



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



*October 29 – Nov 04, 2018*

Welcome to the third week of the second quarter! Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.



*Dominick lights prayer candle at assembly.*

Our annual Open House for prospective students for 2019 - 20 occurred yesterday, Sat, Oct 27. I had no idea as to how many people (if any) would attend, but we prepared as we always have: maintenance cleaned and polished, students prepared talks, student hosts were briefed, and faculty had presentations ready. Thanks to Trevor, Joe, department chairs, Karen, student hosts, Mothers Club, & Maintenance for all the hard work. And the results were very gratifying!

The “mood” among private schools in our area (on both shores) is guarded about enrollment as evidenced by an inordinate amount of private school advertising. Everyone is concerned. The rising cost to attend private school, charter schools, & the amount of students vs. the number of schools are all daunting challenges. And here on the northshore, we compete against an excellent public school system.

So how will SPS ultimately fare? If we are faithful to our Mission and Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s directive to the first Brothers that we are doing God’s work (*Domine, Opus Tuum – Lord, the Work is Yours!*), we will do just fine. Athletics, academics, and facilities are all integral parts of a good school, but our fidelity to the Lasallian Mission and our unswerving belief in the presence of God will be our salvation – here on earth and ultimately in the next life.

*Domine, Opus Tuum – no better message for us to remember as we prepare for 2019 - 20 – our 108<sup>th</sup> year!*

## **Mon, Oct 29 (Regular; G A B C)**

- **This Day in History:** In 1969, the first electronic message was sent via the Internet. Let’s not draw attention to the fact that the system crashed half way through sending it, though. And speaking of crashes, in 1929, the New York Stock Exchange “crashes” beginning the Great Depression.
- **TDIH:** Today marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonization of Saint Brother Benilde in Rome: Oct 29, 1967! Let us remember this remarkable saint who was noted for doing the ordinary things in an extraordinary way. May we strive to imitate him!
- **Hermit Day:** a day to spend quietly in seclusion. Hmmmm.... Sounds good to me!
- **National Candy Corn Day:** Indulge! (Notice a theme building up to Halloween?)
- **National Cat Day:** OK you cat lovers! Here’s your day to celebrate with Tabby!

- **National Honor Society / Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society Induction Ceremony (6:30 pm in the BAC)** We are again combining the induction ceremony for these two honor societies since most students belong to both. This saves families from having to come for a separate induction ceremony for both.
- **HOSA field trip to Ochsner Hospital in NO**
- **Basketball:** Wolves open season with JV & Varsity v. Lusher (5:30)

### **Tue, Oct 30 (Wolf Packs; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1938, Orson Welles causes a nationwide panic with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds"—a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth. You can listen to this classic on You Tube.
- **TDIH:** In 1990, for the first time since the Ice Age, Great Britain becomes connected with the European continent vi a new rail tunnel (called the chunnel) under the English Channel.
- **Haunted Refrigerator Night:** Who knows what evil lurks in your refrigerator? It's time to be afraid, very afraid. Gather friends, open the refrigerator door, and venture unto the realm of the lower shelf, rear. That "thing" inside that container is much more horrifying than any trick or treater tomorrow night!
- **National Caramelized Apple Day:** Just eat the apple sans the caramel.
- **Checklist Day:** During the 1930s, early aviators searched for ways for flying to be safer and avoid the all-too-common takeoff crash. One group came up with the idea to create a checklist before taxiing down the runway. The origins of Checklist Day can be traced back to this singular event. So how do you celebrate today? Make a checklist!
- **Guests on Campus:** A group of teachers from Panama who are studying English teaching at SLU. Their instructor is Dr. Tara Lopez. She is bringing them to campus to visit our English classes to see how we instruct. And, yes, there are at least four Lasallian schools in Panama!
- **Wrestling Meet the Team (6:30)**

### **Wed, Oct 31 (Regular; A B C D)**

- **Happy Halloween!** I offer you a traditional Scottish prayer for tonight: *From ghoulies and ghosties / and long-leggedy beasties / And things that go bump in the night, / Good Lord, deliver us!*
- **TDIH:** In 1517, the priest & scholar Martin Luther nails a paper containing the 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg.



*A mom sent me this photo last week of her three wonderful SPS sons who have all marched through the arch! Senior parents – your pics are available in the admin building!*

- **TDIH:** In 1940, the Battle of Britain ends. Beginning on July 10, 1940, German bombers and fighters had attacked coastal targets, airfields, London and other cities, as a prelude to a Nazi invasion of England. British pilots of Spitfires and Hurricanes show down over 1,700 German aircraft while losing 915 fighters.

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few,” declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

- **TDIH:** In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. It contains 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four presidents – representing America’s founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion/conservation.  
Trivia question: can you name the four presidents? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **National Knock-Knock Joke Day:** Drive all crazy today by telling K-K jokes. It’s always on Halloween.

**Thu, Nov 01 (Feast of All Saints; Mass schedule; DRESS UNIFORM DAY; E F G A)**

- Today we remember those who lived their lives in such union with God that this union was complete at death. These are SILENT saints who far outnumber "official" saints, and are often more cherished than "canonized" saints. John Baptist de La Salle wrote: *yearn as the saints did for the happiness which they now enjoy, considering...not the visible things, but the invisible, because the visible things are temporary, whereas the invisible are eternal.*"
- **All School Mass at 9:30; you may join us in the BAC**
- **National Authors’ Day:** Read your favorite author today!
- **TDIH:** In 1512, ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time. Here’s the link to the Vatican Museum site in order to view this incredible artistic achievement: [http://mv.vatican.va/3\\_EN/pages/CSN/CSN\\_Main.html](http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/CSN/CSN_Main.html)
- **TDIH:** In 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School opened with just 12 students. In 1874, the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools in America.
- **National Men Make Dinner Day (1<sup>st</sup> Thu):** OK, guys, time to step up and cook dinner tonight or make sandwiches!
- **Basketball:** JV & Varsity v. Salmen (5:330)



*Aqua Wolves captains Jacob and Drew present championship banner to AD Ketelsen.*

**Fri, Nov 02 (All Souls Day; assembly schedule; B C D E)**

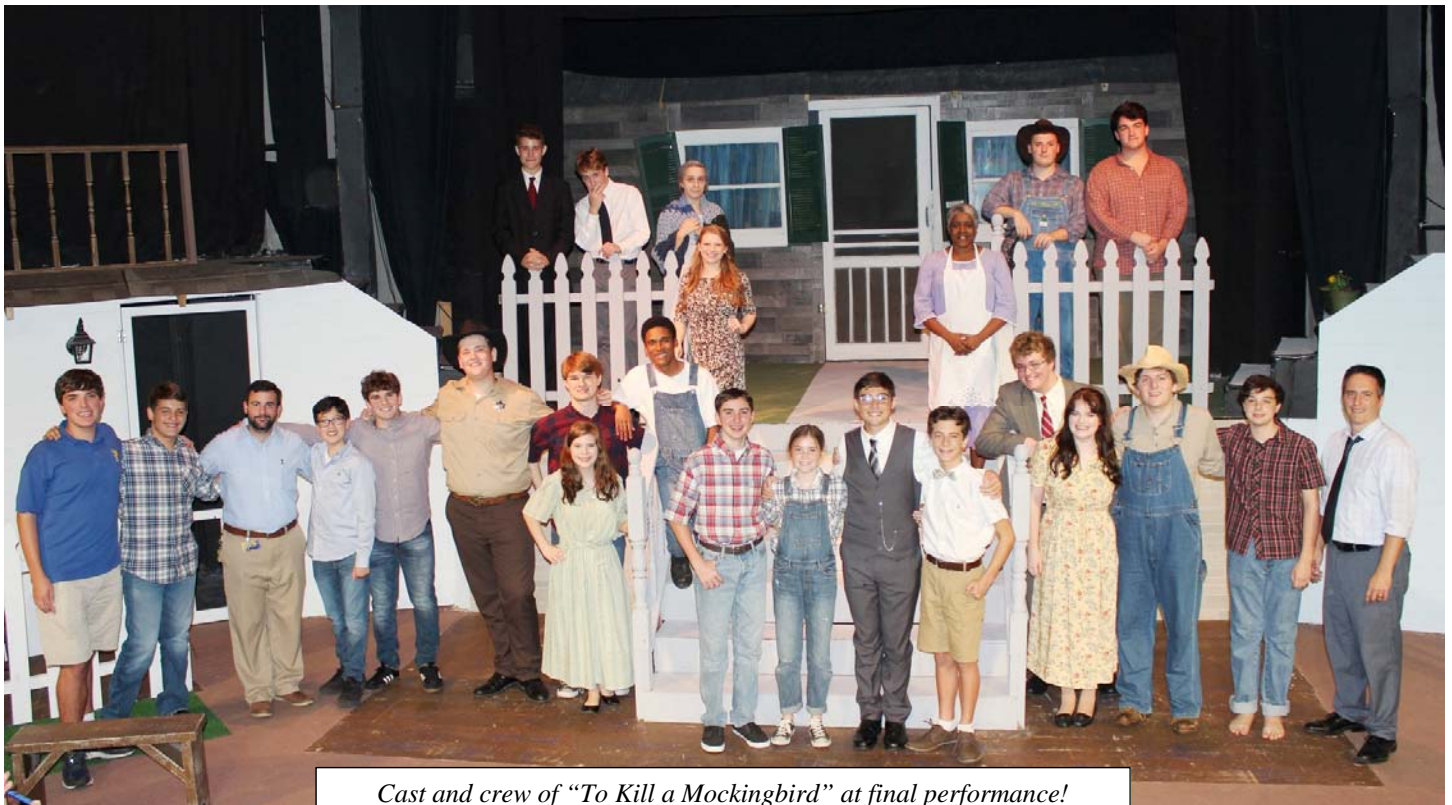
- **All Souls Day:** Today we remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life.
- **Dia de los Muertos:** We will have our annual remembrance today at a special prayer service. We remember those whom we loved who have entered eternal life. Thanks to Liz & Lobos for this special event.
- **National Deviled Egg Day:** Enjoy!
- **Football:** Wolves in regular season finale v. Fontainebleau (7)



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Sat, Nov 03

- **TDIH:** In 1957, Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika
- **National Sandwich Day:** Enjoy your favorite sandwich!
- **National Cliché Day:** From the NCD website: *Every dog has his day. And evidently, so does every minuscule detail of modern society, including the cliché. Not to beat around the bush about it; we'll just come right out and tell you that, as hard as this fact may be to swallow, today is National Cliché Day. Really, we're not just yanking your chain. We wouldn't pull your leg about something as serious as National Cliché Day. By the time National Cliché Day is over, a good time will have been had by all.* Use your favorite clichés today.
- **Love Your Lawyer Day:** No lawyer jokes today!
- **Cross Country:** Wolves in Regional Meet in BR
- **Wrestling:** JV at Rummel and JH v. Bro. Martin & Jesuit at Bro Martin



*Cast and crew of "To Kill a Mockingbird" at final performance!  
Great job, Marian Players!*

**Sun, Nov 04 – We encourage all families, especially our Catholic families, to attend church today.**

- **Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time ends at 2:00 am today. Fall back! Enjoy the extra hour!**
- **TDIH:** In 1979, Iranian student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists keep 52 Americans hostage for the next 14 months.
- **King Tut Day:** Today celebrates the date of the discovery of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Over 3000 years ago, Tut became King of Egypt at age 9. He died at 19. The cause of his death is uncertain, but murder and innocent accident are two leading contenders. Back in the 1970's, a traveling King Tut show spent time at

the New Orleans Museum of Art. The main drive was painted blue to simulate the Nile River. Spend some time today with Egyptian history.

- **Use Your Common Sense Day:** While CS should be used EVERY day, make a special effort today!
- **Zero Tasking Day (always Sun of daylight saving time)** allows you to spend the extra hour you got by doing whatever you want! #NOTASKS! Since it's a Sunday, feel free to zero task!

### **Moon, Nov 05 (Archdiocesan Formation Day at OLL; no classes for students)**

- **Guy Fawkes Day:** *Remember, remember the fifth of November:* On this day in 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators are arrested while trying to blow up England's Parliament. The day is celebrated in England with bonfires and fireworks. Only the British!

### **Tue, Nov 06 (8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast); F G A B)**

- **Northshore Senior Day with Archbishop Aymond:** The seniors of the four Catholic high schools in St. Tammany will spend a faith formation day at OLL, celebrating their common Catholic school experience and celebrating mass with Archbishop Aymond. I am grateful to Archbishop Aymond for making this a yearly priority in his ministry to the Young Church. I am also grateful to Father Mark, Principal Smith and all at OLL for accommodating over 500 seniors! OLL cancels school on this day to accommodate us.



**TDIH:** In 1936, 58 Brothers of the Christian Schools died in defense of their faith and their religious identity during the Spanish religious persecution. These Brothers recognized the strength of their own faith, confessing their state as believers and as religious. Before their death they were imprisoned, tortured, and condemned without a trial through no fault of their own. They refused to renounce their religious identity or to abandon the school or the community to save their lives. All died heroically as they pardoned their executioners and proclaimed Christ as the only King and Lord of their lives. These men are examples of faith and inspiration.

- **TDIH:** In 1854, American conductor John Philip Sousa was born. Listen to some Sousa today!
- **TDIH:** In 1861, James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, was born. Play some basketball today! Or in my case, watch basketball today!
- **National Nacho Day:** Enjoy this treat today! Ole! Trivia: Nacho is short for a cook named Ignacio Anaya in the Mexican town of Piedras Negras (across the border from Eagle Pass,

TX) who is recorded to have first served this dish in 1943 to a dozen ladies on a shopping trip who came to the restaurant after it had closed. This was a simple dish that Ignacio had the ingredients for so he served it and called it simply, **Nachos Especiales**. And now you know!

- **Saxophone Day:** Adophe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born today in 1814. I wish you could have the Marching Wolves sax section play for us today!
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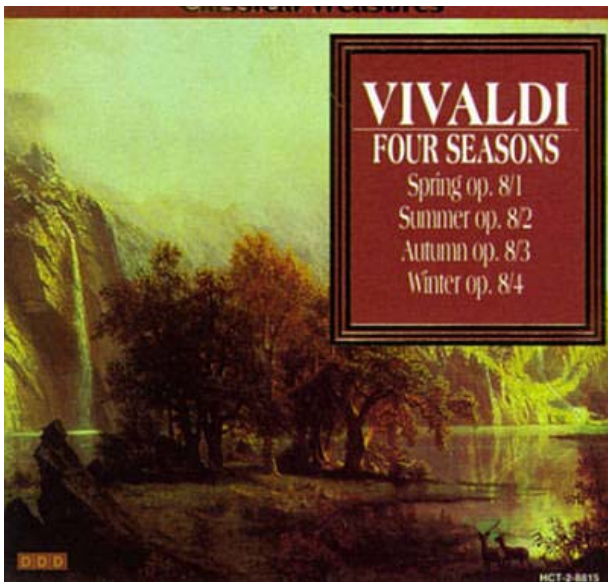
**I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.**

**ACT Prep:** SPS is very proud of our ACT scores – but we want to do even better. And ACT Prep is a marthon, 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. Make it a family activity! Have fun with 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: only one left! Have interested families call for a reservation. 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.
- **If a family missed Open House but still want to see the school, have them call for an appointment and I'll be happy to show them around.**
- We rely on current and former families to spread the word about SPS! I know I can count on yo



**Assembly on Oct 23:** I hope the students enjoyed our assembly last week. Here's some of what we did:

- The students entered the gym listening to the first movement of "Autumn", part of "The Four Seasons Suite" by Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi. This perennial favorite musically mimics the harvesters going into the field to reap the crops that have been cared for during the summer. And as it's autumn here in south LA, it's only appropriate that we listen to Vivaldi!
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Dominick O'Brien**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Alfred Parden, Jr.** grandfather of Joey Keller '20.
- Welcomed a group of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who were visiting SPS on a Shadow Day. I showed them several slides of how Saint Paul's campus had changed over the years.
- Reminded all that our **Mission Statement** calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus

- Recognized and congratulated the State Rally winners from last April. Why have I waited so long? The medals were only sent LAST WEEK! Amazing! Anyway, special congrats to **Andrew Aceves -- Gold in Vocal Solo; Patrick Baldone – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Calculus I; Jonathan Bertucci – 1<sup>st</sup> in Functions and Statistics; Matthew Borgatti – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Physics; Josh Devier – 1<sup>st</sup> in Biology II; Jake Holincheck – 2<sup>nd</sup> in English I & David Needles – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Computer Science**
- Recognized and congratulated the students who attended Grandparent Day.

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- Recognized and congratulated the 32 juniors who made the 24 silent, unplugged retreat at Manresa: **Sam Avenel, Ian Kramer, Evan Babin, Andrew Lacoste, Jack Ballard, Charlie Layman, Paxton Ballard, James Lee, Blake Bollinger, Louis Marion, Josh Bonnett, Brady Meibaum, Mason Byrne, Evan Meral, Connor Charles, Landon Rees, Brayden Cornette, Ben Schwing, Gabe Daigle, Miguel Seruntine, Frank Galeziewski, Johnathon Sheffield, Jack Grace, Scott Sonnier, Sam Heap, Trey Smith, Andrew Hollingsworth, Blaine Sullivan, Charles Hoy, Michael Valliant, Patrick Kilgore, and Luke Vargas**
- Recognized and congratulated again our eight National Merit Semi-finalists: **Jackson Gold, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Stephen Millet, David Needles, Andrew Norlin, and Christopher Wilson**
- Recognized and congratulated again the five National Merit Commended Students, who barely missed (by as little as one point!) being named Semi-Finalists: **John Paul Bourgeois, Nicholas Briggs, Beau Franklin, Jacob Lauterbach, & Blake Ramsey.**
- Recognized and congratulated the newly named National Merit Commended Hispanic Students: **Beau Franklin, Rafael Guzman, David Needles, and Chris Wilson**



*SPS Key Club cleans up campus!*

- Recognized and congratulated the cast and crew of The Marian Players' production of "To Kill a Mockingbird", directed by SPS drama instructor Gordon Carmadelle. The play is EXCELLENT!
- Recognized and congratulated the SPS Key Club, which has been doing service projects almost every Saturday since the start of school. Here is a partial list of what the Key Club has done:
  - **Aug 18: Habitat**
  - **Aug 25: Community garden/street clean-up**

- **Sep 1: campus clean-up and Community garden**
  - **Sep 8: Hoops for kids**
  - **September 22: Habitat**
  - **September 29: Street/campus clean-up**
  - **October 6: Resurfacing at the Park**
  - **October 13: campus clean-up**
  - **October 14: Justin Addison Memorial Conservation Cup & New gym garden work**
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Matthew Algebro** for being named WGNO Scholar Athlete of the Week on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. I tried to show WGNO's feature on Matthew but the technology gremlins spoiled my efforts.
  - Then, as if by magic, George Frideric Handel's "Water Music" started playing – which means that the **Aqua Wolves** were swimming – and very impressively, too! In lieu of a District 6-5A championship, all of the schools in St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes hold a Regional Championship. St. Paul's won the meet, thus making us District, Parish, and Regional Champions all at once! Aqua Wolves won by more than 100 points over second plane finisher. Team Captains Jacob Eiler and Drew Putfark presented the championship banner to AD Craig Ketelsen. Individually,
    - **200 Medley Relay**
    - **2nd - Austin Peak, Drew Putfark,**
    - **Jesse Cheng, Harrison Juneau**
    - **200 Freestyle**
    - **4th place - Cameron Smith**
    - **6th - Christian Kramer**
    - **8th - Alex Rawls**
    - **200 Individual Medley (IM)**
    - **4th - Austin Peak**
    - **8th - Drew Putfark**
    - **10th - Jack McNamara**
    - **50 Freestyle**
    - **2nd - Jesse Cheng**
    - **7th - Harrison Juneau**
    - **13th - Jacob Eilers (\*New Metro Qualifier)**
    - **Bradford Day (\*New Metro Qualifier)**
    - **100 Butterfly**
    - **4th - Cameron Smith**
    - **9th - David Barcelona**
    - **10th - Jacob Eilers**
    - **13th - Evan Abraham**



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- **100 Freestyle**
- **1st (District, Parish, and Regional Champ) - Jesse Cheng**
- **8th - Harrison Juneau**
- **12th - Scott Messa (\*New Metro Qualifier)**
- **13th - Bradford Day**
- **Mason Byrne (\*New Metro Qualifier)**
- **500 Freestyle**
- **3rd - Alex Rawls**
- **5th - Christian Kramer**
- **10th - Jack McNamara**
- **13th - David Barcelona**
  
- **200 Freestyle Relay**
- **5th - Cameron Smith, Scott Messa, Jacob Eilers, Harrison Juneau**
  
- **100 Backstroke**
- **2nd - Austin Peak**
- **5th - Niko Williamson (\*New Metro Qualifier)**
- **8th - Jack Rodgers**
- **9th - Kristian Ernst**
  
- **100 Breaststroke**
- **1st (District, Parish, and Regional Champion) - Drew Putfark**
- **7th - Evan Abraham**
- **10th - Brady Billiot**
- **14th - John Buckley**
  
- **400 Freestyle Relay**
- **1st (District, Parish, and Regional Champs) - Cameron Smith, Austin Peak, Jesse Cheng, Drew Putfark**

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The 1916 Foot Ball Team of St. Paul's College, Covington, La.

- Recognized and congratulated the **football quarterback Jack Mashburn** for being named **The New Orleans Advocate's Player of the Week** for Week Seven. We've come a long way since 1916!
- Then, as if by magic, Gioachino Antonio Rossini's "William Tell Overture" started playing – which means that the **Cross Country Wolves** are off and running. In their latest accomplishment, the CC Wolves won their 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive District Championship! Pretty phenomenal! With a very low score of 23, the Wolves placed all seven runners in the top ten, making the All-district team. Junior Patrick Elliott, finishing 2nd, led the Wolves on the three mile course with a blazing 15:54 time, followed by sophomore Evan Pardo, close behind in 16:03, placing 3rd. Senior Evan Hendry took 5th place in 16:25, Alex Schlottman was 6th in 16:26, and Harrison Elliott finished 7 in 16:30, giving the team the 23 point score. District runner-up was Fontainebleau with 60 points, followed by Mandeville in 3rd place with 67 points. The running wolves have placed in top four in all races this season as they prepare for their Regional Meet, November 3, and the State Meet on November 13. Other results this year:
  - 3rd in the Allstate Sugar Bowl Meet
  - 2nd in Christian Brothers Invitational
  - 4th in Catholic High Invitational
  - 2nd in St. Joseph Invitational
  - 1st in the Episcopal High round Table

And the future of SPS CC looks good, too, as the JV finished the District Race in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a perfect score of 15! Wow!

- I then reminded the seniors that they were experiencing the "last time" for many events. The District CC race is an example, as only the top seven runners advance to regional competition. To visually show this, I projected a wonderful black and white photo of senior Austin Harris preparing for his final race as a Wolf.



- At this point I was out of time, so my many other recognitions will roll over to the next assembly. I closed by reminding the students of 7:15 am mass on Wed mornings, the one decade rosary recitation at 7:40 in the mornings, and that the new library is staying open until 4:30 – as long as students are using it.
- Since we are still in October, a month dedication to our Blessed Mother, we closed with the boys singing Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above – it was wonderful.
- As junior **Jason Hipps** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded the students that they must leave the gym and be the Light of God to all whom they meet. The students exited to the strains of “Autumn” by Vivaldi.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!



#### **Bookstore:**

**The Bookstore has moved to Benilde Hall! Come see the new and improved Bookstore.**

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.

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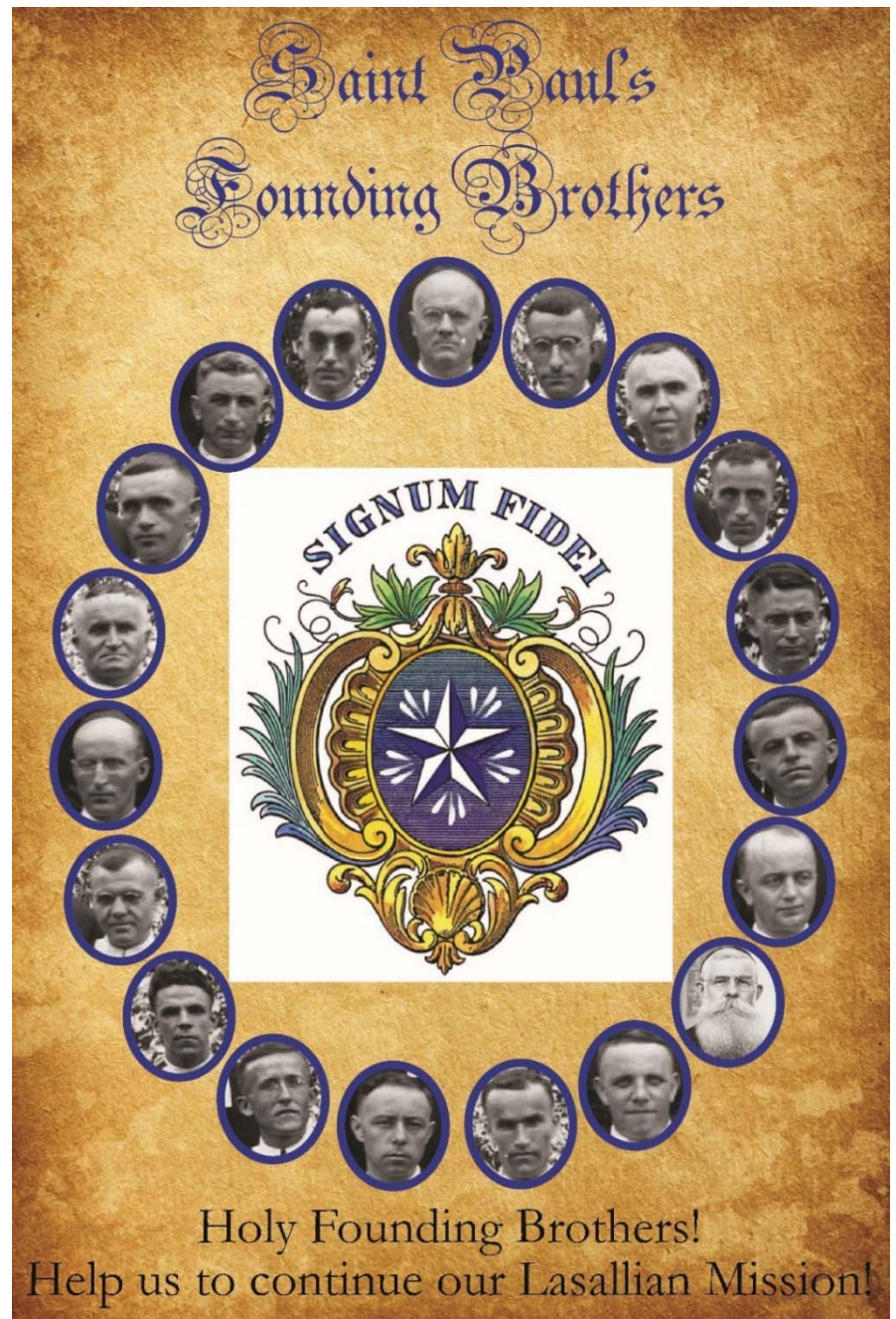
### Cell Phones:

- 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.

**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.



**Eternal Rest Dept:** Mrs. Cheryl Orillion, principal of Holy Rosary Academy in New Orleans and a long-time Catholic school administrator, died last week. Approximately one month ago, Cheryl was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. We offer our prayer to the Holy Rosary community and Cheryl's family. Holy Rosary, located in uptown NO, provides a Catholic co-ed learning environment that embraces students with different learning styles. The school does great work.

**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.

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**Honor Roll Breakfasts:** Invitations will be emailed soon, but you can know if your son made the honor roll by looking at his report card or consulting PlusPortals. Students and parents are invited. We begin at 7:40 sharp and it's over by 8:20. Here's the format: a nice Chick-fil-A breakfast is served, students are recognized individually, and yours truly makes some congratulatory remarks. Here's the schedule (yes, we are going back to the cafeteria:

- Tuesday, Nov 6 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Wednesday, Nov 7 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Thursday, Nov 8 for 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Friday, Nov 9 for 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria
- Monday, Nov 12 for 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the cafeteria.

**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 temporary ID from Sgt. Pressley. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10

**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



*Drama students design and create "shoe box" sets.*

**Jacket Check:** If your son attended homecoming dance, please check that he returned with his correct jacket. We still have two jackets at school and one student is missing his jacket. He says that he has a fork in the pocket of his jacket. (why does he have a fork in the pocket? I have no idea.)



**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.



**Lasallian World:** Our Superior General recently spoke at the Bishop's Synod (a major meeting) in Rome for a larger role for women. The two Rome-based umbrella groups representing nearly a million members of male and female Catholic religious orders around the world will present Pope Francis with a proposal to give women a larger role in the Synod of Bishops. Lasallian Br. Robert Schieler, one of two non-ordained religious brothers serving as members in the ongoing Oct. 3-28 synod on young people, said the proposal is "to consider how, in future synods going forward, we can get more voice from the sisters." Schieler, who leads the global De La Salle Brothers said in an Oct. 15 interview that the umbrella groups are planning to ask the pope about both participation of more women religious and the possibility of giving those who take part the power to vote in the discussions.

#### Last Week:

- **ACT:** Over 200 test takers on campus Sat morning!
- **Basketball:** Good scrimmage Sat afternoon during Open House.
- **Christian Brothers School Falcon Day:** A delegation of five Wolves teamed with the other Lasallian area high schools to help Christian Brothers School in City Park have a great Falcon Day. Thanks to **Grant Addison, Kristian McHugh, Andrew Moore, Ben Klein, Sean Hightower and Mrs. Kristin Lagraize** for representing us so well as we celebrate our shared Lasallian Mission.
- **Drama:** *TKAM*'s second week was a smashing success. We are very grateful to and proud of Gordon and The Marian Players. I hope you got to see one of the wonderful performances.
- **Faculty Formation / Level Meetings on Monday:** Thanks for your cooperation with Monday's late start in order for our faculty to participate in Lasallian formation and other important matters.
- **Football et al:** Great win over Mandeville!
- **Marching Wolves** performed a Michael Jackson halftime show. The Super Six danced and Ross led a group of zombies in the Thriller dance with the Golden Blues, complete with fog machine. Mesmerizing!
- **Parent – Teacher Conferences:** Thanks to those of you who attended. I hope the time was beneficial.
- **SSA Homecoming Activities:** We were pleased to cooperate with SSA's activities last week.
- **Shadow Day:** Another group of young men spend last Tuesday morning with us, taking a look at what SPS has to offer. Spread the word! We have one more SD to go.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves swam tenaciously and returned home with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy in NO Metro Meet! I hear Handel's Water Music playing!
- **Wellness Screening:** Thanks for your cooperation with the late start on Friday so our faculty/staff could participate in wellness screening and receive flu shots. This not only helps keep our faculty healthy but also



helps keep our medical premiums under control. For your information, Saint Paul's has an excellent medical/dental benefit for our full time staff. We pay entire premium with only a \$250 deductible – which is virtually unheard of. It's expensive, but it helps keep quality staff as they greatly appreciate this benefit.

- **Winter Sports:** And our wrestling, basketball and soccer seasons got started last week with tryouts, practices and Meet the Teams. We are sensitive to those students who did not make the team of their choice and will encourage them to become involved in another sport that can accommodate them. Or try something new, like the Marching Wolves, Paper Wolf, Lasallian Young Leaders, Marian Players, Eco Car, Env Science, etc., etc. etc. (Yes, I know that's redundant.)

## ***Dress uniform day on Thu, Nov 1!***

### **National Teen Driver Safety Week occurred last week but it's worth**

**repeating:** Every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about the important rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel of a passenger car, truck, or SUV. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, speeding, and number of passengers.

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15 to 18 years old) in the United States - ahead of all other types of injury, disease, or violence.
- There were 1,972 teen drivers of passenger vehicles involved in fatal motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2015. An estimated 99,000 teen passenger vehicle drivers were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes.



*Aqua Wolves prepare to depart for Metro Meet in NO*

**November:** In case you are looking to celebrate something, November is National Adoption Month, AIDS Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month, American Diabetes Month, American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Caregivers Month, Family Stories Month, Georgia Pecan Month, Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month Inspirational Role Models Month, Long-Term Care Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Month of the Military Family, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Pet Cancer Awareness Month, Pomegranate Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, Roasting Month, Scholarship Month, and Vegan Month -- something for everyone!

**The Paper Wolf:** We have an award winning digital newspaper, but readership is not where it needs to be. Last year's staff feels it's due in part to our no longer allowing devices during SSR. Regardless, we need to promote TPW. Please subscribe if you haven't already done so. Promote it with your classes and give an encouraging word to the staff. Thanks.

**Report Cards and Semester Grades:** We emailed first quarter report cards last week. Check your spam folder if you didn't receive it. If it's not there, let me know and I'll send you another copy. Remember that the first quarter accounts for 40% of the semester grade, with the second quarter accounting for 40% and the semester exam accounting for 20%. Remember that the only grade that really counts is the SEMESTER grade – that's the one that goes on transcripts and is used to calculate grade point average.

**Rosary:** a group of students recite one decade of the rosary each morning in the chapel, 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/>

- 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-

up : 2pm-5:30pm or 4:30-6:30 And the event itself from 5:30pm-8:30pm

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**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

**Study Hall after School:** The "library" will be open every afternoon (Monday-Thursday) until 4:30. Students are free to come and go. You are encouraged to mention this service to your sons who are on campus after school with nothing to do or who may be waiting for a late ride or a practice to begin. All we ask is that they treat the facility with respect and that they are quiet. The space will be supervised by faculty. We will offer this service as long as there is a demand.

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**Sunday Activities:** I remind you of the policy of Archbishop Gregory Aymond that Catholic schools are not to schedule any activity on a Sunday. Recently, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. RaeNell Houston sent out the following clarification on participation of Catholic school students in events hosted or sponsored by an



outside agency: *Schools may participate in activities on Sundays that are hosted or sponsored by an outside entity only if certain conditions are met. The participation of students on Sunday may only be voluntary. Never is an event to be mandatory on Sunday. The voluntary status of each event must be formally communicated to students and their families. Under no circumstance may punitive action take place, including any type of sarcasm, shame, or disgrace, as a result of the decision of the family for a student not to participate in a Sunday event. Anytime our school groups participate in a Sunday activity, it is up the moderator of the group to see that the Sunday obligation of Mass is fulfilled.* Naturally, we will comply with this policy of Archbishop Aymond and the Office of Catholic Schools.



*Key Club collects clothes for NAMI of St. Tammany.*

**Tutoring:** National Honor Society tutors are available in the Benilde Hall (first floor) during lunch. In addition to tutoring, 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!**

**Trevor's Travels:** Trevor Watkins returns this Wednesday from a week in Argentina tending to family matters. Thanks to Joe Dickens for keeping things running in his absence and to all of you for understanding.

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**Weekly Humor:** In honor of Knock, Knock Joke Day on Wed:

- *Knock Knock. Who's there? Lena. Lena Who? Lena a little closer, and I'll tell you another joke!*
- *KK: WT? Leon. Leon Who? Leon me when you're not strong!*
- *KK. WT? Adore Adore Who? Adore is between you and me so please open up!*
- *KK WT? Wa Wa Who? What are you so excited about?*
- *KK. WT? Cargo Cargo who? Cargo beep, beep and vroom, vroom!*
- *KK. WT? I am I am who? Don't you even know who you are!?*
- *KK. WT? Hike Hike who? I didn't know you liked Japanese poetry! [hilarious!]*
- *KK. WT? A little old lady A little old lady who? Wow, I didn't know you could yodel!*
- *KK.WT? Ice cream soda Ice cream soda who? Ice scream soda people can hear me!*
- *KK. WT? To. To who? No, it's to whom!*
- *KK. WT? Candice Candice Who? Candice joke get any worse!?*
- *KK. WT? Haven Haven who? Haven you heard enough of these knock-knock jokes?*
- *KK. WT? Anita Anita who? Anita drink of water so please let me in!*
- *KK. WT? Alex Alex who? Alex-plain when you open the door!*
- *KK. WT? Goliath. Goliath who? Goliath down, you looketh tired!*
- *KK. WT? Boo. Boo hoo? Why are you crying?*
- *KK. WT? Atch. Atch who? Bless you!*

- *KK. WT? Harry. Harry who? Harry up and open the door.*
- *KK. WT? Cash. Cash who? No thanks, but I'll take peanuts in you have them.*
- *KK. WT? Orange. Orange who? Orange you going to let me in?*
- *KK. WT? Dozen. Dozen who? Dozen anyone want to let me in?*
- *KK. WT? Henrietta. Henrietta who? Henrietta worm in his apple.*
- *KK. WT? A herd. A herd who? A herd you were home so I came over.*
- *KK. WT? Alpaca. Alpaca who? Alpaca the suitcase; you load the car.*
- *KK. WT? Tank. Tank who? You're welcome!*
- *KK. WT? Harry. Harry who? Harry up and open the door; it's cold!*
- *KK. WT? Leaf. Leaf who? Leaf me alone!*
- *KK. WT? Isabella. Isabella who? Isabella working? I had to knock!*
- *KK. WT? Iva. Iva who? Iva sore hand from so much knocking!*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

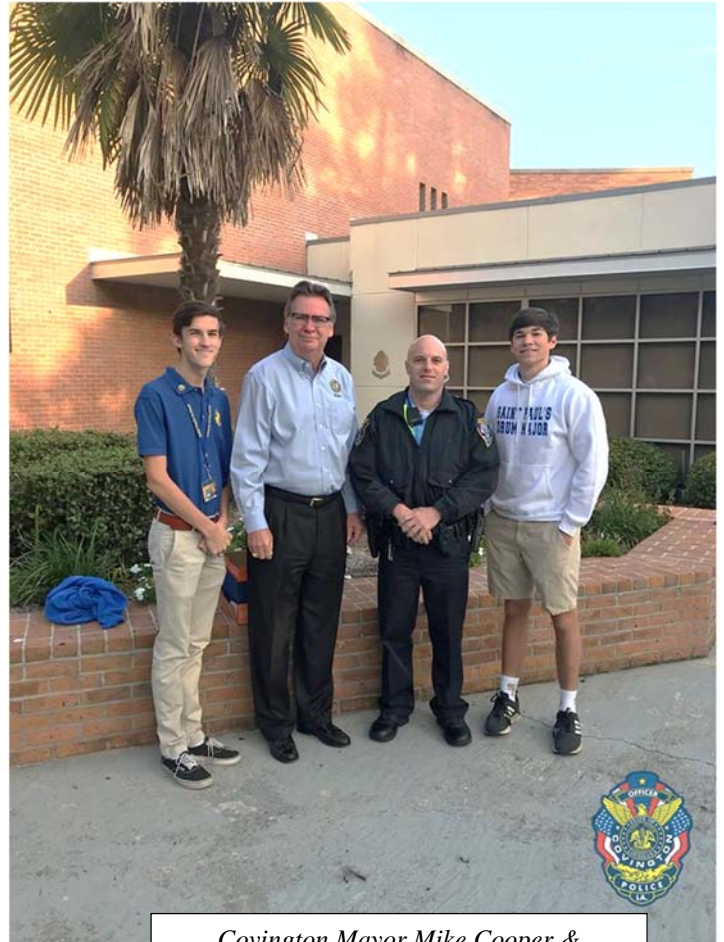
### **A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead:**

- 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

- ***Dress uniform day on Thu, Nov 1!***



- 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



*Covington Mayor Mike Cooper &  
Covington PD support SPS HOSA's drug  
turn in day.*

And for those of you who really plan ahead, here is the first semester exam schedule:

## **First Semester Exam Schedule December 2018**

**Wednesday, December 12** – FGABC (5 period day)

### **SPECIAL 5 PERIOD SCHEDULE (No CNN & With SSR)**

(68 min classes; 45 min lunch)

Chimes	8:00
Block 1	8:03-9:14
Block 2/SSR	9:21-10:44
Block 3	10:51-11:59
Lunch	11:59-12:44
Block 4	12:49-1:57
Block 5	2:04-3:15

**Thursday, December 13** – DEFG(A)

Regular classes in periods DEFG - Review for Period A Exam

### **SPECIAL EXAM REVIEW SCHEDULE (76 min. classes With CNN&SSR)**

8:00 – 9:31	Period D/CNN
9:38 – 11:09	Period E/SSR
11:09– 11:54	Lunch
11:50 – 1:15	Period F
1:20 – 2:26	Period G (Last class period of semester)
2:31 - 3:15	Period A Exam Review

**Friday, December 14**

### **SPECIAL EXAM/MASS/PRESIDENT’S ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE**

8:00 -8:15	Prayer, Roll and Announcements
8:15 – 9:45	Period A Exam
9:50-10:50	Advent Mass
10:55- 11:40	Period B Review
11:40-12:25	Lunch
12:30-1:05	President’s Assembly (Gym)
1:05-1:15	Break
1:20 – 2:05	Period C Review
2:10	Dismissal

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**Monday, December 17**

8:15-8:30	Prayer, Roll and Announcements
8:30 -10:00	Period B Exam
10:00-10:10	Break
10:10-11:40	Period C Exam
11:40-12:25	Lunch
12:30-1:15	Period D Review
1:20-2:05	Period E Review
2:10	Dismissal

**Tuesday, December 18**

8:15-8:30	Prayer, Roll and Announc.
8:30 -10:00	Period D Exam
10:00-10:10	Break
10:10-11:40	Period E Exam
11:40-12:25	Lunch
12:30-1:15	Period F Review
1:20-2:05	Period G Review
2:10	Dismissal

**Wednesday, December 19**

8:15-8:30	Prayer, Roll and Announc.
8:30 -10:00	Period F Exam
10:00-10:10	Break
10:10-11:40	Period G Exam
11:45	Dismissal
12:00	Faculty Party in Cafeteria

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the twelfth week of the school year – the third week of the second 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!

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 School.

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe It's Almost November and I'm Still The 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President/CEO of Saint Paul's

Answer to Oct 31 Trivia Question: The four presidents on Mount Rushmore are George Washington (founding), Thomas Jefferson (political philosophy), Abraham Lincoln (preservation) & Theodore Roosevelt (expansion/conservation.)

*Did I mention we have a dress uniform day on Thu, Nov 1?*

“Preach by example; practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.” (SJB DLS)



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





John P Bourgeois



Nicolas Briggs



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## **Commended Scholars 2019 National Merit Program**

Jacob Lauterbach



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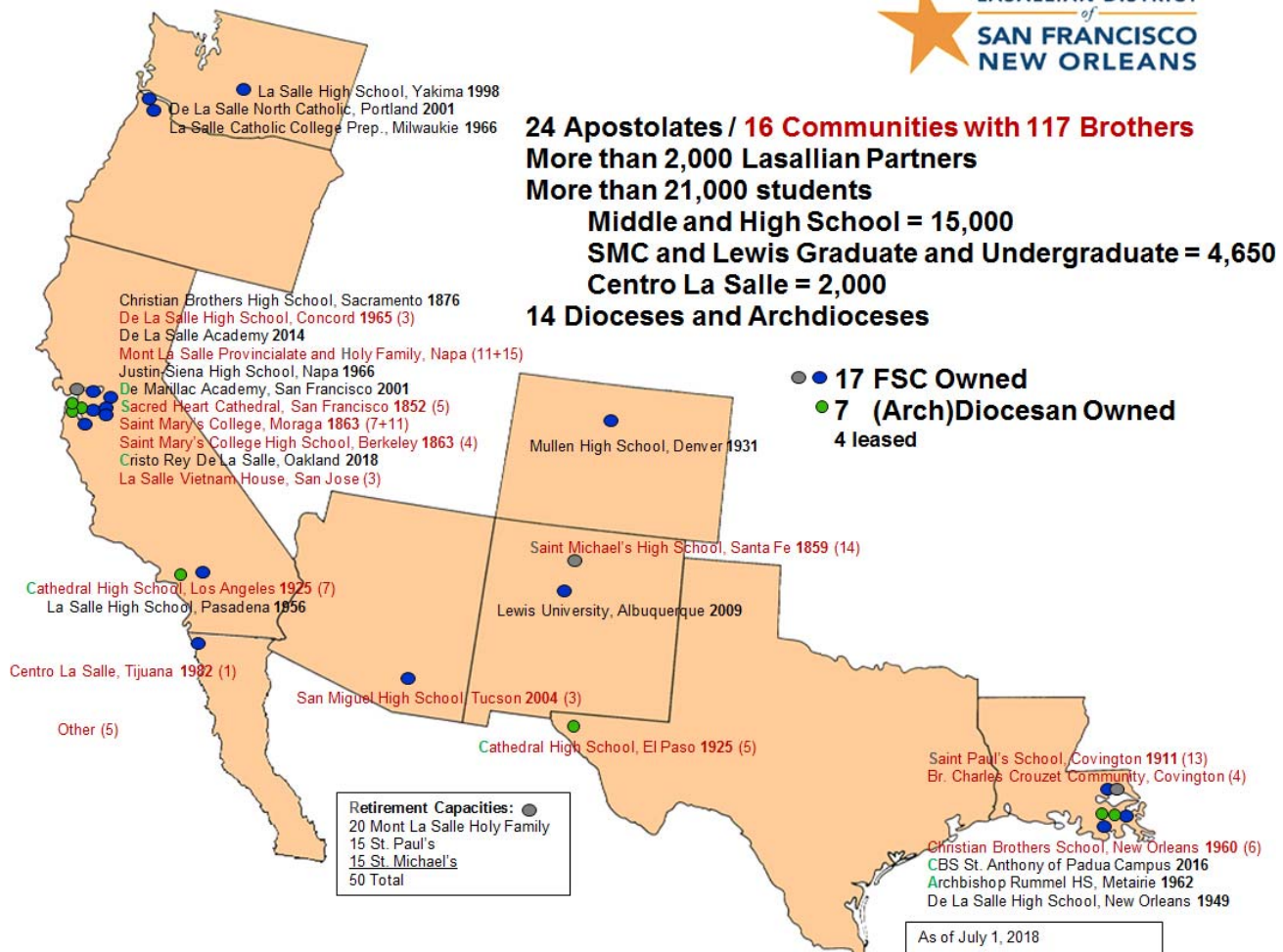
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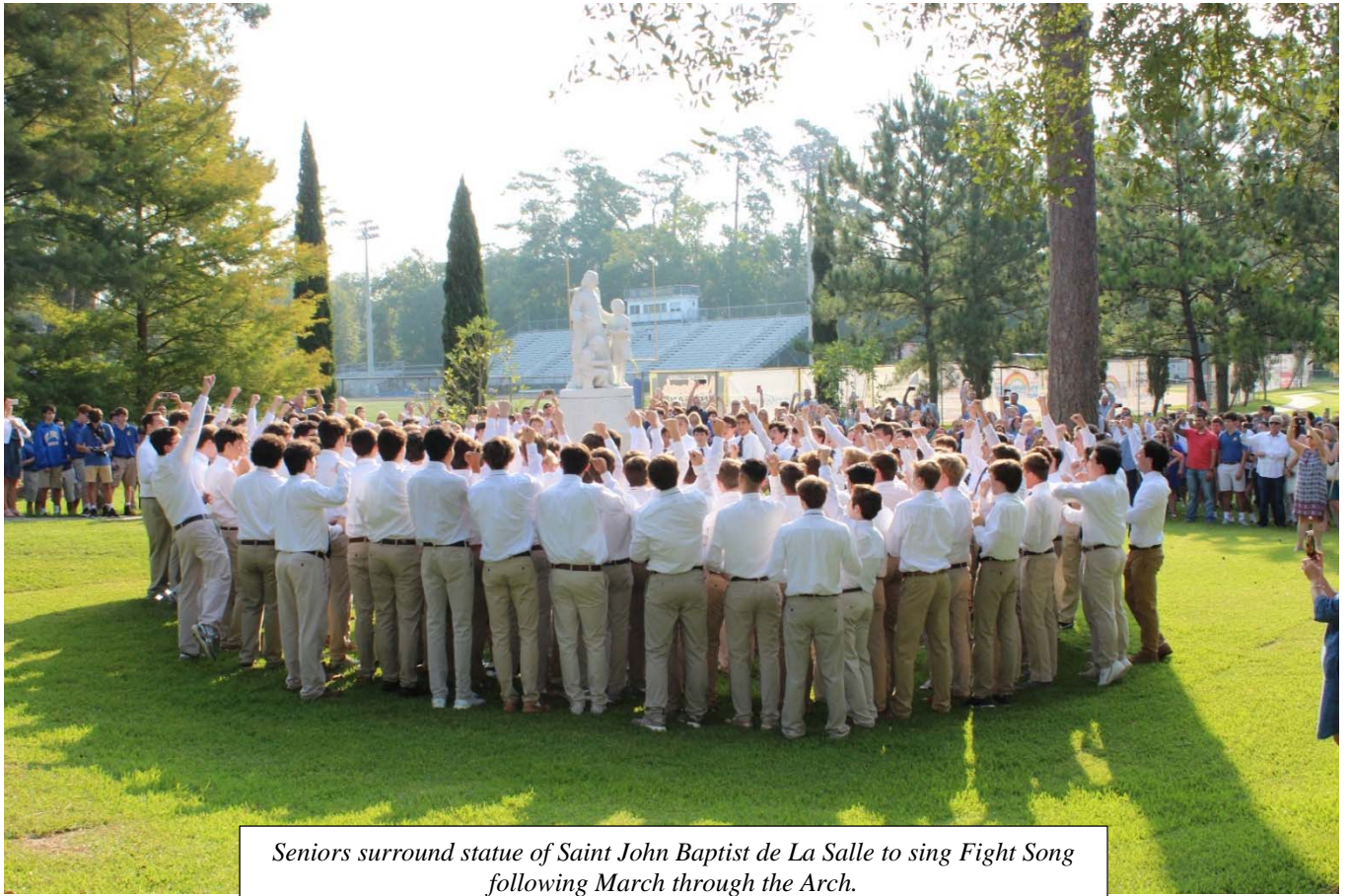
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*Seniors surround statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle to sing Fight Song following March through the Arch.*