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Friends of Saint Paul's School,

Not only have we recently experienced yet another beautiful month of October here on this extraordinary campus, but we have continued to be blessed with prosperity as well.

From a successful Jazz 'N Roll to another sold out Joseph A Champagne, Jr./ Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament, to the alumni gatherings at Homecoming and for the band alumni on October, 24, we are extremely grateful to all of the supporters of Saint Paul's School, especially our alumni.

Many of our winter sports are gearing up as the fall sports begin to culminate. Our grid iron Wolves just reclaimed the coveted Brown Jug in a convincing manner and are looking solid as they will soon head into the playoffs. Our Cross Country Wolves seem to be peaking at the right time and look poised to make another run at the State Title. Further, our students remain committed to faith and service. Ongoing projects are blood drives, food drives, prayer services, grade level retreats, the Warm Hearts coat drive, all while independent service hours are being completed by our students on a regular basis throughout the community. And yes, we are paying attention in the classroom as evidenced by packed Honor Roll Breakfasts, the highest number of National Merit Scholars in years, two perfect scores on the ACT, and a nearly 90% TOPS eligibility from the Class of 2014.

However, most importantly, we remain both fortunate and blessed to be able to Remember, that all of these things are occurring in the Holy Presence of GOD, and we are able to do so numerous times each and every day.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts....Forever.

Al Nastasi '91



Alumni Homecoming Escorts from the class of 1990 are Bryan Billiot, Casey Richie, Jason Kaufmann, and Chris Fajoni.

# Joseph A. Champagne, Jr./Gene Bennett Golf Tournament (cont.)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Chandler  
Cleveland, Jacob  
Greenberg, Tyler Stroble,  
Michael Willem

3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Lloyd Bagnell,  
David Derbes, Lonnie  
Fisher, Mitch Smith

### Low Net

1<sup>st</sup> Place-Mark Beard, John  
Curren, Robert Flettrich,  
Tim Wolfe

2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Jeff Gernon, Greg  
Mitchell, Larry Schellang,  
Greg Waguespack

3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Chris Alvarez,  
Juan Martinez, Ben  
Morvant, Eric Sears

### Longest Drive-Hole 18

Travis Briggs

### Straightest Drive-Hole 17

Mitch Abide

### Closest to the Hole - #1

Ben Morvant

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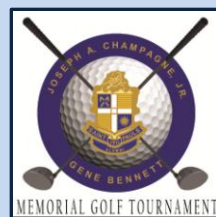
Pictured above left to right are Chris Alvarez '99, Juan Martinez '99, Eric Sears '04, Mark Richards '72, and Ben Morvant '04.



Pictured above left to right are Tyson Walker '94, Miles Biggs '94, Rhett Briggs '00 and Travis Briggs.



Pictured at left are the team members with the lowest net total. Robert Flettrich, Mark Beard, Tim Wolfe and John Curren.



## Alumni News

**Minh Le '93** - Minh attended Saint Paul's while he was placed with a foster family in Covington after leaving Vietnam at age 7. Today he is in command of all three locations of [Spahr's Restaurants](#) in Des Allemands, Thibodaux, and Houma. He attended the culinary arts program at Nicholls State University.



**Marcus Gaines '14** - Recent graduate, Marcus, made an outstanding, one-handed touchdown catch during the football game on October 4<sup>th</sup> between Louisiana Tech and the University of Texas El Paso. Marcus is currently a freshman at [Louisiana Tech](#). Watch the utube video of the catch, click [here](#).



# Calendar of Events



Saturday, November 1 – Saint Paul's Open House– Saint Paul's Open House for prospective students will be held on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center.



Monday, November 3 – General Alumni Meeting – 6:30pm in the cafeteria



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

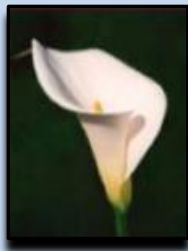


Thursday, March 5, 2015 – Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2015 - 7:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center



Saturday, April 18, 2015 –Crawfish Cook-off– Saint Paul's campus – 1:00pm – 5:00pm. For details, click on this [link](#).

## Rise Up 'O Men of God



[Commander Alfred "Gene" Spurl '47](#), US Coast Guard (Ret.)  
Edward J. McMahon '52 passed away on Nov. 17, 2012  
[Mr. Robert C. Kane '68](#) passed away in July of 2013  
[John Bert Gremillion, III '86](#)  
[Mrs. Leticia Velandia Klein](#), grandmother of Ben Klein '18





# Homecoming

Mythological Monday. Tuxedo Tuesday. Thrift Shop Wednesday. Lumberjack Thursday. Pink Friday.

Anyone who is even the slightest bit familiar with Saint Paul's knows that dress-up themes like these are anything but ordinary. In a school famous for hiring haircutters to contain first-day hair violations and handing out detentions for un-tucked shirttails, a full week of flamboyant dress seems a little far-fetched.

For five days a year, though, the student body is free to show their spirit, within reason, through a succession of outrageously themed dress days. That week, of course, is Homecoming Week—one of the most anticipated of the year.

Students at Saint Paul's get so outrageously decked out throughout the week that the sense of Wolf Pride becomes impossible to ignore. Not just any school offers an occasion when a student can walk into a classroom and be greeted by an enthusiastic roomful of woodsmen, take a lesson from a tuxedo-clad teacher, or sit next to a contemporary King Arthur. Thanks to the Student Council, led by President Sam Giberga, and the administrative faculty, school spirit ran high throughout the week.

Breast cancer awareness has been a major theme for the student body this year. Accordingly, this year's Homecoming Week was concluded in an unusual fashion—unusual even for this most atypical of weeks, students and faculty clad in pink.

As usual, the student body crowded into the gym for an incredibly spirited Homecoming pep-rally. The culminating event was the introduction of the court: Queen Megan Haydel was escorted by Ryan O'Krepki, Gabrielle Chaix was escorted by Ethan Desforges, Jack Genova served as the escort for Maggie Otillio, and Brett Feringa served as the escort for Juliette St. Romain. Students and faculty then went home and prepared for the Homecoming game that evening; and as usual, the students crowded the stands in Hunter Stadium for home game, but this year, it was all done in pink.

Students are rallying to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer this year mostly because a member of the Saint Paul's family is fighting this cancer. Fittingly, Saint Paul's is seizing every opportunity to support the cause; the most recent opportunity happened to be the day of the homecoming game, when students embraced the Pink Friday theme in a daylong show of support.

*by Jack Dubreuil '14*



Pictured left to right are Brett Feringa, Juliette St. Romain, Jack Genova, Maggie Otillio, Queen Megan Haydel, Joshua Nunez, Gabrielle Chaix and Ethan Desforges.



# Homecoming Court

Members of the court from Saint Scholastic included: Queen, Megan Haydel, daughter of Michael and Constance Haydel, and a senior at Saint Scholastica Academy. Megan is a member of the Saint Paul's Cheer Team and also a Universal Cheer Association All American Cheerleader. She is a member of the National, English and Science Honor Societies, and participates in Mu Alpha Theta and the Foreign Language Club. Megan has received honor roll recognition each year during her years at SSA. She was escorted by Josh Nunez and Bryan Billiot, alumnus of the class of 1990.

Gabrielle Chaix, daughter of Richard and Leslie Chaix, is a Senior at Saint Scholastica Academy. She is a member of the SSA Varsity Volleyball and Track teams and also has competed with the Southeast Louisiana Roadrunners Track team. She has played for Louisiana Volleyball for five years and has earned Second Team All District in varsity volleyball as well. She is an honors student and an active member of the Art, Osirian, and Foreign Language clubs at SSA. Gabrielle was escorted by Ethan Deforges and alumnus Jason Kaufmann.

Maggie Otilio, daughter of Kenny and Michelle Otilio, is a Senior at Saint Scholastica Academy. She earned all district honors twice as a soccer player for SSA. In her four years of soccer at SSA, she is a three-time member of the varsity team. Her team is reigning Louisiana State soccer champions. Maggie is also proud to serve as a student minister at SSA. Maggie was escorted by Senior Jack Genova and alumnus Chris Fajoni.

Juliette St. Romain, daughter of alumnus Jeff St. Romain '87 and Melita St. Romain, is Senior at Saint Scholastica Academy. She is a member of SSA's cross country team and Student Council. Juliette serves as an altar server at Mary Queen of Peace Church and as a student minister for SSA. Juliette has interned at *Inside Northside* Magazine and was selected and attended Teen Vogue Fashion University in New York City. Juliette was selected and attended summer programs at the Savannah College of Art and Design and the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, California. Juliette was escorted by Senior Brett Feringa and alumnus Casey Richie.

Homecoming festivities ended on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> with a dance for sophomores, juniors and seniors in the Briggs Assembly Center with a formal presentation of the court.



At left, 2013 Homecoming Queen, Carly Boyce, crowns Megan Haydel as the 2014 Queen.



Pictured above left to right are Josh Nunez, 2013 Homecoming Queen Carly Boyce, Megan Haydel and Bryan Billiot '90.



# Grandparents Day

Inclusive  
Community

October 10th brought the end of the first academic quarter, cooler weather, and the annual "Thank God for Grandparents Day" to Saint Paul's. The Briggs Assembly Center was filled with blue and gold balloons, a wonderful feast, and hundreds of students and grandparents. Campus Minister, Barrett Baumgartner led a prayer service which included the traditional hymns "Rise Up, O Men of God" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The Lasallian Band led by Mr. Christian Bobak did their usual excellent job of playing music and leading the songs. Both students and grandparents raised their voices in prayer and song. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President, conducted a brief program which began as each school day begins on campus, with the Morning Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Air Force Junior ROTC presented the colors before the pledge. Brother Ray provided the students with statements which required them to communicate to their grandparents the important things happening on campus. The dedicated members of the Saint Paul's Mothers' Club organized a light lunch for the guests, and students were encouraged to give their grandparents a tour of the campus which is in full bloom with bright yellow mums, thanks to the dedicated members of the "Botanical Wolves" and their "Bring a Mum" campaign. It was a wonderful day on campus.

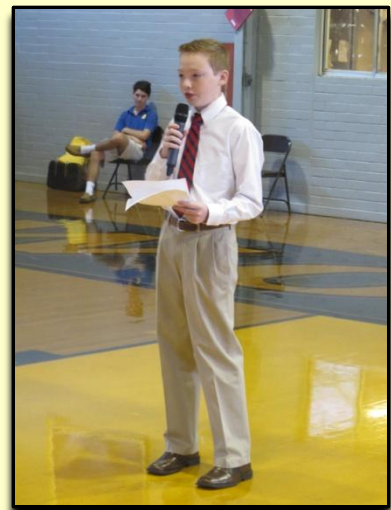
*by Karen Hebert*



Albert and Geraldine Avenel, junior Luke Avenel, and Anthony and Carolyn Musso enjoy grandparents day in the first row.

Concern

Students at Saint Paul's observe one of the Core Principles, Concern for the Poor and Social Justice, with increased enthusiasm with the introduction of this year's Warm Hearts Clothing Drive initiative. The Drive, instituted in 2005 by Sean Noel, aims to collect used cold-weather clothing and blankets to donate to locals who cannot afford them during the winter season. Noel spoke before the student body at a recent President's Assembly, where he formally asked the Wolves to participate in Warm Hearts. He also highlighted the fact that Saint Paul's is the drive's leading supporter year after year. Everyone on campus is encouraged to donate, and both the Lasallian Youth Leaders and the National Honor Society take up collections.



*by Jack Dubreuil '15*

# Academics



George Cazenavette



Ryan Keller



Two members of the Class of 2015 have scored a perfect 36 on the ACT. George Cazenavette, son of George and Cindy Cazenavette of Mandeville, had a perfect score during his junior year on the December test, and Ryan Keller, son of Roger '89 and Allyson Keller of Mandeville, had a perfect score on the most recent ACT test given. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President of Saint Paul's, was pleased to recognize the young men for their achievement at a recent President's Assembly.

The members of Brother Raymond Bulliard's English Classes will once again be participants in The Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown's Service Learning Project. The students will write biographies that they will share with first grade students at Midway Elementary. Nick Ashton, Ruston Keller, and Jean-Paul Juge are pictured holding the check from the Brown Foundation that funds the grant.



Saint Paul's senior, Matthew Dysart, attended Notre Dame University's Introduction to Engineering Program. This nationally recognized summer program only accepts sixty-five students each year. The program includes classroom study, lab work, and field trips. At the end of the program, Matthew was recognized as one of the Seven Top Scholars for the 2014 summer course. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President of Saint Paul's, commended Matthew on his summer achievement at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> President's Assembly.





## Academics (continued)

Burke Irwin and Faiz Salam, two members of the Saint Paul's class of 2015, attended the Tulane University Summer Scholars Neuroscience Program in New Orleans. The program accepts students who demonstrate exceptional talent in math and science. Over the course of twelve days the students attended lectures and did lab work with professors currently on the Tulane teaching staff. The course also allows students to earn three hours of college credit. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President of Saint Paul's School, recognized the young men for their summer academic achievement at the President's assembly on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Burke Irwin



Faiz Salam



Forge Mathes

Saint Paul's freshman, Forge Mathes, son of Michael and Suzette-Day Mathes was selected the winner of the statewide Constitution Day Essay Contest. On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Forge was an honored guest at the Naturalization Ceremony Constitution and Citizenship Day Celebration held at Roussel Hall on the campus of Loyola University in New Orleans. Ms. Peggy Cotogno, Executive Director of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education presented Forge with his award. Students in grades 9-12 from the state of Louisiana submitted essays in the competition. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President of Saint Paul's, recognized Forge at the President's Assembly on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Academic articles and photos provided by Ms. Karen Hebert



# Project Lead the Way



Literally speaking, Saint Paul's School is *engineering* a better future for students interested in science and technology.

The school's burgeoning engineering program, first implemented in 2010, has been significantly expanded for the 2014-2015 year following a generous donation from Hornbeck Offshore. The donation allowed for comprehensive improvements to the program, including the addition of new classes, intensive faculty training, lightning-fast computers, and a few shiny gadgets—including, but certainly not limited to, a massive 3-D printer.

Students at Saint Paul's get a taste of the program as early as the eighth grade. A new pre-freshman science course, known as GTT (Gateway To Technology), offers a remarkably hands-on curriculum that gives access to computer, mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering topics. On any given day, GTT students can be found constructing things like functional traffic lights and miniature drawbridges—and that's just the beginning. In later years, students have the option to enroll in any, or all, of six additional engineering courses that focus on more specific areas of the field, such as Civil Engineering, Computer Science, and Digital Electronics.

The courses are brought to campus through a national organization called Project Lead The Way (PLTW) that aims to enhance STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education across America through courses such as the ones that Saint Paul's now offers. PLTW has recognized Saint Paul's with National Certification, a significant honor given only to three schools in the state with PLTW courses.

The Harry T. Howard /Touro Infirmary Biomedical Elective Track is also sponsored by PLTW with course offerings: Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions, and Biomedical Innovation.

While the engineering courses are an absolute blast to take, who hasn't wanted to build a robot at some point in their life, the main idea behind Saint Paul's PLTW initiative reaches beyond the immediate experience. "The curriculum is such a good representation of what our graduates will experience in college," says Engineering Department Head Rachel Peak. "And that gives them a huge advantage."

Senior engineering student Matthew Dysart can't help but agree. "Taking engineering classes at Saint Paul's has allowed me to discern what type of engineering I like best," he reports. And Dysart has already begun to reap the benefits: he participated in an engineering workshop at the University Of Notre Dame this summer, where his prior knowledge of the field gave him a leg up over the other young engineers. "Our engineering program definitely helped me to stay ahead of the curve." Matthew was awarded status as one of the top seven in the class of over sixty students from across the nation.

*by Jack Dubreuil '15*



At left, Seth Dragon and Austin Grashoff dissect a sheep's eye in a biomedical elective.



At right, John Birdsong charges a solar battery to power the car he has constructed in Principles of Engineering.

# Jazz 'N Roll 2014

On Saturday, October 4, the Briggs Assembly Center resounded with music and fun with the twenty-fifth celebration of Jazz 'N Roll. The evening began with a pre-event patron party held in Lasalle Courtyard and the Gahagan Garden. The beautiful weather provided the perfect setting for outside dining and socializing. The Saint Paul's Marching Wolves led the patrons into the Briggs Assembly Center for the event.

The event participants enjoyed the Jazz 'N Roll traditions of verbal and silent auctions, gourmet food and beverages, and raffles. Bottoms Up band provided the music for dancing late into the evening. The event was a wonderful success. Saint Paul's is grateful for the support of the community at this traditional event as well as the adult volunteers and the Student Host organization.



Pictured at right are the volunteer chairs Karen Hebert, student host moderator, Lori Cavalier, restaurant chair, Liz Healy, sponsorship co-chair, Tina Flick, sponsorship co-chair, Gina Rader, auction co-chair and Claire Heap, auction co-chair.



Student Host Adam Satterlee assists the Abita Quail Farm with serving their specialty brownies.



Alumnus Ben Doolittle '00 and owner of Blue Hickory Blues and Barbeque serves Barbeque Bolognese to a guest.



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# International Lasallian Days of Peace

Nothing really says “Lasallian” like an assembly center packed with Saint Paul’s students belting out the traditional French *Honneur a Toi* refrain at the top of their lungs, shamelessly exalting Saint Jean Baptiste de la Salle with enough zeal to shatter any language barrier. The school’s students and faculty are more than used to this kind of excitement; around campus loud songs of praise are completely ordinary. An outsider’s impression may be slightly deeper.



That’s exactly the kind of impression the school hopes to leave. On Tuesday, September 24, a contingent of fifty Lasallian Presidents and Principals from the District of San Francisco New Orleans made a landmark visit to Saint Paul’s campus. Hailing from states as distant as Oregon and California as well as areas as near as the South Shore, these Lasallians of brother institutions, expressed a desire to convene at Saint Paul’s for because of the school’s reputation and standing.

Upon arrival at Saint Paul’s campus after their long trips into Covington, the guests walked across grounds to the Briggs Assembly Center for what they knew to be a short, prayer service. In true Saint Paul’s fashion, the student body and faculty greeted them with an unexpected welcome of unrivaled enthusiasm. As soon as the guests took the stage, the student body rose to their feet and began to cheer and clap so thunderously that many of the Lasallians were inclined to capture the event on their camera phones. When the initial welcome finally died down, the student body continued to impress with their almost perfect participation in many songs of worship—including the favorite *Honneur a Toi*.

The prayer service itself was called in order to kick off the [Lasallian Days of Peace](#). The Days of Peace are an annual tradition, celebrated by Lasallians the world over and dedicated to the goal of “Breaking the cycle of poverty to build peace” through the fundamental Lasallian pillars of Prayer, Study, and Action. The Days last through late October and are marked by special prayers and other observances of the need for peace in the world and its underserved communities. Student leaders conducted the prayer service: John Cresson served as Master of Ceremonies, Trey Couvillion and Jean-Paul Juge did readings, and Max Gold did a reflection on peace and brotherhood at Saint Paul’s. See [Nola.com article](#).

*by Jack Dubreuil '15*



Pictured at left are Jean-Paul Juge, Trey Couvillion, John Cresson and Max Gold.



# Faith in the Presence of God

Since its inception in 1680, the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools has striven to conserve the traditions established by Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle and the other founding Brothers in the early days of the order. Even Saint Paul's—which, at 103 years of age, is on the more recent side of Lasallian history—unwaveringly embraces essential traditions of the Institute, 334 years later.

One of these traditions, the observance of the Lasallian Five Core Principles, continues to dominate all facets of the school.

The Lasallian Core Principle of Faith in the Presence of God, for example, was especially pronounced on the Saint Paul's campus recently, when the student body convened in the Briggs Assembly Center for the third celebration of the Mass in the 2014-2015 year. Father Matthew Clark, the chaplain of Saint Paul's School, gave a moving sermon on “never giving up” to celebrate the feast day of the Martyrs of Turon.

Following the Mass, a special commemoration took place outside the Briggs Center. In the spirit of Quality Education, a second Core Principle, current Faculty Alumni were specially recognized for educating at their own alma mater. The teachers and administrators who were previous graduates of Saint Paul's pictured standing are: Robert Simpson '88, Josh Gast '08, Kristian Gibbe '00, Ryan Spencer '01, Andrew Dart '03, Trevor Watkins '79, Mark Richards '72, and Mick Nunez '88. Seated are: Barrett Baumgartner '06, Al Nastasi '91, and Kevin Moore '91.

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