



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter Oct 30 – Nov 06, 2017



Our annual Open House for prospective students for 2018 - 19 occurred yesterday, Sat, Oct 28. I had no idea as to how many people (if any) would attend, but we prepared as we always have: maintenance cleaned and polished, students prepared talks, student hosts were briefed, and faculty had presentations ready. Thanks to Trevor, department chairs, Karen, student hosts, Mothers Club, & Maintenance for all the hard work. And the results were very gratifying! Special kudos to the student tour guides and our speakers: Kyle Schmitt, Andrew Moore, Luc Hebert, Ross Hightower, Matthew Borgatti, Michael Philippe, & Carson Caulfield – all GREAT!

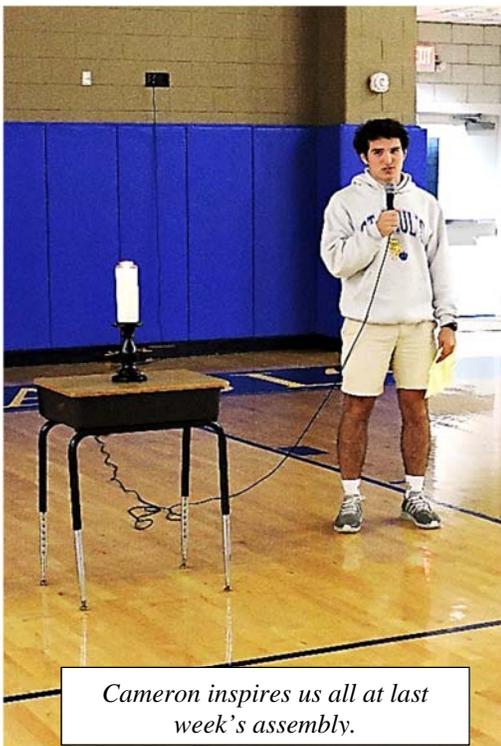
The “mood” among private schools in our area (on both shores) is guarded about enrollment as evidenced by an inordinate amount of private school advertising. The rising cost to attend private school, charter schools, & the amount of students vs. the number of schools are all daunting challenges. And here on the northshore, we compete against an excellent public school system.

So how will SPS ultimately fare? If we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God’s work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and ultimately in the next life.

Domine, Opus Tuum – no better message for us to remember as we prepare for 2018 - 19 – our 107th year!

Mon, Oct 30 (8th & 9th HR Breakfast in BAC; CNN & SSR during HRB; E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** In 1938, Orson Welles causes a nationwide panic with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds"—a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth. You can listen to this classic on You Tube.



Cameron inspires us all at last week's assembly.

- **TDIH:** In 1990, for the first time since the Ice Age, Great Britain becomes connected with the European continent vi a new rail tunnel (called the chunnel) under the English Channel.
- **Haunted Refrigerator Night:** Who knows what evil lurks in your refrigerator? It's time to be afraid, very afraid. Gather friends, open the refrigerator door, and venture unto the realm of the lower shelf, rear. That "thing" inside that container is much more horrifying than any trick or treater tomorrow night!
- **National Caramelized Apple Day:** Just eat the apple sans the caramel.
- **Checklist Day:** During the 1930s, early aviators were searching for ways to allow flying to be safer and avoid the all-too-common crash during takeoff. One group of pilots came up with the idea to create a checklist before taxiing down the runway. The origins of Checklist Day can be traced back to this singular event. So how do you celebrate today? Make a checklist!
- **Five Guys / SPS Community Night:** SPS gets a percentage of sales tonight at Five Guys; just mention us.

Tue, Oct 31 (10th & 11th HR Breakfast in BAC; Wolf Packs; B C D E)

- **Happy Halloween!** I offer you a traditional Scottish prayer for tonight: *From ghoulies and ghosties / and long-leggedy beasties / And things that go bump in the night, / Good Lord, deliver us!*
- **TDIH:** In 1517, the priest/scholar Martin Luther nails a piece of paper containing the 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.
- **TDIH:** In 1940, the Battle of Britain ends. Beginning on July 10, 1940, German bombers and fighters had attacked coastal targets, airfields, London and other cities, as a prelude to a Nazi invasion of England. British pilots of Spitfires and Hurricanes show down over 1,700 German aircraft while losing 915 fighters. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill.
- **TDIH:** In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. It contains 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four presidents – representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion/conservation. Trivia question: can you name the four presidents? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **National Knock-Knock Joke Day:** Drive all crazy today by telling K-K jokes. It's always on Halloween.

Wed, Nov 01 (Feast of All Saints; Mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM DAY; F G A B)

- Today we remember those who lived their lives in such union with God that this union was complete at death. These are the SILENT saints who far outnumber the "official" saints, and are often more cherished than "canonized" saints. Saint John Baptist de La Salle wrote for this feast: *yearn as the saints did for the happiness which they now enjoy, considering...not the visible things, but the invisible, because the visible things are temporary, whereas the invisible are eternal.*"
- **National Authors' Day:** Read your favorite author today!
- **TDIH:** In 1512, ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time. Here's the link to the Vatican Museum site in order to view this incredible artistic achievement: http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/CSN/CSN_Main.html
- **TDIH:** In 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School opened with just 12 students. In 1874, the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools in America.

Thu, Nov 02 (All Souls Day; assembly schedule; C D E F):

- **All Souls Day:** Today we remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life.
- **Dia de los Muertos:** We will have our annual remembrance today at a special prayer service. We remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life. Thanks to Spanish Department & Lobos for this special event.
- **National Deviled Egg Day:** Enjoy!
- **National Men Make Dinner Day (1st Thu):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight or make sandwiches!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen v. Sci-Tech Academy (6)



Myers and Tonner present championship banner to AD Crag Ketelsen at last week's assembly.

Fri, Nov 03 (Senior Honor Roll Breakfast in cafeteria; CNN & SSR during breakfast; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika
- **National Sandwich Day:** Enjoy your favorite sandwich!
- **National Cliché Day:** From the NCD website: *Every dog has his day. And evidently, so does every minuscule detail of modern society, including the cliché. Not to beat around the bush about it; we'll just come right out and tell you that, as hard as this fact may be to swallow, today is National Cliché Day. Really, we're not just yanking your chain. We wouldn't pull your leg about something as serious as National Cliché Day. By the time National Cliché Day is over, a good time will have been had by all.* Use your favorite clichés today.
- **Love Your Lawyer Day:** No lawyer jokes today!
- **Basketball:** Hall of Fame Game v. U High (6:30)
- **Football:** Wolves in regular season finale at Fontainebleau (7)



Sat, Nov 04

- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate

the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history.

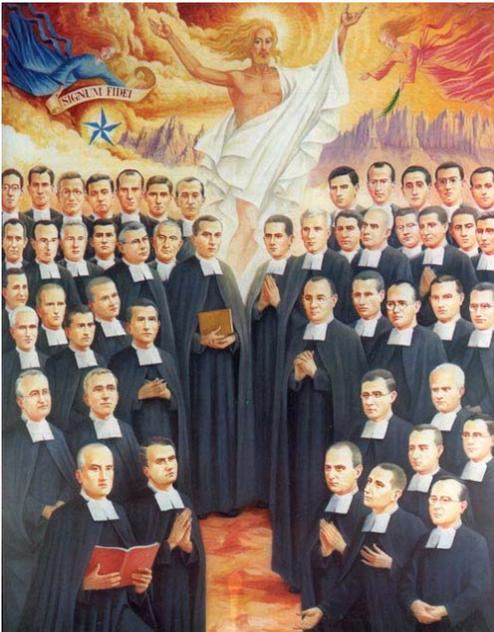
- **Use Your Common Sense Day:** While CS should be used EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **SAT on campus today**
- **Fighting Math Wolves in Episcopal Tournament in BR**
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi v. Bro. Martin/Jesuit in Tri-Meet at Bro. Martin; JV at Rummel; Varsity; Var at St. Michael's
- **Cross Country:** Varsity in Regional Meet in BR (top 7 runners only)

Sun, Nov 05 We encourage all our families, especially our Catholic families, to attend church today.

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time ends at 2:00 am today. Fall back! Enjoy the extra hour!**

- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. The day is celebrated in England with bonfires and fireworks. Only the British!
- **Zero Tasking Day (first Sun of Nov):** Do nothing today! Enjoy!

Dress Uniform Day on Wed, Nov 1!



Mon, Nov 06 (Archdiocesan Professional Development Day for teachers; no classes for students)

- **TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.
- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of the game of

basketball, was born. Play some basketball today! Or in my case, watch some basketball today!

- **National Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today! Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass, TX) who is recorded to have first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the restaurant after it had closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!
- **Saxophone Day:** Adophe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. I wish you could have the Marching Wolves sax section play for us today!
- **Zero Tasking Day** allows you to spend the extra hour you got by doing whatever you want! #NOTASKS! Since it's a Sunday, feel free to zero task!
- **BB:** 8th grade tryouts in the new gym

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

Admissions for 2018 - 19: Yes, we are looking ahead to next year. Here's how you can help: If you know any family who might be interested in SPS:

- Shadow Days – SOLD OUT! All slots are filled, even with the extra day we added! Thank you for spreading the good word about us!
- **Applications are due by Nov 15 for students in Catholic elementary schools and Nov 17 for those not in Catholic elementary schools.**
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you
- BTW, SSA's Open House is Nov 2 – encourage interested families to check out our sister school.

Assembly on Oct 24: I hope the students enjoyed last week's assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- The students entered the gym listening to the first movement of "Autumn", part of "The Four Seasons Suite" by Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi. This perennial favorite musically mimics the harvesters going into the field to reap the crops that have been cared for during the summer. And as it's autumn here in south Louisiana, it's only appropriate that we listen to Vivaldi!
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Matthew Weimer**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Don Lagarde, Jr.**, grandfather of Davis Lagarde '21, **Mrs. Abigail Healy, grandmother of Hyde Healy, '19, Dr. Richard Love, grandfather of Bram '15 and Adam '18 Love,** & Mr. John A. Gereighty, Jr. grandfather of Riley '14 & Brennan '15 Knepper.
- Welcomed a group of 35 seventh grade students who were visiting Saint Paul's that morning.
- I the reminded the students that our mission statement calls for Saint Paul's to have strong academic, athletic and extracurricular activities in a safe and disciplined environment and then proceeded to offer examples.
- Recognized, congratulated, and thanked the Student Hosts and Brass Band for their incredible help at Jazz 'n Roll. We couldn't have done it without them.
- Recognized, congratulated and thanked the Student Council and the Lasallian Youth Leaders for their wonderful Founder's Week program.



Aqua Wolves prepare for the regional meet – with food, of course!

- Recognized, congratulated and apologized to freshman Austin Peak for omitting him for the previous assembly's recognition for traveling to Houston to help in the recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey.

- Read an email from Mary, Queen of Peace concerning our students who helped with their Fleur-de-Fall: *Thank you for your assistance in providing St. Paul's student volunteers for our Mary, Queen of Peace Gala, Fleur de Fall. We had to change the date due to the hurricane threat, but the St. Paul's students still showed up eager to help. I want to pass on to you that I have received many compliments about the behavior of our student volunteers. The boys were asked to work a long shift until 11pm, and they all did so cheerfully. They did whatever was asked of them to help serve food, clear tables, collect trash, and clean up at the end of the night. I was very proud of the large number of St. Paul's volunteers, and of their exemplary behavior. Thank you, again for Saint Paul's support of our event. The St. Paul's volunteers certainly contributed to its success.*
- Recognized, congratulated and thanked members of our Key Club who participated in the Keep Covington Beautiful Bouge Falaya River clean up on Saturday Sep 30. The group collected the most litter of any group and won a \$50 dollar gift certificate to Massey's. Thanks to: **Patrick Reilly, Mason Vencil, Jake Arena, Patrick Guidry, Kyle Schmitt, Mr. Mark Richards, Charles Sandoz and Jack Grace.**
- Recognized, congratulated, and thanked the students who represented Saint Paul's at the 14th Annual Lasallian Student Leaders conference at Saint Mary's College of California. 227 participants from 15 Lasallian high schools spent a week of faith sharing, leadership training, Lasallian Formation, and community building. **Jack Blossman, Lester Guttuso, Christian Harrison, Ethan Haydel, Isaac Hebert, Hanzala Hussain, Andrew Moore, Will James, Justin King, Larry Rase, Blake Ramsey, Kyle Schmitt, Chris Wallace, & Chris Wilson.** Chaperones were Campus Minister **Mr. Jeffrey Ramon '08 & LSU Medical Student Mr. Andrew Mullett '12.**
- Recognized and congratulated junior **Andrew Aceves** for being selected by the Louisiana Music Educators Association to the All State Mixed Choir. Allstate auditions have been occurring since 1936. Andrew's mom and uncle were chosen 32 years ago in the 1st ever Concert Band. The date for this year's Allstate concert will be on Sat. Nov. 18 at 3pm in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center. Andrew then sang George Frederic Handel's Vergin Tutto Amor (Virgin, All Made of Love) for the student body. He was thanked with a standing ovation.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Cross Country Team** for winning the District Championship – again.
- Then, as if by magic, George Frederic Handel's incomparable "Water Music" began playing, signaling that the **Aqua Wolves** were swimming. The Aqua Wolves swam to a second consecutive Regional Championship! Out of 16 schools, the Aqua Wolves placed first with 416 points, 90 points ahead of the second place school. While the "Water Music" played, I displayed pictures of our Aqua Wolves and all of the Regional results.



Thanks, Moms, for the mums!

- Recognized **The Marian Players** for their upcoming production of “Twelve Angry Men” and encouraged the students to obtain their tickets early as the play will surely sell out.
- We then tried to sing the Fight Song – I say “tried” because the students’ sense of timing was terrible that morning!
- I then introduced senior **Cameron Vidal**, who spoke to the student body about a retreat he recently made. He encouraged the students not to be guided by popular opinion or what others think but to form a relationship with God and be guided by Him. It was a wonderful message by this wonderful young man.
- We then sang “Mercy” – which the boys seem to like.
- And as junior **Jonathan Wellmeyer** extinguished the prayer candle, I urged the students to be “the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to each and every person they would meet that day – and always.
- It was a great assembly -- at least I thought so!



*SPS Brass Band entertains crowd at Jazz n Roll!
They were GREAT!*

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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! Thanks..

Brain Injury Initiative: The Brain Injury Association of Louisiana/LA Chapter of United Spinal is excited to bring their Unmasking Brain Injury traveling art display to St. Paul's, November 2-15 in La Salle Hall. St. Paul's is the first school in Louisiana that will host this display. Unmasking Brain Injury is a worldwide initiative to educate people and raise awareness about brain injuries. This art-based project allows brain injury survivors the opportunity to express their experiences and emotions dealing with their brain injury through the creation of their own paper mache mask. Each mask is accompanied with a brief description of how their injury occurred and gives greater depth to each story. The hope is that St. Paul's students are educated about brain injuries and understand that there is a person behind every injury. Please stop by La Salle Hall to see this powerful message.

Child Mind Institute, an independent, national nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and learning disorders, released its 2017 Children's Mental Health Report recently. A section focused on the role of smartphones and social media. A summary of the results:

- The good:
 - 12th-graders in 2015 were going out less often than 8th-graders did in 2009.
 - Drinking, illicit drug use, and car accidents are down.
 - Ninth-graders now are 40% less sexually active and the teen birth rate is down 67 percent since 1991.
 - Less than an hour of gaming a day may have positive mental health effects.
- The bad:
 - Eighth-graders who spend 10 or more hours a week on social media are 56% more likely to report being unhappy than those who spend less time.
 - Heavy social media use increases reports of unhappiness by 56%
 - Heavy users of social media increase their risk of depression by 27 percent.
 - YouTube is widely viewed by teens as a positive force, but teens report Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram increase feelings of anxiety
 - Girls are disproportionately affected by the negative aspects of social media.
 - More than twice as many girls as boys said they had been cyberbullied in the last year (22% vs. 10%).
 - Boys' depression increased by 21% between 2012 and 2015, and girls' increased by 50%.
 - Teens who spent three or more hours a day on electronic devices were 28% more likely to get less than seven hours of sleep, and teens who visited social media sites every day were 19% more likely not to get adequate sleep. Lack of sleep can negatively affect teens' mood, ability to think, to react, to regulate their emotions, to learn and to get along with adults. It's a vicious cycle—lack of sleep affects mood, and depression can lead to lack of sleep. And multiple studies have found that severe sleep debt is linked to suicidal ideation.
 - Teens who don't sleep enough are more than twice as likely to report higher levels of depressive symptoms (31% vs 12%).
 - Teens who sleep less than seven hours a night are also 68% more likely to have at least one risk factor for suicide.

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Errata:

- The newsletter regrets the mistakes in the class rotations in last week's newsletter. Thanks to the alert readers who notified me!
- The newsletter further regrets identifying Cole as his brother Evan in last week's newsletter! Sorry, Cole! Your edible cell looked great.

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 Community Coffee program.
- Box Tops for Education – 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 Breakfasts: Invitations were emailed and breakfasts are this week. If you didn't receive one and you think you son made the honor roll, let me know. Students and parents are invited. We begin at 7:40 sharp and it's over by 8:20. Here's the format: a nice Chick-fil-A breakfast is served, students are recognized individually, and yours truly makes some congratulatory remarks. Here's the schedule:

- Monday, October 30 for grades 8 & 9 in the BAC
- Tuesday, October 31 for grades 10 & 11 in the BAC
- Friday, November 3 for grade 12 in the cafeteria.

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.

Lasallian World: The evacuation order has been lifted for our Provincial Headquarters and Retirement Community due to wildfires in CA. While Mont La Salle did not sustain any burn damage, the property and its facilities experienced prolonged exposure to smoke and ash from the fires, resulting in contamination damage. This requires professional restoration, including cleanings of facilities and their contents as well as purifying HVAC systems. No timeframe for completion of these tasks has been set. In the meantime, the evacuated Brother are being well taken care of, and Province business is proceeding as possible.



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Spencer and Tripp work diligently on their art.

Last Week:

- **ACT:** Again, the only problem was the test.
- **Alumni Trivia Night:** Four teams comprised this inaugural event and all seemed to have had a grand time. This activity will become a regular alumni event, which we hope will grow in number.
- **Basketball:** Good scrimmages on Mon night and Sat afternoon during Open House.
- **CBS Falcon Day:** Our delegation teamed with the other Lasallian area high schools to help Christian Brothers School in City Park have a great Falcon Day. Thanks to Grant Addison, Lane Amedio, Patrick Kilgore, Kristian McHugh, Josh Rovira, & Chris Wilson.

- **Fighting Math Wolves:** A busload of Fighting Math Wolves left early on a cold, wet, Sat morning to engage in intense competition!
- **Football et al:** 8th grade tied a talented Bro. Martin team, 9th beat F'bleau , and the Varsity Wolves dropped a tough one against Mandeville. Thanks, too, to the CLs, MWs, & GBs who did well.
- **Manresa:** The boys had a positive experience. I pray that silence brought them peace & closer to God.
- **Moms for Mums:** THANK YOU, MOMS! The campus looks GREAT!
- **Monday's Late Start:** Thanks for your cooperation with our late start to accommodate a faculty meeting.
- **Parent – Teacher Conferences:** Thanks to those who attended. We hope you found it helpful.
- **Shadow Day:** All seemed to go well with a full house. We have one more SD to go.
- **Swim Team:** 2nd Place in NO Metro Meet! Fantastic! Handel is proud!
- **Wellness Screening:** Thanks for your cooperation with our late start on Friday to accommodate wellness screening and flu shots for our faculty and staff, thus helping them to stay healthy and be there for you son. Special thanks to SPS parent and dermatologist Dr. Rhonda Baldone of Baldone Reina Dermatology for providing skin cancer screenings.
- **Winter Sports:** And our wrestling, basketball and soccer seasons got started last week with tryouts, practices and Meet the Teams. If a student didn't make the sport of his choice, we encourage him to explore other athletic avenues or try something new, like the Marching Wolves, Paper Wolf, Lasallian Young Leaders, Marian Players, Eco Car, Env Science, etc., etc. etc. (Yes, I know that's redundant.)

November: In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!



Andrew, accompanied by Brother Ken, sings his All State audition piece for the student body at assembly.

Our Lady of the Lake Fair: From the volunteer coordinator: *Volunteers from SPS, Thank you for your time you give to our festival. You help families, friends and parishioners connect and have fun – what a special gift!*

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Report Cards: We emailed report cards two weeks ago. Check your spam folder if you didn't receive it. If it's not there, let me know and I'll send you another copy.

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!

Social Justice Month: The Church dedicates November to social justice. While many concentrate on such things as food drives, the Church reminds us that a commitment to social justice goes WAY beyond acts of charity – it involves working for change that will make us a more just society. There are 7 key themes that comprise our Catholic social tradition. I doubt, however, if most of us know these seven: **Life and Dignity of the Human Person; the Call to Family and Community; the Rights and Responsibilities;**

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers; Solidarity; Care for God's Creation. I encourage you to pray the following Prayer for Social Justice on a regular basis during November: *Almighty and eternal God, may your grace enkindle in all of us a love for the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings. Arouse in the hearts of those who call you Father a hunger and thirst for social justice and for fraternal charity in deeds and in truth. Grant, O Lord, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, and peace among nations! Amen.*

Trevor's Travels: Trevor returns this week from two weeks in China. His trip sounds exhausting, visiting many schools in many different cities. Thanks to Joe for keeping things running in his absence and to all of you for understanding. We will see where this program goes.

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!**



A mom's message to our students via Halloween decorations.

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Weekly Humor: In honor of Knock, Knock Joke Day on Tuesday:

- *Knock, knock. Who's there? Goliath. Goliath who? Goliath down, you looketh tired!*
- *KK. WT? Boo. Boo hoo? Why are you crying?*
- *KK. WT? Atch. Atch who? Bless you!*
- *KK. WT? Harry. Harry who? Harry up and open the door.*
- *KK. WT? Cash. Cash who? No thanks, but I'll take peanuts in you have them.*
- *KK. WT? Orange. Orange who? Orange you going to let me in?*
- *KK. WT? Dozen. Dozen who? Dozen anyone want to let me in?*
- *KK. WT? Henrietta. Henrietta who? Henrietta worm in his apple.*
- *KK. WT? A herd. A herd who? A herd you were home; I came over.*
- *KK. WT? Alpaca. Alpaca who? Alpaca the case; you load the car.*
- *KK. WT? Tank. Tank who? You're welcome!*
- *KK. WT? Harry. Harry who? Harry up and open the door; it's cold!*
- *KK. WT? Leaf. Leaf who? Leaf me alone!*
- *KK. WT? Isabella. Isabella who? Isabella working? I had to knock!*
- *KK. WT? Iva. Iva who? Iva sore hand from so much knocking!*
- *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.) You can only purchase yearbooks on line. Make sure you choose Saint Paul's School in Covington, LA. You must spell out the word "Saint" and not abbreviate it. Please contact Yearbook Moderator Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com with questions.

Period Rotation 2017-2018

October

- 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; no classes for students
- 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



Mr. Arbo instructs Bradley in the physics of hovercraft.

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(A)
- 14 – Exams
- 15 – Exams
- 18 – Exams
- 19 – Exams – *Teacher Christmas Party in Cafeteria 11:30*

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January

- 3 – ABCD – Seniors on Retreat
- 4 – EFGA – Seniors on Retreat
- 5 – BCDE – Seniors on Retreat
- 8 – FGAB
- 9 – CDEF – Pack Time – *Snack Day*
- 10 – GABC
- 11 – DEFG
- 12 – ABCD
- 16 – EFGA – President’s Assembly
- 17 – BCDE
- 18 – FGAB

- 19 – CDEF
- 22 – GABC – 8/9 HR Breakfast in BAC
- 23 – DEFG – Pack Time 10/11 HR Breakfast in BAC
- 24 – ABCD – 12th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria / Junior Career Day
- 25 – EFGA – Mass Conversion of St. Paul
- 26 – BCDE – Possible LPO Concert
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
- 31 – GABC

First Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday, December 13 – DEFG(A)

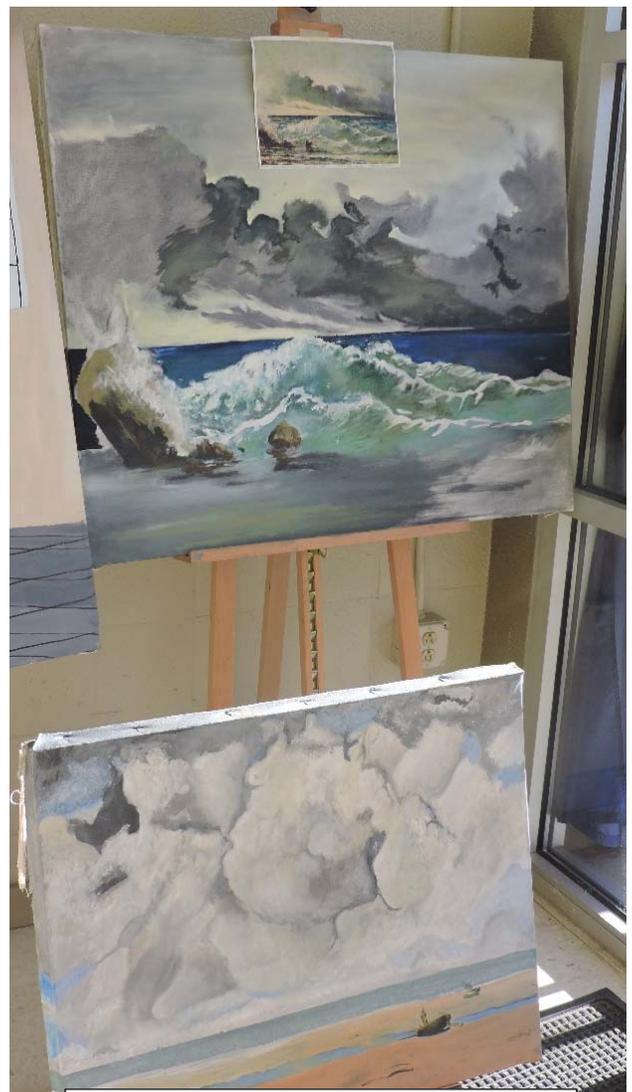
- Regular classes in periods DEFG Review for Period A Exam
- **Special Exam Review Schedule (76 min. classes With SSR)**
- 7:45 – 9:16 Period D/CNN
- 9:23 – 10:54 Period E
- 10:54– 11:39 Lunch
- 11:35 – 1:00 Period F
- 1:05 – 2:11 Period G (Last class period of semester)
- 2:16 - 3:00 Period A Exam Review

Thursday, December 14

- **Special Exam/Prayer Service/Principal’s Assembly/Snack Schedule**
- 8:15 -8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 – 10:00 Period A Exam
- 10:05-10:45 Advent Prayer Service (Gym)
- 10:55- 11:40 Period B Review
- 11:40-12:25 Lunch
- 12:30-1:00 President’s Assembly (Gym)
- 1:00-1:15 Break
- 1:15 – 2:00 Period C Review
- 2:10 Dismissal

Friday, December 15

- 8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announc
- 8:30 -10:00 Period B Exam
- 10:00-10:10 Break
- 10:10-11:40 Period C Exam
- 11:40-12:25 Lunch



Student artwork awaits finishing touches.

- 12:30-1:15 Period D Review
- 1:20-2:05 Period E Review
- 2:10 Dismissal

Monday, December 18

- 8:15 – 8:30 Prayer, Roll, Announcements
- 8:30 – 10:00 Period D Exam
- 10:00 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:40 Period E Exam
- 11:40 – 12:25 Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:15 Period F Review
- 1:20 – 2:05 Period G Review
- 2:10 Dismissal

Tuesday, December 19

- 8:15-8:30 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 -10:00 Period F Exam
- 10:00-10:10 Break
- 10:10-11:40 Period G Exam
- 11:45 Dismissal

Dress Uniform Day on Wed, Nov 1!

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the twelfth week of the school year – the fourth week of the second quarter!

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 on its website!): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

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 School.

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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

Answer to Oct 31 Trivia Question: The four presidents on Mount Rushmore are George Washington (founding), Thomas Jefferson (political philosophy), Abraham Lincoln (preservation) & Theodore Roosevelt (expansion/conservation.)

**“Preach by example; practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”
(SJB DLS)**



Did I mention we have a Dress Uniform Day on Wed, Nov 1?



Northshore Regional Champion Aqua Wolves for 2nd Consecutive Year!