## Saint Paul's School

# WOLFTRACKS



Saint Paul's School Covington, LA



January 31, 2018

Gentlemen and members of the Saint Paul's community,

I sincerely hope that your start of 2018 has been an exceptional one.

It has been a pleasure reconnecting with so many alumni throughout the admissions season, holiday and recent events. We always enjoy hearing from our alumni, and we encourage you to send us any noteworthy content such as collegiate information, professional status, marriage, childbirth, etc., so that we may share your news with other members of the Saint Paul's community.

Feel free to give me a call at 985 892-3200 ext 1271 or send an email to aln@stpauls.com.

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I am hopeful that Saint Paul's has lived up to its promise of being "a good place to grow up" for you or for someone very close to your heart. In keeping with the Lasallian mission and spirit, our goal is for Saint Paul's School to remain accessible and affordable to as many young men who desire to experience the quality environment which many of us have been so blessed to have. One of the primary ways to ensure our accessibility is through the Annual Fund which local expert Frank Donaldson calls, "the single most important Development Process that a Catholic institution could ever do." Alumni engagement is vital to its success. This year's appeal began in August of 2017, and most of you should have received a pledge card in the mail at the end of last year. We are sincerely grateful to those who have contributed thus far and appreciate the consideration of support for those who have not consistently followed the Annual Fund initiative. Should you have any questions about any alumni activities or the role of alumni support in our Annual Fund, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are interested in supporting at this time, here is a link for your convenience. Support Us!

Many thanks for being a part of this century old fraternity and Brotherhood and looking forward to the memories to come!

Please mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend and the upcoming 9th Annual Crawfish Cook-off on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

For the Strength of the Wolf is the Pack!

Al Nastasi '91

#### Alumni Basketball Game



Pictured standing L-R are: Stephen Hammond '15, Skyler Herbet '16, Luke Baumgartner '10, Kiefer Napolitano '17, Scott Cyprian '91, Ryan Ziblich '06, Trip Keller '07, Chris Cucchiara '02, Marc Robertson '12, Drake Arnold '11, Jordan Jacob '14, Jackson Fos '12, Ryan Miranda '07, TJ Bedford '17, Tyler Schott '13, Sean Conaghan '13, Derek Arnold '10, Kris Brumfield '12, Eddie Alexander '12, and Dylan Long '12.

The Fourth Annual return of the Alumni Basketball Game was held on Friday, December 29, 2017 immediately following a semi-final match up in the Gene Bennett Memorial Classic featuring our 2017-18 Varsity Basketball Wolves. Fans were treated to an entertaining game filled with some impressive play by several of our most decorated players including 1000 point scorers Scott Cyprian '91, Chris Cucchiara '02 and TJ Bedford '17. Final Score: White Team-83, Blue Team-81. A post game reception followed including a meet and greet with second year head Coach Stephen Dale, the reminiscence of their glory days, and refreshments. Many thanks for your those supporting this event and for the quality of play exhibited in honor of Coach Bennett.

#### Alumni Trivia Night

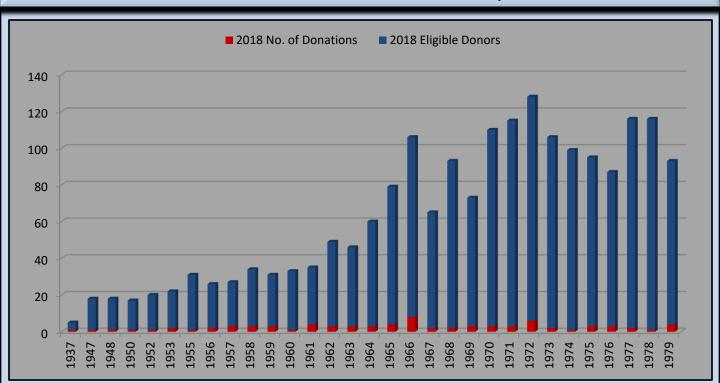
In the continued effort to further reach our Alumni while fostering a friendly spirit of competition and the potential to appeal to all ages, we hosted a specially themed Christmas Edition version of our second Alumni Trivia night. Alumni ranging from the Class of '66 to our most recent '17 graduates participated in the event held on December 19th in the classroom attached to the Alumni Theater building. Many thanks to host Andrew Dart '03 for his command of trivia in all aspects and to those who braved the intellectual battleground. The contestants were led through a specialized series of questions from five categories ranging from Christmas themes to General Knowledge. Correct answers were scored and teams were placed accordingly.

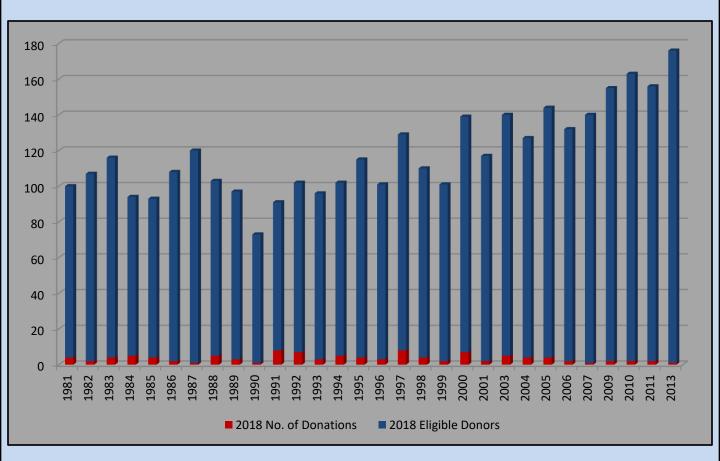


Pictured above are the top finishing teams. L-R are: First Place: Connor McCarthy '17, Andrew Lambert '17, Thomas Rovira '17, and Max Tepper '17 Second Place: John Curren '92, Chad Danenhower '92, Mace Bourgeois '92, and Robert Barkerding '92. Third Place: Eric Bissell, Bruce Alexius '66, Jim Heap '66.



# Alumni Annual Fund Contributions by Class







The class years listed are only for those who have made contributions. The class totals are based on the number of men who graduated, less those deceased. Join Us!



#### Crawfish Cookoff - Save the Date!



Saturday, April 21, 2018 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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

Admission includes
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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.

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#### Career Day



Speakers included L-R: Garland Ogden '93- RN, Vascular Access Centers, Jeff Ramon '08 - Saint Paul's School Campus Minister, Justin Greenleaf '04 – Greenleaf Lawson Architects, Adam Martin '06, Kent Design Build, Inc., Chad Danenhower '92- Danenhower Law Firm, LLC., Michael Sciortino '03 - Sciortino Financial, LLC, Phil Nuss '72 - Gulf Coast Shipyard Group, Inc./ Trinity Yachts, Dr. Jason Farrell '93 - Hickory Small Animal Hospital, Dr. Joel Burvant '99 - Burvant Family Dentistry, and Al Nastasi '91 – Saint Paul's Alumni Director.

On Wednesday, January 24, members of the junior class spent the first half of their day in the Briggs Assembly Center obtaining relevant information regarding some popular career choices. Nine alumni generously gave of their time to enrich the students in regard to the nature of their respective careers, their journey to the present including how Saint Paul's assisted them in preparation, and mentoring opportunity. The students were divided into nine small groups and attended each presentation session which included both information as well as a question and answer component. Following the event, the speakers enjoyed some fellowship and a fine meal provided by Keith Frentz '96 of LOLA Restaurant.



# Alumni News

Chris Price '01 - Christopher Andrew Price married Kathryn Marie Coyne in a nuptial mass at Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church in New Orleans, Louisiana on Friday, December 29th. Taylor Price, the groom's brother and a Saint Paul's graduate served as best man, and Robert Byrne, a classmate of Chris, served as a groomsmen. A reception was held at the Two Sisters Pavillion in City Park to celebrate the event. The couple will reside in New Orleans.

**Jason Schroeder '06** – Jason was married to Kelly Kyle on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in New Orleans. The couple will enjoy a honeymoon in the United Kingdom this June when Jason has some time away from med school.

**Trip Keller '07** – Trip and Emily Rodriguez were married on Friday, December 1, 2017 at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Mandeville. The couple honeymooned in Thailand following the nuptials.

Chris Anzalone '09 - Chris currently works for Envoy Airlines, a subsidiary for American Airlines, and has been recently promoted to the position of Captain.

Scott Stewart '09 – Scott and his wife Natalie welcomed their first child into the family on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Baby Benjamin and his parents currently reside in Slidell, Louisiana.



In last month's Wolftracks, it was listed that Dustin Simoneaux '12 graduated from the University of Louisiana Lafayette on Friday December 15, 2017. Actually, it was Dustin's older brother, Carter, who is the 2012 Saint Paul's graduate and graduated from ULL. Our apologies to Carter!

## Rise Up 'O Men of God

<u>Dr. Felix Gaudin '49</u> - brother of Judge Charles Gaudin '47 <u>Mr. Ryan Pearce '08</u>

Mr. Sam Louis Latino, Sr. - father of Sam '86 and Steven '89 Latino and grandfather of Michael '10, and Sam '20 Glynn, Ryan Schaffer '21, and James Brunet '21
 Mrs. Shirley Mae Murphy - mother in law of faculty member Mr. Paul Scoriels and grandmother of Tyler '15 and Brandon '17 Murphy
 Deacon Lucien Moragas, Jr. - grandfather of Nicholas Abney '09

 Kenneth Joseph Seals, grandfather of Ryan Seals '11
 Mr. John S. Butera, III - grandfather of Steven '16 and Zachary '22
 Mr. Lloyd Pablovich, great grandfather of Brendan McNeil '20
 Grandmother of Peter '19 and Jack Bertucci '22
 Mr. Alton Thompson, uncle of Aaron '15 and Andrew Hodgman '19





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# School News





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The members of the Class of 2018 completed one of the most significant events of their senior year in early January. On the morning of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, retreat staff and seniors gathered in the Gene Bennett Sports Complex to affirm their desire to go on retreat and leave the world behind for three days.

The group boarded busses and headed to the retreat center near Alexandria. Students and staff spent three days together enjoying time in reflection, sharing meals, and fun. As you know the activities and the structure remain a secret so that future Wolves will benefit from this amazing

experience, but ask any senior and they will state it was time well spent, and they are grateful to have had this amazing opportunity. Lee Pierre and Renee Miller worked many hours to plan the retreat. In addition to Lee and Renee, Kevin Moore, Gina Hall, Liz Brett, Jeff Ramon, Barrett Baumgartner, Luke Barwick, Karen Hebert, Roger Bacon, Rachel Peak, Al Nastasi, Brother Ken Boesch, Andrew Dart, and Mimi Monteiro traveled and served as group leaders. The culmination of the activity is the mass and awarding of the wooden cross, a lasting symbol of time spent at Saint Paul's. If you look at the members of the Class of 2018 you will see many still wear the wooden cross on the black cord, and if you know any other SPS grads you may find them still wearing a wooden cross, a testimony to the importance of this activity.

by Karen Hebert, Public Relations Director



Seniors Christian Stipe and Kyle Schmitt proudly display their retreat crosses.



Seniors Andy Anderson, Clayton Lind, and Matthew daBella waiting for Mass to begin.



Blessed retreat crosses ready for distribution.





# Composite ACT Score of 36!



Jackson Gold

Over 2.03 million students take the ACT every year, with an average score around 20.6, on a scale from 1-36. The Saint Paul's class of 2017 averaged a 25.5, well above the national and state average earning them over \$17 million dollars in scholarship offers.

Students wake up early on a Saturday morning to trudge through the rigorous four (or five, depending on if you take the test with writing) hour mega-test. Ahead of the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test), the ACT (American College Testing) is the most frequently taken standardized test for college admissions. While over 2.03 million students complete the test, only 6% (roughly 121,500) earn a score of 30 or above. Saint Paul's generously hosted a lunch for those students who have scored

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above 30.

If you score a 34 or 35, you have entered into the 99th percentile. This does not mean you scored a 99 on the test, it means that only 1% of test takers had a higher score than you did. The 36'ers, the 100th percentiles, those are the *golden* boys. Fittingly enough, St. Paul's Junior Jackson Gold is the latest golden boy, hitting a 36 composite on his most recent ACT. His score now puts him atop the ranks of current Saint Paul's students, jumping over the three seniors with 35's, Patrick Baldone, William James, and Jack Nunez.

Along with the achievements of Jackson Gold, his classmates Andrew Norlin, Ross Hightower, and David Needles each scored a 35 composite. Gold has now become one of approximately 1,200 students who earned a perfect score, putting him in the top .06% of students who have taken the ACT. It very well may run in the family as Jackson's older brother, Max (Class of 2015), earned a 35 on the ACT during his senior year.

"I'd say there was a friendly competition in terms of the ACT-- and intelligence in general-- but I think it's more on my end than his. I was mad after my first ACT when he had a better score than I did, but I'm sure he was annoyed once I did better than him, but at the same time I hope he was happy for me. It's more like we make jokes about our ACT scores and grades, etc., but now that I'm 100% the smarter brother-- no questions asked-- I like to mess with him."

For those students who receive high scores on the ACT, their time and effort is rewarded with prestigious merit scholarships for high ranking colleges and universities. Almost \$1 million in scholarships have been accrued between the three seniors aforementioned. Over the past five years, Saint Paul's has created a strong curriculum that, while teaching the necessary information for the classroom, emphasizes preparation for standardized testing.

by William James '18





# Honor Roll Breakfast

On Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, grades 8 and 9 gathered in the Briggs Assembly Center for breakfast provided by Mr. Rick Gonzalez of Chick-fil-A on Hwy 190 in Covington. Chicken and sausage biscuits were consumed along with orange juice, coffee and water. The Briggs Center was crowded with over 600 people. The 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll students attended their breakfast on the next day. On Wednesday, the seniors gathered in the cafeteria honoring them for their accomplishments.

Traditionally for this breakfast, a member of Saint Paul's Renaissance Board, speaks to the students about what to look forward to when they leave Saint Paul's School. Mrs. Danielle Lavie, Development Director, introduced special guest Dr. Paul van Deventer, a long time member of the Renaissance Board and also a volunteer doctor for our campus athletics. Dr. van Deventer encouraged seniors 1) to remain flexible in your goals and resist the urge to define your future right now; 2) to be humble through introspection and not to measure success by your monetary accomplishments 3) to beware of what you post on social media; 4) to thank those that have helped you, and 5) to remember Saint Paul's in the future, as the school will need their help in order to survive and thrive.







Pictured above are Dr. van Deventer with his wife, Janie, and their son Ashton.



Freshman Donald Garvey with his dad Daniel.



Sophomore Patrick Reilly with his mom Colleen.





#### Faith in the Presence of God

Following the Mass of Saint Paul's conversion, faculty alumni gathered for a group picture. Seated L to R are: Jeff Drivon '01, Joshua Gast '08, Barrett Baumgartner '06, and Kevin Moore '91. Standing L to R are: Robert Heap '12, Jeff Ramon '08, Robert Simpson '88, Josh Pereira '09, Andrew Dart '03, Mark Richards '72, Kristian Gibbe '00, Al Nastasi '91, Ryan Spencer '01, Trevor Watkins '79, and Mick Nunez '88. Not pictured is Greg Pellegrini '86.



#### What a Voice!



Saint Paul's Junior, Andrew Aceves, has been selected for the American Choral Directors Association Southern Regional Honor Choir. The association is composed of college choir directors, and only twenty Bass II students in high schools from the states of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana were selected for the group.





#### Mass of Saint Paul's Conversion

Members of the Saint Paul's Community: Christian Brothers, administrators, faculty, student body, and parents gathered in the Briggs Assembly Center on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate two wonderful events, the Conversion of Saint Paul, the patron of our school, and the beginning of the yearlong celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Christian Brothers owning and administering Saint Paul's School.

The slide behind the altar held dual images; one of Saint Paul at his conversion moment, and one of Dixon Hall, the significant symbol of the early years of the school. Just as Saint Paul diligently worked to minister to the souls in his care once he became a Christian, the Christian Brothers have worked diligently to tend to the minds, spirits, and bodies of the young men entrusted to their care. Father Matthew Clark, Chaplain of Saint Paul's, said the mass and delivered a homily on Saint Paul's life and work.

As the voices sang the final hymn at the end of mass, the students and faculty walked to class across campus it was evident that both Saint Paul, and the Christian Brothers have enjoyed success in their endeavors. The school is thriving and the Brothers and their partners continue the work of the Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle and Saint Paul, in their mission "to teach minds and touch hearts."

by Karen Hebert



Br. Ken Boesch, dressed in the tradition robe of the Christian Brothers, receives Holy Communion from senior Kevin Schneider.



Fr. Matthew celebrates the Mass with the Saint Paul's community.



Members of the Liturgical Band, Christian Butler, singing, Brandon Gallego, playing guitar, and Briggs Cooper, on the keyboard, provide music for the mass.





#### Celebrity Dinner 2018



Have you heard about Saint Paul's Renaissance Program? This program sponsors many school activities including but not limited to "Etiquette Training" for pre-freshmen and "Life Skills Day" for seniors. It also supports continuing education for faculty and staff, the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity, honor roll breakfasts, and clubs such as the Key Club. This program funds academic extracurricular activities such as math tournaments, Mu Alpha Theta induction, Wolves on Wheels, and Robotics. Our Celebrity Dinner is a sit

down dinner event that funds the Renaissance program. The meal is catered by The Dakota Restaurant. Want to reserve your table now? Check out our website, <u>HERE</u>.

This year we are featuring our Special Guest



Join the fun! Decorate your table, dress in costume, participate in the raffles and live auction! Interested in sponsoring Ms. Thomas' performance and receiving top billing? Contact the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext 1270 or <a href="mailto:development@stpauls.com">development@stpauls.com</a>. We hope to see you there!



Etiquette training for pre-freshman students sponsored by The Renaissance Program.





## 1000th Point Shooter



Saint Paul's Senior, Devonte Allen, scored his 1000th point as a varsity basketball player in an away game during the 2017 CYO Tournament. He was recognized for his accomplishment with the traditional basketball presented by Head Coach, Stephen Dale, during the Gene Bennett Tournament held at Saint Paul's on Thursday December 28th. The 2017-18 basketball Wolves have two 1000th point senior shooters on the team presently, Devonte and Parker Edwards who completed his 1000th points last season.

#### Cross Country - District Champions

The Cross Country team won its 10th consecutive District Championship this season while placing placed four runners in the top ten. The Wolves would go on to place second in the Regional Championship meet, with 5 runners earning All Regional honors. In the highly competitive 5A State championship meet, the Wolves finished in sixth place.

by Terryl Chatham



Pictured above are varsity team runners Evan Hendry, Jake Porte, Jonathan Bertucci, Stephen Schlottman, Frankie Durio, Harrison Elliott, and Alex Schlottman holding the first place trophy at Money Hill Golf Course.





#### March for Life



On the evening of January 16th, a group of seventeen Saint Paul's students boarded buses to begin the annual March for Life pilgrimage. After weather forced a change in plans, the boys arrived in Washington D.C. safe and sound thirty-one hours later.



The first day began with tours of the National Mall monuments and a sobering trip to the National Holocaust Museum. The evening concluded with participation at the "Life is VERY good" rally on the campus of George Mason university. The next day was March day.

To begin the day, the boys participated in a Mass with Archbishop Gregory Aymond. Then along with approximately 500 youth from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Saint Paul's joined the nearly half million who gathered to fight for the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death.

On the final day before the journey home, the group enjoyed another morning of exploring the National Mall as well as lunch with SPS Zach Barnett '12, who is working in Senate offices. They then journeyed home and stepped off the busses with a more ardent zeal for respecting life and a closer relationship with our Lord. It was a great experience for all!

Pictured above standing L-R are: Blake Bollinger, Sam Avenel, Landon Chambliss, Ethan Haydel, Andrew Aceves, Beau Taranto, Christopher Flood, Cameron Vidal, John Conner Flick, Lester Guttuso, and Ben Huval. Kneeling L-R are: Christian Harrison, Kevin Schneider, Paxton Ballard, Andrew Curry, David McWilliams, and Carson Caulfield. Not pictured is Hanson Stuckey. Click HERE for a short video produced by Lester Guttuso and Carson Caulfield made during the March

by Jeff Ramon '08, Campus Minister

"The right to life is the first among human rights"

- Pope Francis



#### National Federation of High School Associations

Saint Paul's School is proud to announce that faculty members Sean Moser, Head Soccer Coach, has been selected to receive the 2016-2017 South Sectional Coach of the Year Award for soccer. The South Section includes the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. In addition, Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director and Head Wrestling Coach has been awarded the State Coach of the Year. The NFHS, in collaboration with its member state associations, selects coaches for states, sectional, national recognition each year.



Coach Craig Ketelsen, Wrestling



Coach Sean Moser, Soccer

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