



WOLFTRACKS



Saint Paul's School
Covington, LA



November 30, 2016

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

I sincerely hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

As we prepare to enter the remainder of the Holiday Season and cherish the time spent with family and friends, I would like to call to mind some upcoming Saint Paul's Alumni events which may be of interest to you. In particular, please note December 8th will provide the Alumni an opportunity for breakfast, a general alumni meeting and an all school Mass experience in the morning (RSVP Requested) as well as the opportunity for some family fun in the evening with our legendary luminaries.

For more detailed information on these and all upcoming events. [CLICK HERE](#).
If I may ever be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all of the Peace, Joy and Happiness that the remainder of this year can offer!

Live Jesus in our hearts.....forever!
Al Nastasi '91



On Friday, October 28, 2016, members of the 2006 Football team gathered to celebrate the 10 Year Anniversary of their outstanding season. The '06 team finished with an overall record of 11-2, claiming the titles of District and Regional Champion as well as being a State Quarterfinalist, losing to the eventual State Champion, Acadiana. Members of the team enjoyed pre and post game activities and were recognized at halftime as they watched the Wolves go on to defeat Mandeville 41-26.

Pictured from L to R: Alex Williams '08, Kenny Ray Reeves '08, Wade Candies '07, Jay Duet '09, Jordan Bodenheimer '09, Michael Algero '07, Kirk Bodenheimer '07, Mark Hawley '07, and Nathan Quick '09.

2017 President's Annual Fund

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November 29, 2016



Thanks to all who participated in our iGiveCatholic Day! Our donations for the 24 hour period was \$14,850. 157 people donated during the period and 85% of those donated \$100 or less. This shows that all donations matter!



The money donated to the Annual Fund supports the work of The Brothers of the Christian Schools and their Lasallian partners in continuing to provide a quality education to the students in their care. As evidenced by this work, Saint Paul's was named last year as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. Saint Paul's is pleased to list some of our accomplishments.

- Over 1 million students educated by Lasallian school in 81 countries
- 105 years at Saint Paul's education young men in the Christian Brothers' Lasallian tradition
- 17 Christian Brothers (both active and retired) living on campus
- 40 acre campus in beautiful Covington, LA
- 17,000 service hours provided by students in the 2015-2016 school year
- 10 tons of food donated to the Covington Food Bank in the 2015-2016 school year
- 14 legacy students (families who have multiple generations of men who attended Saint Paul's) in the class of 2017
- 98% of graduating seniors attend a four year college
- 88 seniors from the class of 2016 graduated with honors
- Over 15 million scholarship dollars earned by the class of 2016
- The Student of the Year for the Archdiocese of New Orleans 2016, and the Student of the Year for All Non-Public Schools in Louisiana 2016 was a Saint Paul's Senior
- 1 student in the class of 2017 has scored a perfect 36 on the ACT; 2 from the class of 2016 had a perfect score of 36; 32 2016 seniors scored a 30 or above; 25.9 is the average Saint Paul's ACT composite score vs. 21.0 national average, 19.5 for the state of Louisiana, and 21.5 for St. Tammany average composite.
- 224 students enrolled in Advanced Placement Classes in Art History, Biology, Civics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Language Composition, Computer Science Principles, Literature, Statistics, and US History, European History
- Last year, 14 students earned AP Scholar status; 6 earned AP Scholar with Honor, and 7 earned AP Scholar with Distinction
- 12 National Merit Semi-finalists in the classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017
- 10 National Merit Commended Scholars in the classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Click [HERE](#) to donate online.



1st Annual Iron Wolf Alumni Decathlon



The First Annual Alumni Decathlon was held on Saturday, November 26, 2016 on multiple areas of Saint Paul's beautiful campus. Blessed with perfect weather, the event certainly satisfied the objectives of fun, fellowship, family, and friendly competition. In a fitness era, the hybrid approach intended to engage the serious athlete while not alienating those in less than ideal physical condition. Over 30 alumni registered for the event while 24 directly competed. Some stayed at the hunting camp, fell ill, forgot about their planned trip to Disney World, slept in, had a change of heart, or decided to help work the event instead.

As the day wore on, the crowd enlarged including the spouses and children of some of our older alumni and the parents of some of our younger alumni. The communal spirit, support and sportsmanship (with a definite eye on the prize) were palpable and a tribute to what we as Saint Paul's alumni represent.

A post event gathering included jambalaya, cooked on site and donated by Geaux Creole and Chris Freret '91, as well as refreshments provided by Resource Bank, Chris '78 and Trip Keller '07, and Champagne Beverage Joel '75 and Joel Jr.' 04. Many thanks to Mr. Ricky Abide '72 of Kelley and Abide for being our event sponsor and donating the t-shirts and prizes.

Congratulations to all who had the courage to participate in the first draft of what we hope will become a well anticipated event.

Division One Winners(Age 18-35)

First Place: Trip Keller '07

Second Place: Larry Perrin '13

Third Place: Christian Berry '13

Division Two Winners(Age 36-over)

Ryan Domingue '94

Paul Davis '89

Nick Chetta '99

Please also refer to the website <https://www.stpauls.com/alumni/alumni-events/decathlon/> for a list of the current records for the event as well to take a look at photos from the day. As there were several photographers, please check back throughout the week as more are added.

In regard to the Records, some are more impressive than others. If you are sitting there thinking you can break them, then come on out next year and DO IT!

Looking forward to it!

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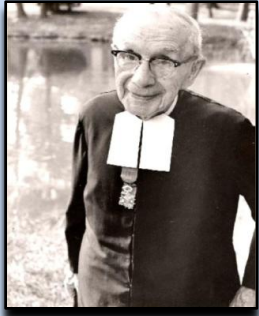


Alumni News

Andy Cannizaro '97 - Andy has been named the new Head Baseball Coach at Mississippi State University.

Jack Collens '04 - Jack and his wife Lauren welcomed their daughter Stella Reneé Collens to the world at 12:14pm on October 7th at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, NY, weighing 10 lbs., 5 oz.

Monuments around SPS



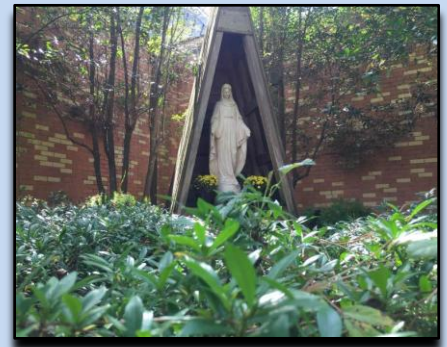
Bro. Charles Crouzet smiles wide as he stands along the shores of Lake Alfred.

Junior, Lester Guttuso wrote an amazing article in the student publication, The Paper Wolf, about several of the memorials around campus. Click [HERE](#) for the history of these monuments. For more great articles from our students, please follow the below steps to subscribe to The Paper Wolf.

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The Marian statue, purchased by Br. Ray's mother, resides solemnly in Her serene grotto. The wooden A-frame surrounding the statue of Our Lady was constructed by Bro. Alfred Baltz, FSC.



Founders' Circle – click [HERE](#) for their history.

Rise Up 'O Men of God

[Joseph F. LeBlanc '51](#), uncle of Mayor Mike Cooper '71, and

Eric Cooper '73, great uncle of Garret Cooper '19

[Lee Alexius, Sr. '63](#), father of Stephen '98 and brother of

Jay '61, Paul '61, and Bruce '66 Alexius

[Rick Heap '67](#), father of Richie '98 and brother of

Jim '66 and Tom Heap '98

[Mrs. Claire Canik](#), mother of Jimmy '68 and Paul '69 Canik and grandmother of Adam Canik '06

[Mr. Edgar Bogantes](#), father of Edgar R. Bogantes '73 and grandfather of Rusty '01, Christopher and Joseph '05



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace! Amen!*





School News

On November 2nd, the Saint Paul's Spanish Honors Society, in conjunction with the Spanish Club and a number of foreign language teachers, organized and participated in a mass service designed to celebrate *Día De Los Muertos* (The Day of the Dead). The day, most commonly celebrated throughout southern and central Mexico, is a time to honor the dead and remember those that have passed on to the afterlife. Celebrated from October 31st through November 2nd, the holiday is usually commemorated with festivals, parades, family gatherings at cemeteries to pray for the dead, and host of various other cultural and historical traditions.



In the Saint Paul's incarnation of this important cultural observance, the Saint Paul's Spanish Honors Society hosted a prayer service for the entire student body in which they explained the various cultural traditions of the holiday and how it is closely tied to the unique Christian beliefs of Central America. The club's members had set up a traditional altar on which the students were invited to place cards containing the names of those they love who have passed away as well as photos of relatives if they so chose.

In the spirit of authenticity and cultural respect and reverence, the club studied the set up of the altar with a meticulous eye. In the Mexican tradition, the altar is usually adorned with various symbols relating to the elements of the earthly life of the deceased. Candles are used to symbolize fire and light the way back for the lost spirits on their journey to the land of the living. *Papel picado* (perforated paper) is strung across the altar to symbolize wind and adds color and festivity to the altar. A glass of water is usually used to symbolize the element as well as calm the souls' thirst after their long journey. Earth is represented by the gains of the earthy harvest season in the form of clay bowls filled with corn, fragrant fruits, and squash.



A skeleton, a traditional decoration, sits next to the basket of names for people who were remembered in the prayer service.



Clay bowls, candles, skulls and paper flowers decorate the altar.



Other elements used in the construction of the altar were the traditional flowers of *Dí De Los Muertos* the marigold and various other offerings from the realm of the living such as homemade *pan de muertos* (The bread of the dead), artfully crafted sugar skulls, and various other earthly beverages and food. These offerings are used to show hospitality to the visiting spirits and encourage their journey on to the afterlife.

Another unique feature of the service was the explanation of the various elements of the altar as well as a summary on the cultural and religious observance as a whole. Performed entirely by Spanish National Honor Society members and leaders, the explanations helped clear up some misconceptions about the holiday as well as highlight the connection to various Christian and Catholic traditions such as All Saint's Day. Club moderator and Spanish II instructor Liz Brett even wore a traditional outfit normally used in the celebration to further highlight the authenticity and cultural reverence of the service and holiday as a whole.

Participating students from the Spanish Honors Society included: Co-Presidents Yehia Elkersh and Max Tepper, Vice President Kyle Hladky, William Murphy, Kyle Schmitt, Lane Amedio, Hanzala Hussain, Jack Nunez, and Sam Avenel.

by A.J. Lacroix '17



Participants for the Day of Dead prayer service behind the altar include: Lane Amedio, Will Murphy, Yehia Elkersh, Max Tepper, Kyle Hladky, Language Department Chair, Liz Brett, Hanzala Hussain, Jack Nunez, Kyle Schmidt, and Sam Avenel.



Key Club

Members of the Saint Paul's Key Club posed for a photo after being recognized for their hard work. The students have helped restore the Bogue Falaya Community Playground, and currently are cleaning several Covington streets in the area around school that they have adopted. They have also been active in transporting food and clothes for the recent flood victims, worked at Habitat for Humanity build sites, and have undertaken the "school vegetable garden" which donates all of the produce grown to the local food bank.



Seated are Christian Evans, Secretary; Ford Brasher, Shane Strander, Ruston Keller, Vice President; Andrew Grashoff, President; Alex Duet, Andrew Lacoste, Editor, and William Murphy. Alex Oliveri, Treasurer and Yehia Elkersh are standing.

Football – District Champs

With a resounding 59-21 win against Fontainebleau High School on Friday, November 4, Saint Paul's clinched the 6-5A District Title. The Wolves were unbeaten in district play with a 7-0 record and a 9-1 record for the season. This is the eleventh District Championship the Wolves have either won or shared in the past twelve years. The Wolves competed against Archbishop Shaw in the first round playoffs with a 44-14 win. In the second round of playoffs, Saint Paul's fell to Evangel.



Photo by The Times Picayune.



Cross Country – State Champions !!



Eric Coston State Champion

Congratulations to the Cross Country Wolves and Coach Terryl Chatham for claiming their second 5A State Title in less than five years. Led by Senior Eric Coston, who began his Saint Paul's running experience as both the individual and team State Champion in 2013 and concluded his Cross Country career with the same result, the Pack flourished with a collaborative effort. Jonathan Bertucci, Stephen Schlottman, Colin Sullivan, Evan Hendry, Frankie Durio, and an injured Patrick Elliot respectively racked up points for the win. The Wolves convincingly outpaced the field scoring 62 points (lower is better) while the second place Parkway team finished with 78 and the third place team with a distant 123 points. The team capped an outstanding season with an 8-1 meet record and the claimed the titles of District, Metro, Regional and 5A State Champion.

by Al Nastasi

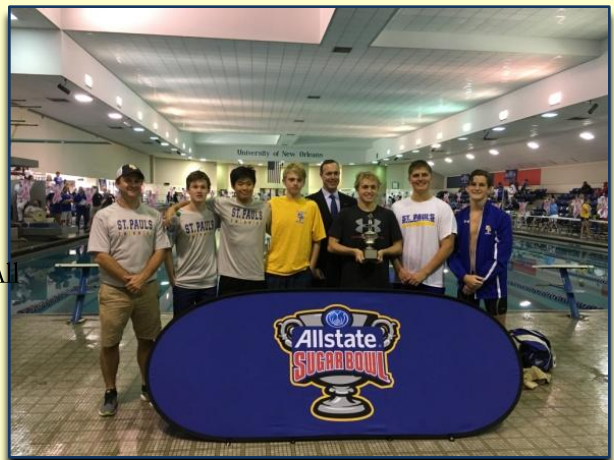


Pictured at right L-R are: Kevin Moore, Assistant Coach, Henry Elliot, Evan Hendry, Stephen Schlottman, Colin Sullivan, Eric Coston, Jonathan Bertucci, Frankie Durio, Patrick Elliot, Head Coach Terryl Chatham, Assistant Coach Emilie Allen.

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, All State Sugar Bowl Representative, Co-Captain Kyle Hladky, Co-Captain Jordan Wyble, and Myers Morgan.



LSU Flagship Scholarships



Jeffrey Champ



Andrew Mercante



Two members of the Saint Paul's Class of 2016 have been awarded Louisiana State University Flagship Scholarships. Jeffrey Champ received the Explore Enterprise Endowed Scholarship, and Andrew Mercante received the Cari and David S. Dawson Endowed Scholarship. The Flagship Scholars Program is funded in a variety of ways including, private donors, organizations, and LSU Alumni Chapters. These scholarships are awarded to entering freshmen who have earned a 3.0 grade point average, a score of 33 on the ACT, and a 1490 on the SAT. The scholarships are awarded for eight college semesters. Both, Jeffrey and Andrew were honor graduates.

Health Occupations Students of America

Saint Paul's HOSA club sponsored a bake sale during the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. HOSA is a national organization for high school students who are interested in careers in medicine. At November's first President's Assembly the HOSA students invited Mrs. Leslie Landry of the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Covington to accept the donation to help with patient care in our area.



Pictured above are: Andrew Norlin, Blake Ramsey; Jakob Massey, Christopher Wilson, Leslie Landry, Jacques DuPassage, Joshua Verges, Joshua Devier, and Ann Pfalzgraf, moderator of the club.





Painted by Dominick Alongi '14

On Saturday, November 12, the Briggs Assembly Center came alive with music and fun with the twenty-seventh celebration of Jazz 'N Roll. The evening began with a pre-event patron party held in Lasalle Courtyard and the Gahagan Garden. The beautiful weather provided the perfect setting for outside dining and socializing. The patron party was catered by Keith Young's Steakhouse.

The event participants enjoyed the Jazz 'N Roll traditions of a silent auction and raffles, but new this year was the buffet dinner provided by Gary Bonano Catering plus mobile bidding for the silent auction. The crowd was entertained by the Bucktown Allstars with the evening ending with lively dancing.

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Members of the SPS Jazz Band.

Honor Roll Breakfasts

Quality
Education

Saint Paul's School Administration, Faculty and Staff held special breakfasts for those students who earned honor roll status in the first quarter of the 2016-17 school year. At each breakfast, honor roll recipients and their families are treated to a meal of sausage or chicken biscuits from Chick-fil-A, skillfully served by School President and Honors English instructor, Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC. A fierce advocate of student proficiency in vocabulary, Brother Ray introduces those in attendance to a few of his favorite words during the latter half of each breakfast—a tradition that many students and families have grown rather attached to.



At left, alumnus Jay Blossman and his wife Lynette with their son Jack.



Freshman Paxton Ballard with his dad Paul.



Spanish faculty member William Nunez with his wife Angela and their son Daniel.



Senior Reagan Hill with his parents Kim and Keith Hill.

Veterans Day

One of Saint Paul's most active and well-respected organizations on campus is the Air Force Jr. ROTC which is comprised of more than one hundred kids from grades eight to twelve. The program, headed by Master Sergeant A.J. East, is most known for their heavy presence at the various sporting and school presenting the flags and their extensive citizenship education program. However, this year, the group wanted to show their dedication to military personnel, both retired and active with a Veteran's Day service for the entire school.

The focus of the program was to honor Saint Paul's veterans and active service men in addition to honoring the veterans from all around the country. Additionally, the assembly showed the efforts of civilians to support overseas troops in their preservation and defense of our country and way of life. Saint Paul's veterans, active service members, and community armed forces advocates were invited to attend. Senior ROTC leader Ruston Keller opened the assembly with a flag presentation by four ROTC color guard officers and the national anthem. Following the presentation, the Armed Forces Medley was played with Keller calling upon the various veterans in the audience to stand when their branch's melody was played. With each new melody, Keller explained the history and intent of each of the branches to an enraptured student population.

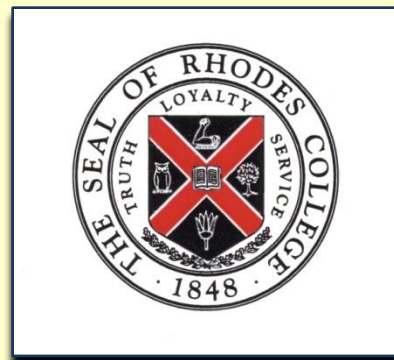
In addition to educating and exposing the students to the branches and its numerous veterans in attendance, ROTC organizers also invited two community advocates to speak on their service work for the armed forces. Annette Hall, a retired Navy servicewoman, spoke about their nonprofit, the Slidell Ladies for Liberty. Over ten years ago, the two women saw the need in the local community to provide care packages for local servicemen and women who were stationed overseas. Comprised of dedicated volunteers from all around the Saint Tammany area, the group sends necessities such as toothpaste and toiletries as well as snacks ranging from candy to popular local brands such as Zapp's potato chips and Tabasco to our soldiers deployed around the world. The group was awarded the highest civilian award offered, the American Patriot Award from the National Guard, for their relentless dedication to our local overseas troops.

The students then had the privilege of hearing from Marine Sergeant Christian Guilbeau, stationed at Belle Chasse, and a graduate of the class of 2012. His speech chronicled his time at the school while connecting it to his service time and what it has meant to him. He advised the students to participate in a service effort whether it is military or civilian work. Christian thanked the administration, faculty and the Lasallian education tradition for making service a priority in one's daily life. He completed his statement by accepting the thanks from Saint Paul's for his service, and thanking the members of the Saint Paul's community for their service with food drives, Adopt-A-Family, Habitat for Humanity, and the Serve Ten Program. His impassioned presentation led to rousing round of applause from the student body.

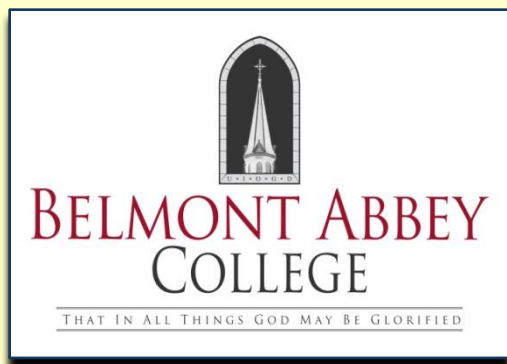
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Members of the Air Force Junior ROTC involved in the Veteran's Day Program included: Mst. Sgt. A. J. East, Seth Kramer, Alvey Anderson, Aidan Ibarra, Aiden Ross, Caleb Lind, Clayton Lind, Austin Scheyd, Ruston Keller, Landon Chamblis, and Stephen Cangelosi.



William Heurtin, a senior at Saint Paul's School, signed to play baseball at Rhodes College in Memphis. Pictured at the signing celebration seated are; William's mother Molly Gahagen Heurtin, Will, and Molly Heurtin. Standing are Varsity Baseball Coaches, Mick Nunez and Kristan Gibbe.



Saint Paul's Senior, Ryan Flood, has signed to play lacrosse at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina. Pictured at the signing celebration standing are: John Meibaum, Lacrosse Coach, Christopher Flood, and Craig Ketelsen, Athletic Director of Saint Paul's. Seated are: Lisa, Ryan and Dr. Herb Flood.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



From our family to yours, we wish you a blessed Merry Christmas and safe and happy new year!

The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack



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