



The President/Principal's Newsletter for Mar 10 - 16, 2014

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



Welcome to the 4th Quarter!
Welcome to Lent!
Repent and Believe the Good News!



Mon, Mar 10 (St. Joseph Altar schedule; ALL PERIODS A-G MEET TODAY)

- **Daylight Saving Time** began yesterday at 2 am! I hope you “sprang forward” & are well rested!
- **TDIH:** In 1876, the first telephone call occurs when Alexander G. Bell says "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you."
- **St. Joseph Day Altar.** All will view the altar (a traditional Sicilian and New Orleans event) during religion classes. **All will feast at lunch – FREE!** We are incredibly thankful to Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo, her family, and friends for their work in preparing the altar. Since St. John Baptist de La Salle named St. Joseph as the Patron of the Institute, and his image appears in the very first logo of the congregation, it is fitting that we remember St. Joseph in this unique way.
- **National Napping Day** (to help adjust to DST): SPS will not observe this day – at least not until 3 pm!
- **Mario Day:** A day for all named Mario. Using the abbreviation for the month of March, i.e., MAR, with the day, i.e., 10, you get the name spelled out: MAR10 – who knew?
- **Brain Awareness Week:** Let’s celebrate our brains and encourage the students to use their brains! Here’s a website with activities about the brain: <http://www.dana.org/resources/brainykids/>
- **Baseball:** 8th v. Rummel (5); JV at Covington (5)



Tue, Mar 11 (Assembly; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1818, Mary Shelley publishes *Frankenstein*, called the first science fiction novel.
- **Johnny Appleseed Day:** Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman was a real person, a settler who was captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree planted, the legend grew. Eat an apple today in honor of Johnny.
- **World Plumbing Day:** Appreciate plumbing today, something we all too often take for granted. And I guess we should give a shout out to plumbers, too! Where would we be without them?
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Brother Martin

- **Guest Speaker on History of Covington for Juniors during F**

Wed, Mar 12 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1622, Pope Gregory XV canonized a pretty extraordinary group of men and women, making them saints in the Roman Catholic Church: Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, & Ignatius Loyola. May these saints pray for us in our work at SPS!
- **TDIH II:** In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first "fireside chat" radio address. Today he would probably have sent out a tweet!
- **Genealogy Day:** Spend time today researching your ancestors or at least giving thanks for them!

Thu, Mar 13 (Regular; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 2013, Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis I.
- **TDIH:** In 1942, the US Army begins training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps."
- **Track:** Jr Hi in Covington Meet
- **Baseball:** 8th in SPS Tournament
- **Field Trip:** Junior Class to WW II Museum
- **Golf:** Varsity in Northshore League Play
- **Celebrity Waiters Dinner tonight in the Briggs Center. Best wishes, Development Team! Thanks to all who are supporting this event!**

Fri, Mar 14 (LATE START – 9:30; blocks D E F only)

- **Today is the 10th day of Lent. How am I doing with my Lenten resolutions?**
- **TDIH:** In 1879, Albert Einstein is born, the son of a Jewish electrical engineer in Ulm, Germany. Einstein's theories of special and general relativity drastically altered man's view of the universe, and his work in particle and energy theory helped make possible quantum mechanics and, ultimately, the atomic bomb.
- **Pi Day:** Pi, Greek letter (π), is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day is celebrated by math enthusiasts around the world on March 14th (3/14) since $\pi = 3.1415926535\dots$ Get it?
- **Learn About Butterflies Day:** Some scientists think that the health of the butterfly population has implications for the health of the rest of the earth. Learn about the beautiful, helpful butterfly today!
- **Field Trip:** AFJROTC cadets to space center in Huntsville, AL through Sunday
- **Baseball:** 8th in SPS Tournament; Varsity at Zachary;
- **Track:** JV in Judy Baehr Relays at SLU

Sat, Mar 15

- **TDIH: Beware the Ides of March!** Julius Caesar was assassinated on this day in 44 BC. According to Shakespeare, when stabbed by close friend, Marcus Brutus, Caesar uttered *Et tu, Brute!*
- **Incredible Kids Day:** Celebrate by letting your kids know how good they are, and how much you love them.
- **Corn Dog Day:** Eat a corn dog today if you can handle it!
- **Track:** Christian Brothers Relays. Come celebrate this classic! Coach Al Nastasi has worked hard to revive this "blast from the past!" Thanks, Al! Good luck, Track Wolves!
- **Lacrosse** at Rummel
- **Baseball:** 8th & 9th in SPS Tournament; Varsity at Parkview Baptist
- **Rugby** v. Lake Area (1 pm; Hunter Stadium)



*Can't see this pic too many times!
We are proud of you, State Champion Soccer Wolves!*

Sun, Mar 16 (Second Sunday of Lent)

- **I encourage Catholic families to attend mass and non-Catholic ones to worship at church of choice.**
- **TDIH:** In 1802, the United States Military Academy at West Point is founded by the US Congress.
- **National Lips Appreciation Day:** Do something nice for your lips today! Use lip balm and civil language!
- **Mother-Son Brunch (4 pm in Briggs Center – due to Archbishop's directive about Sun activities, we have moved the event to 4. Next year, we will have it on a different day.)**

SPECIAL SCHEDULES THIS WEEK: please note the following if you didn't see them above:

- Mon: ALL PERIODS (A-G) meet to allow ALL students to view and eat from St. Joseph Altar.
- Fri: LATE (9:30 am) start; ONLY periods D E G will meet. Cafeteria and library will be open at REGULAR time to accommodate early arrivals. No problem!

Report Cards/ HR Breakfasts: Report cards will be mailed before the end of the week. The 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast schedule is listed below in the "A Look Ahead" calendar.

2014-15 Registration: Most have re-registered, but note the following if you haven't:

- **Current 8th – 11th grades:** Your deadline has passed. Contact me if you have any questions or problems. We will begin the scheduling process soon and your son can't schedule if he's not registered. **IF HE'S NOT RETURNING, PLEASE GIVE ME THE COURTESY OF THAT INFORMATION SO I CAN MAKE DECISIONS ON TRANSFER APPLICANTS.**
- **Current 12th grade:** You don't need to register for SPS for 2014-15! Rejoice!

Annual Fund: Thanks to those who have responded but **I NEED TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE!**

- 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 (e.g. 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!**
- While we are not sending requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! 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.**

- 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! Thank you for your generosity. **Can you send \$10 to the 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!

Sweatshirts & Cold Weather: **ONLY SPS cold weather wear is accepted. If this presents a problem, please contact me.** We have some pre-owned sweatshirts in good condition which I'll be happy to distribute. Nothing will be done to embarrass your son.

Haircuts and Grooming: I want all students, including SENIORS, to be in full compliance – or suffer the consequences. I remind all that the handbook which parents and students signed at the beginning of the year states that the school is the final determiner of what hair style is in compliance with our rules. **As I told one senior recently, SPS has the most liberal dress code of all the Catholic all boy high schools in the archdiocese – but even we have limits.** Thanks for the support.

Future Lawyers Opportunity: The Louisiana Bar Association High School Summer Legal Internship Program is now accepting applications for this great June 09-27 program. This program is available to incoming high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates who are interested in the legal profession. Students will participate in a one week legal institute, during which they will attend an abridged law school session and a two week internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts. The students will also participate in field trips. Students who complete the program will receive a \$250 stipend. Interested students should see Mr. Logarbo for information or check out the LBA website at www.lsba.org/goto/suitup.

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 desire to 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 information or applications, visit www.campabbey.org or contact campabbey@arch-no.org or 985-327-7240.

Scholarship Opportunities:

- The National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos offers scholarships each year to Archdiocese of New Orleans high school seniors with the intent to enroll in a U.S. Catholic college or university http://www.seelos.org/12th_Grade_Seelos_Scholarship_Application_2014.pdf
- The National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos offers scholarships each year to Archdiocese of New Orleans 8th graders with the intent to enroll in a Catholic high school. Info can be found at: http://www.seelos.org/8th_Grade_Seelos_Scholarship_Application_2014.pdf

APOLOGY to The Paper Wolf: In my last newsletter, I confessed that I don't read the PW enough – and then pledged to do better. My “confession” (intended to encourage readership!) offended a parent who chided me (very nicely, though!) for not reading it and then publicizing it! Since then, I've subscribed to the PW and look at EVERY new addition! And they are worth the time! We've got an outstanding, AWARD WINNING digital newspaper! PLEASE READ THE PAPER WOLF! I do! (www.thepaperwolf.com). Also, compliment the outstanding staff. Subscribe. Support the future.

Last Two Weeks in Review:

- **St. Joseph Altar Cookie Baking:** Thanks to all who showed on Feb 22 to bake cookies for the St. Joseph Altar! They will be enjoyed on Monday! Even some Vintage Moms showed up!
- **Feb 28 Faculty/Staff Retreat:** Many thanks to Barrett Baumgartner, Brothers Louis & Jeffrey, and all who helped make it a special morning for our faculty and staff. We were privileged to have an SPS alum, Father Garrett O'Brien '03, celebrate mass for us.
- **Marching Wolves:** Kudos on an **outstanding**, problem-free parade season! The MWs played to rave reviews by the crowds. Imagine marching in SIX parades! Wow! Thank you, Andrew Moran and Jimmy Brinkman – and all who helped with bus driving, chaperoning, feeding, etc. Band Boosters – you're the greatest!
- **AFJROTC:** Ditto to the Color Guards that led the MWs in the parades. Thanks, Sarge and cadets!
- **Indoor Track Wolves:** Congrats on placing SECOND in STATE as a Team, with Zachary Albright and Eric Coston winning individual state titles in their races. The outdoor season has now begun. Geaux Track Wolves!
- **Soccer Wolves:** ANOTHER state championship in a very exciting game! The COLD and the almost 90 minute power failure were the only hitches in the night. Scary at first, but the crowds all took out the cell phones and light sticks. Quite a sight! Special congrats to Eric Guin for winning MVP of the championship game. Quite an honor! And if you haven't seen this video on NOLA.com, it's worth the viewing time (and the tribute to Justin Addison by Cam is quite moving): <http://video-embed.nola.com/services/player/bcpid2444926729001?bclid=0&bctid=3277002431001>
- **Baseball Wolves** were busy, even on Lundi Gras in the freezing cold! Lots of wins, though, although the Wolves fell to a tough St. Thomas More team in extra innings on Friday. Congrats!
- **Sea Perch:** Our pre-freshmen underwater robotics Wolves were in action Sat in Biloxi, thanks to Julie Beck. Click below to see the group's entry in the video contest. It's worth the two minutes to do so: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B0buZDeN6Ww8bmwwekppQWZzZjQ/edit?pli=1>
- **Catholic Schools Mass:** SPS was well represented on Feb 24 at St. Dominic Church.
- **Tennis:** And the Tennis Wolves beat Covington, 5-0!
- **Lacrosse:** My apologies to the LAX Wolves for failing to put their wins on Feb 22 in the newsletter! They played in Lafayette, defeating Christian Brothers High School from Memphis and Cy Fair from Texas. They then took some time off but were back in action this weekend. 9th beat Catholic High on Fri, varsity defeated Dutchtown 21-5 on Sat, & our JV defeated Dutchtown 15-3. Go LAX Wolves!



Wolves ice and sprinkle freshly baked cookies for St. Joseph Altar on Feb 22.

- **Rugby:** And I sure don't want the Rugby Wolves upset with me as those guys are tough! But I don't have the scores of their recent competition! But they're a GREAT bunch!

Lenten Services: Religion classes will begin Lenten devotions at start of each block. If you are on campus, you are welcome to join them. It makes a powerful statement to the boys (example speaks louder than words!) And you get to hear them sing "O That Shame!" That's worth a visit right there!

National Catholic Sisters Week: Mar 8-15 is NCSW to shine a national spotlight on the good works and good will of the almost 51,000 Catholic sisters in the US. It recognizes past and present sisters, from the movers and shakers of Catholic education, to those who pressed the front lines of social change to those who ministered to the sick in hospitals to those faithful praying in cloistered chapels. Few of our students today have had contact with Catholic nuns. Sad. Some of my most influential teachers in elementary school were nuns. Let's pray for an increase of vocations to this worthy life and thank God for the good these faith-filled women have done for so many, many years – and continue to do today.



SPS Teachers John Glorioso (2nd from left) and Richard Pichon (2nd from right) participate in BJJICLP in CA last week. I appreciate their giving up part of their holiday to further the Lasallian Mission!

The Brother John Johnston Institute of Contemporary Lasallian Practice is a new national Lasallian formation program that began last week. It's a two year (Mar '14 - Mar '16) program that focuses on our Lasallian heritage in light of contemporary reality. I am very grateful to SPS teachers John Glorioso and Richard Pichon who traveled to Russian River, CA last week to begin the program. We look forward to gaining from them. Brother JJ was a former Superior General of the Brothers.

What I Did On My Atlanta Vacati... uh...Conference: I know you're anxious to learn what Trevor and I did for four days in Atlanta, so:

- Sun afternoon: checked into Atlanta Sheraton Downtown Hotel (nice!) and took a walking tour of the area. The conference began at 6 with mass celebrated at the nearby Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Very moving!
- Sun night: After mass, we opened with a brief business meeting (yawn) but were quickly energized by the keynote address by Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Chairman of Christian Brothers Investment Services Global headquartered in Rome (yes, the Brothers run a WORLDWIDE investment service for Catholic institutions!) With humor coupled with insight, Brother Louis forcefully reminded us that as Lasallians, we have an obligation to be educational innovators, as was St. La Salle. As he told the school leaders: "Don't let school problems kill you! Let the Brothers help!" (LOL) His most memorable line, however, was that we



Inside of 150 yr old Basilica. Note TV screens. Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta gave his pastoral address to us!

must meet our students in “their spiritual geography” and reminded us mostly “baby boomer” administrators that we have moved from the Age of Aquarius to the Age of Twitter (wow, I’m really dating myself!) Brother Louis’s talk was worth the trip. We then closed the evening with a very nice social (great chardonnay!) to reacquaint ourselves with our colleagues and relax from our day’s travel. And like Las Vegas, what goes on at the social, stays at the social!

- Mon AM: We heard a keynote address by Rob Mancabelli, CEO & Co-Founder of Bright Bytes in San Francisco, a company that specializes in educational technology. He spotlighted the difference between the hype around modern technologies and the real changes that we need to understand as educators and highlighted the changes that are essential to leverage modern learning and paper students for work and life in the 21st century. Very challenging!
- I then attended a presentation on *How the Affordable Care Act Will Affect Catholic Schools*. VERY challenging – and I’m not talking about politics here, but the Act has implications for Catholic education.
- We then had an excellent lunch. I ate more in those three days than I usually do in a week!
- On Mon afternoon, I attended a sobering session: *Being as Prepared as Possible for the Unthinkable*. The speaker was the principal of La Salle High School in Cincinnati, a school very similar to Saint Paul’s (except it’s now co-ed.) Exactly one year ago on the day of the presentation, a junior walked into his first period class and shot himself. The principal led us through “lessons learned”: what they did right and what they could have done better. I took some comfort in knowing that most of their “what could have been done better” has already been implemented at SPS. We pray for the safety of all in schools!



Trevor speaks at LASSCA with Leslie Shultz-Crist, president of San Miguel in Tucson and member of the SPS CLASP team last September.

- On Monday night, the San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe District contingents met for dinner at Azio’s, a nice Italian place a few blocks from the hotel – while nice, it can’t compare to New Orleans restaurants! But we “passed a good time” – I’ll leave it at that! After an exhausting day, we retired for the night!
- On Tue, Mr. Ray McNulty, Senior VP of International Center for Leadership in Education, addressed us on *The New Normal in Education*. Again, very interesting and very challenging! My main job, according to Ray, is to teach students how to become self-learners! Who knew? Believe me, I’m trying!
- I then attended a session on *Legal Issues Related to Social Media*. Wow. All sorts of things are going on in the country in the legal realm relating to social media (cyber bullying, etc.) BTW, did you know that Montana is the only state of the union where cyberbullying is NOT a crime? Perhaps it’s

because there are three cows for every human in MT and everyone knows that cows don’t bully. (Get it?)

- I then met with the Presidents of Lasallian schools while Trevor met with principals. We discussed many common problems such as finances, faculty formation, Lasallian branding, and social media use (a group I ended up in.) I was chagrined to learn I was one of only two presidents in my group who doesn’t tweet! I’m now determined to tweet! Will some student teach me how?
- Following another fattening but tasty lunch, the Districts met. Looking to the future, administrators from NOSF and San Francisco met together as we prepare to form the District of San Francisco New Orleans on July 1.

- At 3, we were given time off, so a group of us walked to CNN Headquarters where we took the tour. Highlight was when Dr. Sanjay Gupta walked right in front of us on his way to the set – but he didn't even say hello!
- On Tue night, we dined at the Atlanta Hard Rock Café – two blocks from the hotel. Fortunately, they put us in a private dining room and turned down the rock music! Food was good – but it's not New Orleans! Again, what goes on at the HR Café, stays at the HR Café.
- On Wed morn, we listened to a short panel discussion (after a nice breakfast of course!) on the challenges to the sustainability of Lasallian education as the number of Brothers declines, costs increase, and we share our Mission with our lay partners. We then bade farewell and headed for the airport after being informed that next year we'll meet in San Diego (which, again, does not have a Lasallian school!)
- Well, that's more than you wanted to know, but know that I was not on vacation! Kudos to Air Tran/Southwest Airlines for flights that didn't tax my nervous system too much – except for about 20 minutes each way when it was WAY TOO bumpy and my rosary was put to good use! As always, I said a prayer of thanks as SW Flight 1617 touched ground only five minutes late at Louis Armstrong Airport at 1:20 PM Wed and an hour and a fifteen minutes later as I reentered the holy ground of Saint Paul's School.
- Thanks to all who kept things going in the absence of Trevor and me! Many wags said things went smoother than usual!

Social Media: Superintendent Trey Folsie 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. Folsie 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. Folsie and echo his sentiments.



Lots of bling as the Cross Country Team received state championship rings at a chapel prayer service recently.

2014-15 Calendar: Recently, St. Tammany Public Schools revised next year's calendar, switching "spring break" from Easter Week to Holy Week because of state-mandated testing. SPS (along with the other north shore Catholic schools) will NOT change: we will continue Easter Holidays (not spring break) the week AFTER Easter. The calendar is printed at the end of this newsletter.

H of the Week: Some Lenten jokes with an opening nod to St. Patrick's Day next week:

- *Father O'Malley answers a parish phone. "Is this Father O'Malley?" "That I am!" "This is Mr. Johnson of the IRS. Can you help us?" "That I can!" "Do you know Sean Houlihan?" "That I do!" "Is he a member of your parish?" "That he is!" "Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?" "That he will!"*
- *A man walks into a monastery's Friday Fish Fry. After dinner of fish and chips, he goes to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted." Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar." The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ." "Yes, I'm the chip monk."*
- *The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun posted a note on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." At the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."*
- *A non-church going person was filling out an employment application. When he came to the question "What is your church preference?" he wrote "red-brick."*
- *The pastor informed the congregation that the new church loudspeaker system was donated by a parishioner in memory of his wife.*
- *Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? Because Noah was standing on the deck!*
- *What time of day was Adam created? A little before Eve!*
- *What animal couldn't Noah trust? The cheetah!*
- *Why did Noah threaten to put the chickens off the Ark? Because they were using fowl language!*
- *Where do we find baseball in the Bible? Genesis 1:1: In the big inning.....*
- *OK, I'll stop!*



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. They welcome and encourage relay teams

The Ugly Dept: We received some criticism from the state soccer game on our students chanting “USA” when we scored our first goal. Since the students had been using that chant since the start of the Olympics, we at first didn’t think anything of it. We then realized that it might give offense to the Grace King fans, so we told the boys to stop, which they immediately did. They then started singing “O God Beyond All Praising”, “Rise Up O Men of God” and chanting “Positive Cheering.” Nevertheless, we received some negative feedback. Naturally, those offended didn’t give us credit for stopping the chant or the religious songs the boys sang afterward. Quel dommage. We’ve responded to all who wrote us regretting any offense given. As respect for all is one of our core principles, we certainly want our boys to be aware. The chant was NOT intended to offend and it happened once or twice only, but it shouldn’t have happened at all. We’ll do better next year in the finals!

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 will be on campus 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. Contact Phil Williams at philw@stpauls.com for more info.

The St. Peter Parish Lenten Mission, with presenters Fr. Kevin Scallon and Sr. Briege McKenna, will begin Monday, March 17 and continue through Thursday, March 20.

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.

A Look Ahead

March 10 – St. Joseph Altar (**all periods meet**)

March 11 – President/Principal’s Assembly – Guest Speaker for all juniors during Period F

March 13 – Juniors to WWII Museum - Celebrity Waiters Dinner in evening

March 14 – 9:30 Late Start (Periods DEF only meet)

March 17 – Pack Time

March 18 – ACT testing on campus for **all** juniors

March 19 – Mass – Feast of St. Joseph

March 21 – Explore Test for all 9th

Graders – 8th Grade HR Breakfast

March 24 – 9th Grade HR Breakfast

March 25 – Principal’s Assembly

March 26 – 10th Grade HR Breakfast

March 27 – 11th Grade HR Breakfast

March 28 – 12th Grade HR Breakfast

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 – Challenge Night

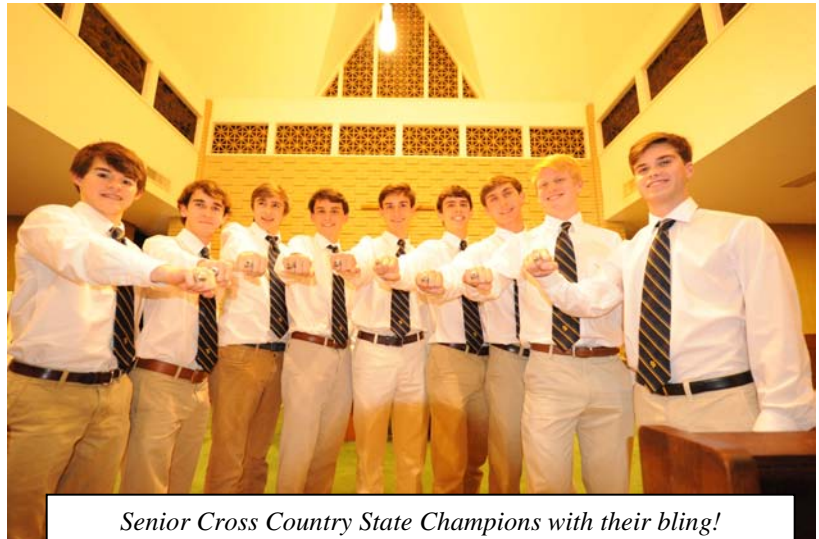
April 15 – Pack Time

April 17 – Easter Holidays begin at 3:00

April 29 – Principal’s Assembly

May 6 – Pack Time

May 7-9 – Senior Exams



Senior Cross Country State Champions with their bling!

Whew! I really wore you out this week! But you got a break last Sunday as the newsletter went on Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent holiday. I hope you enjoyed your “newsletter free” Sunday morning!

And even though it’s now March of 2014, I will 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

Needing the Grace of Lent as the 17th Christian Brother President/Principal of Saint Paul's School



Have a very Lasallian week as we attempt to provide quality education, build an inclusive community, show respect for all, have concern for the poor & social justice, and demonstrate faith in God's presence – and try to do so extraordinarily well!

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.