

The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter April 30 - May 06, 2018



Alleluia! He is risen!

Welcome to the seventh week of the fourth quarter of the 2017 - 18 school year! Only three weeks left to go! I used the following quotation from Pope Francis last year, which was spoken to a group of teachers, but it's worth repeating – it's very Lasallian (and from a Jesuit, no less!):



In a society that struggles to find points of reference, it is necessary that young people find a positive reference in the school. It can do so if it has within itself teachers that are capable of giving meaning to the school, without reducing everything only to the transmission of technical knowledge, but aiming to build an educational relation with each one of the students, who must feel accepted and loved for who he is, with all his limitations and potentiality.... You must teach not only the contents of a subject, but also the values of life and habits of life. ... To learn the content, a computer is sufficient, but to understand how one loves, to understand what the values and habits are that create harmony in

society, a good teacher is necessary. -- Pope Francis

Saint John Baptist de La Salle couldn't agree more. To our Founder, the teacher is doing God's work.

Thank you for being part of Saint Paul's School as we do God's work here on campus!

Mon, Apr 30 (Regular; D E F G)

- Today is the feast of Pope Saint Pius V. During his papacy (1566-1572),
 Pius V faced with the crushing responsibility of getting a battered Church
 on its feet after being shaken by corruption, the Reformation, the threat of
 Turkish invasion and the bloody bickering of young nation-states. The
 Church's response was the Council of Trent, and Pius implemented the
 mandated reforms. No easy task.
- **This Day in History:** In 1789, in New York City, George Washington, the great military leader of the American Revolution, is inaugurated as the first US president.
- Did You Know? (SPS Trivia Celebrating the Centennial of the Christian Brothers Coming to Covington How's that for alliteration?): Forty-eight boys formed the entire student body when Saint Paul's College, as it was called then, was established in 1911 by the Benedictine Fathers of Saint Joseph Abbey. Today, the school consists of 875 students and next year's enrollment looks even larger!
- National Honesty Day: Celebrate National Honesty Day in a completely open and honest way. There are few rules for this special day...just be honest.



- National Bugs Bunny Day: The first time audiences saw the wascally wabbit was on April 30, 1938, in a short cartoon called "Porky's Hare Hunt." In that first appearance, he was called "Happy Rabbit." Bugs did not utter his famous catch phrase, "What's up, Doc?" until he came face to face with Elmer Fudd in "A Wild Hare" in 1940.
- **Happy Birthday Saint La Salle!** On this day in 1651, John Baptist de La Salle was born. Let us pause a moment today to give thanks for the birth of this extraordinary saint and educator whose work we continue today!
- Happy Birthday Louisiana! From the official Louisiana Website: On April 30, 1812, the United States admitted Louisiana as the 18th state into the Union. Louisiana was the first state to have a majority Catholic French- and Spanish-speaking population, reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1699-1763 and Spain from 1763-1803. Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Louisiana's road to statehood was not all smooth. Federal law required citizens of a newly admitted territory to apply to congress for statehood, and the admission of the Orleans Territory as the 18th state followed years of lobbying efforts by prominent citizens—both American and Creole (French-speaking Catholics). Finally in 1811, Democratic President James Madison signed the bill allowing the people of Louisiana to form a state constitution. Following the state constitutional convention in New Orleans, on April 14, 1812, President Madison signed the bill approving statehood. The bill designated April 30, 1812, as the day of formal admission. Join me in praying for our state on its birthday!



Newly elected Student Council Executive Board for 2018-19 L to R: Luke Vargas (Secretary), Paxton Ballard (Treasurer), Josh Rovira (President) & Chris Wilson (Vice-President)

Tue, May 1 (Regular; A B C D)

- Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. Today honors all workers, reminding us that we all have a responsibility to build the Kingdom of God on Earth through our labor. Here at SPS, that takes on special meaning, as Saint La Salle said we are doing "God's work."
- **DYK:** Our octagonal shaped theater is the oldest building on campus, having been built in 1906. Designed by the Tulane University School of Architecture, it was one of the first buildings in the south to use the new technology of laminated

wood to form the beams. Built as a gymnasium, it was called "The Odeon" which is a Greek word meaning "building for musical performances" because the acoustics were so good. Over the years, the building has been used as a gymnasium, library, chapel and auditorium. And, of course, the classroom attached to the theater was originally an indoor swimming pool. The next time you go into the theater, remember that every single student who ever attended Saint Paul's has been in that building. It's holy ground.

- **TDIH:** In 1933, the legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting makes local news.
- Mother Goose Day: Read childhood nursery favorites and feel the warmth of Mother Goose's embrace once again!
- Great American Grump Out Day: Calling all grumps! For one whole day, there is to be no grumping, no frowning, no grousing, or complaining! I'll try to do my part

- **Give NOLA Day:** We hope some of our generous supporters will join philanthropic people throughout the area and donate to SPS. Just go to www.givenola.org
- Junior Class WW II Museum Field Trip

Wed, May 2 (7 am mass; Regular; E F G A)

- **TDIH**: In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea begins between Japan and the US. Lasting four days, it is considered the first modern naval engagement, resulting in 70 Japanese and 66 Americans warplanes destroyed. This was the first air-naval battle, as carriers did not fire at each other; planes did the battling. The US carrier *Lexington* was a casualty; "the Blue Ghost" (so-called because it was not camouflaged like other carriers) suffered extensive damage and was sunk by its crew. 216 *Lexington* crewmen died. Japan would go on to occupy all the Solomon Islands, but its victory was a Pyrrhic one: the cost in experienced pilots and aircraft carriers was so great that Japan had to cancel its expedition to other South Pacific targets.
- **DYK:** During the 1960's, new buildings popped up on campus: Brothers Residence, La Salle Hall, the administration building, the chapel, and the cafeteria. In honor of our Centennial this year, we are renovating Benilde Hall and adding a parking lot. **And we have plans for more!**
- Two Different Color Shoes Day celebrates the uniqueness and diversity of humanity. Students may observe this day if they wish. I am not going to say anything, but if they read the newsletter and want to wear two different color shoes, it's OK with me.
- No Pants Day: SPS will NOT observe this day; well, since most of our students wear shorts, I guess we do observe it. Just be assured that I will not be observing it!

Thu, May 3 (Regular; B C D E)

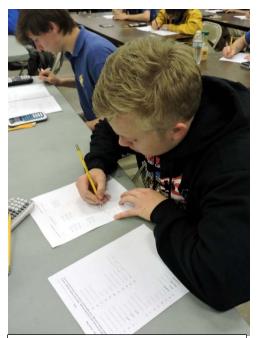
- National Day of Prayer (First Thu of May): At SPS, every day is a day of prayer, but be extra prayerful today!
- **TDIH:** SF Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's HR record.
- **DYK:** In 1952, St Paul's earns accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. We maintain that accreditation today.
- Hug Your Cat Day good luck with that!



Fri, May 4 (Regular; F G A B)

- TDIH: In 1965, San Francisco Giants outfielder
 Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's National League record for home runs.
- **DYK:** The New Orleans Saints used the campus of Saint Paul's School for a one week training camp in the summer of 1967, the first year the Saints were in existence.
- Star Wars Day: This is a day for *Star Wars* fans to celebrate the franchise's films series culture. The date was chosen as "May the 4th" due to its sounding similar to the series' phrase "May the Force be with you!" Who knew?
- World Laughter Day: Have a good laugh today! Laugh at me if you want!
- **International Firefighters Day:** We honor the unsung heroes and thank them for protecting our lives and property. Wear a blue and red ribbon today, symbolic of elements firefighters work with red for fire and blue for water.

- National Hoagie and Oyster Day: Enjoy either or both of these treats!
- Baseball: Quarterfinal round of the playoffs: SPS v. Jesuit; best of three games today and tomorrow



Senior Thomas works hard on his physics final exam!

Sat, May 5

- **TDIH:** Today, known as Cinco de Mayo, commemorates the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. The Mexican army was defeated, but the "Batalla de Puebla" came to represent a symbol of Mexican patriotism.
- **Physicals:** Free physicals for athletes and Marching Wolves will be given this morning at Pinnacle Medical Center from 7 9 am. All athletes and Marching Wolves must have a current physical on file in order to participate. We are grateful to the medical community at Pinnacle for providing this valuable service to our students.
- Track: State Meet
- Spring Concert at 3 pm in BAC come out and support the Marching Wolves! Their concerts are GREAT!

Sun, May 6

- **TDIH:** 1937, the German airship *Hindenburg*, the largest dirigible ever built, explodes as it arrives in NJ.
- **TDIH II:** Four years ago, representatives from Project Lead the Way came to campus to evaluate our implementation of their Biomedical and Engineering curricula. This led to Saint Paul's being the first accredited PLTW school in the state a credential that is facilitating our students earning college credit for their work in these electives. That we are achieved this after only four years is highly unusual and speaks volumes about Trevor's vision, the instructors' dedication, and the community's support. Since then, we have been the "poster child" for PLTW! **And we couldn't have done it without Hornbeck Offshore Services sponsorship! Thank you, HOS!**
- National Nurses Day: We honor all of those in the nursing profession day! Thank you!
- No Homework Day: Since it's Sunday, feel free not to do homework tonight! Do it on Saturday!

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

Annual Fund: Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high-pressured; ours is not but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym.)
- You may "pledge" your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. WONDERFUL!
- While we don't send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son's grandparents of the drive, please do so or provide me with an address and I'll personally appeal. I'll send them a nice "thank you" note, too! Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.

- No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small! What's important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 so I can show an increase in AF participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

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

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: I hope the students enjoyed our April 23 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

• Students entered the gym to the strains of "Lean on Me" – which I traditionally play at the final assembly at which seniors will be present. The song has become a favorite of our students and represents so much of what we try to do here – having students support each other and providing an environment with the message that it's OK to do so. While the music played, junior Kyle Conigliaro 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: the grandfathers of senior Christian Harrison and freshman Quillan Barrero.



Luc Hebert Louisiana Student Journalist of the Year

- 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.
- Recognized and congratulated the Class of 2018 who were attending their final President's Assembly.
 Because it was their last, I concentrated most of my recognitions to seniors.
- Reminded the student body that the entire literary world was celebrating William Shakespeare's birthday on this day! While we are not sure that Apr 23, 1564 is his birthday, we do know for sure that he was baptized on Apr 26, 1564 and the custom was to baptize babies three days after birth.

- Recognized and congratulated the **Varsity Basketball Team** for being the state runner-up! The captains then presented the state trophy to Principal Trevor Watkins.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Varsity Soccer Team** for being the state runner-up! The captains then presented the state trophy to Principal (and former state championship soccer coach) Trevor Watkins.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Thomas Dugan** for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout! We are always proud when our student achieve this honor!
- Recognized and congratulated the 18 seniors who participated in LSU's Spring Testing Program. These guys amassed 144 college credit hours, worth over \$105,000 in tuition. Well done!
- Recognized and congratulated the staffs of The Paper Wolf and The Guerilla Wolves for their incredible accomplishments at the Journalism Education Association Conference held recently at Loyola University. Here's what our guys won:
 - o Journalism Educators Association Awards program
 - o <u>The Paper Wolf</u> earned an award in 9 of the 10 award categories.
 - o 1st place Overall Website <u>ThePaperWolf.com</u>
 - o 1st place Sports Writing "Devonte Allen Opens Up" (Carson Caulfield)
 - o 1st place Sports Photo "Football Hip Bump" (Brandon Gallego)
 - o 1st place Feature Photo "Marching Wolves Work Up a Sweat" (Brandon Gallego)
 - o 1st place News Writing "New CORE Pack Initiative" (Ashton van Deventer)
 - o 3rd place News Writing "Michael Doherty Suffers Neck Injury" (Carson Caulfield)
 - o 1st Place Headline Writing "Where Y'at if Not at Liz's Where Y'at Diner" (Jackson Cretin)
 - o 1st Place Feature Writing <u>School Car Embodies Wolves' Spirited Past'</u> (Lester Guttuso)
 - o 2nd Place Editorial "When Hurricane Harvey Brought the Nation Together, (Luc Hebert)
 - o 3rd Place Editorial Writing "Government Must Regulate ISPs" (Forge Mathes)
 - o **Guerilla Wolves** earned an award in 5 of the 8 categories they entered.
 - o 1st place Broadcast Feature Story "The History of the Guerilla Wolves" (John Meyers)
 - o 1st place News Broadcast Show (non-daily) Season 1 Episode 1
 - o 2nd place News Broadcast Show (non-daily) <u>Season 1 Episode 3</u>
 - o 1st place Live Broadcast (non-sports) <u>St. Paul's Graduation</u> (Brandon Gallego, Joel Fernandes, John Meyers)
 - o 2nd place PSA (longer than :60) (Joel Fernandes/Brandon Gallego)
 - o 2nd place Entertainment Video (Carson Caulfield, Joel Fernandes, Brandon Gallego)
- Recognized and congratulated **senior Luc Hebert** for being named Louisiana Student Journalist of the Year at the JEA Awards Ceremony! Luc received a \$150,000 scholarship to Loyola for this award.



Matthew Borgatti: one of 13 golfers named to LHSAA All State ACADEMIC Golf Team!

• Recognized and congratulated the students who represented us at the Mu Alpha Theta State Math Tournament; Here's what our Fighting Math Wolves accomplished with only 26 participants, competing against 35 schools and almost 800 of the best math students in the state of LA:

0	Theta – Algebra 2 area test	Collin Murray	7 th place (out of 136)
0	Alpha—Advanced Math area test	John Paul Bourgeois	6 th place (out of 99)
0	Alpha –Trig area test	Stephen Millet	th place (out of 116)
0		Lenny Carollo	15 th place
0	Mu A—Integration area test	Josh Devier	9 th place (out of 47)
0	Mu A—Differentiations area test	Andrew Norlin	7 th place (out of 124)
0	Functions area test	Ross Hightower	3 rd place (out of 33)
0		Patrick Baldone	7 th place
0		Blake Ramsey	9 th place
0	Potpourri area test Cole Chitwood	9th place (out of 49) Beau	Franklin 10 th place
0	Area –Statistics	Jonathan Bertucci	6 th place (out of 29)
0	THETA Individual	Adam Smith	20th place (out of 166)
0	Gemini – ALPHA Beau Fra	nklin and Stephen Millet	7 th place (out of 34)
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0	THETA ciphering Adam Smith, Co	ollin Murray, Darrin Lea, N	Marshall Unkauf 7 th (out of 25)
0	ALPHA ciphering Blake Ramsey, Jackson Gold, Brennan Calato,		
	Jonathan Bertucci 7 th place (37 teams)		

- o MU Math Bowl: Patrick Baldone, Forge Mathes, Josh Devier, Daniel Wieseneck 4th out of 31
- $\circ~$ In Sweepstakes, SPS came in 6^{th} out of 35 schools. Breaking into the top 6 teams is BIG!!!
- o The strength of the wolf is the pack!!
- Recognized and congratulated the following for being named 2017 AP Scholars (yes, this is almost a year old recognition and doesn't include the Class of 2017 I'm that far behind!): **Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Forge Mathes, Jack Nunez, Alex Prokop, Kevin Schneider, Andrew Smith**
- Recognized and congratulated senior Matthew Borgatti for being named a National Merit Finalist!
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Matthew Borgatti** for being named to the LHSAA All-State Academic Golf Team one of only13 golfers in the state!
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Noah Seiden** for being named **Allstate Sugar Bowl Chapter of the National Football Foundation 2018 Scholar-Athlete** one of only 35 players in southeast LA.
- Recognized and congratulated the nine seniors who have signed to play college level athletics:
 - **o** Kent Shiell (Belmont Abbev Tennis)
 - o Noah Seiden (Tulane Football)
 - Mason Robicheaux (Appalachian State Soccer)
 - Myers Morgan (Queens College Swimming)

- Caleb Lupo (Delgado Baseball)
- Stephen Schlottman (LSU Cross Country)
- Cameron Cluney football at Millsaps
- o Jared Theiler wrestling at University of Northern Colorado
- o Taylor Lacoste University of Mary Hardin Baylor



- Recognized and congratulated senior Bradley Anzalone who recently won second place but finished first in
 the 15th edition of the Italy Percussion Competition, an international competition for music composition.
 (No first places were awarded, the competition is based on points earned). Bradley, currently a student in
 Mr. Andrew Moran's Music Theory Class II, was the only winner from the United States. Bradley competed
 in a category which required percussion music to be written for 6 performers.
- Recognized and congratulated the seniors who have served as Eucharistic Ministers this past year: Cole
 Abide, Colin Quinlan, Matthew Borgatti, Mason Robicheaux, Hayden Brewster, Patrick Saucier,
 Andrew Curry, Justin Savoie, Joel Fernandes, Stephen Schlottman, Robert Ferrante, Kyle Schmitt,
 Peyton Jacob, Kevin Schneider, Lester Guttuso, Noah Seiden, Christian Harrison, Rhyne Sepcich,
 Nicholas Montreuil, Zachary Taylor, Ian Nicaud, Jared Thieler, Brandon Nicotri, Emerson Vaccari,
 and Cameron Vidal.
- Recognized and congratulated the Lacrosse team defeating Lower Alabama 15 3 in their quarter-final game to move on to the state championship final four games next weekend
- Recognized and congratulated our VEX Robotics Team of Blake Bollinger, Blake Inzinna, Darrin Lea, and Adam Smith who qualified for the 2018 VEX Robotics World Championships in Kentucky. Of the more than 18,000 VEX teams, only top 580 teams around the world compete. Our guys are part of this for the third year in a row. Here are some numbers:
 - Years Competing: 3
 - o Tournaments Entered: 15 (this includes the 2 previous World Championships)

Tournaments Won: 12 (Not lost a local tournament since their very first as 8th graders.)

Matches Played: 211

Matches Lost: 17 (7 were at Worlds- 95% of matches at local level, 67% at Worlds)

Awards-

Tournament Champion: 12 times

Robot Skills: 6 times Excellence: 5 times Design: 3 times Judges: 1 time

- Recognized and congratulated junior Andrew Norlin for his accomplishments in robotics. Here's the email from his moderator, Ms. Marie Childs: I would also like to brag on Andrew Norlin. In addition to the tremendous amount of assistance that he provides for our own teams, he has also been a godsend for other up-and-coming teams within the state. His hard work and dedication to robotics has caught the attention of the REC Foundation. He will also be representing St. Paul's this week at Worlds as a skills referee and as a judge's assistant. This will provide him with a wonderful learning opportunity and also exposure as he will be working with representatives from the REC, Dell, NASA, Google, and Northrup Grumman, just to name a few.
- Introduced senior Landon Chambliss who encouraged the students to participate in Crawfish and Roses on May 5 at the Abita Brewery. Proceeds benefit the UP 21 Foundation for students with Down Syndrom and The Miracle League.



Students help empty Benilde Hall for renovation!

• As we were running out of time, I closed with teaching the boys the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" – "time flies" – and applied to the seniors, whose time has flown by at SPS. I then closed with an Excerpt from the Act II Prologue of William Shakespeare's Henry V: Now all the youth of England are on fire, and silken dalliance in the wardrobe lies; Now thrive the armourers, and honour's thought reigns solely in the breast of every man...For now sits Expectation in the air! We indeed feel the expectation of the Class of 2018!

• We then sang the fight song and Mercy which was emotionally moving and powerful.

Junior Bailey Smith extinguished the prayer candle while "Lean on Me" played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on "the good" during this Easter season and to make safe choices. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God's love to all whom they meet.

It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



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	<u>-</u>	
Religion Classrooms (5 still available)	\$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

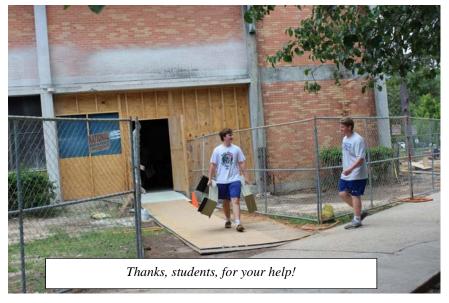
• W-F, May 1-3 Senior exams

• 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!



Workers build forms for new restrooms and elevator for Benilde Hall.

Construction Update:

- **Benilde:** We moved out of Benilde completely 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:** Work resumed last week as we resolved the snag between contractor and City of Covington. We still hope to have have this ready for graduation, but it's looking less likely right now.

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:** 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.

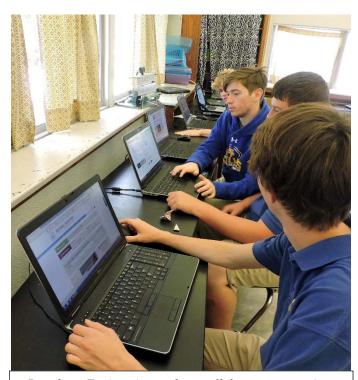
GiveNOLA Day is a 24-hour online charitable event on Tuesday, May 1, created to inspire people to give generously to a local non-profit organization. To donate to St. Paul's School on GiveNOLA day, visit https://www.givenola.org/st-pauls-school-covington-la This is a great way to make your annual fund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

- Art Show: Congrats to our Art Wolves for an outstanding art show last week!
- **Baseball:** A bye in the first round propels the Wolves into the quarterfinals beginning on Friday.

- Exchange Club Student of the Year Breakfast was very inspiring. Nine outstanding St. Tammany Parish seniors were honored, including our own Matthew Borgatti. Thanks to The Exchange Club for sponsoring this special event.
- Football: the first week of spring went well; Pie Bowl is May 10, not May 4 as I printed last week. Sorry!
- Golf: A young team fought hard. While missing the state tournament cutoff, they had a great season. Congrats to Jacques Cutrer, Chris Wilson, McMahon Mahoney, Quinn Garcia, Owen Hayden, and Coach Luke Barwick.
- **Graduation Practice:** The seniors were quite cooperative in practice. And their singing was beyond great. The 107th graduating class of Saint Paul's should have a very powerful graduation ceremony. During practice, the cafeteria staff treated seniors to a great ice cream party. Thank you, ladies!
- Lacrosse: Wolves play for state championship today against St. Thomas More! Wolves beat Jesuit in Semi-Final game 11-5. Geaux LAX Wolves!
- New Student Scheduling: Things went very smoothly (thanks to the hard work of the counseling department). We have a very excited group of new wolves joining us in August!
- **Prom:** Thanks to all who helped make the Junior-Senior Prom a success. Thanks, Student Council!
- **Rugby:** Senior RWs & one soph won the "sevens tournament" at Jesuit which allows them to be featured at the NOLA Gold game!
- Student Host Lunch: Thanks to Development
 Office for having a "thank you" luncheon for student
 hosts. These guys do so much for us. I don't know
 what we would do without them! Thank a student
 host when you see him! This year, 114 student
 hosts volunteered 1001 hours at 14 events!
 Impressive!



Petroleum Engineering students collaborate on a project.

- **Tennis:**_The team fought hard but fell short at state. Congrats are due to **Raleigh Martin** who reached the quarterfinals and to doubles team of **Jordan Edney/Kent Shiell** who reached the finals state runners-up.
- Track: Regional Meet results: Jonathan Bertucci- 2nd place-3200m run and State Qualifier; Stephen Schlottman- 4th place- 1600 m run; Henry Elliot 6th place 800 m run
- Vex Robotics World Championships: Congrats to Adam Smith, Blake Inzinna, Blake Bollinger, Darrin Lea, Andrew Norlin, and Ms. Marie Childs for representing us in KY!
- **Teaching:** And in the midst of all of the activity, teaching and learning were taking place last week (yes, I know this is out of alphabetical order!)

May: The month May was named for the Greek Goddess Maia, identified with the Roman era goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, the Roman poet Ovid provides a second etymology, in which he says that the month of May is named for the *maiores*, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the *iuniores*, or "young people" (*Fasti VI.88*). **May** is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the third of seven months to have a length of 31 days.

Mary's Month: Catholics traditionally devote May to Mary, the Mother of God. How did this come to be? In many ancient cultures, May 1 was a day for spring festivals to celebrate the beginning of new life. For instance, the Greeks dedicated May to Artemis, goddess of fertility. The Romans dedicated May to Flora, goddess of springtime and flowers. To counter these pagan celebrations, the Church eventually came to celebrate May as the month of May. Now you know!

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.

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 the staff adds new content. Support the staff and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which we should now probably call 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.

Pornography Assembly: Have you had this conversation with your son? Remember: 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.
- In the past, 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.

San Francisco New Orleans Demographics: Chief administrators of the 21 schools from seven states (can you name the states and at least ten of the schools?) in our District were recently provided with demographic info. Some stats:

- Enrollment: 15,362 students (9602 male and 5760 female 6 of the 21 schools are all male)
- Religion: 9991 Catholic; 5371 non-Catholic
- Ethnicity: 7242 Caucasian; 3799 Hispanic; 1648 Asian; 1019 African American; 939 Bi Racial
- Full Time Faculty/Administration: 2065 (997 lay men; 1030 lay women; 25 Brothers



general admission.

- Tickets and caps/gowns were not 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

Senior Graduation Information:

• On Fri, Apr 27, seniors in compliance were given caps, gowns, a sheet of graduation instructions and graduation ceremony tickets. Each senior was issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets were handed directly to the senior. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced. Two competent adults verified the tickets for each senior. Two tickets are "reserved" – meaning in the front – and six are

- Fri, May 11: Academic Awards Ceremony (8 am). Only those seniors getting awards need attend in dress uniform. Final graduation practice at 9:15 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. (last year it was two hours and ten minutes)
- Note: Everything seniors need to know for graduation wa given to them on Friday, Apr 27, on a printed paper. Ask your senior son for it.

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



Is anyone in here the relative or parent of a son named Trey Paine? He goes to St. Paul's and I simply want to tell him, "thank you." He was in a group of high school students that visited my 7 year old daughter's elementary school last Thursday, and he made quite a wonderful impression on her. She has quoted him several times, saying things like, "When Trev left he told me to remember that I can be anything that I want to be when I grow up," and "Trey said that I am an excellent reader!" He also gave her a book that he wrote, some other educational books, some pencils, crayons and colored pencils, and some little knick knacks - a pencil sharpener, little note pads, pencil grips - and she has not stopped using them! I would love to be able to meet Trey, or at least message him and tell him, "thank you" for being such a great role model and for making such a great impression on my sweet 7 year old daughter. 🐸 feeling thankful.

A Facebook post following my English class's Reading Buddies Service Learning field trip on Apr 19. Congratulations, Trey! A follow up: the mom did make contact with Trey and he and the girl have become pen pals!

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.

Service Opportunities:

- 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

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.

- 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, 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 Oyster Day on May 4:

- Why do oysters go to the gym? It's good for the mussels!
- What kind of picture does an oyster take? A Shell-fie.
- What do you get when you cross an owl and an oyster? Pearls of Wisdom.
- Why are oysters always working out? Because they like to flex their
- What does an oyster do on its birthday? It shellebrates!
- Did you hear about the lazy oyster? It wouldn't move a mussel.
- How do oysters communicate? With shell-phones.
- Did you hear about the oyster that was in a gang? It was the hired mussel.
- What do you call an oyster that won't share? Shell-fish.
- What happens when you bring an oyster to a party? It becomes a shellebration.
- What kind of jokes do oysters tell? Shell-arious ones!
- What happens when your wife wants a pearl necklace? You shell out a lot of money.
- What do you call an oyster that flies? A shell-icopter!
- *Oyster jokes are so funny I almost pulled a mussel.*
- If an oyster loses it's shell is it naked or homeless?
- "So, have you heard about the oyster who went to a disco and pulled a mussel?"
- *OK*, *I'll stop!*

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.



Seniors break from grad practice to enjoy ice cream from cafeteria staff. Thank you, cafeteria ladies!

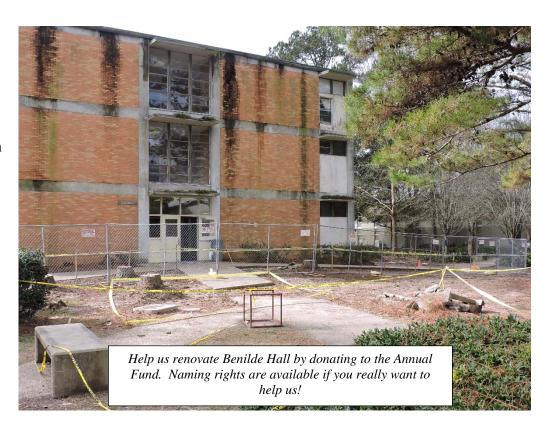
A Look Ahead:

April

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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 (3 pm)
- 7 CDEF
- 8 GABC Pack Time; Band Awards
- 9 DEFG Level Awards
- 10 ABCD Athletic Awards
- 11 EFGA –Academic Awards
- 12 Senior Graduation (4 pm in the BAC; admission by ticket
- 14 BCDE
- 15 FGAB 8th Exams
- 16 CDEF 8th Exams
- $17 8^{th} & 9-11 \text{ Exams}$
- 18 9-11 Exams /8th Promotion
- 21 Exams for Grades 9 11
- 22 Exams for Grades 9 11
- 23 Exams (conflict/make up)



Pre-Freshmen End-of-Year Schedule 2018

Tuesday, May 15

7:45 Report to Math Exam Room

7:55 – 8:40 Assembly

8:45 – 10:00 Math Exam

10:00- 10:10 Break

10:10 – 11:25 Geography Exam

11:25 - 12:10 Lunch

12:10 - 1:15 Graduation Practice in BAC

1:15 Dismissal

Wednesday, May 16

7:45 Report to English Exam Room for Role

7:50-8:15 Report to Gym for Prayer Service

8:20 - 9:35	English Exam
9:35 - 9:50	Break
9:50 - 11:05	Religion Exam
11:05 - 11:45	Lunch
11:45 - 1:15	Graduation Practice in BAC
1:15	Dismissal

Thursday, May 17

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7:45	Report to Science Exam Room
8:00 - 9:15	Science Exam
9:15 - 9:30	Break
9:30 -11:00	Spanish Exam
11:00 - 11:45	Lunch
11:45 - 1:15	Graduation Practice in BAC
1:15	Dismissal

Friday, May 18

6:00 PM	Pre-Freshmen report to Wolf Dome
6:30 PM	Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony in BAC

$\underline{9^{th}/10^{th}/11^{th}~Grade~Final~Exam~Schedule~2018}_{\text{(Exams given in class by period)}}$

Wednesday, May 16 – CDE(F) -Special Schedule			
7:45	8 th -11 th Report to Period C for Role		
7:55 - 8:15	Report to Gym for Prayer Service		
8:20 - 9:35	Period C		
9:35 - 9:50	Break		
9:50 - 11:05	Period D		
11:05 - 11:45	Lunch		
11:45 - 1:00	Period E		
1:10-2:00	Review for Period (F) Exam		
2:00	Dismissal for 9-11 Students		

Thursday, May 17 – 9:20 Late Start			
9:20	Students report to Period F		
9:30 -11:00	Period F Exam		
11:00-11:45	Lunch		
11:45-12:30	Period G Exam Review		
12:40 -1:25	Period A Exam Review		
1:30	Dismissal		

Friday, May 18				
7:45-7:55	Prayer, Roll and Announcements			
7:55-9:25	Period G Exam			
9:25-9:35	Break			
9:40-11:10	Period A Exam			
11:10-11:55	Lunch			
12:00-12:40	Period B Review			
12:45-1:25	Period C Review			
1:30	Dismissal			



Monday, May 21

7:45-7:55 Prayer, Roll and Announcements

7:55-9:25 Period B Exam

9:25-9:35 Break

9:40-11:10 Period C Exam

11:10-11:55 Lunch

12:00-12:40 Period D Review Period E Review 12:45-1:25

1:30 Dismissal

Tuesday, May 22

7:45-7:55 Prayer, Roll and Announcements

Period D Exam 7:55-9:25

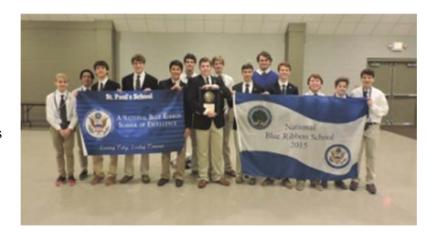
9:25-9:35 Break

9:40-11:10 Period E Exam 11:10 Dismissal



Exam make up Day

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

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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