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Saint Paul's School
Covington, LA



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November 30, 2014



Friends of Saint Paul's School,

As we celebrate this time of year with Thanksgiving, I am certain that many of us have taken the time to reflect on those things for which we are most thankful and may have even taken the opportunity to engage in prayer or service to assist those who are in need or are less fortunate. As a proud alumnus of Saint Paul's School, one of the things for which I am most appreciative is the opportunity to have been and to continue to be a part of the St. Paul's experience. I sincerely hope that you the alumni share in that gratitude to your alma mater, and I am fairly certain that the past, present, and future leaders of this school, reciprocate that sentiment in your allowing Saint Paul's the opportunity to be a "good place to grow up" for you and other young men over the past 103 years and for many years to come.

In looking at the Calendar of events on page 4, you will note the Christmas on Columbia flier. Last year was the inaugural run and sort of a spin on the old Reunion on the River which was also done in conjunction with St. Scholastica. Please mark your calendar for Friday, December 26, 2014 for what was truly a pleasant evening last year and for what the indicators suggest will be once again this year. There will be no cover charge before 8 pm. Complimentary food will be provided. The first 100 alumni present will receive 2 drink tickets, and there will be drink specials. Further, the local band Boogie Falaya, comprised of many of our alumni and friends, will be playing that evening at the Tap Room. I sincerely hope to see you there.

If I may ever be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Live Jesus in our hearts.....forever!

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Winter Sports Schedules

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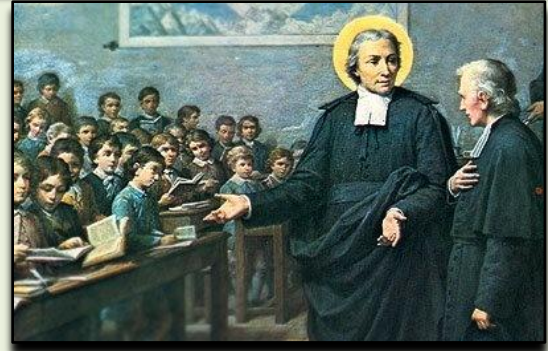
[9th Grade Schedule](#)

[Pre-freshmen Schedule](#)

Note: Schedules frequently change – for updated schedules, refer to our website, www.stpauls.com under Athletics.

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 is one of the lowest among Catholic high schools – and a downright bargain compared to the private schools.



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](#).

I take seriously the faith people place in Saint Paul's for Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers, insisted that the Brothers look upon their work "*only with the eyes of faith.*" Your gift furthers St. La Salle's instructions to the Brothers that "*Christian schools should be in no way inferior to other schools*" and that parents who choose the Christian school should "*not have occasion to regret that their children do not find therein all other educational advantages.*"

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

Proposed new Gymnasium

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Pike Barkerding '02 – Pike is the creator of Upperline Clothiers and was recently featured on the WWL morning news program. Click [here](#) to view the video of the interview. Click [Upperline](#) for the clothier website.

Brian Schmitt '13 – Brian is a sophomore at Springhill College and was recently featured in an article on the school's website. Brian is currently in the International Studies program with future interests in becoming an FBI profiler. Click [here](#) for the article.

The Saint Paul's School Alumni Band met for its second triennial performance on Friday, October 24, shortly before the Football Wolves trounced District rival Covington High. Led by Alumnus Drum Majors Pierre Simoneaux, father of current Junior Drum Major Dustin Simoneaux, and Andrew Dart, a present member of the school Arts faculty, ex-Marching Wolves of all ages performed alongside current band members in an exciting evening of reminiscence.

Saint Paul's first father and son alumni drum major team, Pierre Simoneaux, a member of the alumni band, and Dustin Simoneaux, junior drum major for the 2014-15 school year.

Steven Arias '14 – Steven was the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award from the Military Officers Association of America. In December 2013, Steven participated in an essay competition with students from fifteen schools across three parishes. Stephen's essay discussed the leadership skills he learned at Saint Paul's and how he applied them to his life. Pictured at left are: Lt. Col Ken Kimberly, MOAA representative, Mr. Trevor Watkins, principal, Steven's parents, Jose and Maria Moreno, Steven, Col. Rob Maness and MSgt A.J. East.



Calendar of Events



Thursday, December 11 – On campus Christmas luminaries – 6:00pm. JOIN US for the annual Christmas luminaries event with caroling and a prayer service in Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Even if you can't stay for the event, take a moment and drive through Campus!



Friday, December 26 – SSA & SPS Alumni Christmas on Columbia – Come and reconnect with friends from both SSA & SPS at the Columbia Street Tap Room – Seiler Bar from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Click [HERE](#) for more details.



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



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. Dorothy "Dot" Jenner passed away on November 13th. Only we "old timers" remember Dot – who along with her husband "Sarge" worked at Saint Paul's for over 15 years in the 70s and 80s. Dot was the school nurse and Sarge was the Assistant Aerospace Instructor for our ROTC program. They, along with their son, Mark, class of 1979, lived in the old infirmary building, which is now the Development and Alumni Office. It is there that Dot nursed the sick boarding students back to health. It is from there that she was always on call, night or day, to tend to the health needs of anyone on our campus. And she did so faithfully and competently. Even after she and Sarge retired, she continued to keep in touch and visit. For years, she and Sarge lent the Brothers their Florida condo for vacations. She and Sarge helped make Saint Paul's what it is today.

by Brother Ray Bulliard

Mrs. [Barbara Ann Burleigh](#), grandmother of assistant band director Mr. Jimmy Brinkman

[Mr. Philip Katich](#), grandfather of sophomore Kevin Katich '17

The cousin of James Kissgen '17

[Mr. Richard Laird](#), uncle of freshman Rhett Swing '18

Mr. Steve Whittemore, grandfather of Kelsey Whittemore '18;

[Mr. Paul Sanderson](#), grandfather of Jacob Sanderson '19

[Mrs. Estelle Gaudin Huber](#), great grandmother of Mason Impastato '19



School News



“I don’t mean to sound like a parsimonious pecksniff, but any gongoozler can tell that Saint Paul’s is the undisputed paragon of institutional alacrity.

After this week, this is how a large number of excited Saint Paul’s fans, parents, and students might be speaking. At least in theory.

Those magnificent words—the ones that may have required a dictionary or, that failing, a search engine—are just a few of the highly anticipated tidbits of knowledge to be gained from a Saint Paul’s education. At the end of each academic quarter, the school’s highest-achieving students and their parents have the opportunity to learn the words at the tri-annual Honor Roll Breakfasts.

The Breakfasts commemorate the outstanding academic accomplishments of Saint Paul’s students who have earned Honor Roll notice for the first, second, or third academic quarters an Academic Awards ceremony is held in lieu of a fourth-quarter Breakfast. At each ceremony, Honor Roll recipients and their families are treated to wholesome meals of eggs, sausage, pancakes, and vocabulary, skillfully served by School President and Honors English instructor, Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC. A fierce advocate of student proficiency in vocabulary, Brother Ray introduces those in attendance to a few of his favorite words during the latter half of each Breakfast—a tradition that many students and families have grown rather attached to.

“I’m going to miss Brother Ray’s Honor Roll Vocab next year,” says senior Beau Briggs. “You just don’t get that kind of awesome tradition in college—or anywhere else, really.”

by Jack Dubreuil '14



Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC, President and Mr. Trevor Watkins, Principal, serve parents and students a delicious breakfast of eggs, grits, sausage and biscuits prepared by Northshore Catering owned by alumnus Mark Dixon '81 and his wife Liam.

Pictured at right with Brother Ray are seniors that have been friends since elementary school. Left to right are: Peyton Burkenstock, Glendon Durham, Michael Seaner, Dennis Carriere and Brother Ray.



Dia de los Muertos



On Friday, October 31st, Saint Paul's students celebrated the Dia de los Muertos. Literally translating to "Day of the Dead", *Dia de los Muertos* is an international commemoration of friends and loved ones who have passed on to the next life. The celebration is most prominent in Mexico, dating back to an Aztec celebration, but people in many other areas—such as Covington, Louisiana—have been known to take part as well.



This year's *Dia de los Muertos* service was held on Halloween, just two days before the Catholic observance of All Souls' Day. This is especially fitting as both *Dia de los Muertos* and All Souls' Day are compatible with the LaSallian Core Principles of Respect for All Persons, and Faith in the Presence of God. Facilitated by the Spanish Club and headed by moderator Liz Brett, the *Dia de los Muertos* prayer service took place in the Briggs Assembly Center and featured an altar decorated in traditional Mexican fashion, with the items of wind, water, fire and earth. The altar contained the famous skull cookies and bread, traditional Mexican foods of the day as well as, paper decorations representing wind, candles representing fire, flowers representing earth, and vases of water. Students, Faculty, and staff of Saint Paul's were invited to approach the altar, one by one, and leave a photo or commemorative note of a deceased friend or relative. The congregation prayed and sang traditional Spanish songs. This was the Saint Paul's fourth year celebrating the *Dia* in a beautiful and distinctive ceremony of reverence that is sure to remain for years to come. This celebration, although young in Saint Paul's years, is a special memory to all.

by Jack Dubreuil '15



Pictured above band director Andrew Moran plays the Marimba.

For the Dia de los Muertos prayer service at the altar seated are: Jacob Broussard, Jack Statton, John Cresson, Kenneth Avanzino, and Ryan Flood. Standing are: Yehia Elkersh, Luke Avenel, Ethan Desforges, Mrs. Liz Brett, Spanish Department Chair, Kyle Schmidt, Jean-Paul Juge, Robert Baricey, and Patrick Stewart.



Red Ribbon Week



On Friday, October 31st, members of the United States Attorney's Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency, DEA, gave a presentation to the student body about Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week started after the death of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who in 1995, was brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico. After his death, people started wearing red ribbons to honor Kiki's sacrifice.

The presentation was led by US Attorney representative Colin Sims, alumnus of the class of 1999, along with several DEA agents. Click [HERE](#) for more information about Red Ribbon Week.

Pictured at left is Matthew DaBella wearing the vest that DEA agents typically use.



Twining

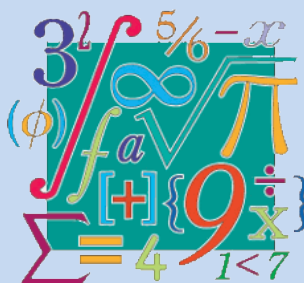


Brother Ghebrehesus Habte, FSC, the Visitor of the Lwanga District in Africa, came to Saint Paul's to visit and to talk to the faculty and student body about our brother school in Marsabit, Kenya and other schools in his district. The [Lasallian Region of North America](#) is paired with the Lwanga District through the twinning program. Saint Paul's School in Kenya has been paired with our school since 1997, and our weekly mission collections are a vitally important contribution to the well being of that school. Every Wednesday morning the halls ring with the words "Our Father" and the television sets beam with photos of life at the other Saint Paul's. [See YouTube video](#). The Lwanga District was established in 1997, the Provincialate is located in Nairobi, Kenya; and it is composed of five districts. 103 Christian Brothers and 1,071 teachers in the district meet the needs of 13,447 students enrolled in the schools, which include child rescue centers, agricultural, secondary, and higher education schools. Many of the students in these schools have financial needs, and some do not have families. Because of the profound change a Christian Brothers' education can make in the lives of these young men and women every school has a large number of applicants for the spaces available. In some schools water and electricity can be unreliable. The purpose of the twinning program is to help the schools achieve financial self-sufficiency in the long term. As Brother took the faculty and student body on an imaginary journey to Africa, the overwhelming sense of belonging to the Christian Brothers' worldwide community became a reality, regardless of the differences in geography, and economics all of us are called to "Rise Up, O men of God." Helping the other Saint Paul's is only way for us to accomplish this goal. See [Paper Wolf article](#) about the Twining Program.

By Karen Hebert

At right are: Br. Louis Welker, Br. Duane Gregory, Br. Ghebrehesus Habte, Mrs. Gina Hall, Br. Jeffrey Calligan and Mr. Charlie Legendre.





Last month, Saint Paul's Math Department hosted the 20th annual tournament in the Briggs Assembly Center. Fifteen schools participated with a total of 263 students working math problems. Schools were separated into two divisions, magnet and non-magnet schools. Saint Paul's completed with the magnet schools. Since we hosted the tournament, Saint Paul's competed in only the lower math levels including Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry. We did not participate in Advanced Math, Trigonometry, or Potpourri. Individual results are as follows:

- Pre-Algebra – Josh Devier, 1st and Jack Schwartz, 4th
- Algebra I – Andrew North, 1st and Ashton van Deventer, 4th
- Algebra II - Ryan Meraux, 1st and Ethan Desforges, 2nd and Luke Avenel, 4th
- Geometry - Yehia Elkersch, 3rd

Team event results are:

- Pre-Algebra - Team 4, 3rd, - Jakob Massey and Blake Ramsey
- Algebra I - Team A, 2nd - Patrick Baldone, Andrew Norlin and Ashton van Deventer
- Algebra II - Team B, 3rd - Ealon Boudreaux and Brandon Nicotri
- 2nd – Luke Avenel, Jacob Broussard, John Cresson, and Ethan Desforges

Even with Saint Paul's not participating in the upper levels of the Math competition, we still placed third in the tournament.

by Susan Jordan



Academics (continued)



Saint Paul's almost-college-bound seniors have achieved a few extraordinary honors this year. The Classes of '14 and '15 can officially claim a total of twenty-seven Advanced Placement Scholars among their ranks. AP Scholars have demonstrated proficiency in various subjects across the curriculum by scoring exceptionally high on multiple AP Exams, which are offered at the end of yearlong AP courses. High scores on AP exams can yield substantial numbers of hours of college credit—so these 27 are already

on their way to college success. Saint Paul's School offers Advanced Placement course work in Art, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. AP Scholars, students who have earned a score of 3 or higher on three or more exams, include: Quinn Anglada, Matthew Baldone, Michael Brands, Beau Briggs, Kyle Cleveland, Grant Connolly, Max Gold, Evan Lewis, Bryan Livaudais, Connor Lu, Jacob Mc Williams, Warner Moore, Walden Perry, Hunter Simonson, Matthew Spedale, and Peter Yager. AP Scholars with Honor, students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and a score of three or higher on four or more exams include: Michael Burke, Bennett Miller, and Mitchell St. Pierre. AP Scholars with Distinction, students who receive an average score of at 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams include: Zachary Albright, George Cazenavette, August Dixon, Jack Dubreuil, Burke Irwin, Ryan Keller, Grant Landwehr, and Max Morvant.

In addition, the National Merit Scholarship program has recognized nine Saint Paul's seniors for scoring exceptionally high on last year's PSAT test. Students scoring in the top one half of one percent of testers—the top 16,000 of over three million—are designated as Semifinalists, while the students scoring in the lower half of one percent are named Commended Scholars. Saint Paul's has produced six Semifinalists from the Class of 2015: Matthew Baldone, Beau Briggs, George Cazenavette, Jack Dubreuil, Max Gold, and Ryan Keller. In addition, Connor Lu, Aaron Nguyen, and Walden Perry were recently named Commended Scholars.

by Jack Dubreuil



Core Principle - Concern for the Poor and Social Justice



In the spirit of Thanksgiving season, Saint Paul's has recently increased its focus on the LaSallian Core Principle of Service to the Poor.

One might even say that the students and faculty have been "driven" to act on the principle.

A series of three Drives has taken place on campus during recent weeks, all part of the school's perennial effort to give back to the Covington community. The initiatives, which involve all Saint Paul's students and faculty, are each aimed at a certain local charitable cause.

The Warm Hearts Clothing Drive, first mentioned in the October Wolftracks, is a yearly effort led by Sean Noel, a seventh grader, to collect and distribute used cold-weather clothing to the local needy. Saint Paul's delivered; the National Honor Society and LaSallian Youth Leaders collected 875 warm garments after a few weeks of selfless action.

Saint Paul's also held a recent Blood Drive benefitting The Blood Center. Any eligible students and faculty members were asked to donate a pint of blood, by the end of the day, the total collected reached sixty-nine pints. Most of the blood was donated in the name of a Saint Paul's student who had recently been injured in a cycling accident, and is currently on his way to recovery. The donations were able to help over 200 patients because according to blood bank literature one pint of whole blood benefits three patients.

The third and final drive is none other than Saint Paul's Thanksgiving Food Drive, perhaps the most prominent collection initiative on campus. In years past, the initiative has been known to rake in unbelievable quantities of food for the Covington Food Bank; this year was absolutely no exception. Students brought in a whopping eight tons of nonperishable foodstuffs to feed Covington's hungry.

As a final thought before the long holiday, the Thursday before Thanksgiving vacation, the students and faculty gathered in the Briggs Assembly Center to offer thanks. Father Matthew Clark, Chaplain of Saint Paul's, reminded the congregation to reflect on all that we have been given and requested that we not take our blessings for granted. On that note, thank-you to all members of the Saint Paul's family who help to make the school "a good place to grow up."

by Jack Dubreuil



Members of the student council collect food under the Wolfdome to be loaded on trucks.





Recent athletic achievements of note include a sweeping District victory for the Cross Country team, as well as a third-place finish for the Aqua Wolves in the Metro Meet. Both of these teams are approaching state competition, with the Running Wolves bent on reclaiming last year's State Championship. Similarly, the varsity soccer squad has emerged as the [#1 seed](#) in Louisiana, according to a statewide coaches' poll—which means that it, too, is scheduled to take the State trophy for the second year in a row.

Cross Country varsity runners pictured above left are Collin Sullivan, Spencer Albright, Eric Coston, Alex Harp, Henry Elliot, Steven Schlottman, and Patrick Napier.



Aqua Wolves at right are tri-captain Jack Dubreuil, sophomore Kyle Hladky, senior and tri-captain William Munn, junior Harrison Prieto, junior Griffin Guzan, junior Jack Cheng, Coach Bill Babcock, and senior tri-captain Jacob Elliott.



College Signings

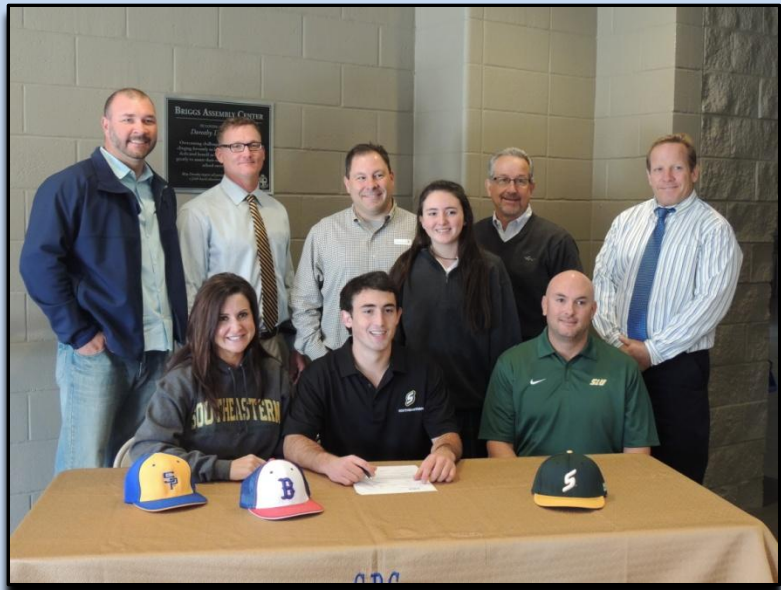
Saint Paul's School had five seniors decide to continue their athletic career on the college level. The signing celebration took place on Monday, November 17 in the Briggs Assembly Center.



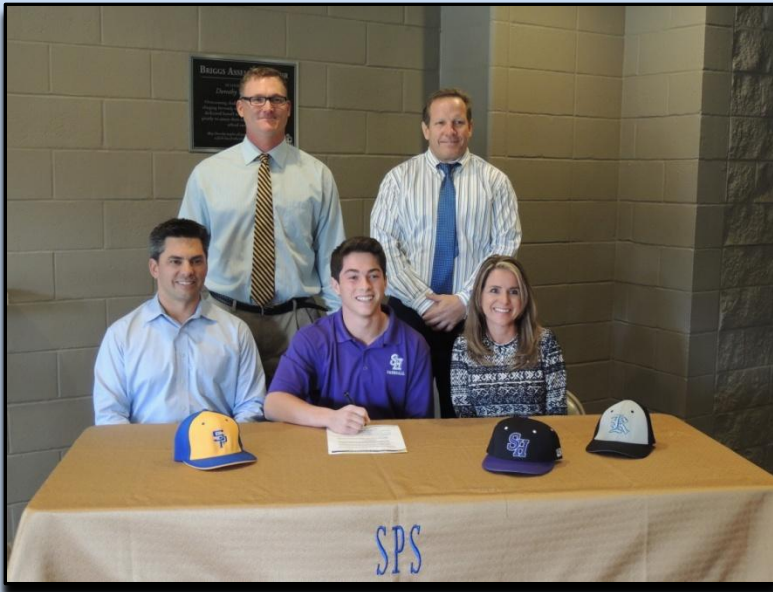
Saint Paul's senior Beau Briggs signed a golf scholarship with The University of Mississippi "Ole Miss" in Oxford, Mississippi. Pictured at left seated are Beau with his parents Travis and Erika. Standing left to right are Saint Paul's Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen, Beau's grandparents David and Carolyn Briggs and Saint Paul's Golf Coach Luke Barwick.



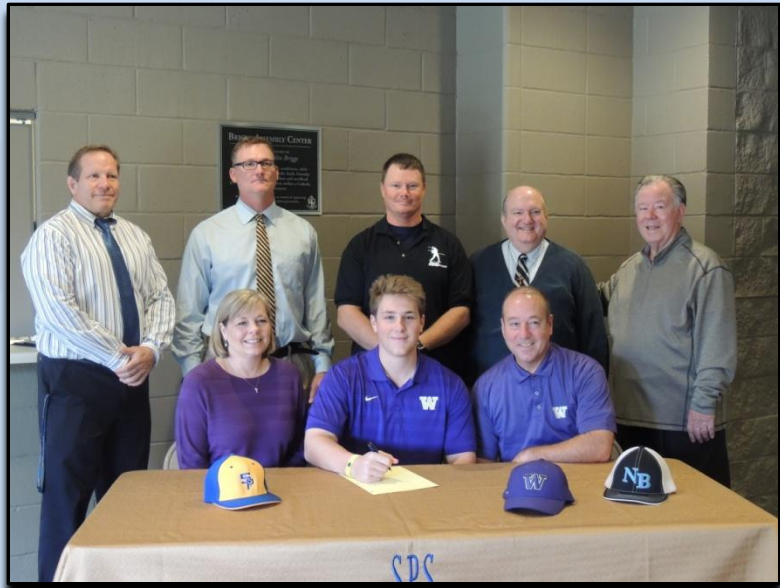
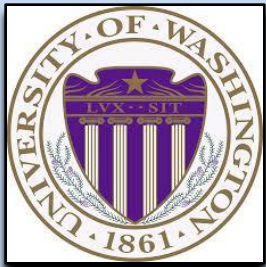
Saint Paul's senior Carlo Graffeo signed with Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA to play baseball. Pictured at right seated are Natalie, Carlo and Carlo Graffeo, Sr. Standing are Chris Westcott, Mick Nunez, Saint Paul's Varsity Baseball Coach, Eddie Newson, Malorie Graffeo, Jeff Montalbano, and Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director of Saint Paul's.



College Signings (continued)



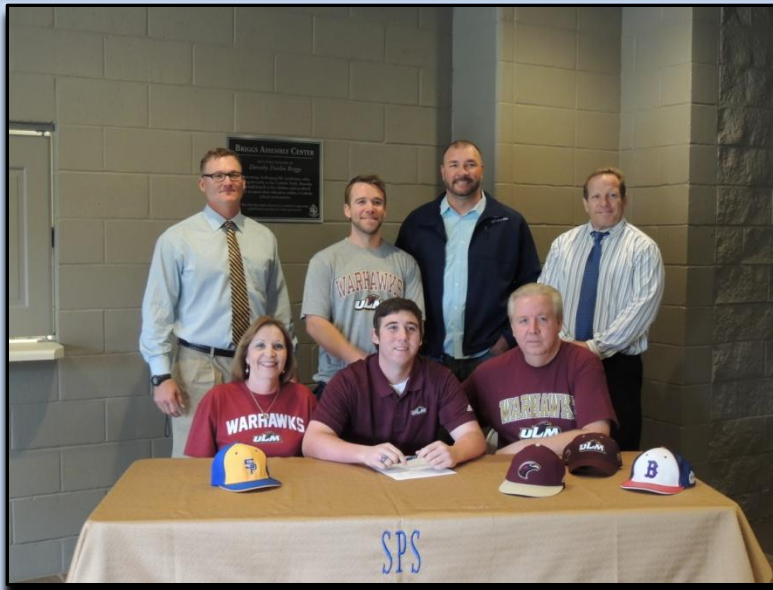
Nick Chiasson signed a baseball scholarship with Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. Pictured above seated are Darren, Nick and Tina Chiasson. Standing are Saint Paul's Baseball Head Coach Mick Nunez and Saint Paul's Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen.



Peyton Lacoste signed with The University of Washington Huskies to play baseball next year. Seated at right are Peyton with his parents Aimee and Greg Lacoste. Standing left to right are Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director of Saint Paul's, Mick Nunez, Varsity Baseball Coach of Saint Paul's, Chris Yeager, Brother Ken Boesch, FSC, and paternal grandfather, Jules Lacoste.

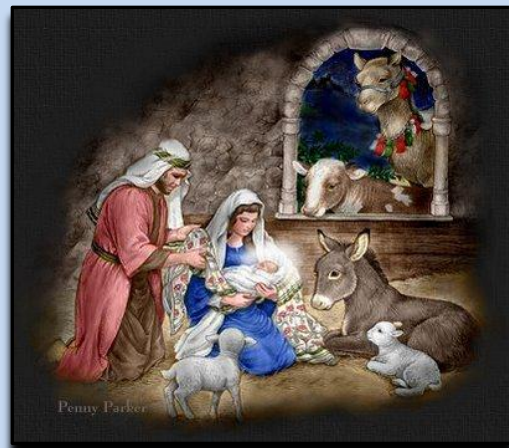


College Signings (continued)



Kyle Schimpf signed with the University of Louisiana at Monroe to play baseball. Seated with Kyle are Pam and Craig Schimpf. Standing are Mick Nunez, Saint Paul's Baseball Coach, Ryan Schimpf, Chris Westcott, and Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director of Saint Paul's.

From our Saint Paul's family to yours, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed and Merry Christmas.



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