



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



**May 07 – 13, 2018**

**Alleluia! He is risen!**

Welcome to the eighth week of the fourth quarter of the 2017 - 18 school year! Only two weeks and two days left to go!

As we enter the final weeks of the year, and the accompanying stress, I invited the faculty to reflect on these words from our Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle:

*Be convinced that you plant and water the seed, but it is God who makes it grow; he is the One who brings your work to fulfillment. So, when you encounter some difficulty in the guidance of your students, when there are some who do not profit from your teaching and you observe a reckless spirit in them, turn to God with confidence. Earnestly ask God to make his Spirit alive in you since he has chosen you to do His work.*

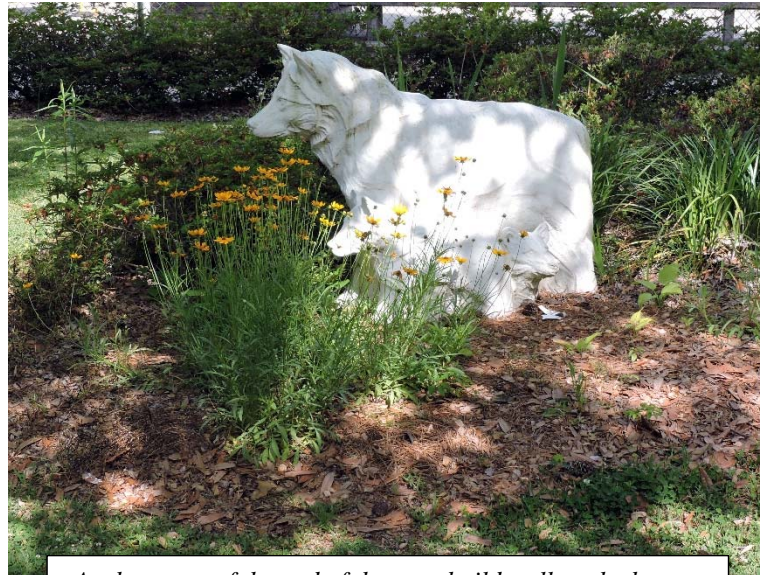
**I had to “turn to God with confidence” for a couple of our students last week!**

I invite you, as parents, to use our Founder's advice, too: “turn to God with confidence” when your sons seem resistant to your instruction and example. Pray to God that these final days will fill your sons with grace to persevere to the end, making good, safe, healthy, life-affirming choices in the process.

**Know that my prayer joins yours for just such an outcome!**

## **Mon, May 7 (Regular; C D E F)**

- **This Day in History:** 1915, a German submarine torpedoes without warning British ocean liner *Lusitania*, bringing the United States closer to entry in World War I.
- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** In May of 1921, SP begins the first Paul's Alumni Association. Mr. Percy Theriot, Class of 1920, served as the first president. Today, the SPS Alumni Association contributes valuable services to our school and we are grateful for all they do. Mr. Al Nastasi, Class of 1991, serves as Alumni Director. Spend some time today thinking of the thousands of young men who have been a part of Saint Paul's since 1911.
- **Melanoma Monday**” (aka National Skin Self-Examination Day.) Check for skin cancer signs! Use sun bloc! As one who had a bout with skin cancer, I encourage all to get checked regularly.



*As the stress of the end of the year builds, allow the beauty and serenity of our campus to comfort and support us!*

## **Tue, May 8 (Wolf Packs – final WP of the year; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1945, Great Britain and the US celebrate Victory in Europe Day. Cities in both nations, as well as formerly occupied cities in Western Europe, put out flags and banners, rejoicing in the defeat of Nazi Germany.
- **DYK:** In the spring of 1981, Brother Charles Crouzet, one of the founding Christian Brothers who came to Saint Paul's in 1918, was honored by the government of France with the coveted Order of National Merit Award, which is presented to French citizens for distinguished service. Today, our chapter of the National Honor Society is named after Brother Charles, and we tell his credible story of faith and commitment to Lasallian education each year at the induction ceremony. When you pass Founder's Circle today, read the quotation from Brother Charles, which is on the statue of the Sacred Heart. He said it to the student body as he was leaving Saint Paul's at the age of 93 and going to a nursing home. We also are grateful to Brother Charles for giving the school a holiday when he turned 90.
- **National No Socks Day:** OK with me if you celebrate. I am not announcing anything, but if the students read this and want to observe NSD, it is perfectly OK with Coach Sears and me.
- **AP Art History Exam at noon**
- **Band Awards Ceremony (6:30 pm; BAC)** Thanks for a GREAT year, Marching, Concert, & Jazz Wolves.

## **Wed, May 9 (Level Awards Assemblies; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee opens impeachment hearings against President Richard Nixon. They will ultimately vote to impeach him on July 30.
- **DYK:** In September of 1964, the major rebuilding of the school's campus was completed under the leadership of Brother Francis Beck. New buildings at that time included the La Salle Hall dormitory, the student center, the administration building, the cafeteria, the chapel and the Brothers Residence.
- **AP English Literature Exam at 8**
- **Grad Night for the Class of 2018:** Thanks to all who are making this event possible!

## **Thu, May 10 (Assembly; A B C D)**

- **TDIH:** In 1869, the first transcontinental railroad is completed.
- **DYK:** The Brothers Residence, located at the front entrance of the school, was completed in November of 1962. Today, the Brothers Residence houses primarily retired Christian Brothers. Assisted living services are being provided as more of more of the Brothers request to "age in place."
- **Lupus Awareness Day:** Lupus is a debilitating, potentially fatal autoimmune disease capable of damaging virtually any part of the body, including the skin, heart, lungs, kidneys, and brain.
- **Clean Up Your Room Day:** OK, everyone, let's do this!
- **AP Civics Exam at 8**
- **Athletic Awards Ceremony** this morning. I have said it before and I will say it again: I will match our athletic program against any school. And ditto for our coaches – and not just for their knowledge of their sport, but for the content of their character, their commitment to Lasallian values, and their unswerving dedication to our students. We have had a great year. While I



*Wolves helped Stuff the Bus!  
Thanks to all who helped!*



know the purpose of this morning is to honor the students, our coaching staff deserves great recognition, too. How many schools can boast what we regularly accomplish at district, parish, region, state and even national levels? Wow. Go Wolves!

- **Football:** Annual Pie Bowl this evening at 6, which brings spring practice to an official end.
- **Baseball:** Wolves v. Catholic (BR) in semi-finals of state championship series

### Fri, May 11 (Assembly; DRESS UNIFORM; E F G A)

- **DYK:** In September of 1950, the main school building opens, providing Saint Paul's with much needed classroom and lab space. In the spring and summer of 2003, the main school building received a complete renovation. As you walk through the main school building today, think of the excitement that the students must have felt in 1950. We look forward to that same excitement when Benilde Hall opens in August.
- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day:** We remember those who serve in our armed forces and the sacrifices their families make during deployment. Say a prayer for all military spouses today.
- **Eat What You Want Day:** Health permitting, go ahead and indulge today!
- **TDIH:** 1997, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after 19 moves in a game against Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by scientists at IBM.
- **Academic and Service Awards Ceremony**
- **AP US History Exam at 8; AP Computer Science Exam at noon**
- **Final Senior Graduation Ceremony at 9:30**      **Track Awards Ceremony (5 in the cafeteria)**

### Sat, May 12

- **National Limerick Day** (a five-line anapestic meter poem with an aabba rhyme scheme – but you knew that.) Here is what many consider the best limerick ever (at least that can be printed in a Catholic newsletter!), written by American poet & humorist Ogden Nash:

*A flea and a fly in a flue  
were imprisoned, so what could they do?  
Said the fly, "let us flee!"  
"Let us fly!" said the flea.  
So they flew through a flaw in the flue!*



*Wolves unloaded a busload of food for the Northshore Food Bank from the six area Catholic schools on Stuff the Bus Day!*

- And here's another by Carolyn Wells:  
*A tutor who tooted the flute  
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot,  
Said the two to the tutor  
"Is it harder to toot or  
To tutor two tutors to toot?"*
- And from poet Martin Smith:  
*A goat on a stroll near a brook  
Found an old movie film and partook.  
"Was it good?" asked his mate.  
Said the goat "Second rate"  
Not nearly as good as the book!*

- **TDIH:** Two years ago, the **Walker Percy Serenity Circle** was dedicated at the Madisonville Library. Dr. Percy, one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most significant novelists, lived just a few blocks from SPS. He and his wife, Bunt, often walked through the campus and attended mass with Brothers. Three of his four grandsons are alumni of SPS. Upon his death, the family directed memorial donations to SPS, which continue to fund the Walker and Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship Award. We remain grateful to the Percy Family. Read a Walker Percy novel if you never have – or even if you have! Our the SPS library is blessed with autographed first edition copies of all of his works, and I am blessed with a dedicated volume, given as a gift.
- **One Hundred and Seventh Annual Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School** at 4:00 p.m. in Briggs Assembly Center. Admission by ticket only (each senior was issued 8.) In case you have not heard, **2018 Valedictorians are Patrick Michael Baldone, Matthew Paul Borgatti, Forge Prometheus Akers Mathes, and Kevin Matthew Schneider while Salutatorians are John Conner Flick, Andrew Nolan Smith, and Ashton Kenamond van Deventer.**

### Sun, May 13 – Happy Mothers' Day to all SPS Moms!

- **Frog Jumping Day:** Be kind to frogs today! They are all over our campus! This day can be traced back to Missouri author Mark Twain, and his first short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" – which is worth reading today
- **Fintastic Friday: Giving Sharks a Voice Day:** Who knew that sharks need help? Apparently as many as 100 million sharks are killed each year for their fins. Shark populations have plummeted 75% to 90% in many ecosystems. Worldwide, sharks have little or no protection. Don't kill any sharks today!



**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 is 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.

**Benilde Hall:** An extensive renovation of Benilde Hall is underway. The benefits outweigh the inconvenience: more classrooms, better restrooms, an elevator, improved lighting and HVAC, additional ingress and egress, student services, and more. If you don't know, Benilde Hall was built in 1959 under the principalship /presidency of the late Brother Cassian Lange. The top two floors were open dormitories for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. The bottom floor contained study halls and rec rooms. When SPS dropped 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the first two floors became classrooms. Interesting trivia: The third floor remained a dormitory for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. When we dropped 7<sup>th</sup> 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)	<b>SOLD</b>
Retail Area	<b>SOLD</b>
Computer Lab (Br. Ray's Classroom)	<b>SOLD</b>
Video Production Studio (Guerilla Wolves, News Broadcast)	\$50,000
Publishing Room (Paper Wolf, Yearbook)	\$20,000
Campus Minister's Office	<b>SOLD</b>
5 Display Cases	<b>SOLD</b>
Outdoor Covered Patio with Seating	<b>SOLD</b>

### **2nd Floor**

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

### **3rd Floor**

Religion Classrooms (4 still available)	\$15,000 each
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Contact Danielle in the Development Office or me if you are interested in one of these naming opportunities. I am most grateful to those who have already responded.



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**Cafeteria:** Please note that Archdiocesan policy does not allow students to put money on their lunch accounts with checks during the month of May. Cafeteria will only accept cash in May. Thanks for your cooperation.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
- M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Wed, Dec 19 End of 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Stress with your 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.

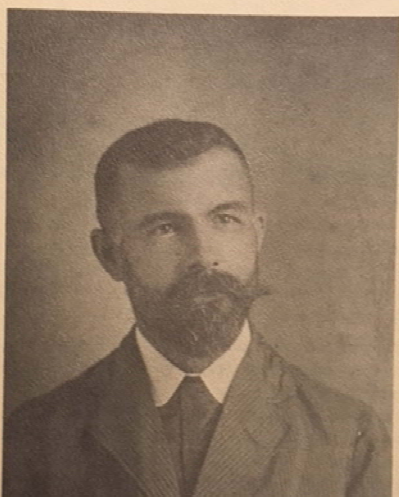
**Cash Back Programs:** Please keep the following in mind when you shop:



*Juniors speak with WW II vets at museum last week.*

- 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..

Brother Nilammon Laurent (Lawrence) 1918-1920



*The first Christian Brother President of SPS!  
He didn't last long! On many days, I understand!*

**Centennial Year:** During 2018, we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christian Brothers assuming ownership of Saint Paul's School in 1918, thus returning to the Archdiocese of New Orleans after an absence of many years. During 2018, we have a number of activities planned to celebrate this important milestone in our school's history – the bringing of the Lasallian dream to Covington, LA. The first – and biggest – event is the renovation of Benilde Hall (see above). More on these events later, but in addition to Benilde Hall, I am re-instating the Did You Know feature that I used for our Centennial Celebration of the school's founding during calendar year 2011. Enjoy these SPS tidbits!

#### **Construction Update:**

- **Benilde:** We have moved out of Benilde completely and construction is in high gear. This is taking a little adjustment, so

we ask everyone's cooperation. The end will definitely justify the means – at least in this case.

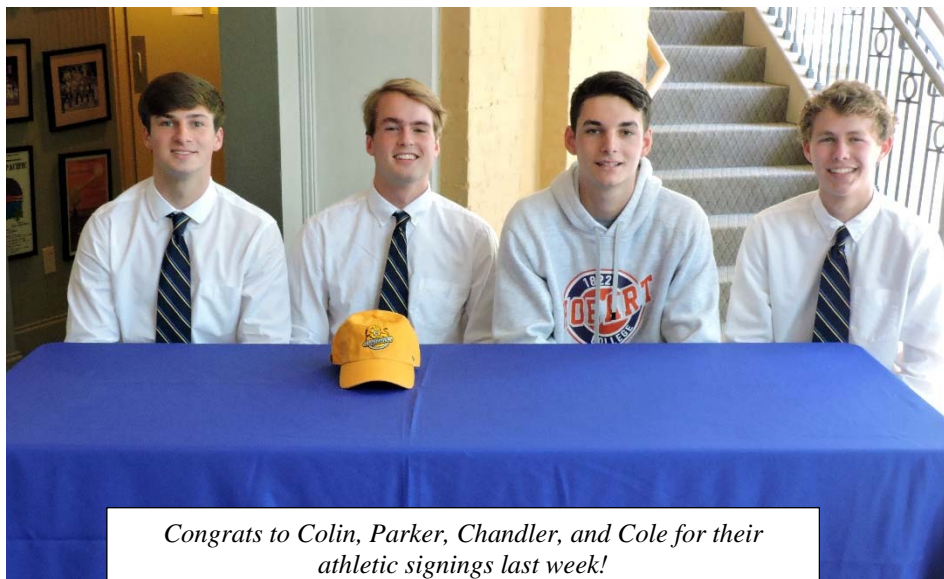
- **Tennis Court/Parking Lot:** We are almost finished! Landscaping was done last week and final striping is on order. We still hope to have this ready for graduation, but it is looking less likely right now.

**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:** 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.

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**Finance Office** is still looking for part-time help. If you know of someone with a business background, preferable with an appropriate degree, looking for part-time work, please have them give Jo Sutherlin a call or email resume to [jsutherlin@stpauls.com](mailto:jsutherlin@stpauls.com)



*Congrats to Colin, Parker, Chandler, and Cole for their athletic signings last week!*

**ID Cards:** As part of our safety plan, students must wear their ID cards on a SPS lanyard daily. **Check your son before he leaves 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:**

- **Athletic Signings:** Congrats to Parker Edwards, Chandler Owenby, Cole Knobloch, & Collin Quinlan.
- **Baseball:** Wolves advance to state semi-finals in Sulphur by virtue of wins

over Jesuit in amazing games! Incredible 14 inning win has to be one of the most memorable games ever!

- **Band Concert:** Outstanding, Wolves! Wow! Our musical wolves keep getting better and better!
- **Bookstore Sale:** Thanks to the Mothers' Club for their end of year sale on Fri and Sat. Business was brisk and shoppers appreciated the 10% discount. Thanks, MC!
- **Brothers' Day:** Thanks to Jeff Ramon for organizing the videos featuring Brothers from the San Francisco New Orleans District
- **Class Elections:** Thanks to all the candidates who ran for office!
- **Engineering Design & Development Capstone Presentations:** From John Carambat: *The Engineering Design and development students finished the final course in the PLTW engineering curriculum with the presentation of their final project. Industry leaders were in the audience to see the projects and their course of development. Projects included: A wheelchair that allows the user to stand, sit or recline in a design package that is more comfortable and visually appealing by Joel Fernandez and Jason Lemoine, A personal air conditioner and heater that you wear around your neck by Cole Lopiccolo and Brandon Gallego, A microshelter that can be stacked as a response to a homeless emergency by Lester Guttuso and Adam Love, and a videoconferencing app design for implementation of e-learning in a secure and stable environment by Andrew Smith and John Meyers.*
- **English II H Presentations:** I had the pleasure of watching some of our sophs present cross-curricular projects on poetry and music. Each took excerpts from a song and explained the poetic devices used while explaining the musical devices (key, beat, riffs, etc) used after being instructed in these concepts by Andrew Moran. Well done and enjoyable – and a great end of year activity to keep waning students engaged.
- **Founder's Birthday:** Popsicles celebrated the birthday of St. La Salle on Monday. Thanks, Development Team, for remembering this special Lasallian Day and helping the students celebrate.
- **GiveNOLA Day:** A number of donors gave **\$7285** to SPS last Tue. We really did not promote this day as we use the IGIVE CATHOLIC day and our Annual Fund as our major requests. Therefore, anything we got was great and unexpected. Thanks to the many who gave.
- **Physicals:** Thanks to the medical team of Pinnacle Medical Network for providing this valuable service to our students. As you know, all students in a sport or band must receive a physical each year.
- **Stuff the Bus:** Thanks to all. We received the following from the Northshore Food Bank: *Thank you for organizing such a successful Stuff the Bus this year! The conglomeration of the area Catholic schools collected a total of 9,920 lbs of items for the Food Bank's Summer Stock program. This is a significant*



*donation, as it will help offset costs associated with operating this important program. As you know, our Summer Stock provides kid-friendly food items for school-aged children in St Tammany and Washington Parishes to supplement the loss of school meals in the summer. This June and July, we will distribute 2,600 boxes to area children to be able to eat at home. Your collection today makes this possible! We appreciate your working with us in changing the format of the drive this year to fit our specific need. It exceeded our expectation! Thank you for your continued support in championing our cause! Your leadership helps instill this purpose with your students and it shows in their generous donations.*

- **Track:** Congrats to Jonathan Bertucci for finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in 3200 meter run in state meet!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats to Danielle Lavie for another great issue!

**Money:** Parents, please stress with you son that they should NOT bring large sums of money to school. There is no need for students to have large cash amounts – which they invariable talk about which tempts others.

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**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:

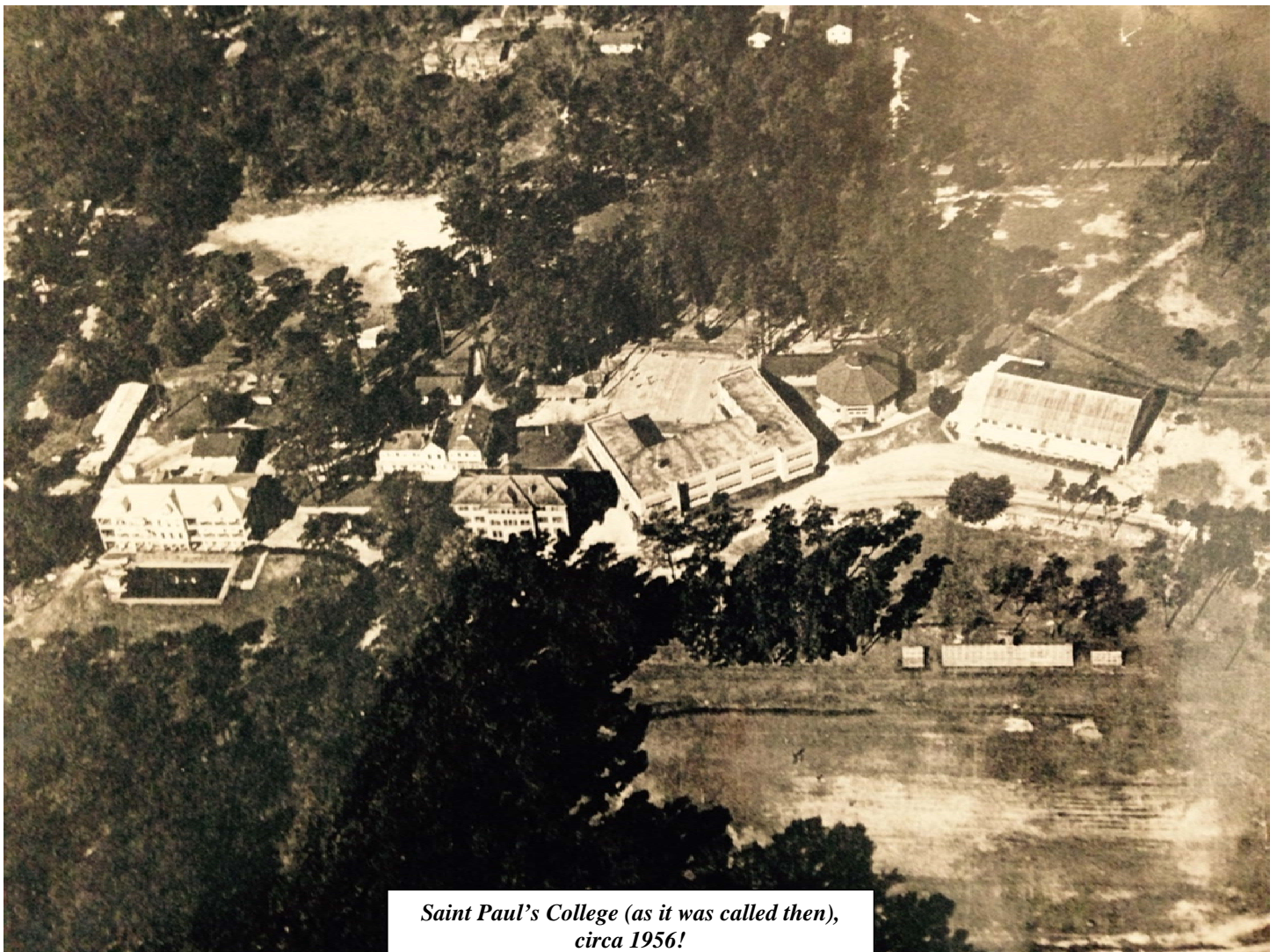
[www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com). Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!

**Phones:** Please stress with your sons the need to follow school phone rules. Students must turn OFF phones in class and may only use them outside (between classes or at lunch.) A \$10 fine is assessed for violating the rule – which, unfortunately, is happening way too frequently.

**Pornography Assembly:** Have you had this conversation with your son? It's important. Here is help:  
[www.covenanteyes.com](http://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 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, however, you do not want your son to participate, that is fine. Just let me know.**



*Saint Paul's College (as it was called then),  
circa 1956!  
Can you orient present day buildings?  
We've come a long way!*



**Prom Lost and Found:** Lost - Black Tuxedo jacket size 38L from Top Hat Rental and Black Tuxedo Jacket from Tuxedo 2 Geaux; Found - 1 Black Tuxedo jacket with Barcode, 1 Black Cummerbund, 1 white girl's shoe and 1 gold earring. Please check your son's jacket and notify Ms. Claire at [clairec@stpauls.com](mailto:clairec@stpauls.com) for more info.

**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

### **Senior Graduation Information:**

- **We issued each senior EIGHT (8) tickets on Apr 27 – if he had fulfilled all obligations to the school.**
- **We handed the tickets directly to the senior on this day. We are not responsible for lost tickets, and we will not replace them.**
- 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 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 pm 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.

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

**School Safety:** The recent story in NOLA.com on school safety in St. Tammany is worth the read. The video produced by St. Tammany Parish Public School System is worth the 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](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.**





**Service Opportunity:** St. Tammany Family Promise host week for St. Michael's in Mandeville is coming up June 24 - 30. This EXCELLENT program 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](mailto:pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com) or her cell: 281-797-8337

**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.

**Summer Camps:** SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (8-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics (rising 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Drama (boys and girls 9-13)
- For more information, consult our website: [www.stpauls.com](http://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. Covington Police Department, informs us 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.

***Dress Uniform on Friday, May 11!***

**WW II Museum Field Trip:** The trip was a success, with our students garnering accolades on their behavior and interest from museum staff and chaperones. Here's what chaperone Ann Pressley sent me the next day: *Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the WWII Museum field trip with the juniors. I've never witnessed anything like it – not the museum; the students. These guys are exemplary. The highlight of the day was attending the movie. After watching a brief preview, we were escorted into the main theater. A scattering of tourists was among us. Without any instruction, our young men quietly stepped back to allow them to pass. They waited patiently as each visitor walked through. I was in awe. I am blessed to come to St. Paul's each day and to be associated with such remarkable people – students and adults alike. Thank you for the opportunity.*

### Weekly Humor:

- *My dog used to chase people on a bike. It got so bad, I had to take his bike away.*

- *I'm so good at sleeping, I can do it with my eyes closed.*

- *My boss told me to have a good day, so I went home.*

- *Why is Peter Pen always flying? He never lands!*

- *Man: "Where are books on paranoia?" Librarian: "Right behind you."*

- *When you look really close, all mirrors look like eyeballs.*

- *When my friend said "What rhymes with orange?" I replied "No it doesn't!"*

- *What do you call a guy with a rubber toe? Roberto!*

- *What did the pirate say when he turned 80 years old? "Aye matey!"*

- *My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo, so I had to put my foot down.*

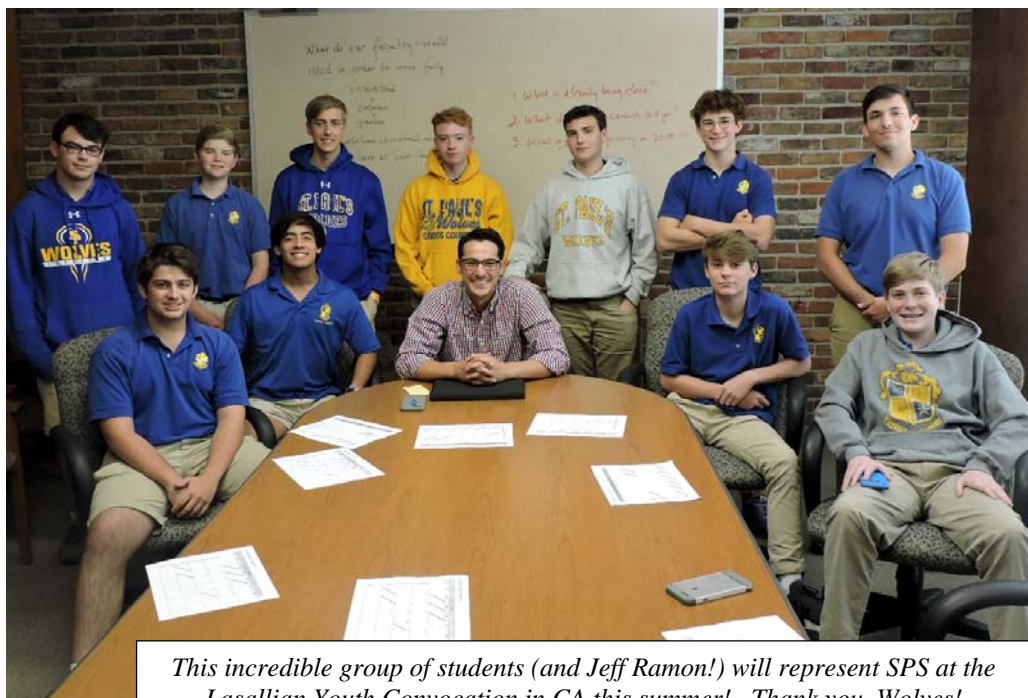
- *I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.*

- *Why did the man fall into the well? He couldn't see that well!*

- *I ate a clock yesterday. It was very time consuming!*

- *What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!*

- *OK, I'll stop!*



*This incredible group of students (and Jeff Ramon!) will represent SPS at the Lasallian Youth Convocation in CA this summer! Thank you, Wolves!*

**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](http://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 DO NOT ORDER YEARBOOKS;** they automatically get one.

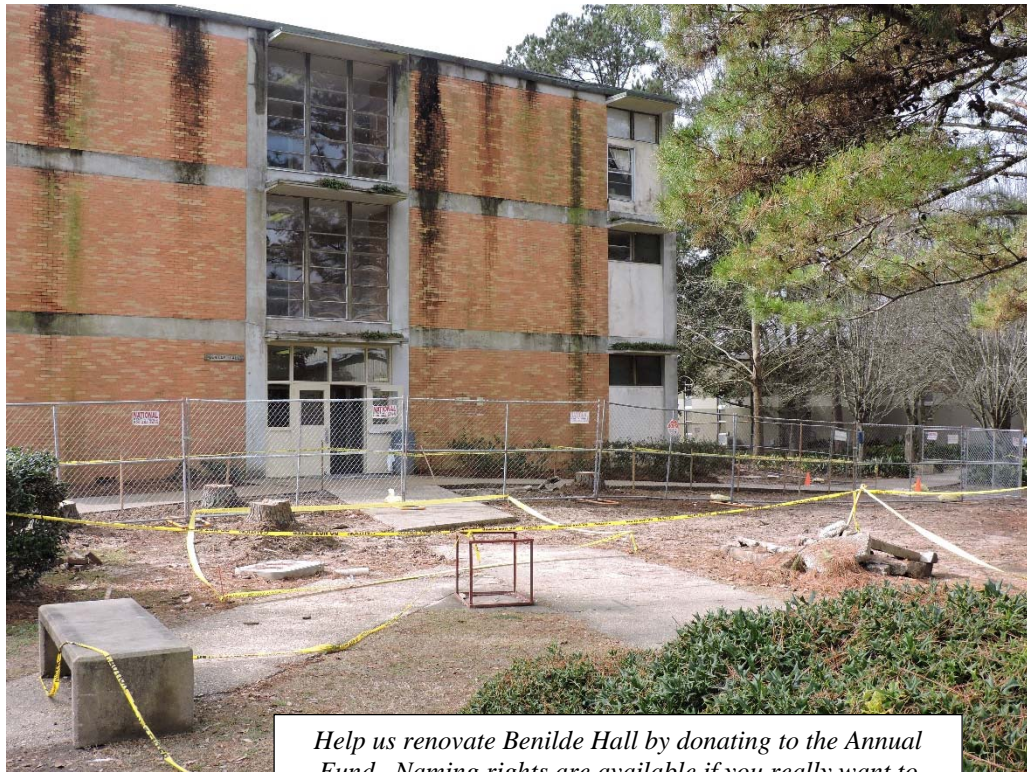
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## **A Look Ahead:**

### **May**

- 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!*

### **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 Promotion 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 Promotoin Practice in BAC
- 1:15 Dismissal

### **Thursday, May 17**

- 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 Promotion 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

### **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exam**

#### **Schedule 2018**

- (Exams given in class by period)

### **Wednesday, May 16** – CDE(F) -Special Schedule

- 7:45 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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



*Senior rugby players (plus one sophomore!) celebrate after a recent victory at Tulane!*

- 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
- 12:45-1:25 Period E Review
- 1:30 Dismissal

### **Tuesday, May 22**

- 7:45-7:55 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
- 7:55-9:25 Period D Exam
- 9:25-9:35 Break
- 9:40-11:10 Period E Exam
- 11:10 Dismissal

### **Wednesday, May 23**

- **Make up and conflict exams**



***Have I mentioned that we have a dress uniform day on Fri, May 11?***

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

By the Grace of God, Still the 17<sup>th</sup> 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!*



**Before  
And  
After!  
(I hope!)**

