



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*  
*Celebrating 100 Years of Christian Brothers at SPS*  
*September 24 – 30, 2018*



Welcome to the final week of September – Homecoming Week!  
Only 3 months remain in 2018!

This Saturday, Sep 29, we observe the feast of **Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael** -- the only named archangels in the Bible.

- **Michael** (meaning “Who is like God?”) is mentioned in the Book of Daniel as Israel’s protector, acting as captain with other angels to thrust earth’s evil rulers into the flames. His status as conqueror of God’s enemy is further stressed in the Apocalypse (12:7-9) where he and his angels cast down Satan and his rebellious followers. Michael is also an intercessor with God for humanity.
- **Gabriel** (meaning “God is my strength”) appears in four biblical episodes: twice to the Daniel to explain Messianic visions; once to Zachary to announce the birth of John the Baptist; & once to Mary: “Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou!”
- **Raphael** (meaning “God has healed”) plays an important part in Book of Tobias, where God sends him to cure Tobias of his blindness.



May these three great angels protect us at Saint Paul’s, where we have over 100 students and faculty who have “Michael” as a first or middle name, 10 who have Gabriel, & 2 named for Raphael! Happy Feast Day to them!

**Mon, Sep 24 (Regular; D E F G)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1957, President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **Did You Know (SPS Lasallian Centennial Trivia):** Hundreds of people in St. Tammany Parish died in the flu epidemics from 1914-1920. Many students at Saint Paul’s were sent home for months at a time and the majority of the boarders and Brothers were sick in bed. Yellow Fever, typhoid, diphtheria and infantile paralysis took their toll as well. Thank God for modern medicine! BTW, get your flu shot!
- **National Punctuation Day:** Let’s all punctuate our writing correctly! I plan on celebrating! Here is a great website to help: <http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com>.
- **Eat Dinner with Your Children Day:** Started by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia U, this day informs parents that the engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America’s kids substance abuse free. *Dinner Makes A Difference!*

- **The Jewish Feast of Sukkot** began last night at sundown and continues thru sundown of Sep 30. Sukkot commemorates years that Jews spent in the desert on their way to Promised Land, and **celebrates** how God protected them under difficult desert conditions. **Sukkot** is also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, or the Feast of Booths.
- **Lasallians on Campus this Morning:** Approximately 25 Lasallian presidents, principals from throughout the District, along with some District personnel, will be on campus from about 9 – noon. I will tour them around campus for about an hour and then we will meet in the theater. Please welcome them if you see them and make sure they see well-ordered classrooms with meaningful instruction taking place. Thanks
- **Happy Birthday Brother Alfred**, who turns 96 years young today. We value his presence as a member of our retired Brothers Community. We offer him prayer and best wishes. We thank him for his life as a Christian Brother in the cause of Lasallian education, especially at SPS, where he has labored for so many years. *Ad multos annos*, Brother Alfred! Thank you for your life as a Brother!
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> v. Rummel (5:30) (a re-scheduled game from hurricane closure)



*Happy BD, Bro. Alfred!*

### Tue, Sep 25 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama. Imagine his reaction!
- **TDIH:** In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice in history when she is sworn in by Chief Justice Warren Burger. How many other women have been named to the Court? [answer at end]

- **DYK:** In 1929, Brother Ernest, principal, took care of some much needed repairs in Dixon Hall which stood where Founders Circle is located. The heating system had ceased to function for several years. Brother Ernest, assisted by other Brothers, replaced the hot air heating system with a modern steam plant. The work took months, and the brothers did all the work, as no money was available to hire installers.

- **National Comic Book Day:** Read a comic book today, or the comics in the newspaper! I read 'em daily!
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. Capdau Charter (6)

### Wed, Sep 26 (Regular; 7:15 am mass; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1580, Englishman Francis Drake returns to England in the *Golden Hind*, becoming the first British navigator to sail around the earth. His voyage started on December 13, 1577.

- **TDIH:** In 1960, the first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between John Kennedy and Richard Nixon. Many who watched said Kennedy won the debate, while those who listened to the radio thought Nixon did better. Nixon, who declined to use makeup, appeared somewhat haggard on TV in contrast to the youthful, tanned Kennedy.



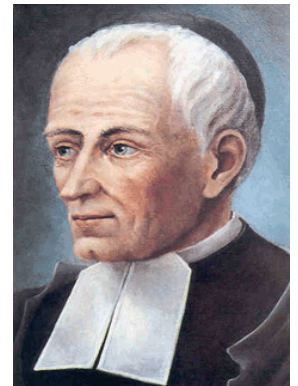
*The crowning touch on Benilde!*

- **DYK:** In December of 1924, Bother Ernest, principal, received a singular honor in being decorated by the French Counsel with the covered “Palme Academique” of the French Academy. He received this award for his outstanding service in the promotion of the study of the French language in the City of New Orleans during his many years as a teacher of summer courses in French at Loyola University.
- **Shamu the Whale Day:** Today is Shamu’s birthday (who knew?) He was born in 1985!
- **International Rabbit Day:** Celebrate the rabbit today! But no hunting!
- **Football:** 9<sup>th</sup> & JV v. Hammond (5:30)

**Thu, Sep 27 (President’s Assembly; Shadow Day; 7 am mass; B C D E)**

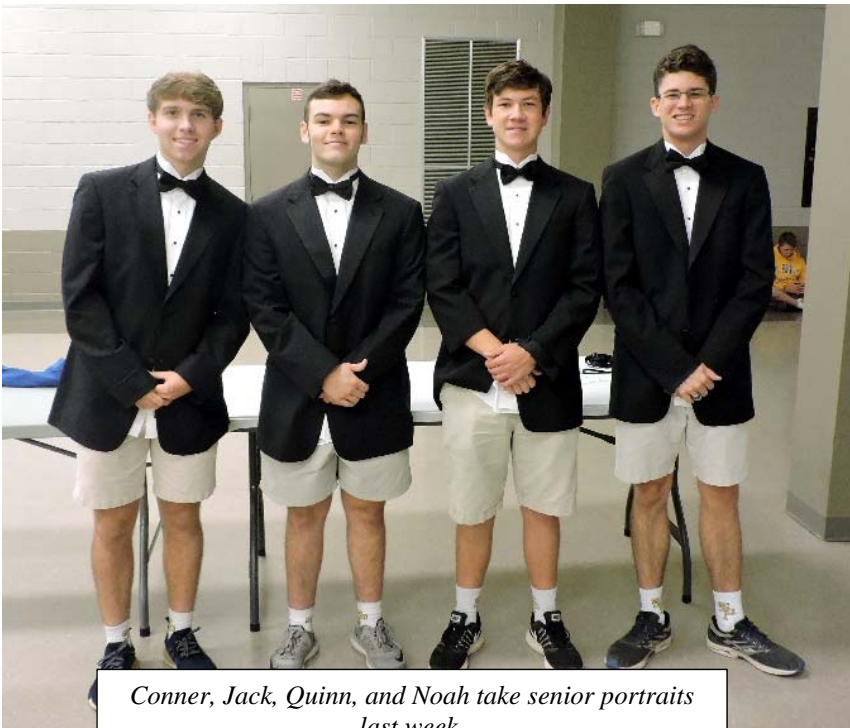
- **TDIH:** In 1540, Pope Paul III charters The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Ignatius de Loyola, a Spanish soldier turned priest, founded the Jesuit Order. Happy Founding Day, Jesuits!
- **TDIH:** In 1964, after a ten-month investigation, the Warren Commission issues a report stating a lone gunman had been responsible for the assassination of President John F. Kenney in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Conspiracy theorists continue to dismiss the Report. Trivia: can you name the lone gunman? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **Ancestor Appreciation Day:** All of us have ancestors. And with genealogy so popular today, take some family time to discuss your family’s ancestors. Our students should have a deep appreciation for those who made their existence today possible. And ALL of us have “characters” in our family background.

- **Feast of Blessed Brother Scubilion:** Jean Bernard Rousseau joined the Christian Brothers in 1822. After ten years in elementary schools, Scubilion left France to dedicate the remaining 34 years of his life to the enslaved natives on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. Remembered as the "catechist of slaves," he started well-attended evening classes, even after a long day of hard labor. He devised programs and techniques in order to teach essentials of Christian doctrine and prepare them to receive sacraments. He won them over by his kind manner and respect. After the emancipation of the slaves in 1848, he continued to care for them and to help them adapt to their new life of freedom. In the last years, despite failing health, he assisted



pastors in visiting the sick, winning over sinners, encouraging vocations, and effecting what seemed to be miraculous cures. At his death, people venerated him as a saint. As the Brothers put it – “Brother Scubilion – one in a million!”

- **DYK:** When Brother Paul Charbonnier was principal from 1935-1941, there were times when no money was left with which to buy food. Brother Paul begged the food suppliers to wait for their money. Most of the suppliers did, although some ended up waiting several years before the Brothers could pay. When Brother Paul left Saint Paul’s in 1941, he left no unpaid bills for his successor to worry about. Let’s hope I do the same!



*Conner, Jack, Quinn, and Noah take senior portraits last week.*

- **Journalism: Fall Conference at Loyola.** Our award-winning The Paper Wolf staff will attend.
- **Benilde Hall Blessing & Dedication Ceremony (6:30):** We have invited major donors and supporters of this project to a special viewing, blessing, and dedication of this incredible project.

### Fri, Sep 28 (Pep Rally & Field Day; F G A Field Day)

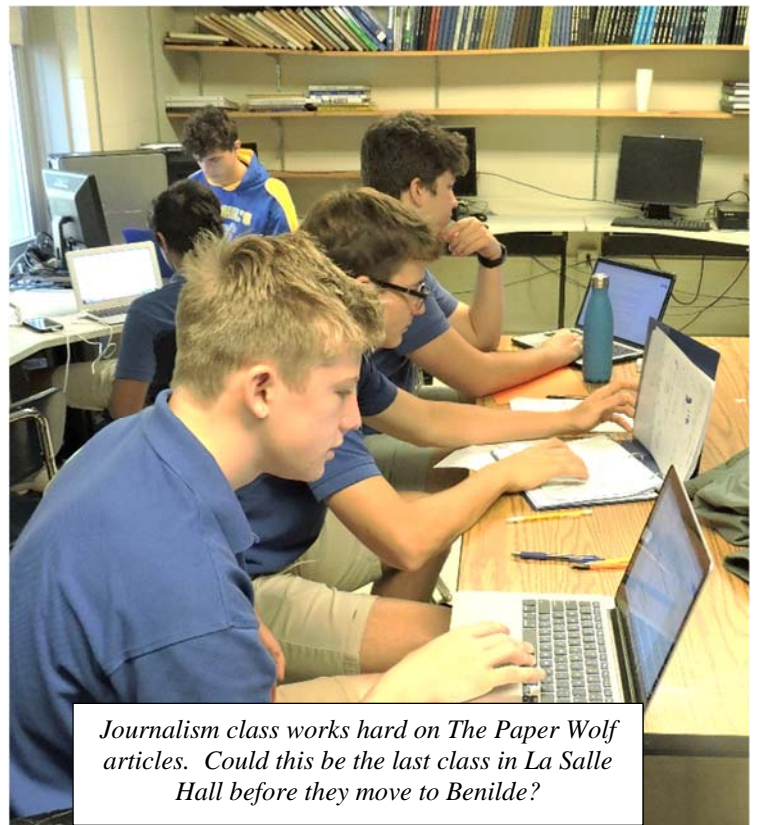
- **TDIH:** In 1066, William the Conqueror invades England, defeating Harold the Great in Battle of Hastings – changing course of British (and thus US) history.
- **TDIH:** In 1542, Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovers CA on his arrival at San Diego Bay.
- **National Good Neighbor Day:** Let's be good neighbors today and every day.
- **Ask a Stupid Question Day:** Today is your opportunity to ask all those questions you have been afraid to ask. The roots of this day go back to the 1980s; teachers started a movement to get kids to ask more classroom questions. Feel free to ask me any question you want; I promise not to laugh or make fun.
- **Homecoming Pep Rally & Activity during last block**
- **Alumni Pre-game Social in the cafeteria (5:30)**
- **Football:** SPS v. Hammond in our Homecoming Game

### Sat, Sep 29 (Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels)

- **TDIH:** In 1954, Willie Mays, centerfielder for the New York Giants, makes an amazing over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball hit by Cleveland Indians first baseman Vic Wertz to rob Wertz of extra bases in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series. The catch has gone down as one of the greatest in the history of baseball. You can watch the catch on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUK9IG-7HTc>
- **TDIH:** Today marks the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). In 1899, a small group of Spanish-American war vets form what would become the nation's largest and most dedicated group of combat vets.
- **National Women's Health & Fitness Day:** Take care of yourselves, ladies! We need you!
- **Coffee Day:** Whether you favor espresso, Americanos, lattes or cappuccinos; iced, decaf, instant or filter – **Coffee Day** is the day to savor and appreciate your beverage. Have some coffee while reading the newsletter today!
- **Confucius Day:** Today honors one of the world's great philosophers, who was born in China in 551 BC
- **Cross Country:** Wolves travel to BR for the St. Joseph Invitational Meet
- **Senior High Homecoming Dance**

### Sun, Sep 30 -- We encourage all to worship today, especially for Catholics to attend mass as a family

- **TDIH:** In 1938, British and French prime ministers sign the Munich Pact with Nazi leader Adolf Hitler. The pact averted war but gave Czechoslovakia to Germany. The Munich Pact has become a metaphor for capitulation.



*Journalism class works hard on The Paper Wolf articles. Could this be the last class in La Salle Hall before they move to Benilde?*

- **National Mud Pack Day** (who knew?): Ladies, this is your day! Mudpacks were once the rage. They are still popular, but the “mud” has been replaced with a variety of other ingredients to keep the skin young, soft and supple. A real mudpack, though, is a quick treatment for bee stings. Guys -- make this a special day & buy a facial gift certificate for your special lady -- not that she needs it, but because it is a comforting, feel-good thing.

**I offer the following for your consideration, in alphabetic order, not necessarily order of importance.**



*Student Council President Josh Rovira explains to Mr. Watkins the Council's plan for Homecoming Week.*

**Admissions for 2018 - 19:** Yes, we are already looking ahead to next year. Here’s how you can help: If you know any family who might be interested in SPS, encourage them to

- Consider a shadow day – slots are filling quickly;
- Encourage them to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 27 at 1 pm.
- File application on time.
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you.

**Attendance:** Please comply with attendance regulations as printed in the handbook posted on our website. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day. Here’s the link to our handbook:

<https://www.stpauls.com/student-life/student-parent-handbook1-pdf/>

**Banned Books Week.** The American Library Association designates this week to call attention to the attempt by some to censure a right to read. While I do not condone inappropriate writing or students

reading inappropriate literature, I do think that some entities have “gone overboard” in banning books, e.g. *Huckleberry Finn*, *Of Mice and Men*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Romeo and Juliet* – these classics and more have been banned in some schools. Discuss with your sons appropriate v. inappropriate reading. Here is the ALA’s website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>.

**Bookstore:** The Bookstore will be moving to Benilde Hall this week. Unfortunately, we will need to close on Tuesday 9/25 and Wednesday 9/26. We will do our best to accommodate any emergency needs of the boys. Please come by on Thursday to see the new and improved Bookstore.

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](mailto: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 may not use 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



**Constitution Day:** I hope you remembered Constitution Day last week and gave thanks for that amazing document which insures our liberty. The day is also one where naturalized citizens throughout the land are given their oath of citizenship after traveling that road for quite a while – and it's not an easy road. I again refer you to the official website with flashcards asking 100 questions. Have some fun and see how many you can answer:

[http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/PDFs/M-623\\_red\\_slides.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/PDFs/M-623_red_slides.pdf)

**Emergency Closing:** Although we have passed the height of the tropical season (Sep 10), and with safety still foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

- **Catholic schools will follow the closure and reopening schedules of their civil parish.** Therefore, monitor the St. Tammany Public School system announcements. Naturally, we reserve the right to close earlier if we feel it necessary and to reopen earlier if we are able and civil parish authorities give permission. For example, we opened weeks before the public school system following Hurricane Katrina.
- **Listen & Watch** for a robo-text message or phone call or email before calling school since it is difficult to handle a large volume of calls. Also, our phone system goes dark in a power failure. We have a new notification system which we used for the Sept 4 & 5 closings.
- **Consult** PlusPortals and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.



*Anthony proudly displays his "edible cell" for biology.*

**Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, which introduced our students to a wide variety of activities, was on Aug 21. Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. had displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. 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, Student Hosts—to name a few.

**Grandparent Day:** I sent an email last week with information on Grandparent Day on October 12 beginning at 11:30 and lasting about 90 minutes. School dismisses at 11 that Friday (which is also the end of the first quarter) and students with no grandparents attending are free to leave. **In order to plan adequately, we need to have a "head count" by October 5. Please RSVP with the total number attending (make sure to include your son!) by**

**October 5. Just email [reception@stpauls.com](mailto:reception@stpauls.com)**

**Homecoming Court:** Congratulations to the 2018 St. Paul's Homecoming Court, which will be presented at Friday night's game: Junior Maids: Ellie McHale and Mary Eilla White and Senior Maids: Savannah Carr, Katie Collura, Sarah d'Hemecourt, Ella Jourdan, and Molly Manale

**Homecoming Dances:**

- 8th and 9th grade Homecoming Dance was on 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.

**Homecoming Week 2018!** Student Council has a few things planned as we celebrate SPS. Dress down themes and guidelines are as follows. Participate to join in the fun!

- **Monday: Hawaii--**Bring out your favorite Hawaiian shirt (Normal rules for shorts, shoes, and socks)
- **Tuesday: Jersey Day--**Bring out your best Jersey and rep your favorite team!(Normal rules for shorts, shoes, and socks upheld)
- **Wednesday: Twin Day--**Find a classmate to creatively twin with!(No tank tops or short-shorts)
- **Thursday: no dress down theme due to President's Assembly**
- **Friday: Blue and Gold--**Show your St. Paul's Spirit with some loud and proud blue and gold! Because we are celebrating Field Day, you may wear SPS t-shirt, PE shorts, socks, and tennis shoes.
- **Homecoming Field Day is Friday!** Students will attend three classes in the morning and then will enjoy an extended lunch. Lunch activities include open play of soccer, basketball, Frisbee, 4 square, corn hole, Jenga, spike ball, and can jam. Kona Ice will be on hand selling snowballs. After lunch, students will head to the gym for more activities, including the much-anticipated Senior Faculty Volleyball game! To cap off the day, the ladies of SSA will join us for our Homecoming Pep Rally.
- **Homecoming Football game Friday at 7:00:** Homecoming Court presentation and crowning of Queen Savannah Carr at half time.
- **Homecoming Dance for 10th/11th/12th grades** Saturday. Details may be found on the school website.

**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 Book/Snack Room.

**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!**

**It Never Ends Dept:** The Benilde Hall construction unearthed water and sewerage line issues. We thought they were all corrected at the start of construction, but last week additional issues surfaced for the Development Office, which required extensive (and expensive) installation of new lines. The D Team was without water last week. Sorry! It never ends.....

**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!





**12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDLP)** begin today and run until Oct 21. The theme this year is *Ignite Our Hearts of Peace*. The month-long observance encourages study, reflection, prayer, and action. As former Superior General Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria said concerning ILDP: *Peace is possible if each of us gets involved. It is possible when we place persons above things. It is possible if we make God's plan for humankind our own plan. May this event bring peace and love, especially to families who need it most!* I invite you to join the Retired Brothers who daily pray the following, official Lasallian Prayer for Peace: *We pray to You, Lord, God of life and God of those who hope! Listen to our prayer for the whole world, for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end. We pray to you especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected. We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for your sake. Lord, give us Your peace!*

#### Last Week:

- **Cross Country:** A “bye” week for the Wolves. Hope they enjoyed their Saturday off
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade dropped a squeaker to a strong John Curtis team, 9<sup>th</sup> and JV won victories against Northshore, Touchdown Club provided a nice pre-district meal on Thu, and Varsity
- **Homecoming Dance:** The Jr-Hi dance went well. Thanks!
- **Lasallian Days for Peace:** I hope you are joining Lasallians throughout the world in reciting the peace prayer.
- **Quiz Bowl:** The team left early Sat morn for competition at Xavier U and represented us well!
- **Senior Portraits:** Lots of smiles in the BAC last week – thanks to Mothers’ Club for their help!
- **Swim Team:** Aqua Wolves had a splashing display of aquatic prowess last week! I hear Handel playing!
- **Wolf Packs:** Very powerful video! Wow. Thanks, Kevin. I look forward to discussing it next time.

**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.

**News We Can Use:** In an [unusually candid letter](https://www.vox.com/2018/9/12/17850598/fda-juul-vaping), the Food and Drug Administration chief, Scott Gottlieb, announced last week that the agency could intensify its crackdown on e-cigarettes in the face of an “epidemic” of teen use — a trend that’s caught the agency off guard. “I use the word epidemic with great care,” Gottlieb wrote. “E-cigs have become an almost ubiquitous — and dangerous — trend among teens.” To read a summary of the letter, click here: <https://www.vox.com/2018/9/12/17850598/fda-juul-vaping>. The stats are pretty amazing – and scary. Worth the read.

**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!



**The Paper Wolf:** Congrats to TPW for the flurry of articles being written and published. The quality of writing is excellent. I do hope you subscribe.

If not, support our guys and do so. It's free. Here's the link: <http://thepaperwolf.com>

**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.

**President and Principal Off Campus:** Trevor and I will be gone most of M-W as we attend the annual fall meeting of the San Francisco New Orleans **District Chief Administrators Association (DCAA)** in New Orleans with almost 50 Lasallian presidents, principals, and provincial staff of the San Francisco New Orleans Province. Ordinarily we meet in Napa, CA, but the group to meeting in other cities of the District with schools. Four years ago, you may remember, they came to NO and visited Saint Paul's – and still talk about our incredible Wolves. Last year, we went to Portland, home of De La Salle North Catholic and La Salle Catholic College Prep, and two years ago to Denver, home to Mullen HS.

New Orleans is the site of four Lasallian schools in Louisiana: Christian Brothers School (K-7<sup>th</sup>), De La Salle, Archbishop Rummel, and SPS. A sub-group will visit SPS on Monday morning. Welcome our guests if you see them on campus Monday. Here is a brief "bio" of our fellow Lasallian schools in the Archof NO:

- Archbishop Rummel High School opened in the fall of 1962 with 245 9<sup>th</sup> graders, one of four new Catholic high schools opened that year (the others being Archbishops Chapelle, Shaw, and the now closed Blenk), in response to a growing school population in Jefferson Parish. Today, the all boy school has an enrollment of over 650 students.
- Christian Brothers School: One school, two campuses. Since CBS first opened in 1960, it has been housed in the historic McFadden Mansion in New Orleans City Park. Currently, the school has an operating lease with the New Orleans City Park Board through 2040. The school was opened by the Christian Brothers in response to needs of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and of the Christian



*Jacob & Andrew collaborate in BioMed IV class, sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. David Oubre's Ponchartrain Cancer Center*

Brothers. Since many boys were leaving the Catholic school system for private schools in the late 1950's and early 1960's, Archbishop Joseph Rummel invited the Brothers to open a middle school that would seek to challenge the academically capable middle school boy. The City Park campus currently houses all boys in grades 5-7. In 2016, the school expanded by assuming ownership of St. Anthony School on Canal Street, which now houses Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> (coed) and 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> (all girls) – a total of over 800 students.

- De La Salle opened on Sep 1, 1949, in the old Gilbert Academy buildings, marking the return, after over 60 years, of the Christian Brothers to Orleans Parish. In the early 1990s, the school went co-ed following the closure of Mercy Academy and Holy Angels, in order to continue to provide Catholic education to those students. Today, the school has an enrollment of over 600 students.

### **Service Opportunity:**

- Our Lady of the Lake's annual Festival of the Lake on Oct 19 – 21. Sign up to volunteer @ [festivalofthelake.com](http://festivalofthelake.com), sign up genius, or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Shawn Klein at [ollfestivalofthelake@gmail.com](mailto:ollfestivalofthelake@gmail.com)

**Shadow Days:** Our third Shadow Day is this Thursday, Sep 27. It is almost full. And our other Shadow Days are filling up, too: Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please call Mrs. Karen Hebert at 985-892-3200 ext 1003 to make reservation. Thanks for spreading the good word about SPS!

**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 issue each student a unique SPS email address by which we will communicate with him. **St.** The temporary password for all students is **stpauls1**.



*We are incredibly proud of our 8 National Merit Semi-Finalists and PSAT Coordinator Christine Woodard!*

**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 13<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson St. or the parking lot at LaSalle Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a dangerous area with poor visibility and further backs up traffic.

- 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.

**Vaping – Please read this:** Schools across the country (including SPS) continue to battle this latest fad. In an unusually candid letter, the Food and Drug Administration chief, Scott Gottlieb, announced last week that the agency could intensify its crackdown on e-cigarettes in the face of an “epidemic” of teen use — a trend that’s caught the agency off guard. “I use the word epidemic with great care,” Gottlieb wrote. “E-cigs have become an almost ubiquitous — and dangerous — trend among teens.” To read a summary of the letter, click here: <https://www.vox.com/2018/9/12/17850598/fda-juul-vaping>. The stats are pretty amazing – and scary. Worth the read. Please speak with your sons about this issue.

And here is the Center for Disease Control’s fact page for teenage use. I encourage you to review the page with your son: [https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/Quick-Facts-on-the-Risks-of-E-cigarettes-for-Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adults.html](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/Quick-Facts-on-the-Risks-of-E-cigarettes-for-Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adults.html)

**Weekly Humor:** Coffee Day jokes:

- *Where do birds go for their coffee? To the Nestcafe.*
- *I drink so much coffee at work, I consider it part of my daily grind.*
- *What are coffee shops in Russia called? Tstarbucks.*
- *How does an IT guy drink coffee? He installs JAVA.*
- *I just got myself a top of the range coffee maker .It has a lot of perks.*
- *Why did the kangaroo stop drinking coffee? It made him too jumpy!*
- *What's the difference between coffee and your opinion? I asked for coffee!*
- *Why did the coffee file a police report? It was mugged!*
- *What do you call a sad cup of coffee? Depresso!*
- *How did the hipster burn his tongue? He drank his coffee before it was cool!*
- *How does Moses make his coffee? He brews it!*
- *What did the coffee name his son? Joe, naturally!*
- *What do you call a cow who's just given birth? De-calf-inated!*
- *Why did the man put GI Joe soldiers in his coffee cup? He heard the best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!*
- *Customer: How much for a cup of coffee? Barista: \$2 with free refills. Customer: Great. I'll have a refill!*
- *Drinking too much coffee can cause a latte problems!*
- *Why are Italians good at making coffee? Theythey know how to espresso themselves!*
- *OK, I'll stop.*



Mason, Will, and Braden prepare to consume their "edible cells" in Biology class.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:m.monteiro@stpauls.com) to arrange a pick-up time.
- **The 2018-2019 Conifer Yearbook**
  - Online orders only at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:m.monteiro@stpauls.com) if you require further assistance.

**Yom Kippur** occurred last week, from sundown Tue through sundown Wed. I forgot to include this most important holiday of the Jewish year, which means "Day of Atonement", in last week's newsletter. It is a day to atone for the sins of the past year. This day is a last appeal, a last chance to change the judgment, to expiate for sin. Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. For the latter, one must first reconcile with that person, righting the wrongs if possible. **We pray that our Jewish brothers and sisters had a holy and blessed Yom Kippur!**

### **A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead:**

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Semester; Christmas holidays begin at 11:45 following last exam
- Mon, Jan 07 Classes resume; second semester begins
- W – F, Jan 9-11 Senior Retreat
- 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.

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the seventh week of the school year! As usual, I'll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to right now for the last time as the show is going off the air as I finish the newsletter and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time 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 SPS!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Made It to the End of September as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

Answer to Tuesday's Trivia Question: Female Supreme Court Justices are Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Elena Kagan, and Sonia Sotomayor.

Answer to Thursday's Trivia Question: The Warren Commission identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone gunman who assassinated President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.



*Thanks, Sign Gypsies!*

**“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”**

~ St. John Baptist De La Salle (Meditation 99.2)



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## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas....** Beginning in 1680, educational institutions in more than eighty countries have been influenced by the vision and spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools; and

**Whereas....** de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers, founded the Christian Brothers and throughout the centuries has transformed education by emphasizing academic excellence, respect, faith formation, inclusion, and spiritual development; and

**Whereas....** in 1918, the Christian Brothers purchased the St. Paul School in Covington, Louisiana, and began the quest to touch hearts, stimulate minds, and cultivate leadership; and

**Whereas....** for 100 years, St. Paul's School under the direction of the Christian Brothers has provided quality, Catholic education to young men and continues to strive to dedicate itself to living the five core principles of Lasallian education; and

**Whereas....** as the students, families, alumni, and community gather this week to celebrate Christian Brothers Week, and to support the faculty, staff, and brothers who are dedicated to the inspiration of St. John Baptist de La Salle, let us remember to be grateful to the first heroic group of nineteen Christian Brothers who established St. Paul's School in Covington.

**Now Therefore, I, Michael B. Cooper, Mayor**

**of the City of Covington, Louisiana, and Proud Alum of St. Paul's School,  
Class of 1971, do hereby proclaim September 10 - 16, 2018, as**

**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS WEEK**

*in the City of Covington and urge all citizens to rejoice, celebrate, and participate.*



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