



## The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



Nov 13 - 26, 2017

Almost 4000 Catholic School teachers gathered last Monday at the Ponchartrain Center in Kenner for a day of professional development. In his address to us, Archbishop Gregory Aymond's charged us to insure that our schools are authentically Catholic – and that EVERY class should be a “religion” class that upholds and promotes Catholic values across the curriculum. I couldn't agree more.

One of those authentically Lasallian Catholic values – as espoused by Pope Francis and enshrined as one of the seven social justice issues by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops – is concern for the poor, which is also one of our five Lasallian core principles.



St. La Salle distributes bread to the poor of his day.

In school & country, we are blessed with abundance. And so my final pre-Thanksgiving message, in keeping with the Archbishop's mandate, the USCCB and especially our Lasallian heritage, concerns the same one I give each year at this time: the Lasallian commitment to the poor.

This commitment to the poor began with John Baptist de La Salle. The first schools were endowed parish charity schools, operating on shoestring budgets and often located in less desirable parts of town. Both rich and poor were welcome, provided all agreed to be treated as equals – revolutionary in those days! All were important.

Equally revolutionary was de La Salle's insistence on partiality. We often speak of the need for impartiality in dealings with students. Actually, St. de La Salle was very partial. Partiality was shown to those with less attractive qualities; they were to receive the most attention. Those with the least talents were to be supported and encouraged. Those who had extra food were to share it with those who had little. De La Salle was convinced that the poor needed

the schools the most. The curriculum, therefore, combined practical & religious training, designed to help the poor succeed. Thus, service to the poor, both directly and indirectly, must be present at SPS if we are to be faithful Lasallians.

But it's not just Saint La Salle's thinking that compels us to care for the poor. Indeed, the **Concern for the Poor and Social Justice** is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. The United States bishops write: *In a world characterized by growing prosperity for some and pervasive poverty for others, Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.*

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those who are not blessed with material comfort. Let us strive to reach out to them. Let us find ways to welcome them to SPS.

**Mon, Nov 13 (9 am start for faculty meeting at 7:45; F G A B)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1805, Johann George Lehner, a Viennese butcher, invented the "frankfurter." Enjoy a hot dog today!
- **TDIH:** In 1956, The US Supreme Court rules that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.
- **World Kindness Day:** perform an act of kindness today!
- **Cross Country Team leaves for state meet in Natchitoches. Geaux CC Wolves!**
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup> at Lakeshore (6)

**Tue, Nov 14 (Wolf Packs; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** 1968, Yale University announced it was going co-ed. SPS has no plans to imitate Yale – although I do get a request every now and then!
- **TDIH:** Herman Melville's Moby Dick is first published. Can you recite the famous opening line? Answer at end.
- **TDIH:** French painter Claude Monet was born in 1840 He pioneered the impressionist style in his landscapes. See some Monet's works at <http://www.claudemonetgallery.org/the-complete-works.html>
- **National Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day:** loosen up today!
- **National American Teddy Bear Day:** I keep one in my office for those really tough days!
- **National Pickle Day:** If you like pickles, you are in luck: they are low in calories, have no fat, and have probiotic benefits. Cucumbers were probably first pickled 4,500 years ago in Mesopotamia, and spread around the world across trade routes. Today, there are thousands of different types of pickles in the world's cuisine. Asia consumes more pickles per capita than any other region. Enjoy your favorite pickle today – but don't be one and stay out of 'em. (get it?) Interesting etymological fact: William Shakespeare actually coined the term "in a pickle" in his play, *The Tempest*. In Act V, King Alonso asks his jester, Trinculo, "How camest thou in this pickle?" What Alonso actually meant was "how did you get so drunk?" Shakespeare's original intent makes sense since many pickling processes used alcohol. Since Trinculo's drinking does cause trouble for him, the phrase morphed into meaning "being in trouble." And now you know!
- **National Spicy Guacamole Day:** Ole! Mix up a batch of spicy guacamole and have a "Guac 'n Roll" party with lots of rock and roll music and games such as "Guac 'n Bowl" by using plastic water bottles as pins and clean, dried, avocado seeds as bowling balls! [Who thinks of these things?]
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & V at Karr, (5)



Adam, Trey, Patrick, Jake, & Travis did service work last week at St. Tammany Humane Society.

**Wed, Nov 15 (Regular; 7 am mass; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1859, Charles Dickens' serialized novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, ends, as the final chapter is published. Can you quote the famous opening line? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **TDIH:** In 1864, during the Civil War, Union troops under Gen William T. Sherman burn Atlanta.
- **TDIH:** In 1969, the largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 persona marched in Washington, DC to protest the Vietnam War.
- **TDIH: In 1887,** American artist Georgia O'Keeffe (a fav ) was born. She favored flowers and desert landscapes. View some of Georgia's works at [https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB\\_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE\\_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%253BcWz\\_u8MTdns6vM%253Bhttp%25253A%25252F%25252Fwhitney.org%25252FExhibitions%25252FGeorgiaOKeeffe&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5QfE\\_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%252CcWz\\_u8MTdns6vM%252C\\_&dpr=1.1&usg=\\_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss\\_N4%3D&ved=0CDkQyjdqFQoTCJK1h6PG9MgCFUhbHgodCRcIFg&ei=CdA4VtKMEsi2eYmuoLAB#imgsrc=5QfE\\_Kf8rMsrzM%3A&usg=\\_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss\\_N4%3D](https://www.google.com/search?q=georgia+o%27keeffe&rlz=1C1VFKB_enUS647US647&espv=2&biw=1527&bih=863&tbm=isch&imgil=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%253BcWz_u8MTdns6vM%253Bhttp%25253A%25252F%25252Fwhitney.org%25252FExhibitions%25252FGeorgiaOKeeffe&source=iu&pf=m&fir=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%253A%252CcWz_u8MTdns6vM%252C_&dpr=1.1&usg=_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D&ved=0CDkQyjdqFQoTCJK1h6PG9MgCFUhbHgodCRcIFg&ei=CdA4VtKMEsi2eYmuoLAB#imgsrc=5QfE_Kf8rMsrzM%3A&usg=_xYMqKEEF1FV0JIOL5wwbZTss_N4%3D)
- **National “I Love to Write” Day:** Write today – a poem, email, journal entry, newsletter.... Enjoy!
- **National Recycling Day – self-explanatory! Think globally; act locally!**
- **Petroleum Engineering Field Trip to LSU's School of Petroleum Engineering**
- **Senior Picture Re-takes**
- **Wrestling: JH, JV & Varsity at Jesuit (not confirmed as of this writing)**
- **Mellow Mushroom Community Night:** mention SPS and we get a portion of the proceeds. Thanks, MM!

**Thu, Nov 16 (Regular; D E F G)**

- **UN International Day for Tolerance:** let's practice tolerance today – everywhere.
- **Take A Hike Day** is either about going for an exhilarating walk, or telling somebody to get lost – I'll leave the interpretation up to you!
- **Great American Smokeout Day:** The American Cancer Society marks the 38th GAS Day today by encouraging smokers to use today to plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life – one that can lead to reducing cancer risk. And let's extend this to vaping, too – a growing problem in schools.



- **Feast of the Blessed Christian Brother Martyrs of Almeria:** Brothers José Cecilio, Aurelio María, Amalio, Valerio Bernardo, Edmigio Primo, Evencio Ricardo, & Teodomiro Joaquin. *Shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, the Popular Front in the Province of Almería gave orders to arrest...priests and religious. Five Brothers were arrested at school; two were taken in the street while on their way to mail letters to their families. The Brothers were condemned to death without trial for the crime of professing and teaching the Catholic faith.* (from the Christian Brothers Website) May the Blessed Brothers of Almeria bless SPS!
- **Food Drive Ends with delivery to Covington Food Bank**



### Fri, Nov 17 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1553, the Elizabethan Age begins when Queen Mary I dies and is succeeded by her 25-year-old half-sister, Elizabeth. William Shakespeare will be born eleven years later in 1564.
- **Homemade Bread Day:** Bake bread today! A great family activity!
- **Football:** SPS travels to John Curtis in the quarterfinal round of Division I Playoffs
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Jackson, MS
- **Swimming:** State meet in Sulphur through Sat. Geaux Aqua Wolves! I hear The Water Music playing!
- **Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 3 pm and end at 7:45 am on Mon, Nov 27**

### Sat, Nov 18

- **TDIH:** The Walt Disney Company gives today as Mickey's exact birth date -- the release date of *Steamboat Willie*, his debut film. Happy Birthday Mickey! Celebrate by watching a MM cartoon.
- **Soccer:** Varsity in Jackson, MS & 8<sup>th</sup> v. F'Bleau
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup> in Lakeshore Tournament
- **Wrestling:** JH in Rummel Tournament; JV in F'Bleau Duals; Varsity in Jesuit Open



*Sophomore Wolves serve at Northshore Food Bank*

### Sun, Nov 19

- **TDIH:** in 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivers The Gettysburg Address which consists of only 272 words yet is considered one of the most famous speeches in history. (Can you quote the first two lines?) Actually, the whole address is worth reading – better yet, hearing. Below is a link to an audio and text version of the address (you have your choice of speakers ranging from Johnny Cash to Colin Powell to Sam Waterston. I listened to both Colin and Sam.) After reading along while listening, you will be moved. At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, I **STRONGLY** encourage you to listen to President Lincoln and pray for our country. After listening, you can then click on the link at the bottom and see a copy of Lincoln's original copy. **I encourage ALL social studies classes today to study this important speech and make modern day connections.** Here's the link:  
<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gettysburgaddress.htm>
- **TDIH II:** Not nearly as important as The Gettysburg Address, but on this day in 1959, Rocky & Bullwinkle -- the most famous squirrel/moose combo in history – debuted. Who can forget Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale, Dudley Do-Right, Peabody and Sherman? Watch an episode or two on YouTube and howl!
- **“Have a Bad Day” Day:** Believe it or not, “*Have a Bad Day*” Day was created to have people stop saying "have a good day", and replace it with "have a bad day". **DO NOT** celebrate this day!
- **World Toilet Day:** The World Toilet Organization (who knew?) created WTD to raise global awareness of the struggle 2.6 billion face every day without access to proper, clean sanitation. WTD also brings to the forefront the health, emotional and psychological consequences the poor endure as a result of inadequate sanitation. Wow. It's amazing the things we take for granted. Remember this as we use this incredible device today.



Varsity CC Wolves present District Championship trophy to AD Craig Ketelsen at last week's assembly

## Mon, Nov 20

- **TDIH:** In 1982, the Cal football team wins an improbable last-second victory over Stanford when they complete five lateral passes around members of the Cardinals' marching band, who had wandered onto the field a bit early to celebrate the upset they were sure their team had won, and score a touchdown. After catching the last pass of the series, Cal's Kevin Moen careened through the confused horn section and made it safely to the end zone. Then he slammed into trombone player Gary Tyrell. (A photograph from the *Oakland Tribune* of the jubilant Moen and the terrified Tyrell in the moment just before the collision is still displayed triumphantly all over Berkeley.) "The Play," as it became known remains one of the most famous in college football history. Wanna see it? Here's a

link: <http://www.topendsports.com/videos/829/sports/american-football/play-1982-california-stanford-football-game/>

## Tue, Nov 21

- **TDIH:** In 1691, things were not going well in the newly found Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. I quote from Brother Donald Mouton, a Lasallian scholar: *The group of teachers founded by John Baptist de La Salle was in a precarious situation. Personal antagonisms, opposition to the Founder's work, internal problems, and fragile health that almost led to his death toward the end of 1690 posed critical questions for De La Salle as to the very future of his enterprise. In this crisis, De La Salle decided to bind himself by vow with two other Brothers, Nicolas Vuyart and Gabriel Drolin, to establish the Society of the Christian Schools at whatever the cost might be, even if all others should abandon it. This "vow of association and union" pronounced on November 21, 1691, often referred to as the "heroic vow" was an act of hope at a time when the work of the early Brothers was in serious jeopardy. Today, when times seem tough, the Brothers often refer to this milestone in our history. We give thanks for the "heroic vow"! Because of it, we're still around!*

## Wed, Nov 22

- **TDIH:** In 1963, at 12:30 p.m. on Elm Street in downtown Dallas, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the youngest man ever elected president, is assassinated in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., the President the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as the 36<sup>th</sup> President. Camelot ends and America changes forever (Yes, I know that's editorializing!) Like most Baby Boomers, I can vividly recall exactly where I was when we got the news!

**Mon, Nov 20 – Sun, Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Holidays! Enjoy! Note:** Now that we are on Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter won't list all the many, many events (mostly sports – related) for next week. The

newsletter is tired and needs a break and, hence, won't publish next Sunday. Check the web site for all the schedules. Thanks.

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



*Austin works with his small group during pre-freshman retreat.*

**Admissions:** This is a big week in the Archdiocese. On Mon the 13, the Office of Catholic Schools will release the “white card” – the official application to any Catholic high school in the Archdiocese. Students in Catholic elementary schools must return the white cards to their principals on Wed, and the elementary schools will then send the applications to the high schools on Fri. Thus, this Fri, we'll have a pretty good idea as to our enrollment for next year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade, as we also made Fri the application due date for the non-Catholic elementary students. Our competition is tough. Even with our Blue Ribbon, we cannot afford to become complacent. Thanks for spreading the good news about SPS. **Encourage prospective families to file applications this**

**week.** You are our greatest “advertising.” There is NO commitment at this time on either the family or SPS. By applying, the door is kept open for eventual admission and enrollment. We need all our families to spread the good news about SPS. We count on you.

**Adopt-A-Family:** We will soon suspend Mission Collections and replace with Adopt A Family Collections. Here's the schedule:

- Monday, November 13-17, November 27 - December 1 (monetary collections)
- Monday December 4 - Thursday, December 7 (shopping)
- Monday, December 8 (Blessing of gifts at Immaculate Conception liturgy)
- Monday/Tuesday, December 11/12 (delivery to St. Tammany Project Christmas HQ)

**After School Issues:** Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed.

**Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Nov 07 assembly. Here's some of what we did:



- Entered the gym listening to a stirring rendition of the John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, designated by an Act of Congress as our National March. We listened to this patriotic song since it was Election Day in many states and just a few days before Veterans Day – a day on which we honor all those who helped protect the freedom we enjoy! I reminded the students of the story of how Sousa composed this stirring march while in Europe on Christmas Day in 1896 in honor of a deceased friend. Amazingly, he composed it in his head and didn't commit it to paper until his return to the US several weeks later. What a genius!
- As junior **Josh Rovira** lit the prayer candle, we prayed in a special way for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Emil Johnson, uncle of Mrs. Liz Brett, Mr. Dewey Matranga, long time sacristan at Saint Peter Church, Mr. William Karl Ordoyne, Sr, grandfather of Kale '10, Liam '17 & Aidan Ordoyne '21, Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" A. Farina, grandfather of Hayden Lala '19, and Mr. Nathan Hall, a friend of Dayton Shirah '20, who died in a biking accident this past weekend**



*Sophs clean up Covington cemetery during service day.*

- Recognized and welcomed a group of 51 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who were visiting SPS that morning.
- I then 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 and congratulated one of our newest organizations on campus: HOSA – which promotes health care professions. I congratulated the students for celebrating HOSA Week with a number of activities: service at the Covington Food Bank on Monday (on a day off, no less!), having students sign pledges to eliminate stigmatizing those with mental illness, a field trip to LSU medical school on Friday, and service at Forest Manor Nursing home on Sat. Well done, HOSA Wolves: **Thomas Bitterwolf, Brennen Calato, Lenny Carollo, Adam Cazayoux, Matthew Collings, Josh Devier, Jacques DuPassage, Christopher Franke, Beau Franklin, Miles Gensler, Jack Grace, Ross Hightower, Sean Hightower, Benjamin Klein, Davis Lagarde, Jakob Massey, David Needles, Andrew Norlin, Blake Ramsey, Paul Stolin, Michael Valliant, Chris Wilson, & Scott Woodard**

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- Recognized and congratulated the members of the Spanish Club for their meaningful Dia de los Muertos service last week: **Jordan Edney, Luke Vargas, Bronson May, Kyle Schmitt, Michael Valliant, Sam Avenel, Jacob Eilers, Charles Hoy, Josh Rovira, Isaiah Ayo, Joel Rodriguez, Matthew Borgatti, Lane Amedio, Mrs. Liz Brett and Spanish Department**

- Recognized and congratulated the Math Department for an outstanding 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual SPS Math Tournament. To show the involvement of our students in this activity, I projected the names of all who participated:
  - **Pre-Algebra -- Kasen Shaw, Alex Dusang, Thomas Cazenavette, Camden Cantrelle, Trent Caime,, Max Barberito**
  - **Geometry -- Walker Dubreuil, William Ditta, Alex Tepper, Christian Kramer, Carter Murphy, Brady Bollinger, Andrew Hightower, Brian Lea, Joseph Cresson, Zachary Nichols**
  - **Algebra 1 -- Scott Woodard, Luke Beckendorf, Brady Talley, Max Salvant, Ben Broussard, Evan Greene, Trey Paine, Jake Holincheck, Jacob Pichon, Joey Gioe, Wesley Coles, Grant Harrison, Joel Rodriguez Josh Bonnett, Brady Billiot, James Bradford, Alex Klocek, Darrin Lea, Andrew Lacoste, Tucker Hysom, Adam Smith, Collin Murray, Patrick Kilgore, Blake Bollinger, Brenden Dauterive, Graydon Hall, Marshall Unkauf, Nicholas Ditta**
  - **Algebra 2 -- Blake Ramsey, Jackson Gold, Cullen Irwin, Brennen Calato, Lenny Carollo, Cole Chitwood, Adrian Millan, Matthew Vicknair, Ross Hightower, Noah Savoie, Stephen Millet, Jakob Massey, John Paul Bourgeois**
  - **Potpourri -- Colin Cottrell**
  - **Runners/Graders --Eli Applebaum, Preston Orgeron, Patrick Baldone, Andrew Norlin, Clayton Dunavent, Jordan Edney, Jake Arena, Sam Avenel, Thomas Bitterwolf, Chris Wilson, Patrick Thompson, Michael Philippe, Nick Briggs, Chris Flood, Matt Weimer, Cooper Cantrelle, Blake Weimer, Christian Allison, Vageli Liokis, Panashe Kazingizi, Jarrett Meibaum, Jacob Melton, Hyde Healy, Ian Varney, Miles Biggs, Austin Peak, Gage Graham, William James**
  - I then projected the winners **In INDIVIDUAL testing:**
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| <b>Pre-Algebra</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b> | <b>Walker Dubreuil</b>  |
|                    | <b>HM</b>                   | <b>Camden Cantrelle</b> |
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| <b>Algebra 1</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b> | <b>Scott Woodard</b>   |
|                  | <b>HM (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>  | <b>Jake Holincheck</b> |
|                  | <b>HM (9<sup>th</sup>)</b>  | <b>Max Barberito</b>   |
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| <b>Geometry</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b> | <b>Adam Smith</b>        |
|                 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b> | <b>James Bradford</b>    |
|                 | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b> | <b>Brenden Dauterive</b> |
|                 | <b>HM (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>  | <b>Collin Murray</b>     |
|                 | <b>HM (7<sup>th</sup>)</b>  | <b>Blake Bollinger</b>   |
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| <b>Algebra 2</b> | <b>HM</b> | <b>Blake Ramsey</b> |
|                  | <b>HM</b> | <b>Jackson Gold</b> |
|                  | <b>HM</b> | <b>Cullen Irwin</b> |
    - **Pre-Algebra Team A – 1<sup>st</sup> (Kasen Shaw, Alex Dusang, Thomas Cazenavette, Camden Cantrelle)**
    - **Pre-Algebra Team -- 3<sup>rd</sup> (Trent Caime, Walker Dubreuil, William Ditta, Alex Tepper)**



- Alg 1/Geometry Team A -- 1<sup>st</sup> (Scott Woodard, Joey Gioe, Adam Smith, James Bradford)
- Alg I/Geometry Team C –3<sup>rd</sup> (Jake Holincheck, Ben Broussard, Jacob Pichon, Collin Murray)
- Geom./Alg 2) – Team A – 3<sup>rd</sup> (Darrin Lea, Andrew Lacoste, John Paul Bourgeois, Stephen Millet)
- Algebra 2 ciphering team -- 1<sup>st</sup> (Blake Ramsey, Jackson Gold, Cullen Irwin, Ross Hightower)
- Recognized and congratulated **sophomore Ben Davidson** for winning Honorable Mention (one of only two given) in the Northwestern Louisiana University's Louisiana Folklife Festival's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Essay Contest. Ben was competing in the senior high division and actually wrote the essay as a freshman.
- Recognized and congratulated the student athletes who recently earned letter jackets: **Lacrosse (Julian Contreras, Micah Logan, Jakob Massey & Jarrett Meibaum); Tennis (Luke Beckendorf, Graydon Hall & Davis Heebe), Golf (Blake Vallee), Powerlifting (Thomas Dugan), Track (Jacob Lauterbach, Matthew Weimer) Baseball (Matthew Russo, Connor Simon, Grant Grosch, & Kyle Conigliaro), Wrestling (Michael Rader, Matthew Gros & Jake Arena) and Rugby (Duncan Fllen)**
- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Football Team for their win over F'Bleau. Special recognition when to junior **Jack Mashburn** for being named NOLA.com's Player of the Game.
- And then, as if by magic, The William Tell Overture by Gioachino Antonio Rossini started playing – signifying the Cross Country Wolves are running. I recognized and congratulated the CC Wolves for winning the district championship – again. The championship varsity team (Stephen Schlottman, Jonathan Bertucci, Frankie Durio, Harrison Elliott, Alex Schlottman, Jake Portie & Evan Hendry) presented the trophy to AD Craig Ketelsen. Not to be outdone, the JV Team also took the championship with a perfect score of 15. Special congrats to **HENRY ELLIOTT,1<sup>st</sup>; EVAN PARDO, 2<sup>nd</sup>; LUKE PAILLE, 3<sup>rd</sup>; WILLIAM HARP,4<sup>th</sup>; SEAN NOEL, 5<sup>th</sup>; MICHAEL VALLIANT, 6<sup>th</sup>; TREVOR ACHEE, 7<sup>th</sup>; JASON LEMOINE, 8<sup>th</sup>, Harrison Weisinger, 10<sup>th</sup>!**
- Recognized and congratulated the accomplishments of our wrestlers in their opening encounters. In the Varsity Rummel Tournament **on Sat, 11/04: 1<sup>st</sup>: Brandon Stein, Cole Houser, Grant Hughes, Jared Thieler, Evan Ulfers, Connor Oviedo, & Gavin Patti (with two pins); 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ben Davidson, Carter Duet, Kristian McHugh, Jack Arena, & Ben Brobowski; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Cole Ulfers & Sam Avenel; 4<sup>th</sup>: Michael Rader, Matthew Vicknair 5<sup>th</sup>: Sean Cripple. In the PEARL RIVER /LAKESHORE VARSITY TOURNEY: 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Jacob Organ, Brenon Leguin, Scott Manifold, Jackson Luscy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nick Raspino, Jonathan Sheffield, Charlie Layman; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Jack Ballard, Peyton Ward. And in the Brother Martin Jr Hi meet, which didn't rank the wrestlers, most of our team wrestled in their very first matches: Sam Davidson, Ethan Viator, Josh Sabadie, Jake Houser, Jaden Patti, Ryan Schaffer, Kyle Kersker, Caden Jones, Garrett Juneau, Wesley Coles, Noah Soule, Trey Faherty, Carter Impastato, Joseph Alberts, Austin Wederstrandt, Ian Bertrand**
- As time was running out, I

- reminded the students about The Marian Players upcoming performance of “Twelve Angry Men” and encouraged the students to attend.
  - reminded the students about Veterans Day and encouraged them to visit the special plaque in La Salle Hall dedicated to our SPS alumni veterans.
  - recognized veterans on our faculty/staff: Mr. Thomas Lahey, Mr. Mark Richard, Sgt. AJ East, Sgt Don Pressley, and retired Brother Duane Gregory. We also had a special veteran guest at assembly, Mr. Ron Hebert, who was speaking to some classes that day
  - reminded the students about Pvt. George Cox, SPS Class of 1951, who enlisted in the army following graduation to fight in the Korean Conflict – and was killed less than a year later. Upon her passing, George’s mother bequeathed a donation to SPS to memorialize her son, which he did so by remodeling all of the math classrooms
  - reminded the students to visit the Brain Injury art exhibit in La Salle Hall – which is meaningful and moving – and to stay safe.
- Since it was Election Day in many states and with Veterans Day approaching, I told the students that we were going to sing “The National Anthem.” I gave them a brief history of the anthem: Francis Scott Key, The War of 1812, The Battle of McHenry guarding the Baltimore Harbor from the British Fleet and the ultimate adoption of the anthem by the Congress. I instructed them on anthem etiquette: singing the anthem instead of talking to friends, standing at attention, not wearing hats, placing hands over hearts ( or saluting by military or veterans) -- and then we started the music and I held my breath. The boys sang great! It was a moving moment!
  - We then sang “Mercy” – which the boys seem to like.
  - As junior **Jack Schwartz** extinguished the prayer candle, I ended by urging 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.



*No, this is not an FBI most wanted poster, but the fifteen SPS alumni who currently serve on our faculty and staff.*

- It was a great assembly -- at least I thought so!

**Attendance:** We take attendance seriously. Please follow procedures for checking out a student (which I hope you do for only very serious reasons – **although I’m growing concerned with the amount of check outs these days.**) Send a note with your son BEFORE SCHOOL or email Suzy ([attendance@stpauls.com](mailto:attendance@stpauls.com)) to let

her know. We cannot always answer your calls as there is only one of her and over 1500 of you! Thank you for your cooperation.

**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

**C & V:** As we approach holidays, remember John Baptist De La Salle's concerns: care & vigilance – our mantras this week. **Know that we will be extra vigilant this week and will teach all the way through 3 pm on Friday. Parents: please encourage your sons to be worthy of our Blue Ribbon this week and do not even think about celebrating the holidays until Friday at 3. We will not slack off!**

**Driver's License Requirement:** Remember that all minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license. Any SPS student needing this form should come to Counseling Office or Administration Building Office to request the form. You won't be able to get a license without one, so if you are going over the holidays for a license, get the form this week.

**Food Drive:** Student Council is hosting its annual Food Drive to benefit the Northshore Food Bank. The drive runs until Tue, Nov 14. Students may bring non perishable goods to their classrooms for collection. Items that are requested include: canned fruit and vegetables, dried beans, rice, cake mix, pasta, canned meats, and peanut butter. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

**Greater Lasallian World Dept:** The retired Brothers at Mont La Salle in Napa have returned home! While clean up continues, the status is good enough for the Brothers to return home.

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

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.



*Luke leads small group of Pre-freshmen on retreat.*



**ID Cards:** As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their SPS issued 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 receives a detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

**Jazz 'n Roll:** **Whether you attended J n R or not, please take a moment and complete the brief survey on J n R:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8PDK223> **Thanks for helping us.** Contact the Development Office 985-892-3200, ext 1270, with questions.



#### **Last Week:**

- **Archdiocesan Professional Development Day:** Thank you for your cooperation. The day celebrated our Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.
- **Basketball:** JV team spent Sat morn working at N'Shore Food Bank. Wonderful! Congrats to them!
- **Biomedical Sciences / HOSA Field Trip to LSU Med School:** Our future health care professionals got quite the experience on this field trip.
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> won big against Cap Dau; Great win by varsity over Holy Cross on Friday. Curtis is next.
- **HOSA Week:** Our HOSA Wolves

did community service, traveled to LSU Med School, and promoted a stigma-free attitude toward mental illness by having students sign pledges to be "stigma free." Well done, HOSA wolves!

- **Louisiana Scholastic Press Association Conference:** Thanks to journalism, yearbook, and broadcast production students who represented us well last Thursday. And they returned with lots of gold, including Best Newspaper in the State – for second consecutive year!!!! (I ordinarily avoid multiple exclamation points but this accomplishment deserves them!)
- **Marian Players:** An outstanding run for "Twelve Angry Men." Congrats!
- **Math Tournament:** The Fighting Math Wolves were up and at 'em early Sat morning, eagerly heading to competition in Baton Rouge where they represented us in an exemplary manner – and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place!
- **Pre-freshman Retreat / Field Trip:** Success on both counts.
- **Shadow Day:** Over 50 boys attended on Tue. The total number of "shadowers" exceeded last year's number. I am very grateful to Karen Hebert for organizing these important days.
- **Soccer:** Successful scrimmages against Catholic of BR & Ocean Springs start the season off well.
- **Sophomore Service Day:** Only positive reports! Here's an email I received from City Park: *I just wanted to express my gratitude to you and your school for letting St. Paul's volunteers come to City Park to do some service today. It is always a pleasure to host a hard-working, energetic group such as yours. The boys did a great job mulching & clearing some trails in the Scout Island area of the Park that were badly in need of some maintenance. Without volunteers, the Park would not look as beautiful as it currently does. Hosting St. Paul's volunteers is always a project I look forward to year after year, so thanks again!* Tyler Havens, Volunteer Manager for City Park

- **Student Council Food Drive:** I appreciate all that the SC is doing for this annual event.
- **Sudden Impact:** Another powerful program for our sophs.
- **Veterans Day:** Our AFJROTC cadets represented us well at various ceremonies in our area
- **Wrestling:** Wolves returned home with MANY medals from weekend competition! Great!

**Lost and Found:** The accumulation continues. Sweatshirts, pants, belts, uniform shirts, many, many lunch boxes, books, art supplies, pencil cases, folders, flash drives, you name, it's probably in our lost and found. Parents: put your son's name on things and stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.

**Monday, November 13:** We have a 9 am start today to allow for a faculty meeting. Cafeteria and library will be open for early arrivals. No problem.



**The Paper Wolf was named Best School Newspaper last week by the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association – for the second**

**consecutive year!** . Please subscribe and have your sons to do, too. And send the staff feedback. The quality of writing is excellent. Here's the link: <http://thepaperwolf.com>

**SAFE DRIVING:** Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, NO CELL PHONE USE DURING SCHOOL ZONE TIMES, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

**Senior Parents:** A special letter was emailed to you last week from counselor Renee Miller concerning the senior retreat in January. Please read it or let us know if you did not receive it. Thanks.

**Thanksgiving Holidays:** School offices will be closed during the Thanksgiving holidays. Anticipate needs before Friday – especially the new form for a driver's license. I will be around, if needed, most of the holiday week so feel free to call on me (phone or email) if you need something, but there's no guarantee I'll know how to help. Thanks for your understanding the need for the staff to have a break. They will not be responding to questions about grades, etc.

**Weekly Humor:** in honor of Thanksgiving, here are my annual Thanksgiving jokes:

- *What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth Rock*
- *If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims*
- *Why can't you take a turkey to church? They use FOWL language.*
- *Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive? It had 24 carrots.*
- *What happened when the turkey got into a fight? He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*



Connor, Ben & Coach Moore do service work last week.

- *What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo? A turkey that can pluck itself!*
- *Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving? A turkey, because it is always stuffed.*
- *Why did the Pilgrims sail to America in the spring? Because April showers bring Mayflowers!*
- *What did baby corn say to mama corn? Where's popcorn?*
- *If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for? Their AGE!*
- *Why do pilgrims pants keep falling down? Because their belt buckles are on their hats!*
- *Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had the drumsticks*
- *Mother turkey to her disobedient child? "If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!"*
- *Why did the police arrest the turkey? They suspected it of fowl play*
- *What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? The turKEY*
- *What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy! I'm stuffed!*
- *What happened to the Pilgrim who was shot at by an Indian? He had an arrow escape*
- *Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"? Because they never learned good table manners!*
- *What sound does a space turkey make? A: Hubble, Hubble, Hubble!*
- *Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off!*
- *What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? The turkey trot!*
- *Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes - a building can't jump at all!*
- *What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus? Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving!*
- *How can you make a turkey float? You need 2 scoops of ice cream, some root beer, and a turkey!*
- *Why did the turkey join the band? Because he had drumsticks!*
- *Where did the first corn come from? The stalk brought it!*
- *How did the Mayflower show that it liked America? It hugged the shore!*
- *OK, I'll stop! Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Yearbook** sales are now open for the 2017-2018 Conifer, which will be distributed at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. You can also purchase senior ads now. Senior parents should have received an email last weekend and senior students received a form with instructions during their period A class last week. ALL SALES ARE ONLINE at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). The price of the yearbook is discounted to \$60 through Dec 31, at which time the price will increase to \$65. The deadline is May 14 to place senior ads and May 25 to purchase a yearbook. Please contact Mimi Monteiro at [m.monteiro@stpauls.com](mailto:m.monteiro@stpauls.com) if you have any questions.

Anyone wishing to buy previous year yearbooks should go to the Development Office, to be sold on a first-come-first serve basis.

### **November**

- 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
- 13 – DEFG(A)
- 14 – Exams
- 15 – Exams
- 18 – Exams
- 19 – Exams – dismissal at 11:45

## 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 – *12<sup>th</sup> 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

*In honor of Veterans Day, I told the students the story of SPS alum George Cox, '51, who died in the Korean conflict less than a year after his graduation.*



## 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

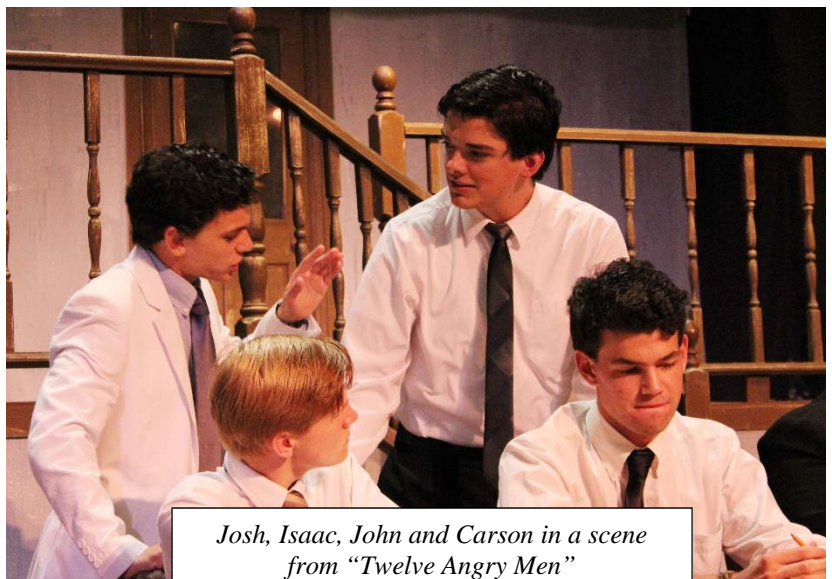
- **Special Exam Schedule**
- 8:15 -8:30            Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 8:30 – 10:00        Period A Exam
- 10:05-10:45        Advent Prayer Service (Gym)
- 10:55- 11:40        Period B Review
- 11:40-12:25        Lunch
- 12:30-1:00        President's Assembly (Gym)
- 1:00-1:15         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

### Friday, December 15

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



*Josh, Isaac, John and Carson in a scene  
from "Twelve Angry Men"*

- 11:40 – 12:25 Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:15 Period F Review
- 1:20 – 2:05 Period G Review

### **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

Whew! I've really taxed you this week! **But you get a break next Sunday as the newsletter goes on a much needed Thanksgiving holiday! Enjoy your next Sunday morning without my musings!**

As usual, I'll close with my usual paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now from its website since WWNO stopped broadcasting the reruns) and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings! Let me know if there's an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others.

Pray that things go well! We're already passed the mid-point of the second quarter! Time marches relentless on, and the only thing we can do about it is decide how we use each second of each minute of each day of each week of each month of each....OK, you get the idea.

May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family. Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's – our 106<sup>th</sup> year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Grateful for Having Made It to Thanksgiving as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

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Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers, c.1705 Meditations for Sundays



*...and doing ordinary things extraordinarily well by making courageous choices and doing God's will, and being guided to God – which earned us a 2015 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award*



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Answer to Tue TDIH question: The opening line to Moby Dick is: *Call me Ishmael*. It's considered one of the best opening lines ever.

Answer to Wed TDIH question: *A Tale of Two Cities* begins with one of the most famous opening lines in the history of literature: *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way...*



*Sophomores wait patiently for lunch following their morning of service.*