



The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter *Final 2017 - 18 Edition*



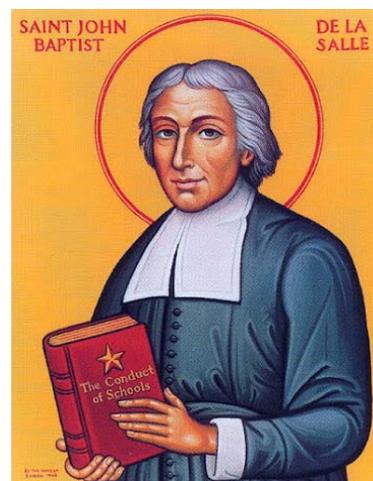
My last newsletter (I hear you cheering!) will be brief. My final Lasallian thought is the same one I use every year at this time: a short excerpt from Saint John Baptist de La Salle's last Meditation for the Time of Retreat to the Brothers entitled: *On the reward that a Brother should expect in heaven, if he is faithful in the work.*

Saint La Salle wrote this meditation because the life of the early brothers was VERY hard – and he needed to assure them that they would one day be rewarded by Almighty God. He made sure they read this meditation every year.

I shared the meditation with the faculty this week and asked them to believe that St. La Salle wrote the meditation for them, too, for their lives as teachers are challenging, and they need to believe they are valued by Almighty God and doing His work.

I share the excerpt from the meditation with you, too, because as parents, you are the primary educators of your children as you lead them on the path to salvation. Your work as parent is hard, but it is God's work. I believe, therefore, that Saint La Salle's words apply equally to you, too:

Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed children, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven. Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself.



Thank you for your parental ministry. I am profoundly awestruck by the responsibility you have in raising your children. I am most grateful that you have allowed Saint Paul's to share in your parental teaching ministry. I pray that the work we have done this past year will help insure the truth of Saint La Salle's words for all of us when our day of judgment comes and that "all heaven" is resounding with the good example and instruction you provide to your children.

Thanks for 2017 -18 and here's looking to 2018 -19 – the eighth year of our second century!

Mon, May 21 (Regular start; Periods B & C exams; Period D & E Review; dismissal at 1:30)

- 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

- **This Day in History:** In 1881, in Washington, D.C., humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons found the American National Red Cross, an organization established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters in congruence with the International Red Cross.
- **National Waiters and Waitresses Day:** Let's appreciate all who serve us in our favorite restaurants!

Tue May 22 (Regular start; Periods D & E exams; dismissal after E)

- 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
- **TDIH:** In 1455, England's War of the Roses begins when Richard of York defeats Henry IV's troops at St. Albans, about 20 miles northwest of London.
- **TDIH:** In 1939, Italy and Germany agree to a military and political alliance, giving birth formally to the Axis powers, which will ultimately include Japan. Mussolini called The Pact of Steel.
- **National Museum Day:** Plan to visit a museum this summer and expand your cultural horizons!



Students concentrate on exams last week.

Wed, May 23 (Conflict/Make Up Exam Day)

- **Lucky Penny Day:** These are pennies found on the ground. Good luck finding one!
- **World Turtle Day:** Go the pond and wish the many turtles living there a happy day!
- **Emergency Medical Services Day:** Thanks to all in this vital profession!
- **End of Year Faculty Party in cafeteria sponsored by Mothers Club**

Thu, May 24 – Sun, July 30 – You are on your own for TDIH, National Whatever Day, and H of the W.

Alumni Milestones: Congrats to our college graduate alums!

- Matthew Lewis graduated from University of Mt. Olive with a degree in accounting
- Christopher Ikner graduated from UNO with a master's degree in accounting
- Kenneth Ross graduated from Spring Hill with a BS in Psychology with honors
- And our LSU grads from May 11:
 - E.J. Ourso College of Business: Chris Abide, Christian Caragliano, Grant Connolly, John Frey, Ross Hodgins, Jordan Jacob, Nick Lacoste, Bryan Livaudais, Tyler Murphy, Jay Simoneaux, Willis Spurlock, Nick Taylor, Kyle Waguespack, Sam Drummond
 - College of Engineering: John Brands, Christian Commander, Brandon de la Houssaye, Eric Frantz, Kyle Katich, Jonah Knickles, Stephen LeBlanc, Evan Lewis, Jacob McWilliams, Alack Patel, Mickey Quigley, John Rayer, Austin Robert, Matthew Spedale, Peter Stegeman, Christian Voelkel,
 - College of Human Sciences and Education: Robert Lacroix, Michael Stewart

- College of Humanities & Soc Sci: Kyle Conaghan, John McCoy, Max Morvant,
- Manship School of Mass Communications: Eric Boudet
- College of Science: Grant Allain, Patrick Danner, Even McGraw, Brennan Skinner
- Graduate School: Chandler Roe, Nick Shepherd, Nick Vaccari, Nicolas Wible

Alumni Phone-a-Thon: Alumni Director Al Nastasi and a group of alums will staff the phone lines on Tue and Thu this week to encourage their fellow alums to support the Annual Fund. All indicators point to alumni support as the key component of a school's sustainability, as tuition increases alone cannot support future needs. I am grateful to Al for organizing this event and to the alum volunteers for their willingness to help. Please pray with me for a successful response.

Annual Fund: One Last Appeal: If you have not contributed to the Annual Fund or supported SPS in any financial way and are in a position to do so, I would appreciate hearing from you as to "why" you have chosen not to. Perhaps it's something I've done or not done and I would welcome the feedback. I have deliberately avoided having people call or directly solicit you as many other schools do with their annual funds. Again, I need your help to continue to make SPS the best school we can be because:

- SPS cannot prosper on tuition alone;
- SPS tuition is lower than almost every other boys' Catholic high school in the Archdiocese;
- Faculty salaries are lower than public school salaries and we cannot lose good teachers to finances;
- And we've gotten some nice **Grandparent gifts** lately. Thank you! Grandparent gifts are welcome and needed – and they are often happy to help if asked. I don't like to solicit grandparents so I rely on your to do so. They'll get a very nice "thank you" note from me. And if you want me to directly ask a grandparent, send me the address and name.
- Gifts of stock are welcome and no gift is too small.
- If you are contributing to Capital Campaign or supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you!
- Please consider helping **if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.** Many thanks!

Archbishop Gregory Aymond's Message to the Young People of the Archdiocese: In the past, Archbishop Aymond issued the following letter at the end of the school year. While he didn't issue it again this year, it's worth reading again. I encourage our students to heed these words of the Archbishop:

- *I pray in a special way for each of the young people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Know that you are important to all of our ministries, in parishes, schools and other programs.*
- *I am aware of the educational experience you have received in regard to the use of electronic media. You know very well how to use the tools and you know intellectually the consequences when social media is not used respectfully.*



The campus needs a vacation, too!

- *I want to reach out to you at the moral level and beg you to remember that it isn't how much you know that is crucial, but rather, the respect that you show for God, yourself, and others when you communicate through cell phones, computers, and other technology.*
- *Always treat other people in a manner that shows your awareness of their reflecting the image of God. In all ways let your friends, classmates, and acquaintances know that they are respected. Speak out if you know someone is being abused or bullied. Share the information with a parent, priest, or teacher who can step in and help. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has the staff available to help you in abusive or bullying situations.*
- *One of your many responsibilities at this time is to make choices which will allow you the opportunity to make decisions about your future education or career choices. Choose wisely. Choose only those opportunities and interactions which will give you a greater chance to achieve all of the goals you set for yourself and those which God has in store for you.*
- *If you need help, please let a member of the clergy, a Catholic School Administrator, a Director of Religious Education, or your Youth Minister know.*



SPS brotherhood visible following senior graduation ceremony

Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our final President's Assembly on May 15. Here's what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to Jean-Joseph Mouret's "Rondeau" – the same piece we listened to on August 11 at the first assembly of the year. The Rondeau is a baroque piece of music that set the tone for our year of drama and excitement and majesty, and it certainly has been a year of drama, excitement and majesty! I reminded the students that today was the traditional feast day of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, who was named on this day in 1950 as the Patron Saint of Teachers by Pope Pius XII. As always, we remembered those who have entered God's kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Richard France, grandfather of Michael Valliant '20, Mr. Gene Burleigh, uncle of Mrs. Liz Brett, and the Maternal grandmother of Own Hayden '21**
- 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.
- Reminded all that 2018 is a centennial year for SPS: 100 years since the Christian Brothers assumed ownership of the school from the Benedictine monks of St. Joseph Abbey. I projected a picture of the first president of Saint Paul's, Father Augustine, OSB and the first Christian Brother President, Brother Lawrence. It's important that we remember those who have gone before us!
- Introduced **Dr. Martin Kearney, Purcell Endowed Professorship in English at SLU and President of West Florida Division of Ancient Order of Hibernians, the oldest and largest Catholic Charitable Organization in the US.** Dr. Kearney presented the AOH scholarship to sophomore **Jack Bedell** for the outstanding essay Jack wrote in for recent competition.

- Introduced Dr. Jack Bedell, Sr, professor of English at SLU and poet laureate of the State of Louisiana. Dr. Bedell spoke briefly about the importance of poetry in our lives and encouraged the students to become aware of the poetic rhythms of life all around them. I couldn't agree more! Read a poem today!

- Apologized to and recognized sophomore **Adam Smith** who was inadvertently omitted from receiving the Superior Academic Medal at our awards ceremony on May 11.

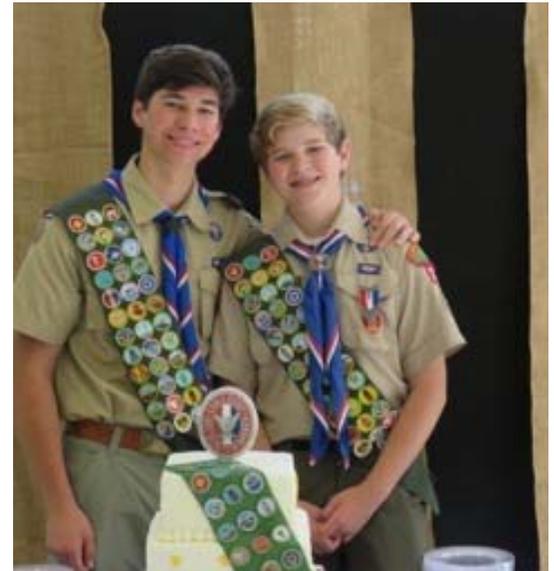
- Congratulated the student body on the results of the Stuff the Bus food drive and projected a thank you email from the Northshore Food Bank. The six Catholic schools of Western St. Tammany actually needed two busses for the collection!



Zach, Jacob, & Luke smile after graduation.

- Recognized and congratulated the Varsity Baseball Wolves for finishing second in state. The captains presented the runner-up trophy to athletic director Craig Ketelsen.
- Recognized and congratulated the Golf Wolves for a recent service project the team did: they visited Forest Manor nursing home, where they interacted with the residents, prayed the rosary with them, and then served them dinner. I then projected the following email I received following the district meet: *Yesterday I was the starter at Beau Chene Golf Course for the District Golf Championship. I wanted to compliment your golf coach Luke Barwick and his golf team, Jacques, Chris, Owen, Quinn and McMahan for their approach to this game called golf. I have been working with junior golfers for many years, I have never seen a more respectful and caring group of young man for their team mates and their school. They understand how to act as gentleman towards the other teams at all times. They will always be winners on and off the golf course. Your coach cares about them win lose or draw. He is there to encourage and to support them always. It was such a pleasure to watch this. Winning is just the reward for all their hard work. The school and their parents should be very proud of these young man. I was so impressed how the St Paul's golf team acted in the way the greatest golf amateur of all time, Bobby Jones envisioned the way the game should be played. Congratulations on a job well done.*
- Recognized and congratulated the Concert Band Wolves on an outstanding spring concert.
- Recognized and congratulated the Wolves on Wheels for the cars they built this year.
- Recognized and congratulated the Rugby Wolves – both varsity and pre-freshmen. The pre-freshman team won the Middle School League championship!

- Recognized and congratulated the Lacrosse Wolves on their excellent 14 – 1 season! While our defending state championship Wolves lost in the state championship game, finishing second in state is quite an accomplishment. Christopher Flood and Michael Philippe presented the runner up trophy to AD Ketelsen.
- Recognized and congratulated the LAX Wolves for their Goals for Graham project this season. Over \$7000 was collected for Graham Jordan’s Memorial Scholarship Program.
- Recognized and congratulated **All State First Team** Lacrosse Players **Ian Varney, Hyde Healy, Christopher Flood and John Connor Flick** and **All State Second Team** player **Robby Nolan**
- Recognized and congratulated track runner Jonathan Bertucci for placing 2nd in the Regional Track Meet and 6th in the state meet. Also recognized Stephen Schlottman for placing 4th place in the 1600 m run at the regional meet and Henry Elliot for placing 6th in the 800 m run.
- Recognized and congratulated the Tennis Wolves for their District and Regional titles and for finishing 4th in state. In the regional tournament, **Kent Shiell won Singles championship and Alex Krake and Luke Beckendorf won Doubles Championship and all 5 teams (singles Jordan Edney. Doubles Freshmen Paul Stolin and Davis Heebe; and Joel Fernandes and Graydon Hall) qualified for state. In the state tournament, Kent Shiell is the #2 singles player in the state. Team captured 4th in the State Tournament.**
- Recognized and congratulated the following student athletes for earning letter jackets: **Matthew Weldon (football), Jimmy Till (soccer), Hale Neitzschman (soccer), Jack Ballard (wrestling), Matthew Roussel (wrestling), Sean Cripple (wrestling), Carter Duet (wrestling), Nicholas Raspino (wrestling), Peyton Ward (wrestling) and Michael Lucio (basketball).**



Ross and Sean – our newest Eagle Scouts to join the Convocation of Eagles at SPS!

- Recognized and congratulated junior Ross Hightower and sophomore Sean Hightower on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout – a prestigious accomplishment achieved by only about 2% of those involved in scouting. I had all of our Eagle Scouts stand and be recognized. BTW, did you know that a group of eagles is called a convocation? SPS has quite a convocation of Eagles!
- Recognized and congratulated the junior class on their exemplary behavior on the WW II Museum Field Trip. We received many compliments on their appearance, interest, and behavior. Thanks, Class of 2019!
- Recognized and congratulated junior Andrew Aceves. April 26 was named Andrew Aceves Day in Mandeville by Mayor Donald Villere in honor of Andrew’s accomplishments in vocal music, especially the New Orleans Opera.

- Encouraged our students to become involved in service activities during the summer, and to especially consider Family Promise of St. Tammany (info below.)
- Since we were running out of time, I called attention to the empty bleachers where seniors sit and said it was time to fill those places. I asked the juniors if they were ready to assume the mantle of leadership at SPS; if they were ready to be role models for the student body; if they were ready to accept the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being seniors. They resoundingly replied, “Yes, Brother, I’m ready!” I then said: *By the authority vested in me by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Board of Trustees of the Saint Paul’s School, the Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, I recognize and honor these young men as the Saint Paul’s Senior Class of 2019 – the eighth class of our second century. With this recognition go all the honors, privileges and responsibilities that being a senior imparts. For they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical Christ and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul’s School in our age. Done in Covington, Louisiana on this 15th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 2018 – one hundred seven years after the founding of Saint Paul’s School by the Benedictine Monks of St. Joseph Abbey, 100 years after the Christian Brothers assumed ownership of Saint Paul’s in 1918, and 338 years after Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools.* The juniors then rose and moved into the senior section, thus officially commencing their senior year. In honor, they sang “Rise Up O Men of God.” It was a moving experience – literally! To view, click: <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/videos/1958140940923578/>
- We then sang Mercy for the last time this year, which was emotionally moving. **Rising Junior Scott Montreuil** extinguished the prayer candle while “Rondeau” played in the background. I begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during these final days and to make safe choices throughout the summer. I then thanked the student body for a great year and closed by apologizing if I omitted recognizing anyone during year. I reminded the students of their obligation to love and serve the Lord and each other both now and throughout the summer. We exited to the strains of Mouret’s “Rondeau”, leaving the gym for the last time for 2017 - 18. It was a wonderful assembly – a least I thought so! I had a great time!



Our new parking lot is meeting with approval!

Award Winners: The following students won major awards at our recent ceremony:

- US Naval Academy Appointment: **Robby Ferrante**
- National Merit Commended Student: **Jud Dodick**
- National Merit Finalist: **Matthew Borgatti**
- District Attorney's Senior High Award: **Robby Ferrante**
- District Attorney's Junior High Award: **Andrew Hightower**
- American Legion Citizenship Award: **Landon Chambliss**
- Graham Thomas Jordan Memorial Scholarships: **Christopher Flood, Hyde Healy, & Michael Philippe**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering Medal: **Jason Lemoine**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Business Medal: **Robby Nolan**
- Ponchartrain Cancer Center Biomedical Sciences Medal: **Joshua Devier**
- Dr. George Seiden Memorial Biomedical Sciences Scholarship: **Joshua Devier**
- Dr. George Seiden Memorial Law Scholarship: **John Paul Bourgeois**
- Francis H. Richard Memorial Habitat for Humanity Scholarship: **Jackson Gold**
- Special Habitat for Humanity Awards: **Patrick Baldone, Ashton Durham, Lester Guttuso, Hanzala Hussain, Brandon Nicotri, Kyle Schmitt, and Kevin Schneider.**
- Daren Boudreaux Memorial Scholarship: **Andrew Moore and Josh Rovira**
- Eric Kolb Memorial Scholarship: **Andrew Aceves**
- Francis R. Sharp Memorial Scholarships: **Carson Caulfield, Lester Guttuso, and Luc Hebert**
- Larry McIntire Memorial Scholarship for Social Studies Excellence: **Noah Seiden**
- Justin Addison Memorial Scholarship: **Beck Heebe & Ross Hightower**
- Beacon of Hope Scholarship & Award: **Lane Amedio**
- 5 Year Perfect Attendance/Louis Ross Memorial Scholarships: **Max Catalanotto & Grant Fink**
- 4 Year Perfect Attendance / Louis Ross Memorial Scholarship: **Isaac Hebert**
- Al Doskey Memorial Outstanding Science Student Award: **Kevin Schneider**
- Jan Neumann Outstanding Math Student Award: **Patrick Baldone**
- Modern Languages Outstanding Student: **Christopher Wilson**
- Quiz Bowl/Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Scholarship: **Stephen Millet**
- Dr. Walker Percy/Brother Bill Parsons Writing Award: **Luc Hebert**
- Walker & Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Writing: **David Needles**
- Knights of Columbus Essay Contest: **Kyle Schmitt won both region and state**
- Order of St. La Salle Award for 100+ service hours:
 - Pre-freshman: **Jack Bertucci and Daniel Bitterwolf**
 - Freshman: **Thomas Bitterwolf and Cameron Ocman**
 - Sophomores: **Lane Amedio, Blake Bollinger, Brenden Dauterive, Caleb Frost, Patrick Kilgore, and Marshall Unkauf**
 - Juniors: **Andrew Aceves, Grant Addison, Garrett Cooper, Evan Fisher, Jackson Gold, Hyde Healy, Griffin Lowry, Andrew Norlin, Beau Tarranto, and Jason Touns.**
 - Seniors: **Patrick Guidry and Patrick Saucier**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Brady Bollinger, Camden Cantrelle, William Ditta, Walker Dubreuil, Kason Shaw,**

- 8th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Trent Caime, Alex Dusang, Carter Murphy, Brody Reina, Gill Ward**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Luke Beckendorf, Ben Broussard, Adam Cazayoux, Wesley Coles, Evan Greene, Evangelos Liokis, Joel Rodriguez, Max Salvant, Brady Talley, and Scott Woodard**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Cooper Cantrelle, Tyler Guice, and Jake Holincheck**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **James Bradford, Miles Gensler, and Ben Klein**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Blake Bollinger, Jesse Cheng, Blake DiSalvo and Jarrett Meibaum**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Jonathan Bertucci, Joshua Devier, Jackson Gold, Cullen Irwin, Luke Paille, Michael Philippe, and Christopher Wilson**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Nicholas Briggs, Beau Franklin, Hyde Healy, and Jack Schwartz**
- 12th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Andrew Smith and Ashton van Deventer**
- 12th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Forge Mathes and Kevin Schneider**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Andrew Hightower**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Zachary Nichols and Grant Nastasi**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Thomas Bitterwolf**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Davis Lagarde and Trey Paine**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Callan Danenhower**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Andrew Lacoste**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Joshua Rovira**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Ross Hightower & Andrew Norlin**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Kyle Schmitt**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Lester Guttuso**
- Christian Brothers Provincial Award: **Kyle Schmitt**
- Signum Fidei Award: **Matthew Borgatti**

And I annually give out awards to our faculty, celebrating years of service in multiples of five. :

- Completing 05 Years of Service to SPS: **Emilie Allen, Julie Beck, Joanna Case, Josh Gast**
- Completing 10 Years of Service to SPS: **Ryan Spencer**
- Completing 15 Years of Service to SPS: **John Carambat**
- Completing 20 Years of Service to SPS: **Mike Boudreaux**
- Completing 30 Years of Service to SPS: **Craig Ketelsen**
- Completing 40 Years of Service to SPS: **Brother Ken Boesch**
- Special retirement gifts were presented to **Mike Boudreaux, Denny Charbonnet, John Glorioso and Tara Huget** in thanksgiving for their many years of service in the cause of Lasallian Education.
- Finally, I presented the Brother Charles Crouzet Award (our highest faculty award) to **Ms. Denny Charbonnet**, educator extraordinaire, who directed our drama program for the past 31 years!

Whew! There were MANY more awards, but space does not allow for a comprehensive list. We are proud of our students who excelled this year. We look forward to even more achievement next year.



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 (3 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.

Business Office: Please note the following changes:

- Tara Huguet is resigning. Tara, mother of two SPS alums, has been an outstanding employee, and I am most grateful for her six years of service! She has graciously agreed to assist in the transition to new personnel, even though her final day in the office will be May 23. Ad multos annos, Tara!
- Replacing Tara will be Ms. **Lori Swider** who will begin on June 6. Lori had 2 brothers graduate from SPS in 1999: Matthew Booth and Jim Roth. Yes, the Matthew Booth Memorial Pavilion is her brother.
- Also joining the Business Office is Mrs. **Mary Seaner**, who will work part time (two days a week). The demands on the Business Office in the past few years has placed too much of a burden on two people, so we are adding part time help. Mary is no stranger to SPS, as her son Michael graduated in 2015.
- I don't think most of us realize just how many demands are placed on the Business Office – and we want instantaneous responses, which are not always possible. Jo and Tara have done an amazing job of keeping good order of the financial affairs of the school. I am extremely grateful for and thankful to them.

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

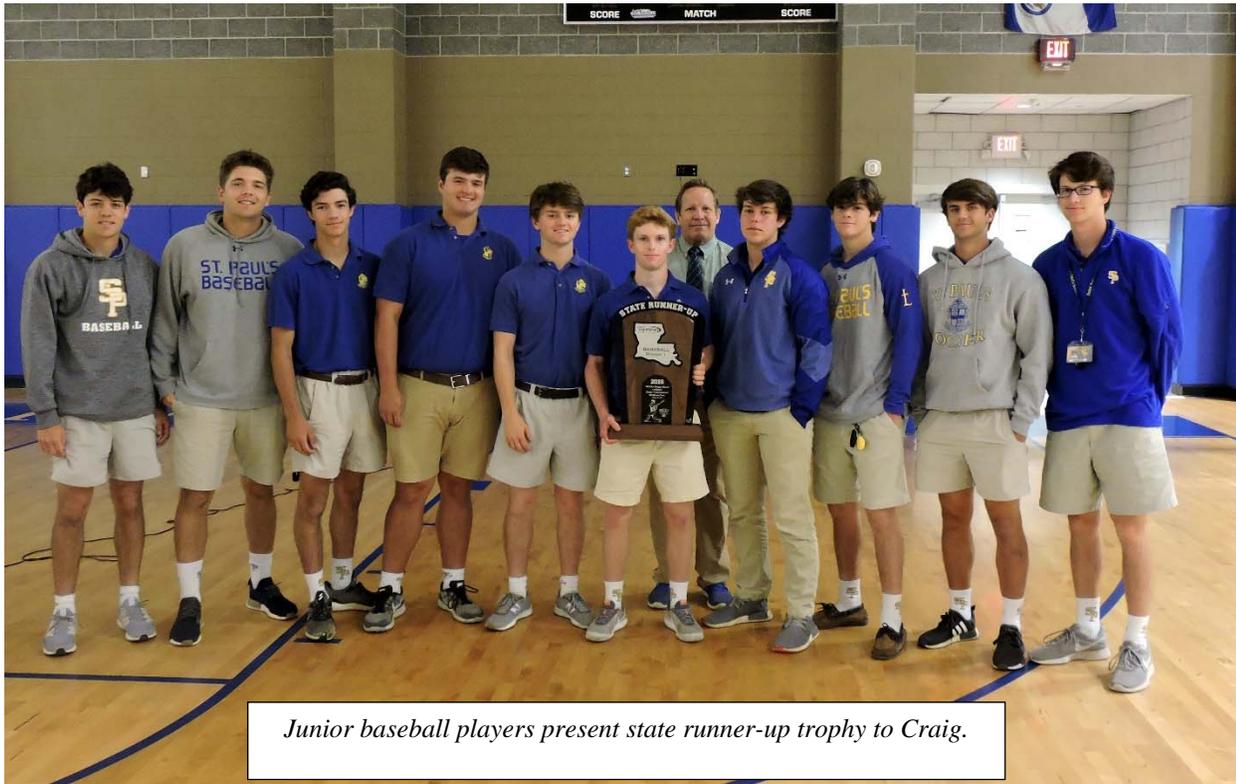
- Mon - Tue, Aug 6 & 7 Teacher meetings
- Thu, Aug 9 Classes begin; Full Day of Instruction (same day as public schools)
- Thu, Aug 23 Senior March through the Arch
- Mon, Sep 03 Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 05 Fall Break Holiday (Parish Fair Holiday)
- Fri, Oct 12 End of 1st quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
- M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Wed, Dec 19 End of 1st Semester; Christmas holidays begin 11:45
- 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



Michael & Christopher present Lacrosse State Runner-Up Trophy to AD Craig Ketelsen.

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.

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.



Junior baseball players present state runner-up trophy to Craig.

Feedback: We spend time in the summer evaluating the past year and planning for next year. Toward that end, feel free to email me a suggestion if you think we need to “beef up” an area of life around here. While I can’t promise we will implement every suggestion made, I assure you we will consider it. Be aware of our limitations in terms of personnel, finances, facilities, and interrupting class time when emailing me your suggestion.

Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering and Business Programs at Saint Paul’s: On graduation day, Mr. Todd Hornbeck (President/CEO of HOS) renewed his sponsorship of our Business and Engineering programs for the 2018-19 school year. I remain indebted to Covington-based Hornbeck Offshore (NYSE:HOS) and five of its top executives for this incredible level of support. I would again like to publically recognize and thank Hornbeck Offshore, Todd & Donna Hornbeck, Jim & Pam Harp, John & Nikki Cook, Tim and Lisa McCarthy and Sam & Jill Giberga for their most generous donations. I am again humbled and honored by the faith that HOS has placed in SPS to enhance our already prodigious STEM initiatives, especially in engineering. HOS, headquartered in Covington, is a leading provider of marine transportation services to exploration and production, oilfield service, offshore construction and military customers. We are committed to working with HOS to enhance our engineering and robotics programs, thus making their investment a solid one in the future of their industry. For information on HOS, visit: <http://hornbeckoffshore.com/>

Last Week:

- **Guerilla Wolves:** Thanks to Josh Pereira for arranging to have our graduation & Promotion Ceremony LIVE STREAMED over You Tube! Here are the links:
 - **Graduation:** https://youtu.be/awP_fSShHzM
 - **Promotion:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCypgUdW93qnK3a7G4iJRnnw/live>
- **Promotion Ceremony** went very well – except for a mix up on the awards. Thanks to all who attended!
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats to Danielle for an excellent mid-month edition!



Juniors move into senior section. For a video, click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/videos/1958140940923578/>

Looking Ahead for Those Returning:

- Tuition for 2018 -19 is due on June 1st; the first payment for bank financed tuition is also due. Students cannot start school in August if tuition/bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Thursday, August 9, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2018 - 19 school year calendar has been published in my newsletter for several months. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.**

Lost and Found Final Call: We'll clear out our lost and found, keeping what's usable and discarding what's not. If not claimed this week, we will get rid of them. **We've got prescription glasses, phones, watches, sweatshirts, uniform shirts and lunch boxes galore!**

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: The *2017 Children's Mental Health Report* from Child Mind Institute examines the role of smartphones and social media in adolescent mental health care. Concerning Smart Phones: *If this generation is going to be named after anything, the iPhone just might be it: according to a fall 2015 marketing survey, two out of three US teens owned an iPhone, about as complete a market saturation as possible for a product. The complete dominance of the smartphone among teens has had ripple effects across every area of their lives, from their social interactions to their mental health. Teenagers and young adults — ages 16 to 24 — are the most intense users of social media. Benefits of social media use include enhancing friendships and decreasing loneliness. But there is also evidence that overuse has a negative impact on self-esteem and satisfaction with their lives. And this social media use is also linked to an increase in mental health problems, including anxiety, depression and suicidality. Social media's popularity among adolescents isn't surprising, since it has been shown to affect the reward centers that are so active in teen brains. An imaging study has shown that these regions are activated when participants viewed images with a lot of "Likes". The response is strongest when Likes are on images posted by participant. When viewing photographs of risky behaviors ostensibly taken and posted by peers, activation in the cognitive control network decreased. Increased time on social media has had dramatic effects on teen behavior, including fewer risky social activities and more mental health symptoms. "Displacement" may account for these effects. If social media replaces negative activities or isolation, it can be positive. If it replaces face-to-face interaction or exercise, it can be negative.*

News worth Noting II: 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.](#)

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, especially with lots of free time during the summer. www.covenanteyes.com is an excellent resource.

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.



Basketball tryouts last week!

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: In view of last week's tragedy in Santa Fe, TX, the story in NOLA.com on school safety in St. Tammany is extremely timely and 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

Encourage your sons to report any credible threat!

Report Cards will be emailed at the end of this week. Details of grades are posted on Edline.

School Supplies for 2018 - 19: The school administration and Mothers Club are working to streamline the school supply process. Info should be sent out soon.

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



Juniors await promotion to senior section in gym.

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

Senior Spotlights: I hope you have viewed these wonderful tributes to some of our top seniors. I am grateful to the Development Office for publishing them. Here is the link: <https://www.stpauls.com/academics/senior-spotlights/>

Summer Office Hours: We will gradually start reducing our summer office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, we will soon start closing the office at noon,

so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. I will be available throughout most of the summer if needed. Call or email me if I can be of assistance. I'll be working enough to "earn my keep" and justify my existence at SPS but will take an occasional day off. I will be out of the office from June 18 - 21, attending a meeting with the administrators of Lasallian schools for the south, southwest, and west. Otherwise, I'll be here.

Service Hours: Summer is a great time for your son to earn his mandatory ten hours of service – and to do even more, perhaps even earning the Brother Alfred Service Award or Order of St. La Salle Service Award.

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Statistic: A new survey of British youngsters found the time they spend online tripled in a decade to more than 27.5 hours a week at the end of 2014. It's not just people in their late teens and early 20s who are gorging on the Web: The average adult Internet user claims to spend over 20 hours online every week, double the time from a decade ago, according to U.K. telecoms regulator Ofcom. Last year alone, the average time spent online climbed by 3.5 hours per week. And I can't imagine American kids are any different. Imagine spending a whole day each week online!

Summer Camps: Just a reminder that SPS offers wonderful one-week summer camps in baseball, football, basketball, wrestling, soccer, drama, and engineering for boys age 8-14. Our website has more info.

Summer Driving Safety Memo from The Causeway Commission: *As of April 30, there have been 66 traffic crashes, 10 injuries and 1,114 responses on the Causeway Bridge this year. Seat belts are the single most effective safety feature ever invented and have helped save thousands of lives. Sadly, one in five Americans fail to regularly wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle. There are more than 100 Louisiana law enforcement agencies participating in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. By maintaining "Click It or Ticket" high visibility enforcement and awareness, we will continue to reduce seat belt fatalities on Louisiana's roads.*

Summer Reading: ALL students have a summer reading obligation for their English class. The list and discussion questions are posted on Edline. Please encourage your son to take his summer reading obligation seriously. We deliberately limit the number of books to be read in order not to make this an onerous task, and we certainly encourage more reading than just what we are requiring. Toward that end, I offer the following:

- We often see that a student's weakest ACT score is in reading. Why? Students don't like to read! Solution? Read more! PLEASE insist your son devote part of each day (30 minutes? 15? 10?) to reading. He's used to this in school with SSR (I hope you know what SSR is!) This could be a family activity – set aside time when the whole family reads. Turn off the TV, i-pad, X-Box, phone, the computer – and read.
- And speaking of ACT /SAT scores, summer provides an excellent opportunity to prepare. There are local formal courses, but both ACT and SAT offer on-line prep programs at very reasonable costs. Or just purchase one of the many test preparation books on the market and ask your son to spend 15 minutes a day preparing. Long-term preparation is the only solution. You can't "cram" for an ACT or SAT.



Juniors concentrate on their exams.

Taylor Scholar Awards:
Thanks to The Taylor Foundation, named for Mr. Patrick Taylor for whom the TOPS program is named, we presented qualified students last week with Taylor Scholar Awards. For a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the award grants one year free admission for student and one parent/guardian to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectariums, Audubon Zoo, and the New

Orleans Museum of Art.

We are grateful to the Taylor Foundation for honoring Mr. Taylor this way. As most know, Mr. Taylor was a successful oilman, philanthropist and educational reformist who wanted all students to have an opportunity to attend college based on their ability to learn and not on their ability to pay.

If your son received this award, plan a day or two this summer and take a group of his friends who also earned the award to visit these incredible educational and entertaining venues. Or maybe treat some students who didn't earn the award and use it as encouragement for them to earn the award next year.

Taylor Awards were distributed at level awards assemblies.

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

Weekly Humor: I'll end the year with some memorable quotes from sports figures, past and present:

- *"Last year we couldn't win at home and we were losing on the road. My failure as a coach was that I couldn't think of anyplace else to play." -- Harry Neale, professional hockey coach*
- *"I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect." -- Doug Sanders, professional golfer*
- *"I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles. Eighty percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad you're having them." -- Tommy Lasorda, LA Dodgers manager*
- *"My theory is that if you buy an ice-cream cone and can make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play tennis. If you only stick it on your forehead, your chances aren't as good." -- Vic Braden, tennis instructor*

- *"When they operated, I told them to add in a Koufax fastball. They did but unfortunately, it was Mrs. Koufax's." -- Tommy John, N.Y. Yankees, recalling his 1974 arm surgery*
- *"I don't know. I only played there for nine years." -- Walt Garrison, Dallas Cowboys fullback when asked if Tom Landry ever smiles*
- *"The film looks suspiciously like the game itself." -- Bum Phillips, New Orleans Saints, after viewing a lopsided loss to the Atlanta Falcons*
- *"When I'm on the road, my greatest ambition is to get a standing boo."-- Al Hrabosky, major league pitcher*
- *"I have discovered in 20 years of moving around the ball park, that the knowledge of the game by a fan is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats." -- Bill Veeck, Chicago White Sox owner*
- *"I have a lifetime contract. That means I can't be fired during the third quarter if we're ahead and moving the ball." -- Lou Holtz, Arkansas football coach*
- *"I won't know until my barber tells me on Monday." --Knute Rockne, when asked why Notre Dame lost*
- *"I tell him 'Attaway to hit, George.'" --Jim Frey, K.C. Royals manager when asked what advice he gives George Brett on hitting*
- *"I learned a long time ago that 'minor surgery' is when they do the operation on someone else, not you." -- Bill Walton, Portland Trail Blazers*
- *"Our biggest concern this season will be diaper rash." -- George MacIntyre, Vanderbilt football coach surveying the team rooster that included 26 freshmen and 25 sophomores*
- *"The only difference between me and General Custer is that I have to watch the films on Sunday." -- Rick Venturi, Northwestern football coach*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Yearbook: Last chance! 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 BOOKL THEY AUTOMATICALLY GET ONE. Yearbooks will be delivered at beginning of the 2018-19 school year

Well, I wasn't brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! But you get a break as the newsletter goes on summer vacation. I'll only be sending things out periodically during the summer.

And for the Class of 2018, this is the final newsletter you'll receive. Thanks for putting up with them – and with me, too. Naturally, you can always access the current newsletter on the SPS website if you get nostalgic or need a newsletter “fix”!

On a personal note, I apologize to anyone whom I've overlooked recognizing this year or offended or disappointed in any way by something I did, didn't do, said, or didn't say. I'm very aware of my failings and limitations, and I will definitely try to do better this coming year.

Thanks for having been part of the 2017 - 18 edition of Saint Paul's – the seventh year of our second century of existence. If the next 107 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence.

Enjoy the final days of May. May they be ones of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

The 17th Christian Brother President of St Paul's School

Have a great Lasallian summer but remember: the Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care and Vigilance and Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!

******** SPS begins for all students on August 9 with a full day of instruction ********



2018 Graduates celebrate at end of ceremony!

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After!
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