

# WOLFTRACKS



Saint Paul's School Covington, LA



August 31, 2017



Alumni and Friends of St. Paul's School,

As usual, the month of August has been an eventful one and has treated us to many of our finer traditions here at Saint Paul's: the first President's Assembly welcoming the class of 2022, Senior Week including the March Through the Arch and the Class of 2018 Ring Ceremony, an All School Mass in dress uniform, "Get Involved

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

Day" encouraging our students as the name implies, Safety Week, and after school practices for the promising Football and Cross Country Wolves. Please take a moment to look at some of the opportunities and upcoming events listed below.

Alumni Directory Update - Many thanks to those of you who continue to utilize this feature. If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to update. You are also encouraged to view and complete additional information such as the clubs or athletic programs in which you were involved, the awards that you may have won, and a correlation to any of your relatives attending Saint Paul's. Please assist us in enriching your experience as an alumnus by virtue of a more effective means of communication. Update your information HERE.

Want to promote your Alumni Owned Business? Check out our website and email me your information.

Homecoming- is around the corner on Friday, September 22, 2017. In keeping with tradition, the 25 year alumni, members of the Class of 1993, will escort the members of the Court as we host Northshore High School here in Hunter Stadium. Starting at 5:30, there will be a tailgate opportunity for you to get out of the heat before the game in the cafeteria. We will also host our traditional post game reception in the cafeteria which will include beverage, plentiful food, and most importantly camaraderie with your Brethren Wolves. These events are open to all alumni and your associated guests and friends of Saint Paul's. Please join us for a great night of football and fellowship.

The Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017 at Tchefuncta Country Club. We are truly blessed once again as the tournament is nearly completely full. However, please feel free to contact me regarding availability, a sponsorship opportunity, or if you would like to attend as a social guest. For additional information check out our website.

Reunion planning is underway, and many classes have begun organized efforts or will be reaching out soon.

Meanwhile, if you are a member of a class ending in a 3 or an 8 and have any interest or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Learn More!

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>aln@stpauls.com</u> or by phone at 985 892-3200 ext 1271.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts....Forever!

Al Nastasi '91

Saint Paul Our Patron...Pray For Us

# Are You Ready for Some Football?

Established in 1912 while still Dixon Academy, Saint Paul's Football has been a beacon of brotherhood for over a century. Throughout the era, we have showcased a host of talented players, several of whom advanced to the next level of play with a collegiate and even an NFL experience. Recently equipped with a new locker room, Head Coach Ken Sears has begun displaying some memorabilia of the aforementioned alumni. If you are a former Saint Paul's football player having a collegiate or professional football career and are interested in donating a related item such as a photo, jersey or other uniform piece, please contact Coach Sears at <a href="mailto:kens@stpauls.com">kens@stpauls.com</a> or Al Nastasi at <a href="mailto:aln@stpauls.com">aln@stpauls.com</a>. Many thanks for your consideration and involvement in the Pack, and please come out and support the 2017 gridiron Wolves!

Furthermore, this year the District Champion and State Quarterfinalist 2007 team and the 2012 District Champion team will be honored on Friday, October 20th here at Hunter Stadium in the regular season home finale. All team members are welcome. Mark your calendars. More details coming soon. Meanwhile, please contact Al Nastasi at aln@stpauls.com with any questions.

by Al Nastasi



First Saint Paul's football team circa 1912.



Newly renovated locker room.



Football alumni in collegiate uniforms.



Grant Grosch catches a pass at the scrimmage against John Curtis. Photo by Jim Derry of Nola.com

Come out and support your wolves for Varsity Football Games

Click <u>HERE</u> for their schedule. For all football schedules, access our website at <u>www.stpauls.com</u>.

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





udiveise

## Friday, October 6, 2017 Tchefuncta Country Club

#### Schedule of Events

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

Hole in 1 – win a car! Sponsored by:



Hole in 1 – win a boat! Sponsored by:



Please contact Al Nastasi at aln@stpauls.com or 985-892-3200 ext 1271 for availability.

#### **HOLE SPONSORS**

Gold (\$1,200) - Foursome, 8 Crawfish Cookoff Tickets, Premium Sign on Course and Sponsor Board, Advertisement in Wolftracks and Alumni Website

Blue (\$900) – Foursome, Sign on Course and Sponsor Board, Advertisement in Wolftracks and Alumni Website

White (\$200) - Sign on Course and Sponsor Board

#### OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Driving Range Sponsorship (\$500) – Limit 1 – have your business logo on two large signs at each end of the driving range tee box and on the sponsor board. Please verify availability by phone or E mail.

Putting Green Sponsorship (\$500) – Limit 1 – have your business logo on the putting green and on the sponsor board. Please verify availability by phone or E mail.

Golf Cart Sponsorship (\$1,000) – Limit 1 – have your business logo on the carts used for the tournament and on the sponsor board. Please verify availability by phone or E mail.

Golf Package (\$80) – Mulligans, Bennett's Backboards, Champagne's Chips, Putting Green and Raffle Tickets.

Click HERE for the Golf Tournament Form

Click HERE to Sponsor us ONLINE





#### Alumni News

Craig Robichaux '78 – Craig and his wife Leanne have three sons that are alumni. Spencer '07 earned his Ph.D in Microbiology from LSUHSC – NO and is back to complete his last 2 years of medical school. He'll finish with a M.D./Ph.D. Jared '09 graduated LSU Medical School and is in his Neurosurgical residency in New Orleans and Cameron '13 graduated from LSU in May and is attending Loyola Law School.

Chris Sadler '78 - Chris was among a group of investors that launched a new business in Farmville, VA., the Third Street Brewing Co.

Brenton Louis Addison '02 – Brenton married Rachelle Marie Kelly on May 26th at the Popp Fountain in City Park in New Orleans, Louisiana. Bryce Addison served as best man for his brother. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and now reside in Covington.

**Tanner Rainey '11** - Tanner was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the second round of the 2015 MLB Amateur Draft, and has been promoted to the AA Pensacola Blue Wahoos as a pitcher. Click <u>HERE</u> to view a the article.

Our newest alumni gather in the cafeteria to pick up their yearbooks and say good bye before they head off to college.



# Rise Up 'O Men of God



Mr. Gilbert "Gil" E. Copeland, father of Austin and Wade Copeland '11

Mrs. Hazel Atzenhoffer, grandmother of Mrs. Claire Coutrado, Athletic Secretary, and

Mrs. Suzy Slade, Attendance Secretary, and great-grandmother

of Hayden '18, Jacob '18 and Cooper '22 Coutrado and Luke Paille '19





# Calendar of Events for the 2017-2018 School Year



Homecoming Game – Friday, September 22, 2017 – Saint Paul's Wolves vs. Northshore Panthers. Click here for details.



<u>JAC/Gene Bennett Golf Tournament</u> – Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Tchefuncte Country Club Estates – click <u>HERE</u> to register.



<u>28<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz 'N Roll</u> – Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Visit website <u>HERE</u>.



<u>Career Day 2018</u> – TBD – Career Day is held on campus in the morning and presented by alumni professionals.



<u>SPS Waiters' Dinner 2018</u> – Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm, Briggs Assembly Center



<u>Crawfish Cook-off 2018</u> – Saturday, April 21, 2018





# **School Opens!**



# "Guide us to God!"

The theme of the school year is an executive decision made by President Brother Ray Bulliard, Principal Trevor Watkins, and Assistant Principal Joe Dickens. It is always something based on a basic principle of Lasallian pedagogy or values. Our Lady of the Star was chosen because Saint John Baptist de La Salle had a strong devotion to Our Lady and encouraged the Brothers to invoke her assistance often.

The origin of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Star in Montebourg, Normandy, France, is lost in legend. A Benedictine monastery was founded there in the eleventh century and remained throughout the lower Middle Ages one of the four great abbeys of Cotentin. The sanctuary was demolished, along with the monastery, during the time of the French Revolution at the end of the eighteenth century. Both structures were rebuilt by the Brothers of the Christian Schools of Mercy,



Our Lady of the Star

beginning in 1842. This diocesan community of religious teaching brothers, like the sisters of the same name founded by Saint Mary Magdalene Postel, followed the Rule of the Brothers of the Christian Schools of De La Salle. They chose to be incorporated in 1938 into the Lasallian Institute. Today the Institute supervises the Lasallian schools in Montebourg, and the Association of Friends of the Monastery and Sanctuary acts as the custodian of this ancient Marian shrine. A number of Brothers of the Christian Schools are individual members of this association.

by Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

#### First Day of School





Student Hosts Robbie Nolan and Christopher Wilson welcome prefreshmen to campus on August 7th in Founder's Circle.

#### School Opens (continued)

# Welcome!



Saint Paul's School's administration, faculty and student body were pleased to welcome eleven new members to the faculty for the 2017-18 school year. Gathered near Our Lady of Peace Chapel seated are: Kathy Morlas, English Instructor; Ashley Guillot, Core Program Instructor; Kelly Hightower, English Instructor; and Melissa Lein, Biology Instructor. Standing are: Robert Heap '12, English Instructor; Josh Pereira '09, English and Media Instructor; Delmy Banegas, Spanish Instructor; Mimi Monteiro, Yearbook Instructor; Amy Marshall, Biomedical Sciences Instructor; Jean Du Treil, Core Program Instructor; and Ed Pribyl, Petroleum Engineering Instructor.

# First Assembly



Every other Tuesday, Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC conducts his assembly in the gymnasium for the student body. These assemblies recognize students for their accomplishments, but more importantly, always carry a spiritual message for all in attendance. The first assembly of the year is particularly

special as the entire school welcomes the new pre-freshmen students with a standing ovation. In addition, the Student Council president and vice president bless all those in attendance and the faculty recites the oath of a Saint Paul's teacher.



At left, prefreshmen students line up to make their entrance into the assembly. At right, faculty members recite the oath.







#### First School Mass



On Tuesday, August 15, the school participated in an all school mass celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Matthew Clark, O.S.B. the Saint Paul's Chaplain, said the mass.



After the homily, Father Clark recognized and blessed the senior Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 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 the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The liturgical band provided music for the service under the direction of Jeff Ramon '08, Campus Minister, and Brother Ken Boesch, FSC, musician in residence and Religion Department Chair.



Pictured at left giving the prayers of the faithful from front to back are: Zachary Taylor, Colin Quinlan, Lester Guttuso (partially hidden), Nicholas Montreuil, Kyle Schmitt, and Hayden Brewster. Kevin Schneider is outside the picture range.





#### First School Mass (continued)



Pictured above are the newly commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion. Pictured standing included: Gabe Ingram, Rhyne Sepcich, Christian Harrison, Peyton Jacob, Brandon Nicotri, Matthew Stalter, Justin Savoie, Noah Seiden, Cameron Vidal, Colin Quinlan, Andrew Curry, Kevin Schneider, Mason Robicheaux, Robby Ferrante, Stephen Schlottman, Matthew Borgatti, Zachary Taylor, Kyle Schmitt, Emerson Vaccari, and Larry Rase. Ministers seated are: Joel Fernandes, Jared Theiler, Cole Abide, Hayden Brewster, Patrick Saucier, Ian Nicaud, Nick Montreuil, and Lester Guttuso. Jeff Ramon, Campus Minister, supervises the group who serve both as school masses and on Sundays in Our Lady of Peace Chapel on campus.



Members of their families and the student body are administered Holy Communion by the newly commissioned Ministers. At left, Cameron Vidal serving his mother Melissa, and below Rhyne Sepcich is serving communion to students.





## Brother Ray's Annual Fund Appreciation Dinner



Saint Paul's School celebrated the generosity of the major donors to the 2017 Annual Fund with a gourmet meal on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> in the Briggs Assembly Center. Donors gathered for wine and hors d'oeuvres before taking their places at tables which were decorated with hand carved centerpieces filled with floral arrangements. Student Hosts served the gourmet meal provided by Keith Young's Steakhouse including a spring mix salad, filet mignon, roasted potatoes, stuffed tomato, and decadent chocolate cake for dessert. Members of the development team welcomed the guests and served wine and tea. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President of Saint Paul's thanked the donors for their contributions

while members of the Student Host organization supported Brother's comments on the Lasallian Core Principles with personal experiences from their time at school. For more information about ways to assist Saint Paul's in its mission, click <a href="here">here</a>.



Members of the Student Hosts organization who assisted with the dinner pictured kneeling L-R are: Andrew Norlin, Sebastian Sequeira, Mason Byrne, and Joel Fernandes. Standing L-R are: Evan Cook, Ross Hightower, Sean Hightower, Andrew Hightower, Andrew Aceves, Jack Grace, Blake Bollinger, Sam Avenel, Daniel Bitterwolf, Trace Roberts, Thomas Bitterwolf, John Conner Flick, Brady Bollinger, and Patrick Kilgore.



Pictured at right, student host Sebastian Sequeira talks to guests about how he experiences the Lasallian Core Principles at Saint Paul's.



Pictured above at the dinner L-R are John Grace, Brother Ray Bulliard, Don Boudreaux '52, and Kévin Byrne '83.

At right L-R are John Dubreuil, Philip and Susan James, and Meagan Dubrueil.





Senior Week kicked off with the Senior Barbeque on Tuesday, August 15. The Mothers' Club planned and organized the evening under the Wolf Dome which consisted of food, fun, and friendship for all the seniors. 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.

On Thursday, August 17, the seniors, under a bright blue sky, symbolically strode up LaSalle Drive in a ceremony our community refers to as the March through the Arch. Brother Ray Bulliard, President of Saint Paul's, explained how this ceremony commemorates the founding Benedictine Fathers and Christian Brothers that courageously started our school 106 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. Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, then called out each senior, and the senior then proceeded through the arch and up the street while the entire student body watched. 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 2018 finally gained its trademark accessory: the senior ring. These rings linked the seniors with the school and with each other forever.

Senior Barbeque







# Senior Week (Continued)



At left, Cole Abide leads the class of 2018 through the Arch.



Below, seniors surround Saint La Salle singing "Rise Up O Men of God" and the fight song.



Brother Ken Boesch, FSC, poses with members of the Reed Ingram family, all of whom Brother Ken taught. From left to right are tenth grader Zachary, dad Reed '83, Brother Ken and senior Gabe Ingram.



Pictured at right standing L-R are: Gavin Grefer, Noah Pitre, Jacob Coutrado, Chris Gement, Adam Moennich, Justin Santos and Bailey Belk. Front row L-R are: Jack Caminita, Cooper Meibaum, Andrew Eikel, and Hayden Coutrado.





## 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. All of the various clubs and organizations, from robotics to band, ROTC to fly fishing, and everything in-between, came out at lunch to encourage their fellow students to get involved on campus.





Inclusive Community

At left, club moderators, Chris Sturgill and Christine Zapata, of the Debate Team with students, Landon Rees, Johnathon Sheffield, Jackson Deus, and Hal Fox. Above, Louis Marion and Chris Wallace watch Quidditch Team moderators Andrew Dart and Barrett Baumgartner replenish the refreshments.

#### Brothers Alfred and Ralph

Brothers Alfred and Ralph are long time residents of the Retired Brothers Community, and biological brothers as well.

Brother Ralph turned ninety-seven on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He joined the Christian Brothers at the early age of thirteen, and proudly says that he has "Not regretted a day that I spent in service to others through my work as a brother." Ralph has been graciously and generously serving others for eighty-four years. He has taught in a number of schools including Lafayette, Denver, Santa Fe, Pittsburg, and Ontario. He also served in an administrative capacity in several schools, and even taught religion at Saint Paul's for a short time before "retiring" here.

Brother Alfred took simple vows when he was sixteen years old, and professed solemn vows at twenty-five. He has spent half of his career on this campus, as a teacher and a "retired brother." Brother Alfred turns ninety-five in September. He speaks with admiration about the founders of Saint Paul's, both the Benedictines and French Christian Brothers, "They put God first, even before the five core principles were articulated."

Both Brothers are frequently seen around campus attending mass and assemblies.



Br. Ralph



Br. Alfred

# Jazz 'N Roll





Please JOIN US on Saturday, October 21, 2017 and enjoy Jazz 'N Roll !!!

#### HELD IN THE BRIGGS ASSEMBLY CENTER

Silent Auction
Buffet Dinner provided by Gary Bonanno Catering
Open Bar
Restaurant Raffle, 50/50, Corks & Forks

Online Auction and Mobile Bidding during event.

ONLINE REGISTRATION - Ticket and Sponsorship ordering available NOW- HERE

#### The Paper Wolf

The Paper Wolf is the official online student news source of The Saint Paul's School. The award-winning staff of the nationally recognized news site is comprised of student writers, photographers and editors, most of whom operate the site as a function of the school's Journalism class under the direction of teacher Christi Simoneaux. However, any student can participate as a contributing writer, photographer, videographer or cartoonist as an extra-curricular activity. Any student interested in becoming a member of the Paper Wolf news team should contact Editor-in-Chief Luc Hebert (<a href="luc.hebert.2018@stpauls.com">luc.hebert.2018@stpauls.com</a>). Readers may subscribe to The Paper Wolf on Twi



olf news stories via email subscription or by following The Paper Wolf on Twitter or Facebook. For more information, visit www.ThePaperWolf.com.

by Christi Simoneaux





#### New Moms' Wine and Cheese Social

Members of Saint Paul's Mother's Club hosted the annual New Mother's social in the Briggs Assembly Center during the first week of school. The Briggs Center usually festooned in blue and gold was decorated in pale pink with flowers in shades of white, pale blue and of course pink. A delicate buffet of cheese, fruit, and delicate eatables covered the tables. President Shelly Mott, introduced the pre-freshman class moms and encouraged the new moms to sign up for a committee. Danielle Lavie, Development Director, spoke to the group about the different events the Development Office hosts and re-iterated the call to become a true member of the Saint Paul's family. At the end of the evening new friends were made and many moms had volunteered for the projects that help make Saint Paul's such a special place.



Moms make new friends and sign up to volunteer.

# Times Picayune Reporter



Colin Rice, a current junior, has been selected to be the Time Picayune High School Columnist for the 2017-2018 school year. He has worked diligently on both the Paper Wolf, the student newspaper, and the Conifer, the yearbook. Colin also intends to pursue a career in journalism, and his Times Picayune byline will be a great start for his career.





#### Solar Eclipse

On Tuesday, August 21st, faculty, staff, and students experienced the solar eclipse of 2017. Although only a partial eclipse was viewable for Saint Paul's, many people in North America were able to experience "complete totality".



The administration formed an eclipse plan which included an extended transition time between periods A and B, regulated dismissal of the students by grade level, common meeting place in Founders Circle, and distribution of ISO glasses for safe viewing. In addition, no student was allowed to exit the buildings between noon and 3:00pm without supervision. Coach Lee Pierre, Science Department Chair, explained on WolfTV exactly what happens during an eclipse.

The plan was successful in keeping our students safe and all seemed to enjoy the event.



Coach Pierre monitors the students for safety.



Saint Paul's administrators join the student body to view the solar eclipse. Assistant Principal Joe Dickens, President Br. Ray Bulliard, FSC, Principal Trevor Watkins, and Dean of Students Ken Sears share the experience.



Students enjoy the solar eclipse.



#### Easy Ways to Give Back to SPS





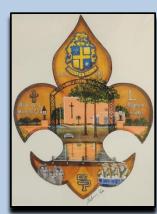


<u>Box Tops</u> for Education is one of America's largest school earnings loyalty programs. Schools can use Box Tops Cash to purchase whatever it needs. Clip the coupon from the merchandise purchased at the grocery, collect the tops and have your son give the tops to his math teacher.

AmazonSmile allows you to purchase items from Amazon.com and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the non profit of your choice. Please use this <u>LINK</u> and Saint Paul's School will receive these donations.

Office Depot will donate 5% of your qualifying purchase back to Saint Paul's School. At checkout, give the cashier number 70041640 and we will receive the donation. Can't remember the number? Just ask the cashier to look up the school code for Saint Paul's School in Covington and they can apply the purchase.

Interested in a Saint Paul's Fleur de Lis Print? Contact the Development Office for your signed and numbered print for only \$25.





Follow Saint Paul's School on Facebook - click HERE.



Wolf Tracks is a publication of The Saint Paul's School in Covington, Louisiana; a Lasallian school for boys, grades 8-12.

Publisher: Danielle Pilié Lavie

development@stpauls.com 985-892-3200 ext 1270

Contributing Editor: Karen Hebert

Contributors: Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC, Al Nastasi,

and Chrsti Simoneaux.





Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever.