



Saint Paul's School  
Covington, LA



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November 30, 2013

Friends of Saint Paul's School,

In a well publicized commercial, Ronnie Virgets refers to New Orleans as a place where the first question people ask is something similar to, "what high school you went to?" I am certain that most all of you share in my jubilation in responding, "Saint Paul's."



School Pride and Nostalgia! As I often sit and reflect before writing this segment, I am particularly inspired and appreciative of my last few days. There are certainly many moving parts to this place we call home, but I think we can all agree on the most important component---the students--- present, past and future. At a recent Open House, Brother Ray stated that our best form of advertising is our students and that he empowered them by putting the fate of the future enrollment of the school" in their hands" to some extent as they spoke of their vast experiences as a student here. He later remarked that "that the future looks bright." I concur.

On Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, my role as assistant cross country coach enabled me to have a front line encounter with some of Saint Paul's finest Senior students as the past 5 years of their lives culminated in a State Championship performance/experience. As we began our final trek to the starting line while being inundated with outcries of support from the "tunnel" consisting of 30+ team members not competing in the meet, parents, families and yes, several alumni Wolves, Senior Zachary Albright truly captured the essence of what we have all felt at one point or another. He could have easily forecasted---30 more minutes until we finally get the elusive "Ring." Rather, he looked over at me with tears in his eyes and a lump in his throat and muttered, "I am never going to hear that again while wearing this uniform." I cannot tell you what that meant to me as a competitor, a coach and most of all as a proud alumnus and alumni director of Saint Paul's School. This was coming from a young man who is a multiple time individual State Champion and All State performer, with a nearly perfect score on the ACT, heading to Princeton University as a student athlete, and with the world at his fingertips. ---- It was not about winning or the remote possibility of losing. It was about WOLF PRIDE and that moment of realization of THIS IS IT for my Blue and Gold experience that so many of us have lived. I saw it last Friday night amongst our Senior Football Players who did not want to leave the field after the game, and I never grow tired of reliving that emotion.

I must also quote Coach Terryl Chatham in his post meet summary to the team, as his words embodied what we are all about at St. Paul's, "This win is not just for you but for all of the guys before you and for the young men who have not yet had the honor and privilege of wearing a Blue and Gold uniform." While we certainly cannot go back in time, I maintain and reiterate constantly that life is mostly about relationships and memories. We are all truly blessed to have formed so many great ones here at Saint Paul's in each category, and we are equally as blessed with the opportunity to continue to be a part of the Saint Paul's family. Finally, I am compelled to reference Zach's concluding remarks of his Open House speech. In regard to Saint Paul's being a college preparatory school, he duly noted that we fulfilled our obligation and that we have certainly been a good place for him to grow up, preparing him well for the world ahead. He said, "I am prepared. I am prepared to leave. I just don't want to!"

While we graduate, we never truly leave St. Paul's nor does it leave us. I encourage you to get involved in as many ways as you can around campus and with the Alumni Association if possible. Happy Holidays.

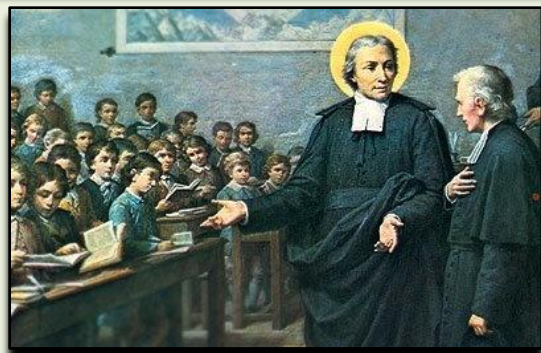
Live Jesus in our hearts.....forever!

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# Annual Fund

Saint John Baptist de La Salle's original schools charged no tuition. Rich and poor alike were welcomed, and "charity" of benefactors and the donated services of the Brothers funded the schools. We can no longer offer "free" schools, but Saint Paul's tuition compares very favorably with other comparable schools.

[See comparison.](#)



Monies from the Annual Fund help provide our students with a quality education including the certified Project Lead the Way (PLTW-see [brochure](#)) and Pre-law curriculums. Faculty compensation, educational conferences, technological improvements, tuition assistance, and capital improvements are also financed with the Annual Fund.



Please assist me in accomplishing a successful annual drive and complete a check to Saint Paul's School, 917 S. Jahncke Ave, Covington, LA 70433 or you may donate online on our [website](#).

Please help me reach the goal of increasing the number of givers than in years past, large or small. I trust that if you are able and believe in Saint Paul's, you will give a gift within your means. For more information, please review our [small brochure](#) for this year's drive.

Lastly, please check with your employer to inquire about company matching funds. This is an easy way to double your contribution!

Sincerely,  
Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC



Renovation of the Student Center, now the Briggs Assembly Center, completed in February 2013.



Faculty members Pam Cullen, Donald Midkiff and Kim Gardner were one of several who attended summer workshops.



Current repair work for Our Lady of Peace chapel.





**Stephen Hammons '01** – Stephen married Ashley Irby on July 31, 2013 on the beach in Destin, Florida. Stephen is currently the information officer for the Louisiana State Police and Ashley is a detective with the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office. Stephen and Ashley reside in St. Martinville, LA.

**Sean Dieffenbauger '05** – Sean was on campus this month for a visit. He stopped by on his way to Memphis on his “residency rounds” as he prepares to graduate from medical school. Sean is remembered for his famous line delivered during his salutatorian address: From Jahncke to Jefferson, from 11th to 14th, I love this place.” He assured Brother Ray that he still feels that way.

**Chris Barr '10** – Chris will graduate from LSU in December and has accepted a position with LyondellBasell Industries in Houston beginning in January with their Accounting Department.

**Carter Kenneth Derrick Guice III '10** – Carter, currently a senior at Hampden-Sydney College in VA (ranked nationally in the top 100 of liberal arts colleges by U.S. News & World Report) has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. Membership is a mark of highest distinction and honor. Selection of members is based on their influence as campus leaders to better campus life and to encourage high standards in all activities. An Allan Scholar, Carter serves as a Student Government Cabinet member and has served as Secretary, IFC Representative, and Vice President of the social fraternity Sigma Chi. He is a member of the honor society Chi Beta Phi (sciences) and has participated in biomedical research at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Neuroscience Center and Tulane National Primate Research Center. He has already been accepted to medical school.



**Jacob Frost '11 and Blake Varnado '11** – Jacob and Blake were judges at the St. Charles Parish Annual Junior ROTC Drill Meet held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Jacob, left and Blake are pictured with former Saint Paul's AFJROTC commander Lt. Col. Joe Reich. Jacob is a member of the LSU Army ROTC and Blake is a member of the Tulane/Loyola Air Force ROTC.



## Echoes of the Past

I asked Peter Gahagan '03 to submit a reflection about the prayer garden that was built in memory of his father Michael Mark Gahagan '75. Here's what Peter wrote:

*“Love and Embrace Life”...these are the words inscribed on the plaque of the Mark Gahagan Memorial Garden. These are the words my father lived by.*

*The garden was conceived outside the old dormitory; a place where my father lived during his years as a junior and senior at St. Paul's. It was a space for reflection, peace, enjoyment, relaxation. It is a space for reflection, peace, enjoyment, relaxation.*

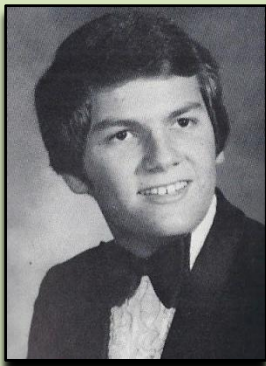
*Over the years, my father's garden has evolved just as the campus itself has evolved. Originally dirt between the old dorm and the building that came to be known as the student center, the space transformed into a memorial garden and now a well-kept arbor between the recently renovated student center and classrooms. The students have changed. The surroundings have changed. The message has not. “Love and embrace life.”*

*As a teenager it is challenging to understand the true meaning of these words. All I ask is that you remember them. Live them. Life goes by in a blink, and you do not want to miss anything along the way. Take time to enjoy a pretty sunset. Take time to enjoy moments spent with family and friends. That is what life is about. That is the message my father would have wanted to share with his fellow wolves. That is the message I would like to share.*

*“Love and embrace life”...*

These are great words for all to take to heart. Thank you Peter.

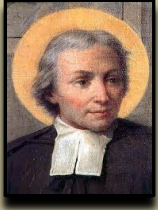
*by Robert Simpson '88*



# Calendar of Events



Sunday, December 8, 2013 – On campus Christmas luminaries – 6:00pm. JOIN US for the annual Christmas luminaries event with caroling and a prayer service in Our Lady of Peace chapel. Even if you can't stay for the event, take a moment and drive through campus!



Saturday, March 15, 2014 – Christian Brothers' Relay



Saturday, March 22, 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozone Spring Run



Friday, April 11, 2014 – Saturday, April 12, 2014 – Alumni Reunion Weekend

- Friday – Alumni cocktail party in the Briggs Assembly Center
- Saturday – Crawfish Cook-off – Saint Paul's campus – 11:00am – 5:00pm

For details, click on this [link](#).



## Rise Up 'O Men of God



LCDR (Ret) Harold Caserta '41

Mr. James Christopher, grandfather of Carter Guice '10 and Oliver Guice '16

Mr. Peter Di Pol, grandfather of D J '14 and Daniel '15 Di Pol

Mrs. Esther Kenney, grandmother of Ethan Lowry '14

Mrs. Mary Quaid Flick, grandmother of Christian '16 and John Connor '18

Grandfather of Matthew Catanzaro '17

Grandfather of David Manton '18





# School News



On Saturday, November 2, the Catholic Church observed All Souls Day which gave special remembrance to those who have died. As a school centered on faith in the presence of God, Saint Paul's celebrated this holiday but in a different way. In a morning assembly on Thursday, October 31, the student body gathered in the Briggs Assembly Center for the third annual Dia de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, prayer service. Dia de Los Muertos is a traditional holiday, practiced mainly in Mexico but also in many cultures around the globe, remembering friends and family members who have died. During the prayer service, faculty, staff, and students are asked to come to the altar and either place a photo of a deceased loved one or a piece of paper with his or her name on it and place it on the altar. The Spanish Club along with moderator Liz Brett and the Liturgical Band prayerfully and respectfully put on this beautiful ceremony.

*by Michael Burke '14*



Members of the Spanish Club who served as speakers for the Day of Dead Prayer Service seated were: Ethan Lowry, William O'Rourke, Luke Avenel, and Jack Statton. Standing are: Jacob Broussard, Stephen Gulley, Jean Paul Juge, John Cresson, Robert Baricev, Kevin Durr and Spanish Department Chair, Mrs. Elizabeth Brett.


## District, Metro and State Champs !



Saint Paul's Cross Country Team earned the District, Metro and State trophies for the 2013-2014 season. Saint Paul's beat the second place team by 87 points. Pictured at left are students from the team with the winning trophy from the State Meet held at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA on November 19. Pictured left to right are Eric Coston, first place, Nick Taylor, DC Lipani, Terryll Chatham, head coach, Zachary Albright, Michael Burke, Kraemer Jackson, and Spencer Albright. View [Nola.com](http://Nola.com) article.



## Warm Hearts Drive



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for the Poor  
and Social  
Justice

The Brother Crouzet Chapter of the National Honor Society teamed up with the Lasallian Youth Leaders and put on the second annual Warm Hearts Winter Clothes Drive at Saint Paul's from October 14 to the 25. Hundreds of students donated cozy coats, gloves, shirts, and hats to help the less fortunate in our community. This selfless act goes along with one of the Lasallian Core Principles: concern for the poor and social justice. After counting all the winter gear items, the total tally reached over a thousand items. Since the school reached its goal of obtaining at least a thousand items, Dean of Students Kenny Sears, Principal Brother Ray Bulliard, and Vice Principal Trevor Watkins awarded the student body a New Orleans Saints dressed down day for Halloween on that Thursday. Our entire community would like to thank NHS moderator Kristin LaGraize, Campus Minister Barrett Baumgartner, and LYL moderator Myrle Wiggins for their guidance and leadership in this program.

*By Michael Burke '14*



Members of the Lasallian Youth Leaders who chaired the "Warm Hearts" drive were: Brennan Knepper, Burke Irwin, and Faiz Salam. They are standing in front of one of the two vehicles the students filled with coats, jackets, sweaters, and gloves.

## Saint Paul's Aqua Wolves

Saint Paul's AquaWolves were back in action on Saturday, November 9 at the cluster meet that was cancelled from Tropical Storm Karen back in early October. In winning their second straight cluster meet, the team racked up 395 points decisively outdistancing five other schools at the meet. The AquaWolves were led by juniors Jacob Elliott and Jack Dubreuil, freshman Brenton Larmann and senior co-captain Max Morvant.

The Season of the Wolf gathered more momentum on Tuesday, November 12 as the team overtook Mandeville in the last relay to win the 2nd Annual Turkey Leg Invitational, besting seven other teams and edging the Skippers 407 to 405 in the final tally. This was the team's third cluster meet win this season. With only 11 swimmers to Mandeville's 20, the team captured trophies in seven of 11 events, with junior Jacob Elliott dominating the 100 and 200 freestyles, anchoring both the second place 200 freestyle relay and the victorious, meet clinching 400 freestyle relay. Other winners were Jack Dubreuil, who held off a fast finishing Mandeville swimmer to hit the wall first in the 200 individual medley, Brenton Larmann, who blasted out to an early lead in the 100 butterfly and won going away, and Senior Co-Captain Max Morvant who, in his last individual race as a Saint Paul's swimmer, came from behind in the 100 breaststroke, showed the grit and determination that reflects the outstanding qualities of the entire team, and touched out the field for the winner's trophy.

The Aqua Wolves' season will conclude on November 22 and 23 in Sulphur when the highly motivated group compete in the Division 1 state championship.

*by Bill Babcock*



# Honor Roll Breakfast



Quality  
Education

The faculty and administration honored those students who achieved honor roll status for the first quarter with the traditional breakfast in the cafeteria for students and parents. Br. Raymond Bulliard, FSC President and Principal, and Mr. Trevor Watkins, Assistant Principal served breakfast to the delight of the hard working students.

*By Michael Burke '14*



Pictured above are freshman Ruston Keller with his parents Roger and Allyson.



Steven and Davey Larmann and their son Benton.



Beth and Ross Burkenstock with their son Peyton.

## Academic Composite Winners



For the 2013 fall LHSAA sports, Saint Paul's had two student-athletes named to the Academic Composite teams for their respective sports. The Academic Composite Team is composed of those senior student-athletes with the highest grade point averages from all classes/divisions in a sport. These student-athletes will be recognized and honored during the State Championships of their sport. Seniors Michael Burke, for cross country, and Peter Yager, for football, have been selected for this prestigious honor. Michael Burke will be recognized at Northwestern University in Natchitoches on Tuesday, November 19, at the cross country state meet, and Peter Yager in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Saturday, December 12.



Pictured above left to right are Michael Burke and Peter Yager.





## Dire Wolves – Ultimate Frisbee



Pictured above at the Leif Ericson Fall Classic kneeling are: Evan Young, Joe Tanner, Ben Kenney, and Connor Rees. Standing left to right Ben Toups, Kyle Waguespack, Cain Plaisance, Brad McNally, Gary Cavalier, David heap, and David Conroy.

The Dire Wolves, Saint Paul's Ultimate Frisbee team is off to a fast start with a 9 and 3 record, with all three losses to Catholic High of Baton Rouge. In the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Beowulf Classic on October 26, the team breezed through bracket play losing in the finals to Catholic, 9-7 in a tense battle which ended in overtime. The junior varsity team did very well considering their 2 and 3 record, besting Catholics Junior Varsity and Rummel's Varsity.

On November 9, a lean pack of eleven wolves made a trip to Mansura, La to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leif Ericson Fall Classic hosted by Avoyelles Charter School. With bracket wins over Jesuit and Avoyelles and another loss to Catholic, Saint Paul's reached the semifinals to face a familiar pesky foe in Baton Rouge High School. The low scoring duel went to sudden death with the Dire Wolves prevailing 9-8 in a 75 minute thriller. In the finals against Catholic, the wolf pack was outmanned having only 2 substitutes, compared to Catholics constant replacing of a full teams of players. Catholic led at the half by only one point. Saint Paul's could only do so much in the second half, as the game wore on. The Dire Wolf became the cramping, limping, tired Wolf falling 13-7 in a gallant effort. The Dire Wolves are led by Captains David Conroy and Joe Tanner.

*by Mark Richards*

## Three Rivers Art Festival in Covington

Four Saint Paul's students were winners In the Three Rivers Art Festival held in Covington, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Sophomore Wyatt Heap received An Honorable Mention with his painting, *Relaspe*. Senior Dominick Alongi received the Michelangelo Award and first place with his sculpture titled *Progression*. Junior Peyton Burkenstock was awarded a second place with his painting *Elk in the Mist* and senior Sam Pearce placed second with his painting *Chameleon*.



Pictured above left to right are Wyatt Heap, Dominick Alongi, Peyton Burkenstock and Sam Pearce.



Every school year, our Saint Paul's community recognizes October as a month long dedication to Our Blessed Mother Mary. In accordance with the

Lasallian Core Principle, "Faith in the Presence of God," Brother Ray encourages and challenges us to keep a rosary in our pockets and to pray a "Hail Mary" or decade when waiting or walking throughout the school day. To help every student and teacher at school acquire these special "sets of beads," a very loving Saint Paul's mother makes and donates hundreds of rosaries to our school: enough for every student. Mrs. Shirley Simpson has a long connection with our school; her five sons all went to Saint Paul's, and one of them, religion teacher Robert Simpson '88, has worked with us for many years. We thank her and her family for all their contributions to making Saint Paul's "a great place to grow up."

*by Michael Burke '14*



On November 4, senior and cross country runner Zachary Albright was named the State Winner for Louisiana in the Wendy's High School Heisman contest. Since 1994, the Wendy's High School Heisman Program has honored more than 395,000 of the nation's most esteemed high school seniors in partnership with the Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee. The leadership award-honorees are well-rounded young men and women who excel in learning, performing, and leading in the classroom, on the field and in the community. Zachary will find out later in the month of November if he qualifies as a National Finalist.

*by Michael Burke '14*



Saint Paul's Senior, Thomas Ruli placed second in the Arrowhead Junior Golf Tournament Audi Fall Classic. Thomas shot a 73 and 71. He began the final round five shots behind the leader, but was able to come within one stroke of the leader in the final round of play.



# The Paper Wolf



The Paper Wolf, Saint Paul's online student publication, was submitted for judging and critique to the [Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University](#), which is boasted as having one of the highest rated journalism schools in the country. The competition offers Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals based on overall scores. The Paper Wolf was awarded a Gold Medal.

Pictured above seated left to right are: Trey Couvillion, Jacob Broussard, Ross Allbritton, Adam Cannon, and Thomas Huval. Standing left to right are: Dalton Mott, Stephen Hammond, Kole Gorney, Barry Auxilien (co-editor), Chris Rogers, and faculty moderator Christi Simoneaux. Not pictured: James Carrere (co-editor) and Carson Caulfield (freelance contributor).

## History Field Trip – Oak Alley Plantation



On Wednesday, November 20, Kim Gardner's Honors U.S. History class visited Oak Alley Plantation in Vacherie, LA. The students have begun a study of the Civil War and were able to tour the antebellum mansion, the slavery exhibit, the newly reconstructed slave quarters and a Civil War encampment. This field trip gave the students a valuable learning experience and a first hand perspective of 19th century life in the south.



# New Orleans Saints High School Coach of the Week



Saint Paul's Head Football Coach, Ken Sears, has been selected as the High School Coach of the Week for Week Six by the New Orleans Saints. Sears has been at Saint Paul's for twenty-four years; he has served as head coach of the Wolves for the past fifteen years. During his time, the Wolves have recorded a streak of thirty-three consecutive district wins.

Another outstanding moment in Sears career was the celebration of his 100th win in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome against Jesuit. View [YouTube video](#).



## Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas



We, in the Development and Alumni offices wish you and your families a joyful and blessed holiday season. Pictured at left 1<sup>st</sup> row L-R: Danielle Lavie, Office Assistant, Al Nastasi '91, Development/Alumni Director, and Shellie Campo, Director of Special Events. Back row L-R Associate Alumni Directors: Mark Richards '72, Lee Pierre and Robert Simpson '88.



*The Strength of the  
Wolf is the Pack*



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