



# WOLFTRACKS



The Saint Paul's School  
Covington, Louisiana



Concern Faith  
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Education Community

December 31, 2012



Fellow alumni,

In anticipation of another new year, the word Resolution is abuzz, and I am certain that in spite of your already hectic schedules, there are several intentions on your agendas. I certainly wish you well in fulfilling your goals and expectations, and I offer one other point of consideration. I ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers and that you consider increasing your involvement with your alma mater in any capacity.

We have quite an active Spring schedule, not only just with numerous spectator events in the realm of sports and extracurricular, but also with events sponsored by our Development Department and Alumni Association to include: the annual Ozone Spring Run on March 2nd, the annual Celebrity Waiters Dinner on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the annual Crawfish Cookoff on April 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we have posted the preliminary sports schedules as links on page 4.

If you are interested in any of these events and have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We truly hope that you will continue to strengthen your bond with our century old "home."

Al Nastasi '91



On Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, a military plaque was hung in LaSalle Hall to commemorate all alumni who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This plaque was created by a bequest from the estate of Harry G. Friedman '33 and is dedicated to his memory and the memory of his brother Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Bernard Friedman '35. This plaque honors all the Saint Paul's alumni who practiced the values learned at Saint Paul's by their patriotic service in the United States Military. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC Principal/President of Saint Paul's welcomed guests; cadets for the Air Force Junior ROTC program lead the prayer and pledge, and blessed the plaque. Mr. Friedman's sons, George and William, attended and spoke at the ceremony. Saint Paul's Alumnus, Covington Mayor Mike Cooper, gave a brief speech to the assembled guests. Alumni Kenneth Breaux and Mike Richard were instrumental in the production of the plaque.



Pictured at left L-R: Mike Richard '68, George Friedman, Bill Friedman and Mayor Mike Cooper '71

*Brother Abel "Pop" Clement, FSC*



Brother Abel Clement, FSC died peacefully in his sleep at 2:15 am on Saturday, December 15, at the Christian Brothers Retirement Community at Saint Paul's School. At age 97, he was the oldest Brother in the New Orleans – Santa Fe Province, having been a Brother for 81 years. Brother served with distinction in a number of schools in our Province, most notably Saint Michael's High School in Santa Fe. We were privileged to have him live out his retirement years here at Saint Paul's. He always took an interest in what was happening at Saint Paul's and observed games in Hunter Stadium from the window of the Brothers Residence. He was a joy to be around and brought laughter, happiness, and a deep faith in the presence of God to our community. We have no doubt that he was welcomed into the Kingdom by his family, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, all our holy Brother saints, and many of his students who preceded him in death. Well done, good and faithful servant! May he now enjoy the reward that has been prepared for him for all eternity! Brother Abel, pray for us!

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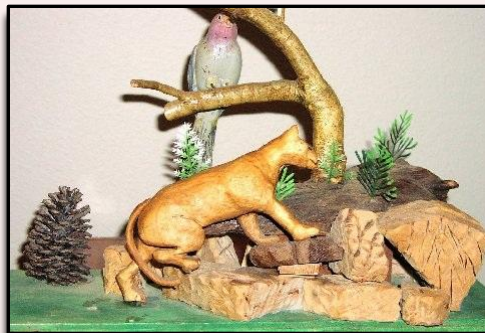
*By Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC  
Principal/President  
Saint Paul's School*



Brother Abel helps distribute treats to the students in September 2010 during the 100<sup>th</sup> year birthday celebration of Saint Paul's School.



Brother Abel poses with Religion instructor Luke Barwick.



Brother Abel was a very accomplished whittler. Pictured are a few samples of his wonderful talent.

## *Echoes from the Past – Founders’ Circle – Part 3*

### The Brothers’ Immigration to the United States

The Founding Brothers that came to us from Mexico had endured a persecution of faith for a second time. In Mexico many of the brothers witnessed members of their community shot. They had to escape the violence of the Carranza Revolution. Some fled Mexico by train and took refuge in the USA.

The Brothers’ immigration was far from smooth. They seemed to take up residence wherever a community would take them and did whatever work they could do speaking only a little English. The offer of the Benedictines to staff and run a secondary school presented an opportunity to continue the Lasallian tradition of quality schools. The Brothers took the offer in 1918 after a multi-year discernment and earnest negotiation with Archbishop Shaw about the benefit of another religious order in the archdiocese. The archbishop finally allowed the Brothers to begin their work.

The Founding Brothers made a deal with the Benedictine monks at Saint Joseph’s Abbey for what today would be called a “Lease to Own” package due to the shortage of money. The diligent brothers paid off the purchase price before the time allowed, allowing the tradition of Lasallian education to come to Covington in 1918 as World War I raged.



*Founders’ Circle*

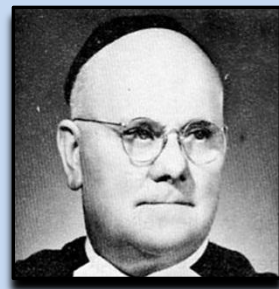
Again my thanks goes to Brother Jerry Vincent FSC. for his research and biographies of the founders.

*by Robert Simpson ‘88*



**Brother Agbert (Jean-Pierre Rettel)** - Brother Agbert was born on February 14, 1883, in Dalheim in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, and entered the junior novitiate at Buzenval, near Paris, France, on August 1, 1898, where his first challenge was to master his second language, French. He received the brother’s garb in the novitiate in Paris on October 22, 1899. He was given three instead of two years in the scholasticate and received his teaching license in 1903. The school to which he was assigned, St. Nicolas in Buzenval, was closed in 1904 as a result of the anti-religious laws of that year. After a few more years in France, he went on to Mexico and escaped to El Paso, TX during the Carranza Revolution.

**Brother Alain Félix (René Tigréat)** - was born on October 30, 1883, in Plouneventer in the French department of Finistère, entered the novitiate in Paris at age 17 in September, 1900, and received the brother’s garb there on December 18. He left for Mexico in November, 1908, and was assigned to a community of four in the small town of Acatzingo, near Puebla, where the brothers taught the poorest of the poor. When they had to leave in 1914 on account of the Carranza Revolution, he was sent to the District of San Francisco, California. In 1918 he was in the first community of brothers at St. Paul’s College (high school) in Covington, Louisiana. Throughout the years, he was sent to several schools in Louisiana, Texas and Colorado. He returned to Saint Paul’s at age 73 and passed away in 1973.



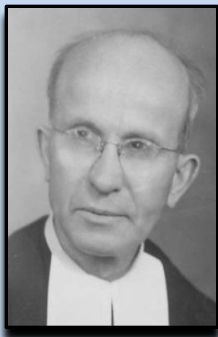
*Echoes from the Past – Founders' Circle – Part 3 cont.*



**Brother Alton (Pierre Boncompain)** - was born on May 3, 1872, in Yssingaux in the French department of Haute Loire and attended the brothers' school there. He entered the junior novitiate in Paris in November 1888 at the age of 16. In the St. Joseph scholasticate in Paris he fulfilled the requirements for the elementary teaching license and was assigned to St. Nicolas d'Igny school in Paris in 1891 and taught there 15 years. The French antireligious laws of 1904 forced the closure of the school in 1906, and Brother Alton, along with most of the brothers of his community, chose to leave his native land to continue his religious life and educational mission overseas. In 1916, Alton scouted the Southwest and Louisiana for places where the brothers might open schools. He found two in Louisiana and in 1918 negotiated the contracts for schools in Covington and New Iberia. He was a member of the first community at St. Paul's College (high school) in Covington.



**Brother Amateur Victor (Victor Amblard)** - was born in Aurouzet in the French department of La Lozère on May 14, 1877, entered the junior novitiate in Paris on January 17, 1893, and received the brother's garb in the novitiate there on October 1 the same year. He taught in St. Nicolas orphanage in Paris, 1896-1909. When the school was closed by the French anti-religious laws of 1904, he joined many of his confrères in taking a course in Spanish in Caluire, near Lyon, in the fall of 1909 and then was sent to Mexico in 1910. While he was teaching in a school in Zacatecas, Mexico in June 1914, the Carranza revolutionaries attacked the city and shot two brothers and the community chaplain to death. The surviving brothers escaped by railroad in a cattle car to the United States through El Paso, Texas. He was in the founding community at St. Paul's College (high school) in Covington, Louisiana, 1918-1923. He was in the community at De La Salle in Lafayette, Louisiana, 1924-1927, and after several moves was sent to the district's ranch in Bernalillo, New Mexico in 1930 where he died at the age of 61.



**Brother Anect (Jean-Baptiste Fraisse)** - was born in St. Just in the French department of Canatal on March 1, 1881, and was taught by the brothers in the school in Saint Flour. He entered the junior novitiate in Buzenval, near Paris, in 1894, and received the brother's garb in the novitiate in Paris on October 24, 1897. He taught in France until the French anti-religious laws closed his school. He went to Mexico with his colleagues in 1909 until they were run out of Mexico by the Carranza revolution in 1914. He was called to be a member of the founding community of Saint Paul's College (high school) in Covington, Louisiana in 1918-1919. He returned to Saint Paul's in 1927 for 3 years, but he spent the majority of his time in New Mexico. He retired to Saint Michael's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the age of 72 and passed away when he was 87.



**Brother Baptiste Pierre (Valette Ludovic)**- was born on April 8, 1888, in La Chapelle Graillouse in the French department of Ardèche, and entered the junior novitiate in Vals in France on Nov. 13, 1901. When it was closed in 1905 on account of the French anti-religious laws of 1904, he was moved to the newly-established junior novitiate at the brothers' international motherhouse in Lembecq, Belgium, and two months later to the international novitiate in Bettange in another country, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg. He received the brother's garb there on October 28, 1905. He left for Mexico on June 12, 1908, and arrived in Puebla and taught at Colegio San Pedro y San Pablo and at Colegio San Juan Bautista de la Salle in that city until the Carranza revolution. He was assigned to the District of Baltimore then was sent to Louisiana in 1919 to teach at Saint Paul's College (high school) in Covington for two years. He was called back to Mexico in January 1922 and taught in several schools there until 1935, when he returned to France. In 1967, at age 79, he was sent to the retirement home in Athis-Mons and remained until his death at age 97.





John Baldwin, owner of Baldwin Motors in Covington

**John Baldwin '64** – Since 2002, alumnus John Baldwin has spearheaded a program, “Feeding the Needy”, along with the Covington Food Bank, that helps families in need during the holiday season. The program began with feeding 60 to 65 families but in 2011, the number had risen to over 1,300 families. Therefore in 2011, the **Pellegrini** family, including **Jay '79** and **Greg '86**, offered the call center at their business, First Premium Insurance, to field phone calls about the program. The team of volunteers meets at Saint Paul's School cafeteria in the days before Christmas and assembles pre-cooked, frozen turkeys and other prepared foods. On Christmas morning, all the foods are delivered by more volunteers.

*excerpt from City Business North Shore Report*

**Joey Culligan '70** – Joey is currently working as a consultant for the National WWII Museum on the restoration of "My Gal Sal", a B-17E bomber from WWII.

**Douglas Keith McRae III '99** – Douglas and his wife Suzannah Cassanova McRae announce the birth of their first born son, Gabriel Keith McRae Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:41pm.

**Joey Faust '00** – Joey Faust '00 received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and his Bachelor of Science in Electronic Media Arts and Communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY., in 2005. He received the Rensselaer Medal at Saint Paul's. He also received his Masters of Business Administration from Pepperdine University in California in 2009, and now works in Software Engineering at NBC/Universal in Los Angeles, CA. In 2010, he married Carissa Fonseca, who came to Los Angeles for a post-doc after her PhD from Auckland University in New Zealand, where her family resides. They had a son, Mark Sebastian, in October of 2012.

**Thomas Braud '06** – Thomas graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Southeastern Louisiana University in December.



Pictured L-R: Chris Arms, Gabe Emerson, Will and Zach Barnett – 2012 graduates returned to Saint Paul's during the Thanksgiving break for their Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony.

## Saint Paul's Sports Schedules

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[Baseball Schedule](#)  
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[Wrestling-Varsity](#)



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 compares very favorably with other comparable schools.

While almost all private schools have Annual Funds, the following differentiates ours:

**I conduct the drive myself. No one will visit, call, or pressure you to donate.**

**I do not publish an expensive brochure in order to use all money raised for school needs.**

**Fund raising professionals say I should call and ask for specific amounts.** Instead, I trust that if you are able and believe in Saint Paul's, you will give a gift within your means.

The 2012 drive raised **\$294,298.00**. These gifts were spent as follows (amounts are rounded):

Donations to scholarship and financial aid funds	\$14,750
Other Restricted Gifts (robotics, shell eco-car, etc)	\$ 9,650
Technology	\$50,000
Pre-Engineering Program	\$40,000
Bio-Medical Sciences Program	\$30,000
Classroom Improvements	\$15,000
La Salle Hall Renovation	\$78,498
Faculty Compensation/Education	\$56,400
Annual Fund Expenses	\$ 0

Here are some of our plans for this year's drive:

- Phase IV of the Pre-Engineering Curriculum
- Phase III of the Biomedical Sciences Curriculum
- Phase II of a Pre-Law Curriculum
- Faculty compensation/education
- Technological Improvements
- Financial Assistance
- Renovation of Student Center
- Shell Eco-Marathon Car Building Competition
- Robotics program expansion

To accomplish the above, we will need to exceed last year's total. While everyone cannot be a large donor, **almost all can donate at a small level**. I ask that you contribute, no matter how small – even \$5 or \$1. My goal this year is to exceed the number of givers.

If you can help, either

- Write a check to Saint Paul's Annual Fund and mail to PO Box 928, Covington, LA 70434 OR
- Give online by clicking on this [link](#).

Sincerely,  
 Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC  
 President/Principal of Saint Paul's School

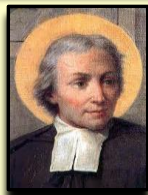




Saturday, March 2, 2013 – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozone Spring Run– Wolfdome 7:00am – 1:00pm



Friday, March 15, 2013 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Waiters' Dinner – 7:00pm – 10:00pm.  
This year's theme is "Hollywood"! Call the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext. 1270 to reserve a table for 10.



Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Christian Brothers' Relay



Saturday, April 6, 2013 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Crawfish Cookoff

### Student Center Update

The Student Center work is progressing and is still expected to be completed in January. Interior finishes are being applied and exterior site work will occur over the Christmas holidays to minimize disruptions to school. Plans are underway for a rededication Mass to be celebrated on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on January 25.

*by Trevor Watkins*



### Rise Up 'O Men of God

Saint Paul's mourns the loss of:

Brother Abel Clement, FSC

Brother Amedy Esquibel, FSC

Dr. Marion Guyton "Doc" Simpson, father of faculty member Robert Simpson '88, and Ellis Simpson '79, David Simpson '82, Paul Simpson '86 and Christopher Simpson '95

Mrs. Stephanie Culligan, wife of Joey Culligan '70

Mrs. Jeanne Domingue, grandmother of Trent Domingue '12 and Chase Domingue '16

Mrs. Margaret Pereira, grandmother of Michael Pereira '13

Mrs. Rosemary Morgan, grandmother of Byron Morgan '15

Mr. Mike Giambelluca, grandfather of Chris Lowder '16

Great grandmother of James Bilbe '16

Mr. Cyril McCarthy, grandfather of Connor McCarthy '17

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace! Amen!*





# The Saint Paul's School



The Saint Paul Wolves' Christmas decorations differ from the mainstream assortment of colorful lights, pudgy Santas, and tiny elves that most people use to celebrate the Holidays. If you stopped by our forty acre campus on Sunday, December 9, you would have seen it decorated with hundreds of white paper bags and flickering candles. The Student Council organized the annual Luminarias lighting celebration held throughout the campus. The Council assembled early Sunday morning to meticulously

fill each paper bag with cups of sand. During the previous week, students wrote personal individual prayers on the bottom of the bags. This action symbolizes our school's belief that prayer is the foundation of everything we work to complete. Later in the afternoon, the student council placed the bags throughout the campus and, with the bags, circled the pond, outlined the paths and LaSalle Drive, and spelled the Latin word "spero," which means "I hope," in the home stands of the football field.

Once everything was in place, at six o'clock candles were lit in the hundreds of paper bags and the campus was ablaze with Christmas joy. Students, families, and neighboring residence strolled through this "light show" while the Liturgical Band caroled harmoniously under the oak tree in Founder's Circle. In the cafeteria, volunteers from the Mothers' Club served hot chocolate and other refreshments.

"It was truly a beautiful sight," said Junior Michael Stewart who sang carols with the Liturgical Band along with Thomas Ruli, Bryan Liviaudais, Connor Mahony, Ross Allbrighton and Eric Boudet. "To see the campus aglow with the warming light of Christ definitely put me in the Christmas Spirit."

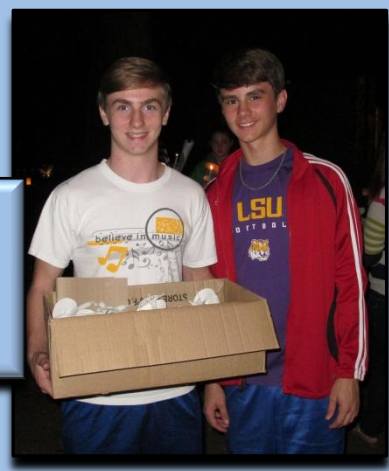
At seven, everyone gathered in the Our Lady of Peace Chapel for a Christmas prayer service. Senior and Student Body Vice President Justin Elzy gave an eloquent reflection on how, with the word "spero" in our hearts, we need to remain hopeful during this Advent season.

*by Michael Burke*



Student Council member Ian Conroy lights candles along De La Salle drive a dusk.

Austin and Andrew Grashoff distribute candles to the visitors before the carols begin.





# Engineering Program

Quality  
Education

Saint Paul's School has impacted the lives of thousands of young men in our community over the past one hundred and one years. After receiving a quality Lasallian education, students can face the real world with courage and an open heart. Some students, after acquiring much success in their careers feel that they should give back to a school which has already given them so much. So on Wednesday,

November 28, during one of Brother Ray's famous Principal Assemblies, two hardworking graduates from 2003 and 2004, Vincent Cangiamilla and Justin Greenleaf respectively, made an extremely generous contribution to our Engineering Program. On behalf of Fautleroy, Latham, Weldon, Barre Architects firm, which is currently renovating the Student Center and did the renovations for LaSalle Hall, these two aspiring architects donated state-of-the-art surveying equipment to the Engineering III, Engineering and Architecture class.

Senior Jack Lynch, who is in the Engineering III class, is very grateful, along with the rest of the school, about this addition to the Engineering Department's repertoire of educational equipment: "In our class, we will use this equipment most likely next semester when we are given a local site and must act as though we are constructing a legitimate building. We will design our own layouts, floor plans, data sheets, three dimensional views, and surveying information which we can do with this new technology."

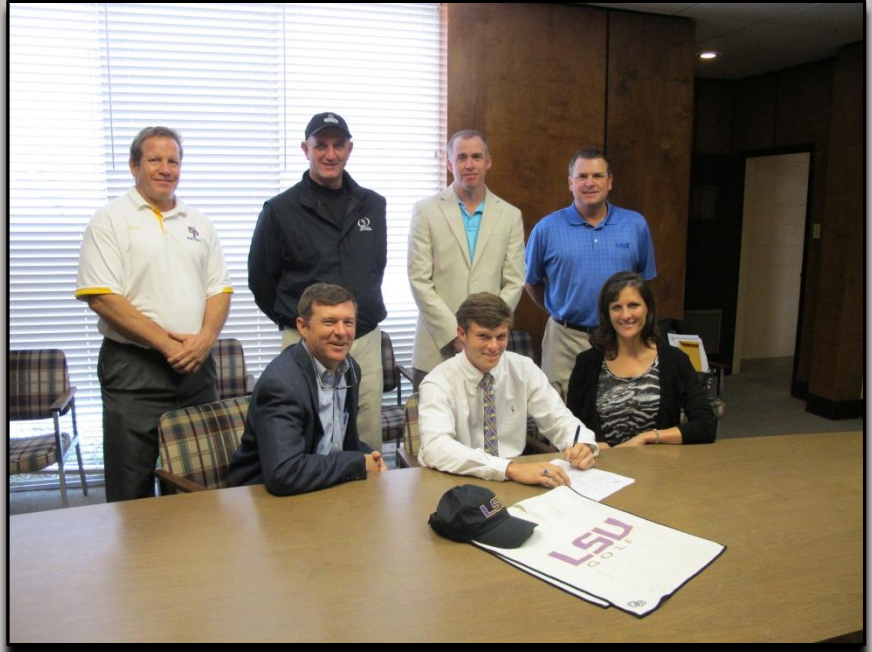
He went on to say that these new laser transits can measure distances and determine positioning, scales, and sizes of projects and their boundaries plus any other major topographical features located on the site. "This technology gives us a realistic idea of what we would be doing in an actual engineering or architecture job," Jack said.



Students enrolled in the Civil Engineering Class taught by Mrs. Rachel Peak are pictured with alumni and transit donations. Kneeling are: Daniel Vaccari, Connor Patrick, Jack Rayer, and Jeremy Walkenford. Standing: Everett Myers, Austin Robert, Eric Frantz, Giovanni Sequiera, Brian Frantz, Stephen LeBlanc, Justin Greenleaf '04, Vincent Cangiamilla '03, Jack Lynch, Michael Cristina and Tyler Gettys.



## Collegiate Golf Signing



Saint Paul's Senior, Brandon Pierce, signs his golf scholarship papers with Louisiana State University. Seated at the signing ceremony are Like, Brandon and Rebecca Pierce. Standing are Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director of Saint Paul's, Rob Noel, Luke Barwick, Saint Paul's Golf Coach, and Kelley Gibson.

## Saint Paul's Wrestling – Parish Champs!



The SPS Wrestling Wolves won their 13<sup>th</sup> Parish title in dominant fashion this past weekend held at Pearl River High School. The individual place winners are: From left: Quinn Perret 1<sup>st</sup>, Grant Landwehr 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matt Rader 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dominic Iovenitti 1<sup>st</sup>, Connor Campo 1<sup>st</sup>, Davis Englehardt 1<sup>st</sup>, Jordan Peterson 1<sup>st</sup>, Zach Mangrum 1<sup>st</sup>, John Brands 1<sup>st</sup>, Trey Leblanc 3<sup>rd</sup>, Chris Meraux 1<sup>st</sup>, Zach Clay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Colin Francis 3<sup>rd</sup>, Collin Kersker 3<sup>rd</sup>. Connor Campo was named Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament.

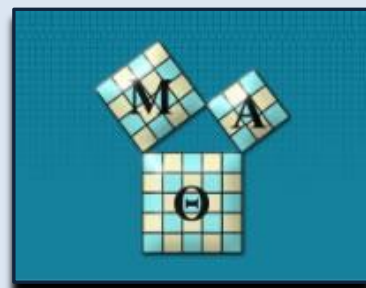


# Mu Alpha Theta

The Saint Paul's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School and Junior College Mathematics Honor Society, inducted forty new members on Thursday, November 29, night in Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Sophomores Ross Allbritton, Matthew Baldone, Michael Brands, Peyton Burkenstock, Kyle Cleveland, Chris Crespo, Benjamin Dantin, Zachary Davis, Jack Donham, Winston Duffour, David Durand, Eric Fecke, Christian Flick, Harrison Gitz, Max Gold, Colin Hanley, Alex Harp, Burke Irwin, Brennan Knepper, John Paul Lea, Connor Lu, Connor Lyons, Warner Moore, Robert Morgan, Brent Neal, Aaron Nguyen, James Pagnutti, Walden Perry, Connor Rees, Ethan Rodriguez, Hunter Simonson, Peyton Tabor, Benjamin Toups, and Evan Young were inducted into the club. Along with the sophomores, juniors Quinn Anglada, August Dixon, Kraemer Jackson, Graham Jordan, Jonah Knickles, and John McCoy were also inducted.



The Executive Board members of Mu Alpha Theta, seniors Michael Sitarz, Jack Lynch, and David Englehardt and junior Grant Landwehr, gave speeches on the history of mathematics and its impact on the modern world today. Later on in the ceremony, once the new members had received their certificates, Principal Brother Ray issued the Pledge of Membership to the forty young men sitting in the pews of Our Lady of Peace Chapel challenging them to work to the best of their God-given abilities, to help their fellow man in the quest of mathematical discoveries, and to do all their works for the love of God. Matthew Wirt provided music for the ceremony on the chapel organ. After accepting his challenge, students, with a newly found appreciation and love for math, enjoyed a brief reception of congratulatory cake and refreshments in the cafeteria. The Mu Alpha Theta organization is moderated by Susan Jordan and Pam Cullen, chairman of the math department. Math faculty who attended the ceremony in addition to Susan Jordan and Pam Cullen included: Michael Boudreaux, Stephen Englehardt, Adina Gherardini, John Glorioso, Alex Lacour, Kristine LaGraize, Richard Pichon, and Megan Wood.

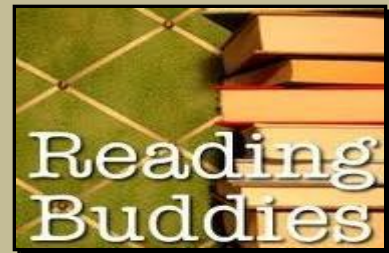


# Reading Buddies



On Friday, December 7, 2012, Saint Paul's English II Honors class visited Peggy Fredericks' first grade students at Midway Elementary School in Hammond, Louisiana. Each high school student wrote a biography about the person of their choice. The books were published, bound and given to each first grader. They then shared a reading experience as they all read the book with their partner. After reading, the "Reading Buddies" made an autobiographical art poster about the first grade student, which included questions, a tracing of their hand and a photo of them. The group then shared cookies and juice. Before the visit was over, students from Saint Paul's gave each child a gift bag full of literacy tools including six books, both fiction and non-fiction, pencils, colored and regular in a pencil case, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, Christmas coloring and activity books, and erasers. It was an awesome experience for everyone involved! The project is called "Reading Buddies" and is financed by the Joe and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation for Service Learning. Karen Hebert is the instructor for the English II Honors class.

*by Karen Hebert*



Pictured at left are Corey McLeod, David Durand and Bryson Viola.



Pictured at the "Reading Buddies Experience" are Ali Crowe and Burke Irwin

*The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack*



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