



## *The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter* *Celebrating 100 Years of Christian Brothers at SPS*



*October 08 - 14, 2018*

On Thursday of this week, October 11, we observe the memorial of Saint Pope John XXIII (1881 – 1963) -- one of the most influential popes in recent history, who changed the Church forever.

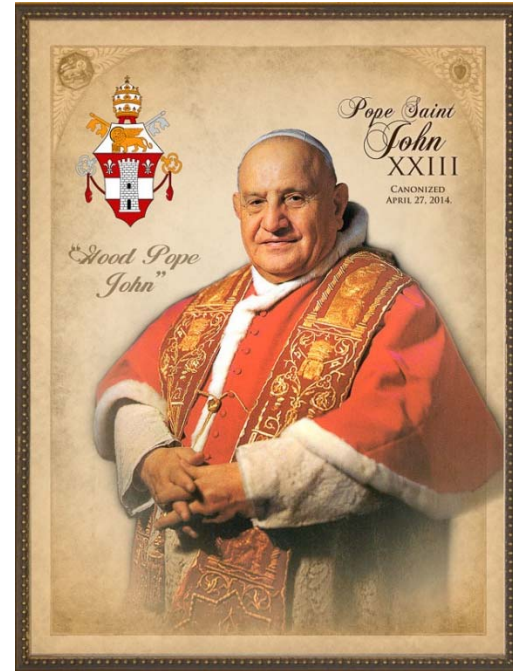
As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the culture in the Vatican. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners. He apologized for episodes of anti-Semitism within the Church.

Most expected Pope John XXIII to only serve a short time and that he would make no significant changes to Church practice. However, Pope John XXIII did many things that created sensation in the streets and pews. Perhaps his most influential decision was the call for an ecumenical council, known as Vatican II. This council altered many practices of the classic Church with new emphasis on ecumenism and a new liturgy.

In his last months, he offered to negotiate peace between Soviet Union and United States, then at the height of the Cold War. The offer, though declined, was popular in both countries. In the wake of the news, Time Magazine honored John XXIII as the first pope Man of the Year.

At his death in June of 1963, the world mourned John XXIII and President Lyndon Johnson posthumously awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Saint Pope John XXIII's feast day is October 11. This special feast day commemorates the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962. Here are some of his more memorable quotations:

- *Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do*
- *The family is the first essential cell of human society.*
- *Peace on Earth can never be established, never guaranteed, except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order.*
- *Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.*
- *Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.*
- *See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little.*
- *Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less*



## Saint John XXIII! Pray for us!

### Mon, Oct 8 – (PSAT Bubble Schedule; D E F G)

- **Alvin C. York Day:** Sgt. York is the most decorated American soldier in World War I. From the Sgt. York website: *On Oct 8, 1918, after being pinned down, York took his fateful walk into history. He and 16 other soldiers... were given the unenviable task of silencing the machine guns that halted the advance. It was a cold, wet morning. Rain mixed with sleet added to the gloom of the fog that draped the landscape. As the soldiers worked their way around the hill, the men on the left flank stood exposed in the creek bottom. German machine gunners opened fire, wounding or killing nine Americans, including York's best friend. York was on the right flank beneath the crest of the hill in a natural depression, which he used to kill nine of the men who operated the guns. In the meantime, his comrades opened fire on the Germans, and in a few minutes 25 were dead. The Germans surrendered to what they thought was a superior force, and York and the American survivors escorted 132 prisoners to American forces some 10 miles away. Sergeant York was awarded his nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions [that day.]*
- **Face Your Fears Day:** Consider what life might be like if you conquered some of your greatest fears. Today gives you the chance to stand up to your fears, overcome them, and to seize the day.
- **National Pierogie Day:** Pierogies are Eastern Europe's equivalent of ravioli or tortellini - essentially filled dumplings. This peasant dish originated in Poland in the 13th century. Enjoy the dumpling of your choice!
- **National Walk to School Day:** Give it a try if you're in walking distance!
- **National Poetry Day:** OK, I'm fudging a bit here as this NPD is in Great Britain – but we can still celebrate! The theme this year is “messages” so read a poem that has a message
- **Columbus Day (or Indigenous People Day in some states and cities) Observed today**
- **Lacrosse:** Parent meeting in new gym (6:30)
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves in SSA Cluster Meet (TCC)

**Tue, Oct 9 (President's Assembly; Shadow Day; A B C D)**

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1934 in Turon, Spain, the following Brothers, canonized by Pope John Paul II, were martyred: **Saint Brothers Cirilo Bertrán, Marciano José, Julián Alfredo, Victoriano Pío, Benito de Jesus, Benjamin Julián, Augusto Andrés, Aniceto Adolfo and Saint Father Inocencio.** From the Brothers' website: *In 1934, Turón was the center of anticlerical hostility. The Brothers' school was an irritant to radicals in charge because of the religious influence it exerted. The Brothers defied the ban on teaching religion & openly escorted students to Mass. On the First Fri of Oct, authorities broke into the Brothers' house on the pretext that arms were hidden there. They and their chaplain were arrested and marched to the cemetery where they were shot. Brother Cirilo, the Director, was 46 and Brother Marciano was 39.*



*Brother Julián was 32 and all the rest were in their twenties. They were arrested, detained, and executed as a community. Victims of the hatred and violence against the Church, they witnessed by their death to the faith they so courageously professed and so effectively communicated to their students. **Saintly Brothers! Pray for us!***

- **National Leif Erikson Day:** To honor Leif Erikson (who over sailed from Iceland and explored present-day Greenland and Canada) and to celebrate our Nordic-American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution has authorized the President to proclaim October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day."
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> at John Curtis (Delta Playground)

**Wed, Oct 10 (Regular; 7:15 am mass; E F G A)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1973, US Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns in ignominious disgrace.
- **World Egg Day:** Celebrate by fixing your favorite egg dish and eating it; do not celebrate by throwing!
- **National Angel Food Cake Day:** Enjoy this classic dessert after you eat an egg!
- **PSAT administered**
- **Football:** 9th & JV at Ponchatoula

**Thu, Oct 11 (Regular; 7 am mass; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1962, Pope John XXIII convenes Vatican II —the first council in 92 years -- to bring spiritual rebirth to Catholicism and cultivate greater unity with other religions.

- **Southern Food Heritage Day:** Eat your favorite southern food.

### **Fri, Oct 12 (Grandparent Day Schedule; F G A; dismissal at 11:10)**

- **TDIH:** In 1492, after a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted San Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met “Indians.”
- **International Moment of Frustration Day:** To celebrate, everyone is supposed to go outside at noon GMT (6 AM CST) and SCREAM away frustrations! You are not to scream AT someone (sorry!), just scream in general! Perhaps we should all end the first quarter with a communal scream, thus chasing away any 1<sup>st</sup> quarter frustration! Enjoy!
- **National Gumbo Day:** After you’ve screamed away your frustration, enjoy this iconic south Louisiana treat! BTW, did you know that “gumbo” is the African word for okra? Well, now you do.
- **Grandparent Day (11:30) in the BAC**
- **Football:** Varsity at Ponchatoula (7)



### **Sat, Oct 13**

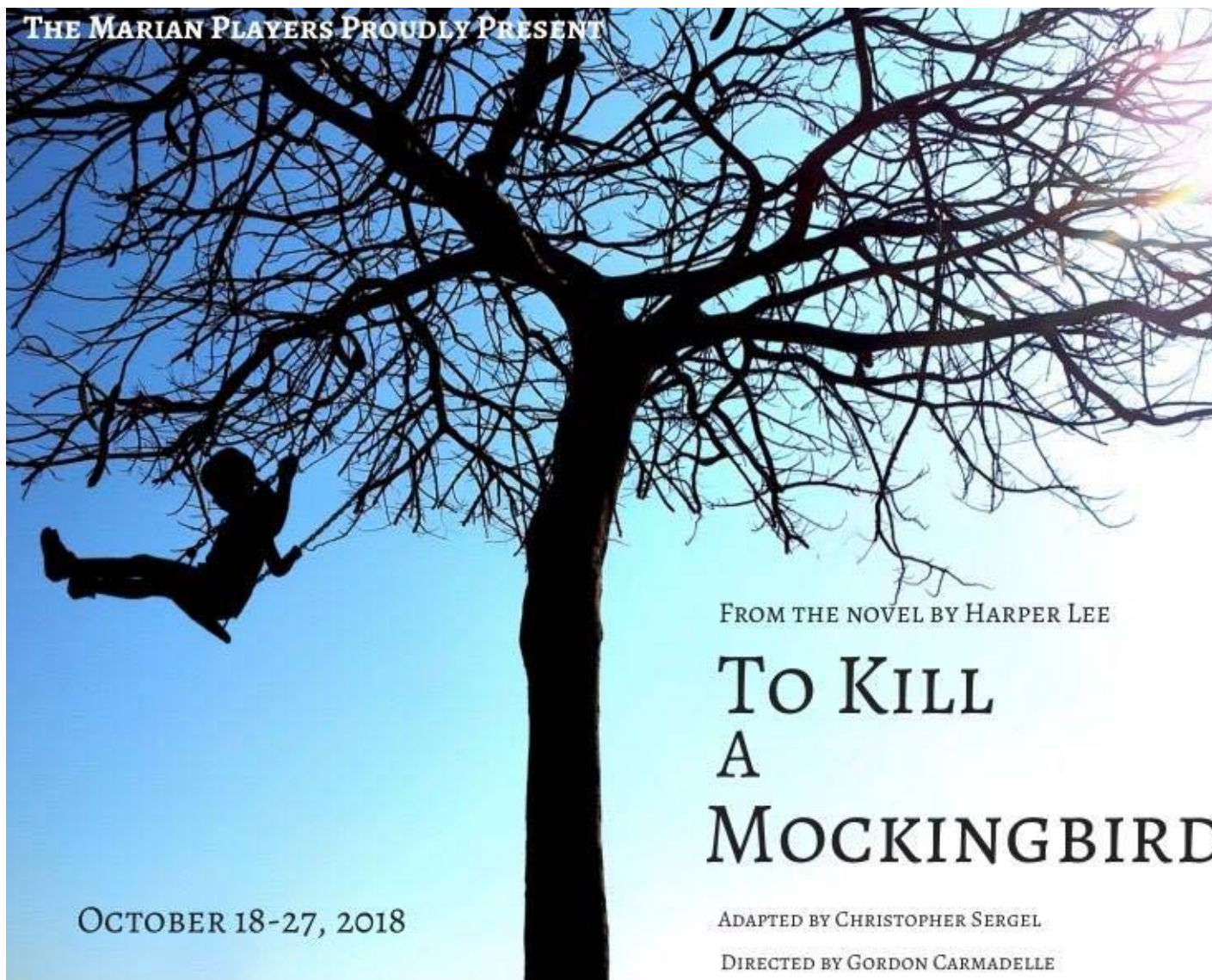
- **TDIH:** In 1792, the cornerstone of the White House is laid and in 1775, the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force—the precursor to the US Navy.
- **National Yorkshire Pudding Day:** Calling all Brits! Celebrate this iconic British dish that dates to the 1700s. It is made with flour, eggs, butter, milk, and pan drippings from roast beef & most often served with beef or chicken, and, of course, lots of gravy. A traditional staple of the British Sunday lunch, Yorkshire Pudding is still common today.
- **International Music Day:** Enjoy music today in all of its varied forms, and share your favorite music with others. I’ll be happy to lend some classical selections! Or even better, why not make some music of your own?
- **Cross Country:** Wolves in All State/Varsity Sports Meet in City Park, NO

### **Sun, Oct 14**

*Christopher and Gavin announce  
activities during HOCO.*

- **TDIH:** In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt was shot by a fanatic while campaigning in Milwaukee. Roosevelt was saved by his thick overcoat, a glasses case and a folded speech in his breast pocket, all of which slowed the bullet. Although wounded, he insisted on making the speech with the bullet lodged in his chest and did not go to the hospital until the speech was over. A rugged outdoorsman, he fully recovered in two weeks
- **TDIH:** In 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis begins, bringing the US & Russia to the brink of nuclear war. I remember “Nuclear bomb drills” in grammar school! We thought we’d survive by hiding under desks!
- **National Dessert Day!** Who knew? Treat yourself to some special dessert tonight!
- **Teresian Family Day:** The Teresian Sisters invite all to attend this annual celebration from 9 - 3, with mass at 11, at the provincial house at 18080 St. Joseph Way. Games, food, and fun are the order of the day.





**I call the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.**

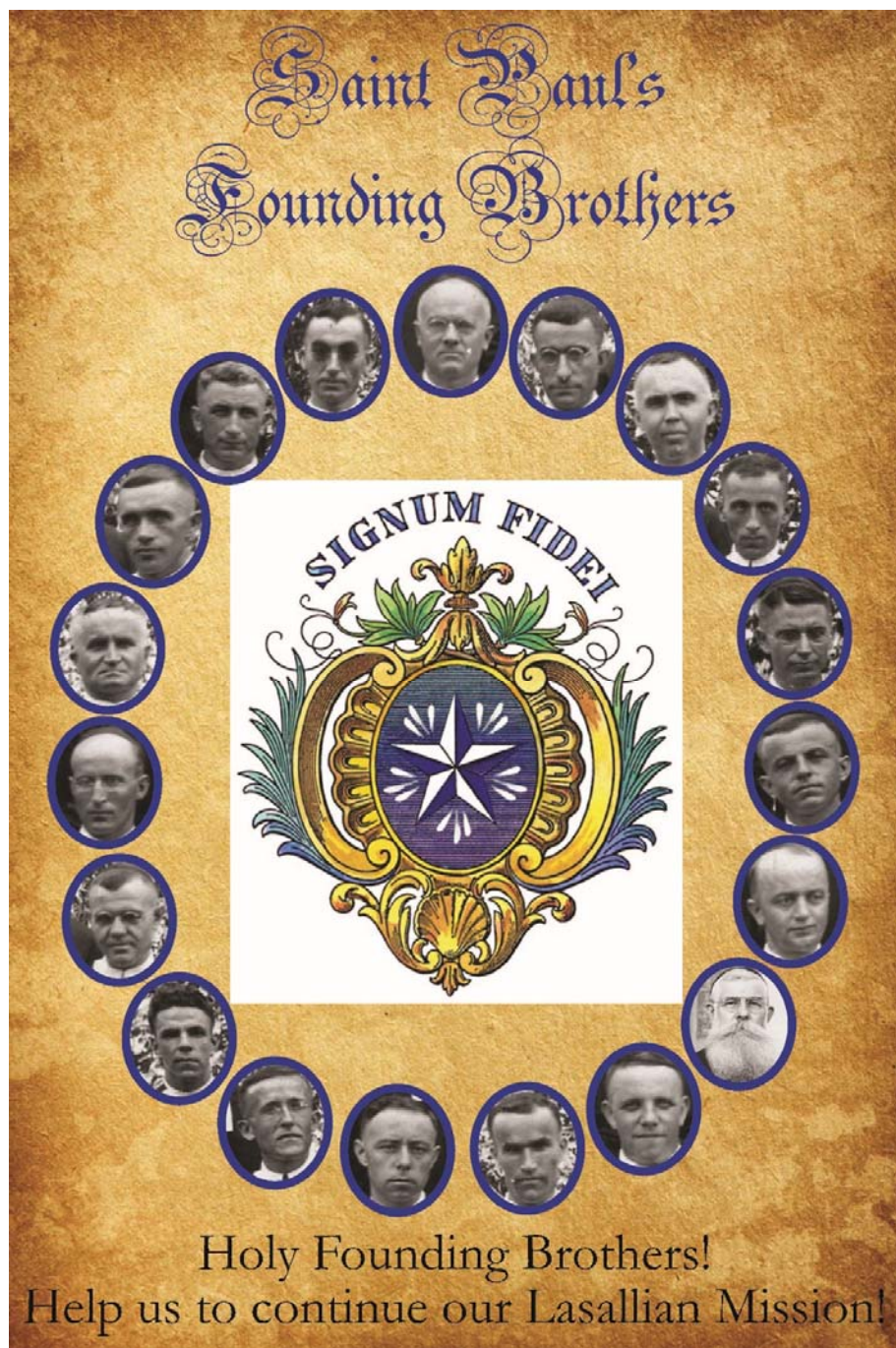
**ACT Prep:** SPS is very proud of our ACT scores – but we want to do even better. And ACT Prep is a marathon, not a sprint – it can't be done a week or two before the test. The time to start is years ahead. AP Joe Dickens promotes the following two sites which provide a free ACT question of the day. Encourage your son to use these resources. Better yet, make it a family activity! Have fun with the competition! Here are the links:

- <https://academy.act.org/> (a lot like Khan Academy regarding its prep work and video tutorials)
- <https://www.varsitytutors.com/act-questions-of-the-day> (a lot like Khan Academy regarding its prep work and video tutorials)

**Admissions for 2019 - 20:** 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:

- Shadow Days slots are filling quickly. Thank you for spreading the good word about SPS!
- Encourage any public school family that is interested in us to apply on time – early November. Priority is given to those students who apply on time.
- Encourage interested families to attend Open House on Sat, Oct 27 at 1 pm.
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on you





**Attendance:** We take attendance seriously. Please follow procedures for checking out a student (which I hope you do for only very serious reasons.) Send a note with your son BEFORE SCHOOL or email Suzy

([attendance@stpauls.com](mailto:attendance@stpauls.com)) to let her know. We can't always answer your calls as there is only one of her and over 1500 of you! Thank you for your cooperation.

**Benilde Hall Update:** Alleluia! We are occupying the whole facility! Only the elevator is inoperable for another week! Hope your son has gushed positively about this incredible project. The lighted tower makes quite a statement in the evenings!



**Biomedical Science Program Good News:** Eight years ago, Saint Paul's inaugurated a biomedical sciences program via Project Lead the Way's nationally recognized curriculum. This was made possible by a sponsorship from the Harry T. Howard Foundation. The five-year agreement with the Foundation ended three years ago and while we will always be grateful to the Foundation for launching our program, we needed to find a new sponsor. Two years ago, Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Oubre of Ponchartrain Cancer Center generously offered to sponsor the program for the four years. Last week, SPS received the third installment on their sponsorship. The Cancer Center and their personnel have been resources for the students involved in the program. The PLTW Biomedical Sciences Program is aligned with national learning standards, following a proven hands-on, real world problem solving approach to learning. The students explore the concepts of human medicine, and are introduced to a variety of topics including: physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health. Kathy Oubre, Pontchartrain Cancer Center's Chief Operating Officer stated, "David and I are blessed and honored to be able to give back to Saint Paul's School, a community that has meant so much to our family over the years. Moreover, this sponsorship allows us the opportunity to be a part of further educating those Saint Paul's students who have an interest in biomedical science." Dr. & Mrs. Oubre are the parents of SPS alumnus Nicholas, Class of 2016, and Michael, Class of 2020. We are EXTREMELY grateful.

**Bookstore: The Bookstore has moved to Benilde Hall! Come 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.



*Mystery swimmer identified! It's junior Jacob Eilers demonstrating tenacious swimming!*

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month:** I have been remiss in mentioning this and it's certainly more important than National Dessert Day or Frustration Day. As an all-boys school, we must not overlook the teachable moments concerning issues pertaining primarily to women, and our

boys need to know about this insidious disease, which can strike their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and future wives and daughters. And we have current parents and friends battling this medical scourge. I encourage enlightened, appropriate discussion of this important health issue with students when possible. We reach out in prayerful support to any family struggling with this issue. I invite you to pray the following:

We pray for those who are now ill. O God, Source of Life, heal them!  
For those who are affected by illness, anguish and pain. O God, Source of Life, heal them!  
Grant courage to those whose bodies, holy proof of Your creative goodness, are violated by illness.

O God, Source of Life, encourage them!  
Grant strength and compassion to those who give loving care, support and help to overcome despair.

O God, Source of Life, strengthen them!  
Grant wisdom to those who labor in the search for treatment and cures.

O God, Source of Life, inspire them!  
Grant clarity of vision and strength of purpose to the leaders of our institutions and our government.

May they be moved to act with justice and compassion and find the courage to overcome fear and hatred!

O God, Source of Life, guide them and bless us all!

#### **Cell Phones:**

- State Law prohibits motorists 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 allows students to 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.



### **Driver's License Proof of**

**Attendance:** Well, it happened again! A wonderful SPS family spent several hours at DMV, only to be turned away when they didn't have the enrollment form. Remember: you need one form for the permit and **another for the permanent license.** The forms are in the counseling department or the administration

building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance.

**Driving:** Please drive carefully and, if your son drives to school, stress traffic safety with him. Saint Paul's is located in a residential neighborhood, so be VERY careful when approaching campus. Covington Police will ticket violators – and we will take disciplinary action against students as well. And remember: **cell phone use in a school zone is against the law and can be ticketed by police!**

**Drug Testing:** We have begun drug testing, choosing students both randomly and “for cause.” Just because a student is tested does not mean he is suspected. Naturally, you may confidentially request that we add your son to the test list. We have committed more resources this year to increase the number of students tested. Know our policy by reviewing the handbook. A second positive result jeopardizes a student's place at SPS. Pray that students resist the allure of temporary pleasure over finding true meaning in life.

**Emergency Closing:** Although we have passed the statistical peak of Hurricane Season, we remain vigilant. And with safety foremost in our minds, I remind all of the directives from the Office of Catholic Schools:

- **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 and will send texts and emails.
- **Consult** PlusPortals and our web site.
- **Pray** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana.

**Grandparent Day:** GP is this Friday, October 12. Here's the info:

- Grandparents arrive on campus on Fri, Oct 12 and report to the Briggs Assembly Center to meet grandsons. School dismisses at 11:00 for the students, and the Grandparent Day Program begins at 11:30. Make sure you inform your son if his grandparent(s) will be attending. If a student has no grandparent attending, he is free to leave at 11.
- SPS moms will volunteer to
- A prayer service will begin shortly after everyone has been seated;
- A "President's Assembly" will follow;
- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program (a little over an hour or so.)

Past programs have been very successful, and we receive many compliments from the grandparents who attend. Thank you for helping us make this annual event so successful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Deadline for RSVPing was Tue, Oct 3.**

I know that some of you have suffered a loss lately; know that I am sensitive to these situations and offer our prayers for you. **Students attending Grandparent Day are asked to wear their dress uniforms!**



**Gym:** Oct 6 last week marked the three year anniversary of occupancy of our new gym. If you were here, I hope you remember the excitement as the boys entered for the first time. We even got TV coverage! Here's the link to relive WGNO's take on the ceremony.

<http://wgno.com/2015/10/06/so-what-does-the-new-gym-at-st-pauls-school-smell-like/>

And while I am grateful to all who made the gym possible, I am especially grateful for the major, named sponsorships:

- The anonymous alumnus who donated \$150,000
- Bleachers: The Dr. Joseph Lacoste Family
- Courtyard Plaza: The Dr. John Thompson Family
- Classroom: Saint Paul's Mothers' Club
- Coaches Office: The Mickey Champagne/Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament
- Lobby: Saint Paul's Class of 1982
- North Scoreboard: E. Tourelle's Northpark Nissan-Hyunda in honor of SPS alums Tyler '11 and Josh '17
- South Scoreboard: B & K Construction Company and The Wayne Mediamolle Family
- Concession Room: The Judge Adrian Duplantier Family
- Locker Room 1: The Dr. Anthony Albright Family
- Locker Room 2: The Dr. Kevin Darr Family

Three naming opportunities remain:

- Sound System: Still looking for a sponsor
- Main Court: Still looking for a sponsor
- Building: Still looking for a sponsor. Would you like to have the gym named after you or your family?

If you know of anyone interested, please let him or her know.



*Cymbals stand ready to add their unique sound to The Marching Wolves.*

### Helping Saint Paul's:

Don't forget – here are painless ways to help:

- If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase!
- Box Tops for Education – these are redeemable for cash. Have your son bring them to his math teacher.

### Honor Roll Breakfast

**Dates:** We have set the first quarter HR breakfast dates – which will be in November. See below for the exact schedule in “A Look Ahead.”



**ID Cards:** As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Please check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he must purchase a new ID from Sgt. Pressley. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

*Will, Cole, Chase, Cole, Jacob, & Garrett mug for camera as they man the gym concession stand.*

**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](mailto:broray@stpauls.com) or hit “reply” to this email!

**Jazz n Roll:** Join us for the 29th anniversary of Jazz ‘N Roll on Saturday, November 10! Come together with parents, alumni, sponsors and supporters in the community for Saint Paul’s major fundraiser. This event generates resources critical to preserve, promote and enhance education and extracurricular programs and facilities. Spend SATURDAY evening from 7:00pm – 11:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center and enjoy gourmet food and drink. Bid on wonderful, unique silent auction items donated by the community. This event will also include a fabulous restaurant raffle, and a 50/50. I’m humbled by the many sponsorships we are receiving, but we need you to purchase

tickets. Click here to do so or for more info: <https://www.stpauls.com/support/events/jazz-n-roll/>  
Contact the Development Office (892-3200, ext 1270, for more info.

**Breakfast with Santa**

**DECEMBER 1, 2018**

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL**  
MSGR. JOSEPH CHOTIN CENTER • 10:00 AM - NOON

**TICKETS: \$55 EACH**  
**RESERVE A PREFERRED TABLE FOR 6 GUESTS: \$375 PER TABLE**

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**12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDP)** began on Sep 21 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:** Wolves headed to BR on Sat; results pending.
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> beat Sci Academy on the last play of game! 9<sup>th</sup> & JV beat Covington, and Varsity returned with the Little Brown Jug on Thu night with a solid win over Covington. Geaux, FB Wolves!
- **Golf Tournament:** A sold-out cadre of SPS supporters invaded Tchefuncta CC on Fri for a day for golf and fun. Thanks, Al et al for once again conducting an outstanding tournament in memory of Coach Gene Bennett and Mr. Mickey Champagne.
- **LHSAA:** A “random audit” (yeah, right!) by the LHSAA last week to inspect our records found NO violations! And believe me, the paperwork is prodigious. Each of our over 500 athletes athlete must have 7 pages of info completed, signed, and on file. Our fall sports were 100% in compliance. Congrats and thanks to Clair and Carol! And, I guess, Craig deserves some kudos, too!
- **Marching Wolves/ Golden Blues Camp:** Many elementary school students got a taste of what life as a MW or GB is like – and had a grand time doing it.
- **SAT:** A flaw-free administration on Sat morning moved students one step closer to college.



- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves continue to garner attention and had a strong showing on Thu. I hear Handel!

### News We Can Use:

- The BBC reports the latest study that **Cannabis is 'more harmful than alcohol' for teen brains as the** drug impairs working memory and reasoning and has long-term effects, a study suggests. [Read the full story](#)
- 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.

**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>

**Rosary:** a group of students recite one decade of the rosary each morn, beginning at 7:40 on M, T, Th, and F and following mass on W. They would love to have your son join them. And since Oct is the month of the rosary – what a great witness!

**Senior Parents:** The official March through the Arch pictures are in! I don’t want to just hand them to the seniors as many pictures will end up at the bottom of a book bag or the back seat of a car. If you are on campus, stop by the admin building for the picture. Or give your son a note authorizing him to get the picture for you – after you talk to him about treating the pictures

with respect! These pictures are FREE, courtesy of Expressions Photography. Thanks, Expressions!

**Service Opportunities:** Please encourage your son where possible to support:

- Family Promise of St. Tammany: Did you know that St. Tammany School System as identified 1,124 children as homeless? Their parents choose to be “invisible” in order to keep their families together, but just because you can’t see a problem doesn’t mean it is not real. Family Promise of St. Tammany. Family Promise of St. Tammany does everything they can to help these families and their children get back on their feet emotionally, financially, mentally & spiritually. The next host week at St. Michael's in Mandeville is coming up Nov 4-10. Students are needed in the evening to tutor children and engage them in games and social activities. This is a VERY Lasallian endeavor and I encourage our students to volunteer. Contact: [pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com](mailto:pat.jensen.ejr@gmail.com) or hm: 985-231-7582 or cell: 281-797-8337. For more info about Family Promise, go to: <http://www.fpstp.org/>
- **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)**
- St. Tammany Cancer Center’s Car and Motorcycle Show on Nov 2. The event will be held in the parking lot of St. Tammany Cancer Center located at 1203 S. Tyler St. Covington, LA. Please just send your name, contact info, and time slot you are interested in. Thanks for helping us raise awareness for lung cancer. Email- [mwmoore@stph.org](mailto:mwmoore@stph.org) or call 985-898-3792. We need help during the following times- Set up : 2pm-5:30pm or 4:30-6:30
- And the event itself from 5:30pm-8:30pm
- St. Tammany Parish Hospital’s Monster Mash on Oct 21 at Bogue Falaya Park in Covington. Monster Mash is the only fundraiser for the STPH Parenting Center and all of its program for families, which are offered to the community at little or no cost. Almost 450 volunteers are needed to make Monster Mash a success. Sign up here: <http://www.sthfoundation.org/foundation/MonsterMash.htm>
- Teresian Sisters Family Day on Sunday, October 14 at their provincial house at 18180 St. Joseph Way, Covington. Two shifts: 9 to noon or noon – 3; Service hours provided. Help is needed filling balloons, setting up tables, setting up for 11 am outdoor mass, maning registration table, help with serving lunch and doing fun activities with children (fact painting, races, etc.) Contact. Sr. Isabel at 893-1470 to volunteer or for more info.

**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

**Sunday Activities:** I remind all of the policy of Archbishop Gregory Aymond that Catholic schools are not to schedule any activity on a Sunday without permission

**Weekly Humor:** In honor of National Dessert Day on Oct 14, here are some dessert jokes:

- *What's the best thing to put into a pie? Your teeth!*
- *Why did the ice cream truck break down? Because of the Rocky Road.*
- *Why did the pie go to a dentist? Because he needed a filling!*
- *What did the cake say to the fork? you want a piece of me?*
- *What did the newspaper say to the ice cream? What's the scoop*
- *Why did the cookie cry? Because his mother was a wafer so long!*
- *When is a birthday cake like a golf ball? When it's been sliced.*
- *How do you learn how to make ice cream? In Sunday (Sundae) School.*
- *When should you take a cookie to the doctor? When it feels crummy.*
- *Why did the students eat their homework? Because the teacher said that it was a piece of cake.*
- *How did Reese eat her ice cream? Witherspoon.*
- *Why couldn't the teddy bear finish his dessert? Because he was stuffed.*
- *How do astronauts eat their ice creams? In floats!*
- *Why do basketball players love cookies? Because they can dunk them!*
- *Why do we cook bacon and bake cookies?*
- *And finally: Sesame Street Bert and Ernie are sitting outside one day on Sesame Street. Bert turns to Ernie and asks, "Hey Ernie, wanna go get some ice cream?" Ernie replies, "Sure Bert." [get it? Hilarious!]*



*Tubas are ready to add their unique sounds to The Marching Wolves!*



*Student Hosts show off the new bookstore at Benilde Hall dedication and blessing ceremony.*



**Tutoring:** National Honor Society tutoring takes place according to the following schedule:

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 7:15 first floor of Benilde
- Monday and Thursday at lunch in first floor of Benilde.
- Essay proofreading services also provided.
- Please encourage your son to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get help from their most capable peers. **It is not embarrassing to do so!**

**A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead:**

- Fri, Oct 12 End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter; 11 dismissal followed by Grandparent Day
- Tue, Oct 16 Wolf Pack Time
- Mon, Oct 22 Late start; Parent-Teacher Conferences (5 – 7 in the BAC)
- Tue, Oct 23 President's Assembly; Shadow Day
- Fri, Oct 26 Late start for Faculty Wellness Screening
- Sat, Oct 27 Open House for Prospective Students
- Tue, Oct 30 Wolf Pack Time
- Thu, Nov 01 All School Mass (Feast of All Saints); Dress Uniform Day
- Fri, Nov 02 Dia de los Muertos
- Mon, Nov 5 Archdiocesan Retreat Day for all schools; no classes for students
- Tue, Nov 6 Senior Day with the Archbishop at OLL; 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in cafeteria
- Wed, Nov 7 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- Thu, Nov 8 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- Fri, Nov 9 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- Sat, Nov 10 Jazz 'n Roll
- Mon, Nov 12 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- Tue, Nov 13 President's Assembly
- *November 14 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat*
- *November 15 -16 10<sup>th</sup> Grade WWII Museum Trip/Service Day*
- M – F, Nov 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Tue, Nov 27 President's Assembly
- Mon, Dec 03 Late start for faculty meeting
- Tue, Dec 04 Pack Time
- Thu, Dec 06 Snack Day; Luminarias
- Tue, Dec 11 President's Assembly
- Thu, Dec 13 Exam reviews begin
- Fri, Dec 14 Semester Exams begin
- 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



*Crowning touch to Benilde Hall renovation!*

- 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

Whew! Enough for now! I can’t believe we are starting the the last week of the first quarter!

As usual, I’ll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I can’t listen to any more since WWNO stopped broadcasting the show but I’m still LOLing over past shows on its website!): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

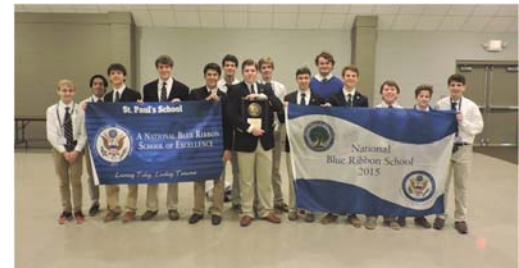
Pray that we end the first quarter on a positive note! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018 - 19 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

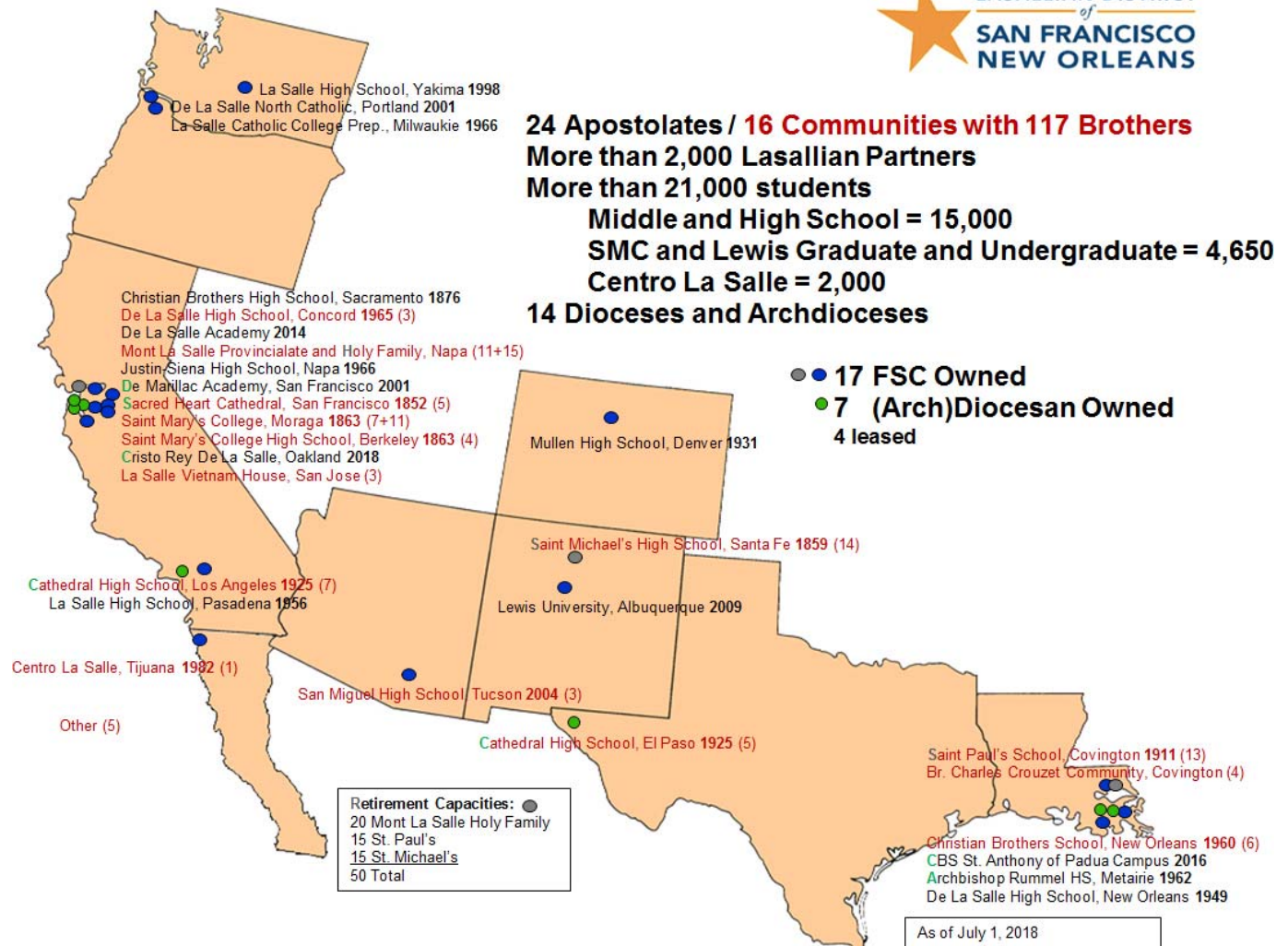
Can’t Believe It’s the Last Week of the First Quarter and I’m Still the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of Saint Paul’s School



*...by doing ordinary things  
extraordinarily well, making  
courageous choices, doing God’s  
will, remaining faithful, being  
guided to God, and continuing  
our Lasallian Mission!*











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