

# WOLFTRACKS



Saint Paul's School Covington, LA



August 31, 2014



Alumni,

As I noted at the onset of this year's Annual Fund appeal to the alumni in December, the past numbers in regard to alumni support have been rather dismal. While we are by no means on par with our alumni support as we are with other comparative indicators in

association with our history, growth, tradition and success, there is certainly good reason to celebrate our progress.

The number of contributors for 2014 has increased by 251% to 179. On behalf of my department, our administration, the faculty, students and contributing Alumni, I wish to express a most sincere and heartfelt Thank You.

Faith in the Concern for the Poor & Presence of Social Justice God Lasallian Core Quality Respect Principles Education for all Persons Inclusive Community

The largest catalyst to this year's success was simply awareness. Most of our alumni were unaware of the Fund and of how few of our "Brothers" were supporting it. Local expert Frank Donaldson calls the Annual Fund "the single most important Development Process that a Catholic Institution could ever do." There is still a great deal of work ahead which will be highlighted with the start of this year's 2015 appeal. However, I sincerely hope that we all enjoy the short term success, that you continue to help spread awareness, and that you assist me in furthering the cause into 2015.

by Al Nastasi '91



# Come out and support your wolves for Varsity Football Games

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Christian Brothers' Jamboree-Hunter Stadium-6:00pm
September 5<sup>th</sup> – Karr – Hunter Stadium-7:30pm
September 12<sup>th</sup> – Jesuit – Hunter Stadium-7:00pm
September 19<sup>th</sup> – McDonaogh 35 – Hunter Stadium-7:00pm
September 26<sup>th</sup> – Slidell \* - Hunter Stadium-7:00pm
October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday) – Hammond \* - Tornado Alley-7:00pm
October 10<sup>th</sup> – Mandeville \* - Theriot Stadium-7:00pm
October 17<sup>th</sup> – Northshore \*# - Hunter Stadium-7:00pm
October 24<sup>th</sup> – Covington \* - Hunter Stadium – 7:00pm
October 31<sup>st</sup> – Ponchatoula \* - The Swamp-7:00pm
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Fontainebleau \* - The Dawg Pound-7:00pm

denotes district game # denotes homecoming

Click **HERE** for schedule

Note: Sports passes may not be used for the August  $29^{\rm th}$  and September  $12^{\rm th}$  games.

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







# Friday, October 17, 2014 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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#### Alumni News

Kirk Bodenheimer '07 – Kirk was married to Jolie Currow on July 12, 2014.

Josh Nguyen '09 – Josh was married to Rebecca Hill this past summer.



Carter Guice '10 – On August 9th Carter participated in The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences White Coat and Honor Code Ceremony for the Class of 2018. The ceremony was held at Lisner Auditorium in Washington, DC. Pictured at left are Carter with Oliver Guice '16 and Peter Chatry '10.

Jake Black '11 – Jake is attending Iowa State University working towards a dual major of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Engineering. He has also joined the Iowa National Guard. Jake scored a 97% on his AP test and will therefore enter as a private 1<sup>st</sup> class 3. He looks forward to training at Fort Leonard Wood in Civil Engineering.



2013 graduate Jeremy Walkenford trained with the Blast swimming team this summer and represented them at the long course state meet. 2013 graduate Robert Klazynski, now swimming with Marymount University, had several personal best long course times which will put him a better position to help his team move up in their conference standings. 2010 graduate and recent Notre Dame graduate Colin Babcock took some time off from his new job at

KPMG in San Francisco to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Trials in the 100 meter breaststroke with a 1:03.59 clocking. And all of these post graduate swimmers were guided by recently married Blast Coach and 1995 graduate **Kris Babylon** and University of Georgia All-American.

# Rise Up 'O Men of God



Brother Gregory Wright, FSC

Mrs. Elaine Brewster, grandmother of Alejandro '10 and Antonio '13 Otero Mr. A. Thomas Delery, boarder of Saint Paul's College and grandfather of Peter '13 and Robert '17 Mr. Gottlieb T. "Bootsie" Batt III, grandfather of Saint Paul's staff member Mrs. Erin Abney Henry Fransen, Sr., father of Henry Fransen, Jr. '70 Dino Joseph Cangelosi, father of Nick Cangelosi '08 Ms. Kathleen Marie Donahue, grandmother of Tanner Brunner '15 Mr. Richard E. O'Krepki, grandfather of Ryan O'Krepki '15 Mrs. Toni Besse, grandmother of Patrick Rudiger '15 Mr. Joseph Hart, grandfather of Gunner Young '15 Mr. Paul Cressy, uncle of David Cressy '16 Mrs. Lois Fast, grandmother of Etienne Winston '16 Mrs. Catherine Lambert, grandmother of CJ Cage '17 Mr. Josh Hathcox, friend of Nick Ashton '17 Mrs. Frances Jo Reggio, grandmother of Salvadore Orlando '18 Mr. Patrick Pellegrini, grandfather of Zachary Uson '19





## Calendar of Events for the 2014-2015 Season



<u>25<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz 'N Roll</u> – Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Visit website <u>HERE</u>.



<u>JAC/Gene Bennett Golf Tournament</u> – Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Tchefuncte Country Club Estates – click <u>HERE</u> to register. <u>Homecoming Game</u> – Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in Hunter Stadium



Career Day 2015 - Thursday, January 29th, Briggs Assembly Center



<u>Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2015</u> – Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, Briggs Assembly Center



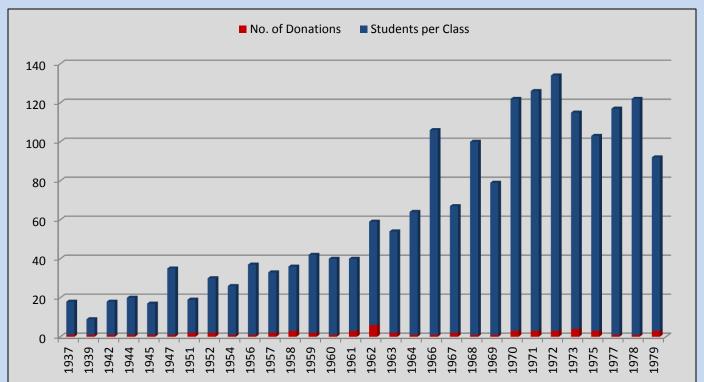
Crawfish Cook-off 2015 – Saturday, April 18th, 1:00pm, Saint Paul's Campus

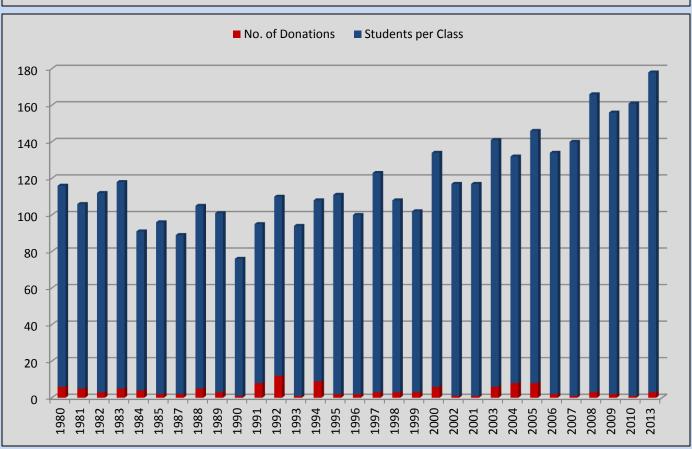
# Alumni New Business

David Moores, DVM '96 – David is the owner of <u>Tchefuncte Animal Hospital</u> located in Madisonville, LA. Tchefuncte Animal Hospital is a small animal hospital offering contemporary medicine, surgery, and dentistry. The hospital also has a fully equipped in-house laboratory capable of immediate results as well as state-of-the-art digital x-ray for higher quality imaging. A fully digital computer record system is used to provide accurate medical records and to facilitate record sharing and consultations with specialists. House calls are also available. Boarding, bathing, and clipping are among other services offered.

# Alumni Annual Fund Report

# Click **HERE** for list of Alumni Annual Fund donors.





The class years listed are only for those who have made contributions. The class totals are based on the number of men who graduated. A detailed Alumni Annual Fund report will be forthcoming to the Alumni.

#### Saint Paul's School

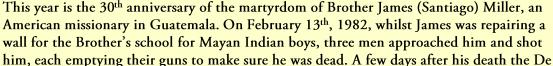


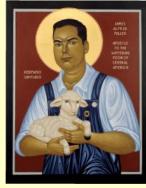
# **School Opens!**



# "Help us make courageous choices!"

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.





La Salle Brothers Regional Superior in Guatemala, Brother Paul, released the following statement to the press: "I want to state very clearly that Brother's death was no accident, Brother Santiago died for what he was and for what he stood for – A Christian educator, and apostle of the poor and underprivileged, a worker for justice and of social change."

James' murder was actually witnessed by boys in the second story of the centre immediately above the scene. They heard the first shots and looked down from their window. What they saw horrified them. Three men with drawn guns had just emptied them into James' body now prone on the sidewalk. One of the men looked up and the boys pulled back, terrified that they might be shot. It actually took them weeks before they could admit that they had seen the killers.

As Brother Paul, Regional Superior for Guatemala, wrote at the time of the murder 'It is extremely difficult to say with any certitude who Brother's murderers might be... Nor can it be said that Brother Santiago was singled out as an individual. Indeed, any priest or religious Brother or Sister, any teacher, American or Guatemalan, of the Colegio De La Salle or the Casa Indígena might have been the possible victim of groups on the extreme right or left in the present conflict...'

Brother John Johnston, who had known James as a youth and as a young Brother, recalled that: Jim grew up on a farm and was proud of his roots. he was profoundly attached to the soil and to rural life. He was simple, enthusiastic, intelligent, filled with energy always 'on the go'. He was outgoing in temperament, cheerful and sensitive; he was a conscientious, capable, and zealous teacher; he talked a lot and loved to relate farm stories. He had a loud laugh; for Jim Miller, manual work was recreation; no work was below his dignity; he mopped floors and scoured toilets."

I leave the final words on Brother James to Bishop Frederick Freking, who at the funeral mass in Wisconsin said, "I see in Brother James' death the witness of Christ's love, a witness to the dignity of the human person, and the right to freedom and justice that should be all of ours. Today we need to take a stand on these rights, especially of the poor. Thank God there are people like Brother James to do that".

Icon Note: The James Miller icon was painted by Nicholas Markell. The gold circular surrounding the head of Brother James Miller is called a "nimbus." As with most sacred art, the nimbus is symbolic. Unlike the halo in Western spirituality that represents a canonized saint, the nimbus in Eastern spirituality represents the indwelling of Christ in the person. As Christ is the light of the world, Brother James Miller strove to live in that light.

by Michael Curren





# School Opens (continued)



Saint Paul's School welcomed six new faculty members for the 2014-15 school year.
Gathered outside Our Lady of Peace Chapel seated are: Ann Pfalzgraf, Science
Department; Caitlin Duplantis, and Audrey Pool, both Caitlin and Audrey will join the Math Department. Standing are: Nick Piechocki, Science Department; Matt Pinero, English Department, and Sean Santos, Social Studies and Physical Education.





Saint Paul's Seniors gathered in Founders' Circle on August 7th to welcome the pre-freshmen to the campus and the school year. Pictured shortly before the chimes rang to start class are: Senior, Connor Scott; pre-freshman Hale Neitzschman, grandson of Lloyd Gautreaux a graduate of '58; pre-freshman Trace Roberts, senior Peyton Tabor, pre-freshman Rhett Ibos, son of Jeffrey Ibos '85, and grandson of J.B. Ibos, Sr. '57, and senior, Josh Nunez.

Saint Paul's School, continuing a long standing tradition, began the 104th school year on Thursday, August 8th. Principal, Trevor Watkins welcomed to campus both new and returning students in Founders' Circle. Trevor Watkins is a graduate of '79 and he is shaking hands with Harrison Prieto, a member of the class of 2016, the son on Ernie and Cindy Prieto of Mandeville. Ernie is a graduate of '82, and his father Ernest Prieto, graduated from Saint Paul's in '53.







#### First School Mass

On Friday, 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 twenty-one 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. In addition, Brother Louis Welker, FSC made his directorial debut with our wonderful liturgical band.





Pictured at left seated are: Jack Donham, Eric Fecke, Harrison Gitz, Ross Allbritton, Will Saucier, Trey Couvillion, Patrick Rudiger, Drew Richard, and Ben Hollingsworth. Standing are: Josh Nunez, Kyle Schimpf, Connor Scott, Connor Lyons, Stephen Hammond, Zach Hagan, Nick Chiasson, Ryan Keller, Austin Barrios, Joe Gaiennie, Jean-Paul Juge, Jacob Authement, and Barrett Baumgartner, moderator.



The liturgical band members pictured above seated are: Bradley Del Rio, Casey Fitzmaurice, Ross Allbritton, and Brandon Gallego. Standing are: Nick Ashton, Lane Sumrall, Nick Oubre, Andrew Aceves, and Brother Louis.



Eucharistic Ministers receive a blessing from Fr. Matthew Clark, OSB.

## First President's Assembly

Saint Paul's held the year's first President's Assembly on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. In keeping with tradition, the student body filed into the gym to the tune of Jean-Joseph Mouret's Rondeau, a Baroque symphonic piece that acts as the processional of the first Assembly of every year.

This assembly is also the traditional time to inaugurate the Pre-Freshman class. To begin a signature rite of Saint Paul's passage, Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC began to address each grade level. He spoke to each group about the new roles they had taken on as students of Saint Paul's, challenging them to "Rise Up as Men of God" into their respective roles: the Freshmen as learners, the Sophomores as listeners, the Juniors as dreamers, the Seniors as mentors. Each grade level responded with an enthusiastic "Yes, Brother, I'm ready!"

Saint Paul's newest grade level filed into the gym as the Rondeau sounded over the roaring applause of the remainder of the student body, each grade trying to out-clap the other. After a thunderous couple of minutes, with the pre-freshmen seated in their area of the gym, focus returned to Brother Ray. He welcomed the Pre-freshmen to their designated space as the "newborns" of the community, and promised the help of faculty, and student body to make their year a success.

Junior Hayden Ingram then lit the prayer candle to further remind the assembly of the Presence of God (another LaSallian Core Principle) as Brother Ray delivered an introductory address. After the President's address, and a pledge from the faculty to be "ministers of God's grace", Student Body President Samuel Giberga and Vice President Austin Grashoff blessed the seated students and faculty with holy water to the tune of the "Salve Regina," asking the Virgin Mary for her blessing.

The Assembly concluded with a gym-rattling rendition of the Fight Song. Nearly a thousand students and faculty, clapping ever so slightly off-beat, rang out a booming "Saint Paul's Forever-moooore!" that effectively drowned out any doubts about the coming school year. As the Rondeau played once more, each grade level processed from the gym without so much as the drag of a foot.

by Jack Dubreuil '15



Pictured at left: pre-freshmen students wait to enter the gymnasium

Student Council president Sam Giberga, left and vice-president Austin Grashoff bless the student body, faculty and staff with holy water during the first president's assembly.



Inclusive

Community



Faculty and staff members are pictured as they pledge their Lasallian fidelity to the student body during the first principal's assembly.



Junior Hayden Ingram lights the candle representing the presence of God.



# **New Parent Reception 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 18. Administration and faculty members greeted the guests and the event began with a brief social. Sam Giberga, President of the Student Council welcomed the guests, opened with a prayer and began the program. The color guard of the Saint Paul's Air Force JROTC presented the colors as the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Key school leaders including: Brother Raymond Bulliard, President; Trevor Watkins, Principal; Ken Sears, Dean of Students; Al Nastasi, Director for Advancement; 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. Music was provide by Brother Ken Boesch, FSC, Religion Department Chair and Student Hosts assisted in greeting and serving the guests.



# Jazz 'N Roll



Painted by Dominick Alongi '14

Please JOIN US on Saturday, October 4, 2014 and enjoy Jazz 'N Roll !!!

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Senior status: the incandescent feeling that, yes, you are one of the oldest guys around. Top wolf. Nobody can cut you in line at the water fountain or the cafeteria anymore. You have the highest degree of freedom and responsibility granted to any student at Saint Paul's. Your many previous teachers are now close friends, partners for lunchtime conversation and hallway high-fives, no matter how rigorous and demanding their classes may have been in previous years. You and your classmates have survived it all, and it is anything but lonely at the top.

Through the beginning-of-the-year buzz, however, comes a striking realization for the senior class: these are the *last* first weeks at Saint Paul's. The beginning of the end. One more year to Rise Up as Men of God.

The Class of 2015 intends to make it count. The week of Monday, August 18 is a week of senior traditions celebrated every school year. The senior class convened under the Wolf Dome on Tuesday evening for the annual Senior BBQ. Facilitated by the Mothers' Club, the BBQ gives seniors a chance to reminisce on the last four years of the Saint Paul's experience over juicy hamburgers and cold drinks. In addition to the delicious food and abundant camaraderie, the evening featured some pickup Frisbee on the central lawn.

March Through the Arch is a signature rite of passage for every senior class and among the most cherished of Saint Paul's traditions. On the morning of Thursday, August 21, Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC opened the ceremony with prayer as students, faculty, and seniors' families clustered eagerly around LaSalle Drive, the central campus thoroughfare. One by one, each member of the senior class strode underneath the Arch and up LaSalle Drive as Principal Trevor Watkins called their names. The ceremony commemorates the 1911 founding of Saint Paul's School—first by the Benedictine Fathers and, shortly thereafter, the Christian Brothers.

Thursday's traditions did not end there. After a breakfast in the Cafeteria (to which all seniors' families were invited), the class headed to the theater for Unity Day. This is an opportunity for members of the senior class, in the company of only each other and Brother Ray, to offer a reflection to the full audience—whether it be about the Lasallian Mission, the state or future of the class, or just their thoughts on the Saint Paul's experience so far. The floor remained open for about two hours, and around thirty students offered their heartfelt words.

Thursday evening, the seniors came together once more—this time in the Briggs Assembly Center to celebrate Ring Ceremony. In typical Saint Paul's fashion, the Ceremony included the singing of traditional songs and the reading of prayers and scripture in addition to the dedication of the rings.

As at most schools, senior rings at Saint Paul's are a concrete representation of what it means to have progressed through high school. Unlike most schools' rings, however, Saint Paul's rings bear another, deeper significance—a link between the members of the class that goes far deeper than just any high school can foster. "I've anticipated getting that ring since the very beginning of the year," says senior Zach Hagan. "To finally put it on made me feel unified with my brothers."

by Jack Dubreuil '15







## Senior Week (continued)



The class of 2015 gather in front of Saint La Salle's statue and sing a rendition of Rise Up 'O Men of God.



of 2005 and Hunter.



Senior Parker Campo is pictured with his parents, Shellie, Special Events Director of Saint Paul's School and Paul Campo.



Seniors Barrick Roberts, Byron Morgan, Warner Moore, and Matthew Dysart make their way to the theatre for unity day.





## Senior Week (continued)



Brother Ray, President, speaks to the seniors during the ring ceremony



Seniors Trey Doussan, Derek Drago, Jack Dubreuil, Winston Duffour and William Dugan patiently wait for their names to be called to receive their senior rings.

# College

# College Signing

Saint Paul's 2014 graduate, Tanner LeBlanc, has signed a scholarship to wrestle at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Highlights of Tanner's career at Saint Paul's include finishing third in state during his junior season, and becoming a Division 1 State Champion in the 160 pound weight class in 2014. His senior year record was forty-five wins and one loss. In addition to being an outstanding athlete, Tanner was an honor graduate. He was selected as a member of the 5A Academic All-State Wrestling Team. Pictured at the scholarship signing ceremony in the

Pictured at the scholarship signing ceremony in the Saint Paul's Wrestling Room seated are: Nolan, Tanner and Martha LeBlanc. Standing are Wrestling Coaches, Jason Schroeder, and Craig Ketelsen, and Tanner's brother, Trey LeBlanc.

#### Summer Activities

Tarrong, Jacob

Cadets Cray Pennison and Alex Seese, members of Saint Paul's Air Force Junior ROTC, represented the LA41st Unit at the annual Leadership School held at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. The cadets spent time improving their physical fitness skills and learning leadership techniques. Saint Paul's unit was awarded the "Exceeds

Standards" rating in the review last spring. M. Sgt. A.J. East, instructor, and the cadets were commended for the dynamic and supportive learning environment, and outstanding community outreach in the

program.

At right, James Seese III is pictured with his grandmother Margie Fluitt, father James II and mother Donna Mayeaux.





At left, Christopher Pennison is pictured with his family: brother Anthony, mother Laurie, friend Alexandre Roddy and dad Chris.

Several lacrosse wolves competed in the Texas Trio 2014 tournament in Austin, Texas this summer. Coaches Austin Speni and John Meibaum brought one team with a mixture of sophomores, juniors and seniors from several schools in LA and MS. Saint Paul's team, Top Gun, finished with five wins and one tie and captured the championship title.

by Beth Burkenstock



Pictured above L-R, front row: Canon Shirah, Collin Hoy, David Cressy, Hunter Simonson, Connor Lu. Back row L-R: Robert Ellis, Peyton Burkenstock, Dylan Futrell, Evan Hood, Jake Vencil, Patrick Flynn, Andrew Lambert, Robert Baricev, Silas Anthony. Missing from the picture is team player Max Gold.

The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack

Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever.

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