



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

### *January 15 - 21, 2018*



I hope your three-day weekend is a pleasant one. Here's my annual Martin Luther King message:



In thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King, I annually remember one of his statements that has become a favorite of mine: *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed or Shakespeare wrote. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle wrote a similar thought to the first Brothers -- and thus to us today. In his last *Meditation for the Time of Retreat*, Saint La Salle tells the brothers: *Oh! What glory there will be for those persons who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving! Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself!*



**Just think if each of us did our job so well that *all the hosts of heaven and earth* paused to recognize our efforts! This must be our daily goal! I wish you a great week!**

#### **Mon, Jan 15 – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no classes**

- Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. grew to become one of the greatest social activists has ever known. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, TN. His birthday became a national holiday by an Act of Congress in 1983 and is observed on the third Monday of January. Many consider it a day of service.

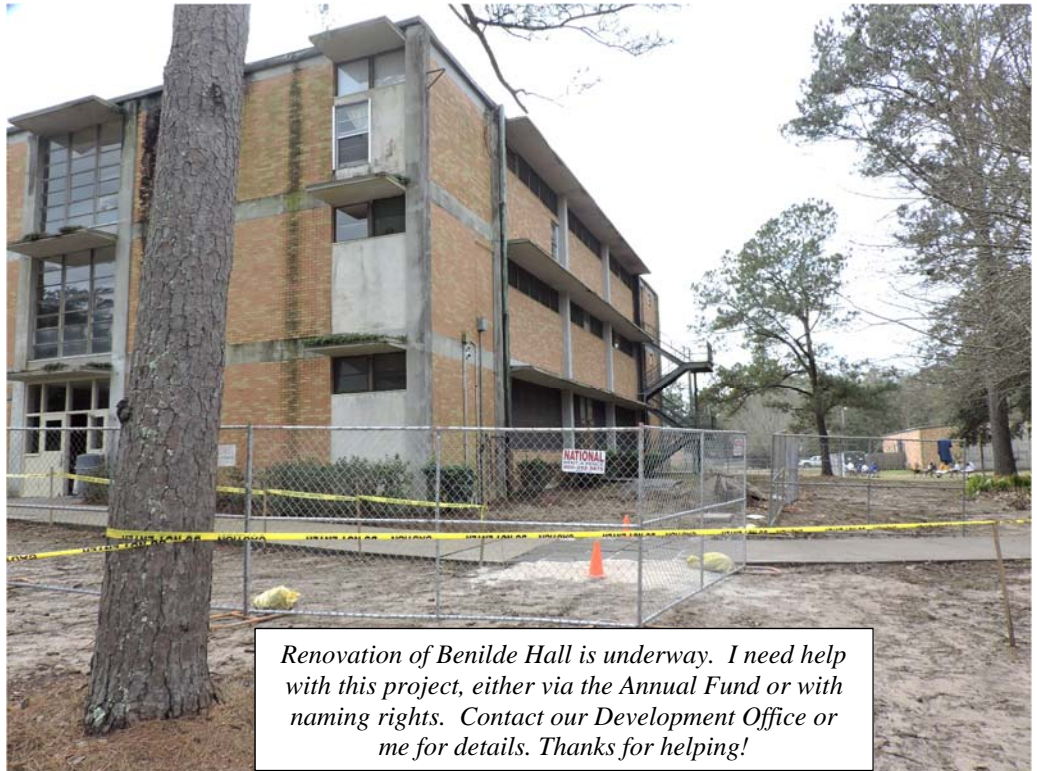
#### **Tue, Jan 16 (Assembly; E F G A)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1991, The US launches Operation Desert Storm. The US and coalition forces invaded Kuwait to liberate it from Iraqi takeover. The war lasted until Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Did You Know (Tidbits During the Centennial of the Christian Brothers Assuming Ownership of SPS):** The 1931-32 was a hard year for SPS because of the few number of students. The Depression that began in October of 1929 threatened to leave the country entirely paralyzed, and St. Paul's felt the blow very severely. Only 75 boarders came at the beginning of September, and many of these were unable to meet the monthly payments of \$30 which was the amount charged for tuition, room & board.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, Adolf Hitler descends into his underground bunker, where he remains for 105 days until he commits suicide.
- **TDIH:** In 1919, the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution, prohibiting the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," is ratified and becomes the law of the land.
- **National Fig Newton Day:** Enjoy this classic cookie!
- **National Do Nothing Day:** We will NOT observe this day today!

- **TDIH:** 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time.
- **Sudden Impact:** Another sophomore class participates in this important program.
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Ponchatoula
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Slidell
- **Dad's Club Meeting at Abita Brew Pub (7)**
- **March for Life:** 20 Wolves leave this evening for Washington DC to participate in the annual March for Life. We pray for their safety and success of this mission.

**Wed, Jan 17 – (Regular; 7 am mass; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1953, the Chevrolet Corvette sports car makes its debut at General Motors' (GM) Motorama auto show at in New York. The Corvette, named for a fast type of naval warship, would eventually become an iconic American muscle car and remains in production today – but is certainly out of my price range and comfort zone!
- **DYK:** Brother Arsene Brouard, a world famous botanist, taught science at St. Paul's from 1919-26. He was a native of Orleans, France, and a captain in the French Army. He joined the Christian Brothers at the age of 30. His copious collections of native Mexican and American species of plants are kept in the presses of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington and in the Botanical laboratories of LSU. The high opinion in which he was held was aptly expressed after his death by Dr. Paul Standley, head of the department of botany of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago: "His scientific work was of the very highest character and will live His contributions to science are very great indeed."
- **Kid Inventors Day:** We celebrate the youthful spirit of invention every year on January 17th, the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, who invented the first swim flippers at age 12.
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross
- **Wrestling:** JH, JV & Varsity v. Fontainebleau
- **Bowling:** SPS v. Holden (Tangi Lanes in Hammond)
- **Band Booster Meeting (7)**





**Thu, Jan 18 – (Regular; F G A B)**

- **Thesaurus Day:** Other words for thesaurus: glossary, lexicon, onomasticon, reference book, sourcebook, storehouse of words, terminology, vocabulary, word list. Other words for day: astronomical day, bright, dawn-to-dark, daylight, daytime, diurnal course, early bright, sidereal day, sunlight, sunrise-to-sunset, sunshine, working day. So a happy Onomasticon Diurnal Course to you



St. Brother Jaime

• **TDIH:** In 1937, Brother Jaime Hilario was martyred by Spanish revolutionaries in the Spanish Civil War. From the Christian Brothers Website: *Born in 1898 in northern Spain, Jaime was only 12 years old when, with the blessing of his parents, he entered the minor seminary. He soon developed hearing problems and was advised to return home. Convinced that God was calling him, he was overjoyed in 1917 to learn that the Institute of the Brothers would accept him. After sixteen years in various teaching assignments, his hearing problems forced him to abandon the classroom to work in the garden at one of the schools. In July of 1936 he was on his way to visit his family when the civil war broke out. Recognized as a Brother, he was arrested and jailed. In December he was transferred to Tarragona and confined in a prison ship with several other brothers. On 15 January 1937 he was given a summary trial. Though he could have been freed by claiming to be only a gardener, he insisted on his identity as a religious and thereby sealed his doom. He was brought to the cemetery known as the Mount of Olives on 18 January to face execution. His last words to his assailants were "To die for Christ, my young friends, is to live." When two volleys failed to meet their mark, the soldiers dropped their rifles and fled in panic. The commander, shouting a gross insult, fired five shots at close range and the victim fell at his feet. He was canonized in 1999 by Pope John Paul II.*

- **DYK:** St. Paul's Alumni Association is formally inaugurated on May 15, 1921. 22 alumni attended first meeting, mostly from the graduating class of 1921.
- **Pooh Day:** Winnie the Pooh Day is an opportunity to enjoy your favorite bear and his friends. This day was created to celebrate the birth of A. A. Milne in 1882. He was an author of children's story books, and created Winnie the Pooh and his friends. Winnie's pals include Christopher Robin, Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet, and Roo. Read some Pooh today!

**Fri, Jan 19 (Regular; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1809, Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. Read a Poe story or poem today in his honor! And eat some popcorn while reading in honor of National Popcorn Day!
- **DYK:** The Christian Brothers in 1918 had a mule named "Boy" who would pull a wagon up Louisiana Ave (now called Jahncke Ave) to Columbia and Boston Streets where the mercantile houses were located. Boy was known to be a smart mule. He could even open a faucet with his teeth to give himself a drink.



Pre-freshmen enjoyed king cake last week. Thanks, Mothers Club!

- **National Popcorn Day:** Enjoy this favorite snack today – especially while reading Poe!
- **Marching Wolves Field Trip** to hear LPO perform Jurassic Park Film with live orchestra
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV, & Varsity at Mandeville
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Slidell (senior night)
- **Wrestling:** JV & Varsity at Bro. Martin

### Sat, Jan 20

- **TDIH:** In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated for his second term. It was the first time presidents were inaugurated on Jan 20. Previously, Inauguration Day was on March 4. This amount of time was needed in the past for the winner to travel to Washington since modern communication and travel were not invented.
- **TDIH II:** In 1961, John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President and utters famous “Ask not...” Poet Robert Frost read.
- **Penguin Awareness Day:** Today we give serious consideration to our tuxedo-wearing waddling friends. Did you know penguins mate for life? Or that the word penguin means 'fat winged' one in Portuguese?
- **National Cheese Lovers Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **Soccer:** SPS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Rummel & Shaw at Shaw; SPS 9<sup>th</sup> grade tournament
- **Lacrosse:** Scrimmage v. SLU (TBD)
- **Rugby (TBD)**
- **Math Tournament:** Fighting Math Wolves travel to Catholic High for competition



*Seniors enjoyed king cake last week. Thanks, Mothers Club!*

### Sun, Jan 21

- **TDIH:** 1793, King Louis XVI is executed. The people eat cake.
- **National Hugging Day:** No whining today! Hug someone you love!
- **Squirrel Appreciation Day:** We have enough squirrels on our campus, so enjoy them today. Of course, the day could also apply to the human variety of squirrel!

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

**Alum News:** SPS alums John McCoy, Jimmy Farris and Garrett Shearman won an Audience Award at the Ponchartrain Film Festival recently. These 2014 graduates formed a film company called Le Krewe Productions. A sample of their latest work (a la A Christmas Carol and partially filmed on campus) is on their website, <http://lekrewewe.com/about.html>

**Alum News II:** Dr. Felix A. Gaudin, Saint Paul's valedictorian of the Class of 1949, died on Jan 6. Felix taught in the science department at De La Salle High School for 33 years. He was my sophomore biology teacher. As DLS President Michael Giambelluca wrote, "Dr. Gaudin thoroughly enjoyed his years of teaching generations of Cavaliers, and he relished the many friendships he made during his years of devoted, selfless, and excellent service." Rest in peace, Felix, and thank you for your service to Lasallian education!

**Annual Fund:** Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high-pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym.)
- You may "pledge" your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we don't send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son's grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I'll personally appeal. I'll send them a nice "thank you" note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 so I can show an increase in AF participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

**Application Letter Excerpts:** More unedited excerpts from the Class of 2023:

- *My parents were trying to get me to go to Hannan so we wouldn't have to go to three different schools, but I was sold on Saint Paul's during my shadow day and at the open house.*
- *At Open House, I felt at home the minute I was greeted at the door.*
- *I can remember wanting to be a Wolf ever since kindergarten.*



*Congrats to Junior Jackson Gold for scoring a PERFECT 36 on the ACT!*



- *The school has so many cool things to do like the coffee shop in the library that is coming soon and figuring out how the “dead girl” died.*
- *At Saint Paul’s, I won’t have to deal with the girl drama every day. [Nope!]*
- *The school atmosphere seems welcoming and fully-fledgedly fun. [love his new word!]*

**Attendance:** Please make the following part of your New Year Resolutions: If your son is absent, phone Suzy in the Attendance Office before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1280, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns.**

**Benilde Hall:** An extensive renovation of Benilde Hall has begun. It will be a challenging semester for us until the project is completed in early August – but the benefits will outweigh the inconvenience. More classrooms, better restrooms, an elevator, improved lighting and HVAC, additional ingress and egress, student services, and more. In case you don’t know its history, Benilde Hall was built in 1959 under the principalship/presidency of the late Brother Cassian Lange. The second and third floors were open dormitories for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. The bottom floor contained study halls and recreation rooms. When SPS dropped 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the first two floors were converted into classrooms. Interesting trivia: Trevor had one of those non-air conditioned classrooms and bought a window unit – making it one of the few air conditioned classrooms on campus. It was cool but that unit was loud! The third floor remained a dormitory for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. When we dropped 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the third floor became the band room! (Imagine lugging all those instruments up three flights of stairs!) The current band room was a rec hall for the boarders. When the number of boarders started dropping, we moved the rec hall into La Salle Hall and converted the third floor to classrooms. And now we begin the latest (and last – at least for me!) incarnation of that storied (pun) building! Saint Benilde! Help us turn that ordinary building into an extraordinary one!

**Calendar for 2018-19:** We have finalized the 2018-19 calendar. Here are some important dates:

- Mon - Tue, Aug 6 & 7      Teacher meetings
- Thu, Aug 9              Classes begin; Full Day of Instruction (same day as public schools)
- Thu, Aug 23            Senior March through the Arch
- Mon, Sep 03            Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 05            Fall Break Holiday (Parish Fair Holiday)
- Fri, Oct 12            End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
- M – F, Nov 19 – 23      Thanksgiving Holidays
- Wed, Dec 19            End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester; Christmas holidays begin at 11:45 following last exam
- Mon, Jan 07            Classes resume; second semester begins
- W – F, Jan 9-11        Senior Retreat
- Fri, Mar 1              Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- M-F, Mar 4 -8          Mardi Gras holidays
- F-F, Apr 19-26        Easter Holidays
- W-F, May 1-3          Senior exams
- Sat, May 11            Senior graduation (4 pm)
- Fri, May 17            Pre-freshman promotion ceremony
- T-F, May 21-24        Final exams (9-11)
- Tue, May 28            Conflict Exam Day; Records Day

**Cash Back Programs:** Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Amazon Smile: This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul's School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- Office Depot: We receive store credit from customers who give SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul's will do. This will help a lot.
- Box Tops for Education:  
Thanks to the Math  
Department for promoting  
this painless way to help SPS  
financially..

**Centennial Year:** During 2018, we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christian Brothers assuming ownership of Saint Paul's School in 1918, thus returning to the Archdiocese of New Orleans after an absence of many years. During 2018, we have a number of activities planned to celebrate this important milestone in our school's history – the bringing of the Lasallian dream to



Covington, LA. The first – and biggest – event is the renovation of Benilde Hall (see above). More on these events later, but in addition to Benilde Hall, I am re-instating the Did You Know feature that I used for our Centennial Celebration of the school's founding during calendar year 2011. Enjoy these SPS tidbits!

**Cold Weather:** ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. On VERY cold days, a non-SPS coat (but not-camo) may be worn OVER SPS sweatshirt. If you cannot afford one, contact me and I will take care of it confidentially.

**Congratulations, Covington:** Kudos to Mayor Mike Cooper and Police Chief Tim Lentz who announced last week that Covington experienced a **22% reduction in crime** in 2017. We thank the Covington PD and citizens for making our area safe. In a related item, traffic crashes continue to be the most common call for CPD service. In 2016, the Covington Police Department responded to 667 crashes, with 70 of those resulting in injuries. Last year, in addition to the crime rate, the number of crashes fell to 627, with 70 of those resulting in injuries. Unfortunately, I'm sure that some SPS students/families were among these numbers. Let's encourage safe driving among our families, especially the students, while rejoicing in our safe environment.

**Driving:** I call the following to your attention:

- **Driver's License Requirement:** You need TWO of these: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.
- **SAFE DRIVING:** Parents –let's start 2018 with a resolution for safe driving! Set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!
- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

**Errata:** I made a mistake in last week's newsletter concerning opening of school. First day of class is Thursday, August 9. I had listed it as August 8, which is a Wed, but first day of class is the 9<sup>th</sup> – same day as public schools open.

### **Grades, Exams, Report Cards, Honor Roll Breakfasts, etc.**

- **Report Cards:** We emailed report cards on Dec 29, although grades had been accessible on Edline for a while. Let me know if you did not receive a report card. There are no parent-teacher conferences until Feb, so email any concerns to teachers.
- **Semester Exams** DID NOT lower most student averages. The overwhelming number of students earned the same grade on exams that they had going into exams. There were a few exceptions – on BOTH ends of the spectrum (students who did worse and students who did better.) What the semester exams did accomplish is give your son college preparatory experience – which will pay dividends in the future.
- **Honor Roll Breakfasts:** We will continue with the new format: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> will be on same day in the Briggs Assembly Center and 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> will be on same day in the Briggs Assembly Center. We will have multiple serving lines for efficient serving, so the time frame should be the same, ending at 8:20. 12<sup>th</sup> grade will remain in the cafeteria. Here's the schedule for the second quarter HR breakfast schedule:
  - **Mon, Jan 22** – Grades 8 & 9 in the BAC
  - **Tue, Jan 23** – Grades 10 & 11 in the BAC
  - **Wed, Jan 24** – Grade 12 in the cafeteria

All breakfasts last from 7:40-8:20. Note: HR is determined by **second QUARTER, not semester, grades.**

**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. **Check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he receives detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.



## **Last Week:**

- **Baseball:** Dedicated parents worked hard on Sat getting Heap Field ready for the season.
- **Basketball:** Big district wins over Covington and Ponchatoula; 9<sup>th</sup> grade also won their games!
- **Bowling:** SPS Bowling Team defeated district champion Holden by a score of 5-3. The boys set a new school record 1,234 pin total for one game. Well done, Bowling Wolves!
- **Eagle Scout Project:** I thank senior Jud Dodick on enhancing the butterfly garden and wetlands area behind gym as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are always grateful when a student chooses SPS to gain from his project. And congratulations to Jud for reaching this milestone.
- **Lacrosse:** Team began their season with a weekend retreat. Wonderful.
- **MC Snack Day:** King Cake ruled the day on Tuesday!
- **Powerlifting:** Iron Wolves were in action on Sat at PJP Invitational.
- **Robo-Wolves:** RWs were in competition on Sat. They returned home as tournament champs and won the overall excellence and judge's awards. Wow. Congrats to Adam Smith, Darrin Lea, & Blake Inzinna.
- **Soccer:** District wins over Hammond & Covington & a successful (but cold) 9<sup>th</sup> grade tournament.
- **Sudden Impact:** More sophomores experienced this powerful program.
- **Student Council:** Thanks to Joanna, Audrey and SC Wolves for representing us well at the LASC convention
- **Wolf Packs:** Thanks, Gina and Kevin. The MKL quotes were great and worth reviewing
- **Wrestling:** Wolves acquitted themselves exemplarily!

**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, please put your son's name on things and stress with your son the need to be responsible with his belongings.

**Money:** Parents, please stress with you son that they should NOT bring large sums of money to school. There is no need for students to have large cash amounts – which they invariable talk about which tempts others.

**News worth Noting: Preventing sexual harassment and assault starts early in life.** That's top among the insights from researchers studying prevention and making recommendations for effective programs. Addressing issues in early childhood through the teen years, de-emphasizing self-defense and focusing on the dynamics that create and enable perpetrators, prioritizing the role of boys and men, and empowering bystanders and youth are among recommended approaches for creating change. [See more on this story.](#)

**The Paper Wolf:** The Journalism Class updates the DIGITAL Paper Wolf each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. The Scholastic Press Association recently named TPW BEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER in the STATE of LOUISIANA. Wow! We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. Support the staff and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: [www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com). Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!



*Art Wolves work on perspective drawings.*

**Phones:** Please stress with your sons the need to follow school phone rules. Students must turn OFF phones in class and may only use them outside (between classes or at lunch.) A \$10 fine is assessed for violating the rule – which, unfortunately, is happening way too frequently.

**Registration of Current Students for 2018 - 19:** For those of you who plan ahead, here's the process:

- Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be asked to register during the last two weeks of January. We need to know if any current 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not plan on returning next year in order for us to know how many new (if any) 9<sup>th</sup> graders we can accept.
- Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to register during the first two weeks of February.
- Current 12<sup>th</sup> graders – well, they don't have to worry about registering for SPS next year!
- In all re-registration for 2018 - 19, a \$300 registration fee will be due.

**Service Hours:** As a Lasallian Catholic institution, we are called to demonstrate "Concern for the Poor and Social Justice." Our school wide response to this calling is our Serve Ten program. Every St. Paul's student is



required to complete a minimum of ten (10) service hours during the school year. Service hours must be completed and submitted by May 1st, 2018. Acceptable service is that in which you volunteer with a charitable organization (like the Covington Food Bank and local churches), assist the elderly, help someone less fortunate in the community, or assist at fundraisers for charitable organizations. . Assisting family is admirable, but does not count towards the service hour goal. You can find service hour forms on the SPS Edline homepage under "Links". Completed forms should be signed and turned in to the drop-off box in the library. You can also send electronic submission of the forms as well as any questions relating to service hours to Mr. Ramon ([j.ramon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com))

**Social Media:** Want up-to-date news on all of the good things happening at Saint Paul's School? Get event and classroom pictures, latest scores, calendar reminders, and spiritual uplifting by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/> or following us on Twitter @SPSWolfpack. The strength of the Wolf is in the pack! Many thanks to Mimi Montiero for maintaining our social media information.

**Tutoring:** National Honor Society tutoring resumes next week, 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.**

**Uniform Shirts, pants, etc:** We have a large number of pre-owned uniform shirts and khaki pants and sweatshirts in good condition if your son has outgrown his and purchasing new ones is difficult for you. Just have your son come to the Admin Bldg. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son. We also have a number of khaki pants available – all for the taking.

**Vaping:** I'm sorry I have to mention this, but please speak to your son about the dangers involved in this latest fad. We are hearing anecdotal reports of vaping by our students and have even taken disciplinary action against several of them who vaped at school events. We will continue to be vigilant and take strong measures against violators. At last month's regular meeting with the Covington Police Department, we were informed that it is **AGAINST THE LAW** for minors to purchase vaping equipment. Please make sure your son knows this – and complies with your wishes, the rules of the school – and the law.



*Moms calmly wait before the king cake storm.*

**Warm Hearts:** The Annual Lasallian Leaders “Warm Hearts” drive will soon begin. Please donate new or gently used blankets, hats, gloves or socks – anything that can be used to keep someone warm. Collections will be distributed in three civil parishes. Our goal is to collect 1000 items.

**Weekly Humor:** Reflection on the Word UP (sent by a parent so don’t blame me!): *UP is listed in the dictionary as an [adverb.], [preposition.], [adjective.], [noun] or [verb]. It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP? Why are the officers UP for election? Why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the car. At other times, this little word has real special meaning: People stir UP trouble, Line UP for tickets, Work UP an appetite, and, Think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning, but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now ... my time is UP! One more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night? **U P!** Did that one crack you UP? Don't screw UP. Ok, I'll shut UP!*

**Words of Encouragement:** From an alum, along with his Annual Fund donation, after reading the AF brochure: *I enjoyed reading the history of St. Paul in the Advancement Review for 2016-17. In it I found a number of things I didn’t know, but also one incorrect statement. On page 11: “The Little Brown Jug is earned for the first time by the football Wolves (1972.) In 1952, St. Paul beat Covington (19-6) and took home the jug. There is a picture in the school paper of the team celebrating with the jug. That year we had a 7-3 record. Dr. Robert Clark (guard), Ernest Prieto (end) and Donie Lacour (quarterback) will surely remember this. The education, coaching and guidance I received at St. Paul molded my life and opened many doors for me. I will always be grateful. Keep us the good work. Sincerely, Dudley R. Pitt ‘53*

## **January**

- 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
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
- 31 – GABC – Guest Speaker

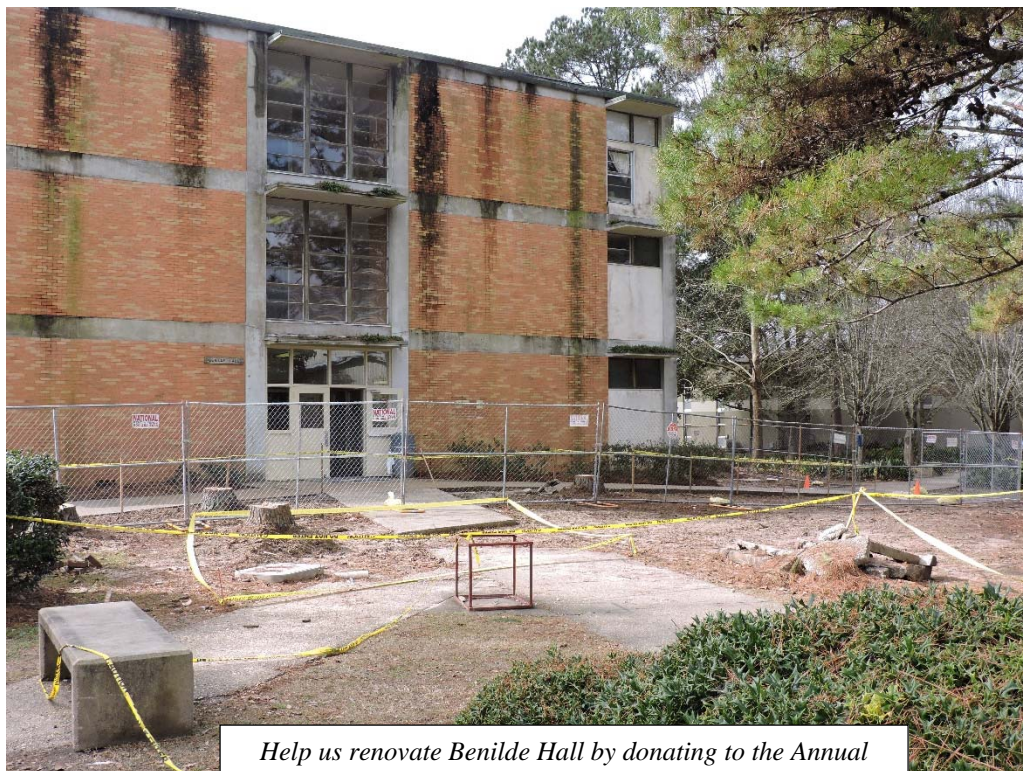


## **February**

- 1 – DEFG – Guest Speaker
- 2 – ABCD
- 5 – EFGA- 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In Service – *Parent/Teacher meetings in BAC 5-7*
- 6 – BCDE – Pack Time
- 7 – FGAB
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 - Faculty Retreat – no classes
- 19 – GABC
- 20 – DEFG – President's Assembly / Pre-Freshmen in Explore (BAC)
- 21 – ABCD – Freshmen in PLAN (BAC)
- 22 – EFGA – Sophomores in Pre ACT (BAC) – Freshmen on Retreat
- 23 – BCDE – Freshmen on Retreat
- 26 – FGAB – Senior Day with Archbishop Aymond at OLL
- 27 – CDEF – Juniors in ACT
- 28 – GABC – Pack Time

## **March**

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 5 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 7 – FGAB
- 8 – CDEF
- 9 – GABC – End of Third Quarter
- 12 – DEFG - 9:00 Late Start
- 13 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 14 – EFGA
- 15 – BCDE - Junior Retreat/Angola
- 16 – FGAB – Junior Retreat/Angola
- 19 – ABCDEFG- St. Joseph Altar
- 20 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 21 – GABC
- 22 – DEFG – Celebrity Waiters Dinner
- 23 – ABCD
- 26 – EFGA
- 27 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 28 – FGAB
- 29 – CDEF



*Help us renovate Benilde Hall by donating to the Annual Fund. Naming rights are available if you really want to help us!*

## April

- 9 – GABC
- 10 – DEFG – Pack Time – 8/9 HR Breakfast in BAC
- 11 – ABCD – 10/11 HR Breakfast in BAC
- 12 – EFGA – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- 13 – BCDE
- 16 – FGAB – 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-Service
- 17 – CDEF – President's Assembly – *Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Snack Day*
- 18 – GABC – Mother-Son Dinner in BAC
- 19 – DEFG
- 20 – ABCD
- 23 – EFGA – President's Assembly
- 24 – BCDE – Pack Time (last with seniors)
- 25 – FGAB – Senior Exams
- 26 – CDEF – Senior Exams
- 27 – GABC -- Senior Exams – Final Day for Seniors
- 30 – DEFG

## May

- 1 – ABCD
- 2 – EFGA
- 3 – BCDE
- 4 – FGAB
- 7 – CDEF
- 8 – GABC - Pack Time
- 9 – DEFG – Level Awards Assemblies
- 10 – ABCD – Athletic Awards Assembly BAC
- 11 – EFGA – Major Academic Awards Assembly BAC
- 12 – Senior Graduation (4 pm in the BAC; admission by ticket only)
- 14 – BCDE
- 15 – FGAB - Pre freshmen Exams
- 16 – CDEF - Pre freshmen Exams
- 17 – Pre freshmen Exams /9-11 Exams
- 18 – 9-11 Exams /Pre freshmen Promotion in Evening
- 21 – Exams
- 22 – Exams
- 23 – Exam make up day

Whew! Enough for now.



*Pre-freshman Bowling Wolves Jack and Zach smile after defending district champ Holden last week.*



Even though it's a New Year, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now as I complete the newsletter and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we begin the New Year! Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Ready for Warmer Weather as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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



*SPS alumnus Robert Ellis, '16, who is majoring in petroleum engineering, returned last week to speak to our petroleum engineering class.*

