opened fire on the Germans, and in a few minutes 25 were dead. The Germans surrendered to what they thought was a superior force, and York and the American survivors escorted 132 prisoners to American forces some 10 miles away. Sergeant York was awarded his nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions [that day.]*
- **Face Your Fears Day:** Consider what life might be like if you conquered some of your greatest fears. Today gives you the chance to stand up to your fears, overcome them, and to seize the day.
- **National Pierogie Day:** Pierogies are Eastern Europe's equivalent of ravioli or tortellini - essentially filled dumplings. This peasant dish originated in Poland in the 13th century. Enjoy the dumpling of your choice!
- **National Walk to School Day:** OK, it's Sunday with no school, but feel free to celebrate tomorrow!
- **National Poetry Day:** OK, I'm fudging a bit here as this NPD is in Great Britain – but we can still celebrate! The theme this year is “messages” so read a poem that has a message.

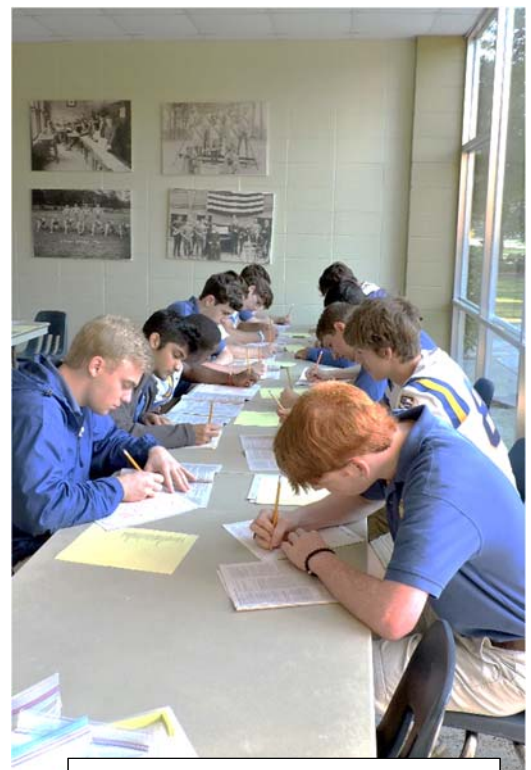
I call the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.

Admissions for 2018 - 19: Yes, we are already looking ahead to next year. Here's how you can help:

- Shadow Days – SOLD OUT! All slots are filled, even with the extra day we added! Thank you for spreading the good word about SPS!
- Encourage families to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 28 at 1 pm.
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you

Apology: Sorry about class rotation confusion in last week's newsletter. I've carefully checked this week's rotation!

Attendance: We take attendance seriously. Please follow procedures for checking out a student (which I hope you do for only very serious reasons.) Send a note with your son BEFORE SCHOOL or email Suzy (attendance@stpauls.com) to let her know. We can't always answer your calls as there is only one of her and over 1500 of you! Thank you.



Seniors complete answer sheet info for this week's ACT.

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 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.

Driver's License Proof of Attendance: Don't forget: you son will need proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance.



Students concentrate in PLTW class

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. 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 which we used for the Aug 12 closing. Let me know if you did not receive that notification.
- **Consult** Edline and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.



ACT prep takes place outside

Varsity Football Wolves.

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

Grandparent Day: GP is this Friday, October 6. Here's the info:

- Grandparents arrive on campus on Fri, Oct 06 and report to the Briggs Assembly Center to meet grandsons. School dismisses at 11:00 for the students, and the Grandparent Day Program begins at 11:30. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will be attending. If a student has no grandparent attending, he is free to leave at 11.
- Moms will be available to take pictures, using student or grandparent cell phone;
- A prayer service will begin shortly after everyone has been seated;
- A "President's Assembly" will follow;
- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program (a little over an hour or so.)

Past programs have been very successful, and we receive many compliments from the grandparents who attend. Thank you for helping us make this annual event so successful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In order to prepare, we ask that you RSVP with the TOTAL number (students plus grandparents) who will be attending. Reply to reception@stpauls.com or just reply directly to me. Please indicate if handicap accommodations will be necessary. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 03. I know that some of

you have suffered a loss lately; know that I am sensitive to these situations and offer our prayers for you.
Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms!

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

- Office Depot -- please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- SPS participates in the Community Coffee program.
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.
- Coke Gives: we have enrolled in this program and are preparing information. In the meantime, save those Coke bottle tops! Thanks.

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.”



*Campus flora & fauna –
Thanks Botanical Wolves!*

ID Cards: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he must purchase a temporary ID from Sgt. Pressley. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

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 in Review:

- **Annual Audit:** The auditors did their work and are now compiling their report – which I hope is good so I can keep my job! Thanks for being sensitive to the Business Office last week.
- **Bogue Falaya River Sweep:** Mark Richards and student volunteers helped clean our river & city of Covington on Saturday. Many thanks!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves were off and running in BR AND NO on Sat. BR wolves finished 6th and NO Wolves finished in 2nd place.

- **Football:** 8th tied Rummel, 9th lost to a tough Hammond team and Varsity scored a huugggeee victory against Hammond!
- **Marching Wolves:** Their first away game went well!
- **Media Classes:** An informative field trip to Loyola U by our three media classes (can you name them?)
- **Robo-Wolves:** The BAC was awash with robots and their student masters. Thanks Julie, Marie, et al!
- **Senior Portraits:** I'm told all went well and our guys were at their sartorial and grooming best.
- **Swimming:** FIRST place for the Aqua Wolves! I hear Handel playing!

Mary, Queen of Peace Youth Group: The Mary, Queen of Peace FourTwelve Youth Group is hosting a retreat at Camp Living Waters in Loranger, La., November 10-12. Registration deadline is October 11. You can register by visiting their website: <http://www.maryqueenofpeace.org/fourtwelve/retreat> For more info, contact MQP's Youth Director, Elise Bennett, at ebennett@maryqueenofpeace.org or call at 985-202-0264 with any questions or concerns. I hope we have some SPS representatives. Here is a letter from MQP:



Why Your Son Needs to Attend this Year's FourTwelve Retreat

Dear Parents of St. Paul's School:

The Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church Youth Group, FourTwelve, is offering the Northshore's first-ever large Teen Retreat. Let me tell you why your son should attend:

He will be surrounded by a few hundred other teens who desire to know God and follow Him in an intimate way. The theme for this year's retreat is "Alive: Embracing the Cross." This is based off of

Matthew 16:24-27. Our focus is to help your sons dive deep into the truth of our faith, teaching them that the walk to Calvary is beautiful and full of grace. We want them to understand that staying on the mountain is not where the true beauty lies along our faith journey. You know as adults that life is hard, that it comes at you and can completely throw you off course. Let's look around us at the tragedies and sufferings that have arisen recently with all the natural disasters. If your sons don't have the tools to deal with suffering and life's struggles, they will be overcome by them! This retreat is to teach them how to withstand the storm, to be a rock in the community of faith.

In this world that tries to tear down masculinity, we are seeking to build up the masculine heart. This retreat is part of that goal and mission with our teens. We will have a talk for the boys given by Jason Angelette, and various other talks given by Colin MacIver and Matthew Bourgeois. Catholic Hip-hop artist Oscar "Two-Ten" Rivera will be our keynote speaker, giving a lunchtime concert. There will be lots of time for fun and relaxation with some actives such as volleyball, hiking and a bonfire! We will be offering chances for prayer, adoration,

confession, and mass. The retreat will be filled with amazing male role models for your boys to form relationships with and will have opportunities to talk to during break times. I truly believe this will be a POWERFUL retreat filled with the Holy Spirit. I think that God is after the masculine heart to rebuild and restore their masculinity in the midst of this world trying to do the opposite. We have to teach our boys how to live virtuous and fruitful lives of grace. This retreat can be the foundation on which they can build! Please register your son for this retreat as soon as possible, it will change your sons life!

When: November 10th-12th Where: Camp Living Waters Retreat Center in Loranger Cost: \$200

Registration Deadline: October 11th (If you want a T-Shirt), We will accept Registrations until Wednesday, November 1st or until all the 200 spots are filled prior to that date!

For More Information/Where to Register: www.maryqueenofpeace.org/fourtweleve/retreat



Last year's Moms for Mums

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 Oct 19 - 27. This is always a special sight to see the campus festooned (love that word!) with mums. Thanks, Moms!

October: Welcome to October – the tenth month of the year, even though “octo” means eight. I hope you know why this discrepancy exists! In any event, I draw the following to your attention:

- **The Rosary:** The Catholic Church dedicates Oct in a special way to Mary, our Blessed Mother. The rosary is a great devotion to Mary, and I encourage you to recite it regularly. **A group of moms and the retired brothers recite the rosary each Mon morn at 8 in the Brothers Residence chapel for the intentions of the school.** They would be thrilled if you joined them.
- **Respect Life Month:** October is designated by the Catholic Church as Respect Life Month. In addition to the unborn, the Church also reminds us of our obligations toward other life issues: Marriage/Family Life, Children, Women, The Aging, and Death/Dying. We offer prayers this week that life will be respected, from conception to natural death. We pray that our students learn by our word as well as example.
- **October** is also *Country Music Month, Family History Month, Computer Learning Month, Hispanic Heritage Month. National Book Fair Month, National Car Care Month, Gourmet Adventures Month, National Cosmetology Month, Polish American Heritage Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Stamp Collecting Month, National AIDS Awareness Month, National Cyber Security Awareness Month, National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Month and National Depression Education and Awareness Month* – something for everyone!

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>

Portland Vacati....uh, Conference: Here's a brief summary of what I did last week with the presidents & principals of the 20 schools in the San Francisco New Orleans Province, along with members of the Provincial Staff. Portland's weather was magnificent and the scenery breathtaking. We were treated very well!

- **Mon Morning:** boarded Southwest Airlines flight to Portland with one stop in Denver. The trip did not start well, however, as the captain came out of the cockpit to explain that severe weather was forcing a re-routing of our flight and we would need to take on extra fuel to complete the trip -- plus, we could expect a "bumpy" flight which might cancel beverage service. I was tempted to bolt. But we made it, I got my beverage, and it wasn't as bad as predicted!
- **Mon Evening:** Prayed, welcomed and reunited with one another; ate a wonderful meal, and then called it an early evening due to the fatigue of travel.
- **Tue Morning:** Had a panel discussion with local Catholic school and university personnel concerning the future of Catholic education. Bottom line? Offer a quality program and stay faithful to our Mission. I agree!
- **Tue Afternoon:** The Presidents met by themselves and discussed such things as finances, development issues, public relations issues, etc. While we met, the principals met and discussed such things as library transformation (guess who was interested in that topic) and other items of the tactical realm.
- **Tue late afternoon and evening:** we traveled to a local restaurant on the 30th floor of an office building, with breathtaking views of the Portland landscape, which included snow-covered Mt. Hood, the tallest mountain in OR. After a wonderful social and delicious meal, we heard from a local alumnus: a young man who traveled from Congo as a political refugee, graduated from La Salle Catholic College Prep in Milwaukie, WA and is now doing exceptionally well in college -- even owning his own business. He attributed his success to his parents and to the Lasallian education he received at LSCCP. Powerful story! After dinner, the younger members explored downtown nightlife while we older ones called it a night!
- **Wed Morning:** Our provincial, Brother Donald, made a presentation to us about many topics.
- **At 10 am,** we adjourned and headed for Portland International Airport, where Trevor and I boarded a LONG flight to bring us home. And while I gave a prayer of thanks for my time with my Lasallian colleagues, I also said a prayer of thanks as Southwest Airlines Flight 1777 touched down at Armstrong International, and another one about an hour later when I again entered the holy ground of Saint Paul's School.

Senior Parents: The official March through the Arch pictures are in! I don't want to just hand them to the seniors as many pictures will end up at the bottom of a book bag or the back seat of a car. If you are on campus, stop by the admin building for the picture. Or give your son a note authorizing him to get the picture for you – after you talk to him about treating the pictures with respect! These pictures are FREE, courtesy of Expressions Photography. Thanks, Expressions!

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/>



More freshmen in Physical Science class

- **Madisonville Beach Sweep:** Sat, Oct 21 from 10 – noon. Call 778-7790 to register or for more info.
- **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

- **St. Tammany Parish Hospital's Monster 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.

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 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!**



Robo-Wolves at their tournament on Saturday

Weekly Humor: The Nobel Prizes will be awarded this week for prodigious accomplishments in academic fields. The Ig-Nobel Prizes (sponsored by Harvard) were awarded in mid-Sep. These prizes honor real achievements that make people laugh, then think. The prizes, given by Nobel winners, celebrate the unusual. Some will make you laugh, so this is H of the W. Here are 2016 Ig-nobel Prizes:

- **PHYSICS PRIZE** [FRANCE, SINGAPORE, USA] — for using fluid dynamics to probe the question "Can a Cat Be

Both a Solid and a Liquid?"

- **PEACE PRIZE** [SWITZERLAND, CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS, USA] — for demonstrating that regular playing of a didgeridoo is an effective treatment for obstructive sleep apnea and snoring.
- **ECONOMICS PRIZE** [AUSTRALIA, USA] — for experiments to see how contact with a live crocodile affects a person's willingness to gamble.

- **ANATOMY PRIZE** [UK] — for a medical research study "Why Do Old Men Have Big Ears?"
- **FLUID DYNAMICS PRIZE** [SOUTH KOREA, USA] — for studying the dynamics of liquid-sloshing, to learn what happens when a person walks backwards while carrying a cup of coffee.
- **NUTRITION PRIZE** [BRAZIL, CANADA, SPAIN] — for the first scientific report of human blood in the diet of the hairy-legged vampire bat.
- **MEDICINE PRIZE** [FRANCE, UK] — for using advanced brain-scanning technology to measure the extent to which some people are disgusted by cheese.
- **COGNITION PRIZE** [ITALY, SPAIN, UK] — for demonstrating that many identical twins cannot tell themselves apart visually.
- And there were others best left out of the family-friendly newsletter!

I wish SPS could get some of this research money!

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:

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*
- 4 – DEFG
- 5 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – *Snack Day*
- 8 – FGAB – Mass
- 11 – CDEF
- 12 – GABC – President's Assembly
- 13 – DEFG
- 14 – Exams
- 15 – Exams
- 18 – Exams
- 19 – Exams – *Teacher Christmas Luncheon in Cafeteria 11:30*
- 19 – Christmas (not winter) holidays begin following exams (about 11:15)



Wolves in math class working with new laptops

January

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

Answer to Oct 4 Trivia Question: The Russian satellite was named Sputnik I. It weighed just 184 lbs and transmitted a beeping radio signal for 21 days.

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the ninth week of the school year and have reached the end of the first quarter!

As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which is no longer on the radio but I'm listening to an website archived copy 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 SPS!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's October of 2017 and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

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

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



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