



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

Celebrating 100 Years of Christian Brothers at SPS

October 15 – 21, 2018



Welcome to the 10th week of the 2018 - 19 school year and the start of the second quarter!

We start our 10th week rejoicing with the whole Lasallian world and the Catholic Church. Tuesday, October 16, is the two-year anniversary of Pope Francis canonizing Brother Solomon Leclercq, FSC, which made him an official saint of the Church.

I hope everyone remembers the story of Saint Solomon, but just in case, here is a summary from “Seven De La Salle Brothers”: *Once the monarchy was overthrown early in the French Revolution, the next target was the Church. In 1790, the Civil Constitution of the Clergy gave the state complete control over the Church in France. In order to continue to function, priests and religious were forced to take an oath to support the constitution. Most of the Brothers refused and so were forced gradually to abandon their schools and communities. Eventually the Christian Brothers were deprived of legal status in France.*

On 15 August 1792, Brother Solomon sat alone in his Paris school. He had been asked to mind the house while other Brothers left the turbulent city for the safety of the suburb. A loud knock on the door was the first sound of warning. Soldiers demanded to search the house. It was a thorough search for incriminating documents, and, though they found nothing, Brother Solomon was ordered to collect his belongings and follow them.

Under escort, he walked a short distance to where a sort of tribunal had been set up, and where his arrival seemed to be expected. The interrogation was formal, ending with the question: 'have you taken the oath?' The answer was: 'No'. That was all.... It was all pre-arranged. A massacre gang was assembled at the Champ de Mars 'to give effect to the will of the people'. They had been commissioned to do the deed in return for money and the clothes of the victims.

Brother Solomon was martyred on September 2, 1792. He was the first Brother of the Christian Schools to be martyred, and the first to be beatified – the step before sainthood is conferred. Brother Solomon chose his religious vocation and Catholic faith over obedience to the anti-clerical French government.

So let us pray: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for the gift of St. Brother Solomon to our Institute. We pray that his example of humble service and fidelity inspire us to live our own commitments in the same manner. Show us the ones who are in need of our talents and presence. Grant us the generosity, wisdom, and courage to respond accordingly. This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Saint Brother Solomon! Help us remain faithful

The Christian Brothers have posted many resources on the canonization and Brother Solomon, including details on the miracles which were needed for sainthood, on our website:

<https://www.lasallian.info/brothers-today/the-canonization-of-blessed-brother-solomon-le-clercq-fsc/>.



Mon, Oct 15 (Regular; B C D E)

- **Saint Teresa of Ávila.** Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Teresa of Avila, a prominent 16th century Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun, writer, and theologian. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered to be, along with John of the Cross, a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. Happy Feast Day to the Carmelite Sisters on River Road in Covington!
- **National Health Education Week begins today.** Sponsored by the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), National Health Education Week (NHEW) is celebrated during the third full week of October. This celebration brings national attention to public health issues and promotes consumers' understanding of the role of health education and health promotion in society. *According to Dr. Lloyd Kolbe, former Director of Adolescent School Health at the CDC, behaviors and attitudes developed during childhood are responsible for most causes of death, illness & disability, in the US.* **So what is a Lasallian school's response to the above?** For Saint La Salle, the school was a place of safety and salvation. He would accept nothing less. **As we work with our students, be attuned to their safety needs.**
- **National Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity:** we pray in a special way today for an end to abortion.
- **Global Hand Washing Day:** Wash hands often – it's one of the best disease defenses.
- **National Grouch Day:** You have permission to be a grouch today but you must go back to being nice tomorrow!



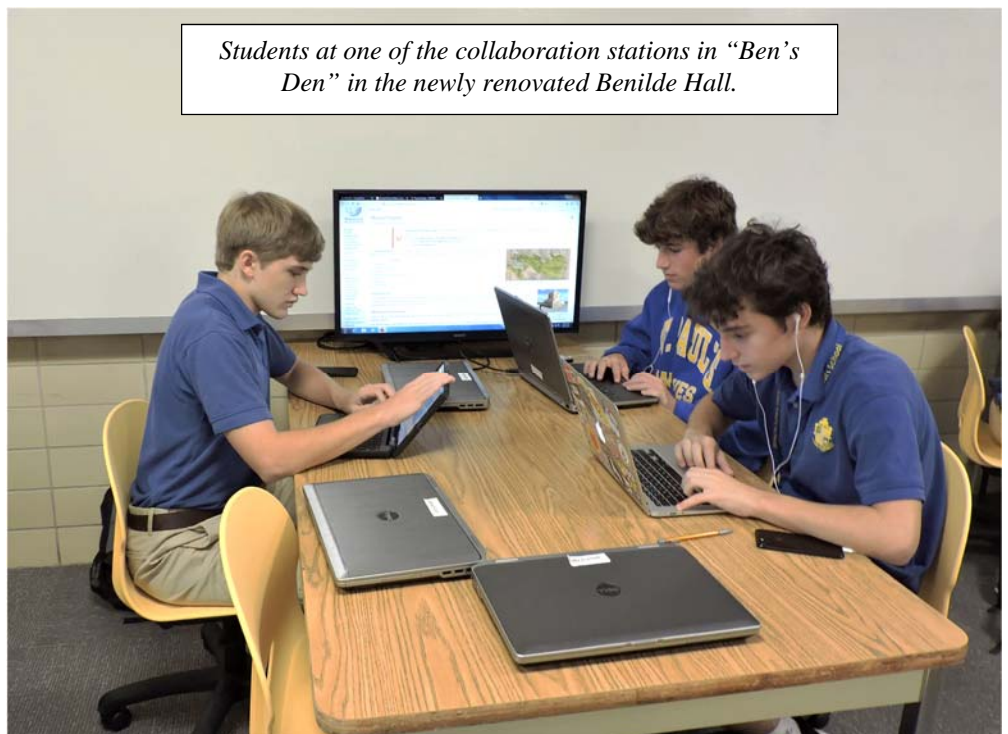
Many smiles at Grandparent Day!

Tue, Oct 16 (Wolf Packs; F G A B)

- **Dictionary Day:** In 1758, Noah Webster, considered the Father of the American Dictionary, was born. In his honor, read a dictionary today; learn a new word!
- **Manresa:** 32 juniors leave this afternoon for a 24 hour silent retreat at Manresa. They carry with them our prayers for a meaningful spiritual experience.
- **Drama: “To Kill a Mockingbird” Preview Night (7)** We wish The Marian Players the very best as they begin “The Carmadelle Era” of theater at SPS. Please encourage your students to attend.
- **Basketball: 9th grade tryouts today after school**

Wed, Oct 17 (Pack Time; Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; C D E F)

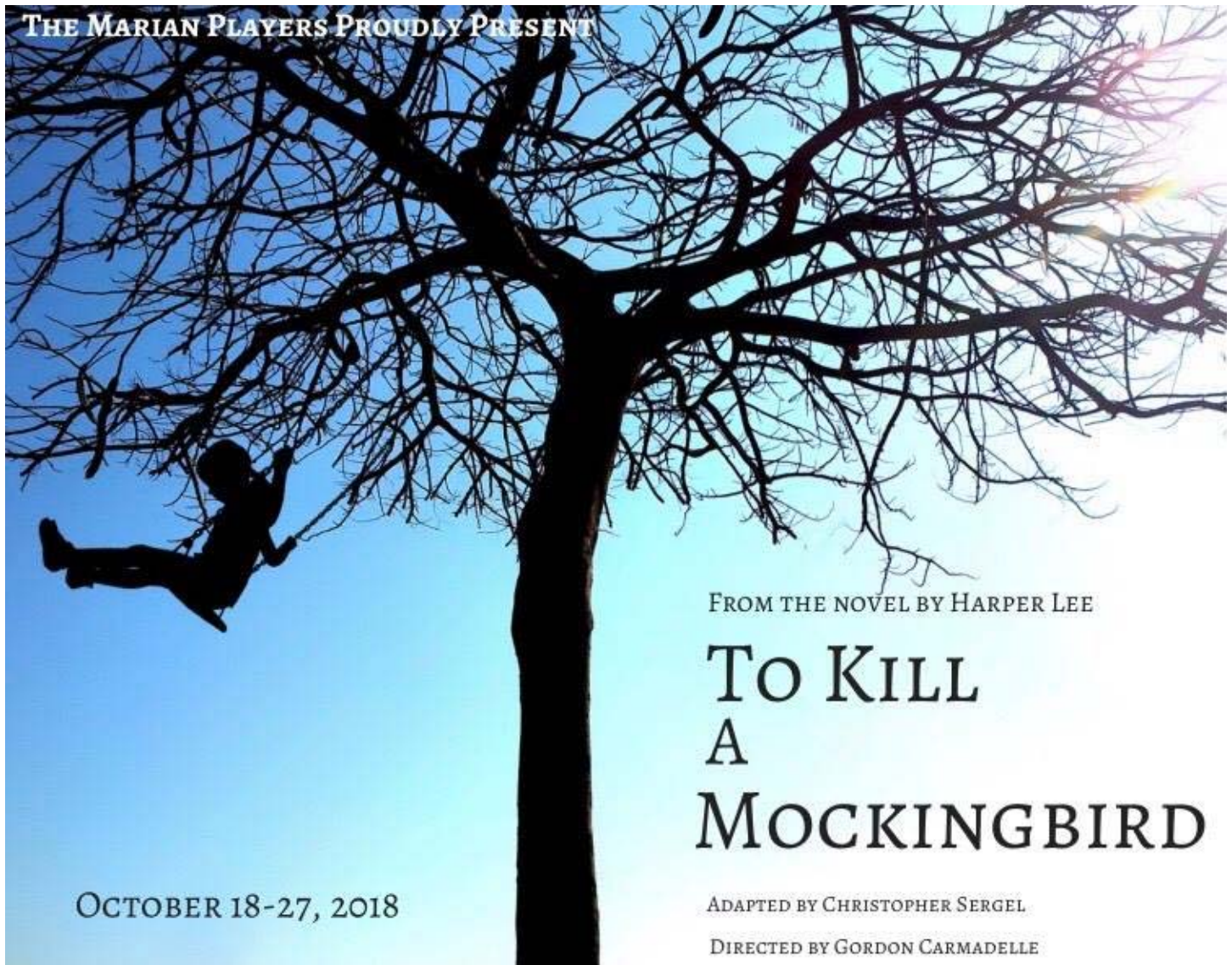
- **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** was a 17th Century French Roman Catholic nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart in its modern form. We wish St. Margaret Mary Parish in Slidell a happy feast day!
- **Wear Something Gaudy Day:** "gaudy" refers to something bright, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste. SPS will not celebrate this day!
- **National Pasta Day:** Enjoy one of more than 600 varieties of pasta today! Ciao!
- **Football:** 9th & JV v. Slidell
- **Basketball:** 9th grade tryouts



Thu, Oct 18 (Regular; Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist; G A B C)

- **Happy Feast Day to the 16 SPS Students & Teacher who have first or middle name of Luke or a variant!**
- **This Day in History:** In 1790, John Baptist de La Salle entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, beginning his journey toward priesthood. By answering God's call, he opened himself up to future calls which allowed him to found the Brothers of the Christian Schools. May we, too, be open to the call of God in our lives!
- **National Evaluate Your Life Day:** We reflect today upon our life -- where it's been, and where it's going. What do I need, or want, to change? I'll be evaluating!
- **National Chocolate Cupcake Day:** Splurge! Enjoy.
- **Picture Re-takes**
- **Swimming: Northshore Regional Championship Meet (Franco's)**
- **Football: 8th v. Jesuit (5:30)**
- **Drama: “To Kill a Mockingbird” (7)** The “Carmadelle Era” begins this evening, with Gordon's first production. Please encourage your sons to attend. Because of the popularity of the show, Gordon has increased the number of performances. And since the Office of Catholic Schools has revoked its permission for us to have a Sunday matinee, the Marian Players are going to do two productions on Saturdays. Thank

you, Marian Players! Tickets are on sale in the administration building, the MC bookstore, Braswell's, and SSA.



TKAM opens this week! Tickets available at the administration building, the Mothers' Club bookstore, Braswell's, and SSA! Let's support The Marian Players

Fri, Oct 19 (Regular; D E F B)

- Memorial of St. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions
- **TDIH:** In 1781, as their band played *The World Turned Upside Down* (ya' gotta love the British!), the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7000 British & Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington, effectively ending the war between Britain and its American colonies. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris in 1783.
- **issues: physical, mental, social, and spiritual. And let's help them stay healthy.**
- **Basketball Team Retreat this evening**
- **Football:** Varsity at Slidell (7)
- **Drama: "To Kill a Mockingbird" (7)**

Sat, Oct 20 (Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross)

- **While not the Patron of our school, we ask this St. Paul, who founded the Passionist Religious Order, to interceded with Almighty God for our school and our students.**
- **TDIH:** In 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France to purchase Louisiana Territory, doubling size of US.
- **TDIH:** In 1944, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, thus fulfilling his promise, “I shall return!”
- **TDIH:** Today is the birthday of John Dewey, born in Burlington, Vermont (1859). Regarded as the father of progressive education, his best-known innovation was what he called “learning by directed living,” which combined learning with concrete activity. He wrote *Democracy and Education* (1916), and he founded the New School for Social Research. He was a shy, scholarly youth; a friend said that ideas were like living objects to him, and the only things he was really interested in. When he was hired to teach at the University of Michigan at the age of 25, he constituted the entire philosophy department. He spent most of his career thinking and writing about education. He said that schools were useless unless they taught students how to live as members of a community; that they wouldn’t succeed in teaching children anything unless they were receptive to what children were ready to learn; and that they wouldn’t get anywhere unless they treated children as individuals. He once gave a speech at Michigan in which he said there was so much knowledge at universities because the freshmen brought everything they knew to college with them, and the seniors never took anything away.
- **National Day of Writing:** Today celebrates writers and writing. Celebrate by writing something: email, poem, text message, short story, blog entry, grocery list, weekly newsletter to the faculty and parents, etc. Just write!
- **Drama: “To Kill a Mockingbird” (two performances: 2 & 7 pm)**



Physics students do friction experiment.

Sun, Oct 21

- **TDIH:** In 2015, we held the official blessing and dedication of the new gym. Gene Bennett smiled on us that night as it was a magical evening, with many, many supporters in attendance.
- **TDIH:** In 1879, Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his lab in Menlo Park, NJ, keeping it lit for 13 hours. We’ve come a long way! We are slowly replacing lights with LEDs. They are GREAT!
- **TDIH:** In 1967, 100,000 people marched on The Pentagon to protest the Vietnam War.
- **Babbling Day:** Calling all blatherskites (people who babble – yes, it’s a real word!): today isn’t a day to remain silent. We celebrate those with glib tongues who never

stop talking. They babble on and on and turn a simple one sentence statement into an endless dissertation. I'm not one of them, however!

- **National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day:** Don't want to babble today? Then enjoy this classic fall dessert!
- **National Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day:** My virtual desktop is as messy as my wooden desktop!
- **Reptile Awareness Day:** Become as aware as you want of these critters, but I'll stay clear of 'em.



I draw 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 marathanon, not a spring – 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 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

Assembly on Oct 9: I hope the students enjoyed our assembly last week. Here's some of what we did:

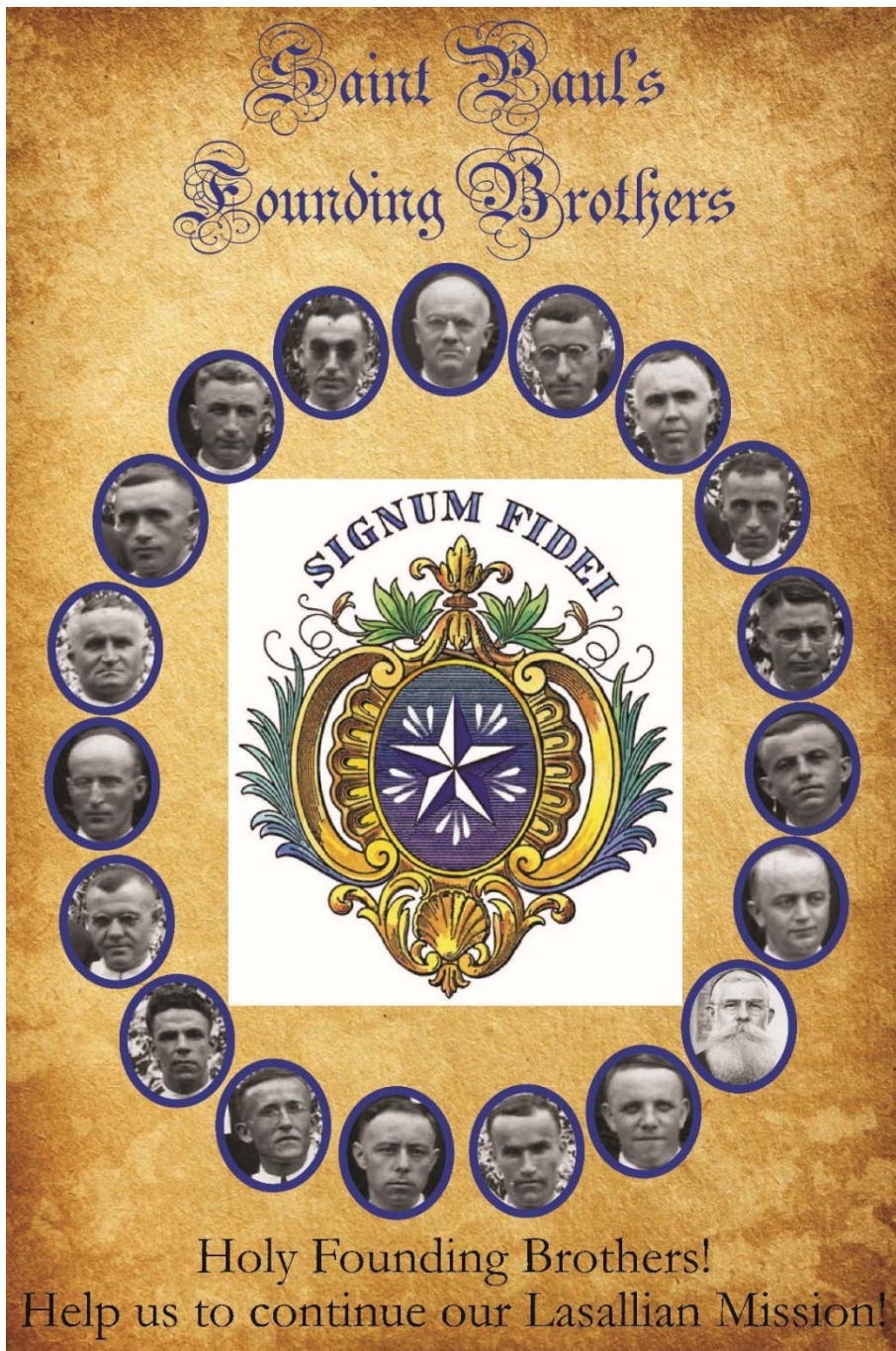
- Students entered the new gym to the strains of “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above”, from a CD made several years ago by the Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry. I explained that the Catholic Church dedicates October to Mary and that this song is one of the oldest and most beloved of Marian hymns. I further explained that October is the month of the Rosary and that once again, a dedicated SPS mom who had five sons graduate from SPS donated hundreds of rosaries for the students – as she does each year. I encouraged the students to get one of these rosaries from their religion teachers, keep it in their pockets, and the rosary whenever they have the time. They don't need to say the whole thing if they don't have time, but just a decade or even one Hail Mary as they wait at a traffic signal or walk from building to building.
- Prayed in a special way, as the prayer candle was lit by junior **Caleb Frost**, for those who have entered God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Father Clair Cazayoux, SJ, great uncle of sophomore Adam Cazyoux.**
- Prayed, too, to the Christian Brother Sainly Martyrs of Turin. I explained to the students the story of how his brave group of Brothers were summarily executed by the anti-clerical forces of the Spanish government during the Spanish Civil War in 1934. I showed them a short video on one of the Brothers, Jaima Hilario – who could have saved himself by claiming to be gardener but refused to do so, thus choosing martyrdom with his Brothers. His final words were: *The day you learn to surrender yourself totally to God, you will discover a new world, just as I am experiencing. You will enjoy a peace and a calm unknown, surpassing even the happiest days of your life.*
- Welcomed a group of 30+ 7th 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 Student Council for an excellent Homecoming Week, from the dress down days, to the snacks, to the games on Friday, to the dances. Well done, Student Council Wolves!
- 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 the five newly named 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 faculty who participated in the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies: **Mr. Gerald Ancar, Mr. Joe Dickens, Mr. Sam Francis, Mrs. Kristin Lagraize, Mr. Matt Pinero, Mr. Jeff Ramon, & Mr. Paul Scoriels.** I also recognized **Mrs. Gina Hall** who help staff the program.
- Recognized and congratulated the six SPS religion and science teachers who attended a week long seminar at Notre Dame University on science and religion which featured lectures by scientists and theologians, as well as collaborative discussions and workshops: **Marie Childs, David Arbo, Barrett Baumgartner, Suzie Duplantier, Robert Simpson, and Roger Bacon** are all smiles on the beautiful campus of Notre Dame University.
- Recognized and congratulated the SPS Wolves who participated in the Kelly Gibson All State Sugar Bowl Golf Tournament at Beau Chene: **Josh Achord, Pat Blaum, Cooper Brennan, Griffin Dorr, Emerson DuPassage, Quinn Garcia, Kason Shaw, Gil Ward, Chase May, Owen Hayden, and Christopher Guillot.** Gave special recognition and congratulations to sophomore **Griffin Dorr** who finished in **FIRST PLACE** at this tournament.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Varsity Football Team** for its victory over Covington High last Thursday night, thus brining the Little Brown Jug home to SPS – again. Football captains Jack Mashburn, Robert Buqoi, & Owen Hnatyshyn presented the jog to Coach Ken Sears.
- Then, as if by magic, Gioachino Antonio Rossini’s “William Tell Overture” started playing – which means that the **Cross Country Wolves** re off and running. So far, the team has finished first in the Episcopal Round Table, and second in the Catholic High and St. Joseph meets. Geaux CC Wolves!



Sophomore Griffin Dorr won 1st place in the Kelly Gibson All State Sugar Bowl Golf Tournament last week.

- Recognized and congratulated The Marian Players who open their production of “To Kill a Mockingbird” next week. I encouraged students to purchase tickets early as seats will be in demand.
- I again reminded the students of the jewel we have in Benilde Hall and urged them to treat it respectfully. I thanked the student hosts who worked the reception.
- We closed with the boys singing Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above – it was wonderful. Listen on our Facebook page to an incredible 19 seconds of the boys singing!
- As junior **Matthew Gros** 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 “Hail Holy Queen” by Mary Queen of Peace Music Ministry.



- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

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) to let her know. We can't always answer your calls as there is only one of her and over 1500 of you! Thanks!.

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.
- **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.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: I have been remiss in mentioning this and it's certainly more important that 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.

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!**



More smiles at Grandparent Day!

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.

Good News Dept: Last week SPS received \$2600 from Flat Town Music Co. Why? The money represents royalties from sale of a book. A loyal alum, who inherited the royalty benefit, named SPS as the recipient of the yearly royalty check, using it as his annual fund donation. Thanks to Mr. Edward Daigle for this creative gift!

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.

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

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 Days for Peace (ILDLP) 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 were up and at 'em again early Sat morning!
- **Football:** Pre-freshmen fought hard against John Curtis but came up short on the scoreboard but 9th, JV, and Varsity won big against Ponchatoula.
- **Grandparent Day:** Wow. Almost 900 grandparents and grandsons filled the BAC for the annual celebration. Mothers' Club once again outdid themselves. Thanks to physical plant department, MC, Liturgical Band, and Campus Ministry for a GREAT day!
- **Marching Wolves, Golden Blues, & Cheerleaders:** As always, the MWs, GBs & CLs performed great on Fri! The Marching Pups and Mini-Blues from last week's elementary school band camp were great, too.
- **PSAT:** A tough test! Let's hope for the best. Thanks to the Counseling Department for organizing the test.
- **Swimming:** Aqua Wolves performed well at their meet last Monday!

Library: The Covington Branch of St. Tammany Parish Library has closed for renovation. During the renovation, the library has opened at 1200 Business Hwy 190 (next to Rouse's Market).

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.
- A study by the National Institutes of Health and published in Lancet Child and Adolescent Health shows that children who get less screen time think better. To read the results, click here: [Children Who Get Less Screen Time Think Better, Study Finds](#)

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! Please spread the word!



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 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 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, sign up genius, or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Shawn Klein at 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 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>

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Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 1, 2018

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MSGR. JOSEPH CHOTIN CENTER • 10:00 AM - NOON

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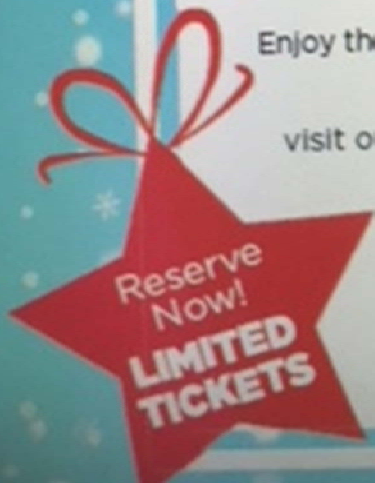
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Study Hall After School: Beginning Monday, the "library" will be open every afternoon (Monday-Thursday) until 4:30. Students are free to come and go by signing in and out. If you tutor after school, you might want to consider doing it there as more students may go there rather than your classroom. 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.

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.

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!**



SPS alum Neil Woodall shares his story of pain medication addiction with juniors.

W H: Puns for the Educated Punster

- *The fattest knight at King Arthur's table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.*
- *I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.*
- *The algebra teacher confiscated a rubber-band pistol because it was a weapon of math disruption.*
- *No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.*
- *Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.*
- *Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.*
- *Two hats hung on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'*
- *I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.*
- *A backward poet writes inverse.*
- *In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.*
- *If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.*
- *A vulture carries two dead raccoons on an airplane. The flight attendant looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'*
- *Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and it, too.*
- *Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've my electron.'" The other, 'Are you sure?' The first, 'Yes, I'm positive.'*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

A Look Ahead – Far, Far, Ahead:

- 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 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; 8th HR Breakfast in cafeteria
- Wed, Nov 7 9th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- Thu, Nov 8 10th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria



Crowning touch to Benilde Hall renovation!

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- Fri, Nov 9 11th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- Sat, Nov 10 Jazz 'n Roll
- Mon, Nov 12 12th HR Breakfast in Cafeteria
- Tue, Nov 13 President's Assembly
- *November 14 8th Grade Retreat*
- *November 15 -16 10th 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 1st Semester; Christmas holidays begin at 11:45 following last exam
- Mon, Jan 07 Classes resume; second semester begins
- W – F, Jan 9-11 Senior Retreat
- Sat, Jan 12 Application Day for Prospective Students (8 – noon); Football Awards Ceremony
- Fri, Jan 25 All School Mass (Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul)
- Wed, Feb 20 On campus ACT for juniors
- Fri, Mar 01 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- M-F, Mar 4 -8 Mardi Gras /Beginning of Lent holidays
- Wed, Mar 13 Mother-Son Dinner
- Mon, Mar 18 St. Joseph Altar Day
- Thu, Mar 21 Celebrity Dinner Event
- Sat, Mar 23 Father-Son Dinner
- Sat, Mar 30 Junior-Senior Prom
- Sat, Apr 13 Alumni Crawfish Cook-Off
- F-F, Apr 19-26 Easter Holidays (not “spring break”)
- W-F, May 1-3 Senior exams
- M-T, May 13-16 Pre-freshman exams
- Fri, May 17 Pre-freshman promotion ceremony (6:30 pm)
- Sat, May 18 Senior graduation ceremony (4 pm)
- M – T, May 20-23 Semester exams for grades 9 – 11
- Fri., May 24 Conflict exam day
- Mon, May 27 Faculty Records Day

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting 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! Pray that we begin the second quarter on a positive

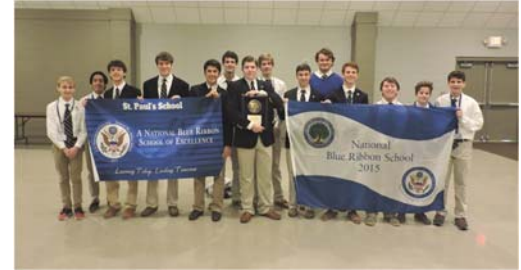
note! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and your family and call on me if I can help! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018 - 19 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

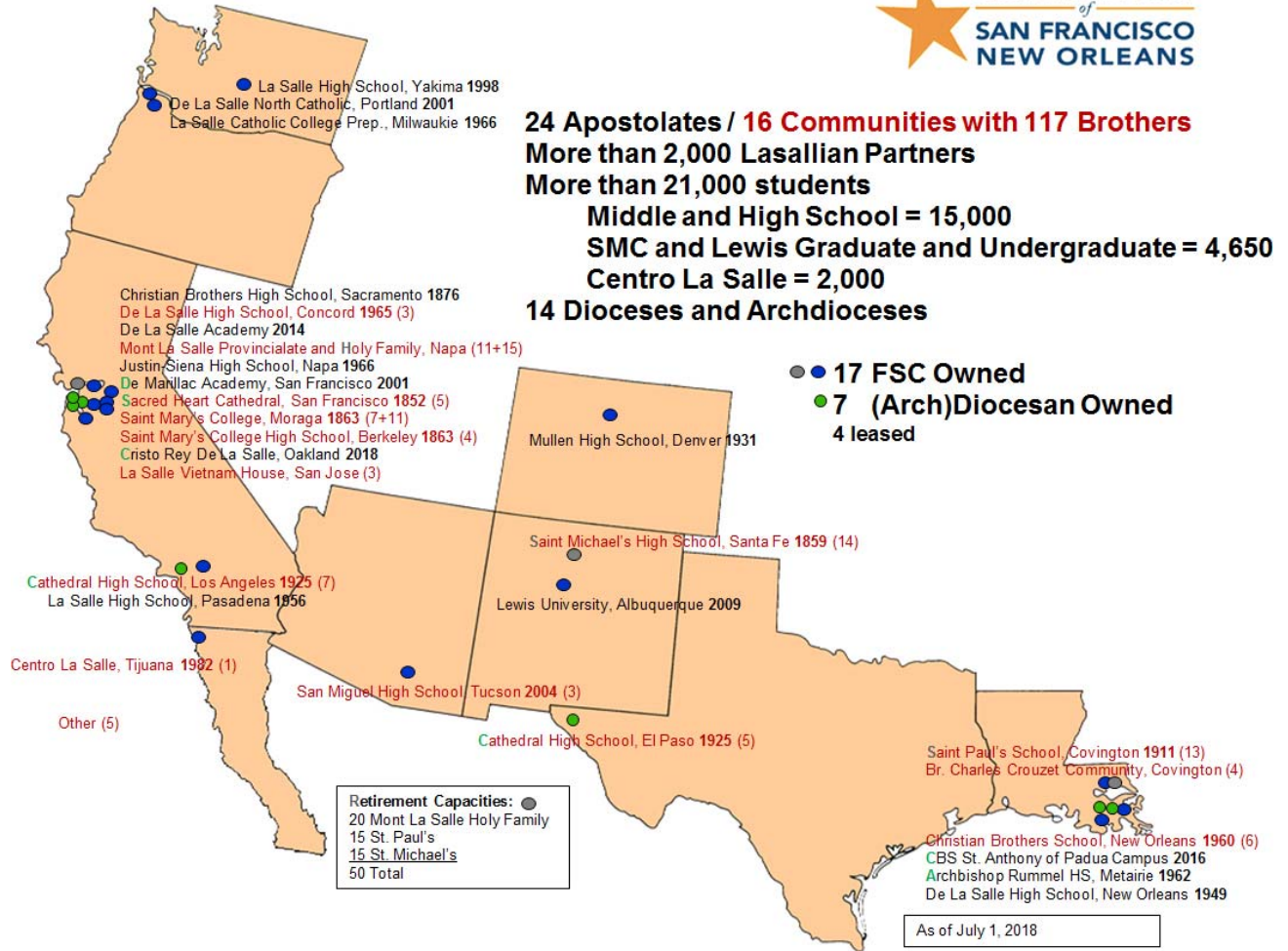
Can't Believe It's the Second Quarter and I'm Still the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School



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



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

