

Saint Paul's School

# WOLFTRACKS



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#### O Gentlemen,

I really enjoy writing these segments as they both allow and require me to slow down, take a breath, reflect and bask in the nostalgia and positive energy surrounding these forty acres. I need not look for inspiration for

this one as it was thrust onto my plate by members of our industrious Touchdown Club, Mrs. Christine Knobloch and Mr. Jerry Eberts. They contacted my office in regard to our working together on an idea

for the Homecoming Game program. Having the fortune of being



surrounded by constant visual reminders of our history, I suggested a photo of a team of the past, preferably of the leather helmet days, with a tie in to the present as well as to the powerful quote on the back of this year's Gameday shirt...." We are Brothers." Quite frankly and simply, WE ARE!! We always were, from that very first meeting in that place of 1000 names (L-5, currently the Theater Building) and we always will be a fraternal order. Let us never take for granted the special nature of that bond.

Another benefit of my job is that I get to share in that conversation with many of you on a daily basis. I can honestly say that there has been a positive evolution in the awareness, energy and effort in our alumni support. Thank you for that, and I ask that you keep in mind our newly structured Homecoming. For more information, please refer to the school website at <u>www.stpauls.com</u>, and look under Alumni/Alumni Events/Homecoming Weekend. In particular, please try and attend the complimentary (as in FREE) tailgate party and post game receptions in the cafeteria. The tailgate party will include beverages from Champagne and hors d'oeuvres from The Broken Egg Café. The post game reception will include beverage, more camaraderie and plentiful food from Sweet Daddy's BBQ and Mugshots Grill. This new local establishment, owned by Chris McDonald '97, will be on site grilling their signature burgers.

Please join us as we continue to grow the alumni presence/involvement and truly embody the ultimately selected theme of this year's Homecoming Football Program Cover, "Brothers Then...and Brothers Now." Al Nastasi '91



Friday night football is in full swing. Pictured at left is Saint Paul's Leyton Lavinge tackling a Slidell running back in the first quarter of the game. Saint Paul's beat Slidell 42-14. Check out the football schedules on our website <u>www.stpauls.</u> <u>com/athletics/teams/football/</u>.

Picture from Nola.com

#### Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament





This Friday, October 4, 2013 Tchefuncte Country Club



<u>Schedule of Events</u> 8:00 am – 9:00 am – Registration and Breakfast 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Shotgun Start and Tournament 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Awards Party

Hole in 1 – win \$25,000! Sponsored by: Hole in 1 – win a car! Sponsored by: Hole in 1 – win a boat! Sponsored by:



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This Weekend!



**FRIDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup> –** The 26th Annual Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament at 8:00 am at Tchefuncta Country Club Estates in Covington. For detailed information, click on the <u>link</u>.

**FRIDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup> –** Complimentary tailgate party in Saint Paul's cafeteria at 5:00pm. The Homecoming football game begins at 7:00pm in Hunter Stadium (regular admission). There will be a reception in the cafeteria immediately following the conclusion of the game. This event will be free of charge and will include both food and beverages. In keeping with tradition, members of the Class of 1989, our 25 year graduates, will escort the Homecoming Court during the halftime celebration.

**SATURDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup> –** Join us for a BRAND NEW LOOK to an iconic Saint Paul's event and Saint Paul' s primary fundraiser, the twenty-fourth annual Jazz 'N Roll. Jazz 'N Roll will be held in the Briggs Assembly Center (Student Center) beginning with a patron party at 6:00pm for our sponsors and with the main event beginning at 7:00pm. For more information, click on the Jazz 'N Roll <u>link.</u>

SUNDAY, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 9:30am in Our Lady of Peace Chapel.



### Alumni News

**Richard Jackson '07 –** Richard graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is now employed by Albemark. He resides in Houston, Texas and was home briefly on a recruiting trip for his company.

**Michael McCoy '07 –** Michael graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Software Engineering. He is currently residing in New Orleans where he works for Ion-Geophysical. ION is a leading technology-focused seismic solutions company.



Saint Paul's alumni continue their football career on the college level. Garcia '13, Dylan Long '12, Edward Duplessis '13, and Jay Washington '13 are pictured in their McNeese Cowboys football uniforms.



**Max Morse '10, Andy Short '12 -** Max, left, is a senior at the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kingspoint, New York. Andy, right, is a sophomore at SUNY Maritime College in Throggs Neck, New York. Even though the boys were opponents on the field, they came together as Saint Paul's brothers and former Wolves football team mates immediately after the game for a brief visit!

Matt Lewis '13 - Matt will start in the Pfeiffer Varsity vs. Alumni lacrosse game on Saturday, October 28th.

**Brandon Pierce** '13 – An article was featured in the LSU *Reveille* about the work that Brandon does for charity. Click <u>here</u> to read the article.



Saint Paul's alumnus, Lawrence J. "Chink" Baldwin, class of '39, died on Monday, April 16th, 2012. The Baldwin family and Saint Paul's have a long standing tradition. Lawrence, and his brothers, James '39 and Richard '40 were the first generation of graduates. John Baldwin, Lawrence's son, '64 was a second generation graduate. Lawrence's grandsons included: Robert Barkerding '92, John Baldwin, Jr. '93, Richard Baldwin '96, Beau Barkerding'97, and Pike Barkerding '02. Saint Paul's is grateful for the generous contribution Lawrence bequeathed to our school.



#### Echoes of the Past



"Signum Fidei" is written on a small bronze plate affixed to the pavilion outside of Benilde Hall. The plaque does not draw the attention of the passers-by, but those of us who were an integral part of the construction know the name there, Brother Alfred Baltz, FSC, one of Saint Paul's greats. The plaque reads:

> Signum Fidei Pavilion Dedicated in Honor of Brother Alfred Baltz, F.S.C. for his 53 years of dedicated service to the Christian Brothers and to his students. *Class of 1993*



It is fitting that Brother Alfred be associated with this sign of fidelity. His quiet attention to the details of the campus is perfectly symbolized by the unassuming building that provides shelter and bears his name.

I was able to sit with Brother the day after his ninetyfirst birthday, gaining wisdom and knowledge from this living pillar of Saint Paul's. Brother Alfred took simple vows when he was sixteen years old, and professed solemn vows at twenty-five. He has spent half of his career on this campus, as a teacher and a "retired

brother." He spoke with admiration about the founders of Saint Paul's, both the Benedictines and French Christian Brothers, "They put God first, even before the five core principles were articulated. They were being lived and instilled in the students by these men, and they are evident today."

He talked about the upheaval the school has endured including: WWI, WWII, The Great Depression, the tumultuous times of the 60's and 70's, and yet Saint Paul's remained true to its mission. "People who come to this campus sense it on some level." The evidence is found not only in monuments, and memorials, but also in the alumni faculty, "who come back, like Trevor Watkins, they make this an even better place."

He continued to talk about the blessing of Brother Ray's leadership and the caliber of the faculty. "Saint Paul's today is highly organized; best in its history, and it begins with the teachers; they are top notch, especially in the religion department."

I asked Brother to share his wisdom with the school and its alumni and he stated, "Keep enjoying the blessings of this wonderful school and continue to make it a better place in any way you can." Brother Alfred is a man of his word, he continues to work diligently to make Saint Paul's a better place.

By Robert Simpson







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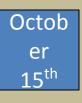


Friday, October 4, 2013 – for details, click on this link

- Alumni tailgate before the game in the cafeteria
- Game in Hunter Stadium at 7:00pm
- Alumni post-game party immediately following the game in the cafeteria



Saturday, October 5, 2013 – Jazz 'N Roll "Rebirth" – 7:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center (formerly known as the Student Center). For more details and to purchase tickets, please click on this <u>link</u>.



Tuesday, October 15, 2013 – General Membership Meeting – 6:30pm in the cafeteria.



Saturday, March 22, 2014 - 30th Annual Ozone Spring Run



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

- Friday Alumni cocktail party in the Briggs Assembly Center
- Saturday Crawfish Cook-off Saint Paul's campus 11:00am 5:00pm For details, click on this <u>link</u>.



## Rise Up 'O Men of God

Mr. Gerald Ancar, Jr., father of Gerald Ancar III, Saint Paul's Art Department Chair Mrs. Ruth Nicholas Mayronne, mother of Reuben '71, Thomas '72, John '73, Robert '74, Stephen '84 and Paul '88 Mr. Clayton Ocman, grandfather of Hayden Ocman '17



# Saint Paul's School Happy Birthday Saint Paul's W

On Saturday, September 14, Saint Paul's celebrated its 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday: a day of remembrance for the dedication and faithfulness of the Benedictine founders who constructed Saint Paul's into a great place to learn, pray, and grow. On that very day 102 years ago, four teachers along with five priests taught forty-eight students. Today, with over 875 men of God, Saint Paul's strives to be the number one choice for parents on the Northshore. View this <u>website</u> for a brief pictorial of the past 100 years.





Saint Paul's School welcomed the new pre-freshman to the student body and Saint Paul's family at the first Principal's Assembly of the year. Five current faculty members have more than a symbolic tie to students; they have children beginning their SPS careers. Pictured after the assembly are: Hayden and Jacob Coutrado with mom, Claire, Athletic and Administrative Secretary; Kyle Schmitt with mom Jeaneen, English Instructor; Christian Stipe, with father Chris, Science Instructor and Athletic Trainer;

Jack Nunez, with father Mick, Physical Education Instructor and Varsity Baseball Coach, and Sean Moser, with father, Sean Moser, Social Studies Teacher and Varsity Soccer Coach. Hayden and Jacob Coutrado and Jack Nunez are legacy students. Jay Coutrado is a '91 grad and Mick graduated in '88.



#### **Preparing for College**

After four years of Saint Paul's, it does not take the senior class very long to adjust to new teachers, new curriculum, and new classrooms. However, just as the seniors begin their first calculus class, final religion classes, or last football season, the boys have to look to their next horizon: college. Local along with out of state colleges visit Saint Paul's monthly. Sewanee and Tulane University visited campus in late August and SMU, Springhill College, and Washington University Saint Louis came in

Quality Education

early September. College representatives give a twenty to thirty minute information session about what makes their specific college or university right for a Saint Paul's student. These sessions are also open to juniors and sophomores on select days. Five or six other colleges will make visits to campus throughout the year including Furman and Rhodes.

On Wednesday and Thursday September 4 and 5, Mrs. Renee Miller, the senior school counselor, met with the seniors during their Civics class periods to get a head start on college applications. Using one of the mobile computer labs, students could fill out the online Common Application, apply to their favorite colleges, or work on college essays. By Michael Burke '14

Saint Paul's School's Counseling Department is off to a wonderful start assisting the students with the all important college decisions. Recruiters from colleges have begun stopping by to present programs about their school to members of the student body. Josh King from Sewanee was on campus recently. Pictured at the meeting with Mr. King seated on the floor are: Wyatt Lang, Jack Genova, and Thomas Klechak, III. Seated in chairs are: Philip James, Brett Labasse, Parker Jaquillard, Ryan O'Krepki, Byron Morgan, Barrick Roberts, and David Durand. Standing are: John Larson, Patrick Shelby, William Strain, Joseph Almerico, Eric Guin, Jacob McDonald, and Logan Lendrop.





Saint Paul's students Adam Cannon and Christian Flick were declared winners in the Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project Competition for 2013. The "SLWP Writes!" contest is held annually and is open to students in Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Tammany, St. Helena, Washington, and East St. John parishes, as well as parishes where writing project teachers teach. Adam took first place in the fiction category for Division II, which includes grades 10-12, with his work "Rain." Christian took first place in fiction for Division I, which includes grades 6-9, for his work entitled "The Virus." Adam and Christian will receive medals and be guests at a ceremony in Baton Rouge. To read their works click

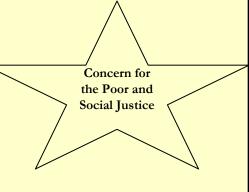


#### **Concern for the Poor**

The Student Council usually does not have its first school wide canned food drive until late October and early November, but Student Body President David Conroy called for an emergency collection. The Samaritan Center located in Mandeville contacted our school asking for assistance. The Mandeville food bank reached out to the school because its shelves were empty due to the greater demand from the city with the start of school. David, along with student council moderator Mrs. Amy Marshall, organized a canned food drive starting on Tuesday, September 3. The student council quickly posted painted signs, colorful posters,

and printed flyers all over campus. Each grade level challenged the others to bring in the most items. The grade with the most items won a pizza lunch. The Lasallian students and faculty brought in hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food throughout the week, and the drive ended at the Saint Paul's and Edna Karr football game on Friday, September 6, which also happens to be the football team's senior night.

David Conroy reflected his role in the last minute food drive: "As student leaders and as a Lasallian school, it is our job and duty to look out for our community. Our community and family do not only include our school but also our surrounding city. While we, the student council, organize the fun events such as dances, pep rallies, and spirit events, we also embrace our role as leaders that help people with real world problems." By Michael Burke '14





Seniors Zachary Buster, and Ian Conroy stack and sort food for the food drive.





On Sunday August 18th five members of Saint Paul's student body, and Troop 160, were presented with the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony took place in Our Lady of Peace Chapel, with a reception honoring the young men in school cafeteria.

Pictured in the chapel are: Scout Master, Bob Monahan, and Eagle Scouts, Chase Cochran, Matthew Melancon, Joey Monahan, Ryan Meraux and Garret Grass.



#### Jazz 'N Roll "REBIRTH"



Our NEW Jazz 'N Roll poster painted by Dominick Alongi '14



#### Like us on Facebeook St. Paul's Jazz 'N Roll

Please JOIN US THIS SATURDAY October 5, 2013 and Enjoy Jazz 'N Roll !!!

#### HELD IN THE BRIGGS ASSEMBLY CENTER Adult-only evening featuring a

Silent Auction Live Auction Raffles Exclusive Restaurants Open Bar and Music by "Boogie Falaya".

#### ONLINE – Purchase raffle and entrance tickets here

Online ticket ordering will be suspended on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$65 per adult.



Members of the alumni faculty gather for the annual photo. Pictured seated are Mick Nunez '88 Health and Physical Education; Stephen Englehardt '00, Math and Engineering; Kevin Moore' 91, World History; Al Nastasi '91, Vice-President of Development and Alumni Director; Jason Schroeder '06, Spanish and Science; and Josh Gast '08, American History. Standing are: Kristian Gibbe '00, Health and Physical Education; Ryan

Spencer '01, Health and Physical Education; Andrew Dart '03, Art; Mark Richards '72 Science and Assistant Alumni Director; Robert Simpson'88, Religion and Assistant Alumni Director; Barrett Baumgartner '06, Campus Minister and Religion; and Trevor Watkins '79, Assistant Principal.



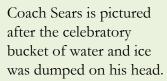
#### Athletics



The senior members of the Wolves and their parents were recognized at the football game against Edna Karr.

Ken Sears, Saint Paul's Head Football Coach, celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> win of his career on Friday, September 13th, in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome with a victory in the Allstate Sugarbowl Prep Showcase against Jesuit High School. Sears has been the head coach at Saint Paul's since 1999. He has attained seven district championships, nine playoff appearances, and three quarterfinal appearances. He has been District "Coach of the Year" seven times, St. Tammany "Coach of the Year" three times, Clarion Herald "Catholic Schools Coach of the Year" in 2007 and 2010. He was selected Metro New Orleans Coach of the Year in 2005. Grant Hebert, #21, kicked a field goal with no time left on the clock after Jesuit committed a penalty on the last play of the game.







Grant Hebert jumps into the stands to celebrate the victory with the excited members of the student body.





#### Athletics (cont.)



Saint Paul's Cross Country team is once again displaying diligence and talent. The Varsity won the Bayou Boogie in Baton Rouge in the first week of competition, and continued their winning ways by bringing home the first place trophy from The Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola, Florida on September 14th. Spencer Albright, Zachary Albright, Michael Burke, Eric Coston, and Don Lipani finished in the top twenty with over 250 runners in the race. Pictured at the trophy presentation standing are: Jack Ruli, Nick Taylor, Michael Burke, Don

Lipani, Eric Coston, and Zachary Albright. Kneeling are: Brian Livaudais, Spencer Albright, Tristan Smith, and Patrick Napier.



Varsity runners get off to a great start!



Saint Paul's Junior Varsity Cross Country Team took first place in the Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola, Florida on Saturday, September 14th. Perrin Blossman ran for his second first place finish of the season, while teammates Colin Sullivan, Max Egan, Devin Bresette, William Murphy, Zachary Charles, and Gregory Roy all finished in the top twenty. Team members kneeling with the trophy include: Bryce Smith, Ryan Fair, Thomas Rovira, and James Roberts. Standing are: Devin Bresette, Chris Weintritt, Perrin Blossman, William Murphy, Colin Sullivan, Gregory Roy, Alex Paille,

Jeffrey Champ, Patrick Connolly, Sam Giberga, Alex Weiner, Zachary Charles, and Max Egan.



#### Project Lead the Way



Saint Paul's School continues its participation in the Project Lead The Way, STEM classes. In the **Principles of Biomedical Science** students investigate various health conditions including heart disease, diabetes, sickle-cell disease, hypercholesterolemia, and infectious diseases. They determine the factors that led to the death of a fictional person, and investigate lifestyle choices and medical treatments that might have prolonged the person's life. The activities and projects introduce students to human physiology, medicine, and research processes.

Covington Police Captain Jack West, visited the class on the day they began the investigation into the death of their "person" for the year's study. Pictured with Captain West are: Adam Schmitt, "body" Alex Duet, Chase Mc Dougal, Trey Icamina, Andrew Lambert, Max Egan, Austin Hayes, and, Ethan Rodriguez., and John Carambat, instructor for the class.

#### **Senior Pictures**

On Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul's seniors had their senior portraits taken for the yearbook and they were measured for their caps and gowns. Several volunteer moms assisted the boys in making sure everything was perfect.



Senior mom Becky Murrell assists Jackson with his tuxedo.



Senior mom Stacey Clark helps her son Matthew with his cap and gown.

#### Service



Concern for the Poor and Social Justice

Saint Paul's student body attended a prayer service and assembly designed to encourage the young men to perform service to the community as one of the basic tenants of the Lasallian Five Core Principles. Speakers at

the assembly included (left to right) Lori Cage, and Susan Morgan, representing the Parenting Center and Monster Mash; Anna Mercante, representing the YMCA; Janie Valle, The Saint Tammany Humane Society, and Gail Anderson, The Covington Food Bank. Although each student at Saint Paul's is required to do ten hours of community service, many students do much more.

The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack



Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever.

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