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Alumni and friends of Saint Paul's,

I wish you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope and trust that the Grace and Peace of our Lord has filled your homes during this Holiday Season.

December has been yet another outstanding month on campus. Our Soccer Wolves are ranked #1 in the Nation as of 12/18/14, the wrestling team just claimed its 17th Parish Title in the nineteen year history of the event, and the Basketball Wolves are off to their best start in years. Further, our Spring sports are gearing up for what promises to be an exciting season of action. All of this is of course in association with the academic rigor and commitments to service that are consistently impressed upon our students.

Our return from the break will find our Class of 2015 off to Senior Retreat, an experience in which I am privileged to be able to take part and one which just might evoke a tone of nostalgia in many of you. I ask that you say a prayer for them during this special and powerful milestone in their time here at St. Paul's.

Finally, I would like to remind you about two upcoming events.

Friday, January 9th is the Alumni Basketball Game. There is still time to sign up or to mark your calendar to attend as a spectator. For more information Click [HERE](#).

On Tuesday, February 3rd, we are taking a different approach with our General Alumni Meeting. Please join us in the gymnasium at 10:30am. The event will begin with the legendary President's Assembly to the entire student body followed by a campus tour led by Brother Ray. Complimentary lunch will be served during the meeting from 11:45am until 12:30pm. For purposes of catering and seating, please RSVP to aln@stpauls.com.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Al Nastasi '91

May peace be with you during this
Christmas season.



New Gymnasium Project

Saint Paul's School has begun construction on the new gymnasium project. The old room 500, once a barbeque pit, art, English, and religion classroom is now demolished. The "old gym" once known as the Saint Jude Center, because funding was thought to be a problem, was constructed by the brothers and the students in 1955. Our own Brother Alfred helped to lay the floor that has been pounded season after season by the basketball Wolves. Although many happy memories exist about time in the Gplex, Saint Paul's has out grown the space.

The new gym will be the primary home for basketball and physical education programs, while wrestling and powerlifting will be housed in a renovated Gene Bennett Sports Complex. The new facility will increase seating from 855 to 1050, and will be air conditioned. Fortunately, once again Saint Paul's is keeping the past by changes in the "old gym" and embracing the future with construction of a new and much needed larger gym.

If you are interested in funding the project, or participating in any number of naming opportunities available please contact Brother Ray directly [985-892-3200 ext. 1001](tel:985-892-3200), or the Development Office of Saint Paul's [985-892-3200 ext. 1270](tel:985-892-3200). Click [HERE](#) to view corresponding Paper Wolf article. Bookmark our [WEBPAGE](#) to view the ongoing construction.



New Gymnasium Rendering



Pictured above is the old room 500 before demolition.



Click [HERE](#) to donate toward the renovations.





Grey Wolves



Members of the Grey Wolves meet for their monthly breakfast at Beck-n-Call Café. Pictured at left clockwise are: Bill DuFreche '61, Robert Santopadre '59, Ronald Melancon '60, Paul Cashio '60 William Rose '56, Jens Madsen '60, Don Fontan '55, James Frederick '59, Sal Pellitteri '60, Jake Giardiana '59 and Frank Fouchi '56.



A mini reunion of sorts, took place at Mike McMurray's '63 house on Nov. 19th. Shown in the picture are the following : Mike McMurray, seated, Mike Blossman '63, Lee Alexius '63, Manny Hebert '63, Jimmy Dykes '61 and Astor Bridges '63. Mike McMurray was diagnosed with ALS in August of 2013.

Mike was an outstanding athlete at Saint Paul's having lettered in all three sports (Football, Basketball and Track). Mike was the second basketball player, in the history of Saint Paul's, to break the 1,000 point mark (the first was Mike Dykes, '62). He went on to play college basketball at

Southeastern University.

Mike was the recipient of the Jimmy Dunn Trophy as the Outstanding Athlete in 1963 and is a member of the Saint Paul's Athletic Hall of Fame. For the past twenty years, he served as the accountant for Saint Paul's Business Department as well as the accountant for the Christian Brother's District of which Saint Paul's is a member.

Lee Alexius, organizer of the mini reunion noted; "An almost three hour visit was made enjoyable due to Mike's deep faith and acceptance of his condition. He is an inspiration and example to all of what it means to be Christ like. Many tales from the past were shared and, unfortunately, most were true. Please keep Mike in your thoughts and prayers as he fights this disease".

By Jimmy Dykes '61

Alumni News (continued)

Clayton Borne '80 – Clayton was elected Justice of the Peace of Ward 10, St. Tammany Parish (Abita Springs/Covington/Waldheim) in this past November 4 election. Clayton takes office January 1, 2015.

Todd Kraft '90 – Todd was elected Constable for Ward 5 during the November election.

Chris Combs '98 – Lucy Michelle Combs was born on December 4, 2015 at 5:40pm. Lucy was born to Chris and his wife Michelle and is welcomed by her three sisters and two brothers.

Alexander Sibley '11 – Alex, brother of Nicholas '14 and Oliver '17 and currently a Tulane University senior has applied for graduate school in vocal performance before his goal of medical school. As part of his admission requirements, he had to audition. Here's Alexander, a former Marian Players, at his audition:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt9tz3Vbt3s>

Calendar of Events



Friday, January 9, 2015 – Alumni Basketball Game – 6:00pm – Calling all former VARSITY BASKETBALL PLAYERS – Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Thursday, January 29, 2015 – Career Day – 8:00am – 12:00pm – Briggs Assembly Center



Tuesday, February 3, 2015 – General Alumni Meeting Luncheon – All alumni are invited to join us in the gymnasium at 10:30am. This event will begin with the legendary President's Assembly to the entire student body followed by a campus tour led by Brother Ray. Complimentary lunch will be served during the meeting from 11:45 until 12:30.



Thursday, March 5, 2015 – Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2015 - 7:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center



Saturday, April 18, 2015 –Crawfish Cook-off– Saint Paul's campus – 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Rise Up 'O Men of God

[Mrs. Shirlee H. "Rusty" Kessenich](#) – grandmother of Eric '02, Mark '03, and Christian '10 Kessenich

Mr. Foster Pettit – grandfather of Carson Caulfield '18

[Mrs. Dorothy Martino Breal](#) - grandmother of Hunter Dupre '19



School News



With the progression of the season of Advent, Saint Paul's' observance of Faith in the Presence of God is running higher than ever. The LaSallian Core Principle is commemorated by frequent in-class chapel visits during Religion classes, during which all students have the opportunity to participate in Adoration, as well as seasonal events such as the Luminaries festival.

But that's not where the Advent activity ends. Saint Paul's also celebrates Advent at weekly President's Assemblies, where Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, leads the school in the lighting of the Advent Wreath and reflection upon the liturgical and spiritual values of the season. During the most recent Assembly, which fell on the first afternoon of Exam Week, Junior Griffin Guzan was invited to light three of the four Advent candles, which burned brightly as the student body reverently chanted a favorite Advent hymn known as "Wait For The Lord." At an earlier prayer service on that morning, Mr. Barrett Baumgartner had led a reflection on the act of Waiting, during which he emphasized the holiness of the act as well as the anticipation that it builds.

On that Monday, Saint Paul's also honored the traditions of the Jewish members of the community. Senior Max Gold led a brief presentation on the history of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, which began on that evening at sundown. Gold was assisted by freshman Luc Hebert and pre-freshman Jackson Gold in lighting the first two candles of the menorah, which stood adjacent to the Advent wreath in a picturesque portrait of universal reverence truly evocative of Faith in the Presence of God.

by Jack Dubreuil '15



Campus Minister, Barrett Baumgartner, addresses the student body and faculty on "waiting" and the importance of Advent.



Max Gold, Luc Hebert, and Jackson Gold light the menorah.





Things to do with an egg:

- 1) Eat it.
- 2) Try to stand it up straight. (Spoiler: only works during equinox)
- 3) Roll it around.
- 4) Leave it in the fridge.
- 5) Stuff it inside a rickety homemade contraption built with only Popsicle sticks, coffee stirrers, rubber bands, and hot glue, and then hurl the entire thing from the top of Hunter Stadium's massive bleachers.

Wait, what?

Rachel Peak's senior Physics classes recently wrapped up a semester of study with an in-depth exploration of the fifth item on the list. Incorporating the recently reviewed concepts of motion, force, energy, and momentum, the project aimed to put a fresh spin on the central LaSallian pillar of Quality Education.

Using only the materials listed above, each student was tasked with constructing a protective capsule that could withstand the 33.59-foot plunge from the top of the Wolves' home stands to the rough limestone below. But not only did the capsule have to survive the trip—it had to ensure that the raw egg inside survived as well, perfectly intact.

Oh, and one other thing: the capsule was required to take the fall three times, protecting up to three different eggs from destruction.

"This was a heck of an assignment," says George Cazenavette a 4.0 GPA and 36 ACT student whose device failed two of the three times. "I think everybody kind of shuddered when they heard the sound my project made on impact."

As one might expect, other results varied greatly; some eggs remained unharmed for three consecutive drops, while others virtually exploded each time. Outcomes notwithstanding, the project served to tie eighteen weeks of physics into a memorable day of experimentation.

by Jack Dubreuil '15



Mrs. Rachel Peak's Physics class with their egg drop projects.



Christmas Luminarias

Faith in
the
Presence of
God

Saint Paul's annual Luminaria celebration is a time-honored tradition that aims to evoke the Christmas Spirit as well as the LaSallian Core Principle of Faith in the Presence of God. Any passers-by will agree that the celebration is more than a little difficult to miss; as the evening sun sets, student volunteers line campus drives and walkways with thousands of small candles that, when lit, warm the night with a stunningly

beautiful "light show" effect. Neighbors, students' families, and any other parties interested in celebrating the feast of Christmas are welcomed to cruise up LaSalle Drive—with headlights off, of course—and then stop by Founders' Circle to take part in Christmas caroling alongside the Jazz and Liturgical Bands.

From the Circle, spectators have a good view of the "centerpiece" of the Luminaria event. Each year, according to tradition, Student Council decides upon a word that is to represent that year's theme. This year, the chosen word was *LOGOS*—Greek for "*The Word of God*".

Senior Walden Perry, a Jazz Band member who facilitated the event, offered his own heartfelt reflection on the evening. "Those lights really filled me up with Christmas Spirit," he mused. "Ceremonies like this really make you appreciate Saint Paul's."

Click [HERE](#) for Nola.com article.

by Jack Dubreuil '15



Logos – Greek for "The Word of God".
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Luminarias photo compliments of Nola.com



A crowd assembled to join in the caroling.



Academics and Athletics



The Louisiana High School Athletic Association has honored 24 Saint Paul's seniors with the Academic All-State title. This designation is awarded exclusively to current seniors who have competed on the Varsity level in an LHSAA-accredited program for at least the last two years while maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or

higher. The Saint Paul's student-athletes who have received this honor for the fall and winter sports are: Basketball: Ryan Keller, Connor Lyons, and Christophe Mootoo-Robertson. Cross Country: Samuel Giberga, Alexander Harp, Burke Irwin, and Maxwell Robin. Football: Michael Brands, Bradley Clawson, and William Kenyon. Soccer: Andrew Brouillette, David Durand, Matthew Dysart, Bretton Feringa, Eric Guin, Coliln Hanley, Brent Neal, Davis Neitzschman, Parker Rice, Barrick Roberts, and Joseph Tanner. Swimming: Jack Dubreuil, and Wrestling: Michael Brands and Chase Cochran. *by Jack Dubreuil '15*



Academic All-State seniors in row one are: Chase Cochran, Andrew Brouillette, Joseph Tanner, Brett Feringa, Parker Rice and Alexander Harp. Row two: Connor Lyons, Eric Guin, Maxwell Robin, Samuel Giberga, Michael Brands, and Christoph Mootoo-Robertson. Row three: Matthew Dysart, Barrick Roberts, Brent Neal, and Colin Hanley. Row four: Davis Neitzschman, Jack Dubreuil, and William Kenyon. Row four: David Durand, Bradley Clawson, Ryan Keller, and Burke Irwin.





Saint Paul's School hosted its annual science fair organized by John Carambat, Biology Instructor, and Lee Pierre, Science Department Chair. A number of projects were presented to the faculty who judged. The winners in the junior division included: Energy and Transport, Honorable Mention, Bentley Roberts; Plant Sciences, first place, Josh Devier; Animal Science, first place, Luc Hebert.

The senior division winners included: the team of Landon Waite and David Cressy first place in Behavioral and Social Science, while Brandon Nicotri, won second place, Casey Fitzmaurice won third place and Oliver Sibley received an Honorable Mention.

In the Cellular & Molecular Biology category first place went to the team of John Paul Lea and Warner Moore. First place in the Computer Science section went to the team of George Cazenavette and Walden Perry, and second place went to Alex Nguyen.

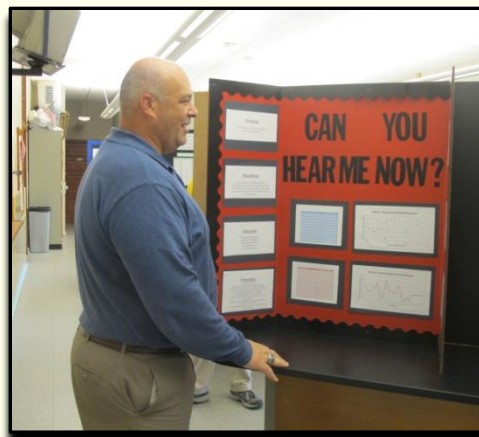
In Energy and Transportation the team of Benjamin Dantin and Aaron Nguyen took first place, with second place going to Robert Baricev, and third prize went to Nick Chifici. The Engineering Category had a number of entries: first place went to Curtis Zuckerman, second to teammates Matthew Dysart and Joe Tanner; two third prizes were awarded to the teams of Barry Auxillian and James Pagnutti, and Ethan Desforge and Ryan Meraux. In the Environmental Science category two prizes were awarded, first place to Kenneth Avanzino and second to Burke Irwin.

In the Mathematics category Winston Duffor took first place. In Medicine, Faiz Salam took first place and second place went to Ryan Lavin. Leland Van Deventer took second place in Microbiology and Forge Mathes received an Honorable Mention. Physics and Astronomy had three prize winners: Jake Arena first, Jared Saltaformaggio second and Kyle Cleveland third. The team of Luke Avenel and John Cresson took first place in the senior division of Plant Sciences.

By Karen Hebert



Jared Saltaformaggio explains the science behind his project to the judges.



Science Department Chair, Lee Pierre, assists in judging the projects.



Academics (continued)



Saint Paul's Honors Geometry class ended their first semester of learning with a hands on application of geometric principles project. The students constructed staircases; in building the staircases the students applied the Pythagorean Theorem, angle of elevation, parallel lines and slope. Mr. Richard Pichon teaches the Honors Geometry class. Pictured at left is John Connor Flick, below left is Ashton van Deventer and below right is Kyle Schmitt.

by Karen Hebert



Students put their understanding of the impulse-momentum theorem to the test by designing an apparatus that could not only safely carry an egg from the top of Hunter Stadium, but also withstand three drops without any modifications. The only materials allowed for the apparatus were coffee stirrer straws, popsicle sticks, rubber bands and hot glue.

by Rachel Peak



Academics (continued)

Saint Paul's student media acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner at the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association annual conference, garnering a total of fifteen awards. Following is a list of the awards received by the Guerilla Wolves multi-media club and The Paper Wolf digital newspaper club. Click [HERE](#) to view Paper Wolf Article.

Guerilla Wolves:

1st Place Videography – Brandon Gallego for [“The Reagan Hill Story”](#)

3rd Place Video Editing (on-site competition) – Brandon Gallego

3rd Place Newscast – News team

Honorable Mention Sportscast – Casey Fitzmaurice/John Larson

The Paper Wolf:

1st Place Online/Digital Newspaper – PW staff

1st Place News Writing (on-site competition) – Nick Ashton

1st Place Photo Editing (on-site competition) – Parker Layman

2nd Place Sports Photo – Chase Whittington for [The Missed Penalty Call](#)

2nd Place Sports Writing – Casey Fitzmaurice for [St. Paul's Aims to Knock Out Concussions](#)

2nd Place Headline/Cutline writing (on-site competition) – Trey Couvillion

2nd Place News Writing: Trey Couvillion for [Big House to Begin Saving Local Dogs](#)

3rd Place Photo Editing (on-site competition) – Kole Gorney

3rd Place Feature Writing – Ross Allbritton for [Ukrainian Conflict Hits Home](#)

Honorable Mention Sports Photo – Turner St. Romain for [Aqua Wolves](#)

Honorable Mention Best Overall Newspaper – Paper Wolf staff

The Paper Wolf won Honorable Mention despite being unable to enter in 20% of the newspaper categories, which were specifically geared towards a printed newspaper. *by Christi Simoneaux*



Members of the Guerilla Wolves and Paper Wolf staffs are presented with their awards at a President's Assembly. Pictured are Brandon Gallego, Thomas Williamson, Turner St. Romain, John Meyers, Ross Allbritton, Principal Trevor Watkins, Casey Fitzmaurice, Andy Davis, Sanjay Vedi, Nick Ashton, Parker Layman, Trey Couvillion, and Chase Whittington.



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Habitat for Humanity Club members participated in building two homes on Wilkinson Street in Mandeville, LA recently. Pictured at left L-R are: Walden Perry, Chris Woodman, Max Gold, Morgan Kinch, Jacob Broussard, Nicholas Rowbatham, Alumnus Sam Baumgartner '02, an Marc Costa. Kneeling is Habitat for Humanity moderator Mr. Richard Pichon.

Saint Paul's juniors in Brother Richard Kovatch's English class are making practical use of the knowledge gained from a lesson on formal letter writing. The members of the class wrote 100 letters to service men stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan and packed boxes filled with wet wipes, bubble gum, lip balm, sunflower seeds, granola bars and socks. This enterprise is very important to the students, because Junior, Austin Wiles' father Craig, is stationed there. Craig delivered packages to members of the Special Forces, and to DEA Agents who enjoyed the contents. The soldiers referred to the packages as "gifts of love." The juniors are currently packing boxes for Christmas with coffee, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, lip balm, and of course, letters written on Christmas Cards.

By Karen Hebert



Juniors pictured packing boxes after school are: Kyle Schech, Austin Wiles, Sergio Barrios, Jordan Domingues, Deonte' Sorapuru, Hayden Burket, Austin Behlar, and Chris Coyne.



The Varsity Wrestling Wolves captured their 17th St. Tammany Parish Wrestling Championship crown Saturday competing at Covington High. The Wolves dominated the six-team field earning their seventh consecutive Parish title, winning ten of the fourteen weight classes. Saint Paul's totaled 273 points followed by Fontainebleau with 158, Covington, the host school, came in third with 95 points.

by Jack Dubreuil '15

Saint Paul's Parish Wrestling Champs in row one are: Row One: Chase Cochran, Sam Dufour, Peyton Cuccia, Billy Harrison, Hunter Bourgeois and Blake Huff. Row two: Kyle Scheck, Colin Frances, J.T. Kinch, Christian Fortner, and Stevie Van Zandt. Row three: Matt Krutzfeldt, Josh Mascaro, Grant Hughes, Seth Dragon, Jared Thieler, and Collin Corales. Row Four: Jack Caminita, Gavin Grefer, Shane Ulfers, Cole Houser, John Birdsong, and Jake Arena.

Saint Paul's Cross Country Wolves recently celebrated their successful season with an awards banquet. Members of the team and their families joined for a meal and a night to remember the highlights of the 2014 season. Runners recognized for their outstanding contributions to the team included: Spencer Albright, and Stephen Schlottman, Outstanding Runners; Jack Verret and Jonathan Bertucci, Junior High Most Valuable Runners, Eric Coston, Varsity Most Valuable Runner; and Alexander Harp, Coaches Award.



On Saturday, December 6, the Saint Paul's Marching Wolves traveled to Madisonville to march in the annual Christmas parade. People from across the area came out to watch the parade go by, with the band giving it a little bit more culture and flavor. See complete [Paper Wolf Article](#).



On Wednesday, November 19th, at the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Saint Paul's School was awarded the Legacy Award. This award is given to the organization that has been in operation for more than twenty years and has made a long-term commitment to preserving the integrity and character of St. Tammany Parish. The award was presented to Saint Paul's President Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC by Mrs. C.J. Ladner, owner of C.J. Ladner State Farm Insurance agency and parent of alumni Cooper '97 and Connors '03.



Pictured at right are C.J. Ladner and Br. Ray.

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