



# WOLFTRACKS



Saint Paul's School  
Covington, LA



December 31, 2016

Alumni, Parents and Friends of Saint Paul's School,

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.

The month of December holds several Alumni events after school is out of session including Feeding the Needy, Christmas on Columbia, and the Alumni Basketball game which will be featured in next month's edition. Academically, semester exams are now completed, and the students will return refreshed and eager to learn. Athletically, our winter sports teams are underway with numerous spectator opportunities for the New Year. Click [here](#) to check the schedules.

Most importantly, the prevalence of our young men's commitment to service and concern for the poor and social justice this time of year would make our founder proud.

Our return from the break will find our Class of 2017 off to Senior Retreat from January 4-6, 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.

May you have a prosperous New Year, and may we see you around campus!  
Al Nastasi '91



On Thursday, December 8th, several Alumni joined us for breakfast, brotherhood, a general alumni meeting, and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass. We are thankful for their attendance and support of the Alumni Association.  
"The strength of the Wolf is the Pack!"

Pictured at Center Court From L to R kneeling: Spencer Warner '08, Tim Keller '11, Sean Garcia '89, Paul Davis '89, Todd Burrall '97, Andrew Baier '01, Brett Barattini '01, Robert Barkerding '92,

Bryan Billiot '90, and Josh McGehee '92. Standing: Nolan Haro '64, Al Nastasi '91, Herbie Thorpe '94, John Curren '92, Mike Cooper '71, Mace Bourgeois '92, Don Steadman '67, Butch Gunther '67, Paul Alexius '61, Jimmy Dykes '61, Jim Heap '66, and Wayne Prats '66.

# Christmas on Columbia Reunion



On Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, graduates from Saint Paul's and Saint Scholastica gathered at the Columbia Street Tap Room and Seiler Bar for their annual Christmas reunion. The party was very well attended! Food and drinks were provided along with entertainment from the band headed by SPS alumnus Pierre Simoneaux '82.

**SSA & SPS Alumni**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**ON COLUMBIA**

Monday  
Dec. 26, 2016  
6-9 PM

Columbia Street Tap Room • Seiler Bar  
434 N. Columbia St. Covington, LA

**All SSA & SPS Alumni are Invited**  
Spouse or Guest Welcome

Drink specials & hors d'oeuvres • No cover charge

SSA & SPS Alumni Associations will provide 2 free drink tickets and wristbands to the first 100 Alumni from each school



Pictured above are brothers Connors Ladner '03, left, and Cooper Ladner '97, right, with their sister, Kaitlyn Ladner SSA '09, left, and Connors' wife Jennifer Koob Ladner SSA '03.



City of Covington Mayor, Mike Cooper '71 with his friend Eddie Fielding '66.



Classmates of 2012 L-R: Marc Mootoo-Robertson, Austin Brocato, and Andrew Mullet.



Pictured above L-R are: Cameron Robichaux '13, Al Nastasi '91 Alumni Director, and Cameron's parents Leanne and Craig Robichaux '78.







This past Spring, the Class of '66 came back to campus and celebrated their Golden Jubilarian Year in exemplary and memorable fashion. The energy level at their assembly and senior pinning was one for the ages. Even better, the class has maintained their rekindled relationship with one another having breakfast twice a month at the Fat Spoon Cafe on Hwy 59 and regularly attending Alumni events. On Tuesday December 13, they gathered in brotherhood and to receive their newly designed class of '66 hat and polo shirt. Pictured from

L to R: Jim Connaughton, Robert Schoen, Donald Harang, Jim Heap, Charles Davenport, Johny Dyer, Richard Goodrow, Michael Bodron, Thomas Anzelmo, Earl Pelitere, Peter Crifasi, Randy Loup, and Wayne Prats

**Evan Bergeron '08** – Evan works for Alaska Crossings, a short-term intensive behavioral health program dedicated to helping youth learn and develop the skills they need to succeed. Alaska Crossings combines therapeutic interventions with outdoor and expeditionary activities which provide a powerful catalyst for engaging in the process of change. Evan is currently on a 48 day “expeditionary activity” in the Alaskan wilderness with ten boys.

**Brandon Pierce '13** - It's been recently announced that Brandon is the recipient of the 2016 David Toms Overcoming Adversity Award presented by the American Junior Golf Association in conjunction with the Golf Coaches Association of America. The David Toms Overcoming Adversity Award is presented each year to the men's collegiate golfer who has overcome adversity to achieve excellence in the college game. There is one player each year selected from NCAA Division I, II, III, NAIA or NJCAA as the winner must be an active participant in his school's golf team in good standing both academically and athletically. Click [HERE](#) for entire article.



Many of you are familiar with our iconic Grey Wolves who are regulars in this publication. Most often they are seen on the first Friday of every month having breakfast at the Beck-N-Call with an average turnout of around 10 guys as schedules vary. On Monday, December 12, the Grey Wolves gathered for their Second Annual Christmas Celebration at Zea's Restaurant in Covington. Comprised mostly of Alumni from the class years of the mid to late 50's and early 60's, just over 50 people including spouses and guests brought the party room to life with tall tales of the past and present. Many thanks for their continued example of the bond that began on Jahncke. Special thanks to Paul Cashio '60 for organizing the event and to Frank Fouchi '56 for his assistance and Christmas gifts for all.



Those in attendance were Paul and Amber Cashio, George and Sonja Melancon, Bob and Suzanne Santopadre, JB Ibos, Emile and Joan Ibos, Peter and Maty Claire Wolfe, Paul and Margie Gement, Mike and Karen Sullivan, Lloyd and Norma Lee Gautreaux, Ronnie and Kathy Melancon, Ron and Nan Blereau, Sal Cali, Frank, Jan, Michael, and Thomas Fouchi, Frank, Christa, and Dominic Dinicola, Eugene and Audrey Folse, Jim and Jo Ellen Fredericks, Patsy Kyte, Charlie and Lynn Wheeler, Jake Giardiana, Allen Seither, Sal and Dianne Pellittieri, Gerald and Linda Howat, Alice and Emile Cloutet, Jens Madsen, George and Dwana Naquin, Barbara Payne Star, Ken Philibert, Andrea Mashburn and Bryanna Arthurs.

## Rise Up 'O Men of God



[Mr. Gordon Joseph "GB" Bitterwolf '54](#), father of Mark Bitterwolf '83, and grandfather of Hunter '13 and Grant '14 Ward and Thomas '21 and Daniel '22 Bitterwolf

[Mr. Keith Thomas '68](#) passed away in May 2016

[Mrs. Marjorie Rose](#), wife of Bill Rose, Jr. '56 and mother of Bill Rose III '86

[Mrs. Ann Gunderson Conroy](#), grandmother of David '14 and Ian '14 Conroy

[Mr. Lucien Gunter](#), grandfather of Ethan Gunter '14

Mrs. Patsy Bopp, grandmother of Jacob Bopp '16

[Mr. James Selman](#), grandfather of Louis Lebourgeois '16

[Mr. Edward Pascal Caire](#), grandfather of Josh Murr '17

Mr. Charles Minyard, grandfather of Alvey Anderson '18

Mr. Joseph Le Blanc, '51, great-uncle of Garrett Cooper '19

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace! Amen!*





# School News

Saint Paul's School is a school rooted deeply in tradition and history that has stretched back for over a hundred years. One of the most festive times of the year is when these traditions truly come alive all around campus and in the community around us. The Christmas season highlights the best of Saint Paul with various yearly holiday traditions including luminaries, warm hearts, and Adopt-A-Family all facilitated and organized by students.

Luminaries act as a real reminder of the holiday season for the Saint Paul's community as well as the entire community with its trademark paper lanterns adorning every available surface on campus. This tradition has been a fixture on campus for more than forty years after the then Key Club instituted the practice. At the time, it was only customary to light paper lanterns on the main drive that runs through campus. After multiple expansions and incarnations, the event is now characterized by the bags of candles that light from the arched entrance of campus to the end of Founders' Circle, through the walkways of campus, and around the pond. Each bag has a prayer intention on the bottom, written by students during a Pack Time session. Pack Time sessions are held throughout the year as a way for students of different grade levels to interact and bond with team-building activities.

Other favorite features of Luminaries include the word spelled out in the candle-filled bags in the stands of Hunter Stadium. Past words have included Peace, Logos, and Gracia. This practice began roughly two years after the first celebration of Luminaries. The year's word, however, has remained shrouded in mystery, as it does every year until illuminated for the festival. Christmas caroling has long been a fixture of the festivities and is followed by a Student Council Executive Board and Liturgical Band member led a prayer service in Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Following the prayer service, the Mother's Club will serve refreshments in the cafeteria, with entertainment by the St. Paul's Jazz Band.

*by A.J. Lacroix '17*

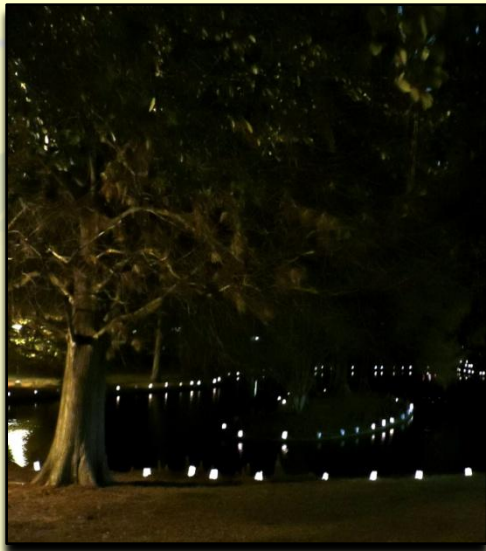


*drone photo by Michael Valliant '20*

The word chosen by this year's student council "LUX" which means light, from the bible verse 1 John 1:5 ... God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness ... In addition, the student council created #36, referring to Saint Paul's football player #36 Michael Dougherty. Michael was injured in this season's playoff game and is now recuperating at the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Center in Atlanta, GA.



Faith in the  
Presence of God



Above, students created the word "Lux" and #36 with luminaria bags and at left, "Trevor Island" is surrounded by luminarias.

## Adopt a Family

Concern for the Poor  
& Social Justice



Adopt-A-Family is another popular holiday tradition that fulfills the service aspect of the Saint Paul's mission. The program began over twenty years ago and has been a staple ever since. Usually, each grade adopts around two to three families and raises money to help provide toys, necessities, and other gifts for the whole family. The students would then shop for the presents, wrap the presents, and deliver the gifts all within their grade. This year, however, the task of fundraising, shopping, wrapping, and giving away the gifts falls to each particular religion class. In a new push by campus minister Jeff Ramon in conjunction with Adopt-A-Family head Kevin Moore, each religion class is now responsible for one specific child from the local area. Requests for gifts range from clothes to toys to school supplies for the coming calendar year. By adopting this new approach, Saint Paul's can create a positive Christmas experience for roughly three times as many in need children as in the previous system from years past.

*by A.J. Lacroix '17*



Santa's elves load the bus to bring to our adopted families.

# National Merit



Quality  
Education

Saint Paul's administration recently recognized four members of the Class of 2017 for being selected by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Alex Oliveri is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, and Thomas Carriere, Yehia Elkersh, and Lloyd Guillot were named as Commended Scholars. The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students for their exceptional academic promise, and their outstanding performance on the qualifying test. Commended scholars are in the top five percent of the more than 1.6 million students who entered the competition, and semifinalists are among the top one half of one percent of the of those students who took the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Pictured at their recognition are: Alex Oliveri, Yehia Elkersh, Lloyd Guillot and Thomas Carriere.

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## Key Club



Key Club members, Noah Seiden, Nicholas Briggs, Cameron Vidal, Blak Lewis, and Hyde Healy, travelled to the home of 1981 alumnus Paul Campo and his Shellie, Saint Paul's Special Events Director, to pick Satsuma from their grove. After the barrels were filled, they donated the fresh produce to the Covington Food Bank in West St. Tammany Parish. Not pictured is Ford Brasher.





Before the Saint Paul's student body retired from classes for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Student Council held a school-wide Thanksgiving Food Drive for the nearly 25th year in the school's history. The tradition has been a sharp point of pride in the student body for the many tons of food procured every year and the recognition as the largest single group provider for the Covington Food Bank for several consecutive years.

The drive usually produces several thousand pounds of food, but this year the Food Bank expressed a particular need for cereal, dry beans, rice, and macaroni and cheese. This need was overwhelmingly met with over 13,257 pounds (6.6 tons) of food all donated by students through a less than two-week drive. This quantity of food along with donations from the spring Stuff the Bus drive is estimated to help feed over 500 families.

Another interesting distinction of the drive is the total student immersion involved with the process. Students take care of every aspect of the drive to assist the Covington Food Bank in the strenuous effort and help speed up the laborious process. To begin students transport all the collected food from the classrooms where students delivered to a centralized location on campus to help sort and itemize the donations. Following Student Council's accurate inventory and packaging, the donated goods are then loaded onto student volunteers' trucks for delivery to the food bank. Once the student delivery volunteers arrive, they unload the various trucks and begin to help sort and store all the food for the coming weeks and months. Additionally, students also extend their service to the food bank by keeping up a steady flow of volunteer hours to help distribute the food they provided to the local community.

The Thanksgiving drive is only one of the two major food drives that Saint Paul's participates in every single year. In addition to the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the school is also involved in the Stuff the Bus Food Drive organized between the various Catholic elementary, middle, and high schools in the area. The goal of the drive is to fill a conventional school bus to the brim with canned goods and other nonperishable food items. Saint Paul's has often been recognized as the largest provider of food for the drive among its other contemporaries such as Our Lady of the Lake, St. Peter's, St. Scholastic Academy, Archbishop Hannan, and Mary Queen of Peace. Last spring, the effort among all the schools brought in 15,790 pounds, which bested 2015's 12,940 pounds by thirty percent.

This school-wide spirit of giving and service stems from a strong commitment to one of the school's Lasallian five core principles, Concern for the Poor and Social Justice. This principle supports every community service project at Saint Paul's as well as the private community work of the individual students. The Thanksgiving Food Drive in addition to the Stuff the Bus Drive always remains one of the most visible signs of this faith to service and community strength.

*by A. J. Lacroix '17*



Pre-freshmen Wolves do their part for the annual food drive.



# The Paper Wolf



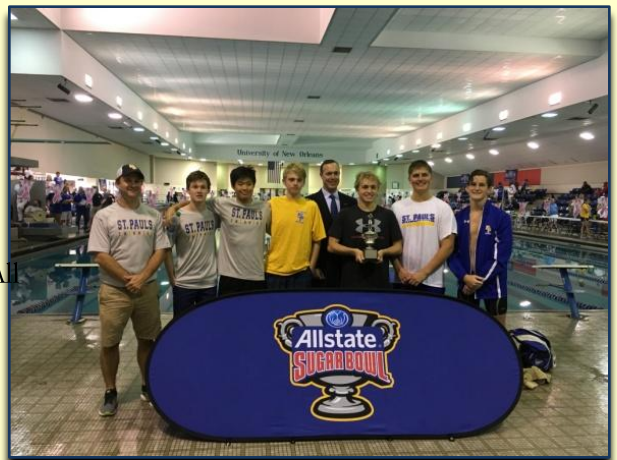
Paper Wolf Editor-in-Chief Nick Ashton was awarded a four-year Manship Scholarship from the LSU Manship School of Mass Communications, beginning in the fall of 2017. The highest honor awarded to incoming freshmen by the program, the award is in recognition of Nick's academic achievements, extra-curricular involvement, and achievements in student media. As editor of both The Paper Wolf news site and the Conifer yearbook, Nick has garnered 16 personal journalism awards in various state competitions, including numerous writing awards, first place overall in Journalism I at the 2015 State Literary Rally, and selection to represent the state of Louisiana at the 2016 Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism

Conference in Washington, D.C. In addition, his work with St. Paul's student media has helped the program to be named best in the state for both 2015 and 2016 by the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association. As Editor-in-Chief, he also led The Paper Wolf to be recognized by Columbia University's scholastic press association with "All Columbian Honors" in 2015, meaning the news site ranks in the top 95% percentile nationwide for journalism excellence.

*by Christi Simoneaux  
The Paper Wolf Moderator*

## Aqua Wolves

The AquaWolves finished in second place at the Allstate Sugar Bowl New Orleans Metro Championship held at the University of New Orleans on October 28-29th. This is the highest St. Paul's has placed in the Metro meet since at least 2003. Notable Finishes include: 2nd Place in 200-Yard Medley Relay: Jesse Cheng, Drew Putfark, Kyle Hladky, Myers Morgan; 3rd Place in 400-Yard Freestyle Relay: Kyle Hladky, Myers Morgan, Drew Putfark, Jesse Cheng; 3rd in 100 Backstroke and 3rd in 100 Fly -Kyle Hladky; 6th in 50 Freestyle and 7th in 100 Freestyle-Myers Morgan; and 8th in 200 Individual Medley -Jesse Cheng. The Wolves completed the season with nine swimmers that qualified for the state meet and a third place finish.



Coach Emmett Smith, Drew Putfark, Jesse Cheng, Alex Rawls, Allstate Sugar Bowl Representative, Co-Captain Kyle Hladky, Co-Captain Jordan Wyble, and Myers Morgan.





With the progression of the season of Advent, Saint Paul's observance of Faith in the Presence of God is running higher than ever. The LaSallian Core Principle is commemorated by frequent in-class chapel visits during Religion classes, during which all students have the opportunity to participate in Adoration.

But that's not where the Advent activity ends. Saint Paul's also celebrates Advent at weekly President's Assemblies, where Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, leads the school in the lighting of the Advent Wreath and reflection upon the liturgical and spiritual values of the season.



Colin Quinlan lights the Advent wreath during a recent assembly.



In keeping with the Lasallian Core Principle, Inclusive Community, Junior, Luc Hebert and Sophomore, Jackson Gold, two students who are members of the Jewish faith, explain the history and traditions of Hannukkah. They discussed the expulsion of Antiochus IV by the Maccabees, the rededication of the temple, and miracle of the candles burning for eight days with only one day of oil. After the explanation, Luc and Jackson said a prayer and lit the menorah.



## Netchex



On Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2016, through the conjunctive efforts of the Social Studies and Business and Law departments, [Netchex](#) CEO Will Boudreaux presented his business model to a group of students in an effort to encourage entrepreneurial incentive throughout the school. This talk was part of a string of business-related seminars that have been organized by senior Christian Evans, his father Scott, and Entrepreneurship teacher Brian Logarbo. Click [HERE](#) for complete Paper Wolf Article.

*by Luc Hebert*

## AFJROTC

At a recent Pelicans basketball game, Saint Paul's Color Guard presented the colors. Pictured below L-R are: Landon Chambliss, Kevin Cluney, Anthony Pennison, and Stephen Millet. The boys also took the opportunity to pose with the Pelicans' mascot Pierre.





# Blood Drive

Saint Paul's recently held a Blood Drive benefitting The Blood Center. Any eligible students and faculty members were asked to donate a pint of blood, by the end of the day and the total collected reached fifty pints! The donations were able to help over one hundred fifty patients because according to blood bank literature one pint of whole blood benefits three patients.



Religion teacher Thomas Lahey and Robert Buquoi relax with snacks after giving blood.



Duncan Fallen gives the gift of life.

*The Strength of  
the  
Wolf is the Pack*



Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever.

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