



**IF YOU ARE NOT A BETTER PERSON TOMORROW THAN YOU ARE  
TODAY, WHAT NEED HAVE YOU FOR A TOMORROW?**

*--Rebbe Nachman, an Hasidic rabbi who lived and taught in Ukraine from 1802 to 1810.*

**I BEG YOUR PARDON FOR MY OFFENSES AND OMISSIONS OF  
TODAY, AND I RESOLVE TO MAKE TOMORROW A BETTER DAY.**

*--SPS End of Day Prayer*

**I pray that all teachers and students take our end of the day prayer seriously.  
We must make each tomorrow a better day than today.**

**Mon, Jan 22 (HR Breakfast for grades 8 & 9 in BAC; G A B C)**

- **This Day in History:** in 1973, the Supreme Court of the US legalizes abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. As we observe this anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, it's most appropriate to remember the Church social teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. From the US Catholic Bishops Web Site: *In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.*
- **TDIH II: On this day in 2013,** Justin Dakota Addison, a wonderful Saint Paul's Junior, died from injuries sustained in a biking accident on Tammany Trace. Today we remember Justin and all the good he represented. We continue to miss him. We pray for his still grieving family and friends. We remember his words from one of the last reflections he wrote: *What is evident at St. Paul's is our sense of Brotherhood, both with our St. Paul's classmates and the Lasallian community throughout the globe. The presence of God drifts across our campus like a thick perfume. One can feel it; one can smell it. RIP, Justin.*



*Ben's fountain freezes in last week's  
arctic weather!*

- **SPS Did You Know Trivia:** In 1936, several prominent men in Covington formed an Athletic Association at Saint Paul's to help defray the expenses of running a good athletic program. Today, their work continues with the presence of a parent booster club for each sport – without which our athletic programs would never be able to operate on the successful level that they do.
- **Day of Penance & Prayer:** The Bishops of the US have declared today, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a Day of Penance and Prayer: penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life. We join our penance and prayer to those of all who are concerned with the dignity of life.
- **Guest Speaker:** Mr. Ralph Hogan, a decorated WW II Veteran will speak to social studies classes during period A this morning. This 94-year-old vet is part of a rapidly decreasing group often referred to as “the greatest generation.”
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Albany at Tangi Lanes in Hammond
- **Band Booster Meeting (7 in the band room – re-scheduled from last week)**
- **Beginning today,** we rekindle our relationship with the local public school system by restarting the senior teacher-aide program daily during second block. A senior religion class will travel to Lyon Elementary during second block to serve as mentors, tutors, and role models. I am most grateful to senior religion teachers Jeff Ramon and Roger Bacon for re-kindling this relationship – which benefits our students as much, if not more, than the students they will help.

#### **Tue, Jan 23 (HR Breakfast for Grades 10 & 11 in BAC; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Wham-O Toy Company rolls out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--known as the Frisbee. Toss a Frisbee today in honor of its birth!
- **DYK:** In 1918, Saint Paul's published a monthly magazine named “The Saint Paul Record.” In 1939, it was decided to change the format from a magazine to a newspaper and the name was changed to “Saint Paul Conifer.” This name came about because of the freshman classes was given the job to count the number of pine trees in the nine square blocks of the campus. They came up with a number in excess of 2000 trees, thus



*HOSA officers Josh, Chris, and Jakob prepare to sell pizza to hungry Wolves.*

the name “Conifer” which means “a cone bearing tree” was most appropriate for this school. Today, the Conifer is the name of our Yearbook and the Paper Wolf is the modern day success of the first newspaper of 1939.

- **National Pie Day:** Indulge!
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity at Fontainebleau
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Mandeville

#### **Wed, Jan 24 (7 am mass; HR Breakfast for Grade 12 in cafeteria; Wolf Packs; A B C D)**

- **TDIH:** In 1965, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, dies in London at the age of 90. Churchill was a brilliant orator and writer and the source of some wonderful Churchillian quotations such as: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Google Winston Churchill quotations for a real treat today!
- **DYK:** WWII caused quite a few hardships for Saint Paul's. The rationing of tires and gasoline dramatically curtailed trips home for the



boarders. Sugar rationing caused candy to almost disappear, particularly chocolate candy. The rationing of meat at Saint Paul's was real problem as there was simply not enough to go around and boarders had to bring their ration books to school. The Brothers made several trips to St. Joseph Abbey to pick up sides of beef slaughtered by Benedictine Brother Louis who was in charge of the Abbey farm.

- **National Belly Laugh Day:** Celebrate the gift of laughter today!
- **National Compliment Day:** Let's all give each other compliments today – deserved or not!
- **National Peanut Butter Day:** Indulge!
- **Career Day for Juniors (periods A B C – return to class for D)**
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Ponchatoula at Tangi Lanes
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup> at Franklinton; JV & Varsity v. Slidell
- **Wrestling:** Wolves v. Bro. Martin

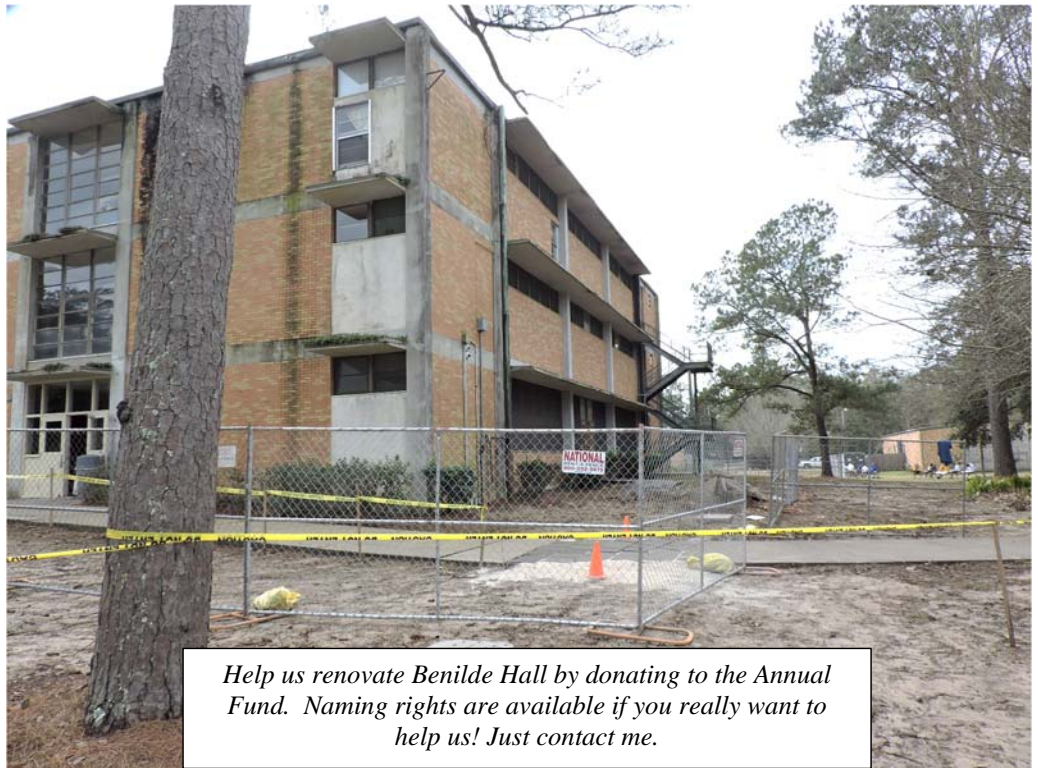
### ***Dress Uniform Day on Thu, Jan 25!***

**Thu, Jan 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; all-school mass; Dress Uniform Day; E F G A)**

- **Today's feast** recalls the wonderful story of Saul of Tarsus being struck down and hearing the words "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" May we continue our daily conversions away from sin and toward God!
- **DYK:** 1943 was the first year that Saint Paul students were invited to a dance at Saint Scholastic. Up until this time, there had been no school sponsored dances at either school. Oh, for the good old days!

**Fri, Jan 26 (Regular; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1725, Pope Benedict XIII recognized the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools as an official Religious Congregation of the Church. De La Salle had died five years earlier and the Brothers' future was unsure. Church approval, therefore, provided them with legitimacy, purpose, & promise. We continue that work here at SPS.
- **DYK:** From the beginning, certain boarding students were chosen to be waiters to the others. The waiters brought dishes with the food to the tables, went back for seconds, and then cleared the tables when all had finished. The position of waiter was much sought after by the boarders for they had the privilege of eating just about anything they wanted and they generally gained weight during their tenure of office. Today, our student hosts regularly serve food and beverage at all sorts of school sponsored events.
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV & Varsity at Northshore
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Fontainebleau
- **Wrestling:** JV in Ken Cole Invitational (Lafayette)



## Sat, Jan 27

- **TDIH:** In 1973, the United States, South Vietnam, Viet Cong, and North Vietnam formally sign "An Agreement Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam" in Paris bringing America's most unpopular war to an end.
- **TDIH II:** In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart** was born. Listen to some Mozart today!
- **Chocolate Cake Day:** Indulge
- **UN International Commemoration of Holocaust Victims:** On each Jan 27, the UN remembers the Holocaust of WW II. The day also commemorates when Soviet troops liberated the Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland on Jan 27, 1945. From the website: *This year's observance is centered "Journeys through the Holocaust". This theme recalls journeys taken during this dark period, from deportation to incarceration to freedom, and how this experience transformed the lives of those who endured it. These are stories of pain and suffering, yet ultimately also of triumph and renewal, serving as a guiding force for future generations. Each person who becomes aware of this history will no doubt reflect upon his or her own capacity to turn compassion for others into decisive and heroic action in their time of need.* We must use teachable moments this week in to remind students of this horrible stain on the history of the world – and to pray such hatred never again occurs.
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Jesuit and De La Salle at DLS; JV & Varsity v. Southern Lab
- **Soccer:** 8<sup>th</sup> at Jesuit's Jack Ryan field; 9<sup>th</sup> at Catholic in BR; JV & Var. v. Newman
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi at Holy Cross tournament
- **Rugby:** Wolves v. Bro. Martin at City Park
- **Lacrosse:** JV & Varsity in Allstate Sugar Bowl Tourn in Hammond

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## Sun, Jan 28

- **St. Thomas Aquinas** was a Catholic intellectual giant. My personal favorite St. Thomas story is when he said that he learned more by kneeling at the foot of the crucifix than from all his university studies.
- **TDIH:** In 1986, the space shuttle *Challenger* explodes after liftoff, killing seven astronauts aboard.
- **Fun at Work Day:** Have fun today at work! Fortunately, I have fun every day by working
- **National Blueberry Pancake Day:** Enjoy!



Senior Civics class welcomes a talk about National Guard opportunities.



- **National Kazoo Day:** To celebrate kazoo playing in America (the kazoo was first introduced at the George State Fair in 1852), toot away today!
- **Second Collection in Catholic Churches Today in Support of Catholic Education:** In January of 2015, the Office of Catholic Schools had the first-ever second collection to kick off Catholic Schools Week. The collection supports the *Champions of Catholic Education Fund*, which is dedicated to helping more families afford the cost of Catholic education. Our Catholic schools are committed to educating the whole child by providing programs and services to enrich the academic platform and support the spiritual development of the student in family life, friendships, and as a member of society. Our goal is to make our academically excellent, Catholic education accessible to all students. The funds collected during the second collection today, for the *Champions of Catholic Education Fund*, will help provide tuition support to families who are unable to afford tuition, but are committed to keeping their children in a Catholic school. Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Anniversary Events:** 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. Here are some of the events already underway or in the near future:

- The first – and biggest – event is the renovation of Benilde Hall. A contract will be signed this week and you will see much work beginning.
- Did You Know tidbits of SPS history
- On Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have guests and prospective donors to a Benilde Hall Renovation Reception from 6:30 – 7:30 in the BAC to officially kick off the campaign for the building project.
- On Jan 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Walk through History. Those who were here in 2011 during the centennial celebration of the school's opening will remember this display of SPS history. All religion classes will be invited to visit and the public will be invited during specific times.
- I am most grateful to the development team for coordinating all of these events! And more is planned.

**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



*Josh McClain and Al Nastasi won 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, respectively, in the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission's statewide essay contest. The awards ceremony was at the Governor's Mansion in BR. SPS has won in this contest three of the past four years!*

\$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!

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**Application Letters:** More unedited comments:

- *School...most living creatures despise it. Being at Saint Paul’s makes it almost like Heaven. Almost!*
- *I live by the Bible verse Phillipians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*
- *I think the coaches would show me better technics.* [Let’s hope the coaches can teach spelling, too!]

**Assembly on Jan 16:** I hope the students enjoyed our first assembly of 2018! Here’s some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to a contemporary version of “Rise Up O Men of God” sung by Christian rock singer Phil Keaggy. I play it at the first assembly of a new year in order to set the tone for the year – that we must view 2017 as a new opportunity for the students to rise up as men of God. It’s a powerful song that means so much to our school. While the music was playing, **junior Merrick Coghlan** lit the prayer candle to remind us of God’s presence among us and we prayed.
- Prayed for those who have entered God’s kingdom since our last assembly: ***Mr. Joe Brister, grandfather of Beck ‘19 & Davis ‘20 Heebe; Mrs. Joy Barnett Johnson, great-grandmother of Beau Taranto ‘19; Mrs. Shirley Murphy, mother in law of Mr. Paul Scoriels & grandmother of Ms. Michelle Baudoin; Mr. Sam Latino, grandfather of Sam Glynn ‘20, James Brunet ‘21 and Ryan Schaffer ‘21; Mrs. Butera, grandmother of Zachary van Zandt ‘22; Dr. Felix Gaudin, Valedictorian of the Saint Paul’s Class of 1949.*** We also prayed for Aaron Cobos, a student at Cathedral High School, the Lasallian school in El Paso, TX. Aaron suffered serious injury at an athletic practice and faces a long road to recovery.
- I welcomed everyone to the first 2018 assembly and wished them a Happy New Year. I reminded the pre-freshman that they now have an official high school grade point average, since several of their classes (World Geography, Spanish, Health & PE, and Algebra I) carry high school credit. I reminded the other levels that their GPAs have changed, since GPA is calculated on semester grades and to make the most of the remaining academic opportunities to raise their GPAs if needed.
- Recognized and congratulated the Class of 2018 for an outstanding senior retreat.

- Recognized and congratulated the student body for their response to the Adopt a Family program during Christmas. We were able to purchase gifts for over 35 needy children.
- Recognized and congratulated the JV Basketball team for their service project before Christmas with the Northshore Food Bank.
- Recognized and congratulated the Lacrosse Wolves for their service project with Sister Theresa Berlin's Blue Shack Ministry in Covington.

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- Recognized and congratulated sophomores Al Nastasi and Josh McLain for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively, in the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission's statewide essay contest. The boys were honored at an awards ceremony at the LA Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge. This is the third time in four years that our boys have won this contest.



- Recognized and congratulated the Quiz Bowl Wolves for their showing in the Mount Carmel Quiz Bowl competition.
- Recognized and congratulated the Basketball Wolves for their showing in the Rumblee on the Ridge Tournament in Arkansas, their thrilling **FIRST PLACE** win the

prestigious CYO tournament, and for an undefeated district competition.

- Recognized and congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball wolves for winning the Rummel Tournament in December.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Devonte Allen** who scored his 1000<sup>th</sup> basketball point over the holidays and was presented with a special game basketball acknowledging that prodigious feat.
- Recognized and congratulated the Wrestling Wolves for all sorts of wins, way too numerous to list.
- Recognized and congratulated the Wrestling Wolves for winning the St. Tammany Parish Championship for the twentieth time! Coach Ketelsen presented the trophy to team captain Grant Hughes.
- Recognized and congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade rugby wolves for their recent win against Jesuit.

- Recognized and congratulated the Soccer Wolves for their showing in San Diego and currently undefeated district status.
- Introduced Hyde Healy and Michael Philippe who explained the lacrosse team's Goals for Graham project.
- Called down the students who were heading that evening to Washington, DC to represent SPS in the March for Life. The entire school then extend their hands in blessing and recited a prayer, while student council president Matthew Stalter sprinkled the group with holy water. It was a moving moment.
- Ran out of time before I could do any more recognitions – which will “roll over” to the next assembly. We then turned to the 18 students and two faculty members, who would leave for the March of Life in Washington, DC that evening. The entire school extended a blessing on the seniors while Student Council President Matthew Stalter sprinkled the senior class with holy water. It was a moving moment.
- We ended the assembly by singing Rise Up O Men of God for the first time in 2018. It was wonderful.
- We then ended by extinguishing the prayer candle and my reminding the students what the candle represents – the presence of God among us. I exhorted them to leave the gym and spread God's love to all whom they meet. The students then exited to the sounds of “Rise Up O Men of God!”
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

**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.**

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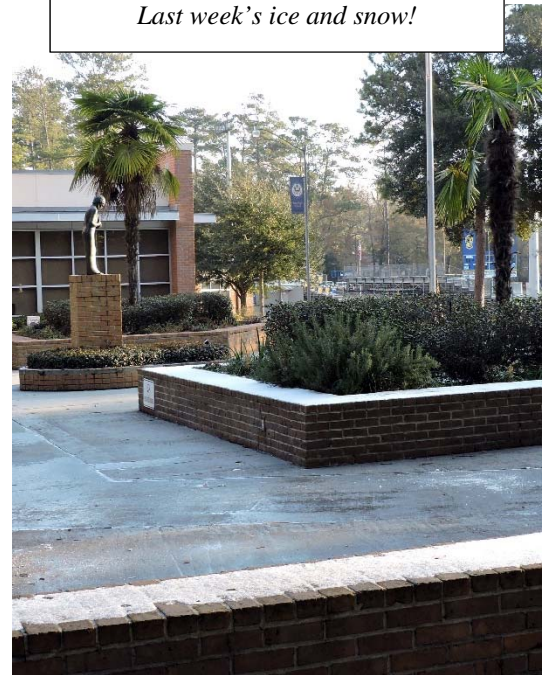
**Benilde Hall:** An extensive renovation of Benilde Hall has begun. It will be a challenging semester for us until the project is completed in early August – but the benefits will outweigh the inconvenience. More classrooms, better restrooms, an elevator, improved lighting and HVAC, additional ingress 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

*Last week's ice and snow!*



**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..

**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!

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**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.

**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.

**Goals for Graham:** I was deeply moved by Lacrosse Team's tribute to their fallen brother. Michael Philipee and Hyde Healy made a beautiful presentation to the school last week. If you wish to view the video, here's the link: <https://youtu.be/WOpmUCzUKyQ> And you can make a pledge at <https://pledgeit.org/goals-for-graham/@jordan>

**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.**

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**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:**

- **Basketball:** Cold weather cancellations wreaked havoc with our schedule. Slidell game has been re-scheduled for Wed, the 24<sup>th</sup>, but the cold didn't stop the Wolves from a convincing win on Fri against Mandeville!
- **Bowling:** Cold weather cancellations delayed the start of our season!
- **Fighting Math Wolves:** FMWs battled the elements and traveled to Baton Rouge for the Catholic High Tournament.
- **March for Life:** A 32-hour bus ride to DC only fortified the Wolves' resolve to proclaim their pro-life stance.
- **Marching Wolves:** The LPO rehearsal in NO was a real treat for our musically talented Wolves.
- **Soccer:** Congratulations to our Soccer Wolves on great wins over Ponchatoula and Slidell. And 9<sup>th</sup> grade SPS tournament was a success.
- **Sudden Impact:** Another successful and powerful presentation to our sophomores on Tuesday.
- **Track (Indoor):** Wolves did well in the LSU High School Qualifier: First place 4 x 800 m relay team of Henry Elliot, Frankie Durio, Evan Hendry, Stephen Schlottman; Second place – 1600 m run, Evan Hendry; 5th Place – 1600 m run Stephen Schlottman; Sixth place – 800 m run, Henry Elliott
- **Weather:** Thanks for your cooperation with Mother Nature's "gift" to us last week! Two days of lost school!
- **Wrestling:** Despite missing 2 state champions and 4 days of practice, the St. Paul's Wrestling team still managed to finish 5th overall in the state Div. I Dual meet tournament.

**LHSAA:** The Louisiana High School Athletic Association holds its annual convention beginning on Wed, and for the third time in 33 years, I am not allowed to attend -- since it's only for principals, not presidents! So Trevor gets the fun of listening to various principals harangue the group into voting for proposals to "level the field."

**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.



*Hyde and Michael explain their Goals for Graham project.*



**News worth Knowing:** National Public Radio recently ran a story on the benefits of meditation. It's worth a listen or a read: 'Meditation For Fidgety Skeptics' Offers Practical Advice For Stressed-Out Cynics: [https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/01/04/575167967/meditation-for-fidgety-skeptics-offers-practical-advice-for-stressed-out-cynics?utm\\_source=npr\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=20180107&utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_term=](https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/01/04/575167967/meditation-for-fidgety-skeptics-offers-practical-advice-for-stressed-out-cynics?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20180107&utm_campaign=&utm_term=)

**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!

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**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. Make sure your son knows this – and complies with your wishes, the rules of the school – and the law.

**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.

## ***Dress Uniform Day on Thu, Jan 25!***

**Weekly Humor:** In honor of Belly Laugh Day on Tuesday:

- *Why are frogs so happy? They eat whatever bugs them!*
- *How do you befriend a squirrel? Just act like a nut!*
- *What did the big bucket say to the little bucket? You look a little pail today!*
- *Why do chicken coops have two doors? If they had four, they'd be chicken sedans!*
- *What did one hat say to the other? You stay here, I'll go on ahead!*
- *Why did the lifeguard kick the elephants out of the pool? They kept dropping their trunks!*

- *What do you call a pony with a cough? A little hoarse!*
- *What do cows most like to read? Cattle-logs!*
- *How does a duck buy lipstick? She puts it on her bill!*
- *What do you call a snowman on a hot day? A puddle*
- *What do you do with a sick boat? Take it to the dock!*
- *Who do call when the ocean needs a little cleaning? A mermaid, of course.*
- *What do you call a bee that's having a bad hair day? A Frisbee.*
- *Why did the skeleton hit the party solo? He had no body to go with him.*
- *What does the cobbler say when a cat wanders into his shop? **Shoe!***
- *What did the traffic light say to the car? Don't look! I'm about to change!*
- *Why was the little strawberry crying? His mother was in a jam!*
- *OK, I'll stop but you can't say I didn't try!*

### **January**

- 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



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

- 26 – EFGA
- 27 – BCDE – President's Assembly
- 28 – FGAB
- 29 – CDEF

## 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



*Pre-freshman rugby wolves smile after defeating Jesuit.*



- 18 – 9-11 Exams /Pre freshmen Promotion in Evening
- 21 – Exams
- 22 – Exams
- 23 – Exam make up day



*Wolves for Life receive school's blessing before their 32- hour bus ride to Washington, DC to participate in March for Life.*

Whew! Enough for now. 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!**



***Did I mention that we have a Dress Uniform Day on Thu, Jan 25?***