



Saint Paul's School
Covington, LA



August 31, 2013



Fellow Alumni, friends and families of Saint Paul's,

Saint Paul's School has launched a new, easy to navigate website, containing detailed information, and many new features including current news, calendars, academic and sports schedules. Further, the purchasing of tickets and sponsorships for the upcoming Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. –Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament as well as the Rebirth of the Jazz 'N Roll will now be readily accessible. Please pay particular attention to Alumni Homecoming Weekend for more information on the details of these events.



We are certainly off to a spectacular 2013-2014 school year at Saint Paul's. Summer memories are rapidly becoming more distant, students are hard at work in the classroom, and the band and sports teams can be seen all over campus perfecting their craft. The tone for the Alumni Association was set as we experienced what was dubbed as the most heavily attended/successful alumni meeting in the modern era. Highlights include: a state of affairs address from Brother Ray, multiple attendees from each decade of graduation going back to the 60's, out of town travel from a handful of guys, an individual who had not previously set foot on campus in the 30 years since his graduation, several alumni faculty, the two previous alumni directors, two members of the Class of 2013, and an overwhelming spirit of community. We are all most appreciative of the interest and support. For those of you who could not attend, please take a moment to review the mission statement of the Saint Paul's Alumni Association.

Further, please understand that our top priority is your involvement here and to both facilitate as well as enhance your connection with Saint Paul's by making you feel welcome...at all times. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Let's pick up where we left off and continue the momentum.

As always, feel free to contact me at aln@stpauls.com or 985 892-3200 ext 1271 if you have any questions or would like to assist with any of the upcoming events on our calendar.

"For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the PACK." ---Rudyard Kipling



On Monday, August 12th, the first general alumni meeting was held in the cafeteria. An overview of the year's events was presented as well as the opportunity to volunteer for specific events. The next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

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



Friday, October 4, 2013
Tchefuncte Country Club

Schedule of Events

8:00 am – 9:00 am – Registration and Breakfast
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Shotgun Start and Tournament
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Awards Party

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SINGLE ENTRY:

\$175 includes green fee, cart, golf shirt, ditty bag, refreshments, breakfast, lunch, awards and prizes (\$150 prior to September, 25th)

FOURSOME:

\$700 includes four entry fees (\$600 if entry fee received by September 25th)

You can also enter ONLINE – click [here](#).

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- Sign on Course
- Sign on Sponsor
- Advertisement in Wolftracks & Website

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- Sign on Sponsor Board

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Henry Fransen '70 – Congratulations to Henry for completing all the necessary requirements to be listed as a “Registered Interpreter” on the Louisiana Supreme Court’s registry of court interpreters in the Spanish language.

Christian P. Wagner, III '79 – Christian is the president of Orpheus Productions with locations in New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Miami Beach. Christian recently nominated Irma Thomas, the “Soul Queen of New Orleans” to be recognized as a Kennedy Center Honoree. The Kennedy Center Honors provide recognition to living individuals, who throughout their lifetimes have made significant contributions to American Culture through the performing arts. Christian is a National Award Winning Executive Producer and a Voting Member of the Grammy’s.



Ajay Purohit '91 – Ajay stops by for a summer visit to find Brother Alfred hard at work as always planting live oak trees by the pond.



Alex Laperouse '05 – Alex was married on August 17, 2013 to Alex Gibbons.



Eric Schexnayder '07 – Our newest member of the class of 2029 is Eric’s son Jackson Thomas Schexnayder.



Connor Campo'13 – On Saturday, August 11th, Connor was honored as an Allstate Sugar Bowl athlete. This dinner was held for all the recognized throughout the 2012-2013 season as outstanding athletes.



Christian Voelkel '13 – Christian is hard at work practicing for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette



Grey Wolves



On Tuesday, August 20th, a few of the Grey Wolves, met with former Saint Paul's College Head Football and Track Coach Mike Balen as he approaches his 91st birthday. Coach Balen was the Head Coach from 1954 to 1962. He is also a Member of the Saint Paul's Athletic Hall of Fame. He continues to be revered by all of his former players and students.



Picture above seated L to R are: Emile Ibos, Jr. '57, J.B. Ibos '59, Coach Mike Balen, Bill Leach '62 and Jimmy Dykes '61. Standing L-R are: Bob Pecunia '61, Jay Alexius '61, Martin Kenney '57 and Paul Alexius '61.

Echoes of the Past



This edition brings us to a statue that keeps sentry over the boys in the break area. It the statue of the young Jesus and sits outside of Benilde Hall. We know this is Jesus from the items he holds - grapes and wheat, young wine and bread, if you will. The beardless boy Jesus is there to remind our own students that He too had to grow and mature into manhood. The Saint Paul's students are brought to this statue on two occasions: once in art class, and again during religion class during their sophomore year. In art, they produce the image on paper and are given a lesson on sacred art how the clues to their identity are carried in the figure's hands. For Religion they get a review of this but also get a lesson on the brass plaque in the pedestal. It reads: "Presented by J.G. Broggi and Son 1950". It seems this is a case of philanthropy of the Broggi's and not a result of a tragedy. The date also suggests that this is one of the oldest items on campus second to the theater. In recent news this statue was one of many that was defaced by vandals but quickly cleaned and restored by caring students, parents, and alumni who saw to it that not only the statue but what it represents will not be undone and be maintained for generations to come.

By Robert Simpson

Rise Up 'O Men of God



John F. Felker III '69, brother of Paul '73 René Felker '75

José Amer '70

Keith Ribbeck '81

Audrey Ray Ameling, grandmother of Saint Paul's teacher Kim George

Mr. Charles Peter Luke, Jr., grandfather of Dominic '04 and Jacob Luke '13

Mr. Jack Welliver, Jr., father of Cody Welliver '09

Luella Miller, grandmother of Benny Miller '13

Mr. Bobby Huval, grandfather of Thomas Huval '13

Dr. Pat Baldone, grandfather of Patrick '18 and Mathhew Baldone '15

Kaycee Merriman, sister of Christian Jarrett '16

Mr. Paul Baker, grandfather of Kevin Baker '16

June Kissgen, grandmother of James Kissgen '17

Calendar of Events



Friday, October 4, 2013 – Joseph A. Champagne, Jr./Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament – Tchefuncte Country Club Estates in Covington. For more details and to purchase tickets and/or sponsorships, please click on this [link](#).



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 [link](#).

October
15th

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 [link](#).



New Business

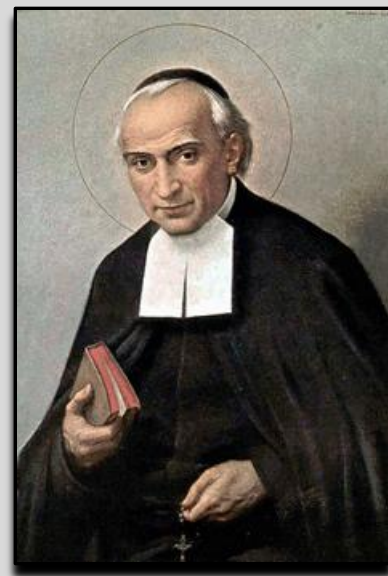
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School Opens!

"Help us do ordinary things extraordinarily well!"

The theme of the school year is an executive decision made by Brother Ray and Trevor Watkins. It is always something based on a basic principle of Lasallian pedagogy or values. Since, Saint Benilde was the first Christian Brother to be canonized, his diligent work as a teacher is a great example to the faculty. It the true mission of a Lasallian faculty member not only to provide instruction in academic matters, but also to help provide for the salvation of the souls of the young men entrusted to their care. As stated by Saint La Salle in Meditation 178.1 "Your faith should be for you a light which guides you in all things, and a shining light for those whom you instruct, to lead them to heaven."



**Saint Brother Benilde
Romançon**

Pierre Romançon was born in the village of Thuret in south-central France. He was so far ahead of his classmates in elementary school that when he was only fourteen years old the Brothers engaged him as a substitute teacher. Despite the objection of his parents, who wanted to keep him at home, and the reluctance of the superiors, who thought he was too short of stature, he was finally admitted to the novitiate. From 1821 to 1841 he taught successfully in the network of elementary schools conducted by the Brothers out of the administrative center at Clermont-Ferrand. In 1841 he was appointed Director of a school that was opening in Saugues, an isolated village on a barren plateau in southern France. For the next twenty years he worked quietly and effectively as teacher and principal to educate the boys in the village and some from the neighboring farms, many of whom were in their teens and had never been to school before. Small as he was, he was known as a strict but fair disciplinarian. In time the little school became the center of the social and intellectual life of the village, with evening classes for the adults and tutoring for the less gifted students. Brother Benilde's extraordinary religious sense was evident to everyone: at Mass with the students in the parish church, teaching catechism, preparing boys for first communion, visiting and praying with the sick, and rumors of near-miraculous cures. He was especially effective in attracting religious vocations. At his death more than 200 Brothers and an impressive number of priests had been his students at Saugues. At his beatification, Pope Pius XII stressed that his sanctification was attained by enduring "the terrible daily grind" and by "doing common things in an uncommon way."



Saint Paul's School welcomed five new members to the faculty for the 2013-14 school year. Josh Gast, a graduate of 2008 who will teach social studies; Tiffany Kennedy, math instructor; Julie Beck, science instructor; Emilie Allen, English instructor, and Austin Ashcroft, religion instructor.

School Opens (cont.)



Pamela Cullen, Math Department Chair, Donald Midkiff, Biology Instructor, and Kim Gardner, Social Studies instructor, faculty members of Saint Paul's attended workshops during their summer vacations. Pam Cullen took a class in Advanced Calculus, Don Midkiff took Advanced Placement Biology, and Kim Gardner took Advanced Placement American History.

by Karen Hebert



Saint Paul's School began classes on Thursday, August 8th. Student Hosts arrived early in Founders' Circle to welcome everyone back to campus.



New students Salvadore Orlando, Andrew Curry, and Jake Arena are pictured with Student Host Leader, Peter Yager.



New students Blake Vallee, Colin Quinlan, Grant LaNasa, and Michael Gautier are pictured with Junior Student Host, George Cazenavette.



New students, Jordan Edney and Grant Robicheaux, are pictured with Heath Rushing.

First School Mass

Faith
in the
Presence
of God

On Thursday, August 15, the school participated in an all school mass celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Father Matthew Clark, the Saint Paul's Chaplain, said the mass. After the homily, Father Clark recognized and blessed the eighteen senior Eucharistic Ministers who took over this role at the beginning of summer by doing the readings and serving communion at Sunday mass in the Our Lady of Peace Chapel. These eager young men who wanted to serve God have been trained by retired Brother John Fairfax, FSC and campus minister Barrett Baumgartner. The following seniors are Eucharistic Ministers: Zachary Albright, Eric Boudet, Michael Brown, Michael Burke, Kevin Durr, Thomas Huval, Matthew Johnson, Robert Lacroix, Grant Landwher, Sean Lavin, Ethan Lowry, Benny Miller, Handsome Monica, Wyatt Popovich, Thomas Ruli, Brennan Skinner, Michael Stewart, and Peter Yager.

By Michael Burke '14



Communion Ministers for the 2013-14 school year seated include: Thomas Ruli, Brennan Skinner, Eric Boudet, Thomas Huval, Michael Brown, Grant Landwher, Sean Lavin, and Bennett Miller. Standing are: Peter Yager, Robert LaCroix, Kevin Durr, Michael Stewart, Ethan Lowry, Campur Minister, Barrett Baumgartner, Michael Burke, Matthew Johnson, Zachary Albright, Wyatt Popovich, and Handsome Monica.



Newly commissioned Communion Minister, Handsome Monica, gives his mom, Melissa Monica, communion.



New Parent Dinner Meeting

Saint Paul's School welcomed the parents of the newly enrolled students to the Lasallian family with the New Parent Dinner held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Monday, August 19. Administration and faculty members greeted the guests and the event began with a brief social. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President/Principal of Saint Paul's welcomed the guests, opened with a prayer and began the program. Key school leaders including: Brother Raymond Bulliard, Trevor Watkins, Assistant Principal; Ken Sears, Dean of Students; Al Nastasi, Vice President, Director for Development; Mrs. Gina Hall, eighth and ninth grade counselor ; Barrett Baumgartner, Director of Lasallian Formation and Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director made brief presentations about their various departments. David Conroy, President of the Student Council, along with Willis Spurlock, Vice-President, addressed the parents about the importance of involvement for high school students. Music was provide by Brother Ken Boesch, FSC, Religion Department Chair.



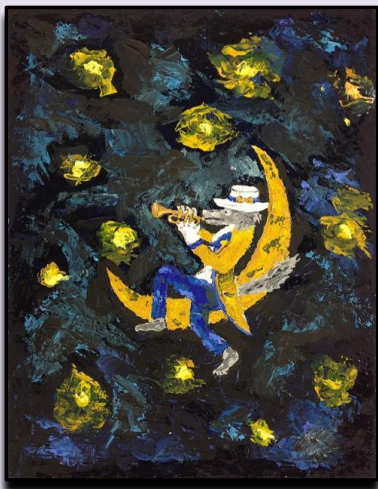
Pictured at left are Ken Sears, Dean of Students , with Kyle Poulsen and Ken Owenby.

Jazz 'N Roll "REBIRTH"

Please JOIN US on
Saturday, October 5, 2013 and
Enjoy Jazz 'N Roll !!!

HELD IN THE BRIGGS ASSEMBLY CENTER

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



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



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Senior Week

The week of August 19 through 23 was Senior Week at Saint Paul's School. The class of 2014 has already watched four sets of seniors come and graduate; now it is this year's seniors to officially become the leaders of our school.

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, the Mother's Club, planned and organized the Senior Barbeque. Seniors, while enjoying juicy hamburgers, cold drinks, and delicious desserts, reminisced with their fellow Wolves about what made Saint Paul's great over the past four years: Friday night football games, Challenge Nights, the soccer State Finals appearances, various dances, pep rallies, and the Justin Addison Memorial Bike Ride. These moments easily became great memories for our seniors, but will not be easily forgotten.

Not only was the "BBQ" a chance to eat, the dinner was also a great opportunity for the seniors to come closer as a class and participate in classic senior traditions like eating burgers with someone they usually do not talk to, hanging out under the Senior Pavilion, and playing the "bottle game" and stick wiffle ball in front of the Briggs Assembly Center.

On Thursday, Aug. 23, the seniors, under an azure sky, symbolically strode up LaSalle Drive in a ceremony our community refers to as the March through the Arch. Assistant Principal, Trevor Watkins, called out each senior, and the senior then preceded through the arch and up the street while the entire student body watched. This moving ceremony commemorated the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian Brothers that courageously started our school 102 years ago, and each and every student and faculty member that has graced the campus and left a mark on the legacy that is our school. The seniors' passage underneath the arch marked the seniors' official acceptance of their role in Saint Paul's history.

Later that Thursday night the seniors assembled in the Briggs Assembly Center for the Ring Mass. After ordering their rings four months ago, the class of 2014 finally gained its trademark accessory: the senior ring. These rings linked the seniors with the school and with each other forever. Senior Brett Labasse said, "It just feels incredible to finally have this little piece of metal on my finger. It symbolizes so much for the senior class as a whole. I wish I could stay with these guys for the rest of my life; they are a family to me."

by Michael Burke '14



Seniors chat and enjoy their supper.





Saint Paul's is a tradition among many area families. Billy Kentzel '56, Jamie Kentzel, Christopher '18, William '14, and Paul Gement '79 enjoy a moment in Founder's Circle after the march. Billy's dad, William T. Kentzel, graduated from Saint Paul's in 1929, and Paul's dad, Paul M. Gement, Sr., is a graduate of '57. Christopher and William's older brother, Matthew is a graduate of 2010.



The senior class sing Rise Up 'O Men of God after their March Through the Arch in front of the Founders statue.



Several members of the senior class sit by Justin Addison's bench in front of Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Justin was a member of the class of 2014 but was killed in a bicycle accident in the beginning of 2013. Pictured L-R are: Will Warwick, Colin Savoie, Jeff Bertoniere, Parker Scheuermann, Carlton Knight, Cullen Touns, Brian Martin, Brent Stokes, Derrek Wale, Brad McNally, Ethan Esquerré, and Michael Curry.

Seniors with their rings pictured at right are: Ben Kenney, David Conroy, Zachary Albright and Kevin Durr.



Get Involved Day

Saint Paul's School held its annual "Get Involved Day" to help students find the perfect extracurricular activity. Clubs and sports teams lined the oak tree shaded walk from the main school building to the cafeteria during lunch.



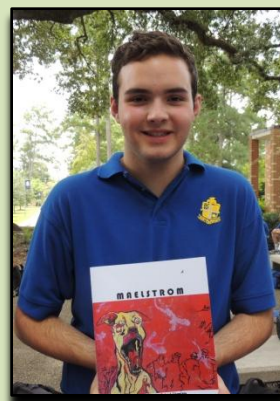
Pictured at the wrestling table are wrestlers Yehia Elkersh and Billy Harrison with Craig Ketelsen, head wrestling coach and Athletic Director with assistant coach Keren Davis.



Pictured in front of the rugby table are Christian Jarrett, Justin Guillory, Michael Maggio, Garrett Hicks, Malachi Davornak, Will Munn, and Cullen Lagasse.



Members of the Robotics Club, Walden Perry and George Cazanavette make adjustments on their robot with moderator Stephen Englehardt.



Pictured at left is James Carrere with the Beowolves Writers Club.

Campus Beautification



Blossoms and blooms are everywhere these days on the campus of Saint Paul's School thanks to the dedicated moms of "The Botanical Wolves." These diligent moms have refurbished existing beds, and added new gardens to a number of places with their only mission to beautify the forty acres of campus. They ask the students to join them on "Weed and Water Wednesday" after school. Pictured hauling mums to the school entrance are: Jacob Coutrado, Connor Trahan, Ruston Keller, and Cooper Coutrado. Linda Trahan serves as the organizer of the group. Jacob and Cooper Coutrado are the son of alumnus, Jay Coutrado '91, and Ruston Keller is the son of Roger Keller '89.



Summer Activities



Several Saint Paul's students and faculty members attended a workshop at Saint Mary's College of California, in Moraga. Lasallian Youth Leaders from fourteen schools across the nation attended the conference which involved leadership training with a focus on the Lasallian Mission. In addition to the five days of workshops, classes, and presentations, the group toured San Francisco. Activities there included visiting Alcatraz, Chinatown, and walking across the Golden Gate Bridge.

Pictured at famous statue of Saint LaSalle on Saint Mary's campus in the first row are: Erin Abney, Administrative Assistant of Attendance, William Saucier, Ross Allbritton, Burke Irwin, and LYL Moderator, Myrle Wiggins. In the second row are: Brad Marchese, Spanish Instructor, Eric Boudet, Michael Stewart, Thomas Huval, Thomas Ruli, Bryan Livaudais, and Saint Paul's alumnus Andrew Mullet. Andrew who served Saint Paul's as a Lasallian Youth Leader worked as a counselor with the program.

Several Saint Paul's Science Department faculty members participated in summer workshops to enhance the curriculum. Mark Richards participated in the Project Lead The Way Digital Electronics course; Chris Stipe worked in The Project Lead The Way Medical Interventions program, Donald Midkiff attended Advanced Placement Biology classes, and John Carambat attended The Project Lead The Way Biomedical Principles.



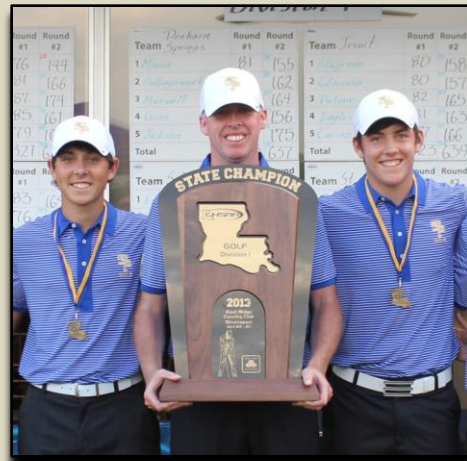
Junior Daniel DiPol participated in the 71st GOODE Water Ski National Championships held during the week of August 13- 17 at Okeechee Park in West Palm Beach, Florida. More than 600 water ski athletes from across the United States competed for national titles in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall in respective age divisions and two Open divisions during the five-day tournament.

Daniel finished FIRST in the nation in for the Division B3 in Slalom. [GOODE website.](#)



Summer Activities (cont.)

Beau Briggs, the son of Travis and Erica Briggs of Madisonville, and Thomas Ruli the son of Thomas and Stephanie Ruli of Mandeville, received scholarships from the The Kelly Gibson Foundation on July 31, in New Orleans at the foundation's annual banquet. The banquet was held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside and was presented by the Fore!Kids Foundation, producers of the PGA TOUR Zurich Classic of New Orleans. For the fourth year in a row, The Kelly Gibson Foundation partnered with several foundations and companies to provide students with college scholarship money, recognizing their academic achievements and community leadership and service. Beau and Thomas each were awarded \$2,500 scholarships by the Allstate Sugar Bowl Tommy Moore Memorial Junior Golf Championship. Beau is a junior, and Thomas is a senior, both boys were members of the 2013 Saint Paul's State Champion Golf Team.



Thomas Ruli, Luke Barwick, and Beau Briggs are pictured with the state trophy.



Saint Paul's Luke Posner, a defensive lacrosse player and son of Ernest and Shelby Posner of Madisonville, was selected as one of the top ten players in ESPN's Wide World of Sports Champion All-American Showcase. The showcase consisted of eighty players representing twenty-seven states divided into four teams and playing three round-robin games at WSPN's Wide World of Sports complex. The teams consisted only of high school All-Americans. Most of the team members were graduates of 2013; however a few 2014 grads made the selective list. Luke was selected as a member of Team Liberty. The final game of the series was televised on ESPNU; Team Pride defeated Team Liberty 11-10. Quint Kessenich selected a Top 10 list comprised from both teams. His review of Luke's ability included, "Posner runs like a gazelle and scored a goal in the title game. He is extremely light on his feet and played through a calf bruise after being pegged by a shot in the early rounds. The high school football player with adequate size has been playing for just four years, and if I were a DI program I'd be doing further research." Kessenich also declared Saint Paul's to be among the top Louisiana Lacrosse teams.

*The Strength of the
Wolf is the Pack*

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