



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



*November 05 - 11, 2018*

Welcome to the fourth week (can you believe it?) of the second quarter!

Time marches on; all we can do is make the most of it.

A highlight of our recent Open House was the talks given by the students on our Mission Statement. Junior Hal Fox was particularly eloquent when talking about how our Mission Statement calls Saint Paul's teachers to be ministers of God's grace – a term Saint John Baptist de La Salle used. Here's a portion of what Hal said:

*Everyone so far has talked about the extraordinary academics, extracurricular, and sports here at St. Paul's but one thing should be clear above all else: none of it would be possible without the tireless, caring, and admirable work of our teachers.*

*From the time you step into your first class in 8<sup>th</sup> grade until you take your last triumphant stride off the campus senior year, the faculty will be there every moment of it. I can recall countless times in which I've called upon my teachers for advice, but it academic or personal. If there is one thing that definitively sets St. Paul's apart from other schools, it is that the teachers are in your corner. They want you personally to grow and succeed and leave the school a mature and capable individual.*



*Thanks, Hal!*

*Religion classes make this their expressed goal, dedication to strengthening your relationship with God. I can recall countless times in which I stayed after class to talk with my religion teachers about God, butting into their break time which they generously offered up to me, asking questions and growing in my own understanding through discussion and debate. Religion classes are perfect opportunities to ask the questions that really inspire this growth. Some of the most enlightening moments of my life have been spent simply discussing God with my teachers, and I can say without a doubt that if I had chosen to attend a different school, I wouldn't be the person I am today.*

*The beautiful thing about this, however, is that being Christian or even Catholic is certainly not a prerequisite to reaping the religious rewards St. Paul's offers. St. Paul's faculty are firm practitioners in aiding the faith lives of all students regardless of their beliefs. That Christian love is expressed by all of the faculty at St. Paul's not only dedicated to academic and athletic success, but also spiritual success.*

*St. Paul's has a mission, a mission to nurture and prepare you for the world outside of Covington, Louisiana, a mission to strengthen your relationship with God. a mission to unite your beliefs with your actions, a mission to help you grow into an upstanding person. That is what sets St. Paul's apart from other schools. And that is why St. Paul's has been such a transformative place for so many students.*

Thank you, Hal! I pledge to you and all of our students that we will try hard to live up to the faith you have in us! Let me know how we can be better Ministers of Grace (St. La Salle's words) to you and the other students entrusted to our care.

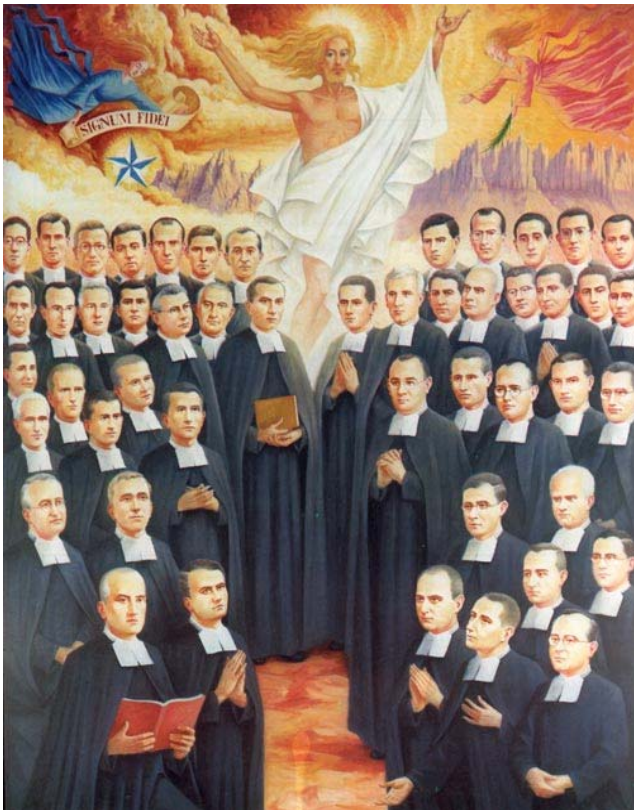
**Please pray this week that we may live up to the Lasallian Mission of education.**

**Monday, 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!
- **Archdiocesan Formation Day at OLL for faculties and staff of the Ten Catholic Schools in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes.**
- **Soccer:** 9<sup>th</sup> v. Covington (5:30)

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

- **Election Day!** In the finest Louisiana tradition, vote early and often! (JOKE!) But do VOTE (once, that is!)
- **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.



- **This Day in History:** 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 some 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!
- **BB:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts in the new gym
- **Student Council District II Burger Bash (6-8 under the Wolf Dome)**

**Wed, Nov 7 (9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast; 7:15 am optional mass; C D E F)**

- **TDIH:** In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected to an unprecedented fourth term as president.
- **National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day:** Indulge!
- **Marching Wolves Booster Club Meeting (7 pm in the band room)**

**Thu, Nov 8 (10<sup>th</sup> grade HR Breakfast schedule; G A B C)**

- **TDIH:** In 1793, the revolutionary French government opens the Louvre as a public museum. The Louvre's collection is one of the richest in the world, with artwork and artifacts representative of 11,000 years of civilization and culture. Spend time on The Louvre's website ([www.louvre.fr/en](http://www.louvre.fr/en)) to absorb some culture.
- **TDIH:** In 1892, Former president Grover Cleveland beat incumbent Benjamin Harrison and became the only president to win nonconsecutive terms in the White House.
- **National Abet and Aid Punsters Day:** a day to make dreadful puns. See H of the W for my contributions!
- **Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day:** Here in SE Louisiana, that's easy to do! Enjoy!
- **Louisiana Scholastic Press Association Convention at LSU:** Our media, journalism, and yearbook classes will attend this worthwhile event.
- **Basketball:** Hall of Fame Game (6:45)

**Fri, Nov 9 (11<sup>th</sup> grade HR Breakfast schedule; D E F G)**

- **TDIH:** In 1938, in a Holocaust foreshadowing, German Nazis terrorized Jewish people and destroyed their homes & businesses in Germany and Austria. The violence, which continued through Nov 10, was later dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," after the countless smashed windows of Jewish-owned businesses.
- **TDIH:** In 1989, the Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War.
- **Chaos Never Dies Day:** Get used to it – life is always going to be chaotic!
- **Football:** Playoff game probable this evening

**Sat, Nov 10**

- **TDIH:** In 1969, "Sesame Street," a TV show that would teach generations of children the alphabet and how to count, makes its debut with its memorable theme song ("Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street"), SS is the most widely viewed children's program in the world, airing in more than 120 countries.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, following the British victory at El Alamein in North Africa during WW II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is the end of the beginning."
- **TDIH:** In 1951, the first long distance phone call without operator assistance took place.
- **Tongue Twister Day:** Peter Piper and the girl selling sea shells by the seashore are child's play in comparison to what is considered, according to Guinness Book of World Records, the most difficult tongue twister in English: "The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick." Practice it!



*My favorite Halloween costumes from last week!*

- **USMC Day** celebrates the United States Marine Corps, created by the Continental Congress on Nov 10, 1775. We give thanks to the Marines for all of their sacrifices so that we can enjoy freedom.
- **Wrestling:** Jr Hi in Brother Martin Tournament; JV in Mandeville Open;
- **Soccer:** JV & Varsity v. Ocean Springs (noon & 1:30)
- **Lacrosse:** All State Sugar Bowl Tournament in BR
- **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz ‘n Roll!**

**Sun, Nov 11 – Veterans Day – We salute and honor all who have served our country so well.**

- **TDIH:** At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, WW I ended, leaving 9 million soldiers & 5 million civilians dead and 21 million wounded. The “War to End All Wars” didn’t. We pray for all who have served our country, especially those who made "the ultimate sacrifice." And we pray for an end to war.
- **TDIH:** 1620, The Mayflower Compact was signed which would become the basis of government for all of the American colonies.
- **National Young Readers Day:** READ today – both the young and the young at heart.

**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. 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 – Nov 13th! 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 you!**

**Adopt-A-Family:** Next week we will begin our annual Adopt a Family program. Here’s the schedule:

- Monetary donations Nov 12-16 & Nov 26 - Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.
- December 5th & 6th (shopping)
- Tuesday, December 1 (delivery to St. Tammany Project Christmas HQ)



*Gracias, Española Lobos!*



**Alumni Outreach:** Starting with Southeastern Louisiana University, members of the Alumni Office, Counseling Department and Faculty are going to campus to learn more about how our alums there are doing, update you them on the happenings here at Saint Paul's, and treat them to lunch. Our venture is Wed, Nov 7, from 10:30 – 1:30 in Room 2202 of SLU's student union. I am grateful to alumni and development offices for initiating the outreach to our alums.

**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.

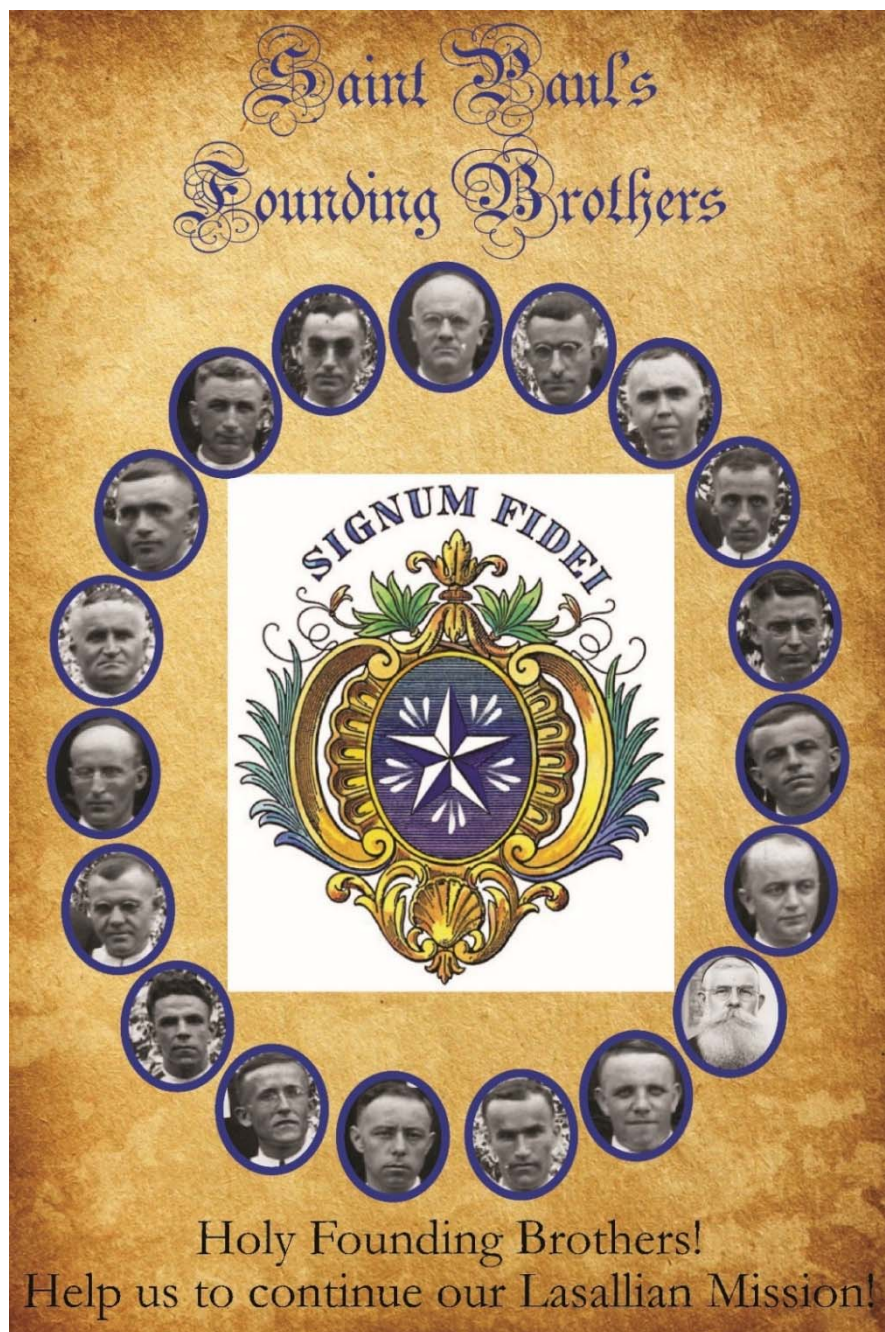
#### Cell Phones:

- 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:** CMSgt. Harold Jenner -- an SPS AFJROTC instructor from 1971-1988 -- died last week. His wife, Dorothy, was the school nurse during that time. They and their son, Mark '79, lived in the infirmary building, which is now the development office. Sarge and Dot devoted themselves to the school and especially to the Brothers. His military career is remarkable. He was a “waist gunner” on B-17s in WW II, flying in 23 missions. And he saw active duty in The Korean Conflict. One of his proudest moments was when two of his students joined the USAF and became fighter pilots flying the F-117 Stealth Fighter...two of only 556 pilots to fly this jet. We give thanks for Sarge’s life of service and pray for the consolation of his family.



**Food Drive:** Our annual food drive begins this week, Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and runs to Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will deliver to the food bank on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Breakfasts:** We emailed invitations last week, but you can know if your son made the honor roll be looking at his report card or consulting PlusPortals. Students and parents are invited. We begin at 7:50



sharp and it's over by 8:30. 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

**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 (892-3200, ext 1270, for 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:

- **All Saints Day Mass:** All the saints were smiling on Thu. Thanks. The boys were well behaved and participated. Thanks to the Religion Dept for prepping students, to the liturgical band, EMs & Jeff Ramon.
- **Basketball:** scrimmages against Lusher & Salmen have the Wolves ready for the season.
- **Cross Country:** In Sat's Regional Meet, the Wolves placed 2<sup>nd</sup>! I hear Rossi playing! On to state!
- **Dia de los Muertos:** Meaningful, as usual. Thanks to the Spanish Department, Spanish Club & Liturgical Band for this event, which grows yearly in impact. Rociquito!
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & JV seasons have ended. And Varsity lost a tough one to F'bleau to end regular season. On to the playoffs! **CLs/ MWs/GBs:** rose to the occasion on Fri.
- **HOSA** field trip to Ochsner went well. Thanks to our future medical professionals.
- **MAT/NHS Induction Ceremony:** We had a wonderful induction ceremony last Monday evening.
- **Panamanian Pedagogues:** 20 Panamanian educators visited us last Tue to see quality American education. They enjoyed their visit. Here is the email from Dr. Lopez, who heads the program: *Thank you for the outstanding visit the Panamanian students had yesterday. It was very well organized and the students said they were able to observe exceptional teachers. Please share my appreciation, and that of the students, with all the faculty.*
- **Prison Reform Program:** Four Wolves (Davis Heebe, Landon Rees, John Sheffield, & Matt Gros) plus campus minister Jeff Ramon participated in the Prison Reform Program sponsored by Archbishop Aymond at Holy Trinity Church in Mandeville.
- **SAT:** A problem-free administration on Sat.
- **Soccer:** 4 games on Sat; I heard 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> won but don't have JV and Varsity results.
- **Sudden Impact:** Our first soph group experienced this powerful program. We are grateful to St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Lakeview Regional Medical Center, and the Louisiana State Police.
- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle Lavie, on another excellent issue!
- **Wrestling:** The Pinero Era began Sat with competition at BM and Rummel. From Jr Hi Coach Craig Ketelsen: *Jr. High Team surprised the coaches with their intensity and effort. Many of the young Wolves got their first victories - ALL of them looked and competed like real wrestlers though only 1 out of the group had ever wrestled before.* Individual records were: Jimmy Breaux, Liam Schroeder, Aiden Varnado, Eric Weiner, and Landry Barker went undefeated!



*Baskets hold prayer intentions of our students.*

**National Teen Driver Safety Week occurred two weeks ago 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.



**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

**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 recites one decade of the rosary each morning in the chapel, at 7:40 on M, T, Th, and F and following mass on W. They would love your son join them.



**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 Opportunity:** Boys Hope Girls Hope: Hope of New Orleans is holding their annual Tennis Tournament next week at Beau Chene Country Club. The tournament is Nov 8 - 11 and they are looking for student volunteers to help with serving food and some other jobs throughout the tournament. For details, please contact Cydne Romine [cromine@bhgh.org](mailto:cromine@bhgh.org)

**Social Justice Month:** The Church dedicates November to social justice. The Church reminds us that a commitment to social justice goes WAY beyond acts of charity – it involves working for change that will make us a more just society. Seven key themes comprise Catholic social tradition. I doubt if most of us know these seven: **Human Life and Dignity; the Call to Family and Community; the Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the**

**Poor and Vulnerable; Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers; Solidarity; Care for God's Creation. I**

encourage you to pray the following Prayer for Social Justice on a regular basis during November: *Almighty and eternal God, may your grace enkindle in all of us a love for the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings. Arouse in the hearts of those who call you Father a hunger and thirst for social justice and for fraternal charity in deeds and in truth. Grant, O Lord, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, and peace among nations! Amen*

**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.



*Basketball Wolves prepare to begin their season!*



# Saint Paul's School

## Jazz 'N Roll 2018



### Night Under the Oaks

#### Jewel of The Night



#### Diamond The Barberito Family

#### Sapphire

The Paretti Family of Dealerships



#### Emerald

Baldone Reina Dermatology, APMC  
Biggs Construction, LLC.  
Billiot Pest Control  
Mr. and Mrs. Brett Bollinger  
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Dr. R. Timothy Brown  
Covington Orthopedic Sports Medicine  
Institute  
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Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin  
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lindsey  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Nicotri, Jr.  
Old Orleans Construction, Inc.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Ramon  
Sawyer Orthodontics  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Schwartz  
Sensible Meals  
Uniforms by Bayou  
**Pearl**  
The Al & Diane Kramer Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kramer  
Drs. Meredith and Michael Hall  
Tranchina & Mansfield

**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 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!**

**Vocation Awareness Week, Nov 4 – 11**, is an annual celebration to promote vocations to priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life and to renew our support for those who are considering these particular vocations. *The Lasallian family is especially invited to participate in NVAW. As the Rule of the Brothers states, “The entire People of God is responsible for awakening vocations in the Church.” For those seeking their path in life, Brother Superior General Robert Schieler, FSC, wrote in a 2017 letter on Founder’s Day, as Lasallians, we need to invite young people to, “come and tell us where they find community, what gives the deepest meaning to their lives, what causes and concerns move them to action, and where they meet God in their lives?”* Here is the Brothers’ Vocation Website: <https://brothersvocation.org/>

**Weekly Humor:** In honor of Aid & Abet a Punster Day:

- *I asked a French friend to play video games. She said "Wii."*
- *Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!*
- *Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.*
- *Did you hear about the auto body shop that just opened? It comes highly wreck-a-mended.*
- *When an escaped prisoner was caught camping out in the woods it was a clear case of criminal in tent*

- *I started a business breeding chickens, but I'm struggling to make hens meet*
- *Traveling on a flying carpet is a rugged experience*
- *Exit signs? They're on the way out!*
- *I sent my baby to the army. They put him in the infantry.*
- *Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy who has one. [LOL!]*
- *The one who invented the door knocker got a No-bell prize.*
- *I know a lot of jokes about bad pole-vaulters, but none of them seem to go over very well.*
- *If you commit a crime at the carnival, do you get a fair trial?*
- *A hungry traveler stops at a monastery and goes to the kitchen. A brother is frying chips. 'Are you the friar?' he asks. 'No. I'm the chip monk,' he says.*
- *Why did the can crusher quit his job? Because it was soda pressing.*
- *I suffer from kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.*
- *Why is peter pan always flying? He never lands.*
- *What about the math major who was afraid of negative numbers? He'd stop at nothing to avoid them.*
- *What did the librarian say when the books were in a mess? We ought to be ashamed of ourshelves!*
- *Did you hear about the two silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!*
- *Someone stole my toilet and the police have nothing to go on*
- *Last time I got caught stealing a calendar I got 12 months.*
- *What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A Yamahahaha.*



*NHS officers Ross, Hyde, Andrew, and Stephen prepare to induct new members.*

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

- 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 exams
- 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

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

**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 Announcements  
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 Announcements  
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 Luncheon in Cafeteria

Whew! Enough for now! I can't believe we are starting the thirteenth week of the school year – the fourth 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 November and I'm Still The 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President/CEO of Saint Paul's

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



*...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



Beau Franklin



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Jacob Lauterbach



Blake Ramsey





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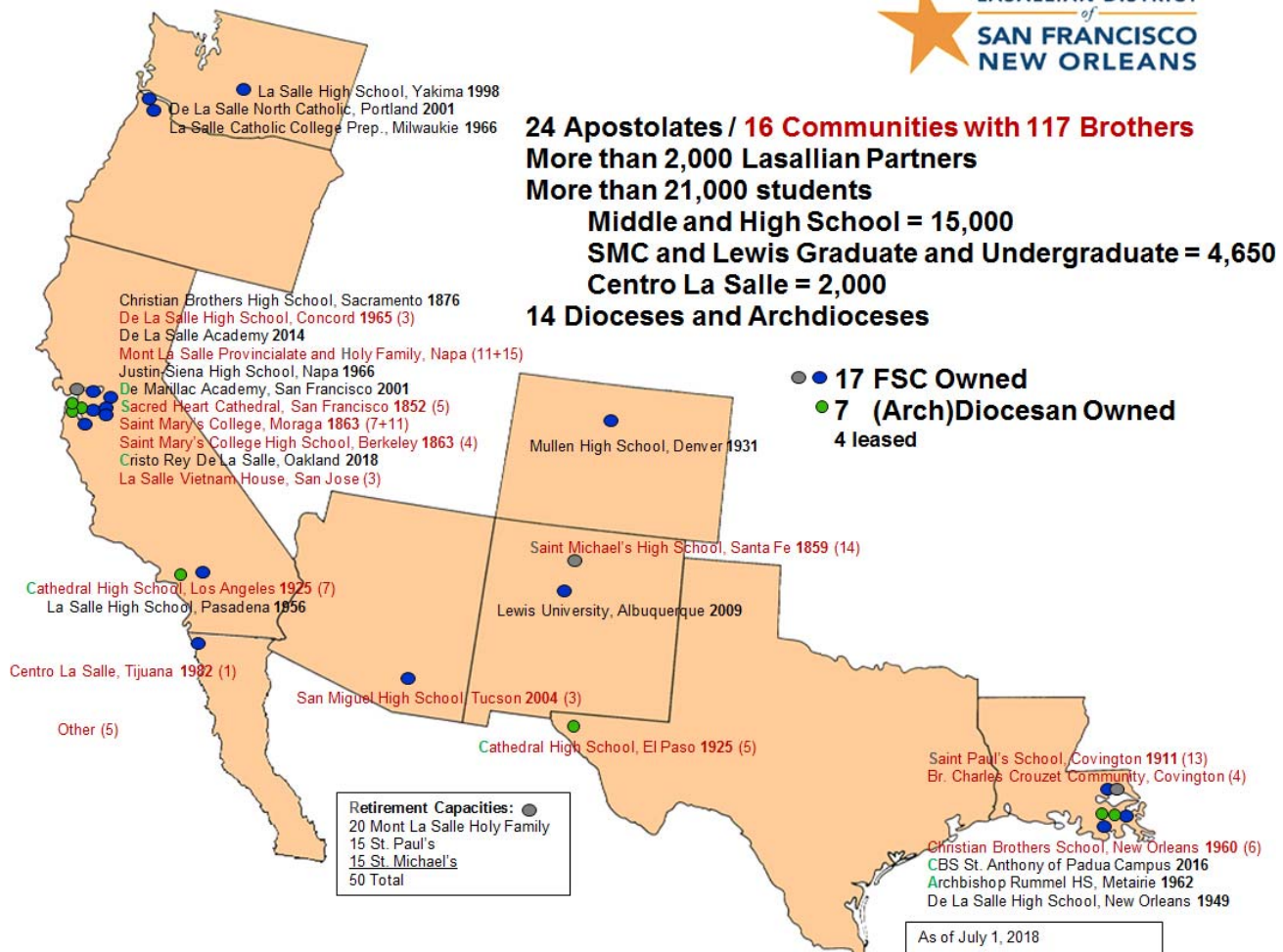
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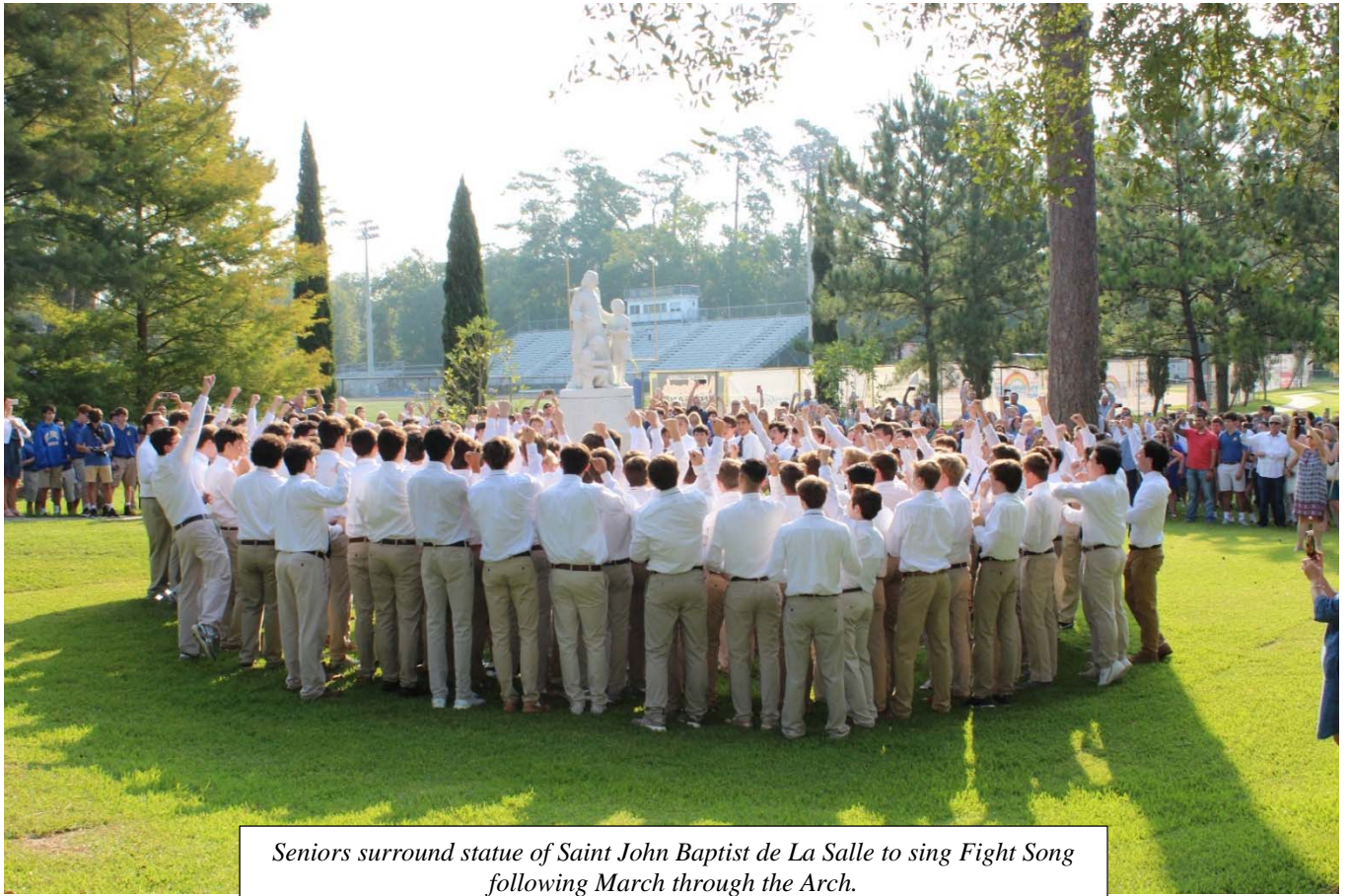
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*Seniors surround statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle to sing Fight Song following March through the Arch.*