



# The President's Hebdomadal *Blue Ribbon* Newsletter



February 22 - 28, 2016 in the Jubilee Year of Mercy

*Remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return!*

It's early Sunday morning and Trevor and I will shortly leave for Louis Armstrong International Airport. We are headed to San Antonio, TX to attend the Lasallian Association of Secondary School Chief Administrators Conference (LASSCA) – the annual gathering of almost 200 leaders from Lasallian schools/ministries all over the country. I am attending as President and Trevor as Principal. This is the administrative model used in just about all of our high schools.

Over the next four days, we will participate in professional development, spiritual enrichment, collegial sharing, and a little fun – all within the context of our shared Lasallian Mission heritage. During the Conference, Lasallian schools in the Christian Brother District of San Francisco New Orleans will participate: a total of 18 high schools and two middle schools in eight states (WA, OR, CA, AZ, NM, CO, TX, & LA) will happily mingle with our Lasallian colleagues from all over the country.



This annual Conference is one of many regional programs that forcefully reminds us that we are not alone; we are part of educational tradition that has been transforming lives since 1680 and that has spread throughout the world. In the United States, Lasallian education is alive and well – in large part to the ever-increasing number of caring and dedicated lay partners, who are “stepping up” to keep the Mission alive as we Christian Brothers age and our numbers decline.

Together, we fulfill the mandate of SJBDLS, who told the first Brothers: *To touch the hearts of the students entrusted to your care is the greatest miracle you can perform – and one which God expects of you.* We must do nothing less today. God willing and Southwest Airlines cooperating, Trevor and I will return Wednesday night and be in school on Thursday. I know that all will be well in our absence. Know that my thoughts and prayers will be with you. Direct any issues to Joe Dickens or Ken Sears. I hope the students enjoy their time without Trevor or me on campus.

## Mon, Feb 22 (Regular; A B C D)

- **TDIH:** In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered first presidential radio broadcast from White House.
- **TDIH:** In 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York.
- **Single Tasking Day:** Concentrate on only one task at a time today without feeling guilty about wasting time!
- **Be Humble Day:** Today's the day to practice humility! And we've all got things to be humble about.
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. Hannan (Tangi Lanes)
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Central (6)



*SPS Lasallian Young Leaders conference with LYLs from Rummel last week*

## Tue, Feb 23 (Wolf Pack Schedule; E F G A)

- **TDIH:** In 1896 - The Tootsie Roll was introduced.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, U.S. flag was raised on Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal's photo, showing 5 Marines & 1 Navy man struggling to hoist the flag pole, became the most reproduced photograph in history and won a Pulitzer Prize.

- **National Inconvenience Yourself Day:** Often, we think that our lives and schedules are more important than some else's. We inconvenience other people to make our own lives easier and forget the impact of our actions on others. Concentrate today on trying to make someone else's life easier and happier rather than focusing on ourselves – I know what you're saying: if he wanted to make our lives more convenient, he wouldn't write these newsletters!
- **Golf (Money Hill)**



*Marian Players rehearse for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" which opens in a few weeks.*

### Wed, Feb 24 (Regular; B C D E)

- **Mass (7 am) – come join us!**
- **TDIH:** In 1803, the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Marshall, decides *Marbury vs. Madison* and confirms the legal principle of judicial review--the ability of the Supreme Court to limit Congressional power by declaring legislation unconstitutional--in the new nation.
- **TDIH:** In 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted by the Senate. Trivia question: who was the only other US President to be impeached? Answer at end of newsletter.
- **National Tortilla Chip Day:** Enjoy your favorite chip today!
- **ASVAB Test for Seniors (B & C)**
- **Bowling:** Wolves v. St. Thomas (Tangi Lanes)
- **Baseball:** JV v. Covington (double header; 4 & 6:30)
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity at Catholic

### Thu, Feb 25 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** On this day in 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.
- **TDIH II:** In 1862, The U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the use of paper notes to pay the government's bills. This ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions, and it allowed the government to finance the enormously costly Civil War long after its metal reserves were depleted.
- **TDIH III:** In 1807, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is born. Although not read much today, Longfellow was an American literary giant of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Who can forget his immortal poem "Evangeline" or the opening lines of "Paul Revere's Ride": *Listen my children and you shall hear / Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere....*
- **Juniors:** half on retreat; half on Angola field trip
- **Baseball:** Varsity at Jesuit & Bro. Martin
- **Tennis at Slidell**

### Fri, Feb 26 (Regular; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1993, a bomb explodes in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people died and 1,000 were injured by the powerful blast, a precursor to the 9-11 attack.
- **National For Pete's Sake Day:** Who is Pete and why do we do or not do things for his sake?
- **National Pistachio Day:** Crack a handful of these addictive nuts today and enjoy! Some pistachio facts:
  - Pistachios grow on trees. A pistachio tree takes 7-10 years to mature and produce nuts.
  - While native to the Middle East, California is the major producer in the US
  - Pistachios are harvested in Sept by machines that shake the trees
  - Red pistachios are dyed due to consumer demand for the color
  - Its open hull is unique. The nut is ripe when the hull splits open
  - In the Middle East, they are called "smiling nuts" and in China they are called "happy nuts."
  - Pistachios are nutritious so eat 'em up today!

- **Juniors:** half on retreat; half on Angola Field Trip
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Franklinton (Kirsch Rooney)
- **AFJROTC Field Trip to Lackland AFB in San Antonio**
- **Basketball Playoffs Begin**

### Sat, Feb 27

- **TDIH:** In 1827, masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi. And we're still reeling from the effects!
- **International Polar Bear Day:** Polar Bear Day celebrates the world's largest carnivore which can grow up to 9 feet tall (when standing) and 1400 pounds. Polar bears live at the North Pole region, and are native to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia. Celebrate the polar bear today! Visit the international website at <http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/bear-facts/>
- **National Chili Day:** Enjoy a bowl of your favorite chili today! (Mine is New Mexican green chili!)
- **St. Joseph Altar Cookie Baking Day:** Come out and join the fun! 9- noon in SPS cafeteria.
- **Powerlifting South Regional Meet at Pearl River**
- **Lacrosse:** Varsity & JV at Dutchtown
- **Baseball:** Varsity v. Belle Chasse (Zephyr Field)
- **Rugby:** Wolves v. Brother Martin (1)
- **Soccer State Championship Game (7:30 at Tad Gormley)**



*Senior baseball players work basketball concessions at F'Bleau game last week.*

### Sun, Feb 28 (Third Sunday of Lent; we encourage all to attend church today)

- **TDIH:** In 1953, Cambridge U scientists James Watson and Frances Crick announce they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes.
- **TDIH:** In 2013 - Benedict XVI resigned as pope. He was the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415 and the first to resign voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294.
- **National Public Sleeping Day:** Since today is Sunday, feel free to observe this day!

**We Stand on the Shoulders of Giants Dept:** Catholic education lost some “giants” last week. Eternal rest grant unto all of them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!

- Sister Jane St. Amant, OSB died last Wednesday. Who, you say? Sister Jane was a Benedictine nun from St. Gertrude’s Convent here in Covington. The Benedictines were very much a part of Catholic education on the northshore, running SSA and St. Peter School. Sister Jane was hired by Brother Ephrem Hebert in 1968 to teach 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade English here at Saint Paul’s (yes, we had a 7<sup>th</sup> grade back then.) Legend says she was the first woman hired at SPS to teach an academic subject. We thank God for her service to the Church through Catholic education.
- Sister Hilary Simpson, OP died on Wed, too. Sister’s name is synonymous with music education in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. She ran music programs at many of the elementary schools and was herself an accomplished musician. Her promotion of music education will be greatly missed!
- Sister Delia McDonald, OP also died. She was principal of Dominican High School in NO for 20 years (1973-1992) and worked in other capacities at Dominican for many more years. She was a legendary principal in the Archdiocese and when Delia spoke – we listened! I had the pleasure of working with her in my first years as SPS principal.

- Sister Therese St. Pierre, CSJ also died. She taught in many elementary schools in the Archdiocese of NO and also worked closely with Sister Helen Prejean at Hope House in the old St. Thomas Housing Project.
- Ms. Roseanne Noedel succumbed to cancer last week. Since 1982, she taught and coached at St. Michael's High School, the Lasallian school in Santa Fe, NM. She was greatly loved and the school is grieving.

**St. Joseph Altar:** This much anticipated event, spearheaded by Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo, is right around the corner: March 7. Set up is March 6 from 3-6 pm. Student help is needed and service hours will be offered. All are invited to Cookie Making Day on Saturday, February 27 at 9 am in the cafeteria. Again, service hours will be offered. Dr. Logarbo is still in need of LOTS of food and help and would like all willing parties to contact her at [alogarbo@charter.net](mailto:alogarbo@charter.net). Lastly, this year, Dr. Logarbo is selling rosaries made from last year's St. Joseph Altar roses (yes, she had them drying in a closet for 12 months!) and also cookbooks. Contact her via the same email.



*Senior BB players and their parents were honored at start of final regular season game – a record breaking 30<sup>th</sup> straight win! The four seniors are Harrison Prieto, Skyler Herbet, Jacob Broussard & Lucas Schmitt!*

**2016-17 Admissions:** On Thursday, we will mail acceptance letters to next year's new students – as will all Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. For SPS, both the quality and quantity are good. In fact, quantity is so good that are accepting new applications on a waiting pool only basis. Thanks spreading the good news about SPS!

**Good News Dept:** We received a check last week for \$632 from Target, representing a portion of sales from customers who remember SPS with the store's Take Charge of Education program. Every time customers shop with their REDcard, Target donates 1% of purchases to the school the customers have designated. If you shop Target, I hope you designate SPS as your school of choice!

**Lasallian Young Leaders Mardi Gras Bead Drive:** The annual bead drive is back. LYL will collect beads throughout next week to support St. Michael's special school. Please bring all donations to the marked bins in the school buildings or in the mornings in Founder's Circle.

### **Musings on Last Week:**

- Golf: Luke's working hard with our team – which is very young!
- Tennis: Wolves are off to a good start with a victory over Christ Episcopal!
- Bowling: Wolves defeated Hannan, 24-3. Congrats, Bowling Wolves!
- Basketball: Record breaking wins over Mandeville & F'Bleau! Gene is smiling!
- Soccer: On to the finals – again! Great job, soccer Wolves! And they were positively erudite in their radio interviews on The Lake on Thursday
- Habitat Club: Thanks, Richard and Habitat Wolves!
- Baseball & Track Meet the Team: Positive spirit in these great programs augurs well for the seasons

- Lacrosse: It was a great weekend: 5 wins; no losses: Varsity beat Ocean Springs 14-8. Parker Hagood had 4 goals & Ryan Flood had 2 & 2 assists. JVA beat Ocean Springs 12-1 behind 2 goals & 2 assists from Luc Hebert & 8 saves from JC Flick. On Sat, they beat St. Thomas More 8-3; Chris Flood poured in 3 goals & 3 assists. JVB beat Holy Cross JV 10-2 behind 4 goals from Jacques du Passage. Wolf Squad avenged previous loss by beating Catholic 6-5 where Santiago Morales and Jarrett Meibbaum each had two goals.
- Rugby: The #18 nationally ranked Wolves performed well on Sat but lost to Bayou.
- Science Fair: Good showing by our Science Wolves: 8 entries garnered 9 awards (including best in show!)
- Youth and Government Convention: Wolves performed exemplarily! A bill by John Cresson and Luke Avenel garnered much attention and passed the House of Representatives.
- ACT 30+ Club Lunch: Well earned pizza by these academicians courtesy of SPS Renaissance Board!
- Period Masses: Thanks to Jeff Ramon for organizing six masses – one for each of the periods during which religion classes meet. What’s special about these masses is that the priest stops during the mass and explains to the boys what is happening and why. It’s teaching them the mass in order to increase their appreciation. And the boys are responding well! The masses start at the beginning of SSR in the chapel. Here are the remaining masses: Tuesday 2/23, 10:05am (Fr. Gary Copping), Wednesday 2/24, 9:45am (Fr. Jacob DuMont), & Monday 2/29, 9:45am (Fr. Buddy Noel)
- Indoor Track: SPS finished 3rd at the 2016 LHSAA Division I Indoor State Track & Field Championships. Eric Coston finished as the State Champion in the 3200 m run breaking the Div I record for the State Meet. Spencer Albright was 8th. Eric also finished second in the 800m run.

**Feb 16 Assembly:** I hope the students enjoyed our Feb 16 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

- Students entered the gym to the strains of Antonio Vivaldi’s “Spring” from his famous “Four Seasons Suite.” I explained that Vivaldi is a famous Baroque era Italian composer who lived from 1678 – 1741. I reminded them that Baroque music is dramatic and powerful and that Vivaldi musically interpreted the difference seasons with amazing precision. And why was I emphasizing the season of spring? In addition to signs of spring springing up all over, we are in the season of Lent – and the word “lent” comes from an Old English word meaning “spring.” It’s a time for our relationship with God to “bloom” just like the spring flowers. It’s a time for us to bask in the warmth of God’s love, just like we bask in the warmth of spring following the cold of winter. And as the days lengthen, it’s a time for us to lengthen our commitment to “put off the things of night” and walk in the daylight.

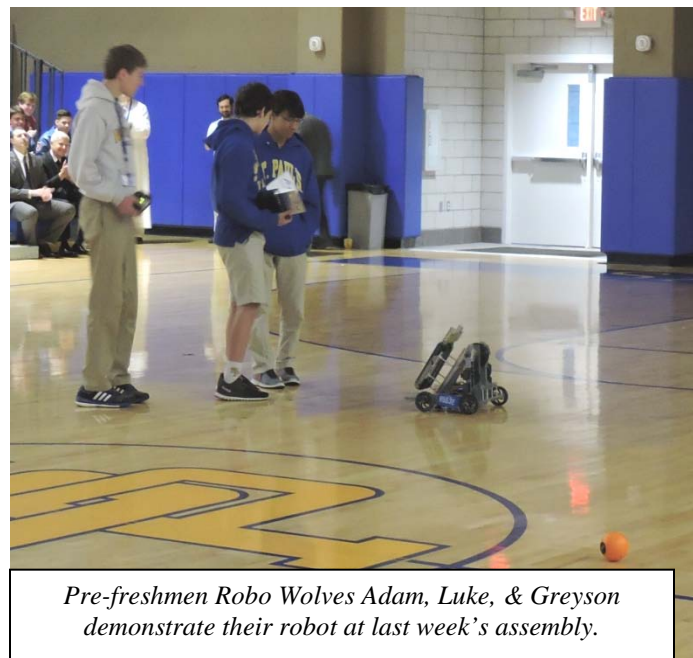
While the music played, **junior Parker Hagood** lit the prayer candle – now purple for Lent. We prayed in a special way for those who have entered into God’s Kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Edward Joseph (EJ) Tourelle**, grandfather of junior **Josh Tourelle** and **Tyler Tourelle**



*Wolves explore college options on campus last week by visiting with a representative from Unv of South Alabama.*

- Reminded the students that there are four Lasallian schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans: Archbishop Rummel High School, Christian Brothers School in City Park, De La Salle High School, and Saint Paul’s School. I then introduced guests who were visiting from Rummel: President Brother Gale Condit, Principal Mr. Marc Milano, and six students. We warmly welcomed our Lasallian brothers.

- Recognized and congratulated **The Marching Wolves and ROTC Color Guard** for their Mardi Gras season of seven parades, one performance for special needs children and one pep rally appearance at OLL. They have been busy. I showed a number of slides of the band marching in the Zulu Parade and we also showed a short video of them entertaining the Zulu spectators.
- Recognized and congratulated the Wrestling Wolves whose season came to an end over the holiday with the state tournament in Shreveport. The Wolves finished a very respectable fifth in state. Individual winners were **Sam Dufour (6<sup>th</sup>)**, **Colin Francis (6<sup>th</sup>)**, **Shane Ulfers (5<sup>th</sup>)**, **Jared Thieler (4<sup>th</sup>)**, **Billy Harrison (3<sup>rd</sup>)**, **Hunter Bourgeois (2<sup>nd</sup>)**, and **special shout out to Cole Houser – who won the state championship in his weight division.**
- Recognized and congratulated the Soccer Team for winning its first playoff game against Dutchtown, 7-0.
- Recognized and congratulated the **Basketball Team** for convincing wins against Ponchatoula, Slidell and Mandeville, thus giving them the undisputed District Championship. The team also tied a 48 year old record set by the 1968 BB team for 29 consecutive wins.
- Then, as if by magic, Charles-Marie Widor's Toccata for Organ #5 started playing. This powerful piece of music signals that our Power Lifting Wolves have been in action, so I recognized and congratulated the following for their showing in the Pope John Paul II Invitational on 1/16. The team finished second with the following individual results: **Jack Vining 1st place 242 weight class, Jon Rushing 1st place 220 weight class and Outstanding Lifter Heavyweight Division, Jason Toups 5th place 220 Weight class, Brandon Eberts 1st place 198 weight class, Jack Anzalone 4th Place 148 weight class, David Ricaldi 3rd place 132 weight class, Connor Eikel 5th place 132 weight class & Nick Gordon 1st place 114 weight class Outstanding Lifter Lightweight Division. Brock May and Parker Layman also competed.**
- Recognized and congratulated the VEX Robotics Robo Wolves. At competition in December, the Freshmen team consisting of Colin Cottrell and Cameron Heiden made it into the semi-finals, with a 3rd place finish. Our pre-freshmen team of Adam Smith, Greyson Mangrum and Sean Hightower made it to the finals, with a 2nd place finish. At competition in January, the Robo Wolves finished in **FIRST PLACE** and given the Award of Excellence. The team of Adam Smith, Greyson Mangrum, and Luke DuRapau finished first while the team of Andrew Norlin, Jonathan Wellmeyer, and Noah Savoie placed third. The other teams finished in the quarterfinals. Well done, Robo Wolves and their moderators, Mrs. Julie Beck and Mrs. Marie Childs. The pre-freshmen then gave a demonstration of their robot doing tricks. It was great! I was impressed!
- Recognized and congratulated junior and seniors who are part of the **ACT 30 + Club** this year, meaning they have earned an ACT composite score of at least 30 – no easy task. Here's the list of juniors: **Tyler Babcock, Cameron Byrne, Thomas Carriere, Max Egan, Yehis Elkersh, Lloyd Guillot, AJ La Croix, Connor McCarthy, Patrick Napier, Alex Oliveri, Alex Paille, Colin Reilly, Alex Seese, Koby Schexnayder, Shane Strander & Max Tepper.** And Seniors: **Luke Avenel, Kevin Baker, Evan Bauer, Jacob Broussard, Logan Buras, Jeffrey Champ, Jack Cheng, Patrick Connolly, John Cresson, Ethan**



*Pre-freshmen Robo Wolves Adam, Luke, & Greyson demonstrate their robot at last week's assembly.*

**Desforges, Rutger Fury, Austin Groeneveld, Will Healy, Nicholas Isolani, Christian Jarrett, Bryce Jenkins, Parker Layman, Brett Manifold, Brock May, Ryan Meraux, Andrew Mercante, Jordan Miley, Nicholas Oubre, Harrison Prieto, Gregory Roy, Bryce Smith, Jack Statton, Leland van Deventer and Landon Waite. That's a very impressive number of students!**

- **Recognized and congratulated the students who recently were awarded school letter jackets. For Cross Country: Trevor Achee, Max Catalanotto, Luke Paille, Evan Hendry, Justin King, Frankie Durio, Austin Harris, Joshua Rovira, and Matthew De Bella. For football: Kevin Cluney, Bryce Fisher, Gabe Lanaux, Jacob Yancey, Jeb Juge, Roman Landry, Jordan Eberts, Mason Impastato, Colin Craddock, Kristian McHugh, Griffin Lowry, Connor Eikel, Michael Philippe, Lane Amedio, Matthew Algero, Justin Callahan, Colton Porter, Evan Fisher, Austin Holincheck, Jack Mashburn, Johntae McDowell, Nick Stanton, Donovan Zornes, Jared Kreeger, Jacob Scherer, Chandara Kim, Jordan Dominquez and Owen Hnatyshn**
- **Encouraged the students to attend the Wednesday morning 7 am mass as a great Lenten practice.**
- Again, I ran out of time before I ran out of recognitions – which will carry over to the next assembly. We ended with the whole student body standing and singing the fight song and a very moving rendition of that Lenten favorite, “O That Shame.” It was powerful. **Junior Collin Sullivan** extinguished the prayer candle while Vivaldi’s “Spring” from “The Four Seasons” played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during this Lenten season and to make safe choices. 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 assembly – at least I thought so!

**Lost Items:** We are getting an unusual number of items turned in, ranging from prescription eye glasses to i-pads to wallets (complete with cash) to watches to keys. PLEASE stress with your sons the need to take care of his belongings. And I’m not going to even mention the items of clothing! Let’s just say the lockers are brimming with shorts, shirts, socks, belts, shoes, jackets, etc.

**2016 - 17 Registration:** Please note the following:

- **Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** Your deadline has passed. **I consider any unregistered pre-freshmen as non-returning students and am offering their spots to new ninth graders.**
- **Current 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades:** Your deadline is this Wednesday, February 24. PLEASE let me know your intentions!
- **Current 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** You don’t need to register for SPS for 2016 - 17! Rejoice!
- **Registration will involved the payment of the \$300 registration fee.**

**Course Selection for 2016-17 Assemblies** will be held on March 2 & 3. Only registered students will be allowed to select classes for next year. If a class fills up and a student registers late, he will have to choose another class.

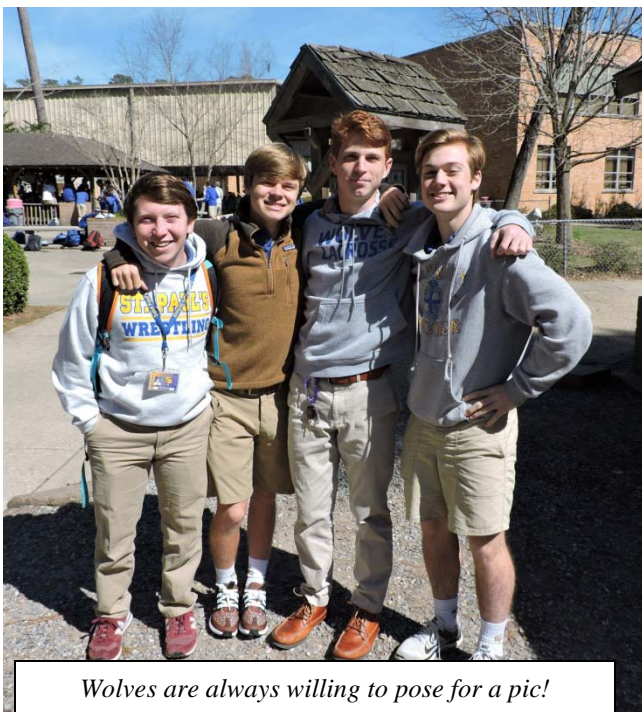


*Just some of our ACT 30+ students who enjoyed a special pizza lunch last week courtesy of the SPS Renaissance Board to reward their academic accomplishment.*

**Haircuts and Grooming:** Our guys are taking advantage of the cold and are looking scraggly. My patience, though, is wearing thin. I want all students, including SENIORS, to be in full compliance – or suffer the consequences. I remind all that the handbook 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 student 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.

**Celebrity Waiters Dinner:** Come celebrate "TV Sitcoms" at our 2016 annual Spring fundraiser, The Celebrity Waiters' Dinner, on Thursday, March 3, 2016 in the Briggs Assembly Center from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. This fun filled evening includes a full course meal from The Dakota Restaurant, refreshments, entertainment and fellowship amongst St. Paul's families as well as the local business community. Proceeds from this event directly impact our students while supporting the College Tour, the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity, honor roll breakfasts and other special student recognitions, Life Skills Day for Seniors, etiquette training for pre-freshmen, Wolves on Wheels, Robotics and Aqua Robotics, our Mu Alpha Theta competitions and many more programs which enrich the experience of the young men here at St. Paul's. For more information, please Click Here: <http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/celebrity-waiters-dinner/>

**Attention Junior Parents:** St. Paul's will offer the ACT test without the writing portion on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**, to all eleventh grade students. This ACT test is official and will count as a qualifying score towards your son's college admissions and TOPS requirements. In addition we think it is to your son's advantage to take the ACT during normal school hours, which has previously been unavailable. The fee for this test administration per student is **\$38.00**. Please send a check payable to **St. Paul's School** for **\$38.00**. **In the memo line, please put your son's name.** Checks can be dropped off to the Counseling Office or mailed directly to: **The deadline to submit payment is Tue, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



*Wolves are always willing to pose for a pic!*

**Annual Fund:** Thanks to those who have responded to my request. 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!
- 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.** Nothing will be done to embarrass your son.

**IMPORTANT:** Many parents have not opened their Edline. We are using Edline for attendance contacting and for our SCHOOL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM! PLEASE, PLEASE make sure you have activated your Edline account so you can receive important SPS notifications. Call Mike Holmes at 892-3200, ext 1044 if you need assistance. Parents need to create their own account and not rely on their son’s account.

**2016 - 17 Calendar:** St. Tammany Parish Public Schools has published next year’s calendar. They will begin on Mon, Aug 8. Accordingly, I have completed our calendar, which follows their calendar when possible. We must schedule 178 days per archdiocesan policy. **We, too, will start on August 8 WITH A FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION. Please plan vacations accordingly.**

**Paper Wolf Update:** Please encourage your students to read The Paper Wolf on line ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future.

**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!**

**2016 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 2015 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,



*Environmental Science Wolves continue their study of local flora and wetlands and beautify the campus at the same time!*

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 2016, and girls' camp staff serves during July 2016. For more information or applications, visit [www.campabbey.org](http://www.campabbey.org) or contact [campabbey@arch-no.org](mailto:campabbey@arch-no.org) or 985-327-7240

**LHSAA & Select Schools:** The principals and athletic directors of the 22 Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans met last week to discuss the implications of the widening of the select/non-select championships next year. Presidents were invited, but I felt Craig and Trevor would represent me quite well. While there is some sentiment for a separate association, there is no consensus. The group did agree to limit public statements either way. Much more discussion needs to take place. There is another meeting coming up soon.

### H of the W:

- *Teacher: I want you to tell me the longest sentence you can think of. Johnny: Life imprisonment!*
- *Where do door-makers get their education? The school of hard knocks!*
- *Teacher: Why have you got cotton wool in your ears? Do you have an infection? Johnny: Well you keep saying that things go in one ear and out the other so I am trying to keep them it all in!*
- *Mom: 'What did you learn today?' Johnny: 'Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.'*
- *What kinds of tests do they give witches? Hex-aminations!*
- *Teacher: how many seconds are in a year? Johnny: 12 – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.*
- *Teacher: Use the word “gruesome” in a sentence. Johnny: Mom grew some flowers in her garden!*
- *Teacher: How can you prevent diseases caused by biting insects? Johnny: Don't bite any.*

### A Look Ahead

\*Changes or additions in *italics*.

- March 1 – Pack Time – Snack Day- Freshmen Service/Retreat
- March 2 – Freshmen Service/Retreat – Scheduling meetings for 10-11<sup>th</sup> graders
- March 3 – *Pre Freshmen retreat*—Scheduling meetings for 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders
- March 5 – SAT on Campus
- March 7 – St. Joseph Altar (All periods meet)
- March 8 – President's Assembly
- March 11 – End of Third Quarter
- March 15 – ACT for juniors
- March 21 – Late start for faculty meeting
- March 22 – President's Assembly
- March 23 – Passion Play (two lunch schedule)
- March 24 – Mandatum
- March 25 – Good Friday holiday
- April 5 – Pack Time
- April 7 – Mass (SJBDS)



*Coach Phil Williams is featured on Smoothie King Center Jumbotron on Fri Night for being NBA Pelicans' Coach of the Month by virtue of the team's 30 game win streak!*

April 9 – ACT on campus  
 April 11-15 – Leadership week  
 April 12 – President’s Assembly –Teacher Appreciation Lunch  
 April 18 – Late start  
 April 19 – Pack Time – Snack Day  
 April 20 – Life Skills day for seniors –*Freshmen HR Breakfast*  
 April 21 – *Pre freshmen HR Breakfast*  
 April 22 – Blue Ribbon Holiday  
 April 25 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 April 26 – President’s Assembly  
 April 27 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast  
 April 28 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade HR Breakfast - Sophomore Service Day/Retreat  
 April 29 – Sophomore Service Day/Retreat  
 May 3 – Pack Time  
 May 4-6 – Senior Exams in BAC  
 May 10 – President’s Assembly – *Band Awards* in Evening  
 May 11 – 13 – Pre Freshmen Exams  
 May 11 – Grad Night  
 May 12 – Athletic Awards in am  
 May 13 – Academic Awards in am  
 May 14 – Senior Graduation 4:00 pm in BAC  
 May 16 – Pre Freshmen Promotion  
 May 17-19- Exam Schedule  
 May 20 – Teacher records day

And even though it’s 2016, 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.

Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we march forward through 2016! Again, thanks for being part of the 2015 – 16 edition of Saint Paul’s!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Along With Other Lasallian Chief Administrators, Heading to San Antonio as the 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President of SPS



**...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, and doing God’s will!**



Answer to Feb 24 Trivia Question: On Dec 19, 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives. He, too, was later acquitted by the Senate. But you knew that!