



Saint Paul's School
Covington, LA



December 31, 2017

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: Trivia Night- Christmas Edition, Feeding
the Needy, Christmas on Columbia, and the Alumni Basketball game,
which will be featured in next month's edition. The students have now
tackled first semester exams and should return from the break refreshed
and eager to learn. Our winter sports programs are well underway and
are enjoying considerable success with numerous spectator opportunities
for the new year.

Most importantly, the commitment to service and concern for the poor and social justice that our
students exhibit year round and especially this time of year is certain to make our founder proud.
Our return from the break will find our Class of 2018 off to Senior Retreat from January 3-5, 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



Winter Sports Schedules

Basketball

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Lacrosse

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Christmas on Columbia Reunion



On Tuesday, December 26th, 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 by members from the 1960's to current! Food and drinks were provided along with entertainment.



At left, Brett Freret '91, center, and John Curren '92 with his wife Becky. At right, RJ '97 and Reid '03 Shea with Mark Richards '72.



At left, members from the class of 2013, Tyler Schott and Stephen LeBlanc. Above, members from the class of 1969, Don Steadman, left and Bruce Gunther.

At right, Saint Paul's teacher Paul Scoriels with alumni Michael Brown '14, Rob Monahan '14, and Tyler Murphy '14.



100 Years of Christian Brothers Education



On Thursday, September 5 in 1918, nineteen Christian Brothers welcomed thirty-three boarding and twenty-four day students to Saint Paul's School. These Brothers worked long hours, not only teaching and guiding their students, but also staffing the school as carpenters, painters, plumbers, electricians, and yardmen. They truly became, in the words of Saint Paul, all things to all men.

Beginning in 2018, we celebrate 100 years of Christian Brothers' Lasallian Education in Covington, LA. We kick it off with the beginnings of a major renovation of Benilde Hall! Additionally, we will hold a several events where all are welcome to join us.

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – Mass in the Briggs Assembly Center for the Feast of Saint Paul.

Monday, January 29 & Tuesday, January 30, 2018 - Walk through History held in the Briggs Assembly Center.

January 2018 – Pre-sale of the St. Paul's Story – Volumes 1 & 2 -

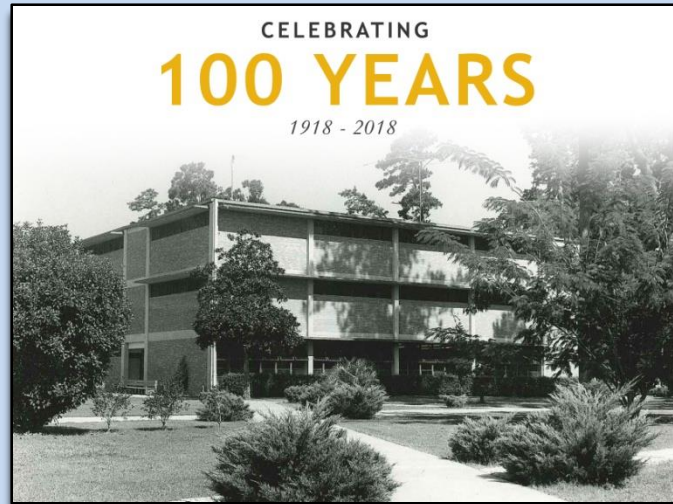
February 2018 – History display in the Main School Building

April 2018 - Popsicle Day for all students

April 23 through April 27 – week of 100s

Summer 2018 – Mass at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans

September 5, 2018 – All student assembly and student parade



Benilde Hall, circa 1960



Renovation Plan



Alumni News



In addition to the First Friday breakfasts at the Beck-N-Call restaurant, the Grey Wolves have begun another tradition in the spirit of brotherhood. On Monday, December 11, they gathered for their third annual Christmas celebration at Zea's Rotisserie Restaurant in Covington. Comprised mostly of alumni from the class years of the mid to late 50's and early 60's, the Grey Wolves, their spouses and guests gave that party room a night to remember. Many thanks for their continued Wolf Pride. Special thanks to Paul Cashio '60 for the organizational efforts with the event.

List of attendees included: Mrs. Gordon (Sandra) Bitterwolf '54 and her grandsons Beren Brechtel, Hunter '11 and Grant '14 Ward, Ron Blereau '60 and Nan Smelser, Jimmy '54 and Betty Blossman, George '65 and Debbie Boudreaux, Joe '56 and Michelle Bruno, Paul '60 and Amber Cashio, Emile '56 and Alice Cloutet, Eugene '56 and Audrey Folse, Don '55 and Joy Fontan, Frank '56 Fouchi with his family Jan, Thomas, Michael and Andrew, Jimmy '59 and Jo Ellen Frederick, Lloyd '58 and Norma Lee Gautreaux, Paul '57 and Margie Gement, Gerald '60 and Linda Howart, Emile '57 and JB '58 Ibos, Doug '56 and Betty Lacour, Bob '54 and Bonnie Landry, Jens Madsen '60, Ronnie '60 and Kathy Melancon, George '55 and D'wana Naquin, Robert '58 and Vesta O'Rourke, Ken Philibert '56 and Andrea Mashburn, Don '57 and Judith Ross, Red '57 Schwab and Kathleen Scherer, Allen '58 and Erin Seither, Michael '57 and Karen Sullivan, and Charlie '57 and Lynn Wheeler.



Shown above are class members from the class of 1957. L-R are: Red Schwab, Charlie Wheeler, Mike Sullivan, Emile Ibos, Don Ross, and Paul Gement.

Below, class members from 1956 L-R are: Eugene Folse, Emile Cloutet, Ken Philibert, Joe Bruno, Frank Fouchi, and Doug Lacour.



Graduates from 1958 at left are Lloyd Gautreaux, JB Ibos, and Robert O'Rourke. At right are class members from 1955 George Naquin and Don Fontan.



Alumni News

Nickolas Brandon '10- After earning an undergraduate degree in Finance from LSU, Nickolas recently graduated from the University of Edinburgh receiving a Masters Degree of Science in International Business and Emerging Markets. He is currently employed by Capital One and working in Dallas.

Keaton Moore '11 – Keaton and his wife, Amy, became the proud parents of Rhett Ashley Moore. They currently reside in Quantico, VA where Keaton serves as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

Dustin Simoneaux '12 - Dustin graduated from the University of Louisiana Lafayette on Friday December 15, 2017.

Gerard Gianoli '13 - Gerard graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University on Saturday December 9, 2017.

Chris Meraux '14 – Chris graduated from LSU Summa Cum Laude in accounting.

The following alumni graduated from LSU:

Business: **Robert Boudreaux '13, Collin D'Angelo '13, Daniel Dubuc '13, Andrew Dysart '13, Don Gallaty '14, Michael Jennings '13, Sean Lozes '13, Matthew O'Malley '13, Rickie Ragan '13, Chris Reyes '12, and Gray Westervelt '12**

Engineering: **Christian Berry '13, Tyler Gettys '13, Chase Pereira '12, Brandon Power '13, and Marc Reagan '13**

Humanities Sciences & Education: **Kevin Nelson '13**

Humanities & Social Sciences: **Michael Maggio '14**

Graduate School (Master's): **Tyler Tamboli '12**

Rise Up 'O Men of God

[Jack Salter '49](#)

Dr. Edmund (Bo) Jeansonne, Jr., brother of faculty member Mrs. Suzie Duplantier

[Mrs. Joe Ann Bossier](#), mother of Scott '80, Louis '82, and Kent '83 Bossier

[Mr. Roland Bernard Juneau](#), father of Marc Juneau '95

[Mrs. Anita Demarie](#), mother of PJ '74, Dwayne '79, Bryan '79, Keith '97 and Phil '01 Demarie

[Fr. Joseph Cazenavette](#), uncle of George V '15 and Thomas '22 Cazenavette

[Mr. August Hoffman Douglas](#), grandfather of Keller '11 and Topher '13 Douglas

[Mrs. Gladys Brennan Suffern](#), grandmother of Trey Suffern '11

[Mrs. Patricia Manning Fornier](#), grandmother of Zachary '14 and Spencer '16 Albright

[Mrs. Danielle Fornier-Marino](#), aunt of Zachary '14 and Spencer '16 Albright

[Mr. Hubert Mizell](#), uncle of Aidan Brown '21

[Mrs. Margie Cole](#), grandmother of Gavin Clayton '21

[Mr. Harold Schultz](#), grandfather of John '16 and Joseph Cresson '22





School News

Advent is a season observed by Christians as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming." Advent is the beginning of the Western [liturgical year](#) and commences on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word [parousia](#), commonly used to refer to the [Second Coming of Christ](#). For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives: in the flesh in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily, and in glory at the end of time." The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming. The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Saint Paul's campus has embraced the Advent season. A large Advent wreath graces the hall in the main school building as a reminder of the season. Students participated in the Adopt a Child program which provided gifts for the thirty-five children in our area filling three items on their Christmas wish list. Students raised money, shopped and delivered gifts.

The Student Council, Jazz Band, and Mothers Club helped to provide both members of the school and the community a special evening of Advent on Tuesday, September 12th with the annual campus luminary celebration. The campus was lit with candles in bags that each carried a prayerful wish from a faculty member or student. Carolers brought the sounds of music to Founders' Circle and a prayer service was held in Our Lady of Peace Chapel. The cafeteria was filled with visitors who listened to the amazing music provided by the Jazz Band. All night the word *veni*, Latin for come, burned brightly in Hunter Stadium, reminding us that this is the time worldwide when Christians wait for the birth of the Savior.

An additional Advent ceremony took place in the midst of the semester exam schedule. The administration, faculty and student body gathered in the new portion of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex to join in prayer. Campus Minister, Jeff Ramon, reminded everyone that this should be a special time of prayer and service to those who are less fortunate. Readings from the gospel were done, and together we sang the traditional carol, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Briggs Cooper provided the music for the service.

by Karen Hebert



Students fill bags with sand in preparation for the luminaries event.



The Latin word, *veni*,
glows brightly in Hunter
Stadium.



The students at left delivered readings
and reflections during the prayer
service in Our Lady of Peace chapel.
Pictured left to right are Matthew
Stalter, Luc Hebert, Paxton Ballard,
William James, and Carson Caulfield.

People of all ages gathered in
Founders Circle to sing Christmas
carols.



Snow?



In a rare occurrence in the Deep South, Saint Paul's School was dusted with snow on Friday, December 8th. Subsequently, all classes were cancelled. The last measurable snowfall occurred in December 2008 with over six inches of snow. Even though this year's accumulation was a bit less, it was still a beautiful sight to behold. Photos by Hyde Healy '19.



Adopt a Family



Service

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. Spearheaded by campus minister Jeff Ramon, each religion class is 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. Saint Paul's can create a positive Christmas experience for sixteen families in need.

Pictured above are Alexander Klocek, Evan Abraham, Ryan Hill, and Jacob Tomba shopping for the adopted families.



More Perfect Scores!

Quality
Education



Three more students scored a total of thirty-six points on parts of their recent ACT tests. This represents a perfect score on that particular test. The results are from tests administered on May 3, 2017 and June 10, 2017. These additional student scores bring the total number of students to twenty-two who have achieved a perfect score on one or more of the four different ACT tests.



Sr, Patrick Baldone
Math



Sr, Christian Harrison
English



Sr, Andrew Smith
English

30+ Club



Recently, students who received a 30 or more on one of their ACT tests were recognized with a lunch from Chick-fil-A on Hwy 190.



Soccer

Saint Paul's Varsity Soccer Wolves, four time state champions, coached by Sean Moser traveled to San Clemente, California to play in the Fourth Annual Lotto Western Showcase December 15th-17th. The Wolves did not allow a point during regulation play; however they lost the first game to Paramount in a shootout following a scoreless match. Saint Paul's team members Justin Savoie, Mason Robicheaux, and Kyle Schmitt were highlighted as top players for day one.

On day two, the Wolves defeated Watsonville 2-0. Colin Moser and James Bryant scored for the Wolves. Colin Moser and Conner Walmsley were listed as the top players for day two of the competition.

On Saturday, Saint Paul's defeated Buchanan 3-0. Scorers for the Wolves included: James Bryant, Justin Savoie, and Jack Bonaldi. Players recognized in the players of the day included: Conner Walmsley, Mason Robicheaux, and Kyle Schmitt.

Seniors Kyle Schmitt, and Mason Robicheaux were named to the All Tournament Team.

The Wolves will continue their season in the Saint Paul's Varsity Invitational playing Lakeshore at 7:30pm in Hunter Stadium on Thursday, December 21st, and playing both Brother Martin at 1:00pm, and Jesuit at 2:30 in Hunter Stadium on Friday, December 22nd.



The Saint Paul's Soccer Wolves on the trip to California standing included: Justin Savoie, James Bryant, Colin Moser, Matthew Weimer, Trace Roberts, Kyle Schmitt, Mason Robicheaux, Michael Dufour, Ben Schwing, Cole Knobloch, Hale Nietzsche, Lucas Isolani, and Ty Priola. Kneeling are: Jack Pellegrini, Conner Walmsley, John Gardner, Robbie Frerrante, Jack Bonaldi, Hayden Brewster, Philip Pearce, James Till, Larry Rase, James Bradford, and Mason Cambre.

iGiveCatholic

Saint Paul's competed in the "iGiveCatholic" Campaign, a 24 hour period of donation to Catholic charities and schools. 170 donors graciously gave money to Saint Paul's during this period, earning the school the second place for donations in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Joel Fernandez and Brandon Gallego, two members of the media production class under the direction of Mr. Josh Pereira, produced a two minute video that was used as the donation request. The school was awarded an additional \$750.00 as prize money. The students and the Development Department of Saint Paul's were recognized for their prize winning efforts at the final President's Assembly of 2017. Members of the Development Department include: Danielle Lavie, Director of Development, Shellie Campo, Director of Special Events, Mimi Montiero, Development Department Assistant, and Al Nastasi, Director of Alumni.



Brandon Gallego, Callie Combs, and Joel Fernandez are pictured at the prize presentation for the iGiveCatholic 2017 campaign.

The Gift of Life

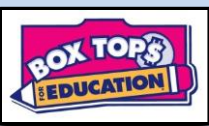
Saint Paul's recently held a Blood Drive benefitting The Blood Center. Any eligible students and faculty members were asked to donate a pint of blood, by the end of the day and the total collected reached thirty eight pints! The donations were able to help over one hundred fourteen patients because according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



Students give the gift of life.
At left is Jason Lemoine and
Alex Prokop is on the right.



Easy Ways to Give Back



Box Tops 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 [LINK](#) and Saint Paul's School will receive these donations.



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*The Strength of
the
Wolf is the Pack*



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Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever.