

The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter April 23 - 29, 2018

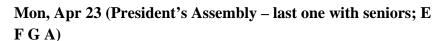


Alleluia! He is risen!

As we begin the final four weeks of our school year, I offered our faculty some words of St. John Baptist de La Salle to keep us focused. I humbly and respectfully submit, that our Founder's words apply to parents, too:

- It is God who has called you to this form of service [parenting];
- Every day God calls you anew to the needs these children have:
- It is God's own work that he entrusts to you;
- Your presence among young people brings salvation to them;
- In you, and through your teaching [parenting] ministry, these students encounter Christ, who knows each of them by name, who loves them, and who goes out searching endlessly for those who have gone astray

Now let's continue rejoicing in the Risen Lord – and go out there to do His will for the remaining weeks of the year as both parents and teachers!





last week's assembly.

- **Assembly:** Yes, we had one last week, but this is the seniors last week, and I traditionally do an assembly during their last week which originally was scheduled for next week (the usual assembly rotation) but since we are releasing seniors this week because of Benilde Hall renovation, I've moved the assembly up. Hope that makes sense.
- This Day in History: In 1564, in Stratford upon Avon, William Shakespeare is believed to have been born! We celebrate with the rest of the literary world the believed birthday of the Bard. It is impossible to be certain of the exact day on which he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn. Shakespeare's date of death is conclusively known, however: it was April 23, 1616. He was 52 years old and had retired to Stratford three years before. Have a great Shakespearean Day! And if you wish to talk like Shakespeare today, here are some simple rules:
 - o Instead of you, say thou or thee (and instead of y'all, say ye).
 - O Rhymed couplets are all the rage. Welcome to Saint Paul's School today! We're here to learn and not to play! Before you leave the house for school, bring all your books and you'll be cool! Think about what you're going to say and make sure your words reflect the Lasallian way! OK, I'll stop!
 - Men are addressed as Sirrah, ladies are addressed as Mistress, and your friends are all called Cousin.

- Instead of cursing, call tormenters jackanapes or canker-blossoms or poisonous bunch-back'd toads.
- o Don't waste time saying "it," just use the letter "t" ('tis, t'will, I'll do't).
- o When in doubt, add the letters "eth" to the end of verbs (he runneth, he trippeth, he falleth).
- o To add weight to your opinion, start them with methinks, mayhaps, in sooth or wherefore.
- o **For our students: To woo the ladies**, compare her to a summer's day. If you don't get that allusion, read Will's sonnet "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"
- Did You Know? (SPS Centennial Trivia): Well-known professional and college football stars and coaches staffed a week-long football camp on the Saint Paul's campus in June of 1989. Bobby Hebert of the New Orleans Saints, along with teammate Sam Mills and NFL Rookie of the Year John Stevens of the New England Patriots joined 11 coaches from 10 major universities in a summer session for pre-high and high school students, ages 8-18. This camp was known as Bobby Hebert's Bayou All-Star Football Camp.
- **Football:** Spring practice begins today for the next two weeks, climaxing with The Pie Bowl on May 4th
- Tennis State Tournament
- **New Student Scheduling:** Our newest wolves come to campus this afternoon to finalize their schedules for next year. Thanks to the counseling department for the hard work in getting ready for this afternoon.
- Art Show (6 pm in the BAC): Come visit and admire the work of our art wolves this past year!



Tue, Apr 24 (Pack Time – Last for seniors; B C D E)

- TDIH: President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress," thus establishing the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, arrived in 1801 and were stored in the U.S. Capitol, the library's first home. The first library catalog, dated April 1802, listed 964 volumes and nine maps. Twelve years later, the British army invaded the city of Washington and burned the Capitol, including the then 3,000-volume Library of Congress. Today, the collection, housed in three enormous buildings in Washington, contains more than 17 million books, as well as millions of maps, manuscripts, photographs, films, audio and video recordings, prints, and drawings.
- **DYK:** The well-known internationally noted author Walker Percy came to the Saint Paul's campus in 1989 to discuss his latest novel, *The Thanatos Syndrome*, with the AP English Literature class. The novelist closed his

visit by challenging the young men and others of their generation: Dr. Percy told the class that "this is where the hope lies – with you guys, not with us." 22 years later, Dr. Percy's words are as true as ever. The hope lies with the students of today. Please accept Dr. Percy's Lasallian challenge to make the world a better place.

• Golf: Regional Meet. We wish Jacques Cutrer, Chris Wilson, McMahon Mahoney, Quinn Garcia, Owen

Hayden and Coach Luke Barwick the best.

• Art Show (6 in the BAC)

Wed, Apr 25 (7 am mass; Regular; F G A B)

- TDIH: In 1859, At Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, the crew of the U.S. space shuttle *Discovery* places the Hubble Space Telescope, a long-term space-based observatory, into a low orbit around Earth.
- TDIH: In 1953, James Watson, Francis Crick, Maurice Wilkins & Rosalind first published papers in the journal Nature on the structure of DNA.



- DYK: The 1990 varsity football team, under head coach Harry Nunez, was the first team in SPS history to finish the regular season undefeated. Nilo Silvan, who accounted for 261.4 all purpose yards a game, was named the 1990 Most Valuable Offensive Player in Louisiana. Silvan accounted for 2543 yards in rushing, passing, receiving and returning kicks and led the District in scoring with 168 points. The 2010 football wolves, under head coach Ken Sears, duplicated the 1990 undefeated season. Who will be the Nilo Silvan of Saint Paul's during next year's season? We'll look for him as spring practice starts this week.
- **Hug a Plumber Day:** Well, we may not hug you but we sure do appreciate you! Thanks to all SPS plumbing dads!
- World Penguin Day: Celebrate penguins today!
- Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast: The Exchange Club of West St. Tammany will honor a S of the Y from each local high school this morning at TCC. Matthew Borgatti has been chosen to represent SPS. Congratulate him when you see him.
- Senior Exams/Graduation Practice

Thu, Apr 26: (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** 1986, the world's worst nuclear power plant accident occurs at Chernobyl nuclear power station in Russia.
- **DYK:** The Saint Paul's drama department program has been called the "best high school program on the Northshore." The reason for its great reputation is Ms. Denny Charbonnet, who came to Saint Paul's in 1987. The popularity of Ms. Charbonnet and her program is evidenced in the very large number of students who are actively involved in her productions each year in addition to the countless adult volunteers who

work behind the scenes. Ms. Charbonnet hands over the reins of The Marian Players this year as she steps down after 31 years! We are confident that The Marian Players will continue to be a premier program.

- **Richter Scale Day**. Today celebrates the birth of American seismologist Charles F. Richter (1900–1985) who invented the scale in 1935. Let's hope we don't have any earthquakes in his honor!
- Audubon Day: John James Audubon was born on this day in 1785. He was America's foremost ornithological illustrator. In 1886 the Audubon Society for the study and protection of birds was formed. Today there are many branches of the Audubon Society, and it remains dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources. Let's take care of the flora and fauna on our campus in Audubon's honor today!
- National Pretzel Day: Eat pretzels today! Pretzels are believed to be the world's oldest snack. Pretzels date back to 610AD in Southern France. Monks baked thin strips of dough into the shape of a child's arms folded

in prayer. Add a little salt, and Voila! ...the pretzel industry was born.

• Senior Exams/Graduation Practice

Fri, Apr 27 (Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1941, the German army enters the Greek capital, signaling the end of Greek resistance.
- DYK: Saint Paul's alumnus Eric Kolb of the Class of 1985 was a talented musician. Eric was so talented that he even taught world famous musician Art Neville the techniques of keyboarding and Mr. Neville taught Eric some of his great techniques. Eric described Art Neville as a calm, easy going and deeply religious man. We remember Eric each year



- at Awards Night with the awarding of the Eric Kolb scholarship.
- National Teach Children to Save Day: Teach Children to Save is a national campaign that raises awareness about the important role that banks and bankers play in helping young people develop lifelong savings habits.
- National Sense of Smell Day: Spend some time today appreciating the sense that most people feel they could most live without. Smell the flowers, the coffee, the Cajun spices, the cooking all those freebies that add to life
- Senior Exams/Graduation Practice/Distribution of Caps, Gowns, Tickets, etc. As Renee emailed you, if any senior owes you something, let us know and we will withhold distributing his graduation materials.

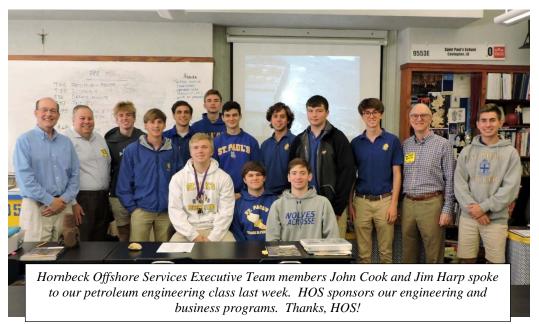
Sat, Apr 28

- **TDIH:** 1916, Ferruccio Lamborghini, the founder of the company that bears his name and is known for stylish, high-performance cars, is born in Italy.
- Great Poetry Reading Day: Don't just read any poem today; read a classic.

- Junior-Senior Prom in the BAC
- Lacrosse Semi-Finals
- **Monk Run:** The Monk Run originally scheduled for April 13, 2018, at Saint Joseph Abbey, has been rescheduled for today. The 1-mile race begins at 8:00 AM, while the 5K race starts at 8:30 AM. Registration and number pickup begin at 6:45 AM.

Sun, Apr 29

- **TDIH:** In 1862, Union troops take possession of New Orleans after Confederate General Mansfield Lovell surveyed his tiny force and realized that resistance was futile. If he resisted, Lovell told Mayor John Monroe, the city would be bombed, causing severe damage and casualties.
- National Zipper Day: Have you ever thought about what your life would be like without zippers? Backpacks, blue jeans, gym bags ... the list is endless. On April 29, 1913, Swedish-born scientist Gideon Sundback was issued a patent for his "Hookless Fastener." The rest is history. To commemorate this feat of genius, here are some fun zipper facts: The U.S. Army was one of the first users of the zipper, applying them to a variety of uniform parts and gear. Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibibaisha is the world's largest zipper manufacturer. You are likely to see "YKK" engraved on many of your own zippers. The world's longest zipper can be found at the hotel in Fort Lauderdale's Executive Airport. It measures 6,000 feet long and was commissioned as a publicity stunt for the hotel's nightclub, "Zippers."
- **National Shrimp Scampi Day**: Take a little pasta, a few plump, juicy shrimp, throw in a bit of butter, garlic and white wine, and what do you get? The elegance that is shrimp scampi, of course!
- Saint Joseph Abbey will host "A Day of Coronations," a free performance featuring Southeastern Louisiana University's combined choirs of their Concert Choir, Women's Chorale, and the University Chorus, along with the Northshore Choral Society. It takes place Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 2:30 PM in the Abbey Church, located at 75376 River Road in Covington. For more information on the concert, contact Southeastern's Department of Fine and Performing Arts at 985-549-2184.



Air Force Junior ROTC **Announcement:** Last week we announced to the Corps that the Louisiana 41st, the second oldest Air Force ROTC unit in the state and the only one in a private school, will be deactivated by the US Air Force at the end of this academic school year. Enrollment has fallen way below the minimum required to remain active and, government cutbacks have reinforced the decision – which is not ours, but the US

Air Force. In spite of the fact that the government pays nothing for our program (and hasn't for years) and that we offered to continue to fund the program at our expense, the Air Force bureaucracy said "no." We are beyond frustrated by their narrow-minded decision making process – where some bureaucrat makes decisions without looking at the bigger picture. I'll stop here before I say what I really think of them! Compounding our loss of the program (which, by the way, had only 22 students request it next year) is the loss of Sgt. A.J. East – who has done extraordinary work for the past years, keeping the program alive and doing a real service to the cadets enrolled. We shall miss AJ and owe him a debt of thanks!

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!

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
- <u>Tuesday, May 15 --</u> AP Calculus AB/BC -8:00; Computer Science A noon
- Wednesday, May 16 -- AP Writing
- Thursday, May 17 -- AP Statistics noon



Newly elected Student Council President Josh Rovira addresses the student body for the first time.

Yes, I know there are some conflicts with school events. We have no control over AP dates & times and our school calendar is just too filled right now to make any changes. We apologize for any conflict.

Assembly on April 17: I hope the students enjoyed last Tuesday's assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of "The Halleluiah Chorus" from the incomparable George Fridrick Handel's *Messiah* (not "The Messiah) which was first performed in 1742. This magnificent hymn celebrates the Resurrection and has become my tradition for the first assembly following Easter holidays. While the music played, a junior John Paul Bourgeois lit the prayer candle in the form of The Paschal Candle and we again prayed for those who left this earth to enter eternal life: *Mr. Paul Dillon*, *grandfather of Christian Kramer '21*
- Recognized and congratulated the following who gave up the Easter Holidays (not spring break) to participate in a mission trip to Peru to work with some of the poorest of the poor:
 Christopher Flood, Michael Philippe, Cameron Vidal, Hanson Stuckey, Andrew Curry and Reiss Plauche and a group of SSA girls.
- Recognized and congratulated those who gave blook at our spring Blood Drive: Robert Buqoi,
 Kristian McHugh, Matthew Lyon, Josh Rovira,



Johnathan Sheffield, Christian Harrison, Daniel Nunez, Corbin Chitwood, Spencer Fox, Jacques Mason, Jack Blossman, Hanzala Hussain, Connor Demarest, Mason Byrne, Landon Rees, Landon Chambliss, Ian Kramer, Fisher Ryan, Zachary Ingram, Jason Toups, Curtis Zuckerman, Mr. Robert Heap, Ms. Emilie Allen, & Ms. Karen Hebert

- Recognized and congratulated the Marching Wolves for their accomplishments in Disney World over Easter holidays (not spring break): Excellent Rating for Concert Band; Excellent Rating for Jazz Band; Superior Rating for Marching Band; 2nd Place (and a Silver Mickey Trophy) for Marching Band Competition.
- Recognized and congratulated **Ross Hightower and Andrew Nolin** by virtue of the email I received from Mayor Mike Cooper's Office: I wanted to share with you that two of your students, Andrew Norlin and Ross Hightower, who participate in the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council for Covington, represented the Mayor's Council on Healthy Lifestyles at the Kiwani's Youth Wellness Fair this past Saturday, March 31. They did an outstanding job representing the City and came up with creative ideas to promote healthy

living to the younger children who attended the event. Mayor Cooper and the Council on Healthy Lifestyles appreciates that Andrew and Ross were generous with their free time and made a positive impact on over 100 children at the Wellness Fair. Thank you and have a wonderful week! Kind regards, Bridget Watson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, City of Covington

- Recognized and congratulated the Freshman Class for their outstanding cooperation on their retreat.
- Recognized and congratulated the winners of the G.K. Chesterton Soceity Essay Contest: Peter Bertucci (1st), Andrew Norlin (2nd) and Nicholas Briggs (3rd). This is a big deal and I'm very proud of our guys!
- Recognized and congratulated those students who placed in the State Science Fair: Adam Smith (3rd),
 Michael Valliant and Jarrett Meibaum (4th), Clayton Dunavent, Josh Rovira, Cole Chitwood, and Darrin Lea (HM)



those students who placed in the District Literary Rally at Southeastern recently: Peter Bertucci (Accounting) Deuce Hanrahan (Accounting), Jonathan Bertucci (Adv Math) Jackson Gold (Adv Math) James Bradford (Algebra II), Matthew Algero (Amer Hist), Chris Wilson (Amer Hist), Ben Klein (Bio I), Josh Devier (Bio II), Ross Hightower (Bio II), Patrick Baldone (Calculus), Andrew Norlin (Calculus), Michael Philippe (Chemistry), David Needles (Comp Sci), Jake Holincheck (English I), Andrew Lacoste (English II), Hyde Healy (English III), Brady Talley (Geometry), Forge Mathes

• Recognized, congratulated, and distributed certificates and medals to

(Journalism) and Daniel Wieseneck (Journalism).

- Recognized and congratulated the VEX Robotics Team (Adam Smith, Darrin Lea, Blake Bollinger & Blake Inzinnia) or winning State again! And the following teams advanced to semi-finals: *Jackson Huffman*, *Jake Holincheck, Ryan Daly, Nick Reardon, Aidan Plauche', Magnus Laue, Eric Gray, Cullen Duval; Pre-freshmen: Cole Cartier, Thomas Cazenavette, Stephen Hall*
- Recognized and congratulated the newly formed Debate Wolves for their great showing in their inaugural year: In the Riverdale High School Tournament, Tyler Beard and Johnny Bergeron won 3 of 4 rounds and Hal Fox and Reece Grimley won 4 of 4 rounds, advancing to Semifinals. Mason Samples and Jack Hanks rounded out the team. In the Christ Episcopal Debate Tournament, Trey Smith and Tyler Beard won third place for public forum debate. Thanks to Mr. Heap and Ms. Zapata for moderating the club.

 Recognized and congratulated the golf team of Owen Hayden, Chase May, Chris Wilson, Patrick Blaum, Riley Hnatyshyn & Coach Barwick for winning the Atchafalaya Classic and to the team of Jacques Cutrer, Owen Hayden, Chris Wilson, Quinn Garcia & McMahon Mahoney for winning the District Championship!



- Recognized and congratulated the Tennis Wolves for winning the Regional Championship: **Kent Shiell**, **Jordan Edney**, **Paul Stolin**, **Raleigh Martin**, **Graydon Hall**, **Davis Heebe**, **Luke Beckendorf**, **Sam Muntan**, **Carson Pressor**, **Preston Orgeron**, **Aiden Richards**, **Brother Ken and Mr. Dart**
- Recognized and congratulated a whole slew of
 Track Wolves by projecting their finishes on the screen:

 3/2/18 Junior High CHS-Trafton Academy

 Season Opener: 1st Place- Jacob Melton-discus,
 Wesley Bloodworth -1600m run, Thomas Ward 300
 m hurdles, 4x400m relay team of Wesley Bloodworth,
 Cameron Smith, Walker Lobdell and Ashton Meana;
 2nd Place- Jacob Melton-shot put, Wesley
 Bloodworth -800m
- o 3/8/18 Junior High CHS-Trafton Academy
 Invitational; Team- 3rd Place; 1st Place- Jacob
 Melton-discus, Wesley Bloodworth -1600m run,
 Wesley Bloodworth -800m run, Thomas Ward -300 m
 hurdles; 3rd Place- 4x400m relay team of Wesley
 Bloodworth, Cameron Smith, Walker Lobdell and
 Ashton Means; 4th Place- Jacob Melton-shot put,
 Ashton Means- 400m, Thomas Ward -110m hurdles,
 4x100m relay team of Evan Scherer, Thomas Ward,
 Ashton Means and Grant Nastasi
- o 3/14/18 Junior High SPS-Trafton Academy Invitational: 1st Place- Jacob Melton-discus, Thomas Ward -300 m hurdles; 3rd Place- Ashton Means-400m; 4th Place- Jacob Melton-shot put; 6th Place- Grant Nastasi-200 m, 4x100m relay team of Evan Scherer, Thomas Ward, Ashton Means and Grant Nastasi
- o 3/3/18 Ponchatoula High Varsity Season Opener: 1st Place- Stephen Schlottman- 400 m run, Henry Elliot -800m run, 4x400m Relay of Stephen Schlottman, Evan Hendry, Frankie Durio and Henry Elliot; 2nd Place-Luke Paille- 800m run, Stephen Schlottman 1600m run, Jacob Lauterbach- Javelin; 3rd Place- Rhett Barker- Javelin, Evan Hendry- 1600m run; 4th- Cameron Vidal-100m run, Jonathan Bertucci- 3200m run; 5th- Thomas Bourgeois- 110m Hurdles, Zac Davis- 300m Hurdles; 6th- Evan Pardo-3200m run

- O 3/15/18 Andy Thiel Invitational: 1st Place- Evan Hendry 800 m run, 2nd Place-Stephen Schlottman- 1600m run and 400m run, Harrison Elliot- 300m hurdles, Jonathan Bertucci 3200m run, 4x400m Relay of Stephen Schlottman, Evan Hendry, Justin Baham and Henry Elliot; 4th Place- Noah Seiden -shot put, Jonathan Bertucci 1600m run, Henry Elliot 800m run, Harrison Elliot- 110m hurdles; 5th Place- Thomas Bourgeois-110m hurdles, 4x100m Relay of Carter Elie, Rhett Barker, Blake DiSalvo, and Cameron Vidal
- o 3/28/18 St. Tammany Parish Championships: Parish Champions- Stephen Schlottmann 400m and 1600m runs, Evan Hendry -800m run, 4x400m Relay Stephen Schlottman, Blake DiSalvo, Justin Baham and Henry Elliot; 2nd Place-Rhett Barker- Javelin, Harrison Elliot-110m hurdles, Jonathan Bertucci-3200m run; 3rd Place- Harrison Elliot-300m hurdles; 4th Place- Noah Seiden shot put, Blake DiSalvo- 400m, Henry Elliot-800 m run; 5th Place- Ben Klein triple jump, Cameron Vidal -100m dash, Thomas Bourgeois 110 m hurdles, Zac Davis 300 m hurdles, Henry Elliot 1600m run, Evan Hendry 3200m run; 6th Place- Caleb Nicotri triple jump
- St. Tammany Parish Meet: Stephen ran in three events: 1600 m / 1 mile finished 1st, 400 m finished 1st, 4 X 400 m relay finished 1st Stephen was named St. Tammany Parish MVP for the entire meet!
- Recognized and congratulated the Lacrosse Wolves who defeated Ocean Springs 11-3 in their first playoff game to move on to the district finals.
- I then reminded the boys that Saturday was kingergarten day and projected Robert Fulgam's poem. I know I printed it last week, but it deserves another read:

Share everything; Play fair; Don't hit people; Put things back where you found them; Clean up your own mess; don't take things that aren't yours; Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat; take a nap every afternoon.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life – learn, think, draw, paint, sing, dance, play and work some every day.

When you go out, watch for traffic, hold hands & stick together.

Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

- As we were running out of time, I had the boys sing "Mercy" and other recognitions will roll over to the next assembly. The Paschal Candle was then extinguished.
- 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	SOLD
5 Display Cases	SOLD
Outdoor Covered Patio with Seating	SOLD

2nd Floor	
Spanish Classrooms (5 still available)	\$15,000 each
Faculty Office	\$15,000

3rd Floor

Religion Classrooms (6)

\$15,000 each

Contact Danielle in the Development Office or me if you are interested in one of these naming opportunities. I am most grateful to those who have already responded.

Calendar for 2018-19: We have finalized the 2018-19 calendar. Here are some important dates:

• Mon - Tue, Aug 6 & 7 Teacher meetings

• Thu, Aug 9 Classes begin; Full Day of Instruction (same day as public schools)

• Thu, Aug 23 Senior March through the Arch

• Mon, Sep 03 Labor Day Holiday

• Fri, Oct 05 Fall Break Holiday (Parish Fair Holiday)

• Fri, Oct 12 End of 1st quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day

• M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays

 Wed, Dec 19 End of 1st Semester; Christmas holidays begin at 11:45 following last exam

Mon, Jan 07 Classes resume; second semester begins

• W – F, Jan 9-11 Senior Retreat

• Fri, Mar 1 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)

• M-F, Mar 4 -8 Mardi Gras holidays

• F-F, Apr 19-26 Easter Holidays

• W-F, May 1-3 Senior exams

• Sat, May 11 Senior graduation (4 pm)

Fri, May 17
 Pre-freshman promotion ceremony

• T-F, May 21-24 Final exams (9-11)

• Tue, May 28 Conflict Exam Day; Records Day



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 again last week. I have instructed teachers to be caring – but vigilant – and hold students accountable.

Cash Back Programs: Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Amazon Smile: This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice which we hope will be Saint Paul's School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895.
- Office Depot: We receive store credit from customers who give SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul's will do. This will help a lot.

• Box Tops for Education: Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially.

Centennial Year: During 2018, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Christian Brothers assuming ownership of Saint Paul's School in 1918, thus returning to the Archdiocese of New Orleans after an absence of many years. During 2018, we have a number of activities planned to celebrate this important milestone in our school's history – the bringing of the Lasallian dream to Covington, LA. The first – and biggest – event is the renovation of Benilde Hall (see above). More on these events later, but in addition to Benilde Hall, I am reinstating 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 Update:

- **Benilde:** We move out of Benilde completely this Wednesday and construction moves into high gear. We are maximizing usage of all classrooms outside of Benilde to accommodate those classes that meet in Benilde. It will take a little adjustment, so we ask everyone's cooperation. The end will definitely justify the means at least in this case.
- **Tennis Court/Parking Lot:** We hit a snag last week which contractor and City of Covington are working out. We still hope to have have this ready for graduation, but it's looking less likely right now.



Larry, Class of 2018, receives his alumni pin from his grandfather, Class of 1968!

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.

GiveNOLA Day is a 24-hour online charitable event on Tue, May 1, to inspire people to give generously to a local non-profit organization. To donate to St. Paul's School on GiveNOLA day, visit https://www.givenola.org/st-pauls-school-covington-la. This is a great opportunity to make an annual fund gift.

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:

- Air Force ROTC Awards Ceremony: Thanks, Sgt. East, for making our final ceremony a significant one.
- **Baseball:** Big wins over F'Bleau finish regular season on a positive note.
- Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Quiz Bowl Tournament: A great time was had by all. Thanks to Kelly Hightower and the Quiz Bowl Wolves! Brother Bill was smiling from heaven! Thanks to faculty (Barrett Baumgartner, Jan Gardner, Karen Hebert) and parents (Scott Gros, Steve Millet, Gary and Kathleen Avenel, and Mark and Anne Bitterwolf) who whose help on Sat morning was invaluable.
- **Brown Foundation Grant Field Trip:** My English classes traveled to Lyon Elementary last week. Each of my students had written a "biography book" for a first grader. We brought snacks and school supplies, and my freshmen read to the first graders and then had a party with them. It was a great experience for the Lyon students and, more importantly, for my students.
- Christian Brothers District Day: The Brothers of the area gathered here on Saturday for a day of information and discernment with our provincial superiors. The day concluded with a special mass in honor of Brother Jeffrey Calligan, who is observing his 60th anniversary of religious life this year! Congrats and thanks to Brother Jeffrey!
- College Signing: Thanks to Karen Hebert for organizing the signing ceremony for Taylor Lacoste, Cameron Cluney and Jared Thieler.
- Crawfish Cookoff: Congrats to Al and the Alumni Association for another successful event.
- Eucharistic Ministry: I am grateful to the large number of juniors willing to serve as EMs: Trevor Achee, Michael Eli Applebaum, Grant Bizette, Jack Blossman, Robert Buquoi, Evan Fisher, Christopher Flood, Ross Hightower, Owen Hnatyshyn, Matthew Lyon, Kristian McHugh, Andrew Moore, Bear Palazzo, Phillip Pearce, Jack Pellegrini, Michael Philippe, Reiss Plauche, Joshua Rovira, Brandon Stein, Nicholas Vitale, Emmett (Bailey) Smith, Christopher Wallace, Matthew Weimer, Jonathan Wellmeyer, Christopher Wilson
- Golden Jubilarian Assembly: The Class of 1968 enjoyed their visit back to campus and were impressed with the present incarnation of SPS! And they were honored to induct the Class of 2018 into the Alumni Association!
- Golf: District Champs! On to regionals!
- **Lacrosse:** A big wi! On to championship game!
- **Leadership Assembly:** The talk by Mr. Troy Duhon on Choices, Consequences, and Character was inspiring and excellent. I hope the boys take his message to heart.
- Leadership Breakfast: Congrats to Student Council for this special event. The talk by SPS Alum Will Syll was excellent.
- **Mother-Son Dinner:** All went great. Many thanks to the Mothers' Club, especially event



chair Lori Kilgore, for all the hard work. Almost 900 mothers and sons filled the BAC! And the senior talks were GREAT! (I had to turn away many seniors who wanted to speak due to time contraints!) Congratulate Patrick Baldone, Zach Cobb, Lester Guttuso, Christian Harrison, Jacob Hornbeck, Grant Hughes, Ryan Lavin, Colin Quinlan, Matthew Salter and Justin Savoie

- **Petroleum Engineering Class** had some powerful guest speakers this week: John Cook and Jim Harp (two executives from Hornbeck Offshore Services that sponsors our engineering program and SPS parents) and Steve Haller (SPS alum and owner of Flash Oil and Gas.) The presentations were excellent.
- **Singing to the Retired Brothers:** The students seemed to enjoy the experience and the Brothers enjoyed being serenaded by them.
- State Literary Rally: Our Wolves competed on Saturday in Baton Rouge and represented us well.
- **Student Council Year in Review Assembly:** Well done, Student Council! You've had a great year! If you would like to view the video, made by Joel Fernandes, here's the link: https://youtu.be/gJBKT_bYTU8 It's worth the viewing time!
- **Tennis:** Regional Champs! State qualifiers! Congrats!
- **Track:** Wolves competed hard in district but fell short. Regional qualifiers are Evan Hendry (District Champ in the 800m run Harrison Elliott (2nd-300m hurdles & 4th in 110m hurdles), Jonathan Bertucci (2nd in the 3200m run); Stephen Schlottman (3rd in the 1600m run) Rhett Barker (4th in javelin) & Henry Elliot (4th in 800m run)
- **Soccer Awards Banquet:** Thanks to Coach Moser and the Soccer Wolves! Eight consecutive appearances in the state championship game is no small accomplishment.
- **Student Council Elections:** Excellent candidates all around! Special congrats to Josh, Christopher, Luke, and Paxton. And congrats to Josh and Blake for their willingness to serve!



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

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: Free physicals for athletes and band members will again be provided by Pinnacle Orthopedics (1200 Pinnacle Parkway) 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.

The Class of 1968 returned to campus to induct Class of 2018 into alumni association.





Pornography Assembly: Have you had this conversation with your son? It's important. Here is the resource recommended by Archdiocese of New Orleans: www.covenanteyes.com

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.
- In the past, this ceremony has been a 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.

Senior Graduation Information:

- Mon and Tue, Apr 23 & 24: regular schedules for seniors; full days of school; elective exams given
- Wed, Apr 25: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Thu, Apr 26: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Fri, Apr 27: one 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.

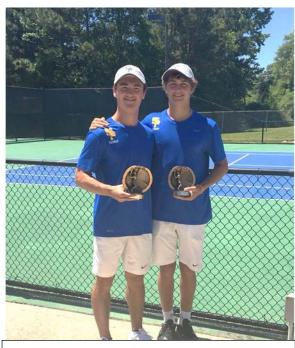
- Tickets and caps/gowns will NOT be issued to any student who still has an obligation to the school.
- Mon Fri, Apr 30 May 11: seniors **do not** report to school except for the following:
- Wed, May 09: Senior Grad Night (5-9)
- Thu, May 10: Athletic Awards Ceremony (8 am); only senior athletes need 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 The Saint Paul's School; 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors will open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only**. The beautiful ceremony, within the context of a Catholic mass, lasts about two 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.

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

Security: "Lock Your Car" Signs are appearing around Covington – including around SPS – courtesy of the Covington PD. Car burglaries are occurring, and almost always 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.



Jordan and Kent – regional tennis champs! Congratulations!

Service Opportunities:

- St. Peter's Fair is looking for volunteers in two-hour shifts on on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 30th. Volunteers can sign up in two-hours shifts on either or both days. Saturday's shifts run in two-hole slots from 10am-11:00pm, and Sunday's shifts run in two-hour slots from 10am-5:30pm. To sign up for one or multiple volunteer time slots, contact Ms. Adrienne Baumgartner by phone at 985-774-4322 or by e-mail at (aandtbaum@bellsouth.net).
- The American Heart Association is holding their annual Northshore Heart Walk. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 5th from 6:30am to 8am (event set up) and/or 7:45am-1:00pm (food service, tent service, passing out water, and clean up). To sign up, contact the American Heart Association at 504-872-3498 or by e-mail (Jessica.Geil@heart.org).
- St. Tammany Family Promise host week for St. Michael's in Mandeville is coming up June 24 30. This is an EXCELLENT program which helps homeless families in St. Tammany. I encourage our students to help. They will gain much from the

experience. The times are 5:30ish-8:30ish (lots of flexibility with that) each evening. As before, if anyone has questions, please contact pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com or her cell: 281-797-8337

• Keep Madisonville Beautiful: April 28, 10 – noon; meet at Pine Stree Baseball Pavilion at 10; lunch and service hours provided; to register or for more info, call 778-7790 or email keepmadisonvillebeautiful@gmail.com

Student Council News:

- Congratulations to the 2018-19 Student Council Executive Board: President Josh Rovira, Vice-President Chris Wilson, Secretary Luke Vargas, Treasurer Paxton Ballard.
- Any 8th-11th grader who wishes to run for class office may pick up Intent to Run forms in room 107. This paperwork is due by Thursday, April 26. Class speeches and elections will be held May 4.

- Prom forms and payment are due Wednesday to room 107.
- Thank you to Mr. Rick Gonzalez of the Highway 190 Chik Fil A for his generous donation of food to last week's Leadership Breakfast.
- Thank you to Mr. Troy Duhon for his inspiring Leadership Week talk about Choices, Consequences, and Character.

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.



Stuff the Bus: *Please consider* supporting the Northshore Food Bank by helping Saint Paul's and the other local Catholic schools Stuff the Bus on Wednesday, May 2. This year's program will be more directed in an effort to help Summer Stock which provides all school-aged Food Bank participants with their own bag of nutritious, kid-friendly items at each visit during the summer to help supplement the loss of school meals. Each school has been asked to donate specific items, and Saint Paul's has been asked to collect canned chicken or tuna. Donations will be accepted

through the morning of May 2 and may be brought to the main office or to your son's teachers. Lastly, paper bags were distributed to each student for your convenience.

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

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.

Weekly Humor: In honor of World Penguin Day on Wed, some penguin jokes:

- Why don't you see penguins in Britain? Because they are afraid of Wales.
- Where does a penguin go when it loses its tail? To a re-tail store!
- Which side of the penguin has the most feathers? The outside!
- What is smarter than a talking penguin? A spelling bee!
- What do you call a cold penguin? A brrrd!
- Who is the head of the penguin navy? Admiral Byrd!
- Son: Mom, can I have a penguin for Christmas? Mom: No, you'll have turkey like everyone else!
- Why are penguins good race drivers? They are always in the pole position!
- What is a penguin's favorite salad? Iceberg lettuce!
- Where do penguins go to the movies? At the dive-in!
- Who's the penguin's favorite aunt? Aunt Arctic!
- Why did the penguin cross the ocean? To get to the other tide!
- How do you get down off a penguin? You don't; you get down off a duck!
- What's black and white, black and white, black and white? A penguin rolling down a hill!
- Why did the penguin cross the road twice? To prove he's not a chicken!

Yearbook: Did you order your copy of the 2017-18 Conifer, yet? Secure your picture perfect memories by purchasing a yearbook **before the May 25, 2018, midnight deadline**. Go to www.yearbookforever.com to place your order. Search for Saint Paul's School (notice you must spell out "Saint") and choose "purchase a 2017-18 product." Yearbooks will be delivered at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

A Look Ahead:

April

- 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!

This is the last week we will use Benilde in this current start. In August, we will unveil a totally re-designed Benilde in honor of the Centennial of the Christian Brothers assuming ownership of Saint Paul's in 1918! 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 the last part of April! Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Amazed that Seniors Only Have One Week Left and I'm Still 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!

