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

March 12 – 18, 2018



Repent and Believe the Good News as we begin 4th Quarter!

Welcome to the fourth quarter – the final leg of the 2017 – 18 school year! Let's finish strong!



We recently observed the two-year anniversary of the passing of literary giant Harper Lee, whose best-selling novel To Kill A Mockingbird continues to endear readers to the Finch Family and inspire students and adults alike.

I hope you know that Nelle Harper Lee (she went by Harper because she didn't want people calling her Nellie) was born in 1926 in Monroeville, AL. Her novel was published in 1960. Immediately successful, it won the 1961 Pulitzer Prize and has become a classic of modern American Literature. In 2007, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her contribution to literature. Known for her

reclusiveness, she rarely gave interviews.

When Harper died, I printed some of my favorite quotations from the novel and repeated them last year. They are worth re-printing again this year, as they continue to move me every time I read TKAM or view the academy award winning film. So here are the quotations – which provide great reflection material for Lent:

- *You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.*
- *I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.*
- *The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience.*
- *Atticus, he was real nice. Most people are, Scout, when you finally see them.*
- *You just hold your head high and keep those fists down. No matter what anybody says to you, don't you let 'em get your goat. Try fightin' with your head for a change.*
- *It's never an insult to be called what somebody thinks is a bad name. It doesn't hurt you.*
- *Bad language is a stage all children go through, and it dies when they learn they're not attracting attention with it.*
- *So it took an eight-year-old child to bring 'em to their senses.... That proves something - that a gang of wild animals can be stopped, simply because they're still human. Maybe we need a police force of children.*
- *Atticus said to Jem one day: Shoot all the blue jays you want, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird." That was the only time I ever heard Atticus say it was a sin to do something, and I asked Miss Maudie about it. "Your father's right," she said. "Mockingbirds don't do one thing except make music for us to enjoy....They don't do one thing but sing their hearts out for us. That's why it's a sin to kill a mockingbird.*

Continue to rest in peace, Harper Lee. And thank you.

Mon, Mar 12 (9 am start for faculty meeting at 7:45; D E F G)

- **Fourth Quarter Begins Today**
- **Mar 12 - 18: Brain Awareness Week:** Let's celebrate our brains and encourage the students to use their brains! Here's a website with activities about the brain: <http://www.dana.org/resources/brainykids/>
- **This Day in History:** In 1622, Pope Gregory XV canonized a pretty extraordinary group of men and women, making them saints in the Roman Catholic Church: Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, & Ignatius Loyola. May these saints pray for us in our work at SPS!
- **TDIH:** In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first "fireside chat" radio address. Today he would probably have sent out a tweet!

- **Did You Know (SPS Trivia for the Centennial of the Christian Brothers Ownership of SPS):** Football began as a sport at Saint Paul's in the fall of 1914, the year World War I started. At that time and for many years to come, Saint Paul's could boast of having the finest athletic complex in the state. Today, Saint Paul's still has some of the best athletic facilities in the area.
- **National Napping Day** (day after DST to help us adjust): SPS will not observe this day – at least not until 3 pm! Hope you “sprang forward” yesterday!
- **Genealogy Day:** Spend time today researching your ancestors or at least giving thanks for them!
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Hannan



Pre-freshmen listen intently at scheduling assembly.

Tue, Mar 13 (Pack Time; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 2013, Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis I.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, the US Army begins training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps."
- **DYK:** In April of 1914, the basketball team had a banquet in honor of their winning the Louisiana championship that year. Their team had met all comers, including Tulane, LSU and Loyola Universities. No one could beat them in their own gym (which is now the theater) where the backboards were fastened to the walls on opposite ends of the octagon, with heavy mesh wire surrounding the goals to protect the large windows. The Saint Paul's players grew quite skillful in climbing the wire mesh and dunking the ball through the hoop. Undoubtedly there must have been complaints that this practice wasn't quite “official” but the rival teams came back year after year to get beaten since there were so few gyms in LA.
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. Northshore

- **Track:** JV in Northshore Meet
- **The Paper Wolf** staff leaves today after Period B to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in New York. They will be gone the rest of the week. The BEST IN STATE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER will represent us well in the Big Apple. Thanks to Christi Simoneaux and Lester Guttuso (12) Luc Hebert (12) Forge Mathes (12) Ashton van Deventer (12) Jackson Cretin (12) Spencer Fox (11) and Daniel Wieseneck (11)
- **Godspell Preview Night**



Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering Wolves traveled to ULL for engineering conference last week.

Wed, Mar 14 (7 am mass; Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1879, Albert Einstein is born, the son of a Jewish electrical engineer in Ulm, Germany. Einstein's theories of special and general relativity drastically altered man's view of the universe, and his work in particle and energy theory helped make possible quantum mechanics and, ultimately, the atomic bomb.
- **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.
- **Pi Day:** Pi, Greek letter (π), is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. But you knew that. Pi Day is celebrated by math enthusiasts around the world on March 14th (3/14) since $\pi = 3.1415926535\dots$ Get it?
- **Learn About Butterflies Day:** Some scientists think that the health of the butterfly population has implications for the health of the rest of the earth. Learn about the beautiful, helpful butterfly today! Here at SPS, that's going to become easier, as the Environmental Science class recently built a butterfly garden.
- **National Potato Chip Day:** Snack away!
- **International Ask A Question Day:** Ask questions today!

- **Baseball:** 8th at Rummel; Varsity at St. Thomas Aquinas
- **Track:** SPS/Trafton meet
- **Basketball End of Year Awards Ceremony**
- *Godspell opens to general public (7)*

Thu, Mar 15 (Regular; B C D E)

- **TDIH: Beware the Ides of March!** Julius Caesar was assassinated on this day in 44 BC. According to Shakespeare, when stabbed by close friend, Marcus Brutus, Caesar supposedly uttered *Et tu, Brute!*
- **DYK:** The Christian Brothers Relay Track Meet was started 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.
- **Incredible Kids Day:** Celebrate by letting your kids know how good they are, and how much you love them.
- **Corn Dog Day:** Eat a corn dog today if you can handle it!
- **Junior Retreat/Angola Trip:** half of juniors on retreat; half to Angola
- **Baseball:** 8th in Northshore Tournament; Varsity v. St. Thomas Aquinas (6)
- *Godspell (7)*

Fri, Mar 16 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1802, the US Congress founds the United States Military Academy at West Point.
- **National Lips Appreciation Day:** Do something nice for your lips today! Use lip balm and civil language.
- **Junior Retreat/Angola Trip:** groups swap today
- **Track:** Varsity in Andy Thiel Invitational (F' Bleau)
- **Lacrosse: JVB, Wolf, JVA at Catholic**
- *Godspell (7)*

Sat, Mar 17

- **TDIH:** In 461 A.D., Saint Patrick, Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland, dies in Ireland. Happy Feast Day to all Irish and Irish wanna-bees!
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity in Bayou Bash; JVB/Wolf/JVA v. Catholic
- **Baseball:** 9th v. Ponchatoula and Slidell
- **Rugby v. Bro. Martin at City Park**
- **Powerlifting State Meet in Alexandria**
- *Godspell (7)*



Trace & Griffin design a prosthetic arm in biomedical class.

Sun, Mar 18 -- I encourage our Catholic Families to attend mass today and our non-Catholic families to attend the church, synagogue, or mosque of choice.

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with other investors to launch their namesake banking and shipping business.
- **Awkward Moments Day:** Celebrate our common humanity – we've all made awkward mistakes.
- *Godspell (3)*
- **Saint Joseph Altar Set Up (3-5): Dr. Lobarbo welcomes all to help! Service hours available!**

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

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 on Mar 06: I hope the students enjoyed our Mar 06 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of hauntingly beautiful version of “Parce Domine” – one of the most recognized and Lenten hymns. I explained that it’s an ancient hymn and we don’t really know who wrote it or when. The words “parce domine” mean “spare us, Lord” and remind us that Lent is a time of turning away from sin and toward God – who is “rich in mercy” according to the prophet Joel. I encouraged the students to make the most of the remaining weeks of Lent. 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.

While the music played, **junior Brandon Stein** lit the prayer candle – still purple for Lent. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God’s Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Paul Huff, grandfather of Kristian McHugh ’19, Mr. Billy Kentzel ’56, father of Ted ’81, Trey ’87, and Josh Kentzel ’93 and grandfather of Matthew ’10, William ’14, and Christopher Gement ’18; Mrs. Shirley Sipes, great-grandmother of Cody Crettet ’20 and Ian Racine, a sophomore at De La Salle High School in NO.** We also prayer for Aaron Cobos, a junir at Cathedral High School, the Lasallian school in El Paso, Texas, who remained critically injured from an athletic contest.

We also prayed in thanksgiving for the arrival of **Rowen Patrick Gibbe**, son of Coach Kristian Gibbe, into the world last week!

- I then reminded our 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. While I usually spend assemblies concentrating on academic, athletic and extracurricular excellence, I wanted to focus today's assembly on safety – and I introduced **Covington Mayor Mike Cooper, an alumnus from the Class of 1971, and Covington Chief of Police Tim Lentz**, a good friend of SPS.

- Chief Lentz gave a blunt, forceful and effective call to our students about the current state of school safety – especially about what will not be tolerated. He told the students that they cannot joke about threats to the safety of the school – and that such actions would lead to their arrest and the penalties are pretty severe. He assured students that police would investigate all threats, but that they have been wasting their time of late by investigating unfounded rumors – including one at Saint Paul's.



Covington Mayor Mike Cooper, a 1971 SPS alum, speaks to students about school safety.

- Parents – please speak with your sons about Chief Lentz's message and the difference between reporting a credible threat v. an unsubstantiated, second or third hand rumor.
- I again tried to show the videos of The Marching Wolves at the Walmart parade and in front of our distinctive hat vendor – and was again thwarted by technology gremlins!
- Recognized and congratulated **Miguel Seruntine** for winning a spot in the District Honor Concert Band.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Wolves on Wheels** for their participation in the Abita Springs Mardi Gras parade.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Saint Paul's Student Council** for its showing at the Louisiana Association of Student Councils Convention. **Josh Devier, Josh Rovira, Michael Slimming, Chris Wilson, Blake Bollinger, Davis Lagarde, and Luke Vargas**, once again, brought home the coveted Gold Council award – the highest award given by LASC. In addition, Josh Devier was elected Secretary of District II.
- Recognized and congratulated the Fighting Math Wolves for their showing at the recent Catholic High School (BR) Math Tournament. 57 FMWs traveled on TWO busses to BR for competition. Here they are: **Matthew Blume, William Ditta, Andrew Hightower, Trent Caime, Carter Murphy, Marco Vargas, Christian Kramer, Brian Lea, Alex Tepper, Trey Paine, Davis Lagarde, Thomas**

Bitterwolf, Evan Greene, Joey Gioe, Preston Calvert, Grant Harrison , Adam Cazayoux, Alex Klocek, Danny Zuckerman, Miles Gensler, Matt Roussel, Nicholas Ditta, Christopher Guillot, Drew Putfark, Jesse Cheng, Brenden Dauterive, Landon Rees, Jack Bedell, Marshall Unkauf, Josh Bonnett, Brady Billiot, Blake DiSalvo, Jarrett Meibaum, Nick Wright, Sean Hightower, Ben Klein, Patrick Kilgore, Caleb Frost, Adam Smith, Darrin Lea, Clayton Dunavant, Scott Manifold, Hyde Healy, Adrian Millan, Cullen Irwin, Stephen Millet, Cole Chitwood, Blake Ramsey, Noah Savoie, Ross Hightower, Lenny Carollo, Luc Hebert, Ashton VanDeventer, Daniel Wieseneck, Max Catalanotto, Forge Mathes, Patrick Baldone, Hanzala Hussain. And the results?

- **INDIVIDUAL**

Algebra 1	William Ditta	3 rd place		
	Trent Caime	5 th place		
	Andrew Hightower	honorable mention		
Geometry	Davis Lagarde	5 th place		
Algebra 2	Ben Klein	4 th place		
	Christopher Guillot	Josh Bonnett	Brenden Dauterive	honorable mention
Calculus AB	Hanzala Hussain	3 rd place		

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Calculus AB	2 nd place	Patrick Baldone, Daniel Wieseneck, Forge Mathes, Hanzala Hussain
Algebra 2	2 nd place	Brenden Dauterive, Josh Bonnett, Ben Klein, Christopher Guillot
MATH BOWL	4 th place	Darrin Lea, Adam Smith, Jack Bedell, Miles Gensler

Thanks to Mrs. Pam Cullen and Ms. Michelle Baudoin and the TWO busloads of students that competed in the tournament.

- Recognized and congratulated the **Fighting Science Fair** Wolves for their accomplishments at the Regional Science Fair at SLU:
 - Thomas Bitterwolf - 1st
 - Trey Paine, & Jake Hollincheck - 1st
 - Adam Smith - 1st
 - Joshua Devier - 1st
 - Cole Chitwood & Josh Rovira - 1st
 - Jarrett Meibaum, Michael Valiant - 1st
 - Darrin Lea, Clayton Dunavent – 2nd
 - Noah Savoie, Adrian Millan – 3rd
 - Paul Stolin, Benjamin Klein - 3rd
 - Alex Klocek – HM
- Recognized and congratulated the cast and crew of Godspell, which opens this week.

- As I was running out of time, I told the students that I had many more recognitions (ranging from rugby to lacrosse to math tournaments to spring sports to writing awards to Literary Rally winners and many more) that will roll over to the next assembly.
- We ended with the whole student body standing and singing the fight song and a very moving rendition of that Lenten favorite, “O That Shame.” It was powerful. **Junior Gavin Patti** extinguished the prayer candle while Parce Domine 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! Here's the status of naming opportunities:

Media Area (Wolf Den)	SOLD
Retail Area	SOLD
Computer Lab (Br. Ray's Classroom)	SOLD
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	SOLD
Outdoor Covered Patio with Seating	SOLD

2nd Floor

Spanish Classrooms (5 still available)	\$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 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

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!



Students sing fight song following Wolves Semi-final basketball win!

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 changed from Feb 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.

Godspell: Tickets have gone on sale and are selling quickly. Encourage your sons to attend. This show will sell out, especially in the second weekend, so have them purchase tickets now. The show will be well worth their time.



Coach Dale's class gives him a surprise pre-game party!

Good News Dept: Last week we received \$16,500 from the Richard M. Krannawitter Trust. Mr. Krannawitter was a very successful attorney /businessman in New Mexico and brother-in-law of a Christian Brother. Upon his death, his estate established a Trust to pay the "tuition, education expenses and living expenses of youth" in Lasallian schools in the legacy schools of the former New Orleans-Santa Fe Province – now the San Francisco New Orleans Province. Each Jan or Feb, Saint Paul's and the other former NOSF province

schools receive a check for this purpose. Join me in prayers of thanksgiving for this benefactor, who never stepped foot on our campus, but believed passionately in Lasallian education. Our work matters. Let's not let Mr. Krannawitter down! **And let's hope that other Mr. Krannawitters are out there ready to do their part in insuring that our Mission survives and is available to all students, regardless of their ability to pay.**

Last Week in Review:

- **ACT:** WDSU-TV finally aired the spot on Jackson Gold's perfect ACT score of 36. Here's the link in case you missed it: <http://www.wdsu.com/article/saint-pauls-junior-achieves-perfect-score-on-the-act/19084836>
- **AFJROTC Field Trip:** Our cadets represented us well at Cape Canaveral; no one was "lost in space"
- **Baseball:** Lots of games, but I didn't get any results!

- **Basketball:** Who will forget the 25017-18 season? Our very successful and magical season ended on Sat night. While disappointed, we must focus on the big picture: 2nd in state and a positive, upbeat program that is well prepared for future seasons. Thanks Coach Dale, assistant coaches, and team for many memorable moments. We are very proud of you! Go Wolves.
- **Bowling:** Tough loss to Holden; Wolves are 9-2.
- **Engineering Field Trip:** A long drive to Lafayette but the boys said it was worth it.
- **Golf:** Wolves played well according to the Coach!
- **Lacrosse:** JV & Var defeated M'ville on Fri, 11-1 & 11-5 respectively. And JVB, JVA & Varsity beat Catholic of BR on Sat! Go LAX Wolves!
- **Saint Joseph Altar Cookie Making Day:** Thanks to all who helped make cookies on Sat!
- **SAT:** A small group of testers came on SAT to take the SAT
- **Scheduling Assemblies:** Thanks, counselors, for preparing the scheduling materials for next year. **Only students who are registered were allowed to schedule classes.**
- **Science Bowl:** Congrats to Josh Devier, David Needles, Ross Hightower, Blake Ramsey and Andrew Norlin for representing SPS at the LA Science Bowl competition at UNO on Sat. We advanced to Elite 8!
- **Tennis:** I know the Wolves played, but I didn't get any results.
- **Track:** Varsity finished 1st in Judy Baehr Relays in Hammond. Cameron Vidal was overall meet MVP and Henry Elliott was track MVP. Jr Hi finished 3rd in Trafton/CHS Jr Hi Invitational. Geaux Track Wolves!

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.](#)



Covington Police Chief Tim Lentz addresses students on school safety. Please speak with your son about what the Chief said.

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 Assembly: Have you spoken with your son about this important topic? Remember: covenanteyes.com is a great resource.

Saint Joseph Altar: The altar is just one 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 PO Box 983 Covington, 70434.
- Monetary donations accepted.
- **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.
 - FRUIT 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.

Scheduling for Next Year: Only registered students were allowed to select classes last week.

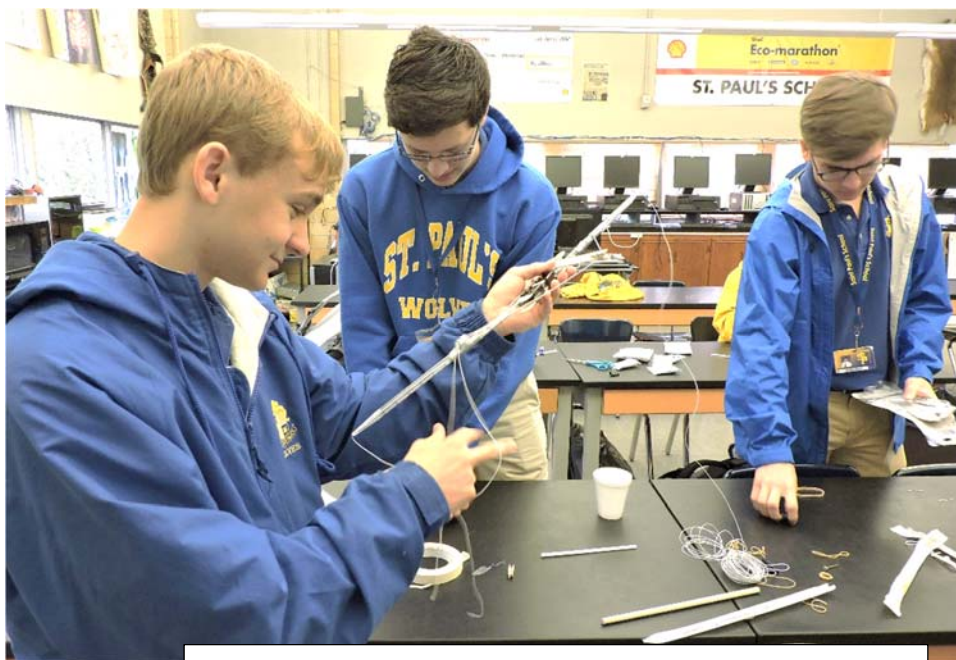
Service Hours: As a Lasallian Catholic institution, we are called to demonstrate "Concern for the Poor and Social Justice." Our school wide response to this calling is our Serve Ten program. Every St. Paul's student is required to complete a minimum of ten (10) service hours during the school year. Service 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**



Josh, Beau, & Jakob design prosthetic arm in biomed class.

RIP: Eternal rest grant unto the following, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace! Amen!

- **Peter Davidson:** Peter's two sons, Stephen '92 and Andrew '95, graduated from SPS, and his wife Linda was a tireless Mothers' Club volunteer; the family has directed memorial donations to SPS
- **William T. "Billy" Kentzel:** The Kentzel connection to SPS is strong: Billy's father was a graduate of '29, Billy was a graduate of '56, his three sons graduated (Trey '81, Ted '87, & Josh '93) as did his grandsons (Matt '10 & Will '14 Gement) and Chris Gement '18 will graduate in May. Again, the family identified SPS as a source of memorial donations. Billy was a founding member of the Saint Paul's School Foundation and was an important advisor to me when I assumed the principalship/presidency in 1987 – for which I am forever grateful.



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.

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

also have a number of khaki pants available – all for the taking.

Vaping: I'm sorry I have to 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.

Vaping II: A parent sent me the following on "juuling" which I had never heard of before. Now we need to look out for flash drives! Here's the link: <https://offspring.lifehacker.com/what-parents-need-to-know-about-juuling-1823376027>

Vehicle Protection: "Lock Your Car" signs are popping up all over Covington, as we experience some car burglaries. The thieves look for unlocked cars – and, yes, we have had two three incidents at events recently. Tell your son to lock his car! You, too, when you visit campus!

Weekly Humor:

- *Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.*
- *The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".*
- *Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.*
- *100 years ago, all owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.*
- *The doctors that told Stephen Hawking he had two years to live in 1953 are probably dead.*
- *If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.*
- *Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.*
- *If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.*

- *If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, we'll just call it "2's Day". (It does fall on a Tuesday).*
- *If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?*
- *Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?*
- *What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?*
- *Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?*
- *Maybe oxygen is killing you, but it just takes 75-100 years to work.*
- *If 22 is twenty-two and 33 is thirty-three, and 44 is forty-four, why isn't 11 called onety-one?*
- *Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?*
- *If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?*
- *If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?*
- *If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for*



Coach Dale's class gave him a surprise party send-off to the semi-finals...the pictures are:
 Coach Dale Dunking on the 7'7" player
 Coach Dale Coaching Anthony Davis
 Coach Dale leading the crossing of the Potomac
 Coach Dale = G.O.A.T.
 (He was given an autographed basketball signed by the class)

Yearbook: The 2017-2018 Conifer 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. You must spell out the word "Saint" in Saint Paul's School when ordering a book or placing an ad.

A Look Ahead:

March

- 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
- 30 – Good Friday Holiday

April

- 2 – 6 – Easter Holidays, NOT Spring Break!
- 9 – GABC – Class resume from Easter Holidays with special assembly
- 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



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

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



Student body gathered in gym to cheer the Wolves in the semi-final round of basketball playoffs!

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 the Fourth Quarter as the 17th Christian Brother President/CEO of Saint Paul's School

