



# WOLFTRACKS

Saint Paul's School  
Covington, LA



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Gentlemen,

You may have observed a change in the look of the correspondences coming out of the Alumni Office now that we are using a new E mail marketing service. Our intent is to provide you with current and relevant alumni based information without clogging your inboxes. Therefore, please take the time to read the information sent to you from the alumni office in order to optimize your level of interest and involvement.

On that note, we certainly hope that those of you who were able to attend the Christmas on Columbia Reunion at the Seiler Bar and patio had a pleasant evening. We thank you for your fellowship.

Further, we would like to express our appreciation for all who considered the initial electronic phase of our Alumni Annual Fund appeal and to those who so expediently and generously responded. We will furnish additional information in regard to the status of the appeal in the next edition, but I will say that the Pack is definitely strengthening.

If you ask modern generation Saint Paul's students to name two of their most nostalgic school memories, many will tell you, the all school masses and Brother Ray's Assemblies. Therefore, we wanted to extend the invitation to our alumni to share in these experiences whether it is for the first time or once again. After the first of the year, we will send out an E mail with all of the dates, opportunities, and additional information to assist you in experiencing these events.

In summary, 2013 has been yet another blessed year at Saint Paul's School with many joys, sorrows, triumphs and failures, from all of which we have grown. We remain ever grateful to be in the Holy Presence of God. Live Jesus in our Hearts.....forever!

Looking forward to a great 2014,

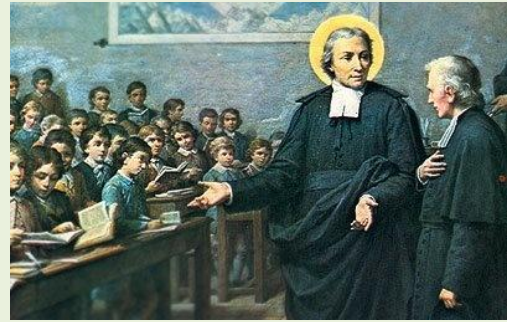
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PLEASE mark your calendar for a General Alumni Meeting on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Brother Ray will once again give the state of the school address to the group.

# Annual Fund

Saint John Baptist de La Salle's original schools charged no tuition. Rich and poor alike were welcomed, and "charity" of benefactors and the donated services of the Brothers funded the schools. We can no longer offer "free" schools, but Saint Paul's tuition compares very favorably with other comparable schools.

[See comparison.](#)



Monies from the Annual Fund help provide our students with a quality education including the certified Project Lead the Way (PLTW-see [brochure](#)) and Pre-law curriculums. Faculty compensation, educational conferences, technological improvements, tuition assistance, and capital improvements are also financed with the Annual Fund.

Please assist me in accomplishing a successful annual drive and complete a check to Saint Paul's School, 917 S. Jahncke Ave, Covington, LA 70433 or you may donate online on our [website](#).

Please help me reach the goal of increasing the number of givers than in years past, large or small. I trust that if you are able and believe in Saint Paul's, you will give a gift within your means. For more information, please review our [small brochure](#) for this year's drive.

Lastly, please check with your employer to inquire about company matching funds. This is an easy way to double your contribution!

Sincerely,  
Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC



Renovation of the Student Center, now the Briggs Assembly Center, completed in February 2013.



Faculty members Pam Cullen, Donald Midkiff and Kim Gardner were one of several who attended summer workshops.



Current repair work for Our Lady of Peace chapel.





# Alumni News



**Mark Bonner '00** – Mark F. Bonner '00 — Mark will marry Dr. Jennifer Toh in New York City on June 15, 2014. Jennifer is a New York City native and a primary care physician in the Bronx. The couple will make their home in Manhattan's Upper East Side. Mark is the global Managing Editor for *Sotheby's* magazine and Sothebys.com. Prior to arriving in New York City, Mark graduated from LSU with an English degree and served as Managing Editor of the campus newspaper, *The Daily Reveille*. Mark then worked as a Staff Writer for various newspapers in the southeast United States, including the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, the Baton Rouge *Advocate* and Mississippi's *Clarion-Ledger*. As a journalist, Mark's specialty was crime scene reporting, but he also afforded himself opportunities to interview state governors, military leaders, and many media and political figures such as James Carville, Bill O'Reilly, Bob Schieffer and Rev. Jerry Falwell. During Hurricane Katrina, Mark flew with the Louisiana National Guard and navigated a flat boat through New Orleans while covering the storm and its aftermath. Mark remembers his time at St. Paul's fondly, especially when working on *The Paper Wolf* with his first journalism teacher, Christi Simoneaux, and his classmates.

**Ben Doolittle '00** - is the owner of Blue Hickory Blues and Barbeque located on Highway 21. He cooks with fresh ingredients and makes sauces, sausages, and desserts from scratch. Ben has a bachelor's degree in culinary arts from Chef John Folse's Culinary Institute at Nicholas State University. The Doolittle tradition is strong at Saint Paul's, Ben's brother Rob graduated in '94, and Rob's son, Robert Thomas Doolittle is a member of the class of '18.

**Trip Illing '00** - Trip is currently the Food and Beverage Director of Cross Gates Family Fitness located on Military Road in Slidell. He also provides catering services. Trip can be reached at [trip@crossgatesclub.com](mailto:trip@crossgatesclub.com).

**Joseph "Tres" Stoltz '02** - Tres was awarded his Ph.D in History from Texas Christian University in December.

**Frank Breeden '07** – Frank was married to Caroline Landry in a nuptial mass at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Mandeville. They traveled to Hawaii for a honeymoon and now reside in Mandeville.



**Will Short '10** – Will graduated from Texas A & M University this past month. He earned his degree in Maritime Transportation, Maritime Administration, received his United States Coast Guard Third Mates License and was commissioned into the United States Merchant Marines.

## Pictures from the Past



Saint Paul's College, circa 1957. Shown at left is the original arch located at the entrance of Saint Paul's. Pictured at right, the current arch.





# Pictures from the Past (cont.)



Main School Building, circa 1950



Main School Building today

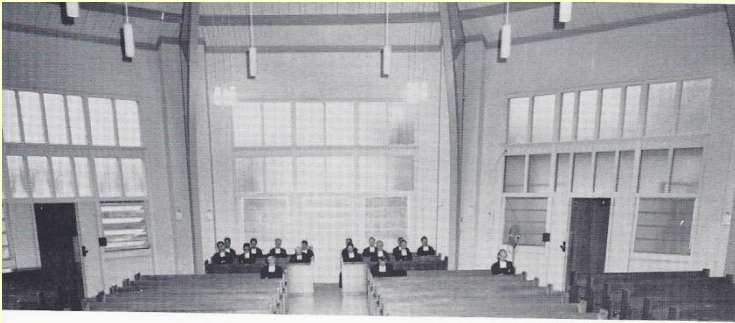


... the St. Jude Center gymnasium, the work of Brother Alex ...

Gymnasium, formerly known as the St. Jude Center, circa 1955



Gene Bennett Sports Complex today



... and the college chapel, transformed from the old gym ...

The Theatre building, originally a gym, transformed into a chapel in 1958, affectionately known as L5.



The Theatre today



The Development Office built in 1959, left and today.



# Calendar of Events

January  
28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 – General Alumni Meeting will be held in the cafeteria at 6:30pm.

**CAREER**  
Day

Thursday, January 30, 2014 – Career Day for juniors will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center



Saturday, March 15, 2014 – Christian Brothers' Relay



Saturday, March 22, 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozone Spring Run



Friday, April 11, 2014 – Saturday, April 12, 2014 – Alumni Reunion Weekend

- Friday – Alumni cocktail party in the Briggs Assembly Center
- Saturday – Crawfish Cook-off – Saint Paul's campus – 11:00am – 5:00pm

For details, click on this [link](#).

## Rise Up 'O Men of God

Mr. Michael Hand, father of Patrick '09 and Matthew Hand '14

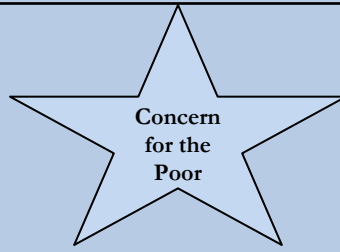
Mr. Philip Edgerton James, grandfather of Philip James '15 and William James '18







# School News



Student Council Vice-President, Willis Sprulock, carries a box of food to the loading area.

In the weeks leading up to the Thanksgiving Holidays, our teachers and staff constantly reminded the students to keep in mind one of the Lasallian Core Principles: concern for the poor. Day by day, the Saint Paul's community searches for ways it could help the less fortunate in an area that has given it so much.

The Covington Food Bank has recently faced very difficult times. A representative of the food bank spoke at an all school service assembly during October and asked for our help in feeding families of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes. The Student Council answered. From November 4 to November 19, Student Body Representatives persistently encouraged students to bring in as many canned food items as possible to assist the food bank. Our turnout did not disappoint. In the morning of the last day of the food drive, thousands of canned food items covered the green and brown picnic tables underneath the Wolf Dome. Students organized the area into sections: beans, fruits, soups, sauces, cereals, personal care items and more. Separating and boxing these goods took up most of the first two class periods for the thirty or so volunteers who decided to help. Before lunch, boxes and crates were loaded onto flatbed trucks and shipped to the Covington Food Bank. After every last grain of rice and ounce of jiffy mix were counted, Saint Paul's contribution to the Food Bank totaled in at 10 tons shattering its previous record of 8.7 tons. [View pictures from The Times Picayune.](#)

*by Michael Burke '14*

## Pre-freshmen Retreat



During the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Lasallian Youth Leaders moderated by English teacher Mryle Wiggins assisted with the pre-freshman retreat on November 14 and 15. The class was divided in half, with have completing one day of community service and the other in the Briggs Assembly Center. The day at school consisted of various ice breakers, talks, mediation, a mass held in the Our Lady of Peace Chapel, and large and small group discussions. Pre-freshman religion teacher Christian Bobak served as the Master of Ceremonies for the day. Senior religion teacher Barrett Baumgartner gave a class on his time at Saint Paul's and senior Justin Scortino talked about developing a relationship with God.

*By Michael Burke '14*

Pre-freshmen who cleaned the grounds at the Boys and Girls Club included: Andre Andersen, seated. Row one: Myers Morgan, Lawrence Rase, Patrick Saucier, Caleb Lupo. Row two: Logan Swords, Matthew Stalter, Corey Williamson, Micah Wagner, Zachary Taylor, Darren Steele, Ashton van Deventer, Mitchell Todaro, and Julian Rodrigue.

# Advent

Faith

Anyone who walks onto Saint Paul's School's beautiful forty acre campus would easily recognize that it is December. All the tell tale signs are evident: soccer practices have begun, the temperature shifts drastically and daily, and the basketball team has already played a few games. However, the most iconic Saint Paul's part of this month is the season of Advent. Advent, while in the last month of the Gregorian calendar, marks the beginning of the Liturgical calendar for the Catholic Church. It is a special time of waiting and preparation for the coming celebration of Christmas.

Like every year at school, President/Principal Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC ceremoniously started the season during an all-school Principal's Assembly on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He called upon junior Drew Bennett to light the first of four candles on the Advent wreath. The first candle represented that we were at the time in the first week of Advent. Alongside the Catholic Advent wreath stood the Jewish menorah. Brother Ray extended his best wishes to the Jewish students and families in our community that are celebrating Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. Junior, Max Gold, gave a brief background about the holiday of Hanukkah and lit the respective candles on the menorah with the assistance of pre-freshman Luc Hebert.

Brother Ray closed the assembly with one of his favorite and probably the most famous phrase at Saint Paul's: "Maranatha." This Aramaic phrase means, "The Lord cometh." It fits perfectly for the weeks preceding Christmas.

*by Michael Burke '14*



Max Gold and Luc Hebert  
light the candles at assembly.

## Blood Drive

Besides this assembly, many other events occur during Advent. On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Saint Tammany Blood Center hosted a blood drive on campus. Between eight and three o'clock, countless students ages seventeen and up packed the Alumni Theater to give a pint of blood. The Blood Center distributes the blood to [over thirty hospitals](#) and numerous outpatient transfusion facilities in Southeast Louisiana and Southern Mississippi. Many of these hospitals, including Children's Hospital in New Orleans, Tulane University Hospital and St. Tammany Parish Hospital, treat patients from throughout this region.



At left, senior, Shane Jones happily donates blood. At right, senior, Sean Lavin enjoys a snack and juice after his blood donation.







# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONFERENCE

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Saint Paul's Administration and Faculty joined Christian Brothers and partners from school across North America for the annual Heuther Conference held this year in New Orleans at the Riverside Hilton. The topic of the conference dealt with a wide variety of topics including best teaching practices, using an iPad in the classroom and "living the Lasallian Brand." Faculty members were invited to attend the New Orleans-Santa Fe District Dinner at De La Salle High School on Friday evening to socialize with partners

from other schools in the district. Saint Paul's Alumnus, Daniel Maher, was presented with an award for his service as a young Lasallian. The conference ended on Saturday and participants were notified that next year the Heuther will take place in Chicago. Refer to [website](#) for more information.



Pictured at left front row are: Brother Tim Coldwell, FSC, Provincial of the New Orleans-Santa Fe District, award recipients Br. Nick Gonzalez, FSC, Principal of Cathedral High School in El Paso, TX, Br. Thomas Ward, FSC, from the Christian Brothers School Community in New Orleans, LA, Daniel Maher '03 with his wife Sarah Jane and their awards for volunteer work in the Portland, Oregon area. In back are Charlie Legendre, Brother David Sinitiere, FSC, Kathleen Glackin, Dylan Perry, Jolleen Wagner, and Christopher Anderson.



Pictured at right, faculty members socialize during a break.





## Service – Covington Food Bank & Kelly Gibson Foundation

Service

Beau Briggs, a junior and a member of the Saint Paul's School Louisiana State Champion golf team, put his talent on the course to work for the benefit of the community. He started a charitable giving based on the number of birdies shot in his summer competitive golf rounds, asking friends and family to donate money per birdie. Beau selected two benefactors for his generosity, The Covington Food Bank and the Kelly Gibson Foundation. At a recent principal's assembly, Beau encouraged other members of the student body to get involved with charitable giving, and working to help the community. He presented checks to both foundations, the food bank received \$3,400, and the Gibson Foundation received \$6,800 due to a partner who doubles donations.



Beau Bridges with Gail Anderson of the Covington Food Bank

Beau presents a check to Mr. Kelly Gibson along with Randy Mason.



## Mu Alpha Theta

Saint Paul's Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the national math honor society, held an induction ceremony Our Lady of Peace Chapel on December 5, 2013. Students invited to join the organization must have earned two high school math credits, and maintain an overall 3.0 grade point average. Grant Landwehr began the ceremony with a prayer, and acted as Master of Ceremonies, welcoming students, faculty and parents. Max Morvant, George Cazenavette, and Zachary Albright made presentations on the history of math, followed by Grant Landwehr discussing the

importance of math in the twenty-first century. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC led the inductees in the membership pledge and then addressed the group with congratulatory remarks. Mu Alpha Theta is sponsored by the Math department and moderated by Mrs. Pam Cullen and Mrs. Susan Jordan. In addition to Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Cullen, math department members attending the ceremony were Mr. Mike Boudreaux, Mr. Stephen Englehardt, Mrs. Adina Gherardini, Mr. John Glorioso, Mrs. Tiffany Kennedy, and Mr. Richard Pichon. Students being inducted into the organization include: Luke Avenel, Jacob Broussard, Samuel Brown, Logan Buras, Eric Carrera, Jeffrey Champ, Patrick Connolly, John Cresson, Christopher Damare, Ethan Desforges, Seth Dragon, Brandon Eberts, Bretton Feringa, Christian Fortner, Patrick Frederick, Rutger Fury, Matthew Gallagher, James Oliver Guice, Burak Kandil, Ruston Keller, Ryan Keller, Matthew Melancon, Ryan Meraux, Andrew Mercante, Nicholas Oubre, Christopher Pennison, Harrison Prieto, Maxwell Robin, Charles Rowbotham, Gregory Roy, Connor Scott, Michael Seenappa, Jack Stratton, Patrick Stewart, Connor Trahan, Leland Van Deventer, Steven Van Zandt, Austin Willis, and Bradley Yaeger. Current members of Mu Alpha Theta hosted a reception in the cafeteria to welcome new members and their and parents.

# Christmas Luminaries

The Saint Paul's community received a lesson about waiting, the meaning of Advent, when the annual Luminaries lighting celebration was cancelled on Sunday, December 8, and moved to Thursday, December 12. If you stopped by our forty acre campus on that Thursday evening, you would have seen it decorated with hundreds of white paper bags and flickering candles. The Student Council organized the Luminaries throughout the campus. The



Council assembled directly after school let out at three o'clock that afternoon to meticulously fill each paper bag with cups of sand. The Student Council members, with the bags, circled the pond, outlined the paths and LaSalle Drive, and spelled the Spanish word "Gracia," which means "Grace," in the home stands of the football field. They chose the word for the following reasons: Pope Francis has designated 2014 as a "Year of Grace"; Christmas is a time for grace; and December 12 was the feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, and so the Council chose the Spanish form of the word instead of the English.

The tradition of the Luminaries came to us from Santa Fe. The Christian Brothers run Saint Michael's High School in Santa Fe and for many years owned and ran the College of Santa Fe. As Brothers moved from Santa Fe to Covington, they brought the tradition of the Luminaries with them. In Santa Fe, the Luminaries were used to light the way to Midnight Mass and, in a more symbolic way, to light the way for the coming of Jesus. For many years at Saint Paul's, this celebration was held for the resident students on the last night of their fall semester before returning home for the Christmas holidays. The Luminaries carried the symbolic meaning of lighting the way Jesus, but also signaled a break from school work. The events which includes Christmas Carols in Founder's Circle and a prayer service was a wonderful send off for those students traveling miles home, and those who lived in town. So we strive to carry on this tradition. Once everything was in place, at six o'clock candles were lit in the hundreds of paper bags and the campus was ablaze with Christmas joy. Students, families, and neighboring residents strolled through this "light show" while the Liturgical Band caroled harmoniously under the oak tree in Founder's Circle. In the cafeteria, volunteers served hot chocolate and brief refreshments.

"It was truly a beautiful sight," said senior Michael Stewart who sang carols with the Liturgical Band along with Thomas Ruli, Thomas Huval, Bryan Lividuas, Josh Farr, Ross Allbrighton, Michael Brown, Casey Fitzmaurice, and Eric Boudet. "To see the campus aglow with the warming light of Christ definitely put me in the Christmas Spirit."

At seven, everyone gathered in the Our Lady of Peace Chapel for a prayer service led by senior and Vice President of the Lasallian Youth Leaders Michael Burke, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Senior and Student Body President David Conroy gave an eloquent reflection on how, with the word "Gracia" in our hearts, we need to remain grateful and compassionate during this Advent season. Click [here](#) for a YouTube video of the luminaries.

*By Michael Burke '14*





## Campus Beautification

Saint Paul's campus is undergoing a beautification project that will not only improve the appearance of the forty acre campus, but will also serve as an educational and environmental habitat for students and faculty. Linda Trahan has assembled members of the Saint Paul's community to plant, and landscape areas of the campus. The latest additions to the gardens are native Louisiana Irises. The plantings will beautify the campus as well help preserve the rare blooms. Pictured on a planting day are: Cade Icamina, Connor Trahan, Linda Trahan, project organizer, Trey Hughes and Grant Hughes.



## Environmental Science Club



Coalition to Restore  
Coastal Louisiana

*Restoring and Protecting a  
Sustainable Coastal Louisiana*



On Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul's School's Environmental Science Class and Club under the instruction of Mark Richards worked with St. Tammany Parish's Environmental Engineering Department and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) on an intensive swamp - reforestation project in Lacombe. The group planted over 500 cypress trees in a detention pond north of Lacombe. The aggressive planting is a parish wide initiative to mitigate and filter storm-water runoff to improve water quality of the Bayou Lacombe watershed. Future plans will be to assist the parish in monitoring the growth of the trees, and to conduct water quality assessments.

Pictured above left to right are: Hector Varas, Aaron Behlar, Grant Grefer, Ross Bourne, Philip James, Dustin Comeaux, Reid Michaelis, Matt Johnson, Jay Simoneaux, Michael Curry, Glen Durham, Michael Seaner, Cody Despointes, Randy Ziegler, Josh Schmitt, Marcus Leydecker, Robert Jones, Justin Marcello, Trip Russ, Dennis Carriere, Jose Castro, Peyton Burkenstock, and Paul Tilly.

# Wrestling – Parish Champs - Again!



On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul's Wrestling team became the Parish Champions for the sixteenth consecutive year! The gymnasium was electric with a win over Fontainebleau by 8 points. Other participants in the tournament were Covington, Mandeville, Northshore and Pearl River. Click [here](#) for Nola.com article. Individual winners are as follows:

Parish Champions – Sam Dufour, Tanner Leblanc, Mason Rader, and Stevie Van Zandt

Second Place – Peyton Cuccia, Austin Grashoff, J.T. Kinch, Sam Pearce, Matt Radar and Shane Ulfers

Third Place – Hunter Bourgeois, Chase Cochran, Kyle Francis, Nick Gordon, Matt Krutzfeldt, and Kyle Schech

On the previous weekend, Saint Paul's Wrestlers participated in the annual Trygg Tournament with a second place finish. Coach Ketelsen received the Ray Gremillion Memorial Coach's Appreciation Award at the tournament. This award is given to the coach who goes above and beyond to help the whole sport of wrestling.

*The Strength of the  
Wolf is the Pack*



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