



The President/Principal's Newsletter for Mar 24 - 30, 2014

2014 -- A Year of Family and Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans



The Third Week of Lent

Welcome to the final full week of March and welcome to spring, which officially began last Thursday!

In his papal installation homily a little over a year ago, Pope Francis challenged all of us to be “protectors” -- just as he, as Bishop of Rome and Pope, is called to protect. One year into his papacy, the words he spoke that day are worth recalling as we approach the mid-point of Lent, which BTW, is this Thursday (how are we doing with our Lenten resolutions?) Here’s what Pope Francis said:



Being a protector...means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world. It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. It means caring for one another in our families.... It means building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it.

Be protectors of God's gifts... protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment. Let us not allow omens of destruction and death to accompany the advance of this world! But to be “protectors”, we also have to keep watch over ourselves! Let us not forget that hatred, envy and pride defile our lives! Being protectors, then, also means keeping watch over our emotions, over our hearts, because they are the seat of good and evil intentions: intentions that build up and tear down! We must not be afraid of goodness or even tenderness! Caring, protecting, demands goodness, it calls for a certain tenderness. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness! Only those who serve with love are able to protect! To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope! Let us protect with love all that God has given us!

Let's all resolve to follow the words of Pope Francis!

Be PROTECTORS of God's gifts today and always!

Mon, Mar 24 (HR Breakfast Schedule; FGAB):

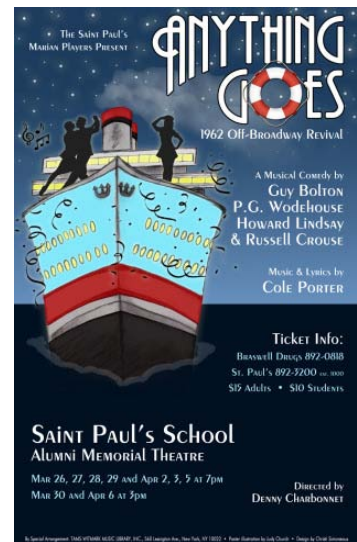
- **This Day In History:** In 1603, Queen Elizabeth I dies, causing Will Shakespeare to change his acting company's name to the Kings Men. Also, in 1976, NFL QB & New Orleans native Peyton Manning is born!
- **Chocolate-Covered Raisin Day!** Enjoy this classic treat!
- **9th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast**
- **Tennis v. Slidell**

Tue, Mar 25 (President/Principal's Assembly; C D E F)

- **Feast of the Annunciation:** *The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit....* Christmas is nine months away!
- **TDIH:** In 1954, RCA manufactured its first color TV set and began mass production. We've come a long way! Today's students probably can't imagine a black and white TV set!
- **Pecan Day:** Name the only nut tree native to North America. ... You guessed it..... Pecan trees. Celebrate Pecan Day by cracking open and eating a few pecan nuts. Or have some pecan pie.
- **Vaffeldagen (Waffle Day):** While primarily a Swedish celebration, it's a good excuse to eat a waffle today! And you can add pecans to the batter for a double celebration!
- **Baseball:** 8th v. Hannan; JV & Varsity at Hammond (4 & 6)
- **Track:** JV Parish Meet at Hunter Stadium (4)
- **Tennis at Fontainebleau**
- **Marian Players:** *Anything Goes* preview night.

Wed, Mar 26 (10th Grade HR Breakfast schedule; G A B C)

- **Manatee Appreciation Day:** Cherish the endangered manatee today! Here's a poem: *I Like Manatees swimming in the sea / Manatee, manatee/ Come play with me! Big and gray, In the bay, eating plants all day. /I like manatees swimming in the sea. Manatee, Manatee, come play with me.*
- **National Spinach Day:** Enjoy this wonderful veggie today! I love spinach!
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Fontainebleau Invitational
- **Dads Club Meeting (6:30 at Abita Brew Pub)**
- **Marian Players:** *Anything Goes*, opens tonight. Best wishes, MPs!



Thu, Mar 27 (11th Grade HR Breakfast schedule; D E F G)

- **Quirky Country Music Song Titles Day:** Celebrate by playing such classics as Lou Carter's *If I Had a Nose Full of Nickels, I'd Sneeze Them All Atchoo* or Johnny Cash's *Flushed from the Bathroom of Your Heart* or Kenny Chesney's *If the Phone Doesn't Ring You'll Know It's Me* or Dan Hicks' *How Can I Miss You When You Won't Go Away* or Homer and Jethro's *She Made Toothpicks Out Of The Timber Of My Heart* and, no, I'm not making these up & these are just the titles that are printable by a Catholic school administrator who wants to keep his job!
- **TDIH:** March Madness is born when, on this day in 1939, The University of Oregon defeats The Ohio State University 46–33 to win the first-ever NCAA men's basketball tournament.
- **NEW Student Scheduling (3:30—5:30 in Briggs Assembly Center)** We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2019!
- **Baseball:** 8th v. John Curtis (site TBD); JV & Varsity v. Mandeville (4 & 6:30)
- **Rugby** v. Brother Martin (5:30)
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes!* (7)

Fri, Mar 28 (12th Grade HR Breakfast; A B C D)

- **Track:** Varsity in Ponchatoula Invitational
- **Ultimate:** Annual trip to Atlanta for HS Terminus
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes!* (7)

Sat, Mar 29

- **TDIH:** 1848, ice blockages caused rivers to run dry, and reduced the flow of water to such an extent that Niagara Falls' 3,160 tons of water per second flow came to a halt.
- **Knights of Columbus Founders Day:** The first Knights of Columbus charter was granted in 1882 on this day by the state of Connecticut. This Catholic and family fraternal service organization has grown into a force totaling nearly six million who annually donate tens of millions of dollars and volunteer hours to countless charitable projects.
- **Baseball:** 9th v. Pearl River (11) & Northshore (1:15); JV & Varsity at Northshore
- **Rugby** v. Audubon in BR
- **Lacrosse:** Jr Hi & 9th in Bayou Bash; JV & Var play away
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes!* (7)

Sun, Mar 30 – 4th Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday or Rose Sunday. We are now past the mid-point of Lent so the Church “rejoices” (which is Laetare in Latin). Our salvation is nigh!

- **I hope and pray that our Catholic families will attend mass today. I encourage our non-Catholic families to attend the church, synagogue or mosque of their choice, especially our Christian families as we move into Lent.**
- **National Doctors Day:** We give thanks today for all physicians, especially the ones associated with SPS! The date is the anniversary of the first use of general anesthetic in surgery, on March 30, 1842, in Jefferson, Ga. Let's all stay healthy today and give the good docs the day off!
- **The Grass is Always Browner on the Other Side of the Fence Day:** this day is meant to inspire people to be happy with what they have, rather than selfish and greedy and envious of other people.
- **Drama:** *Anything Goes!* (3)
- **National Pencil Day:** Today is Pencil Day! On this day in 1858, the United States Patent and Trademark Office granted the first-ever patent for a modern pencil with an eraser attached to it. Hymen Lipman created the wooden pencil and received high praise for how easy it was to use for writing and drawing. Did you know that a single wooden pencil can write 45,000 words or draw a line that is 35 miles long? A pencil can also write under water, upside down, or in zero gravity. Manufacturers painted the first pencils yellow because the color was associated with royalty and honor. People quickly began assuming that yellow pencils were the best type! To celebrate Pencil Day, set aside your laptop and use a pencil and paper to write today! And on NPD, I offer the following, sent to me by an SPS mom recently:



Young Lawyers prepare to leave for mock trial competition.

A PENCIL MAKER TOLD THE PENCIL 5 IMPORTANT LESSONS JUST BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE BOX:

- 1.) EVERYTHING YOU DO WILL ALWAYS LEAVE A MARK.*
- 2.) YOU CAN ALWAYS CORRECT THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE.*

3.) *WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT IS INSIDE OF YOU.*

4.) *IN LIFE, YOU WILL UNDERGO PAINFUL SHARPENINGS, WHICH WILL ONLY MAKE YOU BETTER.*

5.) *TO BE THE BEST PENCIL, YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE HELD AND GUIDED BY THE HAND THAT HOLDS YOU.*

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are, is what's inside of you.

Now, go out there and be a pencil!



English I H class raise their pencils in honor of National Pencil Day!

2014-15 Scheduling Sessions: This week, current 8th and 9th graders will begin choosing classes for next year. **Only students who have completed the registration process (turned in both fee and form) will be allowed to select classes.** If your registration is incomplete and you plan on your son attending next year, please send payment and registration form on Monday morning. Thanks. Direct any questions to me. Current 10th & 11th grade students have already received their scheduling packets and should return them to the counseling office this week. **PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.** We make hiring and curriculum decisions based upon the scheduling packets.

Report Cards were emailed last week. Parents, please encourage your sons to seek extra help if needed. National Honor Society and individual teachers offer extra help and tutoring.

Honor Roll Breakfast: We began our final round of HR breakfasts last Friday. Breakfast lasts from 7:40 – 8:20 and parents are invited. Here's the rest of the schedule:

March 24 – 9th Grade Honor Roll Breakfast

March 26 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast

March 27 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast

March 28 – 12th Grade HR Breakfast

The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly: Last week, I wrote that we would be “stepping up” our vigilance in terms of student drug and alcohol use. Towards that end, the local police brought a drug dog to campus last week at our request. The results? Nothing. Nada. Negative. We had been trying to get the drug dogs on campus all year, like we usually do, but the change in the local police administration delayed the efforts. We are now back on the schedule and will continue to employ this deterrent. Our pre-freshmen were a little surprised at this, but our older guys were used to the canine presence.

We also drug tested 20 students last week – some were “random” tests and some were targeted tests. The results? One positive, 19 negative. We are working with the family of the student who tested positive and he will be re-tested soon and must pass the test or he risks losing his privilege of being an SPS student. I again emphasize that Saint Paul’s is the ONLY school for boys in our area which drug tests – the overwhelming majority of which come back “negative.” I encourage all parents to test, too!

I write the above to assure all that we take seriously our obligation to provide a drug free environment for our students and to emphasize the need for healthy, life-affirming choices.

De La Salle High School in New Orleans is pleased to announce the appointment of Myles Seghers, PhD as Principal for the 2014-15 school year. Dr. Seghers has a long and distinguished career in Catholic education in our city. He served as an administrator at Rummel High School for over 20 years. He then served the Archdiocese of New Orleans as Associate Superintendent for Catholic Schools for 10 years. Upon completion of his doctoral program, Dr. Seghers went to Our Lady of Holy Cross College where he was Dean of the School of Education. During that tenure, he published extensively about teacher development and is a nationally recognized presenter on how to improve teacher performance. His last position at the college was to serve as the interim President. He succeeds current principal, Ms. Peggy St. John. Welcome to the Lasallian family of administrators, Myles!

AFJROTC: Many of you know that the LA 41st (our Air Force Junior ROTC) program lost its official status last year due to government budget cuts and the relatively small number of cadets involved in our program. At our recent inspection, the regional director was so impressed with our program that we were informed we can return to full status if can recruit at least 70 students for the program. The program’s viability is a direct result of Sgt. AJ East’s hard work, and I am very grateful to him. As students go about choosing their courses, please have your sons consider Junior ROTC. We would love to return to full status, as the program does so much good for the cadets.

Musings on Last Week:

- **Mother-Son “Linner”** (that’s what one student called it since it was moved to 4 pm and thus was no longer a “brunch” so he combined lunch and dinner! Congrats to **freshman Reagan Hill** for this neologism!): The ten seniors who spoke were great. Congratulations to **Eric Boudet, Michael Curry, David Davenport, Jordan Jacob, Andrew Marshall, Benny Miller, Handsome Monica, Justin Sciortino, Nick Sibley, & Paul Tilly**. And five pre-freshmen did a wonderful job on that perennial favorite, “Love You Forever.” Well done **Hayden Coutrado, Ashton van Deventer, Bradley Anzalone, Patrick Baldone, & Grant Hughes**. The musical accompaniment was done by **Bryan Livaudais**.
- **St. Joseph Day Mass:** Thanks to all who helped. I think St. La Salle was pleased.
- **Testing:** Congrats to all for a very successful first-ever in school ACT test for juniors & EXPLORE for freshmen.
- **Baseball:** Great start to District with win over Slidell. Good luck this week with THREE district game! And our 8th grade team Jesuit 12-4! Well done, pre-freshman wolves!
- **Track:** Jr Hi Track Meet was a success with an overall 2nd place; thanks Al et al. And Varsity did well in Nokia All State Sugar Bowl meet with Zachary Albright setting a meet record & DC Lipani winning his race, too!
- **Golf Wolves** won again on Wed! And did great in the Beau Chene Tournament on Sat.
- **Tennis Wolves** beat “da Pope” 5-0!

- **Powerlifting:** The Iron Wolves finished **SECOND** in **STATE!** Congats! More in later newsletters!
- **Ozone Spring Run--**a success! Thanks, Alumni Association!
- **Lasallians on Campus:** Thanks for welcoming the District and Mission & Ministry Councils. They enjoyed their stay on our beautiful campus!
- **Lacrosse:** JV and Varsity lacrosse teams defeated Northshore on Saturday with big scores at Hunter Stadium. And our 8th grade team traveled to the Southshore and defeated both Jesuit and Bro Martin. Geaux LAX Wolves!
- **AFJROTC:** Congrats to Color Guard for presenting the colors at last week's NO Pelicans game! B/c the Pels were playing the Toronto Raptors, our guys had to present both the American and Canadian flags.
- **Young Lawyers:** Our guys participated in regional competition yesterday.
- **PLTW Conference:** The participants were impressed (mostly public schools) with our program and our campus and two even asked for student applications! Our PLTW program continues to be the model in our area.



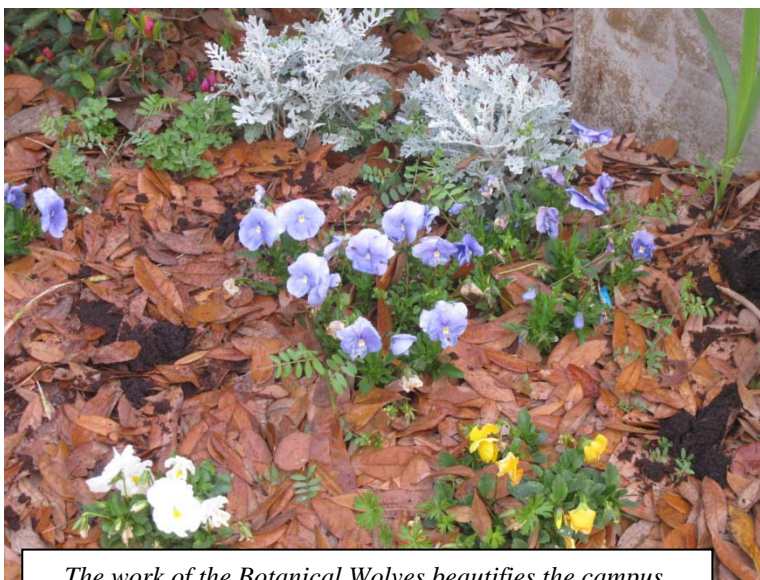
SPS AFJROTC prepares to present the colors at last week's NO Pelican / Toronto Raptor game. Note Canadian flag in addition to the US flag.

2014 Summer at Camp Abbey Seeking Staff: Camp Abbey, a ministry of the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, has begun preparations for its 2014 summer program and is seeking high school student applicants for junior counselor positions and graduating seniors, college students, and older for senior counselor and administrative positions. Although all positions are paid, staff may decline stipends in favor of service hours if applicable. Camp includes opportunities for prayer, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as activities such as volleyball, basketball, softball, flag football, arts & crafts, archery, swimming, boating, performing arts, camping, and hiking.

If you enjoy the outdoors, want to share your Catholic faith, and serve as a mentor and role model, consider applying for summer staff at Camp Abbey. Boys' camp staff serves during June 2014, and girls' camp staff serves during July 2014. For more info or applications, visit www.campabbey.org or contact campabbey@arch-no.org or 985-327-7240.

Botanical Wolves: The BWs have been busy with the beginning of spring. Our campus is looking more beautiful than ever. The BWs call your attention to the following:

- To support their efforts, the BWs will sponsor a **PLANT SALE** this Saturday, March 29th beginning at 9:00 am.



The work of the Botanical Wolves beautifies the campus.

- Volunteers are needed to water the plants as the warm months approach.
- For further information, please contact Linda Trahan@ botanicalwolfpack@gmail.com or call her @ 985-630-3024. You may also call Connie Nichols Phillips @ 504-908-3700 or email @ cphillips@docusource.us

Dads Club: The SPS Dads Club will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Abita Brewery. We encourage all dads to join us. Thanks, Dads Club, for all you do for SPS.

Catholic Sophomores in Mary Queen of Peace Parish: Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is administered in the junior year, will be Monday, March 24 from 4 until 8, Tuesday, March 25 from 10 –noon and 4-6; Wednesday, March 26 from 4-8, Monday, March 31 from 4-8, and Tuesday, April 1, from 10 – noon. If your son plans on being confirmed next year, you must attend one of these meetings and bring his Baptismal record and \$50 registration fee. If for any reason you can't afford the fee, allow MQP to provide financial aid. Confirmation program begins on Tuesday, April 29th at 7 pm. Contact Jewell Bayhi at 674-9794 for more info.



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Social Media: Superintendent Trey Folse of the St. Tammany Public School District sent a letter to all of his students' parents on Feb 25, informing them that school leaders and law enforcement agencies are seeing an uptick in "inappropriate behavior on social media platforms." Mr. Folse said the activity authorities are warning parents about can range from cyber bullying to students posting inappropriate pictures of themselves or others. The letter warns parents that some students might have two accounts on such sites as Facebook, Vine, Twitter, Instagram and SnapChat - one that parents can see and another that parents do not have access to. "Some of these apps can also give children a false sense of security about the privacy of what they are sending," the letter says. I commend Supt. Folse and echo his sentiments.

Louisiana Magnolia Tri will be held on Sat, Apr 5th at 7:30 am to benefit the Magnolia Community Services (<http://www.mcs-nola.org>), an organization leading the way for people with developmental disabilities. A 600 yard swim, 12 mile bike and 5K run comprise the Tri. More info and registration at: <https://register.cajuntiming.com/Search/event.aspx?id=25259>. Sign up early – Limited space.

In the Good Old Summer Time: Looking for worthwhile summer activities? Here are a few:

- **Louisiana Youth Seminar (LYS):** a weeklong (July 20 – 25) leadership camp held on LSU's campus in Baton Rouge designed for rising juniors and seniors who demonstrate leadership abilities in their schools. More info at www.louisianayouthseminar.org. **SPS 2012 graduate Will Barnett was on campus last Tuesday during lunch to discuss the program and answer questions.**
- **Camp Bocamb:** This camp, conducted by the Legionaries of Christ on Hwy 437 in Covington on June 2-8, is for boys in grades 5-9. Mass, good food, sports, field trips, and fun. Check out pictures from 2013 at www.facebook.com/conquestlouisiana. Contact Martha Lindlay at mfl33184@yahoo.com for more info and registration.

- **Positive action and Positive Attitude Camps:** The Positive Attitude and Positive Action camps are youth leadership workshops designed to teach junior high and high school students leadership and communication skills so that they can return to their schools and communities and implement programs that have a positive impact on others. More info at <http://www.pacamp.org/about.html>
- **SPS Summer Camps:** We offer excellent one week camps in baseball, football, basketball, wrestling, soccer, and drama. Click here <http://www.stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp/> for more info.

SPS Mardi Gras Bead Drive: Instead of throwing old beads out, please donate beads to the SPS bead drive. All beads will be donated to help fund St. Michael's Special School. This is a school that helps kids with disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, and Asperger's syndrome. The beads donated will help with color and shape lessons, as well as funding for school.



Senior Eucharistic Ministers prior to St. Joseph Day all school mass last week.

Vincent Van Gogh's birthday is this Sun, Mar 30. Two years ago, to celebrate this famous Dutch artist (1853-1890), Brother Tim Coldwell, our pun-prone provincial, researched the following Van Gogh Family Tree. It's worth another read – and serves as H of the W! Prepare to groan. Sorry, Vincent!

- Vincent's dizzy aunt: Verti Gogh*
- His brother who ate prunes: Gotta Gogh*
- The brother who worked at a convenience store: Stopen Gogh*
- The grandfather from Yugoslavia: U Gogh*
- His magician cousin: Wherediddy Gogh*
- His Mexican cousin: Ameer Gogh*
- The Mexican cousin's American half-brother: Gring Gogh*
- The constipated uncle: Gotta Gogh*

The ballroom dancing aunt: Tang Gogh
The bird loving uncle: Flamin Gogh
The fruit loving cousin: Man Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking: Wayto Gogh
The bouncy little nephew: Po Gogh
A Cajun sister who loved disco: Geaux Gogh
The niece who travels the country in an RV: Winnie Bay Gogh
 Brother Tim closed with: *I saw you smiling: There ya Gogh!*

Prayers Requested: SPS alum Ben Blanchard '00, son of SPS Trustee Susan Blanchard, was diagnosed last week with Ewing's Scarcoma, a rare, aggressive tumor-type cancer. He will soon begin 8-12 months of chemotherapy, with possible surgery and radiation, at MD Anderson. We offer our prayers for Ben, his parents (Mark & Susan) & brother, Chris '03.

Prayers are also requested for Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen and his family. Craig's dad, the legendary "Coach K", the former head wrestling coach at LSUS, entered eternal life Saturday afternoon after a long illness.



*Vincent Van Gogh's
 "Vase with Twelve Sunflowers"*

I'm Still Begging: Thanks to those who each week to my request. But PLEASE – I need everyone's help, including alumni and grandparents. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high pressured; ours is not.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation.)
- You may "pledge" your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). **More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. WONDERFUL!**
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What's important is that everyone participates.
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thanks. Can you send \$10 to Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! Several grandparents approached me on GP Day about donating and asked why they aren't solicited like other schools do. I replied that we need and welcome their support and they all replied that they would contribute. **If you would like to inform your son's grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I'll personally appeal. I'll send them a nice "thank you" note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.

Tickets for St. Paul's spring musical, "Anything Goes" are on sale in the administration building. Get them soon as they sell out quickly. Opening night will be Wednesday, March 26.

Hair Rule: With nature sprouting all over, our students' hair seems to be growing a fast rate, too. We are about to embark on "haircut" rule enforcement, so help us by insisting your son conforms to policy.

Words of Encouragement: I held my breath as I opened an email last week with the following in the subject line: **Jesuit's Experience at Christian Brothers Relays.** As we have had some "issues" in the past with that school, I was prepared for the worst. Instead, here's what I read:

I wanted to tell you what an absolutely wonderful time, and most inspiring visit I had at your most beautiful St. Paul's campus, for the Christian Brothers Relays! It all began with the beautiful Mass for the athletes! Wow! That was the first time I have ever been to a Catholic School Sports event, involving other Catholic schools that began with a Mass! It was so touching to see all these young, handsome athletes and coaches from the different schools, worshipping our awesome God, and starting off the event with Him! What a witness to our Catholic faith, and teaching our young people! I would love to see that done more, especially at Jesuit! Whenever I have met any coaches from St. Paul's, they were always so friendly, positive, and excellent coaches, who seemed to really be interested in their boys! Everyone I encountered tonight from St. Paul's were kind, warm, and friendly. Mr. Baumgartner gave a nice introduction, and I could see that he loved being Lasallian. (My three boys were educated by the wonderful Christian Brothers in N.O.) The people in the concessions, and the parents I met greeted us and served with a smile! I met a track coach from Rummel, who said he and his team say this is their favorite relay because of the mass, and that it is such a nice one. Many thanks to St. Paul's for inviting Jesuit! It was an honor to be there! Happy and holy Lent!

Thank you, again, Coach Al et al for making an email like this possible!

A Look Ahead

March 31-April 4 –Founder's Week
March 31 – Sophomore Service Day
April 1 – Snack Day
April 2 - Life Skills Day for Seniors
April 4 – Field Day – Periods GA meet in AM
April 7-11 – Leadership Week
April 7 – Mass SJBDLS
April 8 – Principal's Assembly
April 9 – Leadership Breakfast
April 10 – Guest Speaker
April 11 – Assembly Schedule – SC Elections
April 14 – Late Start for Faculty Meeting/Challenge Night
April 15 – Pack Time
April 17 – Easter Holidays begin at 3:00
April 29 – Principal's Assembly
May 6 – Pack Time
May 7-9 – Senior Exams



Zachary en route to a record-breaking 4:15.89 victory in the LHSAA DI state indoor championship

Whew! I wore you out again this week!

And even though we've reached the end of March of 2014, I still close with a paraphrase from one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I'm listening to now as I write and LOLing): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Again, please let me know if there's an issue you would like me to address in my newsletters or a question you think applies to others. Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we march forward through 2014! Again, thanks for being part of the 2013-14 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Welcoming Spring as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul's School



Quality education, inclusive community, respect for all, concern for the poor & social justice, faith in God's presence – Lasallian Core Principles much needed in today's world!

Saint Paul's School 2014-15 School Year Calendar for Saint Paul's School

**This NEXT Year's Calendar, not this year's!
It's for those of you who plan early – unlike me!**

Mon, Aug 04	New Teacher Meeting
Tue - Wed, Aug 05 & 06	All Faculty Meetings
Thu, Aug 07	School Opens with full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 18	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 21	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Ceremony
Fri, Aug 22	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Sep 01	Labor Day Holiday
Mon, Sept 08	Parent - Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Oct 10	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 10	Grandparents' Day begins at 11:30
Mon-Fri, Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Dec 01	Classes resume from Holiday
Mon, Dec 01	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Tue - Fri, Dec 16-19	Semester Exams
Fri, Dec 19	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:00 following exams
Mon, Jan 05	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Wed-Fri, Jan 07-09	Senior Retreat

Mon, Jan 19	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 02	Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm
Fri, Feb 13	Teacher Retreat Day (no classes)
Mon-Fri, Feb 16-20	Mardi Gras/ Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 23	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Apr 03-10	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 13	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Sat, May 02	Junior - Senior Prom
Wed-Fri, May 06-08	Senior Final Exams
Mon, May 18	8 th grade promotion ceremony
Tue - Fri, May 19-22	9, 10 & 11th Final Exams
Mon, May 26	Memorial Day
Tue, May 27	Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays.

In reviewing the proposed SPS calendar, please keep the following in mind:

- While state law only requires 175 instructional day, archdiocesan policy requires 177 days.
- A minimum of 3 faculty days must be scheduled.
- The Year must be evenly divided into two semesters.
- St. Tammany public schools open on Aug 8 – a day after I'm proposing
- St. Tammany returns from Christmas on Jan 5 (the day I'm proposing) which is a Monday.
- St. Tammany ends the year on May 22, the same day I'm proposing
- As we did this year, we eliminate Book Day and begin on Aug 7 with a full day of instruction.