



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



March 26 – April 08, 2018

Repent and Believe the Gospels!



Father Matthew blesses Saint Joseph altar on Mar 19

This week, we focus on The Passion of Jesus – who loved us enough to die for us in order that we might gain eternal life. The etymology of “passion” is from the Latin *passio* meaning to *suffer* –and Christ certainly suffered. But His suffering led to our salvation – good triumphed over evil, life triumphed over death, love triumphed over hate.

We are called, as Lasallian educators, to have passion for our vocation. Saint La Salle used the word “zeal” (from the Greek *zelos* meaning *ardor*) but the two are similar. What exactly does this mean? We must love what we do even

if it involves suffering – as that will lead to success, love, and happiness. Let’s face it: our jobs are not for the faint of heart. The same is true of parenting: your job as parent is not often easy and not for the faint of heart. You parent because you love!

As we remember Christ’s Passion this week, let us ask for grace to be *passionate* about our work – both whether as educators or as parents. And as I wrote the faculty, if we are not, we need to go pursue something else. May the grace of Holy Week fill our lives and the lives of our students and children -- always! As St. La Salle wrote for the early Brothers during Holy Week: *You must, says Saint Paul, be girded with the belt of truth, and put on the breastplate of justice. You must take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the devil. Hope of salvation should serve as your helmet and the word of God as your sword.*

Now let’s go out there, girded with the belt of truth, the breastplate of justice and the shield of faith and be passionate!

I wish you a blessed Holy Week and celebrations of Easter and Passover!

Mon, Mar 26 (Mass schedule; E F G A; DRESS UNIFORM DAY)

- **This Day in History:** In 1979, in a ceremony at the White House, Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin sign a historic peace agreement, ending three decades of hostilities between Egypt and Israel and establishing diplomatic and commercial ties.
- **Did You Know (SPS Trivia in Honor of the Centennial Celebration of the Christian Brothers Taking Ownership of SPS in 1918)** Benilde Hall was built in 1960. The second & third floors were dormitories for the 6th and 7th grade students and the first floor consisted of recreation and study halls. Brother Ephrem Hebert, a teacher at the time, was relieved of his teaching duties in order to build the furniture for the dorms. The beds were made of plywood, permanently fastened to the floor, with storage space underneath them. In honor of our centennial, Benilde Hall is now getting a complete renovation! You won’t recognize it!

- **Baseball:** 8th in double header v. Franklinton (4 & 6)

Tue, Mar 27 (President's Assembly; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** March Madness is born when, on this day in 1939, The University of Oregon defeats The Ohio State University 46–33 to win the first-ever NCAA men's basketball tournament.
- **DYK:** The month of June 1934 marked the beginning of another venture which was to become a new institution at Saint Paul's: the summer camp. It was originally called "The Ozone Belt Summer Camp" and included an academic program for those students who needed extra help in the summer. Most of the day, however, was spent in typical summer camp activities: athletics, field trips, and arts and crafts. Today, we no longer have a residential camp, but offer one-week day camps in all sports and some extracurricular activities (e.g. drama).
- **Quirky Country Music Song Titles Day:** Celebrate by playing such classics as Lou Carter's *If I Had a Nose Full of Nickels*, *I'd Sneeze Them All Atchoo* or Johnny Cash's *Flushed from the Bathroom of Your Heart* or Kenny Chesney's *Being Drunk's a Lot Like Loving You* or Dan Hicks' *How Can I Miss You When You Won't Go Away* – and, no, I'm not making these up & these are other titles not printable by a Catholic school president who wants to keep his job!
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity v. Covington (4 7 6:30)
- **Golf:** Wolves in Northshore League Play

Dress Uniform Day on Monday, March 26!



Bowling Wolves win regional round of playoffs!

Wed, Mar 28 (7 am mass; Passion Play Schedule; F G A B)

- We will have our traditional Passion Play today in two showings

- **TDIH:** In 1969, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States and one of the most highly regarded American generals of World War II, dies in Washington, D.C., at the age of 78.

- **TDIH:** In 1979, the worst accident in the history of the U.S. nuclear power industry begins when a pressure valve in the Unit-2 reactor at Three Mile Island near Harrisburg, PA fails to close.

- **TDIH:** In 1984, Bob Irsay (1923-1997), owner of the once-mighty Baltimore

Colts, moves the team to Indianapolis. Without any sort of public announcement, Irsay hired movers to pack up the team's offices in Owings Mills, Maryland, in the middle of the night, while the city of Baltimore slept.

- **DYK:** The school year 1931-32 was difficult due to the Great Depression, which severely reduced the number of students who could afford the \$30 a month tuition – which included room and board. Things got so bad that the only non-Brother faculty member, a coach, had to leave, as there was no money to pay his salary. Coaches, be grateful that you are working at the present day Saint Paul's and not the SPS of 1931!
- **Something on a Stick Day:** Eat a popsicle, corn dog, or anything on a stick today!

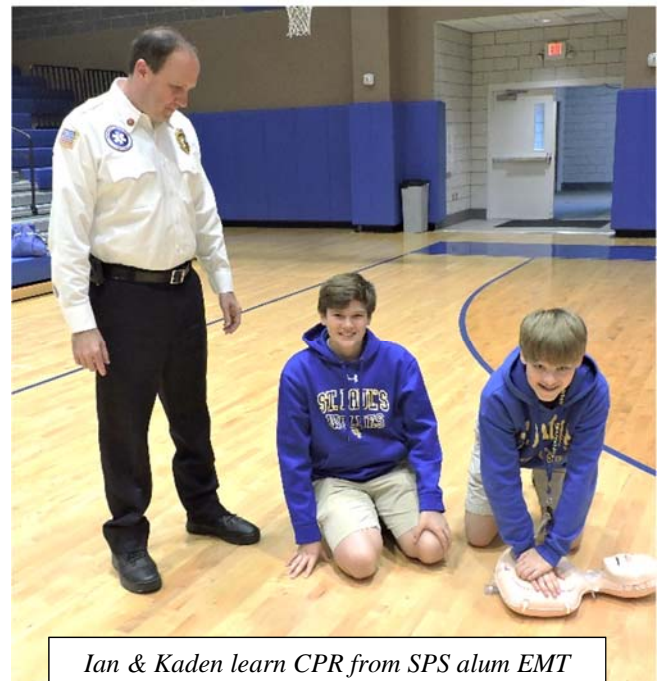
- **Lacrosse:** SPS v. Jesuit (5:30 & 7:30)
- **Rugby:** SPS v. Jesuit (3:30)

Thu, Mar 29 (Holy Thursday Mandatum Assembly Schedule; C D E F)

- **We will have our traditional Washing of the Feet (Mandatum Ceremony this morning.**
- **TDIH:** In 1929, President Herbert Hoover has a phone installed at his desk in the Oval Office of the White House.
- **TDIH:** In 1973, the last U.S. combat troops leave South Vietnam as Hanoi frees the remaining American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam. America's direct eight-year intervention in the Vietnam War was at an end.
- **DYK:** During the 1920's, the Loyola University in New Orleans used to have a football team. The team used to practice on the campus of Saint Paul's each summer. Over its history, Saint Paul's has also hosted summer football camps from Tulane University, John Ehret and Jesuit High Schools, and even the New Orleans Saints in its beginning year.
- **Baseball:** 8th v. Northshore (double header); JV & Varsity at Covington (4 & 6:30)
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Strawberry Relays (Hammond); Varsity in Parish Meet at Mandeville

Fri, Mar 30 (Good Friday; no classes): Note: NO SPS activities – either on or off campus – on this most holy day of our Christian faith. No practices, no voluntary work outs—nothing. Students should not be on campus.

- **We encourage our Christian Families to observe this most holy of Christian days**
- **Passover:** Our Jewish brothers and sisters begin an 8 day observance of Passover this evening at sundown. Passover (Pesach) commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Pesach is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus. In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (which means "to pass over"), because G-d passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve.
- **TDIH:** In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward signs a treaty with Russia for the purchase of Alaska for \$7 million. Despite the bargain price of roughly two cents an acre, the Alaskan purchase was ridiculed in Congress and in the press as "Seward's folly," "Seward's icebox," and President Andrew Johnson's "polar bear garden."
- **TDIH:** In 1981, President Ronald Reagan is shot while leaving the Washington Union Hotel in Washington, D.C. by 25-year-old John Hinckley Jr.
- **TDIH: A:** This popular TV game show debuted today in 1964. **Q:** What is JEOPARDY? **Alex:** Correct!
- **DYK:** A cinder track was constructed during the spring of 1914. On this track was staged the Southern Athletic Championship Games in June of 1914. Louisiana Governor Luther E. Hall presided at the opening ceremonies, and New Orleans Archbishop James Blenk



*Ian & Kaden learn CPR from SPS alum EMT
Jason Kaufman '90*

gave the invocation. The athletes from Saint Paul's won the meet handily. The officials of the Southern Association Amateur Union pronounced the meet one of the best, if not the best, in the South.

- **National Doctors Day:** Prayers and thanks to all physicians. Thank you for your dedication! God bless!
- **Take a Walk in the Park Day:** Great idea! I may just spend the day walking around park-like SPS!

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Sat, Mar 31 (Holy Saturday)

- **TDIH:** In 1836, the first monthly installment of *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club*, by 24-year-old writer Charles Dickens, is published under the pseudonym Boz. Only 400 copies were printed of the first installment, but by the 15th episode, 40,000 copies were printed. When the stories were published in book form in 1837, Dickens quickly became the most popular author of the day.
- **TDIH:** In 1776, future first lady Abigail Adams writes to husband John Adams urging him to “remember the ladies” when drafting a new “code of laws” for the fledgling nation.
- **World Backup Day:** Back up those computer files today that you’ve been meaning to do for months!

Sun, Apr 01 – Easter Sunday – Alleluia! He is risen!

- **April Fools Day:** In 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools’ Day by playing practical jokes on each other. Although the day has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. From The History Channel: *In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools’ Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and web sites have participated. In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled. In 1985, Sports Illustrated tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 mph. In 1996, Taco Bell duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia’s Liberty Bell and rename it Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a “Left-handed Whopper”, scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.*
- **Have Fun at Work Day:** Well, it’s Easter Sunday, but have fun anyway.



The Student Hosts were incredibly helpful at Celebrity Dinner!

Mon, Apr 02 through Sunday, Apr 08 – EASTER HOLIDAYS (NOT SPRING BREAK)

ACT Prep: ACT launched ACT Academy last week, and the site is rich with prep resources. There are full-length tests for each subject area, short quizzes, progress trackers, test-taking strategies, and a glut of video tutorials. The site is very user-friendly, and like Khan Academy, it's free. Please encourage your sons to take advantage of this. Here's the link: <https://academy.act.org/>

ACT Scores: I have crowed about our excellent ACT scores often, but the Class of 2019 is doing some amazing things right now with ACTscores. The February results finally arrived. We now have 35 out of 155 juniors with a score of 30 or better! That's 23% of the class! Amazing! And five more students have a composite of 29! And we now have TWO juniors with PERFECT scores of 36! Know that we take ACT preparation seriously – and the results are showing. Well done, Class of 2019!



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

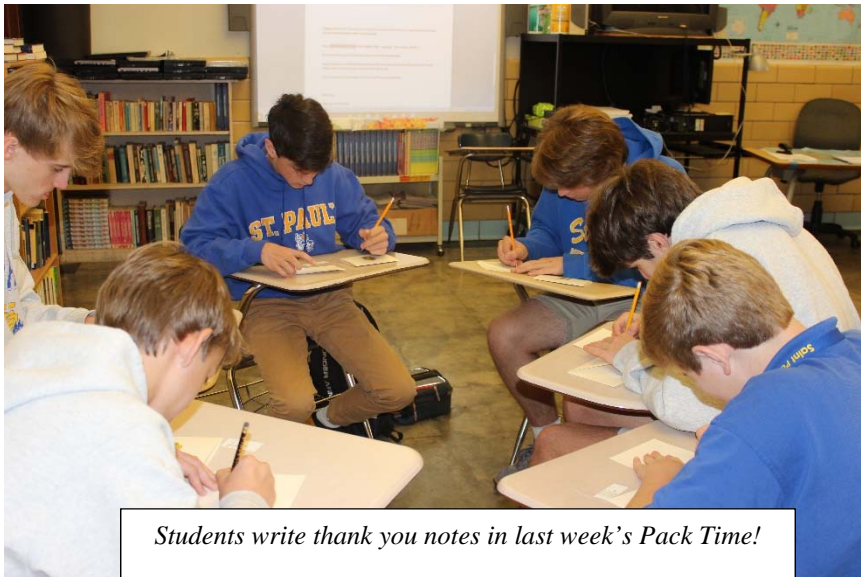
families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**

- 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!

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..

Celebrity Dinner: I offer thanks to all of you who helped. But our jobs were simple compared to the months of hard work by the Development Team who produced this incredible event. The evening was filled with positive SPS spirit by so many people – who seemed to have a very good time. **In particular, we wish to thank the sponsors: DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc., P.J.s Coffee, Baldone-Reina Dermatology, Biggs Construction, Daigle Fisse & Kessenich, Dunavant Wealth Strategies, Resoruce Bank and the table sponsors: Banner Automotive, H2O Salon, Manti Resources, Harrison Custom Homes, Paretto Family of Dealerships, Oakview Carwash, Lucien Vivien & Associates Consulting Engineers, LabTrust, Fat Tuesday Beverage market, Pinnacle Medical network, Kehoe-France Northshore, Harkins LLL Insurance, The Heebe Family, Alan & Regina Knight, and Verne & Wendy Streckfus.**

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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!

Easter Holidays: We give these holidays in honor of Easter, not in honor of spring. Please avoid using the terminology of "spring break" as we must stress the religious nature of these holidays.

Please note that school will close from Fri, Mar 30 through Sunday, Apr 08. Teachers will not be available and will not be responding to emails or phone calls. Also, please know the school office will close over Easter Holidays (not spring break). Please anticipate any needs prior to Thursday afternoon, especially those pesky attendance forms for driver's licenses. I will be in the office most mornings during the holidays, so feel free to contact me. I'll help if I can.

Father - Son BBQ is three weeks away – Saturday, April 14th at 5 pm.

FATHER-SON SUPPER

Saturday, April 14th at 5:00 pm

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Return form below with a check for \$20 per person to Mrs. Claire by April 3rd!
Can also be mailed to: St. Paul's School, Attn: Mrs. Claire, PO Box 928, Covington, LA 70434

Name of father: _____

Name of son(s): _____

Grade(s): _____

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.

Honor Roll Breakfasts: While we will send invitations this week, here's the HR Breakfast schedule:

- Tuesday, April 10 – Grades 8 & 9 in the BAC
- Wed, Apr 11 – Grades 10 & 11 in the BAC
- Thu, Apr 12 – Grade 12 in the cafeteria
- Breakfasts begin at 7:40 and end at 8:20

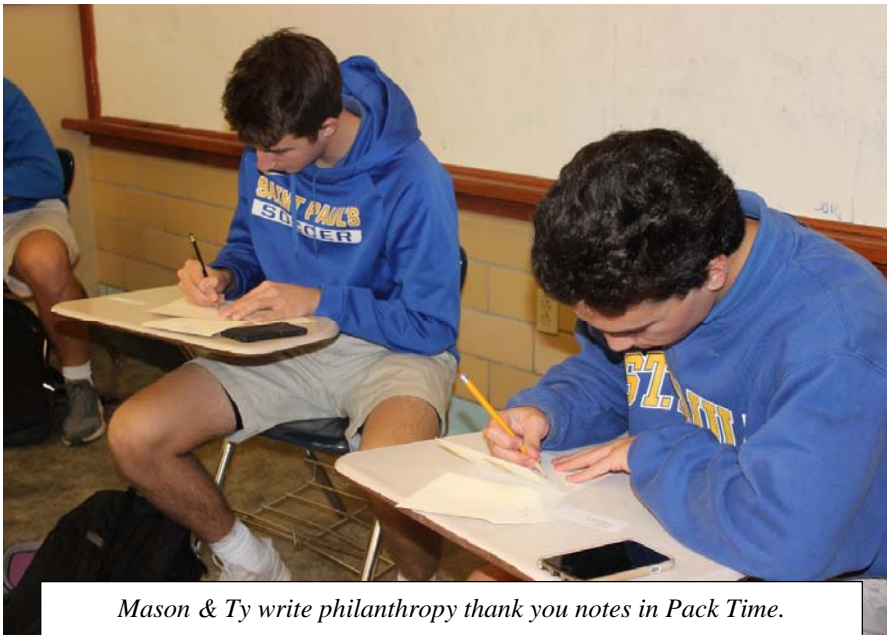


The legendary Irma Thomas entertained at SPS Celebrity Dinner last week!

ID Cards: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their SPS issued lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he receives detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

Last Week:

- **Baseball:** A loss to Northshore but we bounced back with convincing wins against Hammond.
- **Bowling:** A strong regional win last week propels us into next playoff round this week.
- **Colegio Cristobal Colon:** We welcomed our Lasallian visitors from Mexico. All seems to be going well.
- **CPR:** The boys were receptive to learning this life-saving technique. Thanks, St Tammany EMTs!
- **Debate:** Our boys represented us well in their first state tournament.
- **Drama: *Godspell* was wonderful.** This powerful retelling of the Gospel of Matthew by our drama department's Marian Players positively touched the lives of almost 1000 people (including me) during its run. How could you watch and not be moved by the message of faith, love, and forgiveness so wonderfully presented by the cast & crew? How could you leave the Alumni Theater the same as when you entered? What a wonderful preparation for the Triduum! Noah's animals and the goats and sheep will long be in my memory as the music continues playing in my brain. Long live God! Boom-chick-a boom! Day by day three things I pray! And today, Sunday, March 25, will mark the end of Denny Charbonnet's reign as Director of The Marian Players! We owe her a huge debt of gratitude!
- **Engineering Field Trip:** Thanks to Shell Oil Company for opening their training facility to our petroleum engineering students last week. The experience was well worth the time.
- **Golf:** Wolves finished 2nd in Beau Chene Classic. Great!



Mason & Ty write philanthropy thank you notes in Pack Time.

- **Lacrosse:** A JV win against Jesuit last week!
- **Lasallian Formation:** Thanks to Gerald Ancar and Andrew Moran who traveled to Napa, CA to participate in workshop with fine arts teachers from Lasallian schools in the San Francisco New Orleans District of Christian Brothers.
- **Mu Alpha Theta:** Fighting Math Wolves represented us well at state convention in Baton Rouge. Three days of celebrating the world of mathematics! Who could ask for anything more? And the team placed 6th in state. Great!
- **Pack Time:** Thanks to Development Office for an effective and productive Pack Time. I hope your son told you about it. The video by Brandon Gallego and Joel Fernandez was very well done, Mimi Montiero's organization was superb, and the boys responded appropriately – and some wrote the first thank you notes of their lives! Let's hope it's not the last ones they write! Our donors are very touched when they receive a hand-written note from a student!
- **Robotics:** Our FIRST Robotics team of Jacob Lauterbach, Zac Uson, Luke Paille, Jacob Coutrado and Connor Demarest, moderated by David Arbo, represented SPS well in competition. Thanks, Robotic Wolves!
- **Saint Joseph Altar:** Wow. What an event. Once again, Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo honored her commitment to Saint Joseph in an exemplary manner! Ann Kay and her legion of volunteers were incredible, feeding almost 1000 people in 45 minutes! The Guardian Angels were helping to serve!

- **State Science Fair:** While we didn't place, our guys represented us well.
- **Tennis:** Tough loss to a talented Bro. Martin squad.
- **Track:** Again, I got no information but I'm sure we did well.

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.

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Mother – Son Supper: Date? Thursday, April 19th Time? 6:30 (doors open at 5:30) Deadline to register? March 28 (this Wednesday). What happens? We begin with a prayer service, followed by a delicious dinner from Keith Young's Steakhouse. Following dinner, seniors make a short presentation to their moms and then the highlight of the evening occurs: several seniors reflect for 2-3 minutes on their moms. How long does the whole event last? Last year, the program ended at 8:12 – some left right away, others lingered behind and socialized. It was a great evening.

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 (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!



*Student Hosts chill (and eat pizza!) between duties at
Celebrity Dinner!*

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: I hope you have had this conversation with your son. Yes, it can be uncomfortable, but it's needed. Remember:

www.covenanteyes.com is a resource recommended by the Archdiocese of NO.

Report Cards have been emailed. Email concerns to teachers as we do not have parent conferences at this time. Tutoring is still taking place, so encourage your son to take advantage of this free service if he needs help.

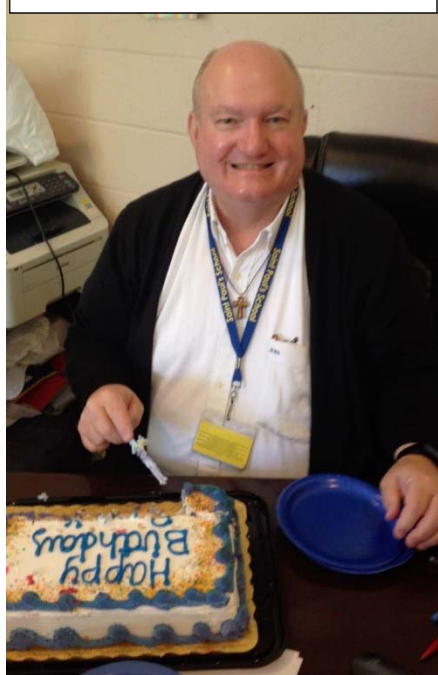
Scheduling for Next Year: Students have selected selecting their courses for next year. **Only registered students were allowed to schedule classes.** If you did not register your son, please let me know your intentions as we are getting inquiries from new applicants.

School Safety: The story in NOLA.com last week on school safety in St. Tammany is worth the read. Also, the video produced by St. Tammany Parish Public School System is worth the one minute viewing. Here's the link to both.

http://www.nola.com/northshore/index.ssf/2018/03/school_threats_st_tammany_pari.html#incart_river_index

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)

Brother Ken's classes threw him a birthday party last week!



Show you Care – I printed this last year, but it's worth repeating. It's a quote from motivational speaker Jon Gordon on what makes an effective teacher. And it's very Lasallian: *It's a simple fact. The best educators stand out by showing their students and colleagues that they care about them. Standardized test scores rise when teachers make time to really know their students. Teacher performance improves when principals create engaged relationships with their teachers. Teamwork is enhanced when educators know and care about one another. Parents are more supportive when educators communicate with their student's parents. The most powerful form of positive energy is love and this love transforms students, people and schools when it is put into action. Create your own unique way to show your students and colleagues you care about them and you will not only feel more positive yourself but you will develop positive kids who create a more positive world.*

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.

Student Council:

- Student Council will host the annual battle of the sexes, Challenge Night, between SSA and St. Paul's on Monday, April 9 from 6PM until 8PM in the St. Paul's Gym. Admission is open to all SPS and SSA students. Admission is \$2 and will benefit a local charity. Doors will open at 5:45 PM.
- Student Council is pleased to announce that the Junior Senior Prom will be held on campus on Saturday, April 28. Students will enjoy DJ music and desserts in the Briggs Assembly Center. Registration forms may be found on Edline and in room 107. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 25.

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Full plates for all from the St. Joseph Altar!

Student Seeking Help: Junior Cullen Irwin is volunteering again for the month of June to teach guitar lessons to the students enrolled in Christ Episcopal Enrichment Program camp. He is requesting youth size guitars or money donations to purchase youth guitars. Last summer with the money he collected, Cullen was able to buy 5 youth size Fender electric guitars with little amps. He gave those guitars to the older students at the end of camp as a reward for their hard work. Cullen is hoping to collect enough money to purchase more guitars for the kids this summer. If you wish to help, you can contact Cullen on his cell phone 985-789-8811 or if you prefer to make a monetary donation to the church so it is tax deductible, the check should be made out and mailed to Christ Episcopal Church with a reference to "CEEP Program, Cyndi Hargrove", 129 N. New Hampshire Street, Covington, LA 70433.

Tutoring: National Honor Society tutoring resumes next week, according to the following schedule:

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 7:15 in La Salle 207
- Monday and Thursday at lunch in LaSalle 207.
- Essay proofreading services also provided.
- Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so.**

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

Vaping: I'm sorry I have to 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.

The Ugly Dept: I know some of our students will travel to Florida over Easter Holidays (not spring break.) Last year, an article appeared in the Walton Country FL newspapers announcing a curfew. The curfew was implemented in South Walton in response to "underage drinking, large fights, unruly teens, belligerent teens with police. This week has been a nightmare." How sad. If your son is going to Florida, please stress safe choices with him.

Weekly Humor: In honor of National Doctor Day on Fri. I'll probably never get medical treatment again!

- *Q: When does a doctor get mad? A: When he runs out of patients!*
- *Q: Why did the pillow go to the doctor? A: He was feeling all stuffed up!*
- *Q: Why did the doctor lose his temper? A: Because he didn't have any patients!*
- *Q: Where does a boat go when it's sick? A: To the dock!*
- *Q: What did on tonsil say to the other tonsil? A: Get dressed up, the doctor is taking us out!*
- *Q: Patient: Doctor, sometimes I feel like I'm invisible. A: Doctor: Who said that?*
- *Q: Doctor, Doctor I think I'm a moth. A: Get out of my light!*
- *Q: Doctor, I keep hearing a ringing sound. A: Then answer the phone!*
- *Q: Did you hear the one about the germ? A: Never mind, I don't want to spread it around*
- *Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital? A: He was feeling really crumbie!*
- *Doctor can I play the violin after the operation?" "Yes, of course..." "Great! I never could before!"*
- *I swallowed some food coloring the other Day. Doc says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed inside.*
- *Why did the doctor accept the new patient? He figured he might as well give him a shot.*
- *They tried to save him with an IV but it was all in vein.*
- *In medical school, he worried about being a surgeon but he made the cut.*
- *The newspaper owner complained to the doctor that he had problems with his circulation*
- *Two surgeons were joking about sutures and had each other in stitches.*
- *The rise of the orthopedic doctor depends on the fall of the patients.*
- *OK, I'll stop before no doctor in St. Tammany will have anything to do with me!*

Dress Uniform Day on Monday, March 26!

A Look Ahead:

March

- 26 – EFGA – All School Mass – Dress Uniform
- 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

Please stress with your son the need to follow all rules this week. We had a couple of students make bad decisions last week. They are suffering consequences, as we will not overlook these poor decisions. We will teach until 3 pm on Thursday. Let's start our Easter holidays (not spring break) on a positive, problem-free note.

I will especially be praying for the safety of our students during this time.

And even though we have reached the end March, 2018, I will still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which gets me LOLing every time): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

The newsletter goes on a much-needed Easter Holiday (not spring break) next week so you get a rest from my ramblings. Know that I will be offering prayer for you and your families during this celebration of the miracle of Easter and Passover.

Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's School! I wish you a blessed Holy Week!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Grace-Filled Holy Week as the 17th Christian Brother President/CEO of Saint Paul's School

Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for poor & social justice, faith in God's presence – our mantras this week, throughout 2018, and always!



Long Live God! Long Live The Marian Players! Thank you, Denny!



Young people are not bad because they have bad hearts. They are bad because of bad example. As teachers, you have no greater responsibility than to give your students good example. Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers, c.1705
Meditations for Sundays

Did I Mention We Have A Dress Uniform Day on Monday, March 26?