



Saint Paul's School  
Covington, LA



February 28, 2017

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

If you were to attend one of our recent President's Assemblies, you would hear Brother Ray lead in with the initial prong of our mission statement: Saint Paul's is a school which functions well, offering strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment. Recent District Literary Rally results suggest that we are fulfilling the Academic component. [Learn More Here.](#)

As for the Athletic standard, our soccer team has appeared in an astounding seven consecutive state title games and on February 25, claimed the fifth state title in that seven year run. Our basketball Wolves are enjoying a first round bye in the playoffs and will host a second round game here on Friday, March 3. Wrestling and Indoor Track just wrapped up with Top 5 finishes in the State at fourth and Third respectively while our spring sports are gearing up in baseball, golf, lacrosse, power lifting, outdoor track, rugby and ultimate frisbee. In checking the school calendar, you will see many opportunities to catch the Wolves in action. Further, many of the teams have their own Facebook pages and independent sites with even more information. Please visit our [website](#) for more information on a particular team of interest.

Finally, if you have ever wondered about the plethora of extracurricular offerings available to the Saint Paul's student of today, please take a gander. You will be truly surprised at the abundance of opportunity for our students to be involved. [Check it out.](#)

**Crawfish Cook-Off and Reunion Weekend:** On Saturday, April 1, 2017 we will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Crawfish Cookoff from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Additional information and TICKETS are available [HERE](#). Interested in having a team? Becoming a Blue Level Sponsor? Or volunteering to work the event? -- Please contact Al Nastasi at [aln@stpauls.com](mailto:aln@stpauls.com).

The Cook-Off will be held in conjunction with Reunion Weekend whereby Reunion Classes with years ending in 2 or a 7 will be in attendance. Several of these classes are planning to attend the Cook-Off and to revolve their independent class gatherings around the event. Please click [HERE](#) for a list of Reunion Class contacts.

Finally, our 2016-17 Annual Fund Appeal continues through July 31, 2017. Your investment and partnership in the future of Saint Paul's School is greatly appreciated. [Support us Here!](#)

Sincerely, and Saint Paul Our Patron...Pray for Us!

Al Nastasi '91

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It's time to get your tickets !



**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

**1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Join us for a day of food, fun, and family  
at Saint Paul's School

Admission includes  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAWFISH**

Beer and refreshments are available for purchase.

Pre-event: adult: \$30, 13-18: \$20, 7-12: \$5

At gate: adult: \$35, 13-18: \$25, 7-12: \$5

Children 6 and under free.

[www.spscco.com](http://www.spscco.com)

*Special thanks to Sean Garcia '89, owner of Bayou Fire Media,  
for designing the Crawfish Cookoff website.*



On Monday, February 20, a large group of Grey Wolves met at Buster's Place in Covington for dinner and camaraderie . Those alumni in attendance were: George Boudreaux '65, Sal Cali '60, Paul Cashio '60, Emile Cloutet '56, Don Fontan '55, Frank Fouchi '56, Lloyd Gautreaux '59, Paul Gement '57, Jake Giardina '59, Chuck Harrington '59, Gerald Howat '60, JB Ibos '58, Jens Madson '60, Ronnie Melancon '60, GP Naquin '55, Bobby O'Rourke '58, Sal Pellitteri '60, Ken Philibert '56, Bill Rose '58, Bob Santopadre '58, Red Schwab '57, Charlie Wheeler '57, and Peter Wolfe '57.





The Grey Wolves gathered for yet another successful first Friday breakfast at Beck-N-Call on Friday, February 2. Alumni of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend every first Friday of the month.

Pictured from Left to Right: Al Nastasi '91, George Boudreaux '65, Allen Seither '59, Bob Santopadre '58, George Melancon '58, Jimmy Dykes '61, Lloyd Gautreaux '59, Bill Rose '56, Chuck Harrington '59, Leo Bourgeois '59, Don Fontan '55, Paul Cashio '60, Jens Madsen '60, and Gary Edwards '59. Not pictured are: Bill Dufreche '61, Billy Kentzel '56, Ronnie Melancon '60, and Rudy Reichenpfader '61



Greg Pellegrini '86 was recently recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer for 2016 at a reception hosted by The Greater New Orleans Foundation and The Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater New Orleans Chapter.



Lt. Col. Thomas Esser '91 - Tom has recently been selected for promotion to Colonel in the United States Air Force. [Stars and Stripes website.](#)



Dr. Mark Jones '93 assists sophomore Ross Hightower as part of the Saint Paul's HOSA members recent visit to Saint Tammany Parish Hospital. HOSA (Healthcare Occupations Student Association) members took a tour of some of the exciting facilities that St. Tammany has to offer. Mark practices general surgery for Northlake Surgical Associates in Covington, LA.





Mark Spicer, a former Rugby Wolf and 2016 graduate, has exploded onto the college rugby scene during his freshman year at Spring Hill College. Spicer's incredible season has earned him the recognition of USA rugby, and he has since been a member of the U19 All-American team. [The Paper Wolf article.](#)



Bradley Yeager, a Saint Paul's graduate of 2016, was the first alumnus to make a half court shot at a Wolves basketball game and win \$50.00 in the 2016-17 season. Bradley is currently attending Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama and he made the shot during half time of the Wolves victory over Covington High. The "Half Court Shot Prize" is sponsored by the Waguespack family, Greg and Shelly Waguespack who have two sons Kyle '14, and Owen '17, and a daughter Evey who currently attends Saint Scholastica Academy.

## Rise Up 'O Men of God

[John Pott IV '71](#)

[Graham Jordan '14](#)

[Mr. Herbert St. Claire Dixon](#), father of Mark '81 and Paul '83 Dixon and grandfather of Francis '08 and August '14 Dixon

[Mrs. Kathy Powers](#), mother of Nick Powers '97 and grandmother of Hunter LeBlanc '19

[Mr. Tim Williams](#), father of Connor Williams '08

[Mr. Vic Baricev](#), grandfather of Brendan '06, Patrick '09, and Kevin '12 Donnelly, and Peter '13 and Robert '17 Baricev

[Mr. Tracy Davis](#), grandfather of Zachary '15 and Nick Davis '17

[Mr. Marshall Piper](#), grandfather of Blake Ramsey '19

[Mrs. Clare Louise Cooper Drinkard](#), grandmother of John Buckley '20

[Mr. Gregory Slaton](#), uncle of Steven '17 and Spencer '21 Slaton

Paternal grandmother of Cannon '16 and Dayton Shirah '20

Maternal grandmother of Robert Smith '20

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

*May they rest in peace! Amen!*



# School News



Mu Alpha Theta, the national mathematics honor society, has long been one of the most exclusive, specialized, and successful clubs on campus. Coming away with multiple wins at various math tournaments around the state, the club has boasted a strong winning streak. These victories are all achieved by a dedicated mix of students who faithfully pile onto multiple buses early on Saturday mornings to compete with the best analytical minds from around the state.

Each student that joins the society has to have completed five semesters of high school math as a minimum and have an overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have only A's and B's for semester grades in math courses. All members of MAΘ must be invited to join by the club's moderators, Mrs. Susan Jordan and Mrs. Pamela Cullen.

While all Saint Paul's students can attend any math tournament they like, all members of the society are required to take part in at least one tournament as well as tutor three to five hours per semester. However, students who wish to attend the state competition in Baton Rouge must attend a total of two tournaments other than any events hosted at Saint Paul's.

Recently, the Saint Paul's Math Wolves have come away with a decisive victory at the Catholic High School Tournament hosted on the 21st of January. Saint Paul's won two major awards, the first being first place in sweepstakes and the second being second overall. Sweepstakes is the tallying of all points earned by individual winners coupled with a unique algorithm that levels the playing field by taking into account both the number of people on each team and the type and status of each school and its programs.

Such a large, elaborate club requires the leadership of a dedicated executive board. Members include Alex Oliveri as President, Alex Seese as Vice President, Shane Strander as Treasurer, and Ruston Keller as District 3 Governor.



Officers for the 2016-17 year included: Max Tepper, Shane Strander, Alex Oliveri, Ruston Keller, and Alex Seese.

For fifteen of the last sixteen years that Susan Jordan has been teaching at Saint Paul's, the school chapter has had a student representative on the Louisiana MAΘ state board. This year's SPS representative is senior Ruston Keller, the governor for District 3 (St. Tammany Parish). Governors have the unique responsibility of coming up with the state competition theme, choosing door prizes for the event, and coordinating the needs and doings of their district to the state board. The state board consists of six student governors as well as six state executive positions. To be on the state board, one must be a member in excellent standing and be voted in by the members of all the school chapters in the represented district. State board officials are chosen on the final night of the state convention.

The club inducted the newest group of Fighting Math Wolves on January 26th in the Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Officers welcomed new members and parents and gave a brief history of mathematics and its usefulness. Brother Ray, President of Saint Paul's, gave congratulatory remarks. A reception was held in the cafeteria for all members and their families.

*by A.J. Lacroix '17*



Mu Alpha Theta Inductees are front row L-R: Blake Ramsey, Quinn Cooney, Brennen Calato, Griffin Lowry, Tonner Dougherty, Jonathan Bertucci, Lenny Carollo, John Paul Bourgeois, Ross Hightower, Noah Savoie, and Kevin Schneider. Back row L-R are: Beau Franklin, Andrew Hodgman, Cullen Irwin, Jackson Gold, Chris Wilson, William Duncan, Matthew Algero, Michael Philippe, Nick Stanton, and Nick Briggs. New members unable to attend the ceremony included: Jack Bonaldi, Cole Chitwood, Reed Neelis, Josh Rovira, and Lukas Spady.





## 1000 Point Shooter



On Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saint Paul's School Head Basketball Coach, Stephen Dale presented Junior Parker Edwards with his 1000th career point basketball in the Gene Bennett Sports Complex. Parker eclipsed the 1,000 point career point mark during a district home game against Ponchatoula High School. Parker joins an elite group of Saint Paul's basketball players who have scored 1,000 points or more. These alumni players include Mike Dykes '62, Mike McMurray '63, Roy Maggio '67, Geoffrey Nordgren '68, Bobby Chassee '73, Dwight Robertson '78, John Keller '80, Mike Dengler '81, Brendan Higgins '84, Scott Cyprian '91, Reagan Toledano '96, Donald Peltier '97, Mark Schwab '98, Josh Maravich '01, Chris Cucchiara '02, Davis Zaunbracher '05, Sean Bennett '06, Justin Rake '08, Rico Bedford '13, Harrison Prieto '16, and Timothy Bedford '17.



## Gatorade Louisiana Boys Cross Country



Saint Paul's senior Eric Coston was recently named the Gatorade Louisiana Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. The Gatorade State Player of the Year award was established in 1985 to recognize the nation's most outstanding high school student-athletes for their athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character. As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Eric will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. Click [HERE](#) for New Orleans Advocate article.

*Photograph by The New Orleans Advocate*





TABLES ARE GOING FAST!  
Last call...

*Join Us at this year's  
Celebrity Waiters' Dinner Event.*

Get your friends together and reserve a table for 10. Have a business and want a little advertising? Purchase a table and highlight your business in our program!

The evening is filled with great food from The Dakota Restaurant, 50/50 and restaurant raffles and a verbal auction.

*Sneak Preview of SOME of our Live Auction Items*



Cocktail Party for 75 in The Briar Suite at Pat O'Brien's



4 Night Stay for up to 12 people at Villa Balboa in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

[www.villabalboa.com](http://www.villabalboa.com)

[Drone View](#)



Dinner with Br. Ray



Reserved Parking for a Student for the 2017-2018 School Year



Fishing Charter

[Reserve me a table!](#)



## Wrestling



Saint Paul's School junior Cole Houser was named wrestling athlete of the week by The New Orleans Advocate for the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Cole has a 38-5 record and recently won the 126-pound weight class at the Louisiana Classic for the second time. He won a Division I state title last year in that weight and is one of the state's top-ranked wrestlers at 126 pounds.

In addition, Cole was named Most Valuable Wrestler by SportsNola along with Coach Craig Ketelsen as Coach of the Year. [Check out the Article!](#)

*Photograph by The New Orleans Advocate*

## Soccer – STATE CHAMPIONS – 4 in a Row!



On Friday, February 24, Saint Paul's Varsity Soccer Team competed against Baton Rouge-Catholic in the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Division I boys soccer championship match at Tad Gormley Stadium. For the fourth straight year, the Wolves were victorious! After battling in quarter finals and semi finals with overtime wins, the Wolves trounced the Bears with a 5-1 victory. Pictured at left are sitting L-R: Philip Pearce, John Gardner, Christian Roberts, Conner Walmsley, Ty Priola, and

Marshall Roy. Kneeling L-R: Marcelo Cantu-Reyes, Jack Bonaldi, Reiss Thieler, Austin Means, Klye Schmitt, Chase McDougal, Adam Shellang, and Thomas Carriere. Standing L-R: Kelsey Whittemore, Colin Moser, Coach Sean Moser, James Bryant, Justin Savoie, Michael Longo, Max Egan, Mason Robicheaux, Connor Slimming, Cole Knobloch, Lukas Spady, and Coach JW Hunt.



## Lacrosse



At left, Saint Paul's varsity lacrosse team celebrates their first place finish with District Attorney Mr. Warren Montgomery. At right is the junior varsity team.



During the weekend of January 28-29, the Saint Paul's Varsity and Junior Varsity Lacrosse teams competed in the Allstate Sugar Bowl Lacrosse Tournament. Saint Paul's Varsity was very impressive in the event, posting a 15-1 win over Central (Baton Rouge), a 7-2 decision over Captain Shreve (Shreveport) and a 4-3 triumph over UMS-Wright (Mobile, AL) to win its pool on Saturday. On Sunday, the Wolves topped Dutchtown (Geismar, La.), 5-3, and Catholic (Baton Rouge), 7-0, to set up the championship meeting with Byrd. The Varsity Wolves posted a 7-2 victory over C.E. Byrd High to capture the championship. The Junior Varsity Wolves went undefeated all weekend winning too. The team scored forty goals and only allowed seven all weekend!

Senior Night: Please join Lacrosse on Saturday March 11 as senior players and their parents are honored for their commitment and dedication to the SPS Lacrosse program. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm in Hunter Stadium followed by a 7:00pm varsity game against the Ocean Springs Greyhounds. A 5:00pm JV game will precede the event. Come out and support our LAX Wolf teams and their families!

### [Lacrosse Schedule](#)

## Baseball



Saint Paul's Baseball Team is getting ready for action! Spring training has begun and the Wolves are gearing up for a game-packed season. Check out the schedules and come support the team at Heap Field. Schedules are subject to change.



[Varsity](#)

[Junior Varsity](#)

[Freshmen](#)

[Prefreshmen](#)







Saint Paul's School has had a long history offering specialized extracurricular activities and classes geared towards real world passions and careers. This bold tradition is continued at Saint Paul's with two special extracurricular offerings, mock trial and the young lawyers program, and a uniquely taught Introduction to Law Studies class all designed to satisfy student passions for the worlds of law and litigation. The "law studies" class is part of the Hornbeck Offshore Business and Law Curriculum instituted at Saint Paul's several years ago.

The first of the two activities, Teen Court, is a program that is almost entirely exclusive to Saint Paul's over other area schools. The special program aims to place student lawyers directly into the criminal justice system. The program tasks a small number of Saint Paul's students to be legitimate defense attorneys for fellow peers whose crimes have been knocked down from criminal court. The system is run out of Baton Rouge with the select team making the commute almost every Monday after school. The entire process is especially crucial because the students are dealing with the lives of real people and their families rather than the fictional musings of a mock trial committee or the material for a practice debate in a law class. While both extremely taxing and difficult, the process often yields decreased, minimized, or completely erased sentences based entirely on the students' arguments in front of real jurors, judges, and other law professionals. The program is carefully monitored and cared for by Business and Law moderator Brian Logarbo.



Saint Paul's students involved in the Teen Court Program include: Chris Dufour, Miles Roppolo, Will Murphy, and Noah Seiden.





The second student organization provides an interesting look at exposing students to a simulated courtroom environment. Mock Trial has long been a staple for those passionate about law at Saint Paul's. Students divide into teams of six with three lawyers and three witnesses. All teams must prepare to be both defense as well as prosecution on the same case with witnesses memorizing two vastly different parts and lawyers preparing different sets of questions, opening statements, and cross-examinations. The cases change each year and are sent out by the Louisiana Bar Association who host the competition. This year, Saint Paul's did exceedingly well with three teams competing and one of the students, Bradley del Rio, being recognized as the best witness present at the competition. Moderators for the club include law teacher and attorney Greg Pellegrini as well as special volunteer attorney Chuck Hughes Jr., father of senior Trey Hughes. Finally, these after school opportunities are bookended by an intro to law studies class taught by Greg Pellegrini. Mr. Pellegrini is both an alumnus of Saint Paul's as well as a current Saint Paul's parent to his son Jack Pellegrini, a sophomore student. Mr. Pellegrini's unique experience in the field of law gives him the ability to educate students on things far beyond the basic laws and practices of court. The class covers everything from courtroom decorum to effective writing and speaking to an extensive overview of the laws of the country and the state.

These specialized opportunities remain at the forefront of the Saint Paul's mission to present a deeply personalized and relevant education that each and every student can find their passion in. The Lasallian Core Principal of Quality Education is definitely being met by this program.

*by A.J. Lacroix '17*



Students in the recent "Mock Trial" competition included: Row one: Cole Abide, Hanzala Hussain, Justin King, Will Murphy, Blake Ramsey, Brennan Calato, Trey Hughes, Chirs Weintritt, Yehia Elkersh, and Paxton Ballard. Row two: Christian Harrison, Henry Elliot, Chris Dufour, A. J. Lacroix, Noah Seiden, Bradley Del Rio, Miles Roppolo and Sam Glynn.



## Student Council



Members of the Saint Paul's Student Council attended the Louisiana State Convention of Student Councils held at Hannan High School. Saint Paul's was awarded several prizes for the work and projects they completed. Once again they were named a "Gold Council", they won the "Mega Bucks Award" for fund raising for "Cleft for a Cause," and the trophy for the largest food drive. Executive Board Member Paxton Ballard was elected as Secretary of District II for the state. Joanna Case and Audrey Pool serve as faculty moderators for the group. Board members pictured with the awards are: Alex Nunez, Will Murphy, Joanna Case, Moderator, Oliver Sibley and Josh Devier.

Paxton Ballard will serve as secretary for District II for the 2017-18 school year.



## Eagle Scouts

Four Saint Paul's seniors recently completed the requirements to earn their Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouting Program of the Boy Scouts of America. Pictured at right are scouts Jeremy Boudreaux, Alex Seese, Austin Scheyd, and Evan Vamprine. Read the complete story from [The Paper Wolf](#) and [The New Orleans Advocate](#).



Jeremy Boudreaux, Alex Seese, Austin Scheyd and Evan Vamprine celebrate earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Photo from The New Orleans Advocate





# VEX Robotics Competition

The VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, is the largest and fastest growing middle school and high school robotics program globally with more than 16,000 teams from 40 countries playing in over 1,350 competitions worldwide. Each year, an exciting engineering challenge is presented in the form of a game. Students, with guidance from their teachers and mentors, build innovative robots and compete year-round in a variety of matches.

On Saturday, February 11, Saint Paul's School hosted one of those competitions and hosted twenty five teams from around the state. A variety of awards are given at the conclusion of the tournament. Saint Paul's team 9553E won the title of Tournament Champion, the Robot Skills Award, and the Design Award. This team has won every competition this year is ranked #13 in the world for their programming skills. Pictured at right are team members Josh Devier, Jake DuRapu and Ross Hightower.



## LHSAA State Championship Wrestling Results



On Saturday, February 11, Saint Paul's Wrestling team participated in the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA tournament with an outstanding finish of fourth in State for Division I. Three of our students finished as State Champions. Pictured at left are Jared Thieler at 126 pounds, Shane Ulfers at 138 pounds, and Cole Houser at 120 pounds. Other state place finishers include: Grant Hughes, 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 145 pounds, Brandon Stein, 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 106 pounds, and Connor Oviedo, 4<sup>th</sup> place at 113 pounds.





# National Signing Day

Saint Paul's School is pleased to announce that on National Signing Day, February 1st, four members of the Class of 2017 signed scholarships to continue their athletic careers in the lobby of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex. T.J. Bedford, who has played football, basketball and track for Saint Paul's, signed to play football for Texas State University located in San Marcos, Texas. Christian Roberts and Trey Icamina will continue their football careers at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. Dylan Futrell will join the Lacrosse Team at Birmingham Southern in Birmingham, Alabama.



## Soccer Seniors



The senior members of the Saint Paul's State Champion Soccer Team honored their parents for their continued dedication and support at the last regular season home game in Hunter Stadium on Friday, January 27 before the victory against district opponents Fountainebleau High School. Seniors and their parents included: Austin, John and Michelle Means; Adam, Larry and Christine Schellang; Marcelo Cantu-Reyes, Mark and Shellie Roberts, Christian Roberts, Alicia Elie, and Brett Roberts; Michael, Darrell, and Julie

Longo; Max, Christopher, and Sondra Egan, Reiss, Dax, and Nicole Thiel; Chase, Billy and Annette McDougal; Thomas, Stephen and Yvonne Carriere; and Marshall, Dr. Chad and Natalie Roy. The mothers were presented with the traditional rose and the fathers were presented with a coffee mug.

*Photo by Joey Michel.*





It's that time of year for the Mother/Son Dinner! Save the date of Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to spend time with your Saint Paul's student. [Reserve your table now.](#)



The time to start thinking of camps for the 2017 summer is fast approaching. Here at Saint Paul's, we have several options to choose from. [Learn More !](#)



Want up-to-date news on all of the good things happening at Saint Paul's School? Get event and classroom pictures, latest scores, calendar reminders, and spiritual uplifting by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/> or following us on Twitter @SPSWolfpack. The strength of the Wolf is in the pack!



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