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Gentlemen and members of the Saint Paul's community, I hope that you have all had a fruitful and productive start to the New Year. We have certainly hit the ground running here off Jahncke Avenue, and there are many ways for you to join us in 2014. For our current sports schedules, see below.

I recently sent out a mass and Principal's Assembly schedule for which a few of you have already attended, including the Honorable Mayor Cooper, and for which we are grateful. However, there is certainly plenty of room for more of you, and I once again extend the invitation. To review the available dates, please see below.

For our upcoming Development/Alumni events, please note the following: Thursday, March 13, 2014 - Celebrity Waiters Dinner – theme – "Polynesian Paradise" Saturday, March 22, 2014 – Ozone Spring Run Saturday , April 12, 2014 - Crawfish Cookoff

My final update is in regard to our Annual Fund which began in the beginning of December at which point you all were sent an E mail (December 5<sup>th</sup>) with a subject line of "Alumni Growth." That correspondence referenced the anemic number of alumni who supported last year's appeal of fifty-one (51) over an entire fiscal year of contribution. In just under two months of a change in marketing strategy if you will, I am pleased to report that we have certainly experienced a "Growth" with a 100% increase in support. We currently have one hundred two (102) alumni who have answered the call. Thank you for your support. This is a great step in the right direction, but there is still a huge void in our alumni base of support that should be filled given a school of this caliber and character. For a donor list by class of those alumni who have supported the Annual Fund thus far for the 2014 Appeal, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

I pledge to you, the alumni, that this department will continue to work on constituent relations, reunion formats, refining our current schedule of events, creating new alumni events and making you feel even more welcome than you did that first day here in eighth, seventh or even fourth grade. However, I also pledge that I will continue to challenge you in that if you have the capacity and that if Saint Paul's has had a significant influence in your formation, please consider supporting our Annual Fund which is so vital to the functioning of this great institution.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For the Strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the Strength of the Wolf is the Pack!

Al Nastasi '91

Sports Schedules

Basketball Schedules Lacrosse Schedules Soccer Schedules Wrestling Schedules Mass Schedule

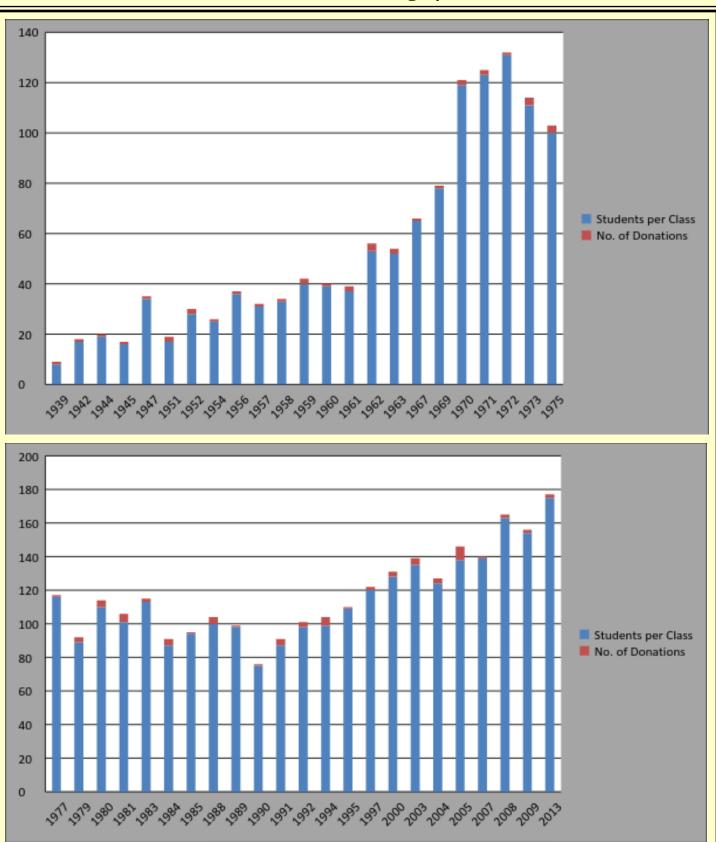
February 10, 2014

Assembly Schedule

February 4, 2014 February 18, 2014

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Alumni Annual Giving by Class



If your class year is not shown, then we have not yet received any donations.



# Saint Paul's/Saint Scholastica Alumni Reunion

On Friday, December 27, Saint Paul's and Saint Scholastica held a joint alumni reunion at The Seiler Bar. The event was well attended by both Saint Paul's alumni and Saint Scholastica alumnae.



Brett Livaudais '10, Luke Baumgartner '10 and Stephen Dennis '10



Don Steadman '67 and his wife Louise and Butch Gunter '67 and his wife Diane.



Austin Copeland '11, Michael Naccari III '11, Associate Alumni Director Lee Pierre with his wife Ashley and Garrett Olister '11



Tristan Roberts, faculty member Andrew Dart '03 and Jeremy Arena '03



Alumni Director Al Nastasi '91 with his wife Kellee SSA '94.



Brandon Noggerath '02 and Kyle Boudreaux '99



Tommy Duplantier '73, David Duplantier '71 and Caroline Voekel SSA '04







**Chris Price '01** - Chris has returned from Gainesville and is now the weekend sports anchor for WBRZ in Baton Rouge. He started broadcasting in December. If you are not in the Baton Rouge area you can watch live online at WBRZ.com.



**Patrick Mount '05** – In September 2013, Patrick received the Air Medal with Valor medal for a rescue mission he flew on December 20, 2012. Patrick is a search and rescue helicopter pilot with the United States Air Force and is currently on his second deployment in Afghanistan. The Air Medal is awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, have distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. The use of the Valor "V" device on the Air Medal is awarded for heroism.



**Jackson Fos'12** – Jackson was acknowledged as Player of the Week for the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>. Jackson plays basketball for the Springhill Badgers. See <u>link</u>.



**Marc Robertson '12** – Marc was acknowledged as Player of the Week for the week of December 30 – January 6<sup>th</sup>. Marc is currently playing for Millsaps College in Mississippi.



**Christian Berry '13** – During the Christmas holidays, Christian stopped by the Development office to visit. Christian is pictured at left with Development Director Al Nastasi. Christian is currently enrolled in The Air Force Academy in Colorado.



**Connor Campo '13** – Connor is a member of the wrestling team at Wartburg College in During the weekend of January 11-12, Wartburg placed first in the National Duals. s Wartburg's fourth straight title win. Connor placed first in the 141 lbs category. See As of this writing, Connor was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation at 141 lbs.



Several alumni attend the cross country state final meet in December. Pictured at left are: Myrle Wiggins, faculty moderator, Pat Gavin '01, Christian Bergeron '12, Terryl Chatham, cross country head coach, Ryan Durr '12, Scott Brewster '12, Jonathan Thomas '05, former cross country state champion, and Ricky Preau '07.



Saturday, March 15, 2014 – Christian Brothers' Relay



Saturday, March 22, 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozone Spring Run. <u>Click HERE</u> for the application form and <u>HERE</u> for the sponsorship form.



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 <u>link</u>.

# New Alumni Business



Brandon Construction is owned and operated by Brandon Noggerath '02 along with his brothers Evan '05 and Austin '08. The business was established in 1984 and specializes in custom residential and light commercial construction. You can visit their website at <u>www.</u> <u>brandonconstructionco.com</u>.

# Rise Up 'O Men of God



Al Diamond '43 Laurence "Larry" Menge '46 Mr. George Thomas, Jr. '48 Keith Young, Jr. '91 Mr. Timmy Taylor Mrs. Ruth McNeiland, grandmother of Thomas Huval '14 Mr. Al Strain, uncle of William Strain '15 Great grandmother of Logan '16 and Grayson 17' Buras Mr. Salvadore "Sam" Modica, step-grandfather of Garrett Boyce '17





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# **School News**



Saint Paul's student body did one final Lasallian act to complete the 2013 school year. Students donated money to the traditional Adopt-A-Family campaign. The students and several faculty members bought, wrapped and delivered presents making Christmas better for five families. Additional funds were also donated to the Covington Food Bank and to the Covington Rotary Club, who help those in need over the holidays. *by Michael Burke '14* 





Leyton Lavigne, Jace Stubbs, and Ryan O'Krepki wrap sort gift wrap and wrap packages.



Sophomores Jack Chang and Patrick Frederick wrap packages



James Bryant, Evan Cook, Ryan Fair, and Tyler Fair get ready to deliver packages.

# Soccer Wolves – Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Nation



Saint Paul's Soccer Team defeated Mandeville High School 3-0 on Tuesday, January 14. The Wolves are currently rated number 1 in the state and number 2 in the nation by the National Coaches Association. Members of the team on the front row include: Grant Hebert, Brent Neal, Michael Boudreaux, Jacob McWilliams, Cameron Robinson, Christian Caragliano, David Durand, Austin Wiles, Trevor Watkins, and Brett Feringa.

Row two: Assistant Coach J.W. Hunt, Parker Rice, Kevin Durr, Tyler Murphy, Aarron Hodgman, Matthew Dysart, Davis Neitzschman, Austin Groeneveld, Coach Sean Moser, Byron Morgan, Colin Hanley, Eric Guin, Colin Ross, Robert Lacroix, and manager Barrick Roberts.



Faith Every Saint Paul's student eagerly awaits the return of school after the Christmas Holidays; the new semester gives the student body a fresh start for grades, friendships, and sports. However, the senior class has something else so incredibly special that the class of 2014 has been anticipating a certain event since its first day at Saint Paul's in 2009: the Senior Retreat. Considered the highlight of most Saint Paul's alumni's time at our school, the retreat allows the 168 seniors to escape from Covington, leaving behind family, phones, and school work, into a tiny suburb outside of Alexandria called Woodworth. Here, the seniors, along with several teachers and faculty members serving as the retreat team, spent three days and two nights at the Wesley Center from Wednesday January 8 to Friday January 10. While the time and place of the retreat are known, everything else from activities and details to the schedule and group leaders is kept completely secret until the retreat staff sees fit for the students to know. Once the retreat is over, seniors remain silent to the lower classmen. The retreat team promises that the students' lack of knowledge contributes to the effectiveness of the retreat. Lee Pierre, Renee Miller, Luke Barwick, Christian Bobak, Jeaneen Schmitt, Brother Ken Boesch, Al Nastasi, Gina Hall, Rachel Peak, Gene Lipps, Paul Scoriels, Andrew Dart, Robert Simpson, Carol Barcelona, and Karen Hebert composed the retreat staff.

While no senior can say what occurred during the three day getaway, the seniors have been very vocal about the effects of the retreat. The mission of the retreat is a simple one: to discover who you are and to knit together over one hundred personalities into one web of brotherhood. Michael Stewart, during the retreat, was able to piece his own future together. He said, "My heart has nestled itself forever into Saint Paul's but my mind has graduated and is now prepared to dominate the future, whatever it may hold."

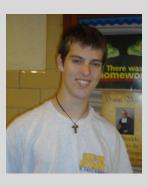
Like Michael, Shane Kennedy believes the mission succeeded. Shane said, "The experience was incredible. We finally got a real chance to come together. I talked to people I've never talked to before and realized I have friends in places I would've never expected." John Frey echoed Shane's words. John, who only started Saint Paul' s junior year, feels like he has been a part of the senior class as much as everyone else: "The retreat was without a doubt the best experience of my life. I'm absolutely blessed to go to a school that gives me such a great opportunity to not only learn but to also grow into a family of 168 brothers."

The retreat ended on Friday with the distribution of the traditional Senior Retreat crosses by the retreat team. The seniors proudly wear their crosses, a symbol of the seniors' journey in faith through their time at Saint Paul's and their unity in the Saint Paul's brotherhood. Even today, graduates from many years ago still wear their crosses. Jimmy Montour, class of 2013, suffered an injury in a car crash within the past year. After a speedy recovery, he realized he lost his cross in the confusion of the accident. Because the cross meant so much to him, he asked Principal Brother Ray Buillard, FSC for another cross. Within the next week Jimmy received a senior cross. The links of brotherhood hold strong and stretch far to the thousands of alumni throughout the country.



by Michael Burke '14

Members of one small group pose for a photo on retreat. Row one: Lucas Richard, and Nick Blaise. Row two: Bryan Livaudais, Robert Monahan, Brent Stokes, and Justin Marcello. Row three: Abel Shelby, Don Lipani, Jonah Knickles, Austin George and Carlton Knight.



Senior Tyler Murphy wears his cross and retreat t-shirt.

# Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2014 "Polynesian Paradise"



Consider reserving a table NOW for our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrity Waiter Dinner being held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:00pm. Celebrity Waiters' Dinner is the only event that funds Saint Paul's Renaissance Program. This program sponsors several school activities such as the annual college tour and "Life Skills Day" for seniors. It also sponsors continuing education for faculty, the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity, honor roll breakfasts, ROTC activities, and the Marching Band's Field trip. This program funds academic extracurricular activities such as Mu Alpha Theta competitions, Wolves on Wheels,

Robotics, and aqua robotics, just to name a few. It also funds a partial budget for the Development Office. To reserve a table, go the our website at <u>http://www.stpauls.com/support/events/celebrity-waiters-dinner/</u>.

The Briggs Assembly Center will come alive with dozens of table for ten. The evening begins with a social, networking hour with students serving appetizers. After the social and prayer, the dinner event begins promptly. The purchase of a table provides a full course meal prepared by a local caterer, an open bar, the ever popular bottomless wine glasses, a live auction, 50/50 raffle, and a restaurant raffle.

Guests are encouraged to purchase Wolfbucks, dress in costumed attire and decorate their tables relating to the year's theme. Have your waiter dance the hula or blow a conch shell horn for Wolfbucks! Awards are given for the top three table winnings, table decorations and costumes. Consider having your business sponsor a table or gather a group of friends and join us! For more information, please call the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext 1270.

## National Punctuation Day



Saint Paul's freshman, Austin Willis, son of Michael Willis and Yoshin Willis of Covington was selected a winner in the National Punctuation Day Essay Contest. NPD was founded

by former newspaperman, Jeff Rubin, in 2004 to demonstrate the importance of correct punctuation and bring punctuation to the forefront of people's minds at least once a year. Austin composed a 250 word essay on the virtues of all punctuation, and explained how

punctuation has affected his life. Click here to view Austin's essay.





Quality

Education



Saint Paul's Varsity Basketball Wolves led by Coach Phil Williams won the Lasallian Classic Basketball Tournament held at De LaSalle High School in December. The Wolves scored 83 points against Grace King's 52, 54 points to Rummel's 47, and in the final game defeated De LaSalle 63 to 59.

Pictured with the trophy kneeling are: Logan Jean, Connor Lyons, Antwann Anderson, Matthew Pilote, Christophe Robertson, T.J. Bedford, and Mitch Brumfield. Standing are: Phil Williams, Varsity Head Coach, Stephen Hammond, Paul Scoriels, Junior Varsity Coach, Wyatt Popovich, Skyler Herbert, Jordan Jacob, Harrison Prieto, Ryan Keller, Jonah Knickles, Manager, Grant Connolly, and Anthony Anderson, Assistant Coach.

## More Soccer News!

On Friday, January 10, Soccer Wolves took on the Hammond Tornadoes. After intense competition, senior Kevin Durr's late penalty kick score sealed the victory for coach Sean Moser's team. The team is currently undefeated in district play, and, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, the wolves are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for high school soccer teams. What an incredible accomplish for Coach Moser and his wolves

> Captains, Cameron Robinson, Colin Hanley, and Eric Guin, of the nationally ranked Saint Paul's soccer



team present the Saint Paul's Holiday Tournament to Athletic Director, Craig Ketelsen. The top sixteen teams in the state participated and Saint Paul's placed first.



#### Perfect Score



As a Lasallian school, everything we do is based on our Five Core Principles. With the core principle of quality education in mind, Saint Paul's would like to congratulate junior George Cazenavette for scoring a composite 36 on his ACT test in December. He did not miss any questions in all four parts of the test. George would like to attend the Washington University at Saint Louis. By Michael Burke '14

Also in the theme of quality education, the science department has been quite busy. The Biology II class, taught by football coach and master of the sciences Lee Pierre, began dissecting cats in the science laboratory on Monday, January 14, in order to learn more about the human anatomy. But then to learn more about the human anatomy, why would students be dissecting cats? Senior Don Lipani, who is currently taking the class, provided the answer: "The program chose cats for dissecting because cats have many muscles that are found in the human body which helps us understand how each muscle connects and works with each other." Before the Biology II students can actually examine the insides of the cats, they first must skin the cats which may take one or two class periods.

by Michael Burke '14



## **Anything Goes**



The drama department, led by Denny Charbonnet, started counting down the days until the opening night of its spring musical *Anything Goes* which will run from late March through early April. The Marian Players, as the student actors are commonly called, diligently rehearse for hours to ensure a perfect performance. Senior Michael Stewart said, "This is my senior and final year to be able to do Saint Paul's drama. We have all thoroughly enjoyed every second being a part of the Marian Players. I could not ask for a better musical than the play Mrs. Denny chose for us." Earlier this school year, the Marian Players performed *Teahouse of the August Moon* as their fall drama. For more information, contact the school at 985-892-3200.





Saint Paul's School has added a new sport to the list of athletic teams on campus. Rugby had a scrimmage against East Jefferson in City Park on Saturday, January 11th. The team will play Jesuit on January 18th, and the first game in Hunter Stadium will take place on February 1st at 1:00 pm. Rugby team members pictured before practice are Quinn Anglada, Samson the Rugby Wolf, and Christian Jarrett in the first row. In row two are: Grant Geffer, Cullen Lagasse, and Michael Maggio.

by Karen Hebert

#### Running with the Wolves



Senior Don Lipani likes to run. He enjoyed running on the 5A 2013 state champion cross country team this past year, and he is currently training for the upcoming indoor and outdoor track and field seasons. Last year as a junior in May of 2013, Don placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3200 meter run at the track and field state championships held at the Louisiana State University. With all of this in mind, it was no surprise when Don Lipani committed to the University of LSU on Wednesday, January 15, as a cross country and track and field athlete. Don said, "When I started high school I didn't think I would play any sports, but now I'm going to run at the collegiate level. Everyone dreams of playing at LSU when they were little and I'll be living that dream next year." Don said all his inspiration comes from his coaches: head cross country coach

Terryl Chatham, assistant coach Bud Weiss, head track coach Al Nastasi, Brother Rich Kovatch, and Reggie Bresette. "Mr. Reggie is an excellent mountain biker and adventurist," said teammate Michael Burke. "He inspired the entire team to train our hardest and aim for our craziest dreams."

by Michael Burke '14

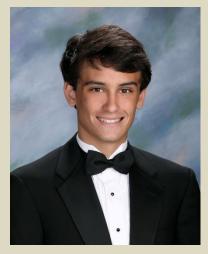






At the annual Metro Player of the Year Awards luncheon sponsored by the Quarterback Club of New Orleans, all player of the week recipients attended. Ryan O'Krepki was recognized as the Metro Player of the Week for week 6 of Saint Paul's vs. Mandeville football game. Coach Sears was also recognized at the luncheon. In Ryan's acceptance speech, he thanked Coach Sears for teaching him the game, and credited him for being a strong role model.

Saint Paul's Senior, Zachary Albright, son of Dr. Anthony and Mrs. Angelle Albright of Covington, has been selected as the Gatorade Louisiana Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. This award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the racecourse. Zachary was the All-Metro Co-Runner of the year for this past season. In addition to being an honor student and maintaining a 4.53 grade point average, Zachary is a member of the National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. He has worked with the Habitat for Humanity, and Special Olympics. He has attended inspirational retreats with Immaculee Ilibagiza's, a Rwandan genocide survivor, and worked with the Look Good Feel Better cancer patient support initiative.



He will attend Princeton University where he will continue his running career, and major in Business.



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