



The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter

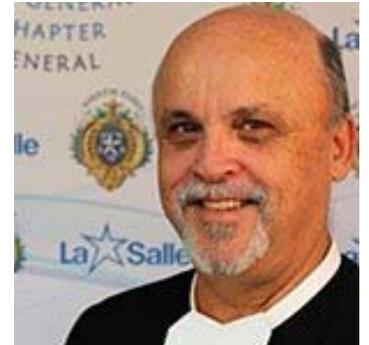


April 09 – 15, 2018 -- Alleluia! He is risen!

Welcome back from the Easter holidays (not spring break.) I pray your holidays brought spiritual, physical, and mental refreshment and renewal as we enter into the final stretch. May the grace of the Resurrection be with us!

Towards that end, for the past two years, I have offered the following from an Easter message of Brother Robert Schieler, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. His words merit another reading, especially those I boldfaced:

- *Our Easter joy springs from the sure hope that we, too, will live forever.*
- *The resurrection of Jesus and the promise of eternal life are the clearest signs of God's merciful actions for us.*
- *As ambassadors of Jesus Christ, how can we effectively manifest God's mercy to our sisters and brothers who, with us, live in a world characterized by war, torture, terrorism, epidemics, starving children, rejected refugees, mistreated migrants, relationship-blocking walls and natural disasters?*
- ***We must help others to experience God's mercy through our own concrete and personal merciful actions.***
- ***Lasallians are called to touch hearts with the mercy of God. We, like Pope Francis, must build bridges of understanding and assistance and we must tear down walls of intolerance and exclusion.***
- ***We must be women and men characterized by tenderness, friendliness, forgiveness, educational excellence and a practical concern for the well-being of our sisters and brothers who suffer from injustice, exclusion, war, anxiety about the future and lack of educational opportunity.***
- ***We have to be convinced that all those whom we encounter will experience God's mercy and the joy of Easter when they encounter these qualities through us – merciful ministers of God!***



Let us accept Easter's grace to be "merciful ministers of God" – as teachers, parents, & students!

Mon, Apr 9 (Assembly, G A B C) Feast of the Annunciation:

While usually celebrated on Mar 25 (nine months before Dec 25), the feast moves if it falls in Holy Week, which it did this year. Apr 9 was first available date after Octave of Easter. This feast is so important that the Church will not let it go unobserved. Why? It's the mystery of the Incarnation, when Mary said "YES" to

"The Annunciation" by Botticelli, painted in the High Renaissance. He leaves an open window with a central tree evoking the tree of Paradise and the wood of the cross and the world beyond. Reflecting the rise of Marian devotion, the angel is much more a humble suppliant, though Mary—who has the same features as the goddess of love in the artist's Birth of Venus—gracefully curves toward him from the high bookstand where she has been reading. Their hands, nearly touching at the center of the picture, recall Michelangelo's creation of Adam from the Sistine Chapel: This is the moment of humanity's new creation.



God and agreed to be the Mother of Jesus. “Be it done unto me according to thy Word”, Mary told the Archangel Gabriel. Mary’s “yes”-- her “fiat” -- sets a model for the rest of us. Would that we, too, would say “yes” to God’s plan for us. May our Blessed Mother give us courage to say “yes” to God every day! The Annunciation has been celebrated throughout the centuries in art. For a real treat, click on this Google search link for hundreds of Annunciation in Art images. Meditate on them. I found the exercise spiritually enriching. In addition to the classic renaissance and old masters’ interpretations, pay attention to some of modern interpretations. Insightful!

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Student Council President Matthew and VP Carson wash the feet of fellow students at Mandatum Ceremony on Holy Thursday.

- **This Day in History: In 1682**, Robert La Salle claims lower Mississippi River and all lands that touch it for France
- **TDIH:** In 1865, at Appomattox, VA, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders 28,000 troops to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the Civil War. During the war, 4 out of every 100 Americans (over 600,000 total!) were either killed or seriously wounded. Of every 100 soldiers, five died in battle and 20 died of illness or disease. It is appropriate today that we remember Abraham Lincoln’s prayer for those who need justice and peace in their lives: *Grant, O merciful God, that with malice toward none, with charity to all, with firmness in the right as you give us to see the right, we may strive to finish the work we are in to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for those who have borne the battle...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.* Of course, this is from Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address. But you knew that.

- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** For 48 of the school’s 107 years, students experienced the warmth and wise direction of Coach Gene Bennett. Coach Bennett was, in many ways, “Mr. Saint Paul’s.” His personal integrity, his sincere interest in every student, his creative cooperation with the administration and staff were all trademarks of his years at Saint Paul’s. So effective was Coach Bennett as a Lasallian educator that the Christian Brothers made Gene an “Affiliated Christian Brother” in 1987 – the highest honor the Brothers can give. Today, each of us must keep Coach Bennett’s spirit alive by imitating his good work. When you go into the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, thank God for this remarkable man and his impact upon Saint Paul’s School. Try to be like him.

- **National Cherish an Antique Day:** Visit an antique store or spend time with antiques you own. Educate students about the value of “old things.” Do not let the students call you “antique” – although I qualify.
- **Winston Churchill Day:** *On April 9th, 1963, Winston Churchill became the second person to become an Honorary Citizen of the United States, although this was the first time Congress had resolved that it was to be bestowed by the President of the United States, on a foreign national. This honour was bestowed upon him by President John F Kennedy. Although Churchill was not present at the ceremony, it had been hoped he would not only witness the event on television – which he did with his wife – but would be able to respond. Problems with a relay station in Cornwall prevented this from happening.* Learn something about ol’ Winston today. Listen to a speech of this great orator.
- **Assembly this morning by LSU Dental School on oral hygiene health, especially in terms of tobacco use.**
- **Football Sign Up in Old Gym**
- **SSA-SPS Challenge Night:** Thanks to the two student councils for organizing this evening of fun. Please stress that this is NOT a “sexist” event (as has been alleged in the past.) It’s good natured fun between boys and girls. Some people take PC just a tad too seriously! Know that SPS embraces equality between the sexes.

Tue, Apr 10 (8th & 9th Honor Roll Breakfast schedule; D E F G)

- **DYK:** The Christian Brothers Relays Track Meet was started in 1965. It was an all-day event that included opening ceremonies, flag raising, Holy Mass, a bar-b-que, and all aspects of a track meet. Some schools that participated included Rummel, De La Salle, Holy Cross, Jesuit, Brother Martin, Archbishop Shaw and Catholic High of Baton Rouge. The 1968 Christian Brothers were dedicated that year to Brother Francis Beck, who left SPS that year after 7 years of devoted service as principal. He transformed Saint Paul’s into the largest resident prep school in the south.
- **National Siblings Day:** Cherish your siblings today – and every day!
- **Safety Pin Day:** From the SPD website (who knew?): *Legend has it that, in 1849, Walter Hunt, inventor of the safety pin, owed a friend \$15 and decided to invent something to earn the money to repay him. His invention was the safety pin. Strong and sharp, yet safe enough to be used on clothing, safety pins are a simple yet ingenious invention. Take inspiration from Walter Hunt this and come up with a clever invention. It’s a great challenge for children who love to come up with new ideas.*
- **Baseball:** 8th in double header at Northshore; JV & Varsity at Slidell
- **Track:** JV District Meet at Hammond



An increase of irises on campus signals spring and Resurrection!

Wed, Apr 11 (7 am mass; 10th & 11th HR Breakfast schedule; A B C D)

- **DYK:** The City of Covington was chosen as the site for Saint Paul’s School in order to get the boys away from the distractions of a large city. It was believed back then that students study better and learn more in a quiet, undisturbed atmosphere. The area where Saint Paul’s is located was thought to be a most pleasant and healthful environment where students could enjoy salubrious air [note: the word salubrious means healthy!], wholesome water, refreshing breezes and the bracing pine aroma. Saint Paul’s was actually called “Saint Paul’s of the Pines” in the early days.

- **TDIH:** In 1861, the bloodiest four years in American history begin when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston Bay, SC, thus beginning the Civil War.
- **8 Track Tape Day:** Does anyone remember 8 track tapes? We've come a LONG way!
- **Freshmen on Retreat**
- **Golf** in Northshore League Play at Beau Chene
- **Football Parent Meeting (7 in the BAC)**
- **Track:** Varsity in Bulldog Classic at F'Bleau



Landon, Andrew, & Charles read Gospel account of Mandatum on Holy Thursday.

Thu, Apr 12 (12 Grade HR Breakfast schedule; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1961, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first person to travel in space. When he returned to earth, he reported that he had not seen God in the heavens. Later, a Russian priest said "If you haven't seen God on earth, you will never see him in heaven."
- **DYK:** By the 1947-48 school year, Saint Paul's had achieved such a positive reputation that the school could not accept everyone who applied due to lack of space. In that year, 218 boarding student applicants were turned away due to lack of space. The following year, 300 boarding students were turned down due to lack of space. Today, Saint Paul's still can't accept everyone who wants to attend due to lack of space. Today's students should realize the privilege that they have and most of being part of today's Saint Paul's.
- **Holocaust Remembrance Day:** The US Congress established an annual Holocaust commemoration and created the US Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent memorial to the victims. HRD 2018 is today, Apr 12 (Note that in the Jewish calendar, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day, so observing Jews will celebrate The Holocaust Remembrance Day

on the sunset of Wednesday, the **11th of April**) The internationally recognized date, called *Yom Hashoah* in Hebrew, comes from the Hebrew calendar. In accordance with its Congressional mandate, the Museum leads the nation in commemorating the Days of Remembrance, and for encouraging observances throughout the US.

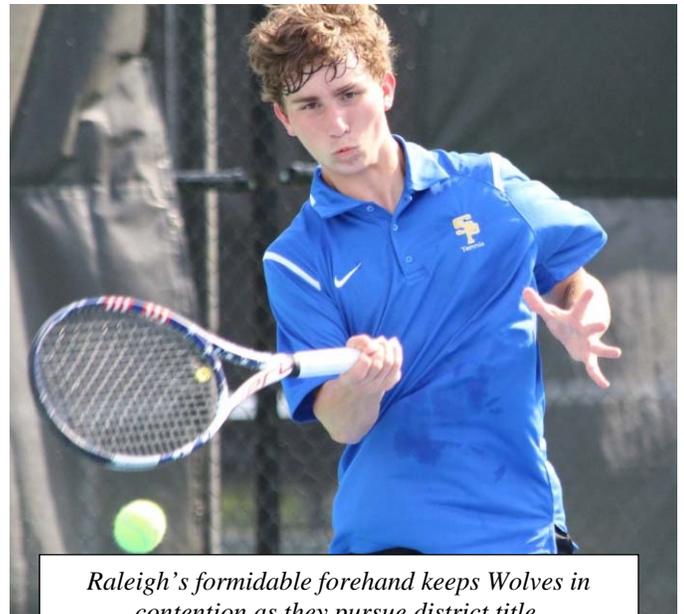
- **DEAR Day:** D.E.A.R. stands for "Drop Everything and Read," a national celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives.
- **National Be Kind to Lawyers Day.** We wish all SPS lawyers a very pleasant day. No lawyer jokes today!
- **Big Wind Day:** Today commemorates the highest wind speed ever recorded on the planet: in 1934, the staff of the Mount Washington Observatory recorded a wind of 231 mph! Wow!
- **Blood Drive in new gym lobby**
- **Baseball:** JV & Varsity at Mandeville
- **Freshmen on Retreat**
- **LA College & TOPS Night (5:30 in the BAC)**

Fri, Apr 13 (regular schedule; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** In 1970, the third lunar landing mission carrying astronauts James Lovell, John Swigert, & Fred Haise experiences an on-board explosion 200,000 miles from Earth. Lovell reported to Mission Control: “Houston, we’ve had a problem.” The new mission objective becomes to get Apollo 13 crew home alive. The movie “Apollo 13” starring Tom Hanks commemorates this event.
- **DYK:** By the mid-1960s, Saint Paul’s had developed into the largest residential prep school for boys in the South. In 1968, the school had 350 boarding students and 220 day students. Students came from 21 countries and 19 states.
- **TDIH:** In 1742, George Friedrich Handel’s “Messiah” (not THE Messiah!) debuts in Dublin. What a masterpiece! Geaux Handel!
- **Life Skills Day for Seniors:** This great program, sponsored by SPS Renaissance, gives practical, real-world advice on such topics as the law, finance, credit, time management and a host of other practical topics. I am indebted to our Development Team for organizing the day and to our Renaissance Board for sponsoring it through its Celebrity Dinner.
- **Peach Cobbler Day:** Enjoy this iconic dessert!
- **Scrabble Day:** Play scrabble today! Enjoy words!

Sat, Apr 14

- **International Moment of Laughter Day:** tell jokes or do funny things that cause people to laugh today. Just a smile is not a good enough. Successful participation in this day results in whole-hearted laughter.
- **TDIH:** In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater DC.
- **TDIH: In 2011, in honor of our centennial celebration,** we had a spectacular March to the St. Tammany Courthouse. The Centennial Committee, chaired by then SPS mom Shawn Reed, assembled a stellar cast of dignitaries to honor our students and our school. We remain grateful. We showed our best by parading down o the St. Tammany Justice Center.
- **ACT** administered on campus this morning
- **Baseball:** 9th at Covington; JV & Varsity v. Mandeville
- **Father-Son BBQ (5 pm in the BAC)**
- **Lacrosse: State playoffs. Geaux LAX wolves!**
- **Rugby: Semifinal match v. Jesuit**



Raleigh's formidable forehand keeps Wolves in contention as they pursue district title.

Sun, Apr 15 (3rd Sunday of Easter. I encourage all to worship as a family today.)

- **TDIH:** The “unsinkable” RMS Titanic sinks after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage, killing 1,517.
- **World Art Day:** Celebrate the arts today!

April: Welcome to April! Some facts about April:

- **Two possible word origins:** as the second month of the Roman calendar, it was dedicated to the goddess Venus and perhaps based on Apru, an Etruscan borrowing of Aphrodite, goddess of love and fertility. Also,

as the fourth month of the Gregorian calendar, its name may derive from the Latin aperire ("to open"), a possible reference to plant buds opening at this time of year in Rome. Choose the theory you like better.

- **April is National Humor Month.** Let's all laugh a little more this month (maybe even laugh at ourselves when the situation warrants.) Tell a joke! Make someone laugh.
- **April is National Mathematics Awareness Month.** I know I'm excited!
- **April is Internet Safety Month.** In view of all we have been learning lately, let's stress this.
- **April is Jazz Appreciation Month** and the SPS Jazz Band is practicing diligently.
- **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** This month reminds us of the sacredness of human life and the responsibility we have, especially as a Catholic school, to protect those placed in our care. Know that we have trained faculty and have policies in place to protect children.
- April is International Guitar Month, Keep American Beautiful Month, Lawn and Garden Month, National Kite Month (do kids still fly kites?), National Pecan Month, National Welding Month, Stress Awareness Month (Amen!), Autism Awareness Month, Mathematics Awareness Month – something for everyone!
- **April is National Poetry Month!** I invite all to "read a poem a day" during April and encourage our students to do so, too. Don't have time to find a poem? Here are two good sites with Poems of the Day, which can even be emailed to you. Here are the sites:
 - www.poets.org
 - <http://www.poetryfoundation.org>
 - To get you started, here's your annual reading of "Sick" by well-known poet Shel Silverstein:

*"I cannot go to school today," Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
"I have the measles and the mumps, A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry, I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks, I've counted sixteen chicken pox
And there's one more--that's seventeen, And don't you think my face
looks green?
My leg is cut--my eyes are blue--It might be instamatic flu.
I cough, sneeze, gasp and choke, I'm sure that my left leg is broke--
My hip hurts when I move my chin, My belly button's caving in,
My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained, My 'pendix pains each time
it rains.
My nose is cold, my toes are numb. I have a sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak, I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth, I think my hair is falling out.
My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight, My temperature is one-o-
eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear, There is a hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is--what? What's that? What's that
you say?
You say today is. . .Saturday? G'bye, I'm going out to play!"*



Jordan's strong serve!

Care and Vigilance: Please stress with your sons, especially your senior sons, that they must stay focused in these final weeks and do their jobs competently in order to end the year with "no issues." We had several unacceptable behaviors during Holy Week. I have instructed teachers to be caring – but vigilant – and hold students accountable.

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.
- 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:** What’s important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Benilde Hall 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?

AP Exams: If your son is taking an AP Exam, here is the schedule. This includes seniors, as we have no choice as to when AP exams are given. The College Board determines day and time.

- **Tuesday, May 8** -- AP Art History Exam - Noon
- **Wednesday, May 9** -- AP English Literature Exam 8:00 AM
- **Thursday, May 10** -- AP Civics – 8:00
- **Friday, May 11** -- AP US History 8:00; AP Computer Science – noon
- **Monday, May 14** -- AP Biology – 8:00
- **Tuesday, May 15** -- AP Calculus AB/BC -8:00; Computer Science A – noon
- **Wednesday, May 16** -- AP Writing
- **Thursday, May 17** -- AP Statistics - noon



Chase lights prayer candle (purple for Lent) at Mar 27 assembly.

Assembly on March 27: I hope the students enjoyed our March 27 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of “I Surrender” as performed by Class of 2010 alums Thomas Lorando and Jackson Parsons. This has become a Lenten tradition since the days when Jackson and Thomas would perform the song live in the gym for the Holy Week assembly. I reminded the students that the song encourages us to surrender to God and give up our sinful ways. Time continues to pass. But it’s not too late to change. Are we cooperating with God’s plan? Are we making the most of the time we are allotted? While the music played, junior **Chase May** lit the prayer candle – still purple for Lent – and we again prayed for those who left this earth to enter eternal life: **Ms. Kathleen Compton, grandmother of Connor Charles ’20** and **Mr. Don Lacour, great-uncle of James Bradford ’20 and Matthew Weldon ’22**

- Reminded the students that we are in Holy Week, the most sacred week of the Christian year. I encouraged them to make the most of the graces of this week.
- Reminded the 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
- Finally was able to show a short video of The Marching Wolves in a Mardi Gras parade! Technology woes prevented this for the last two assemblies.
- Thanked the student body for their response to our Saint Joseph Altar the week before. We were privileged to have **Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo**, the altar's main mover and shaker, present. Dr. Logarbo explained to the students why she has this incredible devotion to Saint Joseph. The students gave her a "standing O."
- Recognized and congratulated the **Student Hosts** who worked the Celebrity Dinner the week before. We gave them a well-deserved round of applause.



Student Hosts who worked Celebrity Dinner: Al Nastasi, Jacob Pichon, Zachary Gros, Adam Cazayoux, Grant Harrison, Evan Greene, Christopher Franke, Scott Woodard, Max Salvant, and Brady Talley, Sebastian Sequeria, Colin Quinlan, Robby Nolan, Landon Chambliss, John Meyers, Trace Roberts, Griffin Lowery, Duece Montiero, Joey Keller, Austin Harris, Justin Streckfus, Blake DiSalvo, Brady Billiot, Matthew Algero, Alex Klocek, Joel Fernandes, Andrew Aceves, Noah Seiden & Kyle Schmitt. Thank you!

- Recognized and congratulated the six SPS students who participated in the foreign exchange program with Colegio Cristobal Colon Lasallian school in Mexico City: **Chris Gement, Ben Broussard, Ryan Lavin, Trey Paine, Brock Zornes, & Blake Bollinger**. I showed pics of the boys' Mexican experience, ranging from a visit to Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica to climbing the Temple of the Sun (an Aztec pyramid over 2000 years old.) We welcomed the students and staff from Mexico who were spending two weeks at SPS.
- Recognized and congratulated the **35 juniors who have already earned a score of 30 or better on an ACT**. This is a phenomenal achievement!

- Recognized and congratulated 40 Fighting Math Wolves for their showing at the Baton Rouge Magnet Math Tournament.
 - **Algebra 1: William Ditta (1st) and Preston Orgeron (2nd)**
 - **Geometry: Scott Woodard (3rd) and Gabe Gros (4th)**
 - **Algebra 2: Collin Murray (1st) and Marshall Unkauf, Brady Billiot, Carter Elie (Hon Mention)**
 - **Adv Math: Stephen Millet (Honorable Mention)**
 - **Calculus AB: Matthew Borgatti (1st) Patrick Baldone (3rd), Forge Mathes (4th) and Kevin Schneider (5th)**
 - **Alg 1/Geom: Team of William Ditta, Preston Orgeron, Scott Woodard, Adam Cayazoux (HM)**
 - **Calculus: Team of Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Forge Mathes, Daniel Wieseneck (4th)**
 - **Interschool Competition: 2nd Place**
 - **Sweepstakes: 2nd Place**
 - Impressive, Fighting Math Wolves!
- Recognized and congratulated the **cast and crew of *Godspell***. The production was outstanding in every respect! Thanks to **Denny Charbonnet** for building such a GREAT program!
- Recognized and congratulated SPS faculty members **Robert Simpson and John Carambat** for starring in the Covington Playmakers' production of Robert Penn Warren's classic, *All the Kings Men*.

- Recognized and congratulated **Josh Devier, David Needles, Ross Hightower, Blake Ramsey, and Andrew Norlin**, who represented SPS in the Louisiana Regional Science Bowl on the campus of New Orleans University on 3/10. The group advanced to the Elite 8 and finished with a record of 4-2.



- Recognized and congratulated the **Bowling Wolves** for their GREAT season: the first 10 win regular season finish and a Regional Victory before falling in the bi-regional round.

- Recognized and congratulated the latest group of students to earn school letter jackets:
 - **Football: Christian Allison, Rhett Barker, Matt Boudreaux, Grant Burger, Preston Calvert, Blain Casio, Corbin Chitwood, Gavin Clayton, Stephen Dottolo, Max Dufour, Jacob Frolich, Philip Garcia, Paul Gremillion, Gabe Gros, Jason Hipps, Andrew Hodgman, Garrett Lauterbach, Charles Lopez, Jacques Mason, Tanner McGee, Thomas Miller, Scott Montreuil, Brandon Nolan, Evan Padilla, Cole Piazza, Dylan Porche, Nick Simpson, Beau Trahan, Grant Vicknair, Owen Vincens, Nicholas Vining**
 - **Wrestling: Brock Zones**

- **Band: Cole Chitwood**
 - **Lacrosse: Hyde Healy, Paxton Ballard**
 - **Cross Country: Jacob Harris, Davis Lagarde, Jonathan Pacaccio, Evan Pardo**
 - **Swimming: David Barcelona, Jeremy Cannon, Harrison Juneau, Christian Kramer, Scott Messa, Austin Peak, Alex Rawls**
- Then, as if by magic, the final movement from Charles-Marie Vidor's Symphony #5 for Organ started playing – which is the piece we use for Powerlifting, since the organ is such a powerful instrument. In the South Regional Powerlifting Championships on Feb 25, SPS placed 2nd: **Jacob Frolich (4th), Thomas Dugan (2nd), David Ricalde (1st), Jack Anzalone (3rd), Phil Nicaud (1st), Mason Impastato (1st), Connor Oviedo (4th); in the State Meet, SPS finished 4th: Connor Oviedo (5th), Mason Impastato (2nd), Phil Nicaud (3rd), David Ricaldi (State Champion!), Jack Anzalone (4th), Thomas Dugan (2nd) and Jacob Frolich (6th), and at the National Meet in Wisconsin, SPS finished 3rd: Phil Nicaud (2nd), Connor Oviedo (3rd), Mason Impastato (3rd), David Ricaldi (4th) & Thomas Dugan (6th).**
- Recognized and congratulated the Soccer Wolves:
 - **The Varsity finished the season with a 27-3 record enroute to its 8th straight LA state championship appearance, the team scored 92 goals and allowed 7 (only 3 during the regular season). Justin Savoie and Kyle Schmitt was named to NOLA.com's All Metro team.**
 - **Junior varsity soccer was undefeated at 13 -0 (8 of its games were cancelled due to weather). They also won the Covington Cup and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart tournament. The team scored 41 goals and had "0" goals against.**
 - **9th grade was 11-1-2 and was champion of both the Covington Cup and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart tournament. They scored 67 goals and only gave up 6, 20 different players scored at least one goal...the 9th grade had a 5-1 record against junior varsity teams as well.**
 - **8th grade- finished the season at 12-2 , 2nd in Brother Martin tourney, 1st place in SPS 8th grade tourney. They scored 54 goals with just 6 against.**
 - And, of course, the following Varsity Players deserve a shout out:
 - i. **John Gardner (2nd Team all-District; All State nominee)**
 - ii. **Cole Knobloch (1st team All District; All State nominee)**
 - iii. **2nd Team All District to James Bryant, Philip Pearce and Matthew Weimer**
 - iv. **Connor Walmsley (2nd Team All District & 2nd Team All State)**
 - v. **Kyle Schmitt (1st Team All District; 2nd Team All State; All Metro Team)**
 - vi. **Justin Savoie (1st Team All District; 1st Team All State; All Metro Team)**
 - vii. **Colin Moser (1st Team All District; 1st Team All State)**
 - viii. **Mason Robicheaux (1st Team All State; All District Defensive MVP)**
 - Obviously, the future of SPS soccer looks very good!
- Recognized and congratulated the **Basketball Team** for finishing second in state – our best showing ever. Special congrats went to Clarion Herald Coach of the Year **Stephen Dale** and **MVP Parker Edwards**. **Devonte Allen** and **Chandler Owenby** also made the Clarion's Elite Team.



Fighting Math Wolves return with trophies and ribbons!

- Reminded all that we are celebrating 100 years of Lasallian education at SPS, which began when the Christian Brothers assumed ownership of the school in 1918. I projected a picture of Dixon Hall, a four story building which was the original school building and which stood where Founders' Circle is located. I also projected a picture of the first President of Saint Paul's: Father Augustine, OSB, who served from 1911 – 1918.

- I then recognized and congratulated several SPS students who became volunteer basketball coaches to Coquille Recreation Park during the BB season: **Bryce**

Parchman, Blake Williams, Jackson Miley, Peyton Vitellaro, Chase Noel, Alex Krake, Gabe Ingram, Nico Walters and Cameron Vidal and Conrad Robinson. Our students made a positive impact on the program and allowed many additional younger students the chance to play basketball. Great!

- I then projected an email from an alum currently studying at a prestigious private college: Here's what the email said: *I need to thank you Brother for giving me the ability to show off today. In my 283 American Political Thought class my Professor thought she was so clever asked us what the word Pusillanimous meant. This was another attempt to get an upper hand on the class, and to make us feel like we are less intelligent. So as she attempted to put down the class a faint memory of a Honor Roll breakfast played through my head. I could scarcely remember the illustrious insult you so graciously granted me (pusillanimous nebbish), but as I played the memory through my head I recalled that a pusillanimous person was someone who was full of cowardice. Then I blurted out, in a swift intellectual counter attack, the definition of Pusillanimous. In a state of shock she stepped back confused that someone actually knew one of her sophisticated terms. I was then congratulated for my intelligence, and in her new state she ceased her berating of my class. In conclusion, I must thank you for giving me the ability to produce the definition. (great example of the value of a St.Pauls education)*
- We ended with the student body standing and singing "I Surrender" – it was emotionally moving, spiritually inspiring, and powerful. **Junior Waleed Sultan** extinguished the prayer candle while "I Surrender" played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on "the good" during these final days of Lent season and to make safe choices over the Easter Holidays (not spring break.) 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!



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 (4 still available)	\$15,000 each
Faculty Office	\$15,000

3rd Floor

Religion Classrooms (5 still available)	\$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.

Blood Drive: Saint Paul's will hold its annual spring blood drive on Thursday, April 12th. One pint of blood saves three lives. You must be 16 years old and weight 110 pounds. Students in active sports may not donate. Schedule your donation with Ms. Suzy. Seniors please remember you have honor roll breakfast until 8:30

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..



*Father Augustine, OSB
1st President of SP!*

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!

Construction Updates: Last week was a busy one. Here's some of what went on:

- **Administration Building:** The 1983 roof finally needed replacement. I was not anxious to do this project with Benilde Hall cash demands, but it became unavoidable – lots of leaks in my office and the business office.
- **Benilde:** Reworking/locating various underground utility lines. Most don't realize the number of old buildings that were on this campus, each with its set of underground utility lines. When buildings were replaced, the cheapest materials were used and codes were minimal. We are using Benilde Hall renovation to (we hope) straighten out this mishmash of underground infrastructure. In addition, work went on in the building itself. We have begun moving out of the building. **April 27 is final day we will use Benilde until August, when the newly renovated Benilde Hall will be ready – with your help, I hope!**
- **Tennis Courts:** Yes, Joni Mitchell fans (who?), we “paved paradise and put up a parking lot.” Well, the tennis courts were not paradise and they were already paved, so all we are doing is making the space more usable and attractive. Contractor hopes to have project finished in time for graduation. We do, too!

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 is this Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 & 12. Freshman parents were emailed information from the campus ministry office along with a permission slip. Please return it.

Honor Roll Breakfasts:

- Tue, Apr 10 8/9 *HR Breakfast in BAC*
- Wed, Apr 11 – 10/11 *HR Breakfast in BAC*
- Thu, Apr 12 – 12th *HR Breakfast in Cafeteria*
- Breakfasts last from 7:40 – 8:20

Grooming and Dress Issues: Our guys are starting to look shabby. It's not summer yet and we will continue to enforce our rules until the end of school. **Parents: please help by trimming hair, making sure he shaves (if applicable), check his uniform before he leaves and encourage good hygiene.** Help us by insisting your son conforms to policy. I'm not willing to ignore these rules during the final four weeks.



ID Cards: 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 Two Weeks:

- **Baseball:** Some tough district losses v. Covington offset by wins over P'toula!
- **Canada Geese:** We welcomed five goslings over the holiday! Mamma and Poppa Geese were quite protective but the babies were a welcome Easter sight! They have since moved on to bigger ponds!
- **Colegio Christobal Colon:** Our "exchange program" with our Lasallian School in Mexico City was successful. Our guests had a most productive time and expressed gratitude for the hospitality shown them. I am grateful to the host families, Trevor Watkins and Liz Brett for all their work in making this possible.
- **Crescent City Classic:** The Wolves were well represented in this Holy Saturday tradition that drew over 20,000 runners. The following names of current students "jumped out at me" in the listing of the Top 250: **Evan Pardo (66), Patrick Elliott (112), Frankie Durio (122), Jonathan Bertucci (156), Evan Hendry (157), Stephen Schlottman (159), Henry Elliott (160), Harrison Elliot (214), & Alex Schlottman (246.)** And some illustrious SPS CC alums were listed: **Spencer Albright (68), Brian Lozes (94), Nick Taylor (104), Doug Field (197), & John Alford (204).** Apologies to anyone I missed!
- **Easter E-Mail:** Thanks to Mimi Montiero for the Easter card emailed to all of our families and alums.
- **Golf:** Wolves WON Atchafalaya Classic in Morgan City on 4/6! Congrats!
- **Lacrosse:** Both JV & Varsity defeated Jesuit during Holy Week.
- **Mandatum Ceremony:** Thanks to all who helped us to remember the Lord's mandate to serve.
- **Marching Wolves Disney Trip:** Thanks to all who made this possible! Great job, MWs!
- **Mass:** Thanks to all who helped us begin Holy Week with Holy Mass.
- **Passion Play:** Denny, cast, crew, musicians and all who helped – thank you!
- **Rugby:** SPS beat the Barbarians (!) 29-7 from New Orleans on 4/7. Our Junior High team combined with Jesuit and Houma to form a Louisiana team and defeated a team from Tennessee. Our varsity team will play in the semifinals next Saturday against Jesuit.
- **Track:** A tough, six point loss to Lakeshore in the Parish Meet on Spy Wednesday – but second in Parish is pretty good!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats to Danielle Lavie for another great issue! Hope you looked through it.

Geaux Tennis 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.

Mothers' Club:

- **End of School Bookstore Sale:** The Mothers' Club will be having an end of school sale 10% off everything in the bookstore on Friday, May 4, 2018 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm and on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Also, donated uniforms can be dropped off in the bookstore or to Andrea in Administration
- **Mother – Son Supper:** Date? Thursday, April 19th Time? 6:30 (doors open at 5:30) Deadline to register? Already passed. 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!

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.

Physicals: Pinnacle Orthopedics (1200 Pinnacle Parkway) will AGAIN provide FREE physicals for athletes and band members at 7 am on Saturday, May 5. We are again indebted to the physicians and staff of Pinnacle for providing this service for our students. Remember: no student may participate in athletics or band at SPS without a current physical on file.



Pornography Assembly: Have you had this conversation with your son? It's important. Remember that www.covenanteyes.com is a great resource.

Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony:

- Our Promotion Ceremony is Friday, May 18, at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Students report to the Wolf Dome at 6:00 pm. The ceremony lasts about 75 minutes. Note that traffic on a Friday afternoon can be problematic. Please plan accordingly.
- Dress code for the ceremony is SPS dress uniform: white shirt, long khaki pants, school tie, dress socks, no athletic shoes. Students do not wear a jacket.
- Pre-freshman awards will also be given at the ceremony.
- Yes, grandparents are welcome to attend. While we do not limit the number of guests who may attend, we hope to average 5-6 guests only per family.
- A reception by the Mother's Club is after the ceremony. Attendance at this is optional.
- This ceremony has been a very positive and impressive one, and we'll do our best to make it so again on May 18. It takes place within a Catholic Liturgy of the Word, with the boys singing a number of songs. **If for some reason, however, you do not want your son to participate, that is fine. Just let me know.**

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 recent story in NOLA.com 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

Security: “Lock Your Car” Signs are appearing around Covington – including around SPS – courtesy of the Covington PD. Car burglaries are occurring in unlocked cars. Parents – please stress with your sons the need to lock his car. And please lock yours when you come to campus for an event, especially an evening event.

Senior Graduation Information:

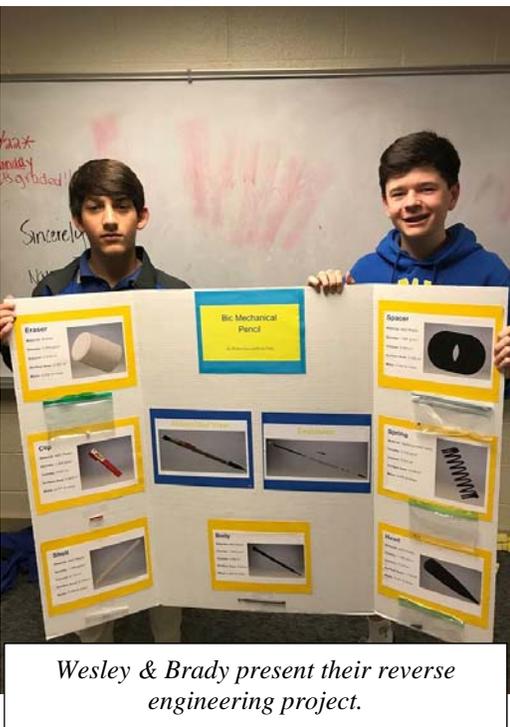
- Mon and Tue, Apr 23 & 24: regular schedules for seniors; full days of school; elective exams given
- Wed, Apr 25: English and Civics exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice; seniors may NOT leave campus for lunch
- Thu, Apr 26: Math and Religion exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice; seniors may NOT leave campus for lunch
- Fri, Apr 27: Science exam in the morning followed by short graduation practice and distribution of caps, gowns, and graduation ceremony tickets. **Each senior will be issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets are handed directly to the senior on this day. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced. Dismissal by 11 am.**
- **Tickets and caps/gowns will NOT be issued to any student who still has an obligation to the school.**
- Mon – Fri, Apr 30 – May 11: seniors **do not** report to school except for the following:
- Wed, May 09: Senior Grad Night (5-9)
- Thu, May 10: Athletic Awards Ceremony (8 am); only senior athletes need attend
- Fri, May 11: Academic Awards Ceremony (8 am). Only those seniors getting awards need attend in dress uniform. Final graduation practice (if needed) at 10 am.
- Sat, May 12: the 107th Commencement Exercises of Saint Paul’s School; 4 pm in Briggs Assembly Center. Doors open at 3; **admission by ticket only**. Seniors report to cafeteria by 3:15. The beautiful ceremony, within a Catholic mass, lasts 2 hours.
- Note: Everything seniors need to know for graduation will be part of a printed set of instructions given to them on Friday, Apr 27. I will also email a copy to senior parents. **School dress regulations in effect for all exams and school day assemblies.** Students exempted from exams need not report for those exams, but must be present for all assemblies and practices.



Congrats Bowling Wolves, on an excellent season: Jacob Bounds, Josh Dufrechou, Jack Bertucci, Matthew Aupied, Zachary van Zandt, Riley Perez, Jonathan Wellmeyer, Joseph Brown, Peter Bertucci and Cole Bordelon

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)

Service Opportunity: I was asked to promote that the Recreational District in Lacombe is always looking for volunteers to help out at concessions and at games. Contact the Rec District for info.



Wesley & Brady present their reverse engineering project.

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.

The St. Peter Adult Formation Committee invites you to a bible study presented by Jimmy Seghers: **Decoding the Old Testament.** Please join us Monday evenings at 7 pm in St. Mary's Hall, April 16th - May 14th. Registration takes place at the first gathering. A \$10 donation is suggested. For more information, please contact the St. Peter Rectory at 985.892.2422.

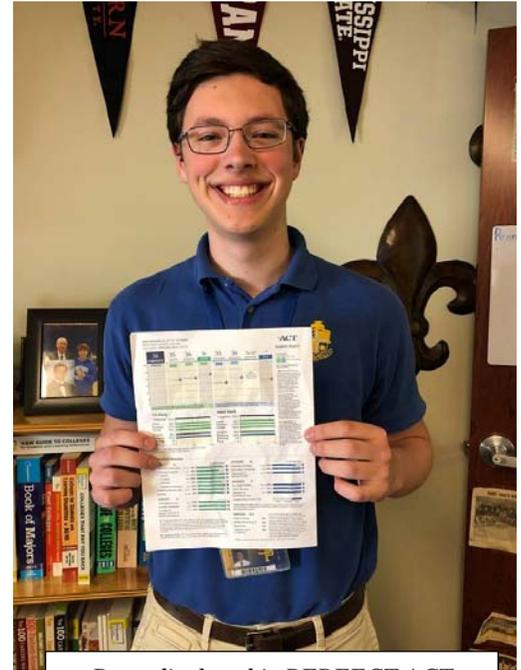
Student Council:

- 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.

Stuff the Bus: Again this year, the six Catholic schools in Western St. Tammany (Saint Paul's, Saint Scholastica, Archbishop Hannan, Saint Peter, Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Queen of Peace) will have Stuff the Bus food drive on May 2, for the Northshore Food Bank. Saint Paul's will supply the bus and driver, which will visit each of the schools and load whatever canned food donations that have been collected. Last year, we literally (OK, I hate the word "literally" but it makes a point here!) "stuffed the bus" and hope to do so again this year. Thanks!

Summer Camps: SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (8-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics (rising 5th – 8th graders)
- Video Production (boys and girls, 10-14)
- Creative Writing (boys and girls 10-14)
- Drama (boys and girls 9-13)
- For more information, consult our website: www.stpauls.com



Beau displays his PERFECT ACT score of 36! Wow! Congrats!

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. **The US Food and Drug Administration has now called this latest fad an epidemic among teenagers.** 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. Here's an article worth reading: <https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/06/health/high-schools-vaping-epidemic/index.html>

Weekly Humor: Some **Paraprosdokians**, which, as I'm sure you know, are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

- *Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
- *The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.*

- *Light travels faster than sound; people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
- *If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.*
- *War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*
- *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in fruit salad.*
- *They begin evening news with 'Good Evening,' then tell you why it isn't.*
- *To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*
- *Where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify' on an application, I put 'DOCTOR.'*
- *I thought I wanted a career. Turns out, I just wanted paychecks.*
- *You do not need a parachute to skydive -- only need a parachute to skydive twice.*
- *Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.*
- *I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.*
- *Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.*
- *Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.*
- *Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.*
- *I am neither for nor against apathy.*
- *How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?*
- *Dolphins are so smart, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.*
- *Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.*
- *Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.*
- *Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.*

A Look Ahead:

April

- 9 – GABC – Dental Health Assembly; Challenge Night
- 10 – DEFG – Pack Time – 8/9 HR Breakfast in BAC
- 11 – ABCD – 10/11 HR Breakfast in BAC; freshman retreat
- 12 – EFGA – 12th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria; LA Colleges & TOPS Night (5:30); freshman retreat
- 13 – BCDE – Life Skills Day for seniors
- 14 – ACT on campus; Father-Son BBQ (5)
- 16 – FGAB – 9:00 Late Start for Faculty In-Service; Soccer Awards Ceremony
- 17 – CDEF – President's Assembly – Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Snack Day; ROTC Awards Banquet
- 18 – GABC – Leadership Breakfast
- 19 – DEFG – Leadership Week Speaker Assembly; Mother-Son Dinner
- 20 – ABCD – Year in Review Assembly
- 21 – Crawfish Cookoff
- 23 – EFGA – President's Assembly (last with seniors); senior elective exams
- 24 – BCDE – Pack Time (last with seniors); senior elective exams
- 25 – FGAB – Senior Exams; graduation practice
- 26 – CDEF – Senior Exams; graduation practice
- 27 – GABC -- Senior Exams; graduation practice; Final Day for Seniors

- 28 – Junior-Senior Prom
- 30 – DEFG

May

- 1 – ABCD
- 2 – EFGA – Stuff the Bus
- 3 – BCDE
- 4 – FGAB
- 5 – Free Physicals for Athletes and Band Members (7 am at Pinnacle); Band Spring Concert
- 7 – CDEF
- 8 – GABC - Pack Time; Band Awards
- 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
- 21 – Exams for Grades 9 - 11
- 22 – Exams for Grades 9 - 11
- 23 – Exams (conflict and make up)



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

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 April! Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It To April as the 17th 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!



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

Please stress with your son (especially if you have a senior son) the need to follow all rules during these final weeks, as we will not overlook poor or inappropriate actions of our students. We will teach until the end. Let's make the final weeks of 2017 – 18 positive, problem-free ones.

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!



**36 Juniors in the 30+ ACT Club!
23% of the Class of 2019!**