



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

Celebrating 100 Years of Christian Brothers at SPS

September 03 - 09, 2018



Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. Each year, I reprint the following. It's important enough that I do so again now and that we take time to read it again:

If St. John Baptist de La Salle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Saint Paul's. Here are some of the Saint's words on our work, taken from his meditations to the early Brothers:

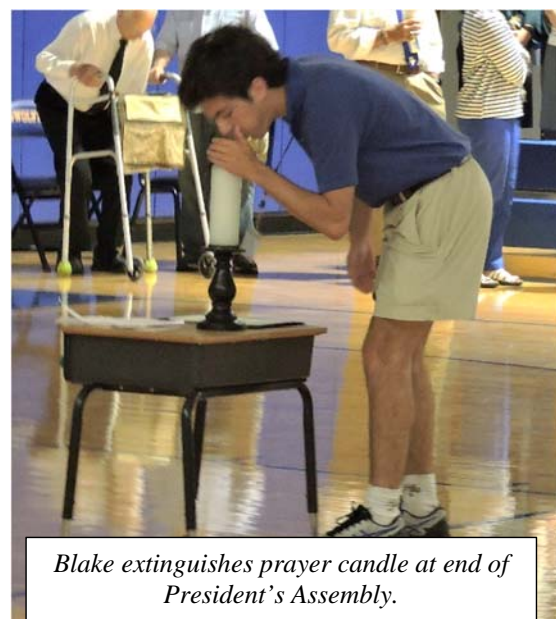
- *You are doing **God's work**; rest assured **that he will take care of you** provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks of you.*
- *If, then, you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, **how can you fear** that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?*
- ***Jesus Christ**, since you regard him as the one who can do everything in your work and you are an instrument to be moved only by him, **will not fail** to grant what you ask of him.*
- *You must, then, **look upon your work as one of the most important** and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers.*
- ***God has called you, destined** you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard.*

I could go on, but I hope you get the point! For St. La Salle, the **work of the teacher in a Christian school was God's work (*Domine, Opus Tuum!*) -- nothing less. And since you, as parent, are the primary teacher of your children, you, too, are doing God's work in teaching him to be a man of God.**

Thanks for supporting Lasallian Catholic education here at Saint Paul's School!

Mon, Sep 3 -- Labor Day Holiday! No classes! Chillax!

- **This Day in History:** In 1783, the American Revolution officially ends when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain & France sign The Treaty of Paris, signifying America's status as a free nation.
- **TDIH II:** In 1752, British citizens "lost" 11 days when the United Kingdom "left" the Julian calendar and adopted the Gregorian calendar, already in effect in the rest of the world (you know those independent British!) As a result, Sep 3 instantly became Sep 14 simply by an Act of Parliament. The people were



Blake extinguishes prayer candle at end of President's Assembly.

outraged and demanded their 11 days back. Moral: make the most of each day God gives us; while it's a shame to lose a day, it's even worse to waste it.

- **Did You Know (SPS Centennial Trivia):** The main school building was built in 1950. The school erected over 100 billboards advertising a fund raising drive throughout south Louisiana. I'm sure then president Brother Cassian lost sleep over this just as I am losing sleep over Benilde Hall renovation. Perhaps I should put up billboards begging?

Tue, Sep 4 (Wolf Pack schedule; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1774, the 1st Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia.
- **TDIH:** The city of [Los Angeles](#) was founded on this date in 1781. Its original name was either "the Town of the Queen of the Angels" or "the Town of Our Lady of the Angels" depending on which source is consulted. All can agree that the town was named after "los ángeles" — the angels — and that's the name that stuck. The city followed the usual Spanish model: a central plaza, a town house, a guardhouse, and a granary. The corners of the pueblo were laid out at the four cardinal directions, so that strong winds would not blow up and down the town's streets. A call went out to Mexico for settlers. Eleven families took him up on the offer, and the original Spanish population of LA was just 44 people.
- **TDIH:** In 1882, Thomas Edison flipped a switch to turn on the first commercial electric power plant.
- **TDIH:** In 1951, President Harry S. Truman's broadcasts his opening speech before a conference in San Francisco, marking the first time a television program was broadcast from coast to coast.
- **DYK:** From the start, graduation exercises at Saint Paul's were long, almost interminable affairs, with speeches, recitations, awards, history recitals and even a Senior Play. In 1927, however, Brother Adelbert became principal. He had the good sense to trim the graduation ceremony to essentials. He eliminated the Senior Play, thus cutting almost two hours from the ceremony. Today's graduation ceremony lasts about two hours – but is worth every minute!
- **Lazy Moms Day:** OK, moms, here's your day to relax and take it easy. Let them fix their own meals; wash their own clothes; find their own rides, etc. In short, "let them eat cake" today! They will appreciate you tomorrow!
- **Be Late For Something Day:** Be late all you want today – except for classes.



Retired Brothers prepare to distribute popsicles to student body in honor of Brother Ralph's 98th birthday!

- **National Cheese Pizza Day:** Enjoy – if your arteries permit!
- **Newspaper Carrier Day** honors Barney Flaherty, the first newspaper carrier or paperboy hired in 1833, as well as all current newspaper carriers – whose jobs were downsized when the TP went digital two years ago.
- **Parent Mini-schedule Night (6:30)**

Wed, Sep 5 (Regular; C D E F) Optional Mass this morning at 7 am.

- **TDIH:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28-year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. President McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever. Trivia Question: While TR was the youngest person to assume the presidency, who was youngest man ELECTED president? Answer at end.
- **DYK:** The Saint Paul's campus, purchased by the Christian Brothers in 1918, had thousands of trees but almost no grass. Instead, the ground was covered with fine white sand, typical of Saint Tammany Parish. Some years after the Brothers bought Saint Paul's, they brought soil to the campus, too. The Brothers and students spread soil on top of the sand in the central part of campus and laid squares of St. Augustine grass on top of the soil to create a beautiful lawn between the main building and the dormitory. In honor of our centennial and the hard work of these early Brothers and students, let's try to get the grass growing again by using the sidewalks!
- **Read a Book Day:** This should be EVERY day!
- **Fight Procrastination Day:** If you don't have time today for this, put it off until tomorrow.
- **Football: 9th v. Rummel (6)**
- **Etiquette Training for 1/3 of our Pre-freshmen:** This is always a special event. Renaissance Board funds a formal meal with etiquette instruction for our youngest wolves. I am grateful to Renaissance & Development Team.

Thu, Sep 6 (Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a New York meat packer, who supplied barrels of beef to the US Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers referred to the food as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper ran the story on this date and Uncle Sam gained widespread use as the nickname for the U.S.
- **TDIH:** in 1940, the German Luftwaffe begins its Blitz Bombing campaign against London during WW II.
- **TDIH:** In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I is born to King Henry VIII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn. During her reign, Britain became a world power by defeating the Spanish Armada. The irony is that Henry did not think a woman capable of leading the kingdom. Will Shakespeare wrote many of his plays during her tenure as queen.
- **DYK:** In the fall of 2002, alumni Joel Champagne, Class of 1975 and Jay Blossman, Class of 1982 donated the school mascot, a taxidermied Wolf. These two loyal alums obtained the wolf while on a hunting trip to



Students greet the retired Brothers – and get a popsicle in return!

South Dakota. The wolf stands proudly in the gym lobby, reminding all that, in the words of Rudyard Kipling, the “strength of the wolf is the pack and the strength of the pack is the wolf.”

- **Google Commemoration day:** Today celebrates the creation of Google on this day back in 1996 “I dunno, just Google it” has become a phrase uttered multiple times a day, all around the world. And, of course, there’s the memorable quote from former President Bush when he referenced “the Google. Useless info: “Google’s First Tweet was, “01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01110101 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010,” which is binary code for “I’m Feeling Lucky.” Also, Instead of hiring a grounds crew at Google, Google rents goats, a herder and a border collie to help cut down the amount of weeds and brush. (Hmm..... wonder if I can have goats in Covington?) We’ve all been lucky, I guess, to have Google available!
- **Salami Day:** From the Salami Day website (yes, it really exists!): *Salami is a too-often overlooked meat in the deli world, and the Salami Appreciation Society felt it deserved its day in the sun. Salami has a rich history, providing important nutrients such as protein and potassium. It can be eaten on sandwiches, crackers, in pita wraps, tortilla wraps, or by itself. No one can resist the ultimate duo of salami and cheese, for that matter!*
- **Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen for second 1/3 of our Pre-freshmen**
- **Football: 8th v. Rummel**
- **Swim Meet at Franco’s**

Fri, Sep 7 (Regular; D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1565, the first Catholic settlement in American was founded in St. Augustine, FL.
- **TDIH:** In 1900, a hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, TX, killing over 8,000 persons, making it the deadliest natural disaster in US history, destroying over 2500 buildings.
- **TDIH:** In 1935, Senator Huey Long is shot in the Louisiana state capitol building. He died about 30 hours later. Also, Star Trek premieres on TV in 1966. Live long and prosper!
- **DYK:** From May 23 to 31, 1958, 39 juniors and seniors traveled by bus with Bro. Benedict to tour our nation’s capital, Washington, DC. The cost for their 9-day tour was \$100 per person.
- **Pediatric Hematology / Oncology Nurses Day:** Each day, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses care for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders. We honor them today and thank them.
- **Parent Prayer Group:** A group of parents is starting a 15-20 prayer group on Friday mornings. All are invited to gather in our campus chapel and pray for the intentions of all of our students and their families.
- **First Friday Devotions continue during first 15 minutes of each block today**
- **Etiquette Training for the last 1/3 of our Pre-freshmen**
- **Football:** Varsity v. Jesuit at Tad Gormley Stadium (7)



Tornado drill last week. Students were very cooperative!

Sat, Sep 8 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

- **TDIH:** In 1776, The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new nation from the United Colonies to the United States.
- **TDIH:** In 1965, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax pitches the eighth perfect game in major league history, leading the Dodgers to a 1-0 win over the Chicago Cubs.
- **National Teddy Bear Day:** Admit it: we all like Teddy Bears and we adults miss the ones we had as children. Today, it is OK to spend time with a Teddy Bear – a friend who is cuddly, lovable, and makes us feel secure & safe in an otherwise insecure and unsafe world. Confession: I keep one in my office for tough days.
- **Cross Country:** Wolves begin their season in the Episcopal Round Table Meet in Baton Rouge. Geaux Wolves!
- **ACT on campus this morning**



Students design a house in Hornbeck Offshore Engineering Program at SPS!

Sun, Sept 9 (We encourage all families to attend church today)

- **Grandparent Day (1st Sunday after Labor Day)**
- **Rosh Hashanah begins today at sundown and ends at sundown on Tuesday, Sep 11th.** The late Saint Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to learn more about our Jewish heritage and form closer ties with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Thus, we recognize the great feast of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year. It is the year 5779 in the Jewish calendar. The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur. One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a

bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are penance, prayer, & good deeds – great practices for people of all faiths. These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the greeting during this time: "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*" (May you be written [in the book of life] for a good year! We wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a blessed Rosh Hashanah! "*L'shanah tovah tikatevu!*"

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

Admissions Season for 2018-19: The admissions process for NEXT year began last week with our first Shadow Day – which have become very important in causing students to choose SPS as their first choice school. Call Karen Hebert at 892-3200, ext 1001 for schedule a Shadow Day visit. Please encourage those interested in SPS to come take a look at us. Open House for prospective students is Sat, Oct 28 at 1 pm.

After School Issues: Assignment Hall and detention are in full operation. Parents, please stress with your sons the need to do homework and follow rules. And if your son does end up in AH or detention, please establish a procedure for him to follow so that you are not wandering around looking for him. We tell the AH student to call their parents. We'll provide a phone if needed.



Assembly on Aug 28: I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 28 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to **“Academic Festival Overture” by Johannes Brahms, a German composer who lived from 1833-1897.** This piece was composed in 1880. Brahms never went to college. In 1879, after Brahms had achieved much fame in the music world, the University of Breslau conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Brahms was flattered and sent a postcard of thanks to the faculty. However, he needed to do more. While vacationing at Bad Ischl during the summer of 1880, Brahms penned his musical “thank you” – the Academic Festival Overture – to the university. As we begin our academic year (actually, the first month is almost over!), the Academic Festival Overture seemed appropriate – we have serious work ahead, but we’ll have periods of fun, too. Just as Brahms used his talent to say “thanks”, I encouraged the students to use their talents to thank those who have been good to them.
- As junior **Davis Heebe** lit the prayer candle, I reminded the boys that Aug 28 was the feast of Saint Augustine – one of the greatest intellectual Catholic saints. I told them the story of Augustine – a rich young man who spent his time seeking the pleasures of the world but not finding inner peace until he found God. I begged them to realize that true peace and happiness can only come through a right relationship with the Almighty.

- Welcomed 30 your men from various local elementary schools who were spending the morning with us as they explored their choice for school next year.
- Reminded the students that we were celebrating 100 years of Lasallian education at Saint Paul's as I projected some historical pictures of the school throughout the past 100 years.



- Introduced Brother Ralph Baltz to the student body. Brother Ralph had just turned 98 years young the day before and I wanted to make sure the boys knew who he was. He gave a brief talk about his years as a Brother, especially the many years he was at Saint Paul's. We then sang "Happy Birthday" to him and he responded by offering the students a popsicle treat at lunch.
- Displayed a copy of Governor John Bel Edwards' proclamation honoring the Christian Brothers on their 100 years in Louisiana.
- Showed pictures of the special mass at St. Louis Cathedral on July 28 honoring the 100 years of Christian Brother presence in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Recognized and presented special certificates to the students who served the mass in the Cathedral on July 28: **Sam Avenel, David Barcelona, Briggs Cooper, Sean Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Andrew Moore, Luke Vargas, and Chris Wilson**
- Thanked the students for their cooperation with Safety Week. They did well on Tornado Drill day and prepared them for drills the rest of the week.

- Congratulated all for an excellent Get Involved Day and encouraged students to follow through on their sign-ups.
- Apologized the HOSA for failing to recognize their Herculean efforts last May in getting the Wolf Dome cleaned for the senior graduation reception.
- As I was running out of time, a whole bunch of items will be pushed to the next assembly.
- Reminded the student body that the next day was the 13th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. I showed slides of SPS's campus following the storm which showed the damage we suffered. Due to the incredible efforts of many, we were up and running in three weeks, one of the first schools in St. Tammany to re-open'
- I then had the entire student body join in a rousing rendition of Mercy.
- As junior **Blake DiSalvo** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of "The Academic Symphony" by Brahms.

Attendance: Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook, which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.



Benilde Hall: We have occupancy for the second and third floors from the State Fire Marshall and the City of Covington – after extensive renovation of Benilde Hall. The first floor and outside areas will need a few more weeks. The wait is well worth it. More classrooms, more new restrooms, an elevator, improved lighting and HVAC, additional ingress and egress, improved HVAC, 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!

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 (3 still available)	\$15,000 each
Faculty Office	Sold

3rd Floor

Religion Classrooms	All sold
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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.

Bookstore: The bookstore will open on Monday before the new parent orientation from 5:00 - 6:15. The new supply of PE shorts has arrived. Thanks, Mothers' Club! And here are the regular hours:

- M – F: 7:30 am - 8:15 am
- M – F: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Also by appointment. Email spsbookstore@gmail.com.
- **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore.** Proceeds not help fund wonderful activities throughout the year and campus needs. For example, the MC funded over \$40,000 worth of school projects this past year.

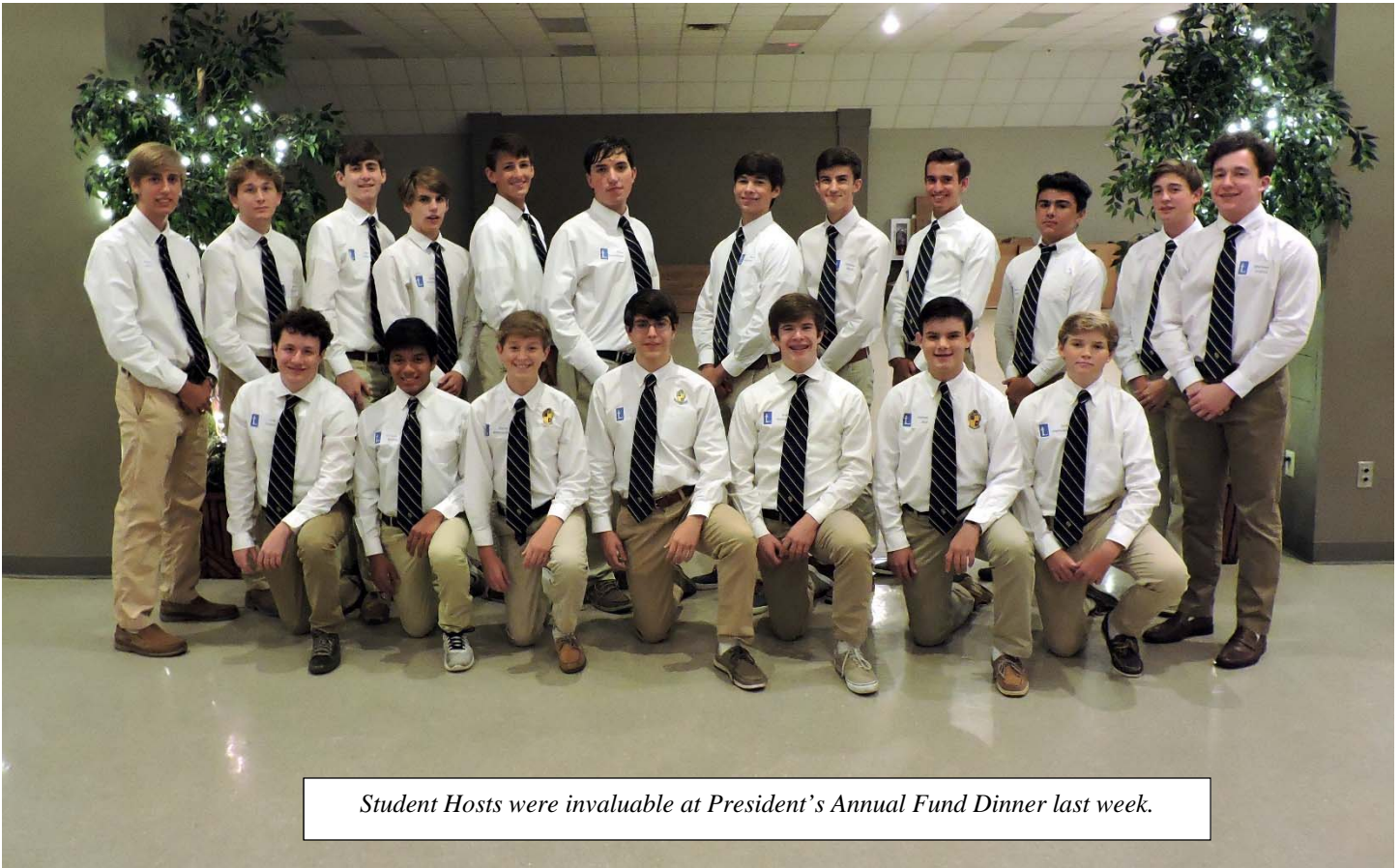
Cell Phones:

- State Law: Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand held wireless communications device while traveling through schools zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- SPS Law: students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during the lunch hour. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

Edline: What are you reading this for? Edline is history! Scroll below and read about PlusPortals, which has taken Edline's place in the life of our school.

Extracurricular Activities: Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which will introduce our students to a wide variety of activities, will be on Aug 21. . Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. will have displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students can talk to representatives from these clubs, etc. and decide if they wish to join. Encourage your son to get involved. So far we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we've had call outs for football, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla

Wolves Video Club, the Liturgical Band, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Student Hosts – to name just a few.



Grandparent Day: Our annual Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 12, beginning at 11:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. If your son's grandparents are interested, please inform them of the date and time.

Emergency Closings: With a disturbance heading for the Gulf, allow me to remind all of our closing procedure – which is to follow the civil parish. Thus, if needed (and we hope it's not), Saint Paul's School will follow the decision of closure as the public school system of St. Tammany Parish. The announcement concerning emergency closures will be broadcast on all local television stations in the New Orleans area when possible. We will also activate school messaging with updated information and situations unique to our school. For multi-day closings, Saint Paul's reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants, even if the public school remain closed, as was the case in Hurricane Katrina.

Etiquette Training for Pre-Freshmen This annual event, sponsored by SPS Renaissance Program, takes place Wed – Fri of this week. Pre-freshmen parents will receive info on what day their son will experience a very nice formal lunch combined with etiquette training. It's always a treat to see our youngest Wolves learn how to eat soup, what fork to use for salads, and how to break bread. Let's hope lessons learned last beyond this week!

Football Game Conduct for Students: Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the retired Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do

NOT try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.

- SSA students DO NOT get in free.
- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3rd quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be ABSOLUTELY QUIET. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is NEVER permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- The LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

Football Game Conduct for Adults: With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**

- Use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise
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Thanks



Students check phones at lunch.

Greater Lasallian World Dept: On August 15, 2018, Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School officially opened its doors as the newest Lasallian ministry of the District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO). The co-educational grade 9 – 12 school is located in Oakland, California. Rooted in both the Lasallian educational tradition and the Cristo Rey school model, Cristo Rey De La Salle offers “a rigorous and personalized college preparatory curriculum integrated with a corporate work study experience that prepares students of limited economic means to succeed in college and in life.” The school’s 69 members of its founding class of 2022 and 19-member faculty-staff, gathered for Mass. In a Christo Rey school, admission is limited to financially underserved students, who attend classes four days a week and work one day a week in a paid, entry-level professional job, assigning their earnings to underwrite the cost of their education. These jobs are not typical summer jobs, but are corporate ones (receptionists, interns, lab assistants, etc.), thus giving these underserved students skills they will need to be economically independent in their lives.

Homecoming Dances:

- 8th and 9th grade Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, September 22 in the BAC from 7-9PM.
- 10th/11th/12th Homecoming Dance will be held in the BAC Saturday, September 29 from 7-9:30PM.
- Any St. Paul's student who wishes to attend must complete a registration form that includes his date's signature and contact information. This form, along with details about the dance and dress code, may be found on the school website, on Plus Portals in a link on the calendar, or in room 107. Forms and payment are due the Wed prior to the dance. Professional photography is available at the dance. Photo order forms will also be available in room 107 so students may arrive at the dance with forms and payment completed.

ID Cards and Lanyards: Students MUST wear their ID cards on their lanyards EVERY DAY. This is part of our enhanced safety plan to insure that only SPS students are on campus during the school day. Parents –

please stress this with your sons and insist that they comply. If your son loses his ID, he may purchase a new one for \$10 by seeing Sgt. Pressley in the Administration Building.

Information: Need More Information? For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Trevor Watkins, or Assistant Principal Joe Dickens. For discipline, attendance, or dress code questions, call Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin or me. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Mr. Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director. Naturally, call me if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1001 & my cell phone is 985/966-1138, my email is broray@stpauls.com or hit “reply” to this email!**

Handbook Signature Card: The signed cards are now overdue!

Jazz ‘n Roll: J n R XXVII is Sat evening, Nov 10. If you have questions, auction items and/or would like to work at J n R, call Shellie Campo at 892-3200, ext. 1273. More info to come, but mark your calendars!



Students who served mass at St. Louis Cathedral on July 28 in honor of the Brothers' Centennial in Louisiana receive certificates of appreciation.

Last Week:

- **Cross Country** time trials and Meet the Team went well. Geaux CC Wolves!
- **Football:** Congrats to Varsity for great job on Fri v. Karr and to the JV & 9th grade had big wins, and 8th grade fought hard in its debut.

- **Marching Wolves** were their usual wonderful selves -- 90+ strong! Well done, Andrew & MWs! And Boosters, too!
- **President's Donor Appreciation Dinner:** Thanks for Development Team for an excellent evening! As usual, the Student Hosts were the stars, as I have them speak to each of the tables about their SPS experience. Special thanks, too, to Andrew Moran for his outstanding marimba playing during the event. We will soon update the donor board.
- **Safety Drills:** Thanks to the students for their cooperation! We pray we will never need to use these drills!
- **Shadow Day:** Last Tuesday went well. I am grateful to Karen for re-arranging the schedule. For years, I resisted this marketing tool. Increased competition forced me to re-think three years ago, and we instituted shadow days – which have served us well. So we will continue with them. Our first group of shadowers (is that a word?) seemed to have a good experience last week. Thanks for your cooperation. I am grateful to Karen for handling all of the requests and organizing the mornings. Naturally, it is imperative that what these prospective students see is worthwhile enough to make them want to attend! Please: NEVER ask them if they intend to apply.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Thanks, Danielle, for a GREAT issue.

Letters from the Past: This third entry is from Brother Alton Pierre, dated February 18, 1918, as he was searching for a suitable school for himself and the other French refugees. Remember that the French brothers had been exiled from France in 1904 and gone to Mexico where revolutionaries chased them out in 1916. They were in various parts of the United States, anxious to reunite in a school. Brother Alton writes the following to his superiors in Europe:

I received some other information on the college in Covington. The Benedictine Fathers wish to sell...because they fear a collapse for this year in view of the anti-German ideas that prevail around here. Almost all of the Fathers here are German. In several parishes, the people refuse to receive the German Fathers. Many do not go to Mass. They are afraid that these feelings will spread to their college. This explains Father Abbott's flattering remarks on our certain success....I proposed the following: we would accept the conduct of the college...with thirteen French Brothers. These brothers would be paid between \$200 and \$250 a year, bed and board and laundry done. The Reverend Father Abbott would remain honorary president and he would give us a chaplain. This contract would be valid for five or ten years and then we could buy. During my stay at the Abbey, I made the acquaintance of a good old priest, Father Koegel. This priest is proprietor of a building in Chinchuba, not far from Covington, which is occupied now by a school. Father Koegel wanted to have French brothers run the school. Should I make requests in that matter? Everything that is said about Covington for its healthiness also applies to Chinchuba. Well, who knew that the Brothers almost took over two schools in St. Tammany in 1918?

Lost & Found: Lunch boxes, uniform shirts, books, shoes – all sorts of things are being left behind on campus – almost all with no names on them. Please stress with your sons to need to keep track of his belongings. Putting his name on items helps, too. Lost & Found cabinet is located outside of the Attendance Office.

Mini-Schedule Night for Parents (Tuesday at 6:30): Beginning at 6:30 PM Tuesday tonight, we will hold our annual Parent Mini Schedule Night. Parents will follow their son's academic schedule, with each period lasting 10 minutes. Teachers will give a brief overview of the class. We get positive reviews on this night, so we encourage parents to attend and meet the teachers personally. This is NOT a night for extended parent-

teacher discussions so please do not come expecting that. Individual conferences/contact can be set up for later dates. Hope you can make this informative evening.

Office Depot: Make sure you give SPS's name whenever you check out at Office Depot.

Open House for Prospective Students will take place on Saturday, Oct 27, at 1 pm starting in the Briggs Assembly Center. Spread the word! Parents and students are our best publicity! People would much rather listen to you than to me!

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PlusPortals: Please activate your account and check Edline regularly for important info about your son's grades and SPS life. *Call Mike Holmes, Edline administrator, at 892-3200, ext. 1044 if you need assistance.* And please adjust your setting to allow you to receive emails from school. It's very annoying when we get an Edline email with a question but your setting won't accept our response.

Safety Week: I hope your sons told you about our drills last week for tornadoes, intruder, and fire drills. We appreciate the presence of the Covington PD and FD who evaluated our procedures – and commended us the way the drills were conducted. We pray the drills are never needed, but we are prepared. BTW, in the highly unlikely but theoretically possible need for campus evacuation, we would assemble at SSA – if they have to be evacuated, we would be bussed to First Baptist Church in Covington.

Service Opportunities:

- The Junior League of Greater Covington hosts "Polo with a Purpose" each year. This event goes to support the League's grant programs. Support for the Polo Classic allows the JLGC to impact our community through many projects. Shifts are 9:30-2:30 or 2:00-7:00 pm for the day of polo (Sunday, October 21st). You will help assist/serve food, help with ice and drinks, essentials needs, trash pick up, bus tables, set up, and break down. Students can sign up and receive more information by visiting this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45aeaf28a2fc1-junior>
- The Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center, assisted by the Benjamin Blanchard Memorial Foundation, will conduct free cancer screenings on Sat, Sep 15 from 10 – 2. Free cancer screenings for breast, colorectal, oral, prostate and skin. Blood pressure and glucose checks, food, music and fun activities for the entire family. Student volunteers are needed. Sign up in Ms. Claire's office.

Shadow Days: Our first Shadow Day was Tuesday, Aug 28. We had a full attendance. Our next shadow day, Sep 11, is also full. And our other Shadow Days are filling up, too. Encourage anyone you know who may be interested to call for a reservation at 892-3200. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!

Silent Sustained Reading: Each day, we do daily SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. Everyone in the school (students, teachers, administrators, and staff) reads silently for 15 minutes. This

is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying textbooks or doing assigned reading, but for making reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and over the years has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved standardized test scores, increased background knowledge on a wide range of topics, and increased reading time out of school. We instruct students to bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared on Monday and every day thereafter. **You might want to consider initiating a family SSR time, too!**



Students practice fire drill last week.

Social Media: Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at

Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana

Twitter @SPSWolfpack

Social Media II: Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.

Student Email Addresses: We issued each student a unique Saint Paul's email address through which we will communicate with him. If a student asks about how to get to his new email, there's a link on Edline in the bottom right, it says **St. Paul's Gmail access**. The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1**.

Suite Special

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Tuxedos to Geaux will be at St. Paul's in the

Lobby of Briggs

for anyone interested in buying a suit for

Homecoming

Wednesday, Aug. 29th during Lunch (11-12:30)

Wednesday, Sept. 5th at dismissal (3:00-4:30)

choose from BLACK, NAVY, CHARCOAL or INDIGO Two

piece suit, white shirt and a selection of ties

Traffic Flow on Campus: If you drop off or pick up your son, you will meet congestion on the roadways in the morning and afternoon around our campus. We ask your help in improving the traffic flow and safety:

- Consider an alternate pick up location for your son other than Founder's Circle. These include the drop off area by the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, the parking lot on the corner of 13th and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11th Avenue. You can drive through these parking lots or wait in a parking space there without holding up traffic elsewhere.
- DO NOT pick up your son using the shoulder of 11th Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic when you stop to load or unload.
- If you use the LaSalle Drive (main entrance) car line, please wait to the left so that thru traffic can still move through our campus using the right lane.
- Coordinate with your son about where and when you will meet him in the afternoon. If he is not present when you drive through, please proceed to a parking lot and wait for him there. If you stop in the car line to wait, you are holding up all cars behind you.
- Remind your son to be on the lookout for your car as you drive up.
- Our primary concern is safety, so please adhere to all speed limit and traffic rules in the school area. We are working closely with the Covington Police Department to find solutions to traffic around school. Working together, we can improve both safety and circulation around our campus.

Weekly Humor: I use these every Labor Day because they are worth repeating. Some job woes:

- *My first job was in an orange juice factory, I couldn't concentrate on the same old boring rind, so I got canned.*
- *Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.*
- *I then tried working in a donut shop, but I soon got tired of the hole business.*

- *I manufactured calendars, but my days were numbered.*
- *I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. It was a sew-sew job, de-pleating and de-pressing.*
- *I took a job as an upholsterer, but I never recovered*
- *Next I tried working in a car muffler factory, but that was exhausting.*
- *I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it.*
- *Then I was a pilot, but tended to wing it, and I didn't have the right altitude*
- *I studied to be a doctor, but I didn't have enough patients for the job.*
- *I became a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it.*
- *I tried my hand at a professional career in tennis, but it wasn't my racket. I was too high strung.*
- *I became a baker; it wasn't a cakewalk, & I couldn't make enough dough.*
- *I was a masseur for a while, but I rubbed people the wrong way.*
- *I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.*
- *Then I was a gym personal trainer, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.*
- *I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it.*
- *Next I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me.*
- *I tried teaching, but I soon lost my principal, my faculties, and my class.*
- *I turned to farming, but I wasn't outstanding in my field.*
- *I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had its ups and downs.*
- *I sold origami, but the business folded.*
- *I took a job at UPS, but I couldn't express myself.*
- *I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout.*
- *I became a banker, but I lacked interest and maturity, and finally withdrew from the job.*
- *I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.*
- *I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot.*
- *I worked at Starbucks, but I quit because it was the same old grind.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

Yearbook:

- All prepaid yearbooks for 2017-2018 were distributed in pack time 2 weeks ago. If you ordered one and your son did not receive his copy, please contact Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com.
- We have a *very limited quantity* of 2017-2018 yearbooks available for \$65 on a first come first served basis. Contact Mrs. Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com to arrange a pick-up time.
- **The 2018-2019 Conifer Yearbook**
 - Online orders only at www.yearbookforever.com. Search for Saint Paul's School in Covington, La. You must spell out the word Saint.
 - **\$60 early bird discounted price available through October 12, 2018.**
 - Seniors do not need to order a yearbook, it is included in your senior fee.
 - Senior ads can be placed at www.yearbookforever.com. Choose the option to "buy a personal ad" and follow the online directions.
 - Please contact Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com if you require further assistance.

A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead:

- Mon, Sep 03 Labor Day Holiday

- Tue, Sep 04 Parent Mini-Schedule Night (a change from Aug 27 as printed on some calendars)
- Thu, Sep 13 All School Mass in honor of the Centennial Arrival of the Christian Brothers to SPS
- Sat, Sep 15 SPS Math Tournament
- Sat, Sep 22 Homecoming Dance (grades 8 & 9)
- Sat, Sep 29 Homecoming Dance (grades 10, 11 & 12)
- Tue, Oct 02 On-campus ACT for seniors
- Fri, Oct 05 Fall break holiday; SPS Alumni Golf Tournament
- Fri, Oct 12 End of 1st quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
- Mon, Oct 22 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Sat, Oct 27 Open House for Prospective Students
- Thu, Nov 01 All School Mass (Feast of All Saints)
- Mon, Nov 5 Archdiocesan Retreat Day for all schools; no classes for students
- Sat, Nov 10 Jazz 'n Roll
- M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Thu, Dec 06 Luminarias
- 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
- Sat, Jan 12 Application Day for Prospective Students (8 – noon); Football Awards Ceremony
- Fri, Jan 25 All School Mass (Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul)
- Wed, Feb 20 On campus ACT for juniors
- Fri, Mar 01 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- M-F, Mar 4 -8 Mardi Gras /Beginning of Lent holidays
- Wed, Mar 13 Mother-Son Dinner
- Mon, Mar 18 St. Joseph Altar Day
- Thu, Mar 21 Celebrity Dinner Event
- Sat, Mar 23 Father-Son Dinner
- Sat, Mar 30 Junior-Senior Prom
- Sat, Apr 13 Alumni Crawfish Cook-Off
- F-F, Apr 19-26 Easter Holidays (not “spring break”)
- W-F, May 1-3 Senior exams
- M-T, May 13-16 Pre-freshman exams
- Fri, May 17 Pre-freshman promotion ceremony (6:30 pm)
- Sat, May 18 Senior graduation ceremony (4 pm)
- M – T, May 20-23 Semester exams for grades 9 – 11
- Fri., May 24 Conflict exam day
- Mon, May 27 Faculty Records Day

- In case of emergency closings, we will make up days from scheduled holidays. **Note that school begins with all students reporting on Thursday, August 9th at 8:00 am for a full instructional day.** Also, please check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

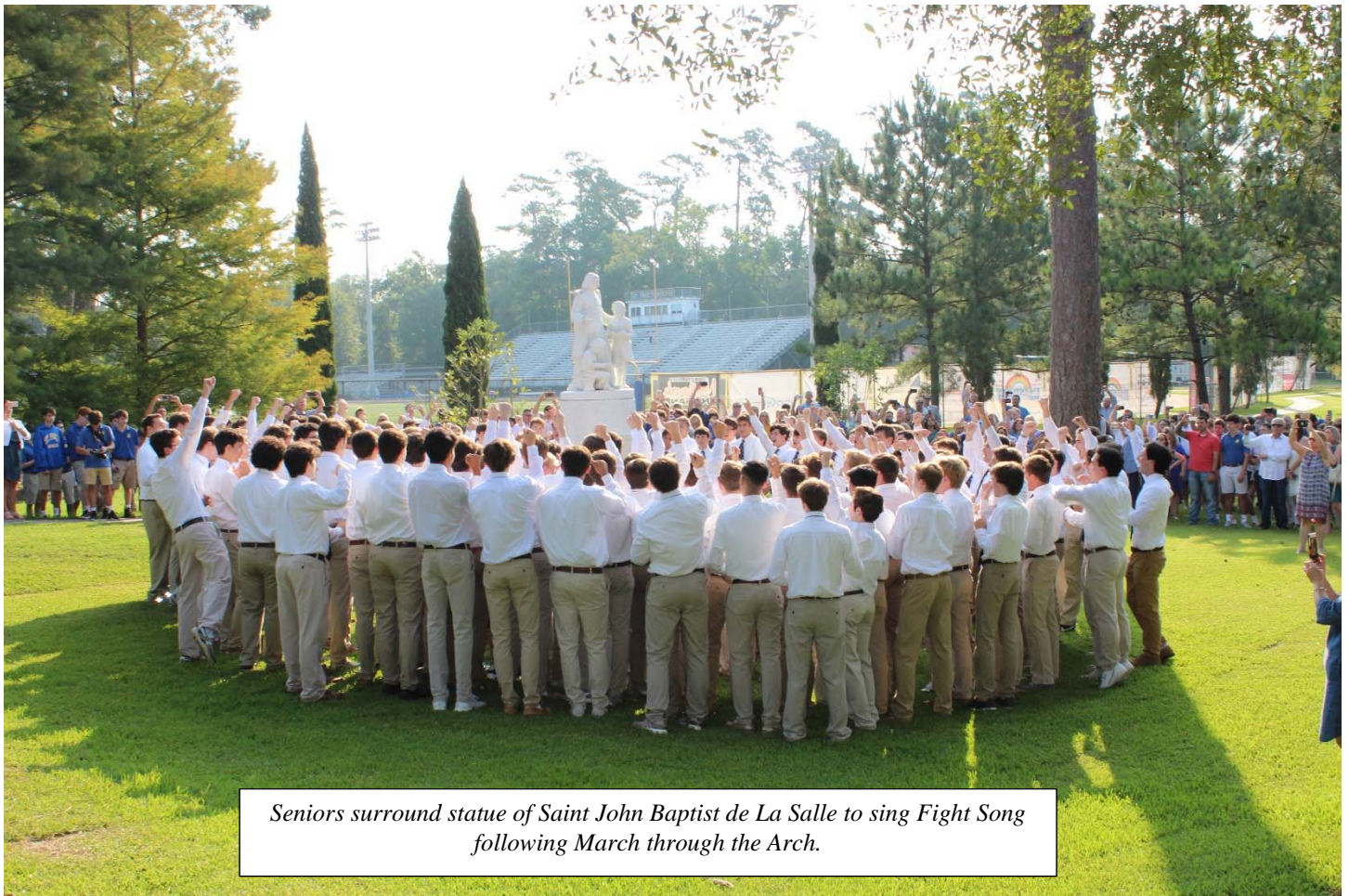
Whew! That's enough for Labor Day Weekend! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now as I finish writing the newsletter and LOLing as I do so): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time (on Labor Day weekend, no less) reading my ramblings! Pray that we continue our good beginning! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018 - 19 edition of Saint Paul's – our 108th year of existence!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Chillaxin' on Labor Day Weekend as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

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Seniors surround statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle to sing Fight Song following March through the Arch.

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Have a great Lasallian Opening ...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, and continuing the Lasallian Mission!