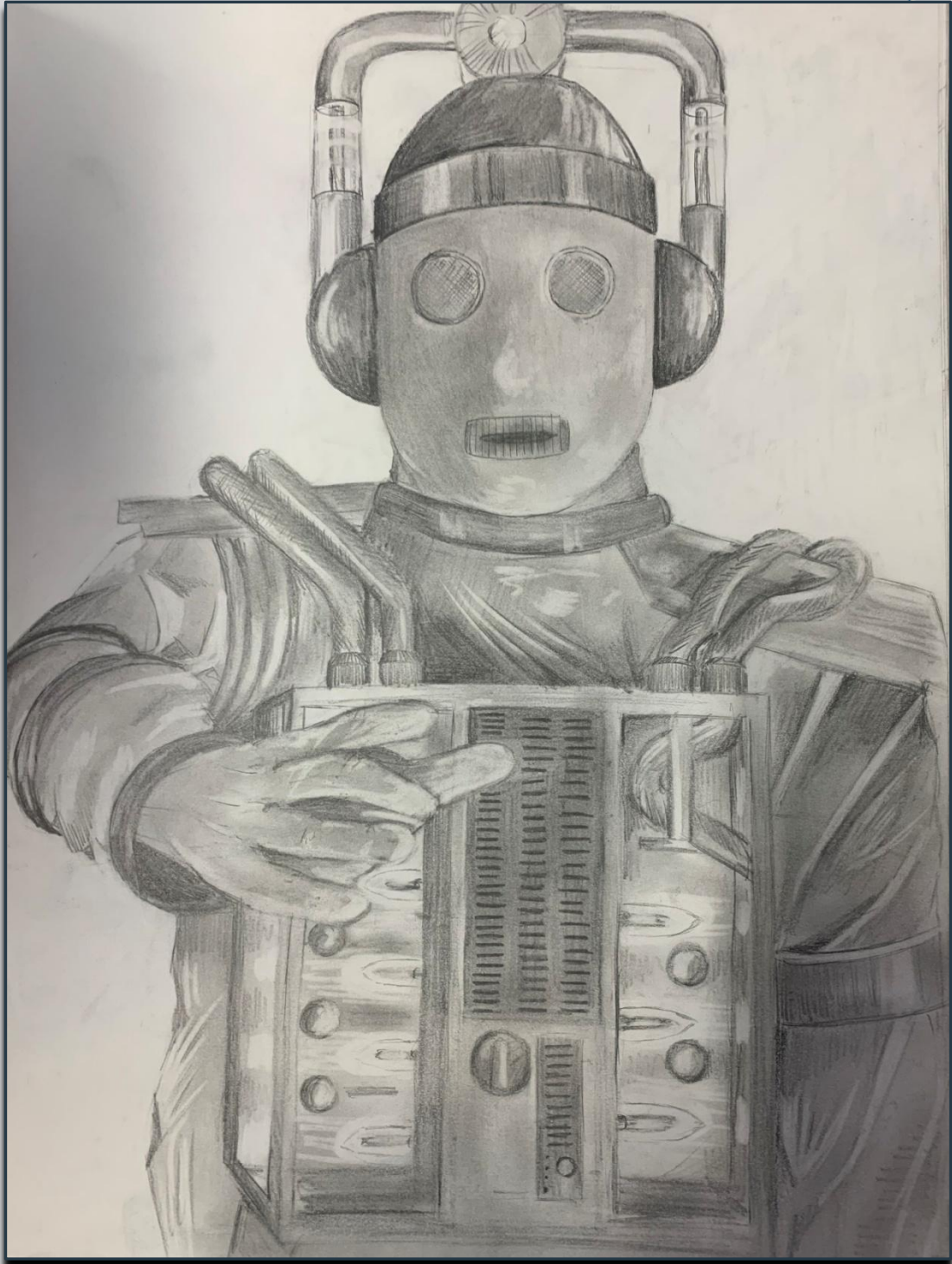


# Wolftracks Magazine



by Drew Putfark '20  
Pencil on Paper

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# On the Cover



Our cover artist for December is senior Drew Putfark. Drew is an avid swimmer and just recently won a second place medal in the 100 breast stroke in the LHSAA Division I State Championship competition. He is a member of the National Honor Society as well as Mu Alpha Theta, math honor society. He is interested in studying Civil Engineering in college after graduation from Saint Paul's School.

## Alumni News

Alumni and friends of Saint Paul's,

I wish you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope and trust that the grace and peace of our Lord has filled your homes during this season of Advent.

The month of December held several alumni events including an Alumni Formation Evening on the Five Core Principles, the Alumni Basketball game, Trivia Night- Christmas Edition, Feeding the Needy, and Christmas on Columbia, most of which will be featured in next month's edition.

As we begin this new year, for opportunities to see the current Wolves in action, please click [HERE](#) to check the winter sports schedules.

Finally, our class of 2020 will soon partake in the highly anticipated Senior Retreat from January 8-10, an experience in which I am privileged to be able to take part. I ask that you take a moment to pray for them during this special and powerful milestone in their time here at Saint Paul's.

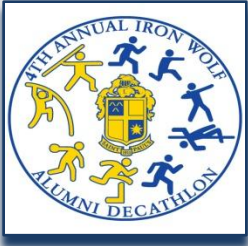
I further invite you to evoke a little nostalgia and reflect upon both your own Senior Retreat experience as well as what being a part of this brotherhood truly means to you! Feel free to send me your thoughts to [aln@stpauls.com](mailto:aln@stpauls.com)!

May you have a prosperous New Year, and may we see you around campus!

Al Nastasi '91



# Recent Alumni Events



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The Fourth Annual Alumni Decathlon was held on Friday, November 29, 2019. Several of our finest former athletes reminded us why they were State Champions and Team Captains in their prime.

Many thanks to those who participated in and supported the event. Special thanks to our event sponsor [Parish Concrete, LLC](#) and Paul Davis '89, The Fat Spoon Café and Sean Garcia '89 who provided jambalaya for the post event refueling, and to Champagne Beverage and Joel '75 and Joel Jr. '04 for the refreshments.

Congratulations to those alumni who valiantly participated in the Iron Wolf and to those who claimed bragging rights in the respective categories.

## Division I Winners (Ages 18-25)

1<sup>st</sup>: Peyton Eustis '06  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Burke '14  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Brandon Delahoussaye '12

## Division III Winners (Ages 41+)

1<sup>st</sup>: Todd Fernandez '96  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Herbie Thorpe '94  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Ron Patron '91

Please also refer to the website [HERE](#) for a list of the updated records for the event, a few of which were broken again this year. It's not too early to start training for next year to have a shot to get your name on the board!

## First Friday Gray Wolves Breakfast



Several Gray Wolves visited with each other during the monthly first Friday breakfast at Beck-n-Call in Covington. Pictured at left counter clockwise are: Charlie Wheeler '57, Don Fontan '55, Kenneth Jenkins '60, Leo Bourgeois '59, Jimmy Frederick '58, Chuck Harrington '59, Allen Seither '59, Paul Cashio '60, and Mike Herbert '68.





# Alumni Formation

The Five Core Principles, Signum Fidei, Lasallian Education and the associated now iconic logos -- While alumni of all ages may not be completely familiar with these terms and images, there has always been an underlying tone and unspoken culture to which we can all relate as we experienced this good place to grow up. Over the last several years, we have moved beyond being a school led by the Brothers of the Christian Schools to a progressively more identifiable international movement and family.

On Tuesday, December 3, former veteran campus minister and current Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for the District of SFNO, Charlie Legendre, co-presented a formation evening with our campus minister, Mr. Jeff Ramon '08. They give a historical review of the mission of Lasallian Education and the etiology of the articulation of the Five Core Principles. While always evident, the now more easily recognized pillars provide a framework for awareness, reflection and navigation. In classic Coach Legendre fashion, the evening delivered peer interaction, a testimonial element, time for reflection and a plethora of insightful information. To summarize a few powerful bullet points from the attendees, we are brothers. We always were and will be. We are part of a larger Lasallian community and family and we are most fortunate to be able to continue to proclaim openly and daily as we Remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

Many thanks to our speakers and to all in attendance including John Curren '92, Clay Harvin '07, Mike Herbert '68, Brother James Joost, FSC, Auxiliary Visitor for the District of SFNO, Jonathan Lagarde '83 Rusty Meyer '92, Al Nastasi '91, Brian Picou '89, Vinny Picou, Mark Richards' 72, and Brother Jerry Vincent, FSC. Please stay tuned for future formation events. *by Al Nastasi*



Mr. Charlie Legendre and Mr. Jeff Ramon speak to the group about the Lasallian pedagogy.



## Class of 1975 Christmas Lunch

On Friday, December 13, the Class of '75 gathered for a Christmas lunch at Chimes in Covington as they continued their longstanding tradition of brotherhood and coordinated plans for their 40th Reunion Year. Pictured counter clockwise from the left are: Mike Nicaud, Sam Spalitta, Ken Givens, Glen Fontan, F J Caminita, Squeak Salter, Kingsley Skinner, Billy Gianelloni, Ed Miltenberger, Bobby Knight, Ty Bulliard, Charlie Combe, Billy Mitchell, Mark Grush, Glenn Warner, Warren Illing, Steve Vallette, Frank DiNicola, and Joel Champagne.



## Alumni News

**Ross Burkenstock '09** – Ross recently celebrated his one year wedding anniversary to SSA alumna, Jessica Henderson.

**Carter Guice '10** - Carter married Kelly Lynn Cook on October 12, 2019 in Norfolk, Virginia. Carter is a doctor and Kelly is teaching at the Patrick Taylor Academy of Science & Technology. They reside in New Orleans.

**Peyton Burkenstock '15** - Peyton graduated with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi in December with a degree in Kinesiotherapy. He is currently applying to physical therapy schools and working part time at a physical therapy center in Covington.



## Bryan Billiot '90



**What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's?** My favorite memory came as a result of a 5-day in-school suspension my senior year after "Senior Skip Day." Unforgettable memories were created with fellow classmates while serving lunch in the cafeteria, painting the parking lot with Brother Alfred, and riding around in Coach Mauldin's pickup truck spending the spare change from his ashtray on various things at the Timesaver on Tyler across from the hospital. For some seniors their time at SPS was over, but a handful of us got to spend 5 extra days. What was intended to be a punishment turned out to be a gift!

**What do you value most about your Saint Paul's education and experience?** Saint Paul's not only helped prepare me for college, but it also set me on the right path for life. Even after 30 years, it still feels like home.

**Do you have any other family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul's?** My son Brady is a member of this year's Senior Class of 2020, and my nephew Austin will be a pre-freshman in the Fall of 2020. My brothers, Joe and David, graduated in 1993 and 1998 respectively.

**What advice would you give to current students or young alumni?** Get out of your comfort zone and get involved.

**In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life?** Jazz 'N Roll, Celebrity Waiter, and the Crawfish Cook-Off

**Why would you encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul's?** There is no better place for young men to attend school. Both inside and outside of the classroom, the quality of education one receives here is second to none.

**Is there anything you would do differently with your Saint Paul's experience if given the opportunity to go back in time?** Not a thing.

**Family:** Married to Berly for 22 years with two children: Molly and Brady, class of 2020

**Education:** B.A. from LSU

**Occupation:** Owner of Billiot Pest Control





# Gray Wolves

On Saturday, December 14, the Gray Wolves gathered for their fifth annual Christmas celebration at Zea's Rotisserie & Bar Restaurant in Covington, LA. Comprised mostly of alumni from the class years of the mid to late 50's and 60's, the Gray Wolves, their spouses and guests continued their fraternal tradition. Many thanks for the Wolf Pride, and special thanks to Paul Cashio '60 for the organizational efforts with the event. List of alumni attendees included: from the class of '55, Don Fontan; class of '56, Joe Bruno, Frank Fouchi, Ken Philibert, and Bill Rose; class of '57, Mike Sullivan; class of '58, Lloyd Gautreaux; class of '59, Jake Giardina, Bob O'Rourke, and Allan Seither; class of '60, Paul Cashio, Gerald Howat, Jens Madsen, Ronald Melancon, and Sal Pellittieri; and class of '67, E.J. Gussman.



At left, the large group gathered in the reserved dining room at Zea's. Below, Paul Cashio, left, is pictured with Louise Steadman, Janet and E.J. Gussman '67, and Arthur Cashio.



## *Rise Up O Men of God*

[Col. Michael G. Ball '59](#)

Mr. Mariano Núñez Castellanos, father of Spanish instructor Mr. William Núñez and grandfather of Daniel Núñez '20

[Mrs. Rose Millet](#), mother of Stephen Millet '86 and grandmother of Stephen Millet '19

[Mr. Max Jones](#), father of Max '90 and Mark '93 Jones

[Mrs. Aloel Jacobs](#), mother of graduate Jeff Jacobs, a '95

[Mr. Gerald Adrian "Jerry" Fischer, Sr.](#), father in law of Ernie Cole '85, and grandfather of Ben '02 and David Boyce '06, and Mason '12 and Spencer Cole '17

[Mr. Carey Cantrelle](#), grandfather of Cooper and Camden Cantrelle



# School News



The tradition of the Luminaries came to Saint Paul's School from Santa Fe. The Christian Brothers ran Saint Michael's High School in Santa Fe and for many years owned and ran the College of Santa Fe. As Brothers moved from Santa Fe to Covington, they brought the tradition of the Luminaries with them. In Santa Fe, the Luminaries were used to light the way to Midnight Mass and, in a more symbolic way, to light the way for the coming of Jesus. For many years at Saint Paul's, this celebration was held for the resident students on the last night of their fall semester before returning home for the Christmas holidays. The Luminaries carried the symbolic meaning of lighting the way to Jesus, but also signaled a break from school work. The event which included Christmas Carols in Founder's Circle and a prayer service in the chapel was a wonderful send off for those students traveling miles home, and those who lived in town.

The Student Council, National Honor Society members, and other student volunteers manned the sand stations, the paper bags, and the trucks to distribute thousands of bags containing candles and prayerful thoughts around the campus for the annual lighting. The students worked diligently to make the campus a wonderland of light.

Founder's Circle was the gathering spot for the Christmas carols, and then everyone was invited to Our Lady of Peace Chapel for a prayer service. Luke Vargas, Student Council Vice President, provided the explanation for the word displayed in Hunter Stadium. The word this year is the Latin word "Pax", meaning 'Sign of Peace'.

Following the prayer service, the guests were invited to a reception held in the cafeteria sponsored by the Mother's Club, with more Christmas treats, hot chocolate, and coffee. The Saint Paul's Jazz Band added the final touches to this wonderful celebration with a concert of Christmas songs. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the candles and prayers on the bottom of each white bag burned long into the night.



At left, seated in front, Bronson May, Carter Elie, Patrick Thompson happily distribute filled bags throughout the campus. Andrew Lacoste sits on the fender while Ryan Hill peaks through the window.







The Sacred Heart of Jesus is surrounded with luminaries while the Benilde tower shines brightly in the background.



“PAX”, Latin for the sign of Peace, is lighted with luminary bags in Hunter Stadium.



# Beatification of Brother James Miller, FSC



Brother James was born into a family of farmers near Stevens Point, Wisconsin, USA, on September 21, 1944. He attended grammar school and then went to Pacelli High School in the city of Stevens Point, where he met the Brothers for the first time. In September 1959 he entered the Juniorate in the state of Missouri. After three years there, he was admitted into the Postulancy program and then entered the Novitiate in August 1962, when he took the habit of the Brothers and the religious name Brother Leo William. Later, like so many other Brothers, he went back to using his baptismal name.

In August 1960 after making perpetual vows, he was sent to Bluefields, Nicaragua. He taught there until he

was assigned to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua in 1974, where he was the Director. Under his leadership the school population grew from 300 to 800 students. Brother James also accepted the task of supervising the construction of ten new rural schools. His religious superiors ordered him to leave Nicaragua in July 1979 during the time of the Sandinista revolution.

He was sent again to mission territory, this time to Guatemala, in January 1981. He taught at the secondary school in Huehuetenango and also worked at the Indian Center, where young indigenous Mayans from rural areas studied and trained in agriculture. In the afternoon of February 13, 1982, he was shot several times by three hooded men and he died instantly. Attempts to identify the assassins were unsuccessful.

On Thursday, November 8, 2018, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing that Brother James Miller died as a martyr in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. The process for declaring him a martyr began in 2009 and received this important 'green light' from the theological commission. His beatification was confirmed on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Brother James is the first De La Salle Christian Brother from the United States to be beatified. The cause of beatification was undertaken by the Diocese of Huehuetenango, Guatemala and received the Decree of Validity in Rome in 2010 when Brother James was designated a Servant of God and a martyr for the faith. As a martyr, Brother James must have one miracle posthumously attributed to him to reach the next level toward official sainthood, which is canonization. [Brother James](#)



While the boys from the La Salle Indigenous House in Huehuetenango (Guatemala) were preparing for the celebration of the carnival, Brother James tried to fix a lamp on the outer wall of this house. He climbed a ladder and started working. His work had barely begun, when three people arrived from a corner of the street and shot him.



# American College Testing Perfect Scores



Quality  
Education

The ACT is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions in the United States. The ACT has four sections: English, Reading, Math and Science, as well as an optional 40-minute writing test. The test is scored from 1 to 36, with 36 being perfect, on each test and a composite ACT score, which is an average of these four tests. Competitive universities care more about standardized test scores than grade point average, making high scores even more of a priority.

Saint Paul's School prepares our students for this as it is part of our mission statement to be "a school which functions well, offering strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment," and the Lasallian Core Principle "quality education."

Listed below are students that have achieved a perfect score on one, two, three, or all of the tests. The tests were administered on September 14, October 1, and October 26.



John Aertker '21  
English



Brady Billiot '20  
English, Reading, Science



Jesse Cheng '20  
English



Ben Davidson '20  
English



Frank Galeziewski '20  
English



Miles Gensler '20  
Science



Joseph Giberga '20  
English



Jake Holincheck '21  
Reading



Adam Janney '20  
Reading, Science



Ian Kramer '20  
COMPOSITE!



Andrew Lacoste '20  
English, Math



Davis Lagarde '21  
English, Science



James Lee '20  
Science



Josh McLain '20  
Reading



Thomas Miller '20  
Science





# American College Testing Perfect Scores (continued)



Scott Montreuil '20  
English



Adam Smith '20  
English, Math



Scott Sonnier '20  
Reading



Luke Vargas '20  
Reading

In addition to the previous students with a perfect score on a section of the test, eighty-three students from all different grade levels have scored 30 or higher on the ACT. Currently, four students have scored a composite 36 on their ACT: James Bradford, Brenden Dauterive, Ben Klein, and Ian Kramer. On Tuesday, December 11, these students were treated to a pizza lunch sponsored by Saint Paul's Renaissance Program.



# Día De Los Muertos



On Thursday, October 31, 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 prayer 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 31<sup>st</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, 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.



Pictured at left are members of the Spanish Honor Society including Zachary Gros, Jake Holincheck, Thomas Bitterwolf, Trey Paine, Trey Smith, Spanish Department Chair, Mrs. Liz Brett, Isaiah Ayo, Zachary Nicols, Joel Rodriguez, Ben Broussard, and Callan Danenhower.





# Blood Drive

Saint Paul's continued one of their most helpful Advent traditions on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in the lobby of the new portion of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex, a blood drive. Early on Friday morning the red labeled white vans arrived transforming the gym lobby into a makeshift blood donor center. Forty students, over sixteen, and faculty members scheduled time to donate. Since each pint can assist three people, 120 people were helped by the generous donation from Saint Paul's. The need for blood is ever present but always spikes during the holiday time so December donations are crucial.



Senior Luke Vargas, left, and English instructor, Robert Heap, give the gift of life.



# Baseball



Recently, senior Nicholas Wright signed a baseball scholarship with the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Nicholas was a member of the 2018-2019 State Championship team playing shortstop and pitcher. According to head coach Mick Nunez, "Nicholas is one of the best TEAM players that I have ever coached!" Nicholas is pictured at left with his parents, Kenneth and Michele, little sister, Kaitlyn, and baseball head coach Mick Nunuz, right, and SPS Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen.





# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*Because we know that Jesus Christ is going to come into us today, and we recognize him for what he is, let us prepare for him a dwelling place worthy of him. Let us dispose our hearts to receive him in such a way that he may be pleased to make his home there!*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle (Med., 85.3)

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Wolf is the Pack*



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