



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



May 14 - 20, 2018

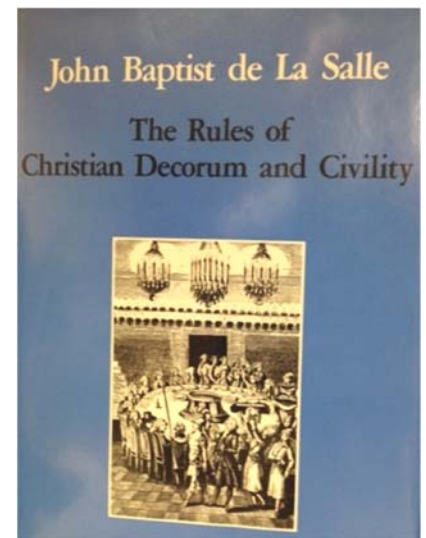
Alleluia! He is risen!

Penultimate (look it up!) Edition!

Welcome to the ninth week of the fourth quarter of the 2017 - 18 school year! Only one week & two days to go!

This is National Etiquette Week (NEW), designed to raise awareness of the importance of courtesy, civility, and good manners in everyday life. Civility is a vital part of the professional and social realms—business, social, dining, travel, technology, wedding, and international protocol. But we need civility in everyday life. Civility was so important to Saint John Baptist de La Salle that he wrote a student reader entitled “Rules of Civility and Decorum.” It’s a masterpiece. Here is a very small sampling of topics covered:

- *What decorum permits or does not permit in regard to interrupting others*
- *How to act when meeting someone*
- *Things you should do before eating; how to eat politely; how to request things at the table; how to take portions for yourself; what to do with gravy and fruit; how to eat soup; how to carve meat; how to leave the table*
- *The nose and the manner of blowing your nose and sneezing*
- *How to enter the house of a person you visit and how to greet the person*
- *Faults committed when you speak against the charity due your neighbor*
- *How to question, inquire, correct and give your opinion*
- *The manner of dressing and undressing*
- *Parts of the body which should be covered and the necessities of nature*
[I’m sure you can guess what these are!]



Almost any human action you can imagine (especially in the life of boys!) is covered in this book – which was used to teach reading as well as manners. While parts are humorous by today’s standards, the overarching message is that civility and decorum are not optional traits. And our job as educators is to help students adapt to the civil and decorous demands of modern day life. Please encourage your sons to practice civility, especially manners, this week – and let’s all commit **to setting the example** for the young people entrusted to our care.

Mon, May 14 (Regular; B C D E)

- **This Day in History:** 1948, in Tel Aviv, the State of Israel, is established, the first Jewish state in 2,000 years
- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** In 1960, Brother Ephrem Hebert discovered mounted sheets of plants which were collected in the Covington area in 1919 by Brother Arsene. Brother Arsene was an enthusiastic collector of plants, and duplicates of his collection are currently housed in the U.S. National Herbarium in Washington, DC. This collection is important in that it was one of the early collections of Louisiana plants.
- **National Chicken Dance Day:** OK with me if you dance like a chicken today!
- **AP Biology Test (8)**

Tue, May 15 (President's Assembly; Pre-freshman exams (see below); F G A B for grades 9 - 11)

- **Traditional feast of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.** Today, Lasallians around the world celebrate this amazing saint and his educational commitment to young people, especially the poor and those in need.
- **TDIH:** In 1950, Pope Pius XII declares John Baptist de La Salle "Patron of All Teachers of Youth." Here are the Pope's words: *Having then carefully considered the matter, we now, with sure knowledge and due deliberation, and in the exercise of our full apostolic authority, constitute and proclaim, by this Brief and for all time, St. John Baptist de La Salle, Confessor, principal patron before God, of all teachers of youth, and we accord him all liturgical honours and privileges appropriate to that title, irrespective of all contrary considerations. Given at Rome, from St. Peter's, and sealed with the Fisherman's ring, this 15th day of May, feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, in the twelfth year of our pontificate.* All teachers should celebrate their Patron's feast!
- **DYK:** In the late 1950s, the name of the school was changed from Saint Paul's College to Saint Paul's School. Some of the alumni opposed this name change for the sake of tradition. They argued that colleges throughout the country knew about Saint Paul's College in Covington, Louisiana because our alumni have done so well. Today, colleges throughout the country know about Saint Paul's High School.
- **National Chocolate Chip Day:** go ahead and indulge with a cookie or CC ice cream!
- **Final President's Assembly (Yea!)** I'll try to recognize as many as possible, but undoubtedly some things will get left out; some will roll over until next year!
- AP Calculus AB/BC -8:00; AP Computer Science – noon

Wed, May 16 (Special schedules; see below)

- **DYK:** The chapel used to be located in the area between the old art room and the student center. On the morning of January 15, 1957, the chapel was totally destroyed by fire. Many of the chapel contents were saved by the quick thinking of many students and Brothers. By the time the fire trucks arrived, the old chapel was well on its way to destruction. It was thought that the heaters malfunctioned and caused the fire.
- **AP Writing Exam (8)**



Student Council pressure washes Wolf Dame for graduation.

Thu, May 17 (Really special schedules)

- **TDIH:** In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional.
- **DYK:** In 1961, the cost of attending Saint Paul's increased from \$90 to \$100 a month. This included tuition, housing and all meals. Today, attending Saint Paul's costs over \$9000 – and we no longer house you and lunches are extra.
- **World Hypertension Day:** OK, everyone, let's get our blood pressure under control! Mine will drop sharply beginning at noon on May 22.
- **National Pizza Party Day:** not sure if this fits with hypertension day, but if your pressure allows, celebrate!
- **AP Statistics Exam (noon)**

Fri, May 18 (Special schedule; see below)

- **TDIH:** In 1980, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, suffers a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness.
- **DYK:** In the early years of Saint Paul's, if a student failed to dress out for PE, his grade was dropped to a C. If he failed to dress out twice, he grade dropped to a D. If he didn't dress out three times, the student would fail PE for the grading period.
- **Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony (6:30 in the BAC)**

Sat, May 19

- **TDIH:** In 1588, a massive Spanish fleet, known as the "Invincible Armada," sets sail from Lisbon on a mission to secure control of the English Channel and transport a Spanish invasion army to Britain from the Netherlands.
- **TDIH:** In 1991, Robert Matthew Bragg, Ajay Jumar Purohit, & Vijay Kumar Purohit graduate as co-salutatorians of Saint Paul's School and Albert Alphonse Nastasi III graduates as valedictorian. Robert is now a CPA, Dr. Ajay Purohit is a National Certified Acupuncturist and practitioner of Oriental medicine, and Dr. Vijay Purohit practices urology in Covington. After a successful career as a physical therapist in Covington, Mr. Al Nastasi is Alumni Director for Saint Paul's School.

Sun, May 20 – Pentecost Sunday! The Birthday of the Church! Attend mass today! Come, Holy Spirit!

I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance:

Annual Fund: Many thanks to those who have responded. 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!



Golf team did service project at Forest Manor Home – they recited rosary with the residents and served them dinner.

- 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.

- **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.



Athletic Awards: Congrats to these students who won major athletic awards:

- **C.L. Marcotte (best senior student athlete)** - Kyle Schmitt
- **Eddie Polk (given for dedication)** - Cameron Vidal and Grant Grosch
- **Jimmy Dunn (outstanding athlete of the year)** - Parker Edwards
- **Jason Whittle (given for being role models)** - Nathan Bagnell, Cameron Cluney, Colin Quinlan, Julian Rodrigue, Tonner Dougherty, Andrew Curry, Grant Robicheaux
- **Junior Outstanding Athletes of the year** - Jonathan Bertucci and Matthew Algero
- **Sophomore Outstanding Athletes of the year** - Blake DiSalvo and Scott Montreuil
- **Freshman Athletes of the year** - Rhett Barker, Jacob Frolich
- **Pre-Freshman Athletes of the year** - Konnor Blanchard, Wesley Bloodworth, Danny Sears, and Grant Nastasi



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 (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.

Cafeteria: Please note that Archdiocesan policy does not allow students to put money on their lunch accounts with checks during the month of May. Cash only will be accepted. 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 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



Concert Band takes a bow after a tremendous concert!

Care and Vigilance: Please stress with your sons that they must stay focused in these final days and do their jobs competently in order to end the year with “no issues.” I have instructed teachers to be caring – but vigilant – and hold students accountable.

Commencement: The One Hundred Seventh Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul’s School were wonderful. Please pray for the 162 young men of the SPS Class of 2018 – the seventh group of graduates in our second century of existence. As I told them before handing diplomas, in a paraphrase of words taken from the First Letter of Peter, “they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul’s School in our age.”

Confirmation at St. Peter Parish: St. Peter Parish invites rising 10th graders desiring to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register now for the 2018-19 year of preparation, which takes place during the 10th grade year. Candidates are then confirmed in the fall of the 11th grade year of high school. Register online at www.stpeterparish.com/confirmation Register now through July 1. Contact Penny Flores in the Office of Religious Education for more information.

Esports: Thanks to Andrew Dart and Matt Pinero for “coaching” our newest sports program: Esports! We look forward to great things from the team.

Exam and End of Year Schedules:

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
- 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 Promotion Practice in BAC
- 1:15 Dismissal

Thursday, May 17

- 7:45 Report to Science Exam
- 8:00 – 9:15 Science Exam
- 9:15 - 9:30 Break
- 9:30 -11:00 S Spanish Exam
- 11:00 – 11:45 Lunch
- 11:45 - 1:15 Promotion Practice
- 1:15 Dismissal

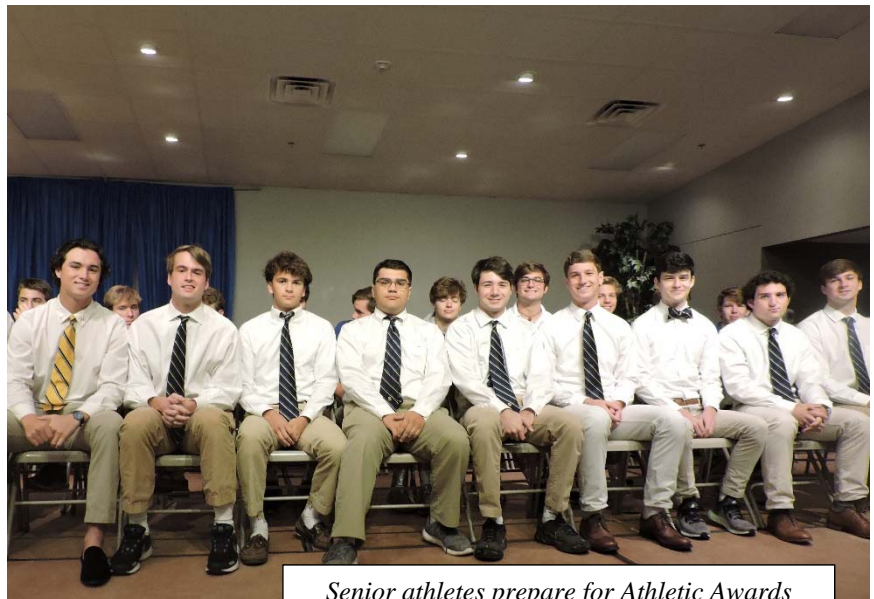
Friday, May 18

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

9th/10th/11th Grade Final Exam Schedule 2018

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

- 7:45 8th-11th 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



Senior athletes prepare for Athletic Awards Ceremony last Thursday!

- 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
- 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



Sam receives his awards from Level Moderator Liz Brett.

Last Week:

- **Academic Awards Ceremonies** went very well. Special thanks to our staff for all of their hard work in getting hundreds of awards ready. Feedback is welcomed as we evaluate whether to keep this format or continue to find a format that meets everyone's approval – probably impossible, but we'll try.
- **Athletic Awards** ceremony went very well. Thanks to Coaches for ALL of your hard work.
- **Band Awards Ceremony** went very well. Congratulations to Andrew Moran. In case you didn't hear, Deuce Montiero will join Ross Hightower as drum major for the Marching Wolves next year. The competition for the other drum major spot was intense.
- **Baseball:** A thrilling semi-final win on Thu propelled the Wolves into finals on Sat – where a mini-graduation ceremony for our four baseball seniors was held. While it was a tough 2-1 loss, we are very proud of our Wolves. Congrats, Coach Mick Nunez and baseball wolves!
- **Grad Night: Senior Parents and Teachers** staged a very successful, enjoyable and well-attended Grad Night. The Class of 2018 passed a good time – and left with lots of loot!
- **Guerilla Wolves:** Thanks to Josh Pereira for arranging to have our graduation & Promotion Ceremony LIVE STREAMED over You Tube! If you wish to view the ceremony, here are the links: Part 1: <https://youtu.be/XU8EE-FMwvI> Part 2: <https://youtu.be/FWz1Zs-5ZJQ>
- **Level Awards:** Lots of organization by counselors led to very smooth ceremonies.
- **Pack Time – Not:** I apologize for promoting a Pack Time when logistics had already prevented it. I thank Kevin and Gina for their work this past year with our Wolf Packs.
- **Pie Bowl:** Spring Football ended on a positive note with the Pie Bowl on Thu. Next season looks promising!
- **Student Council:** Thanks, SC, for pressure washing the Wolf Dome for the graduation reception!
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Thanks, Student Council, for the treats last Thursday!
- **Track Awards Ceremony** went well. Thanks for a good season!



Pre-freshmen Mason and Connor dissect sheep brain in Gateway to Technology class!

Louisiana News: LA Dept of Education announced last week that more Louisiana students than ever before graduated from high school in four years, as the statewide four-year graduation rate increased from 77 percent in 2016 to 78.1 percent in 2017. The graduation rate has increased by 5.8 percentage points since 2012 and by 12.1 percentage points since 2008. The percentage of students earning college credit and credentials valid in high-wage industries in 2017 also increased, from 43 to 48 in one year. The Class of 2017 also saw historic gains in the number of students who were eligible for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) and who completed financial aid planning to fund their

postsecondary pursuits.

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.

News worth Noting: Volunteerism boosts self-esteem. The Journal of Adolescence reported that volunteering to assist strangers yielded more long-term benefits in teens than helping family or friends. In addition to having positive psychological impacts on teens, volunteering can increase physical exercise and prevent loneliness. Helping others does not have to be done on a grand scale, a small act of kindness is a great place to start. [Read more on this story.](#)

The Paper Wolf: The Journalism Class updates the DIGITAL Paper Wolf each class period, thus keeping it relevant and interesting. The Scholastic Press Association recently named TPW BEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER in the STATE of LOUISIANA. Wow! We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE which will email you alerts when new content is added. Support the staff and subscribe to The Paper Wolf (which should now probably be called The Digital Wolf!) Here's the link: www.thepaperwolf.com. Well done, Mrs. Simoneaux & Journalism class!



Freshmen at their award ceremony

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. www.covenanteyes.com is an excellent 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.**
- **We are exploring live-streaming the event. We'll send a link this week if we are able to do it.**

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 Cumberbund, 1 girls shoe (the shoe is white) and 1 gold earring. Please check your son's jacket and notify Ms. Claire at clairec@stpauls.com for more information.

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

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

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



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

Service Opportunity: 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 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 5th – 8th graders)
- 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 & Juuling: I'm sorry I have to continue to mention this, but please speak to your son about the dangers involved in these latest fads. We continue to hear reports of use by our students and have even taken disciplinary action against several of them who used at school events. We will continue to be vigilant and take strong measures against violators. And the 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

Order of St. Louis Medals: Archbishop Gregory Aymond presented the OSL Medal to the laypersons "who have devoted themselves to the work of the Catholic Church throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We congratulate all recipients of the medal, but particularly those with ties to SPS: Steve and Claire Stegeman (parents of Joseph '08 and Peter '13); Joel '75 and Jill Champagne; Dennis & Mary Calkins (parents of

Christopher '11); Jimmy Dykes '61; Charlie and Ann Capdeville (parents of Andre'98). Thank you, recipients, for your service to the Church in ARNO!

Weekly Humor: In honor of Chicken Dance Day on Monday, some chicken jokes:

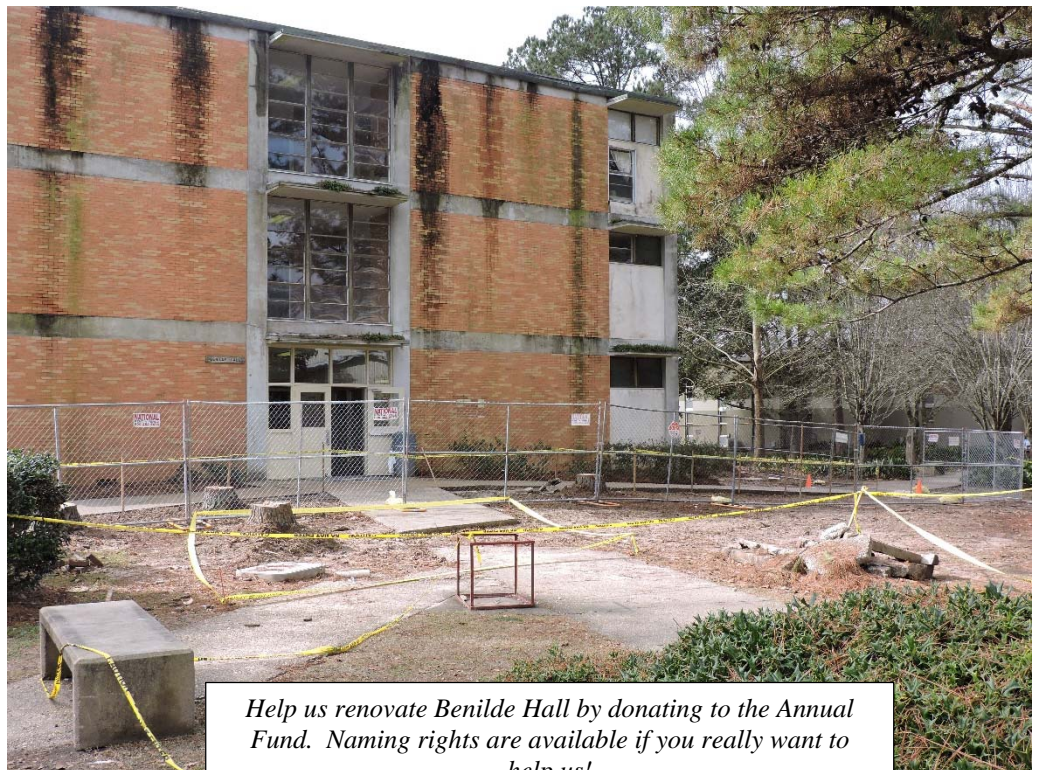
- *Why did the elephant cross the road? The chicken couldn't be bothered@*
- *Why do hens lay eggs? Because they would break if they dropped them.*
- *Where do chickens grow? On a poultry!*
- *Why did the chicken join the band? It already had drumsticks!*
- *Why did the rooster run away? He was chicken!*
- *Why did the chicken cross the basketball court? He heard the referee calling fowls!*
- *What do you call a crazy chicken? A cuckoo cluck*
- *Why did the chicken cross the playground? To get to the other slide.*
- *What do bad chickens lay? Deviled eggs.*
- *What do you get when you cross a chicken with a duck? A chicken that lays down.*
- *What do chickens serve at birthday parties? Coop cakes.*
- *What do marathon running chicken need most? Hendurance.*
- *What do you call a rooster who wakes you up every morning? An alarm cluck.*
- *Why did the baby chick cross the road? It was "take your child to work" day.*
- *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." SENIORS DO NOT NEED TO ORDER A BOOK! THEY AUTOMATICALLY GET ONE. Yearbooks will be delivered at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year

A Look Ahead:

May

- 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)
- 7:55-9:25 Period B Exam



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!

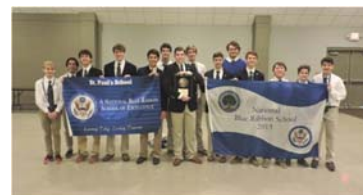
Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we move into the last part of April! Again, thanks for being part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

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...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!)**

