

# WOLFTRACKS

"Year of the Centennial"



The Saint Paul's School Covington, Louisiana

January 31, 2011

# History of Saint Paul's

In the spring of 1911, the Benedictines, under the direction of Reverend Abbot Paul, O.S.B., decided to purchase the property formerly known as Dixon Academy. The Benedictines were running a seminary, Saint Joseph's Abbey, and they decided that they could also run a secular college in the area. They remodeled and renovated the buildings and opened the school to the public as Saint Paul's, dedicated to the Apostle Paul, the patron saint of the Abbot of the monastery. The school was located in the heart of Covington, Louisiana. The location and the beauty of the property made it a perfect place to establish a school for young men.

In 1918, the Benedictines were ready to sell the school as they were finding it difficult to run two schools and maintain the high standards of education. Nineteen Christian Brothers had wandered from France, to Mexico, to Canada and to a number of cities in the United States. Fortunately, they now were ready to settle, and Louisiana with its French heritage and culture seemed a perfect match.

The Christian Brothers arrived in Covington, worked on the buildings, and opened school in early September of 1918 with thirty-three boarders and twenty-four day students.

Please visit the Centennial Website

# Letter from the Alumni Director

Gentlemen,

The Centennial celebration is well on its way! Banners and flags are in placed throughout the campus. His Excellency, Archbishop Aymond, opened the commemoration with a mass with the entire student body, faculty and staff. His inspiring words (and his wit) were the perfect start for this special occasion.

Also, the Centennial committee recently hosted the "Walk Through Saint Paul's History". This event included a number of displays including pictures, yearbooks and newspapers that showcased Saint Paul's School storied history. One of the displays even mentioned that a "causeway" needed to be built to shorten the distance from New Orleans to Covington. It was written in 1911 and in French! I truly hope that you were able to attend this special "walk" through time!

Don't forget we have all of our spring events coming up: the 27<sup>th</sup> Ozone Spring Run, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crawfish Cook-off, both on March 19<sup>th</sup> and the Alumni Reunion Weekend at the end of the school year. We can never have too many volunteers for these events, so if you can, come join us and have fun.

This will be an exciting year for Saint Paul's, so get involved! You'll be glad you did!

Mike Richard '68





# Capital Campaign Phase II – La Salle Hall Renovation Honoring the past while embracing the future



**View Floor Plans** 



Some Lasalle Hall bricks have been collected from the demolition. If you are interested in purchasing one, please call or email the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext 1270 or <a href="mailto:development@stpauls.com">development@stpauls.com</a>.

# Farewell to Jimmy

On Saturday, January 8, 2011, a farewell gettogether was held in honor of Jimmy Dykes '61, former Alumni Director at the Champagne Beverage Banquet Hall. Jimmy was presented with a glass plaque commemorating his

outstanding two and one half years as Saint Paul's Alumni Director. Jimmy has been instrumental in creating a a more active Alumni Association here at Saint Paul's.



Pictured standing left to right: Brett Freret '91, Craig Cowand, honorary alumnus, Scott Ballard '91, Bob Penick '65, Matt Hardey '69, Boyd Leahy '85, Charlie Wheeler '57, Blaise Ernst '92, Paul Alexis '61, Chris Freret '91, Mike Sciortino, Jr. '03, Brother Gale Condit, FSC, John Curren '92. Pictured sitting is Jimmy Dykes '61.

Pictured at right is Jimmy with Brother Gale Condit, FSC The Saint Paul's School



## ST. PAUL'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:





Be certain to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for two important events being held on Saint Paul's campus:

The 27th Ozone Spring Run



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crawfish Cook-Off benefitting
Hope House

### **27th Annual Ozone Spring Run**

Races begin at 8:00AM under the Saint Paul's Arch. This event includes: a half mile Fun Run, a Two Mile Run and a 10K Run. "The 15th Street Flyers" will direct all of the race details. Awards for the various races and red beans and rice will be distributed after completion of the 10K run.

This race is a Crescent City Classic qualifier on the north shore. Proceeds from the event help to support the community programs of the Saint Paul's Alumni Association.

Please check our website at <a href="www.wolfpackers.com/spring\_run.html">www.wolfpackers.com/spring\_run.html</a> for details or contact our event chair, John Grab, at <a href="mailto:jqrab3@aol.com">jqrab3@aol.com</a> for registration and additional race information.

### **Crawfish Cook-Off benefitting Hope House**

Saint Paul's Alumni Association will host this event with Hope House on our campus. It will begin immediately following the Ozone Spring Run at approximately 11:00 AM. Plans for thirty, five member teams are being made. Each team boils 180 pounds of crawfish with the traditional trimmings. Judges will determine the winners and trophies will be awarded.

This will be a family event with activities for children and live music. Proceeds from the event will benefit Hope House and Saint Paul's Alumni Association.

Please check our website at <a href="www.wolfpackers.com/crawfish.html">www.wolfpackers.com/crawfish.html</a> for details of the event. If you are interested in participating as a cooking team contact our event chair, Chris Freret at <a href="mailto:chris@audubongold.com">chris@audubongold.com</a> or Josh McGehee at <a href="josh@billmcgehee.com">josh@billmcgehee.com</a>.

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# **Calendar of Events**



Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - Celebrity Waiters Dinner

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Ozone Spring Run and Crawfish Cook-off

TBD, March-April - Career Day

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> Year Alumni Reunion (Jubilarians)

Monday, May 2nd - Principal's Assembly inducting seniors into the

Alumni Association

Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and - Alumni Reunion Weekend

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>



# Gift of Retirement Assets

Considering gifting your retirement to a charity?

Instead of gifting your retirement assets to a charity during your lifetime, you may designate the charity as the beneficiary of your retirement account. Under this option, the charity — not you - will be treated as receiving the distribution;

# Alumni Yearbooks For Sale

If you are interested in purchasing an Alumni
Yearbook, contact
Carol at 985-892-3200 ext 1002

therefore, neither you nor your estate will owe income taxes on the amount. While the amount will be included in your taxable estate, your estate will receive a deduction for the amount inherited by the charity, resulting in an offset of the estate taxes. Furthermore, because charities do not pay income taxes on the donations they receive, the distribution will avoid being taxed as income.

# Rise Up 'O Men of God



Saint Paul's mourns the loss of:
Patrick McWilliams '72
and
Grandfather of Tucker Faust '14
Grandfather of Preston Kennedy '14
Grandfather of John McCoy '14
Grandmother of Cole Landry '13
Great-grandmother of Daniel Conlin '14
Great-grandmother of Robert Lacroix '14



# **School News**



With the start of the New Year, Saint Paul's kicked off its official centennial celebration. The school has been planning this event for over a year with the formation of a steering committee made up of faculty, staff, alumni, and parents. The steering committee included six subcommittees working in specific areas of the celebration. The sub-committees are divided into publicity, events, history, in-school activities, alumni, and commemoration with the main focus of these groups being to meet with school administration to review and finalize all centennial plans.

The official opening of the centennial year took place with a school wide mass on Friday, January 21 concelebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Abbot Justin Brown, O.S.B., Reverend Raphael Barousse, O.S.B., and Reverend Ronald Calkins. Before the arrival of the Christian Brothers, Saint Paul's was administered by the Benedictine Priests of Saint Joseph's Abbey.

One of the main centennial celebrations also in January was the "Walk Through History." This two day event held in the school's Student Center, showcased the historic events of Saint Paul's through framed pictures, old yearbooks, and alumni returning to talk about their experiences as students at Saint Paul's. The highlight of the day was a DVD presentation showing events of the school's history put together by Saint Paul's English instructor, Brad Guillory. The event took place on Wednesday and Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am to 3:00 pm, and 5:00pm to 9:00 pm.

In addition to all of the traditional events going on during the year, Saint Paul's has added several events to the average school day to help get into the spirit of the celebration. In an attempt to educate the students about the history of the school, every morning a short "Did you know?" fact about the school is announced to the students. Furthermore, banners commemorating the achievement are now displayed on campus.

As Saint Paul's goes into its 100<sup>th</sup> year the school plans to open the festivities to everyone with the selling of various merchandise featuring the school's centennial logo designed by Tim Hendry, a graduate of '96. One of the featured items the school will be selling includes a picture of the 2011 senior class forming the number 100 in Hunter Stadium. Also centennial calendars as well as an assortment of t-shirts and sweatshirts, all featuring the centennial logo, are now on sale.





Centennial

Mass

Inclusive Community

Following the Centennial Mass, a small reception was held in the lobby of the theatre. The Saint Paul's Mother's Club hosted the reception.

Pictured above from left to right: Brother Alfred Baltz, FSC, Brother Peter Tripp, FSC, Right Reverend Justin Brown, O.S.B., Abbot of Saint Joseph Abbey, Reverend Raphael Barousse, O.S.B, Brother Duane Gregory, F.S.C., Brother Timothy Coldwell, F.S.C., Provincial of the New Orleans-Santa Fe District and the Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, D.D., Archbishop of New Orleans.

# Walk Through History



Brother Ken Boesch, FSC wearing the traditional robe sharing some history with students







Charlie McMurray '36, Saint Paul's oldest, known, living alumnus sharing stories with Brother Ralph Baltz, FSC, left and his son Mike McMurray '63, right.





#### Liturgical Band

Pictured seated left-right: David McDonnel, Connor Mahoney, Mason Spong, Alexander Sibley, Nicholas Sibley, Gerard Gianoli and Patrick Francis. Standing left-right: Christi Simoneaux, Craig Henry, Justin DiChara, Austin Hummell, Jonathan Damare', Sean Page, Carter Siimoneaux, Chase Davis, Bradley Pregeant, Tory Lacayo and Charlie Legendre, Campus Minister.



Slide show of pictures from the past



#### Senior Retreat

On Wednesday January 5, the Saint Paul's class of 2011 followed in the footsteps of classes before them when over 150 seniors embarked on the final retreat of their Saint Paul's career. For the past four years seniors travelled to Thibodaux to stay at Nicholls State University, since the previous location, The Gulf Coast Retreat Center, was devastated by hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

The class was separated into small groups for the remainder of the trip in order to provide a closer, more relaxed relationship with their peers. These small groups were composed of twelve students each led by a volunteer faculty member. Faculty members on the retreat included: Luke Barwick, Brother Ken Bosch, FSC., Elizabeth Brett, Pam Cullen, Andrew Dart, Karen Hebert, Michael Legendre, Charles Legendre, Renee Miller, Lee Pierre, Paul Scoriels, Adam Schenck, and Jeaneen Schmitt, some of whom even went on the retreat themselves as students at Saint Paul's. Carol Barcelona, a member of the secretarial staff, accompanied the group to help with logistics and snacks. Art professor Andrew Dart went on the retreat as a senior with the class of '03. "Senior retreat was a great experience. We grew as individuals and as a class," says Dart. "I wanted to go back to senior retreat because I knew how important it

Senior Derek Denz smiles after receiving his retreat cross.

**Faith** 

The retreat was ended on Friday, January 8, with the whole class receiving the coveted senior retreat cross. The cross, which has been put onto a necklace, has been a tradition for seniors to receive since the inception of the retreat. On top of the obvious religious symbolism, the cross is meant to signify the relationships and bonds that were made on senior retreat. It is a symbol of everything the class has gone through and a reminder of what Saint Paul's has meant.

by: Michael Gegenheimer

was. It had a strong impact on me and I felt I had to pay it forward."



Photos by: Karen Hebert



# Legacy



Legacy students in the Class of 2011 include in the first row: Nicholas Gahn, son of Alfred Gahn '78; Peyton Schiro, son of Troy Schiro '83; Tim Keller, son of Chris Keller '78; Preston Valois, grandson of Marcel Valois '49; Gavin Maestri, grandson of Raymond Maestri '47. Row two: Zachary Campo, son of Paul Campo '81; Keaton Moore, son of Bryan Moore '84; John Gremillion son of James Gremillion '80; and Jordan Daigle, son of Rene' Daigle '83 and grandson of Eddy Daigle '62. Row three: Chris Abadie, son of Eugene Abadie '84; Mickey Johnson, son of Gordon Johnson '78 and Corey Snape, stepson of Tommy Leaumont '73.

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Ken Sears, Varsity Head Coach of the Saint Paul's Wolves, Coach of the Year for the District, is presented with a framed football schedule of his undefeated season by Athletic Director, Craig Ketelsen.

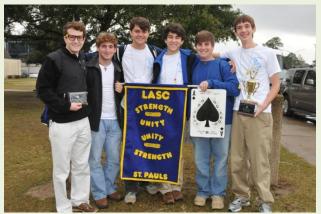
Photo by: Karen Hebert





# Saint Paul's Student Council lascschools.com

Each year Saint Paul's Student Council attends the state convention for Louisiana Association of Student Councils. It is always held on Martin Luther King weekend and this year it took place in Lake Charles. Six students attended along with Student Council moderator Ann Forster and volunteer mom Norma Richard. A total of one-hundred two schools were represented. Saint Paul's received the Gold Honor Council Award, one of twenty-seven schools recognized. This award is based on a set of activities required from December 15, 2009 through Dec 15, 2010. Standards include community service projects, school projects, and participation in designated LASC events. Also, LASC holds a number of contests during the weekend with Saint Paul's placing second in the Community Service Video competition filmed by the Guerilla Wolves. Additionally, Saint Paul's placed second in the Kaps for Kids contest. The Student Council delivered two hundred ten new caps individually bagged and tagged for distribution to cancer patients. Recognition was given to Saint Paul's for a two hundred and fifty dollar donation to a state charity, the Lions Club Camp for disabled children. Saint Paul's School holds the office of Vice-President of District II within the state.





Saint Paul's Students: Elliott Thompson, Connor Rougelot, Ridgely Dorsey, Harrison Richard, Adam Grashoff, and Shawn Wesley Skinner



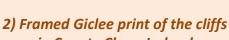
# Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2011

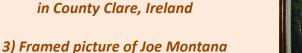
"Irish-Italian New Orleans Style" Thursday, March 17, 2011



Live Auction Items to Date:













4) Football signed by the Saint Paul's 2010 Football Team

with his Superbowl rings AND with his signature

5) Trip to San Francisco, California

6) Trip to Italy

7) Case of Nicolas Bazan Wine



**Nicolas Bazan Website** 

B)

8) George Rodrigue – Drew Brees and the Blue Dog

9) Selection of Brother Timothy
Mont La Salle estate Cabernet Sauvignons

10) Dinner for eight in the wine room at Keith Young's Restaurant



If you are interested in purchasing a table for this event, please call the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext 1270.

Celebrity Waiters Website

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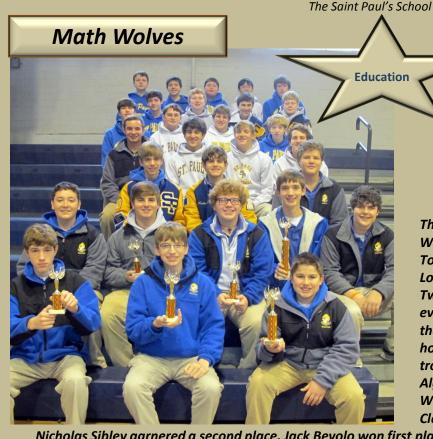
Saint Paul's won the 2011 7-5A District Dual Meet Tournament held at Saint Paul's on Saturday, January 8th. The team went 3-0, defeating Fontainebleau, Northshore, and Mandeville for the Championship. Mandeville finished 2nd, followed by Fontainebleau 3rd and Northshore 4th. Covington participated but did not vie for a team title. Saint Paul's won its 3rd District title in a row. Wrestling became an official district sport in 2009.

Results: Round 1 – Saint Paul's 54, Fontainebleau 27 and Mandeville 50, Northshore 30; Round 2 – Saint Paul's 48, Northshore 21 and Mandeville 51, Fontainebleau 21; and Round 3 – Saint Paul's 40, Mandeville 27 and Fontainebleau 53, Northshore 18. Pictured above are the Saint Paul's Wrestling Wolves who helped the team win the third consecutive district title. Pictured in row one: Zachary Clay, Sam Girault, Ryan Seals, Korey Miller and Reagan Reed. Row two: Marshall Vairin, Sam Pearce, Quinn Perret, Derrek Wale, Richard Stewart, Ethan Lowry, Trey LeBlanc, and Michael Brands. Row three: Connor Campo, Collin Kersker, Chris Mereaux, Zach Mangrum, Chris Arms, John Brands, Mitch Richard, Andrew Mullet, Garrett Johannsen, and Chris Woolley. Row four: James Cavaliere, and Peyton Penzato. Row five: Hunter Simonson, Brendan Allen, Garrett Shearman, Tanner LeBlanc, Shane Burkholder, Bryant Badeaux, Collin Comenge, Chase Cochran, Matt Krutzfeldt, Brandon LeBlanc, Adam Rush and Dominic Iovenitti.



### **Academic State Football Team**

Saint Paul's seniors Alec Duncan, Grant Hodgins, Paul Jaquillard, Tyler Tourelle, and Johnny Williams, members of the All-State Academic Football team, pose at the awards banquet after being recognized. Colin Cunningham also made the team but is not pictured.



Thirty-two of Saint Paul's Fighting Math Wolves participated in the Catholic High Tournament held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Saturday, January 7th. Twenty-seven schools participated in the event with over 400 students entering the competition. Saint Paul's brought home a number of individual and team trophies. Individual winners included: Algebra I, Aaron Nguyen, first place; Walden Perry, third place; Kyle C Cleveland, fourth place. In geometry

Nicholas Sibley garnered a second place. Jack Bevolo won first place in Algebra II with Grant Landwehr receiving an Honorable Mention. In Calculus, Harrison Richard, Adam Grashoff, Ryan Harlan, Shawn-Wesley Skinner, and Thomas Read all received Honorable Mentions.

Demonstrating that the "Strength of the Wolf is in the Pack" Saint Paul's earned a number of team trophies, which included: Algebra I, first place, Aaron Nguyen, Matthew Baldone, Kyle Cleveland, and George Cazenavette. In the Potpourri competition Austin Frosch and Chandler Roe brought home the second place prize. The Calculus team of Cody Faucheux, Ryan Harlan, Alexander Sibley, and Christoffer Friend won a second place.

In the elite math competition of the Math Bowls, Algebra II section, Jack Bevolo, Grant Landwehr, David Englehardt, and Trent Pouey won a third place. In the Calculus division Adam Grashoff, Shawn-Wesley Skinner, Harrison Richard, and Elliott Thompson earned third place.

The school also won first place in Sweepstakes in Division Two meaning they earned more points than any other school in the competition. The Math Wolves will continue competing during the spring semester.

by: Karen Hebert

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# **District Honor Band**

Pictured at left first row: George Cazenavette, first chair baritone saxophone, Justin Dardenne, first chair tenor saxophone, Adam Grashoff, twelfth chair clarinet, William Kenyon, fourth chair trumpet, and Justin DiCharia, eighth chair trumpet.

Second row: James Pagnutti, fourth chair flute, Lane Sumrall, sixth chair trumpet Andrew Moran, Saint Paul's band director, Brother Richard Kovatch, FSC, English Instructor and Craig Henry, third chair trombone.







On Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul's hosted titseir first ROTC Military Ball. Pictured at left are the senior cadets with their fellow senior student council members.



The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack

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