



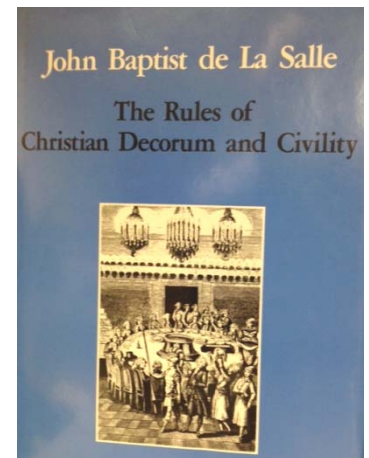
The President's Newsletter for May 11-17, 2015

Alleluia! He is Risen!



This week is National Etiquette Week (NEW), designed to raise awareness of the importance of courtesy, civility, and good manners in everyday life. Civility is a vital part of the professional and social realms—business, social, dining, travel, technology, wedding, and international protocol. But we need civility in everyday life. Civility was so important to Saint John Baptist de La Salle that he wrote a student reader entitled “Rules of Civility and Decorum.” It’s a masterpiece. Here is a very small sampling of topics covered:

- *What decorum permits or does not permit in regard to interrupting others*
- *How to act when meeting someone*
- *Things you should do before eating; how to eat politely; how to request things at the table; how to take portions for yourself; what to do with gravy and fruit; how to eat soup; how to carve meat; how to leave the table*
- *The nose and the manner of blowing your nose and sneezing*
- *How to enter the house of a person you visit and how to greet the person you visit*
- *Faults committed when you speak against the charity due your neighbor*
- *How to question, inquire, correct and give your opinion*
- *The manner of dressing and undressing*
- *Parts of the body which should be covered and the necessities of nature [I’m sure you can guess what these are!]*



Almost any human action you can imagine (especially in the life of boys!) is covered in this book – which was used to teach reading as well as manners. While parts are humorous by today’s standards, the overarching message is that civility and decorum are not optional traits. And our job as educators is to help students adapt to the civil and decorous demands of modern day life. Please encourage our students to practice civility, especially manners, this week – and let’s all commit **to setting the example** for the young people entrusted to our care.



Briggs lights Paschal Candle at last week’s assembly – the finale for The Class of 2015.

Mon, May 11 (Regular; B C D E)

- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day:** We remember those who serve in our armed forces and the sacrifices their families make during deployment. Say a prayer for all military spouses today.
- **Eat What You Want Day:** Health permitting, go ahead and indulge today!
- **TDIH:** 1997, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after 19 moves in a game against Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by scientists at IBM.
- **Art Show** begins this evening from 6-7:30 and runs through the 13th. Our guys have done some GREAT work this year. Be sure and compliment them. Thanks, Gerald and Andrew!

Tue, May 12 (Assembly; F G A B)

- **Final President’s Assembly (Yea!)** I’ll try to recognize as many as possible, but undoubtedly some things will get left out; some will roll over until next year! If you really want something recognized, let me know.
- **Band Awards Ceremony (6:30 pm; BAC)** Thanks for a GREAT year, Marching, Concert, & Jazz Wolves!

- **National Limerick Day** (a five line anapestic meter poem with an aabba rhyme scheme – but you knew that.) Here’s what many consider the best limerick ever (at least that can be printed in a Catholic newsletter!), written by American poet & humorist Ogden Nash:

*A flea and a fly in a flue
were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue*

Wed, May 13 (Assembly; C D E F)

- **Frog Jumping Day:** Be kind to frogs today! They are all over our campus! This day can be traced back to Missouri author Mark Twain, and his first short story “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” – which is worth reading today!
- **Academic & Service Awards Assemblies for grades 9-11**
- **Pre-freshmen Exams followed by Promotion Ceremony Practice**
- **Chamber of Commerce Expo**
- **Senior Grad Night.** This activity is organized by senior parents for all seniors. The evening lasts from 5-8



Lasallian Young Leaders sell donuts last week to help fund their trip to Lasallian Student Leaders program this summer in CA.

Thu, May 14 (Assembly; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** 1948, in Tel Aviv, the State of Israel, is established, the first Jewish state in 2,000 years
- **National Chicken Dance Day:** OK with me if you dance like a chicken today!
- **Pre-freshmen Exams followed by Promotion Ceremony Practice**
- **Cross Country:** Call-out this afternoon at 3:30 for all interested in running for the state champion Wolves!
- **Athletic Awards Ceremony** this morning. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: I’ll match our athletic program against any school. And ditto for our coaches – and not just for their knowledge of their sport, but for the content of their character, their commitment to Lasallian values, and their unswerving dedication to our students. We have had a great year. While I know the purpose of this morning is to honor the students, our coaching staff deserves great recognition, too. How many schools can boast of the following: Football - District Champs – again; Cross Country – District, North Shore Metro champs and fourth in state; Soccer - District Champ & STATE Champs (again!) and ranked 1st in the nation; Wrestling - District, Parish Champs - 6th in State; Powerlifting – 3rd in State; Track - District & Parish Champs; Golf – District champs; Lacrosse - District Champs – 2nd in state; Gymnastics – MVP; Baseball – District Champs – and the list goes on and on..... Wow. Go Wolves!
- **Drama:** The drama classes will present their original one act plays. These are always quite entertaining.
- **Track awards banquet to celebrate a stellar year!**

Fri, May 15 (Assembly; D E F G)

- **National Chocolate Chip Day:** go ahead and indulge with a cookie or CC ice cream!
- **Traditional feast of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.** Each year, Lasallians honor St. John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and patron saint of teachers, on May 15, known as Founder’s Day. It’s a day to reflect on the rich history of the Lasallian mission and celebrate the man whose vision and dedication to providing a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor, launched the worldwide Lasallian network. Rejoice in being a Lasallian today!
- **TDIH:** In 1950, Pope Pius XII declares John Baptist de La Salle “Patron of All Teachers of Youth.” Here are the Pope’s words: *Having then carefully considered the matter, we now, with sure knowledge and due deliberation, and in the exercise of our full apostolic authority, constitute and proclaim, by this Brief and for all time, St. John Baptist de La Salle, Confessor, principal patron before God, of all teachers of youth, and we accord him all liturgical honours*

and privileges appropriate to that title, irrespective of all contrary considerations. Given at Rome, from St. Peter's, and sealed with the Fisherman's ring, this 15th day of May, feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, in the twelfth year of our pontificate. All teachers should celebrate their Patron's feast!

- **Awards Assembly for all followed by final senior graduation practice**
- **Pre-freshmen Exams followed by Promotion Ceremony Practice**



Craig presents LHSAA awards to Ryan, Brad, & Michael for being named to Academic All State Composite Team in basketball and powerlifting, respectively.

Sat, May 16

- **TDIH:** In 1999, Wayne Jacob Gardner, Jr. (son of SPS chemistry teacher Jan) and Jay Matthew Perret graduated as co-salutatorians of Saint Paul's School and Derek Mark Lemoine graduated as valedictorian. Jacob is an attorney in New Orleans; Derek earned a PhD from the University of California in Energy and Resources and teaches at the University of Arizona; and Jay is in medical school in Montana while operating his own farm!
- **One Hundred and Fourth Annual Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School** at 4:00 p.m. in Briggs Assembly Center. Admission by ticket only (each senior was issued 8.) The seniors did well at practice! In case you haven't heard, 2015 Valedictorians are Matt Baldone, George Cazenavette, Max Gold, Ryan Keller and Connor Lu, while Salutatorians are Kyle Cleveland, Jack Dubreuil, and Burke Irwin.

Sun, May 17: We encourage Catholic families to attend mass and non-Catholic ones to attend church of choice.

- **TDIH:** In 1954, in a major civil rights victory, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional.
- **TDIH:** In 1980, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, suffers a massive eruption, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness.
- **World Hypertension Day:** OK, everyone, let's get our blood pressure under control! Mine will drop sharply beginning on May 22nd.
- **National Pizza Party Day:** not sure if this fits with hypertension day, but if your pressure allows, celebrate!
- **Justin Addison Memorial Conservation Cup:** This event is very meaningful. Here's what Justin's dad, Dr. Jay Addison, said about the event: *"We had always intended to leave our land to Justin for his future children to carry on the family traditions of raising horses, hunting, and fishing. His untimely loss has refueled our commitment to the Land Trust for Louisiana - the acres that we protect will be his legacy. His beautiful spirit and love of life live on in our efforts to preserve the land for future generations to enjoy."*

Presidential Scholar: We rejoice in Ryan Keller's selection as one of the two Presidential Scholars from Louisiana and one of only 141 high school seniors in the United States so honored. Each scholar was offered the opportunity to identify his most influential teacher. Ryan identified Pam Cullen, who will receive a personal letter from the Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Congrats, Pam! And we take great pride, too, in George Cazenavette's status as semi-finalist. I have no idea why they chose Ryan over George – as both have equally impressive resumes. Congratulate George, too.

Art Exhibit by our students is on display in the Briggs Center on Mon – Wed of this week. Evening showings will be held at 6 pm. Allow me to take a moment to praise our art department. They do some really fantastic work. Gerald and Andrew (and Merle before them) have developed a multi-dimensional program of which we can all be very proud.

Thanks to them and the art students for this annual display. Please make an effort to view this great display of art in the Briggs Center. **And feel free to visit an art class in progress or visit the lobby of La Salle Hall to see art on display!**

Chamber Expo: The West St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual “Chamber Expo” on Wed, May 13, in which businesses can showcase their offerings. Last year, we rented a booth with SSA to showcase single sex Catholic education in our area. We felt it was successful enough (and next year’s pre-freshman class gives credence to our belief) that we will participate again this year. My thanks go Development and Public Relations Departments for arranging for an awesome display. This is another part of our intentional strategy to market SPS in our area.

New Scholarships: At this Friday’s awards ceremony, we will give two new scholarships:

- **Justin Addison Memorial Scholarship:** As I wrote last week, the family has funded this scholarship at \$1000 a year for a current junior for the next twenty years. We are grateful – and we loved Justin.
- **Francis R. Sharp Memorial Scholarship:** Mr. Francis R. Sharp was a well respected member of the 1958 graduating Class of Saint Paul’s School. During his time at Saint Paul’s, Mr. Sharp was actively involved in the 4 H Club, the Glee Club, the National Honor Society, the School Paper, and he also served as a manager of both the football and track teams. His love for Saint Paul’s was so apparent to his business associates that upon his passing on March, 7 2014, they created the Francis R. Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund in his name. A \$30,000.00 Endowment has been established on his behalf to provide an annual scholarship for at least the next 30 years. A \$1000.00 award will be given on an annual basis to a graduating senior who was involved in an activity similar to Mr. Sharp: the newspaper, athletic managing, or tutoring. We are screening potential recipients. We are most grateful to the family and friends of Mr. Sharp.
- **Let’s hope more alums follow the lead of Mr. Sharp’s family!**

Musings on Last Week:

- **AP Exams** went well. Thanks to teachers who taught and proctored and to the many students who enrolled in AP courses this year.
- **Graduation Practice** went well! I look forward to the ceremony.
- **Cap & Gown distribution** went well thanks to Renee, Gina, Paul & Ken.
- **Senior Finals** went well. Thanks, senior teachers!
- **Cafeteria ladies** treated seniors to ice cream sundaes on the first day of grad practice. Thanks, ladies!
- **Band Concert** was outstanding. Well done, Andrew, Jimmy, & bands.
- **Athletic Physicals** kept coaches, athletes and doctors busy Sat morning. We are very grateful to the medical community for providing this service to our students.
- **Pie Bowl:** Our annual end of spring football ritual was fun and successful. Geaux Wolves!
- **State Track Meet:** No results as of publication time, but I’m sure we did well!
- **Rideau Memorial:** The service for Mrs. Aldona Rideau on Sat went well. The family is grateful. Mrs. Rideau is the mother of SPS alum Robin Rideau ’83, but she was also the wife of Mr. Sidney Noel Rideau, aka Morgus the Magnificent. We were honored to have the funeral service in our chapel
- **Mock Trial:** I had the pleasure of watching our Law Studies class present their mock trial. Very nice!
- **Poetry Project:** Pre-freshmen in Myrle Wiggins’ classes presented poetry analysis presentations – complete with props and costumes. Very well done! I was impressed with our guys’ knowledge of poetic terms!



Colin reads to 1st grader on the Reading Buddies field trip.

- **Biomedical Projects:** Chris Stipe's biomed students made great presentations last Mon night. The future of biomedical education at SPS looks bright – **if we can find a new sponsor!**
- **Give NOLA Day:** Our first participation in this event netted 40 gifts for SPS totaling \$3025. I am appreciative to Danielle for organizing and promoting this event. We'll do better next year!
- **Sophomore Service Day:** Many thanks to Kevin for organizing this annual sophomore service day. Our guys did much good in St. Tammany on Friday. And thanks to the MC for helping, especially with lunch.
- **Student Council** gets a shout out this week for their teacher appreciation PJ's coffee treat! Thanks, SC!

Bookstore Clearance Sale: On Fri, May 15th the Mothers Club is opening the bookstore for the entire day to have an **End of School** sale. We have also invited all boosters clubs to bring their left over spirit items to sell as well. We will be having sale from 9am - 4pm in the courtyard between the Briggs Center and LaSalle Hall. We are trying to make an effort to have some uniformity with all booster sales together so that parents can get as much SPS apparel as they want at one time. We will also be selling used uniforms



Seniors begin graduation practice.

From Academic Assistant Principal Joe Dickens:

Welcome to a new school year. This is a reminder that all students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in an **honors or A.P.** social studies course do as well. Please take note of the following to ensure that your sons complete these assignments as efficiently as possible.

To make obtaining your son's English reading materials as facile as possible, our virtual bookstore will open for summer reading and for the school year on May 29. Any novel, play, or workbook he will need for English will be listed including new and used editions, and in some cases, eBooks. We offer this service for convenience, variety, and savings.

Simply go to our website at www.stpauls.com, click the "Order Your Books Here" button on the left, and you'll be directed to our virtual bookstore. You'll choose his titles for summer reading and for the school year based on his placement in English. Payment will be handled on-line through MBS Direct, and the books will be shipped by UPS straight to your hom

Please take advantage of the flat shipping rate which will be the week of June 8. You will save on shipping by ordering summer reading and the titles for the school year during this week.

Next, all summer reading questions for English and social studies (if your son is in honors or AP history/civics) are posted on our website. **Please note that your son will independently have to obtain his own summer reading books for social studies if he is in honors or AP.** Click on the link for summer reading at the bottom of our homepage, www.stpauls.com, and find the class(es) applicable to your son.

Lastly, take advantage of the *Spring Buyback* offered by MBS Direct by selling back your son's novels and plays from his English class (sorry, no workbooks). It's a great way to maintain our used inventory, and it may get you a little cash back. Go to our website, and click on the *Order Your Books Here* button. Then, click *Sell Your Books*, and follow the steps.

If you have any questions about your son's placement in English or social studies, please contact our Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.

Attention Students: Perfect Attendance has been posted for ALL GRADES on the bulletin board outside of Ms. Erin's office. It is very important that you check this list as soon as possible and see Mrs. Erin with any questions.

Calling all Leaders of Tomorrow: Leaders of Tomorrow is the only local summer program that helps high school students get a jump start on their careers. Participants learn valuable leadership and communication skills, and interact with professionals from various industries. The program is presented by the Northshore Rising Professionals, a committee of the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce, whose mission is to improve our community and provide a voice of young professionals. Send your **high school junior and senior** future leaders for an awesome experience! **July 13-17, 2015, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**, Madisonville Branch Library, **deadline to apply is May 15. See counseling dept for info.**

Award Ceremonies: Here's the info on our end of year awards ceremonies:

- **Athletic Awards** will be at 8 am on Thursday, May 14th in the BAC. Grades 8-11 will be in attendance. Senior athletes who want to receive their awards must attend. All other seniors are invited, but not required, to attend. Parents of the major athletic award winners will be notified and issued a special invitation to attend. Other parents are welcome to attend.
- **Band Awards** will be Tuesday evening, May 12th, in the BAC.
- **Academic Awards** for 8th graders will be given at the 8th grade promotion ceremony on Monday, May 18, at 6 pm in the BAC.
- **Academic Awards** for grades 9-11 will be given as follows:
 - Most of the awards (the gold & blue P, the course medals, etc.) will be given in level assemblies on Wednesday morning, May 13. That way, all of a student's peers can see him get the award and perhaps aspire to be in that number next year. We will give the major awards (the Golden Torch, Superior Achievement, Superior Academic, etc.) at an all school assembly on Friday morning, May 15, at 8 am. Parents of the major award winners will be invited to attend. Other parents are welcome to attend.
 - Awards for seniors will be given Friday morning, May 15th.

Tutoring continues every Mon, Wed and Fri at 7:15 in LaSalle Hall Room 212; Tue and Thu during lunch in LaSalle Hall Room 211. The tutors are very friendly and encourage students to come for help.

May 04 Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our May 04 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers. This has been the traditional song played at this assembly, for it's the last assembly for the seniors. "Lean on Me" stresses brotherhood and that's what we're about. While the music played, junior **Briggs Simpson** lit the prayer candle – now the large Paschal candle, symbolically representing Christ's resurrection. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God's Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mrs. Lisa Beloso**, aunt of **freshman Cole Abide**, **Mrs. Guitta Haik**, grandmother of freshman **Elliot Khoury**, & **Mrs. Hattie White**, aunt of senior **Bernard Penn**.
- As this was the last assembly for seniors, I explained that most of the recognitions would be of seniors, as I have one more assembly with everyone else.
- Recognized and congratulated again the nine seniors who have been named National Merit Finalists or Commended Students by the National Merit Corporation, thus placing these guys among the top 2% of students in the nation –

quite an honor! We are VERY proud of **Matthew Baldone, Beau Briggs, George Cazenavette, Jack Dubreuil, Max Gold, Ryan Keller, Connor Lu, Aaron Nguyen, and Walden Perry.**

- Recognized and congratulated again seniors **George Cazenavette & Ryan Keller** for being named Semi-Finalist in the Presidential Scholars Competition – two of only 8 students in the entire state of Louisiana. This is perhaps the most prestigious academic recognition in the country. Wow. We are beyond proud.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Patrick Rudiger**, who was awarded the CYO/Youth Ministry at St. Louis Cathedral by Archbishop Gregory Aymond for being the Outstanding Youth Award for St. Peter Parish.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Evan Young** for being awarded the prestigious St. Timothy Award by Archbishop Aymond for outstanding leadership on parish level. This award is the TOP award given yearly by the Archdiocese to only a handful of young people. Evan is part of Mary Queen of Peace Parish.
- Recognized and congratulated sophomore **Ashton Young** received the Outstanding Youth Award for Mary Queen of Peace.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **George Cazenavette** for winning 1st chair Baritone Sax position in the top symphonic band in the state. George is now considered the top Bari Sax player in the state. Also on a side note, before taking the auditions George spent the morning taking the SAT II test! Quite a grueling day!
- Recognized and congratulated senior **John Paul Lea** for receiving the Altar Server of the Year for St. Peter Church. He has been serving as a full time altar server at St Peter since he was in fourth grade. He received the award at the Annual Altar Server's Mass and Dinner which honors all the altar servers of the year throughout the parish. The mass was celebrated by Archbishop Aymond.
- Recognized and congratulated **senior Zachary Davis** who was named Altar Server of the Year from St. John of the Cross Church in Lacombe at the same ceremony. Zachary was also named the winner of the Knights of Columbus, Alex Semel Council No. 12989 Catholic Youth Leadership Award for 2015 at St. John of the Cross Church in Lacombe and has also received the **Dr. Warren A. and Joyce V. Meadows Honorary Scholarship** from the LSU College of Agriculture during the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Recognized and congratulated the following students from Mr. Brad Guillory's creative writing class who placed in the Louisiana Scholastic Writing Competition: Silver Keys (2nd place) were awarded to **David Von Bodungen** and **Jordan Wyle**. Honorable Mentions were awarded to: **Raymond Stratton, Cray Pennison, Parker Rice, Kyle Hladky, and Avery Frey.**
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Colin Skinner** for winning 5 out of the 6 events at the LHSAA Boys Gymnastics championships. Colin, who will be attending Air Force next year, was MVP of the meet.
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Joey Cherry** for breaking the SP Track record for the 300 meter hurdles. Joey broke the record at the regional track meet. Joey has been running hurdles since he was in the 4th grade at Mary, Queen of Peace. Well done, Joey!
- Recognized and congratulated the following seniors for being named to the Academic Five A All State Sports Teams: **Beau Briggs-golf, Bradley Clawson-power lifting, Kyle Cleveland-indoor/outdoor track, Joseph Gaienne-tennis, Harrison Gitz-baseball, Alexander Harp-indoor/outdoor track, Austin Ho-tennis, Peyton Lacoste-baseball, Warner Moore-power lifting, Maxwell Robin-indoor/outdoor track, Ethan Rodriguez- track, Colin Skinner-gymnastics, David von Bodungen-power lifting, and Cameron Warner-tennis**

- Recognized, congratulated and presented special certificates to three All Academic Spring Sports Teams All State Composite winners: **Ryan Keller (BB); Michael Brands (Powerlifting & Wrestling) & Bradley Clawson (Powerlifting)**
- Recognized and congratulated the SPS Lacrosse program for finished second in state. Quite an accomplishment! Gave special recognition to the ten seniors on the team – every one of them were present for the third quarter honor roll breakfast! Again, quite an accomplishment! Congrats to **Hunter Simonson, Peyton Burkenstock, Lane Sumrall, Max Gold, Dennis Carriere, Jean Paul Juge, Turner St Romain, Spencer Rhodes, Connor Lu, and Brennan Knepper.**



Seniors at their last President's Assembly last week

- As previously announced, our group of 5 seniors placed 2nd in the Louisiana TEAMS Engineering Competition held back in February. What we didn't know at the time was that our 2nd place ranking was **ONLY** in Part 1 of the competition - a multiple choice test based on math, science and current engineering concepts. Results from Part 2, an essay competition based on current engineering concepts, has just been graded, and with our combined scores in the multiple choice Part 1, and the essay Part 2... we came in 1st in state!!!! Wow! Team members are: **Matthew Dysart, Keegan Lange, Brent Neal, James Pagnutti, Andrew Richard, and Joe Tanner.**

- Recognized and congratulated the Powerlifting team. In Regionals, the Iron Wolves finished a close second: **Nick Gordon 1st; Austin Grashoff 1st; Warner Moore 1st; Ryan Sullivan 2nd; Jack Vining 3rd.** Jared Thieler, Jack Caminita, David Von Bodungen, Jon Rushing, and Brandon Eberts also qualified for state. At the state meet, The Iron Wolves finished Third as a team with the following individual winners: **Nick Gordon (state champion!), Warner Moore (state champion!), Ryan Sullivan (state champion!), Austin Grashoff (2nd in state), Brandon Eberts (3rd in state) and Jack Caminita (3rd in state).** Jared Thieler, David Von Bodungen, Jon Rushing, and Jack Vining also competed.
- Recognized and congratulated the following for their athletic signings:
 - Shawn Butler: football, Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, TN
 - Austin Barrios: baseball, Spring Hill, Mobile, AL
 - Brett Ferringa: soccer, Birmingham Southern
 - Kyle Cleveland: javelin, Loyola University in New Orleans
 - Colin Hanley: soccer, Niagara University in Niagara, New York
 - Jean-Paul Juge: lacrosse, University of Dallas
 - Jalen Mc Cleskey: football, Oklahoma State University
 - Carlo Graffeo: baseball, SLU
 - Kyle Schimpf: baseball, University of Louisiana at Monroe
 - Nick Chiasson: baseball, Spring Hill

- Peyton Lacoste: baseball, University of Washington
- Beau Briggs: golf, University of Mississippi
- At this point, as you can imagine, I was already overtime, so I quickly congratulated baseball, Dire Wolf (especially seniors **Joe Tanner, Connor Rees, Parker Rice, Gary Cavalier, Evan Young, Matt Dysart, Matthew Baldone, Trey Couvillion, Brett Ferringa, Ryan Keller, Ben Toups and Hunter Simonson**), Tennis (senior **Cameron Warner** made it to the semi-finals along with partner **Kurt Shiell**), Golf (especially seniors **Beau Briggs and Ryan O’Krepki**), and Track (regional runner- up).
- We then did a special tribute to the Rugby Wolves, who in only their second year, went undefeated with a 9-0 season. The scored over 256 points with only 51 against. We were ranked #16 nationally while winning the Louisiana State Championship and the Deep South Rugby Union Championship. Nominees for the USA South Rugby All Star team are: **Cade Cowen, JT Kinch, Mark Spicer, Cullen Lagasse, Jacob McDonald, Derek Drago, Kyle Gardner, Christian Jarrett & Charles (aka Nick) Rowbatham**. The team then took the traditional lap around the gym while “We Are the Champions” blared from the speakers. Congratulations to Coaches **Donald Hart, Al Freydor, Mark Dixon, and team doctor Dr. Scott Lagasse**.
- Finally, to end the assembly, senior **Casey Fitzmaurice** sang an original composition which he wrote in honor of the senior class. Very moving!
- Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions – which will carry over to the next – and final --assembly. So I encouraged everyone to finish strong by singing the fight song. . **Junior John Cresson** extinguished the prayer candle while “Lean on Me” played robustly. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God’s love to all whom they meet.
- It was a great – if long -- assembly – at least I thought so!

Graduation or Confirmation Gift: Looking for something different? **Buy A Brick!** We are about to order the third set of bricks for installation in La Salle Hall’s courtyard this summer. If you want to get in on this installment, order your brick soon. This would make a nice graduation gift! You can pick up an order form in the administration office, the records office, and the Alumni & Development Office. It’s also in Wolf Tracks or you can go on line to the school’s web-site, stpauls.com. If you need more information, call Danielle or Al in the development office. Cost of a brick is \$125.

Service Hour Reminder: I’m disappointed at the students who have not met their service hour requirement. It makes me want to question whether Saint Paul’s is the place for them. If your son is in that number, please urge him to get those service hours in – or re-evaluate why he wants to be at St. Paul’s.

Senior Graduation, as stated in our handbook, is a privilege, not a right. Please note the following:

- Graduation is Saturday, May 16, at 4 pm.
- Admission is BY TICKET ONLY. Each senior was issued EIGHT (8) tickets on May 08.
- The ceremony takes place within the context of a Catholic mass. Proper behavior FROM ALL is required. The ceremony lasts about two hours and is a beautifully moving event, but is **NOT a “small children” friendly event**.

Parents of Juniors and Seniors: if your son attended Prom, please check to see if he is missing a tuxedo jacket. Mrs. Case has two in room 107 that were left at the Quail Farm and have not been claimed.

Apologies: I inadvertently omitted the following in last week’s newsletter:

- Congratulations to the Varsity Track Team for finishing as the team Runner Up at the region II- 5A Championship last night. This is the highest finish ever for the track team in this Region which includes Annual Defending State Champion Catholic High School. The Wolves qualified athletes in 7 different events for the State meet which is also a record number of qualifiers since having been in the 5A classification.
- Congratulations to the Tennis Wolves won the regional tournament (first time in five years) and did well in the state meet, advancing to quarterfinal round.

NEXT YEAR'S 2015-16 School CALENDAR!

- **School starts on Thursday, August 6.** Note: this will be a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION. It will NOT be the Book Day of the past. We expect full attendance.
- The full calendar is posted on our website for you to plan accordingly.
- We are in the process of finalizing course offerings and staffing for next year. It's imperative, therefore, that your son turn in his course selection sheet if he has not already done so.
- Tuition invoices have been emailed and tuition is due June 1. Prepayment is always welcome!

And Speaking of Next Year: Tuition invoices have been sent to returning students. Tuition is due by June 1. Bank loans must be secured by end of this week. Go to any branch of Resource Bank.



I'm Still Begging: I had an excellent response last week! Thanks to those who each week respond 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

The new gym takes shape! Still trying to pay for it! Please help if you can! Naming opportunities available! See website or contact me! Thanks!

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.

Dress and Grooming Rules: 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. And we will insist that students follow the dress code through the last second of the school year. Parents – please examine your son's dress before he leaves for school.

SAFE DRIVING: The neighbors are again complaining about the way some of our students are driving. They have called the police on several cars which have been issued tickets or warnings. I will not intercede with the police on behalf of the students if they are in violation of traffic codes. And we are taking disciplinary action as well. Parents – PLEASE stress with your sons the need to respect the residential nature of our neighborhood. Students MUST drive appropriately – and parents must set the example and expectations.

Saint Paul's Summer Camps:

- Sports Camps for Boys, ages 8-14: One week in length, 9-3, beginning June 1 in baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, and speed and strength. Contact Phil Williams at philw@stpauls.com for more info.
- Creative Writing Camp: June 22-26 from 1-4 pm open to boys and girls ages 10-14. Contact Brad Guillory at bradg@stpauls.com for more info.
- Video Production Camp: July 13-17, from 1-4 pm open to boys and girls ages 10-14. Contact Brad Guillory at bradg@stpauls.com for more info.
- Drama Camps from June 1-5 and June 15-19, from 1-4 pm, open to boys and girls, ages 8-14. Contact Denny Charbonnet at dennyc@stpauls.com for more info.
- Pre-Engineering Camp: July 6-10, from 9-noon, open to boys and girls grades 5-7. Contact Julie Beck at j.beck@stpauls.com

From the Mothers Club:

- Our 3rd Annual Sidewalk Sale will be on Friday, May 15th from 9:00-4:00. Come take advantage of huge savings and great bargains with pre-owned uniforms, clearance items, and overstock sales! If you have any St. Paul's clothing items that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the bookstore (weekdays 7:15-8:00, 11:00-12:30, and 2:15-3:15) anytime between now and May 15th! Any unclaimed items in Lost and Found will be donated to the Sidewalk sale, so please ask your son to check for any missing clothing!
- The Cyberbullying Parenting the Pack presentation scheduled for May has been postponed until the fall. There are just too many activities going on in May!

Paper Wolf Update: Read The Paper Wolf on line (www.thepaperwolf.com). Great stories this week on:

- Recent student council election: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/08/st-pauls-politicians-show-personality-during-campaign/>
- Editorial on professional boxing: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/04/opinion-professional-boxing-plagued-by-inherent-problems/>
- Benilde Hall Renovation Committee: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/07/committee-to-decide-fate-of-benilde-hall/>
- Juniors order senior rings: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/06/juniors-order-senior-rings/>
- Five more seniors commit to college athletics: <http://thepaperwolf.com/2015/05/06/five-more-student-athletes-commit-to-college-sports/>

Important Driver's License Requirement: A new requirement was added to the driver's license issuance process for all minor applicants. All minor applicants must produce proof the applicant has either received a diploma or is currently enrolled in a high school program. This is done through a school attendance form from his or her high school prior to applying for a driver's license. These forms can be obtained in the administration building or the counseling center. **Several students went for licenses over the holidays and were turned away because they didn't have the form – in some cases they waited several hours before being turned away!**

Free Money: Recently we received checks from Target and Office Depot representing rebates on purchases: Target gives a 1% cash rebate and Office Depot gives a 5% store credit. PLEASE: anytime you purchase at Target or Office Depot, indicate that your rebate go to Saint Paul's School! This is FREE money! You're not being charged extra.

A Look Ahead:

May 11-12 – Art Show in BAC
May 12 – President's Assembly
May 12 – Band Awards
May 13- 15 – Pre Freshmen Exams
May 13 - Grad Night
May 14 – 9-11 Level Awards
May 14 – Athletic Awards 8:00 AM
May 15 – Academic Awards Ceremony 8:00 AM
May 16 – Senior Graduation (4 pm in the BAC)
May 18 – Pre Freshmen Promotion/Awards 6 pm
May 19-21 – Exam Schedule

Pre-Freshmen End-of-Year Schedule 2015

Wednesday, May 13

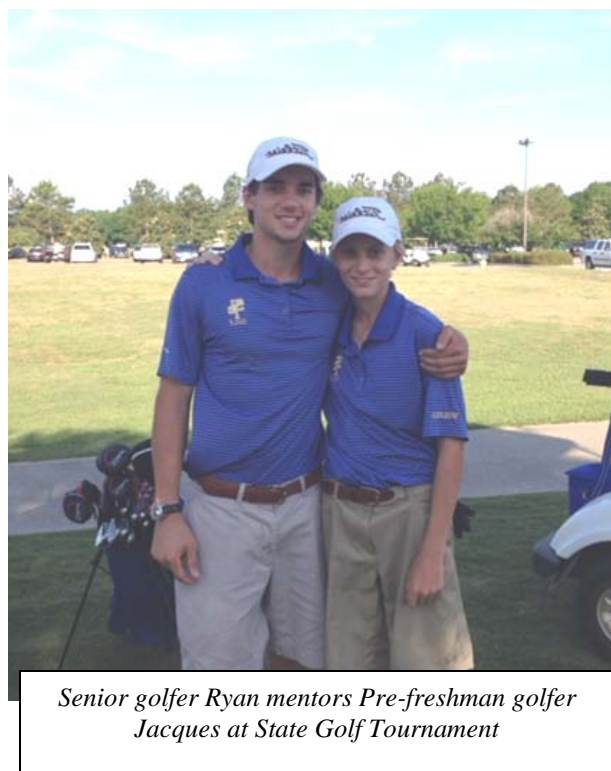
8:00 – 8:20	Report to Chapel for Prayer Service
8:20 - 8:30	Break
8:30 – 9:30	Spanish Exam
9:30 - 9:45	Break
9:45 – 11:15	Math Exam
11:15 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 1:30	Graduation Practice in BAC
1:30	Dismissal

Thursday, May 14

7:45	Pre-Freshmen report to their Science Exam Room before going to assembly
8:00 – 9:15	Pre-Freshmen at Athletic Assembly
9:15 – 10:15	Science Exam
10:15- 10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	English Exam
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00- 1:30	Graduation Practice in BAC
1:30	Dismissal

Friday, May 15

8:00 -	Pre-Freshmen report to their Geography Exam Room for announcements
8:15 – 9:30	Report to BAC for Major Academic Awards Ceremony
9:35 – 9:50	Study Period in Geography Exam Room



Senior golfer Ryan mentors Pre-freshman golfer Jacques at State Golf Tournament

9:50 – 10:50	Geography Exam
10:50 – 11:30	Lunch
11:35 – 12:35	Religion Exam
12:35 - 1:30	Graduation Practice in BAC
1:30	Dismissal

Monday, May 18

5:30 PM	Pre-Freshmen report to Wolf Dome
6:00 PM	Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony in BAC

H of the W: After watching our mock trial last week, I'll include some legal humor. Here are transcripts from real trials:

- *Lawyer: "Was that the same nose you broke as a child?" Witness: "I only have one, you know."*
- *Lawyer: "Now, Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?" Witness: "By death." Lawyer: "And by whose death was it terminated?"*
- *The Accused, defending his own case: "Did you get a good look at my face when I took your purse?"*
- *Lawyer: "What is your date of birth?" Witness: "July 15th." Lawyer: "What year?" Witness: "Every year."*
- *Lawyer: "Can you tell us what was stolen from your house?" Witness: "There was a rifle that belonged to my father that was stolen from the hall closet." Lawyer: "Can you identify the rifle?" Witness: "Yes. There was something written on the side of it." Lawyer: "And what did the writing say?" Witness: "Winchester"*
- *Lawyer: "What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?" Witness: "Gucci sweats and Reeboks."*
- *Lawyer: "Can you describe what the person who attacked you looked like?" Witness: "No. He was wearing a mask." Lawyer: "What was he wearing under the mask?" Witness: "Er...his face."*
- *Lawyer: "Does your illness affect your memory at all?" Witness: "Yes." Lawyer: "And in what ways does it affect your memory?" Witness: "I forget." Lawyer: Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?"*
- *OK, I'll stop – hope I didn't offend any of our lawyers out there!*

Well, I've really taxed you this week! Sorry! Only one more newsletter to endure!

And even though it's the middle of May (already!) of 2015, 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. Again, thanks for being part of the 2014-15 edition of Saint Paul's – which is rapidly drawing to a close!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Praying for a Safe & Successful End to the School year as the 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

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