



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



February 26 – March 04, 2018

Remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return!

Welcome to the second full week of Lent – and the eighth week of the third quarter – only one more to go!



Jack lights first Lenten candle at assembly.

It's early Sunday morning and I'm finishing the newsletter, preparing to board a plane (not my favorite experience), headed to Orlando, FL. No, I'm not taking a post-Mardi Gras vacation, but Orlando is the site of this year's Lasallian Secondary Schools Chief Administrators Conference, the annual gathering of almost 200 leaders from over 50 Lasallian schools throughout the United States and Canada. Over the next four days, Trevor and I will join our Lasallian colleagues and participate in professional development, spiritual enrichment, collegial sharing and a little bit of fun – all within the context of our common heritage of the Lasallian Mission. The time will be well spent.

This annual Conference is one of many regional programs that forcefully reminds us that we are not alone; we are part of a 338 year old educational tradition that has spread throughout the world. In the United States, Lasallian education is alive and well – in large part to the ever-increasing number of caring and dedicated lay partners, who are “stepping up” to keep the Mission alive as the number of Christian Brothers continues to decline.

Together, we are fulfilling the mandate of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, who told the first Brothers: *To touch the hearts of the students entrusted to your care is the greatest miracle you can perform – and one which God expects of you.* We must do nothing less today.

God willing and Southwest Airlines cooperating, Trevor and I will return Wednesday night and be in school on Thursday. I know things will go well in our absence -- maybe even better than usual! Joe Dickens and Ken Sears will be in charge while we are gone. Know that my thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Mon, Feb 26 (Regular; F G A B)

- **This Day in History:** In 1993, a bomb explodes in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people died and 1,000 were injured by the powerful blast, a precursor to the 9-11 attack.
- **National For Pete's Sake Day:** Who is Pete and why do we do or not do things for his sake?
- **National Pistachio Day:** Crack a handful of these addictive nuts today and enjoy! Some pistachio facts:
 - Pistachios grow on trees. A pistachio tree takes 7-10 years to mature and produce nuts.
 - While native to the Middle East, California is the major producer in the US
 - Pistachios are harvested in Sept by machines that shake the trees

- Red pistachios are dyed due to consumer demand for the color
- Its open hull is unique. The nut is ripe when the hull splits open
- In the Middle East, they are called “smiling nuts” and in China they are called “happy nuts.”
- Pistachios are nutritious so eat ‘em up today!
- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** In the 1970s, the Saint Paul’s Band became the “Southern Gentlemen Marching Wolves” and adopted a new style of uniform with its distinctive Panama hat which is still in use today and recognized all over south Louisiana.
- **Senior Day with Archbishop Gregory Aymond:** The seniors of the four Catholic high schools in St. Tammany (can you name them?) will meet at OLL for a day of spiritual development and a celebration of our common Catholic high school experience. The seniors will leave about 8:15 and return about 2 – at which time they will be dismissed.

Tue, Feb 27 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1827, masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras. And we’re still reeling from the effects!
- **International Polar Bear Day:** Polar Bear Day celebrates the world's largest carnivore which can grow up to 9 feet tall (when standing) and 1400 pounds. Polar bears live at the North Pole region, and are native to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia. Celebrate the polar bear today! Visit the international website at <http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/bear-facts/>
- **National Chili Day:** Enjoy a bowl of your favorite chili today! (Mine is New Mexican green chili!)
- **DYK:** In 1981, Mrs. Merle Dooley became the first non-Christian Brother to serve as assistant principal for academics. Mrs. Dooley came to Saint Paul’s from a successful administrative career in several Baton Rouge Catholic schools and retired only a year ago.
- **ACT for Juniors:** This is the real deal – not a practice. It counts. The advantage is that our guys are testing in familiar environment, with their peers, in the course of a school day. We wish them well! Thanks to counselors for arranging this special testing, the date of which is determined by ACT. One junior, Jackson Gold, will not be taking the test. Why? He has already scored a PERFECT 36, so why take it again? Congrats, again, Jackson! BTW, WDSU TV interviewed Jackson on Friday. Hope you saw the story on TV.
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. John Curtis (6)
- **Basketball:** SPS has another bye



Wed, Feb 28 (Pack Time Schedule; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1953, Cambridge U scientists James Watson and Frances Crick announce they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes.
- **TDIH:** In 2013 - Benedict XVI resigned as pope. He was the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415 and the first to resign voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294.
- **National Public Sleeping Day:** SPS will not celebrate this day – at least not until 3.01 pm.

- **DYK:** The 1983-84 school year at the addition of a new campus landmark: the Wolf Dome, as it was immediately called by the students. The dome, donated by local developer Mr. Keith Dufour, was actually a boat marina by the bridge in Madisonville. The marina was being dismantled to build condominiums and so the structure was given to Saint Paul's by developer Mr. Keith Dufour. During Hurricane Katrina, the dome suffered damage, which resulted in us removing 25% of it.
- **Purim:** The Jewish Feast of Purim begins today and sundown and lasts until sundown tomorrow. Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day," as recorded in the book of Esther.

Thu, Mar 01 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH: In 1872,** President Ulysses S. Grant signed legislation making Yellowstone the country's first national park.
- **DYK:** In 1981, over the Thanksgiving holidays, Dixon Hall caught fire in the middle of the night and was totally destroyed. Its loss did not seriously disrupt the academic activities of the school, as the building was not in use at the time. The loss, however, of this important historical landmark was felt by the SPS community and plans were made to place a suitable monument on the site of the building, which dated back to 1906 and was the original school building. The monument was named Founders Circle, in honor of the original Benedictine priests who started Saint Paul's in 1911, and the original Christian Brothers, who assumed ownership of the school in 1918. The project was completed and dedicated in 1985. When you pass Founders Circle today, look at the plaques with the names of all of the Founders. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for their heroic work which made possible our being here today.
- **National Pig Day:** Honor our porcine friends today!
- **Baseball:** 8th at Franklinton in double header; Varsity v. Live Oak
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Covington/Trafton Meet – season opener
- **HOSA State Convention in Lafayette:** Our HOSA Wolves leave at lunch and will be gone through Fri



Our first round of college signings: Stephen Schlottman (LSU, Cross-country), Myers Morgan (Queens College, swimming) Noah Seiden (Tulane, football); Caleb Lupo (Delgado, baseball); Mason Robicheaux (Appalachian State, soccer); and Kent Shiell (Belmont Abbey, tennis). Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing the event.

Fri, Mar 02 (Basketball Pep Rally; A B C D)

- **TDIH: In 1872,** President Ulysses S. Grant signed legislation making Yellowstone the country's first national park.
- **DYK:** In 1962, The Athletic Association, under the leadership of Mr. Charles McMurray of Covington, a 1936 alumnus and currently the school's oldest living alumnus, decided to build a football stadium. The stadium's frame was built from used oil pipe from Houma and channel beams from army surplus. Seats were donated by Hill-Behan Lumber Company, which had just opened in Covington. The work took a year to

complete, as funds were slow to arrive. CLECO installed the lights. This stadium served Saint Paul until it was replaced with a new stadium in 2005, right after Hurricane Katrina. The new turf field, track and lights were installed in 2006 – giving us one of the best football facilities around. And we’ve got one of the best football teams, too!

- **HOSA State Convention in Lafayette:** Geaux, HOSA Wolves!
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Dutchtown (6:30)
- **Track:** Varsity in Ponchatoula Meet – season opener
- **Basketball: Quarter Final Round of Playoffs**

Sat, Mar 03

- **I Want You To Be Happy Day:** I want this every day!
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Denham Springs (10) & Destrehan (12:30)
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Varsity at St. Thomas More in Lafayette; JVB/Wolf in Hunter Stadium
- **Math Tournament:** Fighting Math Wolves in Episcopal (BR) Tournament
- **Robotics:** Robo-Wolves host tournament in the BAC
- **Rugby:** Varsity v. Bayou Hurricanes in Houma

Sun, Mar 03 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

- **TDIH:** In 1931, the US Congress makes The Star-Spangled Banner the official national anthem of the United States.

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

Anniversary Events: During 2018, we celebrate the 100th 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 has been signed and work has begun!
- Did You Know tidbits of SPS history in the newsletter for each weekday
- On Jan 29th, we invited 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. Thanks to all who made this event! It’s not too late to help!
- On Jan 29th and 30th, we had 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 visited and the public was invited during specific times between 11 and 1 on Mon and Tue.
- I am most grateful to the development team for coordinating all of these events! And more is in the works.



Parker is honored for reaching the 2000 career point mark – only 2nd Wolf to do so!

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!

Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our Feb 19th assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of Antonio Vivaldi’s “Spring” from his famous “Four Seasons Suite.” I explained that Vivaldi is a famous Baroque era Italian composer who lived from 1678 – 1741. I reminded them that Baroque music is dramatic and powerful and that Vivaldi musically interpreted the difference seasons with amazing precision. And why was I emphasizing the season of spring? In addition to signs of spring springing up all over, we are in the season of Lent – and the word “lent” comes from an Old English word meaning “spring.” It’s a time for our relationship with God to “bloom” just like the spring flowers. It’s a time for us to bask in the warmth of God’s love, just like we bask in the warmth of spring following the cold of winter. And as the days lengthen, it’s a time for us to lengthen our commitment to “put off the things of night” and walk in the daylight.



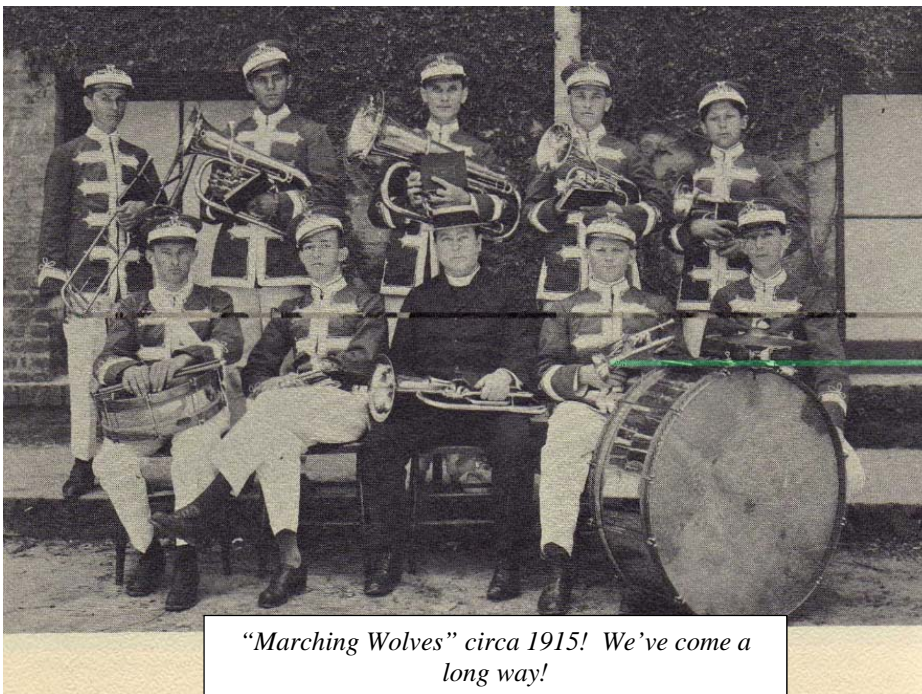
Antonio Vivaldi
1678 - 1741

While the music played, **junior Jack Blossman** lit the prayer candle – now purple for Lent. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God’s Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Edward Kirsten, grandfather of Ryan Lavin ’18; Mrs. Rhonda Baumgartner, mother of Mr. Barrett Baumgartner; Mrs. Jeanette Nolan, grandmother of Mrs. Audrey Pool; Grandfather of Landon Chambliss; Mrs. Adeline “Bee” Adams, grandmother of Andrew Aceves ’19; Mrs. Mary Pollet, grandmother of Ms. Emilie Allen; Mrs. Mary Oalmann Authement, future Mother in Law of Ms. Melissa Lein and grandmother of Garrett Spinks ’17**

We also prayed for Aaron Cobos, a student at Cathedral High School, the Lasallian school in El Paso Texas. Aaron was seriously injured in an athletic contest and faces a long, long road to recovery.

And we prayed for the victims of the Florida school shooting and their friends and families – and for an end to violence everywhere.

- Reminded students that our Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus
- Recognized and congratulated The Marching Wolves, Golden Blues and AFJROTC Color Guard for their incredible Mardi Gras performances: seven parades, plus the OLL Pep Rally and Walmart Special needs parade. Wow! I tried to show a film clip of the MWs, but the technology gods were working against me that morning



- Projected a picture of the school band, circa 1915, in honor of our centennial year – quite a contrast! We have come a long way, Marching Wolves!

- Recognized and congratulated a group of SPS musicians who formed their own brass marching group that performs at local festivals, Baby and the Brasscakes, comprised of Cody Crettet, Quinn Cooney, Cameron Holmes, Grant Holmes, Miguel Seruntine, and Michael Silvestri. Again, I tried to play a clip but was frustrated

by a failure of technology.

- Recognized and congratulated **Cody Crettet** on being chosen as part of the District IX Honor Jazz Band.
- Recognized and congratulated junior **Andrew Aceves** on making District Honor Choir. Andrew was one of two basses in the choir and was the only Catholic school member from St. Tammany. Andrew was also a Semi-finalist (one of only 10) in Orpheus National Classical Vocal Competition in Tennessee and in the LMEA District 9 Solo Festival on Feb 8, he earned a superior rating for the third consecutive year.
- Recognized and congratulated our newly inducted members of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and the National Honor Society: **Andrew Aceves (MAO), Trevor Achee (NHS), Eli Applebaum (NHS), Samuel Avenel (NHS/MAO), Jack Bedell (NHS/MAO), Brady Billiot (NHS/MAO), Blake Bollinger (NHS/MAO), Joshua Bonnet (NHS/MAO), James Bradford (NHS/MAO), Nicholas Briggs (NHS), Jesse Cheng (NHS/MAO), Callan Danenhower (NHS/MAO), Brenden Dauterive (NHS/MAO), Blake**

DiSalvo (NHS/MAO), Nicholas Ditta (MAO), Tonner Dougherty (NHS), Clayton Dunavant (NHS/MAO), Carter Elie (NHS/MAO), Caleb Frost (NHS/MAO), Frank Galeziewski (NHS), Miles Gensler (NHS/MAO), Reece Grimley (NHS/MAO), Matthew Gros (NHS), Christopher Guillot (NHS/MAO), Graydon Hall (NHS/MAO), Sean Hightower (NHS/MAO), Andrew Hodgman (NHS), Tucker Hysom (NHS/MAO), Patrick Kilgore (NHS/MAO), Benjamin Klein (NHS/MAO), Alexander Kloczek (NHS/MAO), Ian Kramer (NHS), Andrew Lacoste (NHS/MAO), Roman Landry (NHS), Darrin Lea (NHS/MAO), Bill Leahy (NHS), Scott Manifold (NHS/MAO), Ian McCarthy (NHS), Jarrett Meibaum (NHS/MAO), Matthew Moffatt (NHS/MAO), Scott Montreuil (NHS), Collin Murray (NHS/MAO), Blake Naccari (NHS/MAO), Al Nastasi (NHS), Daniel Nunez (NHS/MAO), Drew Putfark (NHS/MAO), Landon Rees (NHS/MAO), Matthew Roussel (NHS/MAO), Benjamin Schwing (NHS/MAO), Noah Seiden (NHS), Adam Smith (NHS/MAO), Paul Stolin (NHS/MAO), Marshall Unkauf (MAO), Michael Valliant (NHS/MAO), Luke Vargas (NHS), Matthew Vicknair (NHS/MAO), Matthew Weimer (MAO) and Daniel Zuckerman (NHS/MAO)

- Recognized and congratulated our newly formed debate team. At Riverdale High School Debate Tournament Jan 27 & 28) – the team’s very first tournament – they garnered an impressive 3rd place! Outstanding! The team of **Tyler Beard and Johnny Bergeron** won 3 of 4 rounds, and the team of **Hal Fox and Reece Grimley** won 4 of 4 rounds and advanced to Semifinals! **Mason Samples and Jack Hanks** diligently took notes and observed every round to critique and record the highs and lows of arguments. Congrats to Ms. Zapata and Mr. Heap who are the moderators.



Newly formed Debate Wolves (Hal, Johnny, Jack, Mason, Reese & Tyler) placed 3rd in their 1st tournament!

- Recognized and congratulated the Indoor Track Team for a great season: in the **LSU High School Qualifier meet on 1/20/18** (1st place 4 x 800 m relay team of Henry Elliot, Frankie Durio, Evan Hendry, Stephen Schlottman; 2nd place – 1600 m Evan Hendry; 5th place – 1600 m Stephen Schlottman; 6th place – 800 m run, Henry Elliott); in the Last Chance Qualifier Meet on 2/3/18 (3rd Place: The 4 x 800 m relay team of Luke Paille, Evan Hendry, Henry Elliott, and Stephen Schlottman); and in the Division 1 State Meet on 2/17 (6th Place: 1600m Run- Stephen Schlottman
- 6th Place: 3200m Run - Jonathan Bertucci and 1st Place: 4x800 m Relay- Luke Paille, Frankie Durio, Evan Hendry Stephen Schlottman); overall, thee Team finished 11th in State
- Recognized and congratulated the Wrestling Wolves, who finished their season recently. Their latest highlights:
 - In the LA Classic, St. Paul's placed 4th with Connor Oviedo Jake Arena finishing 5th, Peyton Ward finishing 3rd, Carter Duet & Grant Hughes finishing 2nd, and Cole Houser finishing 1st. Special recognition goes to to 3-time La. Classic Champion COLE HOUSER. Cole became one of only a handful of wrestlers to ever win 3 championships. (Interestingly, there are only 2 wrestlers to ever win 4 titles - 1 is our own Korey Miller) This tournament has been around 45

years and **COLE HOUSER** is now in the top 5% of the over 600 champions that have been crowned

- In the Feb 3 Covington High JV Tournament, Jackson Luscy finished 3rd, Blain Cascio, Matthew Moffat, & Josh Sabadie finished 2nd, and Michael Rader, Mason Byrne, Nick Raspino, Sean Cripple, Matthew Gros, Sam Avenel & Johnathon Sheffield finished 1st
- And in the State Wrestling Championship, Ben Davidson, Jared Thieler, & Cole Ulfers finished 6th, Carter Duet finished 5th, Brandon Stein finished 4th, Connor Oviedo, Peyton Ward, Cole Houser, & Jake Arena finished 3rd and senior Grant Hughes finished 2nd. The team finished 4th in State! Congrats, Wolves!
- Presented **Coach Craig Ketelsen** with his Coach of the Year for the State of Louisiana Award! Well done, Craig!
- Recognized and congratulated the **Soccer Wolves** for winning the District Championship – undefeated! And great playoff wins against Brother Martin, Northshore, and Lafayette propelled the Wolves in the state finals – for the 8th consecutive year!
- Recognized and congratulated **Head Soccer Coach Sean Moser** for being named the Southeast United States Soccer Coach of the Year! This covers the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, George, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. WOW! Congrats, Coach!
- Recognized and congratulated the **Basketball Team** for District Championship Four-Peat: 2015, 16, 17, and now 2018! On to the playoffs!
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Parker Edwards** for reaching the incredible 2000 career point milestone – only the second SPS basketball play to achieve that distinction.
- Recognized the students will be representing us at District Literary Rally on Feb 24th:



Evan, Luke, Stephen, & Frankie – STATE CHAMPION 4 x 800 Indoor Track Team!

- **U.S. History:** Matthew Algero & Chris Wilson
- **Journalism:** Forge Mathes & Daniel Wieseneck
- **English I:** Jake Holincheck & Davis Lagarde
- **Pre-Calculus:** Jackson Gold & Nicholas Briggs
- **English II:** Andrew Lacoste & Joseph Giberga
- **Statistics:** Cullen Irwin & Jonathan Bertucci
- **English III:** Hyde Healy & Ian Varney
- **Biology I:** Ben Klein & Adam Smith\
- **English IV:** Isaac Hebert & Andrew Smith
- **Biology II** Josh Devier & Ross Hightower

- **Spanish I** **Lawrence Henry & Carter Murphy**
- **Chemistry:** **Michael Philippe & Stephen Millet**
- **Spanish II:** **Joel Rodriguez & Donald Garvey**
- **Physical Science:** **Adam Cazayoux & Trey Paine**
- **Spanish III:** **Blake Naccari & Ben Broussard**
- **Physics:** **Alex Prokop & Matthew Borgatti**
- **Wld Hist:** **Cameron Dougherty & Nicholas Ditta**
- **Geography:** **Hunter Kergosien & Kason Shaw**
- **Algebra I** **Walker Dubreuil & Andrew Hightower**
- **Spanish IV** **Matthew Vicknair & Hal Fox**
- **Spelling:** **Beau Franklin & Josh Rovira**
- **Accounting:** **Peter Bertucci & Deuce Hanrahan**
- **Algebra II:** **Brenden Dauterive & James Bradford**
- **Business:** **Grant Harrison & Eric Gray**
- **Computer Sci:** **Jacob Lauterbach & David Needles**
- **Geometry:** **Brady Talley & Scott Woodard**
- **Calculus:** **Patrick Baldone & Andrew Norlin**
- **Civics:** **Luc Hebert & Max Catalanatto**
- **Art:** **Jack Verret, Preston Scott, Ken Shiell,**
Ethan Yawn, Nicholas Briggs & Larry Rase



*Coach Sean Moser – Southeast
UNITED STATES Coach of the Year!*

- As we were running out of time, I reminded the students of Wednesday morning mass at 7 and confessions during lunch on Tuesday – great Lenten practices
- I then projected a Facebook post congratulating senior **Chandler Owenby** for tracking down a lady in Madisonville to return a lost camera during Mardi Gras. Well done, Chandler!
- Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions – which will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with the whole student body standing and singing a very moving rendition of that Lenten favorite, “O That Shame.” It was powerful. **Junior Justin McCleskey** extinguished the prayer candle while Vivaldi’s “Spring” from “The Four Seasons” played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during this Lenten season and to make safe choices. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God’s love to all whom they meet.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

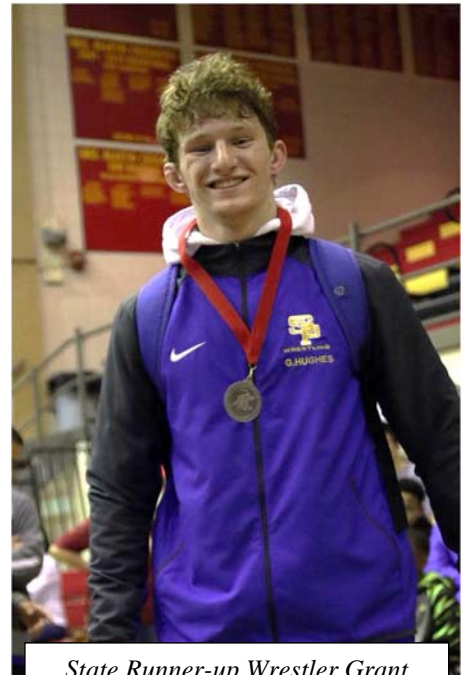
Attendance: Please make the following part of your New Year Resolutions: If your son is absent, phone Suzy in the Attendance Office before 9 am at 892-3200, ext. 1280, & **SEND A NOTE when he returns.**

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 6th and 7th grades. The

bottom floor contained study halls and recreation rooms. When SPS dropped 6th 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 7th grade. When we dropped 7th 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 1st quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
- M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Wed, Dec 19 End of 1st 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



State Runner-up Wrestler Grant Hughes smiles after last match!

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 100th 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!



Mr. Watkins presents Coach Ketelsen with his LA Wrestling Coach of the Year Award!

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.

Freshman Retreat: The Freshman Retreat has been moved to April 11 & 12.

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.

Lasallian World: Saint John Paul II Academy in Boca Raton, Florida, joined the Lasallian family on February 21, 2018, after a six-year discernment process. The school was welcomed by its new District, the District of Eastern North America (DNA). "We are thrilled to have Saint John Paul II Academy officially join our District's Lasallian educational family," said Brother Dennis Lee, FSC, DNA Visitor. "With its long standing tradition of rigorous academics, coupled with fostering a community committed to Gospel values and concern for the poor, Saint John Paul II Academy is a strong fit for our Lasallian charism and pedagogy." "All schools in the Diocese of Palm Beach have a strong academic and well-rounded curriculum which allow our students to receive an excellent education and instills in them the faith and values which assist them in future success. The goals of excellence in spirit, intellect and zeal demonstrated by Saint John Baptist de La Salle and Lasallian schools highlighted in the Covenant will further assist the students at Saint John Paul II Academy as they go

into the world to become successful in their communities, business and families, and in service to others,” said Bishop Barbarito. Welcome, Saint John Paul II Academy, to the Lasallian Family!

Last Week:

- **ACT Publicity:** WDSU TV came to campus on Friday to interview Jackson Gold on his perfect 36 ACT score. Coincidentally, the juniors were “bubbling” in the cafeteria for their ACT this week, so the reporter thought it was a great link and brought the camera to the café to film the juniors “bubbling”!
- **Acceptance Letters** were mailed on Thursday; new moms were already shopping in the book store for gifts for our newest wolves. Thanks to the MC for opening the book store with extra hours.
- **Athletic Signing:** Congrats to our first round of senior athletes who did college signings last week: Stephen Schlottman (LSU, cross-country), Myers Morgan Myers (Queens College, swimming) Noah Seiden (Tulane, football); Caleb Lupo (Delgado, baseball); Mason Robicheaux (Appalachian State, soccer); and Kent Shiell (Belmont Abbey, tennis). Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing an excellent ceremony!
- **Baseball:** A varsity win over Newman, an 8th grade double header split with Rummel, Varsity split on Thu night and I didn’t get results from Fri night’s game!
- **Basketball:** Two byes in the playoff! We are automatically in the quarterfinals – all thanks to the LHSAA “select – non-select” playoff system! So we played a pre-playoff game v. St. Michael’s on Thu – and won.
- **Bowling:** Wolves defeated Holden
- **Congratulations to Coach Kristian Gibbe on the birth of his son, Rowen Patrick, on Thu, Feb 22**
- **Counseling:** Congrats to counselors for successful testing programs for 8, 9 & 10th grades and the bubbling session on Fri. We hope these results will lead to even greater academic accomplishment by our students.
- **Debate:** Our Debate Wolves were in action Saturday at the Christ Episcopal Tournament – and advanced, again, to the semi-finals in only their second tournament ever! Great!
- **Habitat Wolves** worked Sat. Thanks, HWs!
- **LHSAA Audit:** Congrats to Craig, Claire and Carol for passing ANOTHER LHSAA paperwork audit.
- **Literary Rally: 18 State Qualifiers! Wonderful!**
- **Prayer Service:** Thanks to Carson Caulfield for organizing a well-attended lunchtime prayer on Monday for the victims of the Florida school shooting.
- **Soccer:** An eighth consecutive appearance in the state finals but a heartbreaking loss in OT. We still love the soccer wolves!
- **Wrestling:** Our JV / Jr Hi Wrestlers did great in the state meet. Here are the results:
 - JV
 - Rhett Barker - 1st Place
 - Ben Bobrowski - 1st Place
 - Michael Rader - 2nd Place
 - Nicholas Raspino - 3rd Place
 - Jobe Franklin - 3rd Place



Blake prepares to eat a Mexico delicacy – a cricket – as Ben looks on skeptically!

- Charlie Layman - 4th Place
 - Matt Gros - 4th Place
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 - Junior High
 - Ryan Blanchard - 1st Place
 - Jake Houser - 2nd Place
 - Daniel Dufour - 2nd Place
 - Kyle Kersker - 2nd Place
 - Garrett Juneau - 4th Place
 - Trey Faherty - 4th Place
 - Jacob Pyburn - 4th Place
- And while I will have more to say at a later date, I want to make sure you read Craig Ketelsen's email announcing that he is "stepping down" as head coach of the wrestling wolves. Craig's value to our program and to the sport in the whole state of Louisiana is too great to do justice to in this newsletter, but for now, thank you, Craig! The new head coach, our own Matt Pinero, is inheriting a first class program! Geaux Wrestling Wolves! The Paper Wolf has an excellent article on Craig's retirement, which is worth the read. Here's the link:
<https://thepaperwolf.com/2018/02/23/30-year-veteran-wrestling-coach-retires-as-head-coach-team-places-fourth-in-state/>
 - **Youth in Government:** The following students traveled to Baton Rouge Thu – Sat for the Youth and Government Convention. Thanks to **Waleed Sultan, Patrick Baldone, Jack Nunez, Kevin Schneider, Jordan Edney, Forge Mathes, Luc Hebert, and Jake Arena**. Paul Scoriels chaperoned the group.

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.

Mother's Club:

- Is hosting a Day of Reflection [on Wednesday, March 14, 2018](#) with guest speaker, Dr. Amy Meredith whose theme will be "Peace of Soul: Psychological and spiritual insights on the way to interior freedom" Please save the date... more info and sign up email coming soon.
- Has CHANGED THE DATE for the MOTHER – SON DINNER due to conflicts. The new date is Thu, April 19th! Watch for MC's email this week with new details.

News worth Noting: Volunteerism boosts self-esteem. The Journal of Adolescence reported that volunteering to assist strangers yielded more long-term benefits in teens than helping family or friends. In addition to having positive psychological impacts on teens, volunteering can increase physical exercise and prevent loneliness. Helping others does not have to be done on a grand scale, a small act of kindness is a great place to start. [Read more on this story.](#)



Lobos in Mexico visit pyramids! Thanks to Trey, Brock, Blake, Ben, Ryan & Chris for an international Lasallian experience!

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. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

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.

Pornography: Have you had this important conversation with your son? Remember: www.covenanteyes.com Is an excellent resource.

Registration of Current Students for 2018 - 19: All registration for next year is now overdue. Soon, a late fee will apply. We will begin scheduling for next year during the week of March 5. **Unregistered students will not be allowed to choose classes.** Please have the courtesy of letting me know if your son is not returning, and curriculum and hiring decisions are being made and I need to know the enrollment.

Saint Joseph Altar: Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo will again spearhead the Saint Joseph Altar – always a special event for SPS. This will be Dr. Logarbo's 20th altar and the 4th at SPS. The **Altar** will be on St Joseph's Feast Day this year, **March 19th**. Please offer to send food items needed at the signup genius link below. Just copy and paste in your browser to access. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A82CA0FF2-stjoseph1
ROSARIES made from last year's blessed roses are PRE-ORDER/PRE-PAYMENT only. Please send checks made to cash to P.O.OX 983, Covington, 70434. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 10, 2018

- **COOKIE MAKING DAY** will be on **Saturday, March 10th** in the cafeteria. We start at 9 sharp and usually finish well before 1 pm. Service hours are offered for SPS, SSA and any other schools your children may attend. Bring a rolling pin and clothes that can get flour on them. Please email Ann Kay if you can attend at alogarbo@charter.net. PLEASE SEND SERVICE HOUR FORMS WITH YOUR STUDENT.
- **ALTAR SET UP** will be on Sunday, **March 18th** from 3-5 pm. Please bring your sons (more service hours) and come help us set up the Altar.
- **MONDAY, MARCH 19th** is Altar Day:

- PLEASE BRING FOOD COOKED AND COVERED IN DISPOSABLE PANS. WRITE THE NAME OF THE ITEM ON THE COVER AS WE WILL HAVE SEPARATE WARMERS.
- IF YOU ARE BRINGING FRUIT, IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE BRIGGS CENTER ON THE 18th.
- WE WILL NEED AT LEAST 60 MOMS THERE FOR LUNCH. PLEASE SIGN UP ON SIGNUP GENIUS. MOMS WILL WEAR A SPS SHIRT.
- TAKE DOWN IS FROM 230-430...MORE SERVICE HOURS OFFERED.
- There is NO MEAT on the ALTAR...seafood OK.
- Dr. Logarbo's EMAIL IS alogarbo@charter.net; Send her any questions.
- Thank you, Doctor, for your incredible devotion to Saint Joseph – and Saint Paul's School!

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)

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: We dealt with this again last week. 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.

Weekly Humor: In honor of National Pig Day on Thursday:

Q: What do you call a pig thief? A: A burglar.

Q: How do pigs write top secret messages? A: With invisible oink!

Q: What do you get when you play Tug-of-War with a pig? A: Pulled-Pork

Q: What is a pig's favorite color? A: Mahogany!

Q: What do you get when you cross a frog and a pig? A: A lifetime ban from the Muppet Show studio.

Q: What do you call a pig with no legs? A: A groundhog.

Q: Why was the pig ejected from the football game? A: For playing dirty.

Q: Did you see the pig's new home? A: Yes, it was quite stylish.

Q: Why did the pig cross the road? A: He got BOARed.

Q: Who is the smartest pig in the world? A: Ein- swine

Q: How do you take a sick pig to the hospital? A: In an ambulance!

Q: What do you call a pig that drives recklessly? A: A road hog.

Q: What do you call a pig with laryngitis? A: Disgruntled.

Q: What did the pig say when he was sick? A: "Call the ambulance!"

Q: What do pigs use to help a strained muscle? A: Oinkment!

Q: What do you call a pig that does karate? A: Porkchop!

Q: What do you get when you cross a pig and a cactus? A: a porky-pine

Q: What do you call a pig that won the lottery? A: Filthy rich!

Q: What do you call the story of The Three Little Pigs? A: A pig tail!

Q: What do you call it when you cross a dinosaur and a pig? A: Jurassic pork!

OK, I'll stop!

West 30's Clean Up Day: The 2018 version of the Covington Cares About the West 30's clean up day is coming up on Saturday, March 3rd – less than two weeks. We are hoping for a strong SPS presence to help this section of Covington. Here's the info:

- **Second Annual** - The first event held in May 2017 drew over 200 volunteers. Let's make this year's event bigger & better!
- **Challenge** - Many in the West 30's neighborhood feel that their struggles have been largely overlooked by Covington while families living there have faced poverty, unemployment, pervasive drug use, crime and sub-standard housing conditions.
- **Objective** - Community relations building. This is an opportunity for people representing a broad spectrum of Covington to show some love to the residents of the West 30's.
- **Who Will Participate?** Teams of persons from area employers, schools, churches, government agencies, police officers, fire fighters, and community leaders will join residents of the West 30's for two hours of cleaning up trash and litter in the West 30's neighborhood.
- **What Will They Do?** Teams will go to specific areas in the neighborhood to clean up trash and litter and to greet residents with a smile and a warm hello!

- ***Why Pick Up Trash?*** This simple, humble act communicates respect for the West 30's and love for the people who live there. We all find it easier to have pride in areas which are cleaner and look nicer. Anything which makes the West 30's better makes us all better.
- ***Where Do We Start?*** There will be a brief introductory program starting at 8:30 AM at Rev. Peter Atkins Park at 701 North Tyler Street @ West 28th Avenue in the covered pavilion, before we start our clean up work at 9:00 AM.
- ***What Difference Does it Make?*** There is an old proverb that says "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link". If the West 30's is the weakest link in Covington, we will make all of Covington stronger and better by making the West 30's stronger and better.
- ***Service Hours for Students!*** Students who participate may register to get credit for service hours from this community project.
- ***Grilled Burgers, Hot Dogs & Jambalaya!*** After we finish the clean up work, we will enjoy free hot dogs and hamburgers on the grounds of Faith Bible Church at 1148 N. Columbia Street. Also, free jambalaya compliments of K-Gee's

Yearbook: The 2017-2018 Confier is now available for purchase at www.yearbookforever.com for \$65. The **deadline to order is May 25, 2018**, and only a very limited number of extra books will be ordered. ALL Seniors will receive a yearbook and do not need to pre-order one, but **Senior Ads must be placed by May 14, 2018**. This a great way for families to leave a lasting message for their sons. Go to www.yearbookforever.com to place your Senior Ad. Remember, you must spell out the word "Saint" in Saint Paul's School when ordering a book or placing an ad.

A Look Ahead:

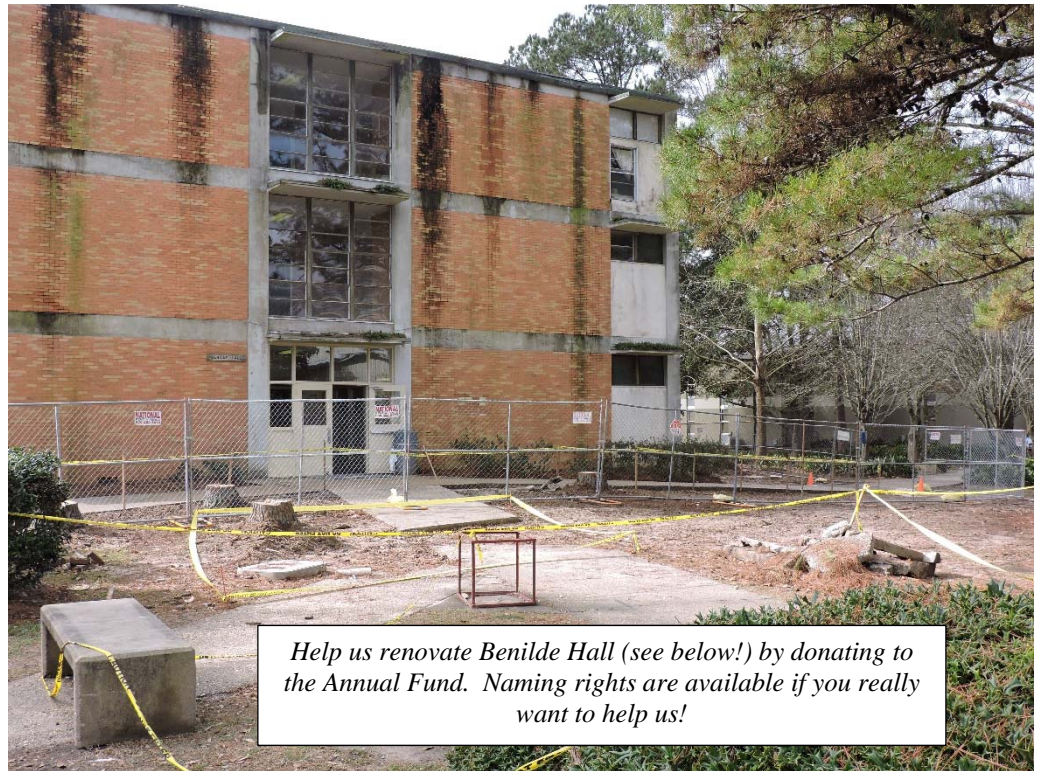
February

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



April

- 9 – GABC
- 10 – DEFG – Pack Time – *8/9 HR Breakfast in BAC*
- 11 – ABCD – *10/11 HR Breakfast in BAC*
- 12 – EFGA – *12th 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



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Whew! Enough for now.

Even though it's almost March, 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 move into February! Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's! Happy New Year!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for an Uneventful Flight (I'm a white knuckle flyer!) to Orlando and a Safe Return as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God's will, remaining faithful and letting Our Lady of the Star guide us to God!

