



*March 05 - 11, 2018*

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

Welcome to the third week of Lent – and the final week of the third quarter!

*It is not your impatience or anger that will improve your students,  
but your watchfulness and your own good behavior.*

*--St. John Baptist de La Salle*

I shared the above words of our Founder with the faculty in their newsletter this week, as the sentiment is equally true today as it was in the time of the first Brothers, over 300 years ago. I respectfully submit that the words apply to parents as well as teachers. May our watchfulness and our own good behavior bring out the improvement in our students and sons that we all want for them!



*Iris blooms are appearing on campus –  
indicating springtime, the etymology of Lent.  
Thanks, Botanical Wolves!*

**Mon, Mar 05 (Regular; E F G A)**

- **Did You Know (SPS Trivia in the Centennial Year of the Christian Brothers Assuming Ownership of SPS):** Mr. Barton Hebert was one of the most extraordinary young men ever to graduate from SPS. In 1955, during his sophomore year, he was stricken with polio that paralyzed him from the waist up which forced him to live mostly in an iron lung. A telephone line was installed between Saint Paul's and his home so Barton could follow all of the lessons given in his classes and even ask questions. He studied in the iron lung with the book suspended above his eyes and an attendant nearby to turn the pages. Barton taught himself to type with his toes. After graduating from Saint Paul's, he enrolled at Southeastern and eventually graduated from there. He then became a successful stockbroker for EF Hutton in New Orleans. Perhaps the science or health classes could discuss the prevalence of polio in those days and the effects it had on people. Perhaps students could use the internet to see what an iron lung looked

like and imagine what it was like to live that way in order to get a better appreciation of the accomplishments of Mr. Hebert. Today, Saint Paul's honors the memory of Mr. Hebert with small scholarship awards given each year to the winners of the Superior Achievement Awards in May. We hope the winners of those awards take a moment today to thank God for the life of Mr. Hebert and that all students use him as a model of what can be accomplished in life.

**Tue, Mar 06 (President's Assembly; confessions during lunch; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1899, the Imperial Patent Office in Berlin registers Aspirin, the brand name for acetylsalicylic acid, on behalf of the German pharmaceutical company Friedrich Bayer & Co

- **TDIH:** In 1986, Georgia O'Keefe, the artist who gained worldwide fame for her austere minimalist paintings of the American southwest, dies in Santa Fe at the age of 98. View some masterpieces of this incredible artist!
- **DYK:** Brother Francis Beck was principal of Saint Paul's from 1961-68. He was a thinker and a builder. His greatest talent was the ability to see the big picture and to plan for the future. In 1963, Brother Francis helped to develop a master plan for the campus that included building La Salle Hall, the chapel, the administration building, the cafeteria and the Brothers residence. The chapel was a gift to the school from his parents. The next time you go into the chapel through the main entrance, look to the left at the plaque honoring the memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Beck of Denver, CO in thanksgiving for their generosity. Give thanks to God today for Brother Francis, and pray that generous people continue to contribute to the needs of Saint Paul's School.
- **Dentist Day:** We thank all of our dental professionals today for their dedication to our dental health!
- **National Frozen Food Day:** Where would we be without frozen food?
- **Oreo Cookie Day:** Twist 'em, dunk 'em, use 'em in recipes or just eat Oreos today.
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Brother Martin (6:30)
- **Bowling:** Varsity v. Holden

**Wed, Mar 07 (7 am mass; Scheduling Assembly; F G A B)**

- **TDIH:** In 1923, *The New Republic* publishes Robert Frost's poem "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening." The poem, beginning with the famous line "Whose woods these are, I think I know. His house is in the village though," has introduced millions of American students to poetry. Re-read this classic today!
- **World Math Day!** Celebrate & work math problems!
- **Discover What Your Name Means Day (always Wed of first full week of March):** Talk about your family's names today: where they came from and what they mean! Tell some family stories, too!
- **Engineering Classes Field trip to ULL**
- **Confession will be available in all Catholic parishes from 5 – 6:30.**

**Thu, Mar 08 –(Scheduling Assembly; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crewmembers, loses contact with air traffic control less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur then veers off course and disappears. Despite a massive air-and-sea search effort for the Beijing-bound Boeing 777, investigators have failed to find any trace of the aircraft or determine why it vanished.
- **DYK:** On July 16, 1916, the Louisiana State Legislature granted Saint Paul's official recognition as a College, with the authority to confer degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Sciences, and Master of Arts. No degrees, however, were ever conferred, but the Act remains on the books today and has never been revoked.



*Students cheer the Wolves at Friday night's game!  
(Photo by Pat Mashburn of NOLA/Times Picayune.com)*

- **Be Nasty Day: SPS Will NOT observe this day!**
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Covington/Traffon Meet
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament begins
- **Basketball:** SPS v. Catholic High in semi-finals (1:15 in Lake Charles)

### **Fri, Mar 09 (Regular; G A B C – End of Third Quarter)**

- **TDIH: In 1916**, Pancho Villa raids the United States. This matters to us at SPS. This is a repeat, but it's one of our significant foundational stories – both in our history and God's plan -- and needs to be read yearly. Enjoy.



From the History Channel's "This Day in History" for Mar 9: ***Pancho Villa Raids U.S.*** *On March 9, 1916, several hundred Mexican guerrillas under the command of Francisco "Pancho" Villa cross the U.S.-Mexican border and attack the small border town of Columbus, New Mexico.... President Woodrow Wilson orders the U.S. Army into Mexico to capture the rebel leader dead or alive.*

Other than historical curiosity, why should we at SPS care about this anniversary? Because in an unwitting and unintentional way, Pancho Villa (left) helped found Saint Paul's School.

According to the historical records of the Christian Brothers of the former New Orleans - Santa Fe Province, Mexican revolutionaries besieged the city of Zacatecas in 1914, where Christian Brothers had conducted a school for six years. Two Brothers were killed and 14 were imprisoned. *On July 6, the sister of the finance minister to the First Chief of the Revolutionaries hosted Pancho Villa for dinner. During this meal, she interceded for the Brothers. Her son had attended the Brothers' school at Monterey. Villa consented and the Brothers were conveyed by rail coach under guard to El Paso. The Jesuit priests took them in, gave them necessities and advised them to travel to Santa Fe. The French consul arranged for train tickets, and the Brothers arrived at Santa Fe on July 13. Some of these Brothers later returned to France. Others were sent to different American communities, while some remained and helped establish the new District of New Orleans-Santa Fe. The unknown Brother who wrote the Historical Sketch, awed by the courage and dedication of these Brothers, remarked, ". . . for a more exemplary or edifying body of religious men, it would be very difficult to find."*

Some of those same brothers, exiled from France in 1904 due to religious persecution and who went to Mexico only to be driven out in 1914, would eventually settle in Covington to assume ownership of Saint Paul's School. The rest, as they say, is history. Had Pancho Villa not released the Brothers from prison, they may never have found their way here.

Scripture tells us that God's ways are not our ways. Could there be a more relevant example of how God brings good out of evil, strength out of weakness, salvation out of despair? Could the Hand of God be any more obvious in our school's existence? Could we have any doubt that our work today is God's work -- a continuation of that miraculous journey to Covington, those incredible stories of heroic men giving their lives for the sake of the Lasallian Mission?

Today, we are the ones entrusted with that Mission. Today, we must be faithful. Today, we are the cooperators with God in His plan of salvation. Today, we must honor our ancestors and, yes, thank Pancho Villa for granting the Brothers a release from prison and a safe journey from Mexico. Who knows what good will come from our work today -- even when times are tough and the future blurry? May our Lenten journey give us eyes of faith and merciful hearts!



- **DYK:** Saint Paul's started The Christian Brothers Relay Track Meet in 1966. Prelims were held at 9:30; holy mass was celebrated at 11; a bar-b-que followed and track finals were at 2:30. This was a premier area track meet. Today, Coach Al Nastasi & the Track Wolves continue this heritage of excellence in track
- **National Get Over It Day:** We all have something to "get over." Do it today! Can't think of something? Ask your friends what they tire of hearing you complain about!
- **National Panic Day:** Who knew? Try to stay calm today although with all this activity, it will be hard.
- **Track:** Varsity in Judy Baehr Relays
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament; varsity in Chalmette tournament
- **Lacrosse:** JVA & Varsity v. Mandeville



*Football players listen to Coach Sears as they prepare for next season.*

### Sat, Mar 10

- **TDIH:** In 1876, the first telephone call occurs. Do you know what Alexander Graham Bell said? Answer at end.
- **Mario Day:** A day for all persons named Mario. Using the abbreviation for the month of March, i.e., MAR, with the day, i.e., 10, you get the name spelled out: MAR10 – who knew?
- **Middle Name Day:** How often do we think of our middle names? Spend some time discussing their history today.
- **SAT on campus this morning**
- **Baseball:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade SPS tournament; JV at Covington (two games); Varsity in Chalmette tournament

- **Lacrosse:** JVB, JVA & Varsity v. Catholic (1, 3, & 5)

### Sun, Mar 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time begins at 2:00 am. Spring forward! Yes, we lose an hour!**
- **TDIH:** In 1818, Mary Shelley publishes *Frankenstein*, called the first science fiction novel.
- **Johnny Appleseed Day:** Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was a real person, a settler who was captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree planted, the legend grew. Eat an apple today in honor of Johnny.
- **World Plumbing Day:** Appreciate plumbing today, something we all too often take for granted. And I guess we should give a shout out to plumbers, too! Where would we be without them?
- **Marching Wolves in Battle of the Band today at Xavier in NO**

**I call the following to your attention 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 Beniled Hall renovation. Work has begun!
- Did You Know tidbits of SPS history are published in the newsletter for each weekday

- On Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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!

**Archbishop Aymond Letter:** The following was read in all Catholic parishes this weekend:

*I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion. As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession. Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the next 3 Wednesdays (March 7, March 14, March 21) from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy. Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that his heart is open and eager to forgive. Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.*

*Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond*



*Jacques, Jason & Trace represented us at Athletic Trainer's Conference last week.*

**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! Here's the status of naming opportunities:

Media Area (Wolf Den)	<b>SOLD</b>
Retail Area	<b>SOLD</b>
Computer Lab (Br. Ray's Classroom)	<b>SOLD</b>
Video Production Studio (Guerilla Wolves, News Broadcast)	\$50,000
Publishing Room (Paper Wolf, Yearbook)	\$20,000
Campus Minister's Office	\$20,000
5 Display Cases	<b>SOLD</b>
Outdoor Covered Patio with Seating	<b>SOLD</b>

### **2nd Floor**

Spanish Classrooms (6)	\$15,000 each
Faculty Office	\$15,000

### **3rd Floor**

Religion Classrooms (6)	\$15,000 each
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Contact Danielle in the Development Office or me if you are interested in one of these naming opportunities. I am most grateful to those who have already responded.

**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 helps 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!



*Students check into the attendance office.*

**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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>! Watch for MC's email this week with new details.

**Lasallian Secondary Schools Chief Administrators Conference (or what Trevor and I did on our Orlando vaca... uh, Meeting):** Almost 150 Lasallian administrators and staff gathered in Orlando last week. Here's a re-cap:

- Sunday night: we opened with a beautiful liturgy (one Lasallian high school president is a priest), followed by a session that gave an overview of our time together and presented the Brother Michael Collins Award of Excellence, given annually to an urban school activity that exemplifies Lasallian values. This year's award went to "A Company of Singers", an award winning show choir from Totino-Grace High School in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. They have several videos on YouTube. We then had table discussions called "Wine and Wisdom", where guided questions provoked sharing and conversation over a glass of wine. We ended the evening with social activity to renew old friendships and welcome newcomers.



- Monday: After Morning Prayer, we were treated to a riveting speaker: Roy Petitfils, counselor, speaker and author out of Lafayette, LA. He spoke on “Best Practices to Reach and Effectively Meet the Changing Emotional Needs of our Students.” He was incredibly good and powerful. Go on YouTube and watch him. We then had breakout sessions: I went to one on legal issues in schools and Trevor attended one on recruitment and marketing strategies. Both were excellent. We then had a wonderful lunch, and another breakout session: I did another legal session and Trevor attended one on the Teacher-Parent Dynamic. After a little “down time,” we had “District Dinners” – the District of San Francisco New Orleans walked a short distance to a wonderful Italian Restaurant named “Maggiano’s Little Italy.” Very nice! We then returned to the hotel and continued our conversations and socializing.
- Tuesday: After prayer, the president of National Catholic Education Association addressed the group, identifying challenges facing Catholic education and assuring the Lasallian world that we are an important part of the answer. Following his presentation, Sister Mary Angelo Shaughnessy, one of the foremost educational legal experts in the United States, treated us to a keynote talk. Her talk was entertaining, sobering, and down to earth, addressing issues which we are all experiencing. Following Sister’s talk, the San Francisco New Orleans administrators met separately and addressed issues specific to our District. After a great Mexican lunch, the principals and presidents met in separate groups. Both groups spent the majority of the time on school safety issues – and nobody has an answer. We then had free time and a nice pre-dinner social on a beautiful poolside patio. It was a long day, and I turned in early.
- Wednesday: After prayer, we were treated to a talk by Brother Louis, DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D. – President Emeritus of St. Mary’s University of Minnesota and iconic Lasallian educator. The title of his talk was “Limitless Lasallian Love: I Know I Ain’t Lost.” He was inspiring and engaging! Following his talk, the conference adjourned, and we headed to the airport for our journeys home.
- Well, that’s probably more than you wanted to know, but be assured that Trevor and I were not on vacation! And I didn’t visit Disneyworld, in spite of a spurious photo that is being circulated! I ordinarily give kudos to Southwest Airlines for relatively smooth flights, but I can’t do so this time! The flight there had my rosary working overtime! Returning, however, was much better. As always, I said a prayer of thanks as SW Flight 769 touched ground at Louis Armstrong International Airport on time at 2:00 PM Wednesday and another prayer an hour and a half later as I reentered the holy ground of Saint Paul’s School. Thanks for taking good care of the school in the absence of Trevor and me.

### **Last Week:**

- **ACT:** A successful test administration to our juniors. Thanks, counseling department.
- **Anti-Defamation League Unity Day:** Sean Noel, Drew Putfark, Johnathan Sheffield, and Marshall Unkauf joined students from throughout the metro NO area, engaging in meaningful dialogue on defending against hate and promoting respect in our world. Thanks for campus minister Jeff Ramon for organizing and chaperoning.
- **Athletic Training Day** field trip at SLU went well. Thanks to Trainer Chris Stipe and students Jacques Mason, Jason Toups, and Trace Roberts for representing us so well.
- **Baseball:** Many games last week – some wins and some losses. Geaux Baseball Wolves! But the plumbing went out in the stadium! Nothing that \$1500 worth of unbudgeted, unexpected repairs couldn’t fix! &\$#!@&^ plumbing!
- **Basketball:** On to the semi-finals for first time in school history! Go Wolves!
- **Debate:** Our third tournament! Congrats to Hal Fox, Tyler Beard, Jack Hanks, Johnny Bergeron, Ian Kramer and moderators Christina Zapata and Robert Heap for developing this latest activity!

- **HOSA:** our HOSA Wolves did exceptionally well at the State Convention!

- **Lacrosse:** #1 Wolves defeated #2 St. Thomas More & JV won 8-7. Geaux LAX Wolves!

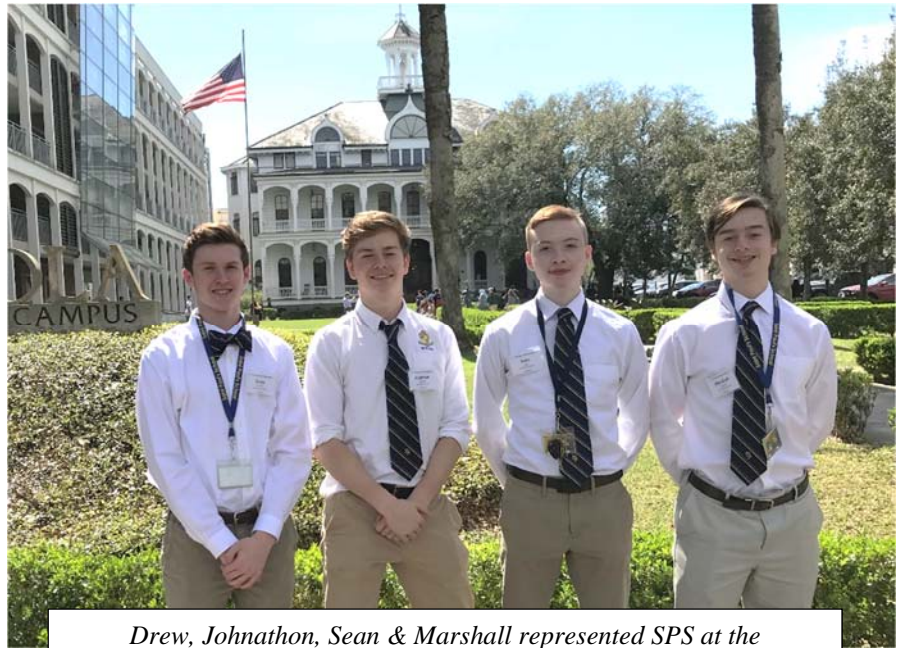
- **Math Tournament:** Fighting Math Wolves were up and at 'em early Sat morning, heading to competition in BR. It's inspiring to see a bus load of students actually excited to be entering math competition on a Sat morning! And they placed 2<sup>nd</sup>!

- **Robotics:** Robo Wolves sponsored a spectacular tournament in the BAC! Robots were everywhere! And Robo Wolves won! Wonderful!

- **Rugby:** A game was scheduled on our calendar but I didn't get any results.

- **Senior Day with Archbishop Aymond:** Thanks to Our Lady of the Lake Parish for hosting the senior classes of Archbishop Hannan, Pope John Paul II, Saint Paul's and Saint Scholastic for a day of celebrating our common Catholic school experience. Our seniors represented us well.

- **Track:** Jr Hi Wolves placed 5<sup>th</sup> in a large Cov/Trafton meet; Varsity ran in Ponchatoula Invitational and represented us in an exemplary manner.

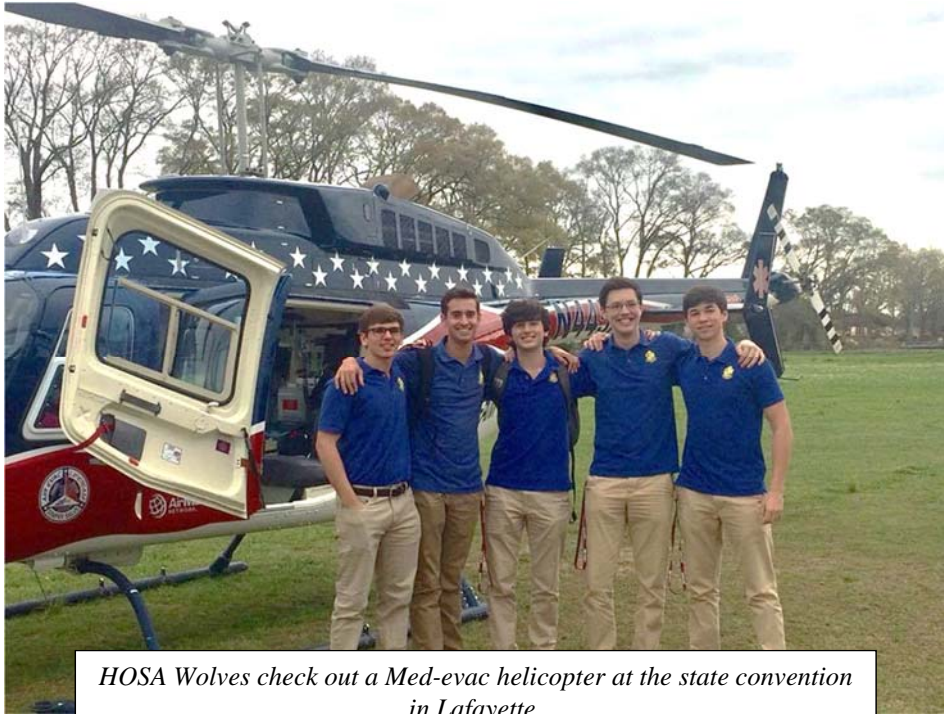


*Drew, Johnathon, Sean & Marshall represented SPS at the Anti-Defamation Conference last week at Loyola.*

**March:** Welcome to March, the third month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the second of seven months to have a length of 31 days. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. His month *Martius* was the beginning of the season for warfare. In the Northern Hemisphere, the meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March. The March equinox on the 20th or 21st marks the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. Among other causes, March is Adopt A Rescued Guinea Pig Month, American Red Cross Month, Brain Injury Awareness, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Humorists Are Artists Month, International Expect Success Month, International Listening Awareness Month, International Mirth Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, Mad for Plaid Month, Malignant Hypertension Awareness & Training Month, Music In Our Schools Month, National Athletic Training Month, National Caffeine Awareness Month, National Craft Month, National Ethics Awareness Month, National Essential Tremor Awareness Month, National Eye Donor Month, National Frozen Food Month, National Multiple Sclerosis Education & Awareness Month, National Kidney Month, National March Into Literacy Month, National Noodle Month, National Nutrition Month, National Peanut Month, National Social Work Month, National Umbrella Month, Optimism Month, Play The Recorder Month, Poison Prevention Awareness Month, Save Your Vision Month, Sing With Your Child Month, Spiritual Wellness Month, & Youth Art Month – something for everyone!

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*HOSA Wolves check out a Med-evac helicopter at the state convention in Lafayette.*

### **National Catholic Sisters Week:**

Thu, March 8 begins NCSW to shine a spotlight on the good works and good will of almost 50,000 Catholic sisters in the US. It recognizes past and present sisters, from movers and shakers of Catholic ed, to those who pressed front lines of social change to those who ministered to sick in hospitals to those faithful praying in cloistered chapels. Few students today have had contact with nuns. Sad. Some of my most influential teachers in elementary school were nuns. Let's pray for an increase of vocations to this worthy life and thank God for the good these faith-filled women have done so much for so many, many years – and continue to do today.

**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.](#)

**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. Here's the link: [www.thepaperwolf.com](http://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](http://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:** The altar is just two week away, March 19. Here's an update from Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo:

- Mission collections for the next two weeks will be used for the altar. (Canoli prices have increased!)
- We still need food items for the students' lunch (all students are fed handsomely that day!) Sign up to help by using this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45a9a82ca0ff2-stjoseph1>
- Also, don't miss out on the beautiful rosaries made from St Joseph Altar Blessed roses. Dr. Logarbo will need all orders pre-paid by March 10 so she knows how many to have made. \$50 donation each. Mail checks (payable to SPS St Joseph Altar) to Dr. Logarbo at POBox 983 Covington , 70434.
- Monetary donations accepted.
- **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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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](mailto:alogarbo@charter.net); Send her any questions.

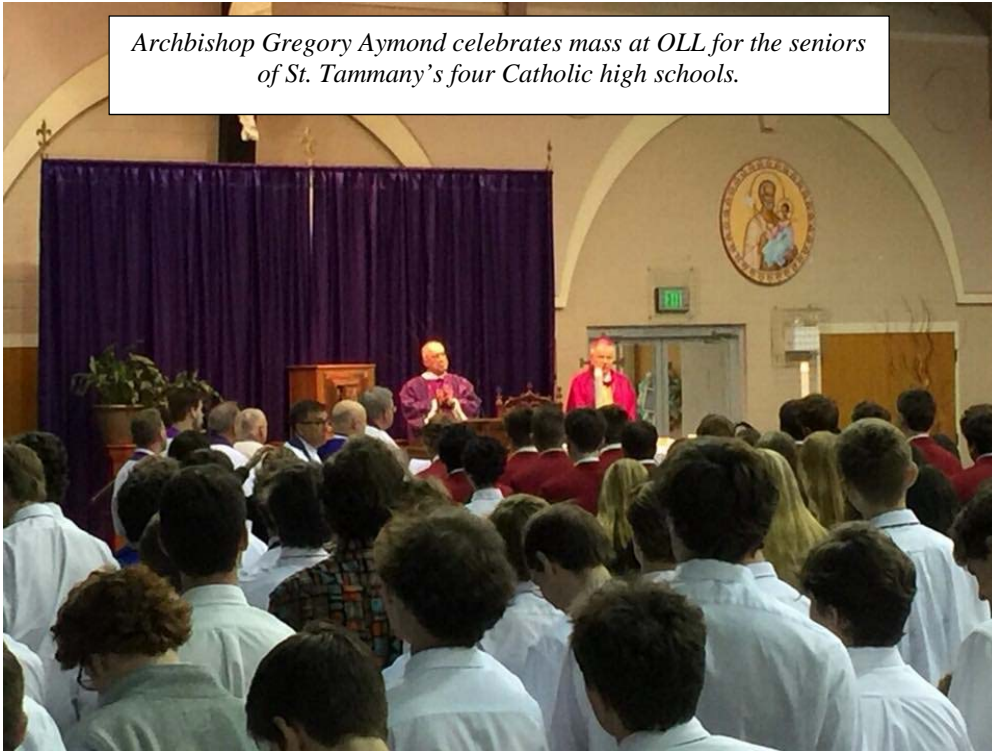
**Scheduling for Next Year:** This week, students will begin selecting their courses for next year. **Only registered students will be allowed to schedule classes. If your son is returning and you haven't registered him, please do so or he might not get his choice of classes. If he is not returning, please have the courtesy of letting me know so I can plan accordingly.**

**School Safety:** We join our colleagues throughout the country, including here in St. Tammany Parish, in doing all we can to insure a safe environment for our students. Parents – please speak with your sons about **responsible** reporting of possible unsafe conditions and NEVER to joke about such matters – which can incur legal consequences.

**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,

*Archbishop Gregory Aymond celebrates mass at OLL for the seniors of St. Tammany's four Catholic high schools.*



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 turned in to the drop-off box in 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.**

**Tuxedos to Geaux** will be in Briggs Mon, Mar 5 and Thu, Mar 8, from 11:00am - 12:30 to fit boys for new tuxedos and provide alterations on previously purchased. Tuxedos to Geaux is a formal wear store that offers students and families a cost-effective and timesaving service. Their motto is "DON'T RENT IT, OWN IT!" They come to school and measure any student who interested in purchasing a tuxedo. Our experienced alteration team tailors the items to fit perfectly. We return to school with altered items and deliver them to the students. All purchases from our store come with free lifetime alterations. We return to school each year to see if any alterations are needed at no charge. **ALL TUXEDOS INCLUDE FREE LIFETIME ALTERATIONS!** Prices start at \$159 plus tax. No deposit required. Payment is due upon delivery of the tuxedo to the school. We accept cash, credit cards, debit cards, and checks

**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 have khaki pants available – all for the taking.

**Vaping:** I'm sorry I have to continue to mention this, but please speak to your son about the dangers involved in this latest fad. We continue to hear 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 Dentist's Day on Tuesday:

- *Why did the king go to the dentist? To get his teeth crowned!*
- *What is a dentist's favorite movie? "Plaque to the Future"!*
- *Judge to dentist? "Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?"*
- *What do you call a dentist's advice? His flossophy.*
- *What does a marching band member use to brush his teeth? A tuba toothpaste!*
- *What is a dentist's favorite time of day? Tooth-hurty!*
- *How are false teeth like stars? Both only come out at night!*
- **A book never written:** "Life as a Dentist" by Flo Ride.
- **A book never written:** "Pain Management" by Nova Cane
- **A book never written:** "Dental Examination" by Hope N. Wide.
- **A book never written:** "I Have a Toothache" by Phil McCavity.
- **Dentist:** What kind of filling do you want in your tooth? **Boy:** Chocolate!
- *What does a dentist call an astronaut's cavity? A black hole.*
- *Dentist to the judge in court: "You can't handle the tooth!"*
- *How do you fix a broken tooth? With tooth paste!*
- *What did the dentist do in the Army? He was a drill sergeant.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**Yearbook:** The 2017-2018 Confier is now available for purchase at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://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](http://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:**

### **March**

5 – EFGA



*Sign on Hwy 21 near Bush after acceptance letters for next year went out!*



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 (see below!) 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



**SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL**  
*presents*  
**Celebrity Dinner 2018**  
*featuring a performance by*  
**Ms. Irma Thomas**

Thursday, March 22nd  
6:00pm - 10:00pm  
Briggs Assembly Center

*performance sponsored by*

**DonahueFavret**  
CONTRACTORS, INC.

Don't miss out on one of the BIGGEST events of the year, including a performance by the Soul Queen of New Orleans, **Ms. Irma Thomas**, and a delicious sit-down dinner catered by **The Dakota Restaurant**. Sponsorship at varying levels, Tables of 10 and individual tickets are now available for purchase.

**[I WANT TO RESERVE MY TICKET NOW!](#)**

Contact Development Director Danielle Lavie at [development@stpauls.com](mailto:development@stpauls.com) for more information on St. Paul's Celebrity Dinner 2018





*Help us make this a reality! Contact me or the Development Office for naming opportunities! I need everyone's help to make this centennial dream come true!*

Whew! Enough for now.

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!

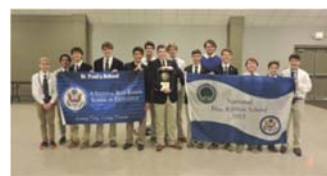
Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we move into March! Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It to March as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President/CEO 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!**



**Answer to Trivia question for March 10: Bell said "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you."**