

# WOLFTRACKS

SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL COVINGTON, LOUISIANA

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Mark Pearson with grandmother Gertraud Pearson who worked at Saint Paul's for many years.

Few can bring the warmth,
We can find in their embrace,
And little more is needed to bring love,
Than the smile on their face.
They've a supply of precious stories,
Yet they've time to wipe a tear,
Or give us reasons to make us laugh,
hey grow more precious through the years
I believe that God sent us Grandparents,
As our legacy from above,
To share the moments of our life,



Dylan Long and his grandfather Jack Salter.



Reagan Reed and his great Aunt Lurline Alexius

Apply yourself often to remember the presence of God, my very dear Brother. Look upon this practice as your greatest

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happiness.

# NDPARENTS DAY

The Mothers' Club of Saint Paul's arranged a wonderful afternoon of celebration for the students and grandparents of the school on a recent Friday afternoon in the Student Center. The celebration began with a prayer service. Members of the Lasallian Youth Leaders organized and lead the prayer service. Beau Gambel served as Master of Ceremonies, and Prayer Leader. After the call to worship and a song, Adam Grashoff did the first reading from The Book of Wisdom, and Alex Levy did the second reading from Corinthians. Senior, Jake Dubuc, did a personal reflection on the value of grandparents as supporters and teachers, stating that "They are the most underrated and overlooked source of wisdom." He continued with the value of grandparents as support saying, "If nothing is going well, call your grandmother." E J Hummel led the Intercessions. The Liturgical Band and Chorus provided the music for the service including: Adam Vanek, Cameron Lopreore, Carter Simoneaux, Craig Henry, Aaron Falkenstein, Austin Hummel, Justin DiCharia, and Corey Cook. Charlie Legendre, Campus Minister, and Merle Wiggins, serve as moderators for the Lasallian Youth Group, and Christie Simoneaux directed the chorus. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, Principal of Saint Paul's addressed the crowd, and asked the Air Force Junior ROTC to present the colors. Members of the color guard included: Michael Naccari, Austin Copeland, Garrett Olilster, and Josh Cason. After the pledge, Brother Ray discussed the mission of Saint Paul's, and provided topics for quick two minute conversations between grandparents and grandsons. The day ended with the assembled crowd feasting on a wonderful array of food generously provided by the Mothers' Club.



Larry and Patsy Kyte with grandson Thomas Duet. Thomas is third generation



Collin Comenge pictured with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Fischer and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Comenge.



Senior Kevin Cole with grandfather Peter Nastasi.



Jacob McWilliams with grandfather Paul Frederick and grandmother Pam Voelkel.



Devin Caruso with grandmother K.K. Riecke.



# **CROSS COUNTRY**



Members of the Saint Paul's Junior High Cross
Country Wolves are working to continue the
tradition of excellence set by former teams.
They have earned first places in both the Newman
Meet, held in New Orleans, and in the Mississippi
College High School Invitational held in Clinton,
Mississippi, where they ran in rain and mud.
Members of the team pictured holding their first
place trophies are: Row one: John Grab, Adam
Fink, Michael Maggio, and Connor Bresette.
Row two: Sean Gardner, Robert Jones, Alex
Blossman, Everett Moser, Grant Landwher, Gabriel
del Castillo, Matt Wirt, and Willis Spurlock. Row
three: Lyle Manion, Jack Ruli, Jack Rayer, Jimmy
Montour, and Matt Lewis.

Team members not pictured are Kraemer Jackson, Connor Patrick, and Ian Conroy. Terryl Chatham, Bud Weiss, and Myrle Wiggins serve as coaches for the Cross Country Team.

# NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLAR



Saint Paul's is pleased to announce that Alejandro Otero has been recognized by the College Board as a 2009-10 National Hispanic Scholar. This program began in 1983 to identify and recognize Hispanic/Latino high school students. To achieve this recognition a student must be one-quarter Hispanic/Latino, have a qualifying score on the PSAT, and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above. In addition to being an honors student, Alejandro plays varsity football and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, The National Honor Society, and Student Hosts.



# NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS



Saint Paul's School is pleased to announce that six members of the Class of 2010 have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for this year. More than 1.5 million juniors in 22,000 high schools across the nation entered the competition and only the top one half of one percent received recognition from the program. National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists seated in the top row are: Brett Livaudais, Michael Johnston, E J Hummel, and Morgan Wells.

Commended Scholars in the front row are: Alex Levy and Jeff LeBlanc.





## Thank You Ron Blereau Class of 1960

A special thanks to Ron Blereau, '60, for offering his time and talent to modernize the Alumni website.

"On behalf of the Alumni Association, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for St. Paul's, Ron".

Jimmy Dykes, '61 Alumni Director



# Renaissance Board



I have been a volunteer at Saint Paul's for over twenty years and have enjoyed every minute of it. One of the highlights was Brother Gale asking me to serve on the Renaissance board. The work of this Board touches almost every student at Saint Paul's, from college tours to Life Skills Day. Our only fundraiser, Celebrity Waiters' Dinner, has become one of the most popular events on the Northshore, drawing such celebrities as Saint's Owner Tom Benson and Head Coach Sean Payton. I am retired from the insurance business which allows me additional time to devote to the school. My son Stephen, Class of 2001, is with the Louisiana State Police and serves as Public Information Officer for Troop I in Lafayette. My daughter Stephanie, SSA Class of 1991, is Vice-President and General

Manager for Moffet Towers Health Club in Sunnyvale, CA. My Renaissance Board experience has been unbelievable and I hope to be a part of this community changing Board for a long time.

# **ALUMNI FISHING RODEO**

Results of Fishing Rodeo -Sept. 26th, 2009

Your actions must be the living expression of what is written in the Gospel. Med 84.3

#### Speckled Trout

1st place	Jonathan Jones (St. Paul's Student)	2.14 lbs
2nd place	Dale Jones	1.95 lbs
3rd place	Dale Jones	1.61 lbs



#### Redfish (16' to 27' Division

1st place	Dale Jones	6.35 lbs
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Don Celestin Jr.	6.17 lbs
3rd place	Eddie Pablovich	5.54 lbs

#### Flounder

1st place	Kenny Lacoste	2.38 lbs
2nd place	Don Celestin Jr.	2.21 lbs
3rd place	Sean Valiant	1.02 lbs

#### Drum

1<sup>st</sup> place Eddie Pablovich III



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# NOTRE DAME CHEERLEADERS



#### **Notre Dame Cheerleaders**

**Front row (left to right):** Head Coach Jonette Minton, Stephanie Strasser, Molly McEvily, Meghan McMahon, Kaitlyn Strand, Kate Tooher, Dan Collins (leprechaun), Christy Essman, Courtney Leader, Anne Krishnan, Marlena Menninger and Lauren Fussner.

Back row: Colin McCarthy (a 2007 Saint Paul's Graduate), Charles Cossell, Craig Bentzen, Chris Green, Alex Moore, Chris Dinkins, Dave Wilkerson, Adam Mathews and James Sollitto.

The Spirit helps you overcome all of the obstacles to the salvation of your disciples, enlightening them in the person of Jesus

MTR 3:2

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Newly inducted members of the Brother Charles Crouzet Chapter of the National Honor Society gather for a group photo outside Our Lady of Peace Chapel.

## SPS ALUMNI EVENTS

### 2009-2010 School Year

March 13th 26th Annual Ozone Spring Run

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Joseph. A. Champagne, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

April (TBA) Career Day (Seniors & Juniors)

April (TBA) Senior Class Induction into Alumni Association

May 9, 10 and 11 Golden Jubilarians (Class of '60)

May 28th & 29th Alumni Reunion Weekend featuring classes of:

'46,'51,'55,'60 (50th year anniversary)

'65,'70,'75,'80,'85 (25th year anniversary)

'90,'95, '00 (10th year anniversary)

'05 (5th anniversary)

## AIR FORCE

Captain Greg Keller, '97, Captain
Andre Jeansonne, '94 and Major
Mike Englehardt, '94 are
members of the United States
Air Force who were recently
stationed in Iraq.





#### ALUMNI PRESIDENT



MATT HARDEY To All Saint Paul's Alumni,

Your Alumni Association Board is continuing the efforts that began several years ago to extend its reach to alumni who have not recently been active and to broaden the range of ways in which they can participate in all things Saint Paul's. One of the first tasks we tackled with the able leadership of our Vice-President John Curren, was to restate and update the Mission Statement, with the following result:

The mission of the Saint Paul's School Alumni Association is to:

- enhance good fellowship among alumni and the entire Saint Paul's family
- provide a liaison for alumni to reconnect and strengthen their bonds with Saint Paul's so that the School's unique legacy, traditions, and character endure forever
- promote and be a force of pride for Saint Paul's in the community
- encourage all associated with Saint Paul's to at all times perpetuate and function in the LaSallian spirit

The Mission Statement is now an integral part of the By-Laws of the Alumni Association and we, as a Board, are committed to live out the mission statement in the work we undertake on behalf of the Association. There is a long-term challenge alluded to in the mission statement and faced by the school to which I believe we must all respond in order to strengthen the institution that we know and love through its second hundred years. This is the decline in vocations to the Brothers of the Christian Schools. If you recall your Saint Paul's experience, you cannot deny that it was shaped by the men who dedicated themselves to the principals of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. No, I'm not suggesting that we can reverse the trend in vocations, though we should all pray for discernment of vocations among our sons and grandsons. But we can pray for and seek a part of the spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and carry that with us as ambassadors of Saint Paul's.

This is the "secret sauce" that has through the efforts of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, made Saint Paul's the school that it is. The leadership within the Brothers recognized years ago that planting and cultivating this understanding within the lay faculty was key to the long-term continuation of the education process that uniquely marks Saint Paul's and other schools under their stewardship. This same thought process should lead anyone in a leadership role associated with the school to seek such training. To that end, your Alumni Board has committed to spend an upcoming Saturday morning seeking this spirit and understanding, with the aid and assistance of Charlie Legendre and a number of faculty members trained in the LaSallian philosophy. In the case of your Alumni Board, we hope that it will better enable us to fully effect the Mission Statement.

In Charlie's view, the graduating class of 2010 is the first class that has fully benefitted from their training. If you ask one of these young men for their understanding of Saint LaSalle's role in their education, you'll get quite a lecture. It's a central component of our experience that most of us "earlier graduates" can't verbalize, yet it's one that we should be able to communicate to anyone who asks us what is special about Saint Paul's. What we seek is the conscious understanding and ability to clearly describe the approach to education that shaped our time at Saint Paul's and that will, through our joint efforts, continue to constitute the "secret sauce" that distinguishes Saint Paul's and other LaSallian schools.

I hope to recount for you our experience in an upcoming edition of Wolf Tracks.

Matt Hardey '69 President of Alumni Association



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#### REMEMBER SAINT PAUL'S .....IN YOUR WILL

A stated "bequest" in your will can not only benefit Saint Paul's, but be a fitting memory and lasting tribute to you or a loved one. Most importantly, your gift will assist Saint Paul's and help to secure its future.

# Alumni: Send us your news!

Let us know what is new with you. Email Alumni Director Jimmy Dykes '61 at alumni@stpauls.com

