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Covington, LA

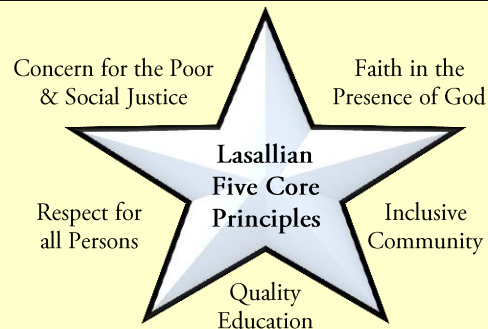


December 31, 2015



Alumni and friends of Saint Paul's,

I wish you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope and trust that the Grace and Peace of our Lord has filled your homes during this Season of Advent.



December has been yet another outstanding month on campus. Athletically, our Soccer Wolves are ranked #1 in the State again this year while our Wrestling and Basketball teams are enjoying their finest seasons in years. Academically, semester exams are now completed, and the students will return refreshed and eager to learn. Lastly, this time of year especially affords our young men a wonderful opportunity to exemplify their commitment to service and concern for the poor and social justice.

Our return from the break will find our Class of 2016 off to Senior Retreat from January 6-8, an experience in which I am privileged to be able to take part. I ask that you take a moment to say a prayer for them during this special and powerful milestone in their time here at Saint Paul's. I further invite you to evoke a little nostalgia and reflect upon your own Senior Retreat experience.

Finally, on Tuesday, February 2nd, there will be a general Alumni Meeting. The event will begin with a breakfast and general meeting in the Alumni Theater Building from 7:00 am until 7:45. We will then proceed to the new age President's Assembly, complete with air conditioning and visual enhancements by way of a Brother Ray led power point. The Assembly will end about 8:30, and a brief campus tour led by Brother Ray will follow for those who are able to remain. All alumni are invited to attend! For purposes of catering and seating, please RSVP to aln@stpauls.com no later than Friday, January 29th, 2016.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Live Jesus in our Hearts.....Forever!

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May peace be with you during this
Christmas season.



Alumni News

Saint Paul's Cross Country Alumni brought home first prize from the Annual Turkey Day Race sponsored by the New Orleans Athletic Club. This five mile run beginning in City Park has become the "unofficial state championship" among the high schools with Cross Country alumni willing to compete. The tradition started by in 2004 when Brother Martin beat Jesuit. The runners wear their high school cross country/track uniforms, and the wooden "Running Man" trophy is awarded to the winning school. Saint Paul's Alumni pictured with the 2015 trophy are: Pat Gavin '01, Christian Bergeron '12, DC Lipani '14, Zach Albright '14, and Brian Lozes '08.



Joe Hunter '85 - Joe is pictured with his son Michael after he played his last game as a wolf on Friday, November 22. Joe's father, Dr. Patrick Hunter, was a long time team doctor for Saint Paul's student athletes. In addition to his service, Dr. Hunter would also sponsor five student tuitions each year. Saint Paul's football field is name in his honor. Click [HERE](#) for article.



Hunter Stadium



Dr. Patrick Hunter

Recently, alumnus Mike McMurray '63 and his family met New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees at the 5th annual Gleason Gras event. The purpose of this event is to raise public awareness of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and to contribute to the advancement of experimental technology and treatments when living with ALS. Mike, seated, is pictured with his son Michael '93, his wife Deidre and his granddaughter Leah.





On Monday, December 14th, 2015, several of our Alumni from the Classes of 1956-1960 gathered for a "Christmas Dinner" at Zea Rotisserie & Grill in Covington. We admire their spirit of brotherhood and their passion for their Alma Mater. Standing back row L-R: Bob Santopadre '58, Jimmy Overstreet '58, Paul Cashio '60, Robert

Giles '56, Frank Fouchi '56, and Ken Philibert '56. Second Row standing L-R: Sal Pellitteri '60, Lloyd Gautreaux '58, Jake Giardina '59, Doug Lacour '56, and Peter Wolfe '57. Sitting L-R: Robert "Red" Schwab '57, Eduardo Tenorio '56, J.B. Ibos '58, Emile Cloutet '56, Joe Bruno '56, and Billy Kentzel '56.



Bobby April III '00 - Bobby is in his first year as a linebackers coach with NFL team the Buffalo Bills. Bobby is in his fifth season in the NFL and previously worked with the New York Jets and the Philadelphia Eagles. Click [HERE](#) for a brief video.



Kameron Loppreore '10 - Kameron Loppreore, a lyric tenor, has been studying voice for nine years and has been featured in many productions in the New Orleans area. He holds a bachelor's degree in vocal performance from Loyola University New Orleans where he is currently working toward a master's degree. He is the recipient of the first Italian American Scholarship Award and the Metropolitan Opera's Encouragement Award. Some of his operatic roles include Tamino in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, Candide in Bernstein's *Candide*, Sem in Benjamin Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, *Le Journaliste* in Poulenc's *Les Mamelles de Tirésias*, Elder Hayes in Floyd's *Susannah*, and Prince Paul in Offenbach's *The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein*. He also has been a featured soloist in many sacred choral works, including Mozart's *Requiem* and Handel's *Messiah* at Loyola, and Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, Bach's *Magnificat*, and Vaughn Williams' *Hodie* at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. He is a proud member of the New Orleans Opera Chorus and performed in the 25th Anniversary Season of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. See [link](#).





Alexander Sibley '11 - Alexander attended the final 2015 President's Assembly during exam week and demonstrated his gift of singing with an outstanding performance of the excerpts from Messiah by George Handel. Alexander will graduate from Tulane University in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. He plans to continue his post graduate studies at Loyola University New Orleans with a Master of Music.



Mason Davis '12 – Mason has graduated from the Louisiana State Police New Troopers Cadet Class 94 Graduation ceremonies were held at the BREC Independence Park Theatre and Cultural Center in Baton Rouge. The cadets received training in various subjects including crash investigation, emergency vehicle operations, impaired driving detection, traffic incident management, and leadership in addition to a rigorous physical training regimen. Mason, one of 57 fellow Troopers, reached his goal of receiving the gold boot badge of the Louisiana State Police. Mason has been deployed to Troop B, New Orleans, and will participate in a 12-14 week field training program while supervised by a senior Louisiana State Trooper.

Mason is pictured with his fellow new troopers, eighth from the left.

Tyler Tourelle '11 - Tyler has graduated from the E.J. Ourso College of Business at Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

Max Gold '15 - has been awarded the Johnson Scholarship at Washington and Lee University. This prestigious scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis based on exceptional academic and personal promise. In 2015, over 2,900 students applied and thirty scholarships were awarded. Max is currently attending Washington and Lee majoring in mathematics.



Calendar of Events



Alumni Wrestlers Recognition Day – Saturday, January 23, 2016 Time TBA. There will be a special recognition for all alumni wrestlers during Dale Ketelsen Memorial Tournament (formerly Saint Paul's Invitational Tournament).



General Alumni Meeting Breakfast – Tuesday, February 2, 2016 from 7:00 am – 7:45 in the theater and followed by Br. Ray's President's Assembly. The assembly will be complete at approximately 8:30 am.



Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2016 – Thursday, March 3rd, 7:00pm, Briggs Assembly Center – “Celebrating Sitcoms”



Crawfish Cook-off 2016 – Saturday, April 16th, Saint Paul's Campus

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Rise Up 'O Men of God



Mr. Frank Bonansinga '45

[Mr. Vincent Saia, Sr.](#), uncle of Louis P. Saia, III '74 and grandfather of Chandler Owenby '18

[Mr. Joseph Robert Yaeger](#), grandfather of Bradley Yaeger '16

Mr. George Moennich, grandfather of Adam Moennich '18

Mr. Emmett Arthur Smith Jr., grandfather of Bailey Smith '19

Ms. Claire Christine Walley, first cousin of Michael Philippe '19

Mr. Luke Leader, cousin of Alex Robert '18

Great grandmother of Gideon McRaney '17

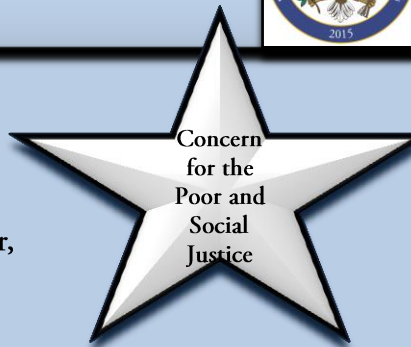
Uncle of Landon Chambliss '18

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace! Amen!*





School News



Concern
for the
Poor and
Social
Justice

Saint Paul's School began raising money for its annual Adopt-a-Family program during the week of November 30th. This program gives students a chance to live out the Lasallian Core Principle of Concern for the Poor and Social Justice by donating money to the program or volunteering to shop for, wrap, or deliver gifts.

Students and faculty members almost always describe the experience of delivering the gifts as a very moving experience.

“One year I was able to have the privilege of bringing the presents to one of the families that our school adopted,” said senior Luke Avenel, “I will never forget the joy that those kids had when they received their gifts even though they were living in a rough situation. I will never forget the happiness I was able to bring those kids simply by giving them new clothes and a few new toys.”

Fundraising will continue through December 12. Then, students from each grade level and their moderators will go shopping for Christmas gifts for the families they have “adopted”, most of which will be essentials such as clothes, toiletries, and toys for the children.

This year, each grade level, 8-12, plans to adopt two families, instead of the usual one, and the wrestling team will be adopting an additional family.

The students will also have a chance to show their concern for the poor and social justice by donating their gently used winter outerwear to the Warm Hearts coat drive, which is organized annually by the Lasallian Youth Leaders and National Honor Society. Warm Hearts, started by Saint Paul's pre-freshmen Sean Noel, donates coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, and other winter necessities to those in need in our community.

by Jacob Broussard '16



Pictured at left with bags of coats for the Warm Hearts drive are Reagan Hill, Max Tepper, Patrick Napier, A.J. LaCroix, and Addison Nick.

Christmas Luminarias

Faith in
the
Presence of
God

The Saint Paul's Student Council held their annual luminary celebration on December 10th, lighting the campus with thousands of bags. Each bag contains a prayer written by a student or faculty member, making the celebration more than just holiday lights. The words chosen by this year's student council "Ad Sum" means I am present, referring to the fact that God is ever present in our lives.

The tradition of the Luminaries came to us from Santa Fe. The Christian Brothers run Saint Michael's High School in Santa Fe and for many years owned and ran the College of Santa Fe. As Brothers moved from Santa Fe to Covington, they brought the tradition of the Luminaries with them. In Santa Fe, the Luminaries were used to light the way to Midnight Mass and, in a more symbolic way, to light the way for the coming of Jesus. For many years at Saint Paul's, this celebration was held for the resident students on the last night of their fall semester before returning home for the Christmas holidays. The Luminaries carried the symbolic meaning of lighting the way to Jesus, but also signaled a break from school work. The events which includes Christmas Carols in Founder's Circle and a prayer service was a wonderful send off for those students traveling miles home, and those who lived in town.

In addition to the lighting of the campus, the celebration included carols in Founder's Circle, a prayer service in Our Lady of Peace Chapel, and a reception in the cafeteria hosted by the Mothers' Club, with music provided by the Saint Paul's Jazz Band under the direction of Jimmy Brinkman.



Ad Sum – I am Present



Audrey Pool, a math instructor at Saint Paul's, her husband Chris, and daughters Sophie, Hope, and Reiley are pictured in Founder's Circle.



Pre-freshmen students L-R: Rannie Walker, Alex Klocek, Louis Marion, Jack Long, and Ryan Hill.

Thank You!



On Giving Tuesday, December 1st, Saint Paul's School participated in the #iGiveCatholic campaign hosted by The Catholic Foundation of New Orleans. Alumni, parents, parents of alumni and friends of Saint Paul's contributed \$21,261. See [link](#). A total of one hundred twelve Catholic schools, parishes, and not for profit ministries participated. The total amount donated during this twenty-four hour crowd funding event was over \$1.3 million dollars. The National Catholic Register, the oldest Catholic

newspaper in the United States, states that this campaign is "the first online giving day by Catholics for the works of the Catholic Church in the history of the United States." Click [HERE](#) for the article. First, second and third place cash awards were given to the school, parish or non-profit who had the most new donors; Saint Paul's received the third place award for participating schools. Thanks to all who supported Saint Paul's during this day and we look forward to an even greater event next year.

Three Rivers Art Festival



Saint Paul's is pleased to announce that four members of the art program were awarded prizes at the Three Rivers Art Festival in the student division. Jonathan Benit received Honorable Mention for his painting in the tenth grade division, Kent Shiel earned first place in the ceramics in the tenth grade division, Peyton McNeil and Caleb Lupo earned second place in the eleventh grade division for ceramics, and Preston Scott won third place in the ninth grade painting division.



Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA State Swim Meet



Saint Paul's Aqua Wolves earned the highest state ranking since becoming a 5A school in the 2015 high school state competition. Under the direction of Kris Babylon, a Saint Paul's graduate of '95 and former SPS swimmer, the Wolves swam well on both Friday at the preliminary events and on Saturday at the finals in Sulphur, Louisiana the weekend before the Thanksgiving break.

The 200 medley team of Harrison Prieto, Kyle Hladky, Griffin Guzan and Jack Cheng earned All State Honors at the Division 1 Championship level. Griffin Guzan continued his top performance levels in the 50 fly setting a team record at 23:57 and then topped that time in the finals to win gold in the 100 fly with a time of 50.31.

Entering the 400 relay freestyle the Wolves were leading Hahnville by ten points for third place. The relay team, inspired by the chance to bring a new record in Division 1 competition swam an impressive race. Griffin Guzan, Myers Morgan, Harrison Prieto, and Jack Cheng dropped over three seconds from the preliminary time to finish second with a 3:16:00 time, securing the third place spot in the championship meet with 196 team points.

The Wolves earned a number of honors at the meet including: Four All State Swims: Griffin Guzan, state champion in the 100 butterfly, and second in the 200 medley relay and Harrison Prieto, third in the 100 backstroke, and second in the 400 freestyle relay.

The team set seven varsity school records including: 200 medley relay 1:37.23, Jack Cheng 50 free 21.81, Griffin Guzan 50 fly 23:53, 100 fly 50.31, 200 free relay 1:32.03, 100 freestyle 47.93, and the 400 freestyle relay 3:16.00.

Drew Putfark, a current prefreshman, set a school record for his division in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:07:77.

by Karen Hebert

Allstate Sugar Bowl CYO Basketball Tournament



Saint Paul's Basketball Wolves, coached by Phil Williams, traveled to Jesuit to win the Allstate Sugarbowl CYO Tournament by defeating De LaSalle 81-79 with a last minute shot by Devonte Allen. The tournament draws the best Catholic Schools from the metro area.

by Karen Hebert

Pictured with the trophy seated are: Jacob Broussard, Tyler Babcock, Luke Andrews, Lucas Schmitt, Timothy Bedford, Parker Edwards, Skyler Herbet, Owen Waguespack, and Devonte Allen. Standing are: Chandler Owenby, Harrison Prieto, and Coach Williams. Allen was named MVP of the tournament. Edwards and Prieto were named to the All-Tournament Team. Keifer Napolitano is not pictured.



Wrestling Wolves



Saint Paul's Wrestling Wolves, coached by Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen, won the prestigious George Trygg Tournament at Grace King. The Wolves earned 311.5 points outscoring the twenty opposing teams by over 100 points. The Wolves had a wrestler in each weight class they entered of the finals. Winners from the tournament in the first row are: Josh Mascaro, second 182; Shane Ulfers first 126, Billy Harrison first 138, Cole Houser first 113, Stevie Van Zandt third 132, Brandon Stein first 106, and Connor Oviedo second 120. In the second row are: Blake Huff second 170, Sam Dufour first 160, Seth Dragon first 152, Hunter Bourgeois first 145, Grant Hughes second 132, Christian Fortner second 285 and Colin Francis first 220.

by Karen Hebert

Jason Marsalis

Jason Marsalis, youngest son of the New Orleans Marsalis music family, visited Saint Paul's School to teach two advanced percussion and jazz ensemble workshops for students. The workshop was part of the unique ongoing student education outreach JazzKids program and is conducted by the Friends of the Dew Drop in Mandeville. Marsalis, a distinguished jazz drummer and vibes player, is the youngest son of acclaimed jazz pianist Ellis and mother Delores Marsalis and younger brother to famed jazz players Branford, Wynton and Delfeayo. In addition to drumming, Jason leads the New Orleans Vibes Quartet that has produced two critically acclaimed CDs.



Students watching the drum section of the class are: Collin McGehee, Mark Larson, Patrick Early, and Hayden Moran.



Mu Alpha Theta



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Twenty-five students were inducted into the Saint Paul's Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the national math honor society on Wednesday, December 9th in Our Lady of Peace Chapel on campus. Students invited to join the organization must have earned two high school math credits, and maintain an overall 3.0

grade point average. Like Avenel began the ceremony with a prayer, and acted as Master of Ceremonies, welcoming students, faculty and parents. Ryan Meraux, Ethan Desforges, and John Cresson, made presentations on the history of math, and the importance of math in the twenty-first century. Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC led the inductees in the membership pledge and then addressed the group with congratulatory remarks. Mu Alpha Theta is sponsored by the Math department and moderated by Mrs. Pam Cullen and Mrs. Susan Jordan. In addition to Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Cullen, math department members attending included: Michael Boudreaux, Shannon d'Hemecourt, John Glorioso, Elizabeth Grashoff, Kristine LaGraize, Richard Pichon, Audrey Pool, and Jane Russo.

The newly inducted members include: Patrick Baldone, Matthew Borgatti, Max Cattalanotto, Carson Caulfield, Evan Cook, Jordan Edney and Robert Ferrante. John Connor Flick, Parker Hagood, Christian Harrison, William James and Benjamin Klein. Jack Manifold, Forge Mathes, Payton McNeil, Brandon Nicotri, and Andrew Norlin. Robert Perez, Beren Perry, Zachary Scheurich, Noah Seiden, Blake Vallee, Ashton van Deventer, and Cameron Vidal.

The current members of the club held a celebration reception in the cafeteria for the members, faculty, and families who attended the ceremony.

By Karen Hebert



Environmental Science

Saint Paul's School's Environmental Science Class has worked to diligently to create a wetlands and nature friendly space on campus using the storm water from the new Gene Bennett Sports Complex. Native plants including, Louisiana Iris, and native trees, including pond cypress, bald cypress, and rough leaf dogwood have been planted in the area.

Two varieties of milkweed have been planted which will attract Monarch Butterflies because their larva feed on these plants. Mrs. Ann Pfalzgraf teaches the hands on class with the help and advice of Linda Trahan, a horticulturist and the head of the Saint Paul's Botanical Wolves.



Pictured while planting trees recently are: Thomas Schmidt, Alex Nunex, David Dominguez, Patrick Napier, Instructor Ann Pfalzgraf, Kevin Baker, Chase Domingue, Stephen Rowell, Joffe Crouere, Austin Behlar, Steele Fleming, and Linda Trahan.



Save the Date!

Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2016

“Celebrating Sitcoms”

Thursday, March 3, 2016

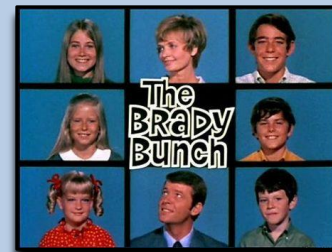
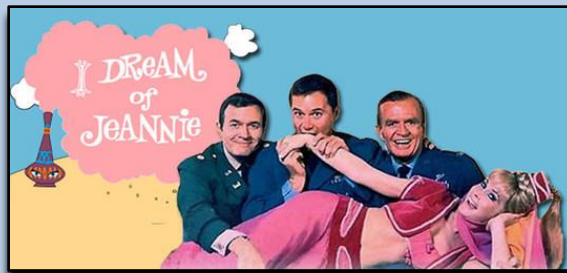
6:00pm – 9:30pm

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