



Wolftracks Magazine

Prayer Amid a Pandemic

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with leaders of nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us!

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!

Kerry Weber



Alumni Crawfish Cookoff

At an unprecedented time which warrants innumerable considerations far beyond cancelled events on the community calendar, I cannot help but marvel at and appreciate what the Saint Paul's Alumni Association Crawfish Cook-Off has seemingly become for so many of our alumni and friends of Saint Paul's School.

In association with notifying our boiling teams of the decision to cancel until 2021, I felt compelled to share anecdotal validation of the efforts of so many involved in shaping the event. Amidst the rapid evolution at the end of the week of March 8, with markets collapsing, schools closing, social distancing, and a multitude of other unknowns, the most overwhelming question that I repeatedly received through phone, text and email over the weekend was, "What's the word on the Crawfish Cook-Off?" The genuine angst at the thought of our beloved event not being held exuded from every conversation and interaction and undeniably moved to an almost priority status.

We are most grateful for your patience and understanding as we digested the information necessary to make our ultimate decision this year. Many thanks to our Top Level sponsors, including three new categories, ticket, stage, and tent sponsors. Thanks to our boiling teams and Blue Level sponsors, to Hope House for all their efforts in preparation for the event, and to all of you who hold such passion for our boil. On the bright side, we are ready for next year with a full array of teams and sponsors on board who resolve to make 2021 the best one yet. God Bless, and our sincere prayers are with you and your family.



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Kyle Wiedemann '05



What do you value most about your Saint Paul's education and experience?

The connection that I share with classmates, other alumni, and the greater Saint Paul's family. Even if it's someone I haven't met or someone I haven't talked to in a long time, we still have that connection that is unique to Saint Paul's. I still meet people all the time who have children or relatives that went to Saint Paul's who want to know about my experience. The experience at Saint Paul's is special for all of us.

What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's?

It had been raining hard for days and the mood was dour. A 'lake' had accumulated in front of the Student Center. During the break following first period, we silently sought shelter and waited for class. I was under the Wolf Dome when I heard a shout. We all turned to see Paul Thibodeaux in a full sprint across the lawn towards the lake. The shouts turned into cheers and then became a full roar as he dove into the water, sacrificing himself for the amusement of the entire student body. He was immediately sent home and class went on as usual, but morale was much improved.

Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher?

Coach Lee Pierre, of course. Coach Pierre had a reputation for being a tough teacher with no nonsense in the classroom. Our class slowly wore through that exterior and turned chemistry into one of my all-time favorite subjects. We had fun in class but also learned a lot. Not only was he a great teacher, but he also coached me in football and is simply an awesome guy.

What advice would you give to current students or young alumni?

I would tell them never to give up on themselves. Everyone will go through stressful times and situations. Try to stay positive and remember that it isn't permanent. I would also encourage them to really think about the decisions they make. Not everything has to be super serious, but try not to get into unnecessary positions that make life harder. Don't be consumed with what other people think about you, do what you know is best for yourself and those you care for.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life?

I've volunteered to be the alumni representative for the class of 2005. I'll be helping to plan reunion activities, but I also intend to get more involved with alumni activities in general.

Why would encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul's?

The education and experience is incredible. It's a beautiful place to grow up and meet new people. The teachers, administration, and staff truly care about the young men there.

Is there anything you would do differently with your Saint Paul's experience if given the opportunity to go back in time?

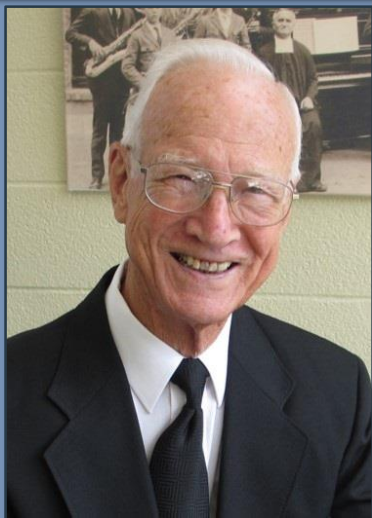
I had an amazing experience at Saint Paul's, but if I could go back I think I would have tried to be involved in more extracurricular activities. I put almost all of my out of class effort into football, but I have many other interests besides sports. Saint Paul's has plenty to offer!

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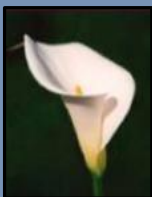


Rise Up O Men of God



[Brother Ralph Baltz](#) (Anselm Francis Baltz) passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2020. He was 99 years old and a member of Saint Paul's Retirement Community of the District of San Francisco New Orleans. Brother Ralph was born August 27, 1920 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He received the habit of the Brothers on August 14, 1936 in Lafayette, Louisiana. He pronounced final vows on June 6, 1945.

Brother Ralph's tour of duty included many years of service in the Brothers' initial formation program, including director of the former New Orleans-Santa Fe District's juniorate/ novitiate and scholasticate, sub-director of the national novitiate in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and director general of the national novitiate in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Arrangements for Brother Ralph are pending. [SFNO District Newsletter](#)



[Judge Peter Garcia '71](#), brother of Jimmy '63 and Chris '75 Garcia, and father of John Garcia '13, uncle of Jack Freret, '24

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[Mr. Paul Harrison](#), grandfather of Collin Harrison '24

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





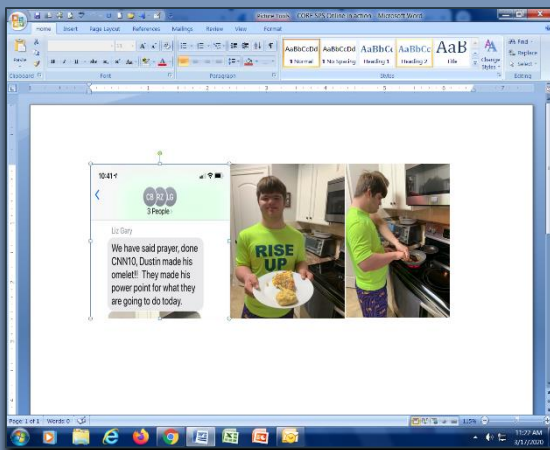
School News

SPS Online

In this time of crisis, Saint Paul's School is doing everything it can to maintain its structure and to provide the students we serve with valid instruction, although the mode of that instruction is vastly different. Students begin class each day at 9:00 am with the [Morning Prayer](#) and pledge, two things that are most important during this time. Students are on a fixed four period day schedule, with the rolling rotation as always, with school in session from 9-2:30. Silent reading continues as a vital part of the day. The talented faculty hit the floor running with a distance learning plan with a forty-eight hour window before launching, and as time passes the faculty's creativity continues to grow. Teachers are exchanging ideas and techniques to improve education, and many are doing research individually to improve distance learning. Mrs. Suzy diligently takes the daily attendance which is on par or maybe even better than usual. The academic portion of Saint Paul's moves forward and our parents are very pleased. Although email communication is easily maintained, the faculty misses the interaction with our students. We miss the pickup trucks and barbeques on Adams Street during a ballgame at Hunter Stadium at this time of year, the crowds of chatting, working, or eating students under the Wolfdome, and the endless list of other activities and scenes that have graced our campus for 109 years. But that history gives us the knowledge that we will endure....Live Jesus in our hearts forever, on the physical or virtual campus.

Written by Karen Hebert; photos submitted by faculty and students

At right, sophomore, Gabe Simpson, finds a quiet place at home to work on his studies.



Core Pack member Dustin Gary works on his Life Skills with mom.

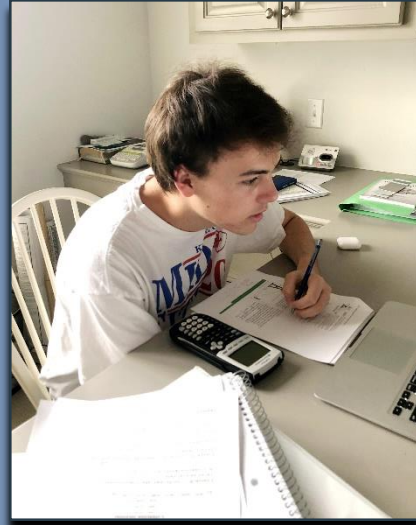


Math instructor, Dr. Shannon d'Hemecourt, works with her students to teach math.

Wolves on Wheels



At left is an example of the list of courses in which a student is enrolled using Google classroom.



Junior Christopher Franke works remotely.



Junior Christian Kramer works hard.



Social Studies teacher and head basketball coach, Stephen Dale, teaches his class while baby daughter, Maggie, naps.



Wolves on Wheels

The Saint Paul's Wolves on Wheels club is a unique organization that provides students with an opportunity to engage in mechanics and problem solving. The club builds small cars each year that are to be raced in early April at a competition with hundreds of other contending cars. The members of the club begin construction in early August, usually during the first week of school, and continue to work on their cars until the day of the competition. They meet in the shop every Monday and Wednesday after school. However, there is not just one project that the entire club works on at once; there are multiple teams that work on their own cars throughout the year. Each team has a team leader who organizes the rest of the group and gives them assignments. The team leaders report to the club moderators Mr. John Carambat and Mr. Richard Pichon, who both teach multiple classes at Saint Paul's. Every day when the club gets to work after school in the workshop, the team leaders communicate with Mr., Acrobat and Mr. Pichon for guidance on what they might do that day to solve a problem with the build or for general instruction. The team leader then delegates tasks to the rest of his team so that they can all work on their own small projects, which will eventually come together in the finished product.

The cars that the club members produce are not easy to design either; they must account for aerodynamics and weight so that they use the minimum structural components while maximizing speed and the appearance of the vehicle. These are important to factor in for the competition because the cars are graded on their driving ability and their looks. All of the teams try to keep their cars under 200 pounds when all is said and done, which is no simple task. They are required to get creative to meet this benchmark. They use anything from old bikes to pipes and roadside garbage in order to build the perfect vehicle. Members in the club can be seen welding parts together in the workshop after school or drawing up designs to maximize speed for the lightweight vehicle. They have no instructions or guidelines and there are no boundaries or limits to what they can create. Planning and constructing these cars give high school students a way to employ their imagination in the application of real-life skills that can be used their entire lives. This club is sponsored by Saint Paul's Renaissance Program.

by Sean Hightower '20



Junior Stephen Dottolo works on the roof of a car with the assistance of pefreshmen Harrison Becnel.



Senior, Thomas Miller and Junior, Nick Dufrene do some body work on their car.



Soccer State Champions

“Back-to-back” was the chant sung by the St. Paul’s faithful as the Soccer Wolves, led by now two-time MVP Michael Dufour, defeated the Catholic High Bears 2-0 to bag their seventh state title in ten straight title appearances. This current St. Paul’s team may have just cemented their place as the greatest team ever in St. Paul’s, possibly Louisiana, soccer history with their unprecedented, draw-less, undefeated season.

To say the Wolves dominated in their regular season is an understatement. The team tore through the state, scoring 110 goals in 25 matches (4.6 goals per game) across the regular season. Along with finishing first in the district and the state, the Wolves beat the best teams in Florida in the Tampa Bay Invitational Tournament and are ranked No. 1 in the nation on Max Preps and (for the first time) Top Drawer Soccer. [Read entire article](#) by Paper Wolf writer Luke Vargas ‘20



Soccer Wolves surrounded by fans following their victory against Catholic High. (Photo credit Luke Vargas)

“You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope.” –

Trappist Monk and Spiritual Writer Thomas Merton



Celebrity Dinner



*Celebrity Dinner funds
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Celebrity Dinner, originally scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020, was canceled the previous afternoon due to the outbreak of the coronavirus. Since it was too late to cancel the caterer, the Development Team and The Lakehouse staff scrambled to prepare the food and box it for each of our table sponsors. Distribution of the meals was coordinated with representatives from each table. Additionally, the Live Auction items were quickly established in an online software so that guests could bid for the items on Friday evening.

Several table hosts decided to hold their own “Mini Celebrity Dinner” in their homes with their table guests. Saint Paul’s School is thankful for our sponsors and table hosts who continue to support our Renaissance Program. For more information on this program, check the [website](#). We look forward to seeing you next year! For more information on our Celebrity Dinner event, check [here](#).

Written by Danielle Lavie; photos submitted by table hosts

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Guests of table host Labtrust, enjoy dressing as “King Tut” characters.



Fr. Guido Sarducci and friends join with table hosts, Alan and Regina Knight.

Stay tuned for next year’s announcement of the theme for Celebrity Dinner 2021.

In gratitude for your trust in Saint Paul’s School and in hope for your health and security, we pray . . . Saint Paul, our Patron! Pray for us! Saint John Baptist de La Salle! Pray for us! Saint Brother Benilde! Help us do ordinary things extraordinarily well! Blessed Brother James! Help us live courageously! Live, Jesus, in our hearts . . . forever! ---

Saint Paul’s President, Bro. Ray Buillard, FSC



Engineering

Saint Paul's students in the "Principles of Engineering" elective, taught by Richard Pichon traveled to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to attend "Engineering Day". The students were invited to attend classes where they met both current students and engineering faculty. On their guided tour, they saw student projects, examined the engineering department and curriculum, and met with a group of future employers. The business representatives generously shared samples of their work and talked to the students about job skills needed. The day was an eye opening experience that encouraged students to continue in engineering education.

by Karen Hebert



Cutline for photo: Students attending Engineering Day standing included: Noah Soule, Blake Davis, Andrew Ziblich, Kason Shaw, Santiago Villegas, Gil Ward, Jeremy Autin, Nash Rung, Aiden Barrios, Lawrence Henry, Eric Hanrahan, Jacob Tomba, Matthew Roth, and Ryan Blanchard. Kneeling are: Aiden Richards, Brady Bollinger, Alex Dusang, Anthony Elwell, and Alexander Tepper.

Members of the Saint Paul's Petroleum Engineering class taught by Ed Pribyl took a field trip to the Shell Training Center in Robert, Louisiana on March 11th. The center is an industry leading oil & gas training facility, serving and training industry staff from all across North America and Gulf of Mexico. It consists of working oil & gas equipment, hands-on training, combining classroom, interactive and advanced learning techniques. Under direction of training center staff, the students were able to: participate in virtual reality training at an offshore platform, tour and receive demonstrations in the production and instrumentation areas, learn the basics of individual safety and equipment safety, including firefighting areas, tour the helicopter underwater egress training area, put on personal protective equipment, life vest, and hard hats, and enter and ride in an offshore escape capsule, eat in the galley and tour the recreation and dorm areas and participate in safety discussions.

by Karen Hebert

Saint Paul's students and faculty attending the tour of the Shell facilities included: Nicholas Vining, Max del Rio, Max Dufour, Seth Pope, Lee Barberito, Instructor, Ed Pribyl, Philip Garcia, Sam Davidson, Dylan Porche, Blake DiSalvo, Blake Inzinna, Evan Babin, Patrick Kilgore, Josh Bonnett, and Christopher Guillot.



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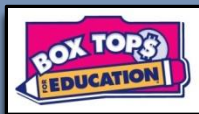
In order to help the many nonprofits in the New Orleans metropolitan area during this time of crisis, the New Orleans Catholic Foundation has re-opened their online donation platform. For Saint Paul's weblink, click [HERE](#).

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