



Wolftracks Magazine



*“The Ancient Days” by William Blake was appropriated by Scott Messa
Oil on Canvas*



Our cover artist is senior Scott Messa. Scott is an accomplished artist but also enjoys his time as a Saint Paul's swimmer. He is a member of the Aqua Wolves team which just recently placed second in the All Metro Swim Championships.



Alumni News



Friends and Alumni of Saint Paul's School,

I sincerely hope that you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. As we prepare to enter the final stretch of 2020, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued prayers, conversation, cooperation, and understanding, in particular as our events calendar looks slightly different than last year at this time.

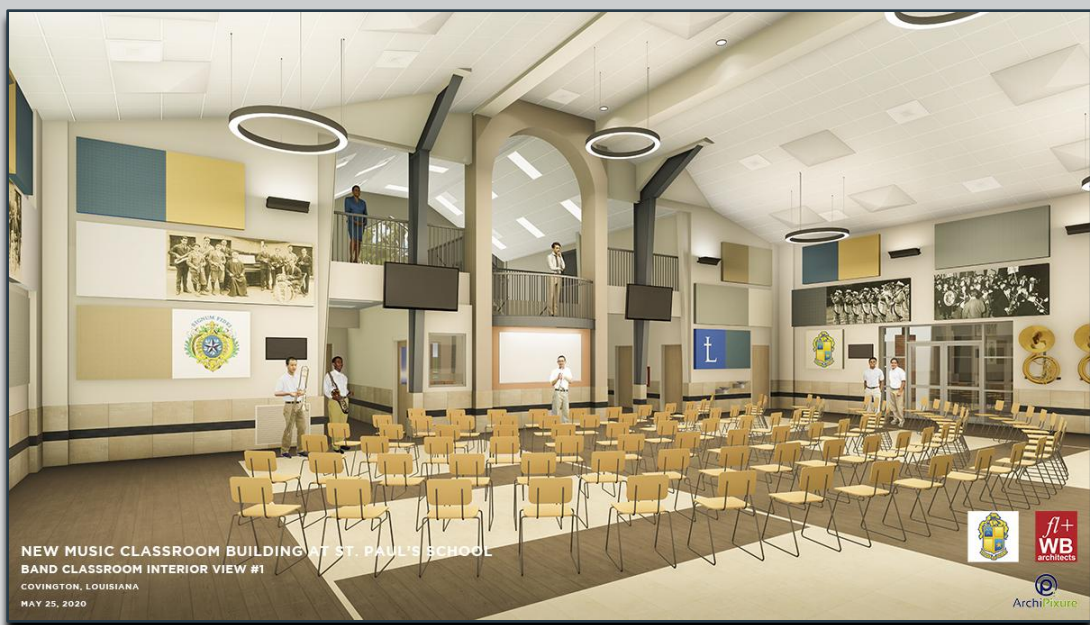
As you may have noticed, we will not be hosting the Christmas on Columbia event but hope to have dates released for our spring activities including Reunion Weekend and the Crawfish Cookoff by next month's issue. We wish you the most joyous season of Advent and holiday season, and we look forward to celebrating together when able.

Finally, we are most appreciative for your perpetual partnership and investment in Saint Paul's School. [Our Annual Fund](#) is off to a good start this year and is an integral part of making the Saint Paul's experience so impactful for generations of young men. Please know that we appreciated any gift for the needs of our current students.

Please let me know if you have not received our mailing regarding the construction of the new band facility. We are very excited to be adding this state of the art music classroom building to our beautiful 40 acre campus. If I may ever be of any assistance to you here in the Alumni Office, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-892-3200 ext 1971 or aln@stpauls.com.

Maranatha,

Al Nastasi '91



Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, October 9, 2020 would have marked our first large scale alumni hosted event in quite some time. Hurricane Delta had other plans. Fortunately, we have rescheduled the Joseph A. Champagne Jr./ Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament to Friday, December 4, 2020 at Tchefuncta Country Club. We remain most grateful for the continued support and enthusiasm surrounding this event and hope to make December's version even better than the originally scheduled venue. While there are no player spots currently available, and all other sponsorship levels are satisfied, we are still accepting White (Hole) Sponsorships. If you have an interest in promoting your business while supporting the tournament, please contact me at aln@stpauls.com. [Check out the Golf Website!](#)



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Alumni Profile

Jacob “JB” Broussard ‘16



What do you value most about your Saint Paul’s education and experience? I value how well it prepared me to succeed academically in college and to strive to live according to the 5 Lasallian Core principles. I also value the friendships with my classmates.

Do you have any other family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul’s? Yes. My younger brother, Ben, is currently a senior.

Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher? Senor Núñez challenged me to get outside of my comfort zone. He is the reason I ended up with a minor in Spanish and Arabic in college.

Why do you continue to support the Saint Paul’s mission? I loved my time at Saint Paul’s and I believe it has positively affected my life. so I support the mission to try to help others to have that same experience.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul’s at this phase of your life? I attend my brother’s games when I’m in town and keep in touch with former classmates.

Why would you encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul’s? The faculty make it a great environment to grow both intellectually and spiritually, and you’ll make lifelong friends.

Is there anything you would do differently with your Saint Paul’s experience if given the opportunity to go back in time? I would attempt to branch out and get to know more of my classmates earlier.

Family: Parents Jason and Missy Broussard, sister Anna Kate, and brother Ben ‘21.

Education: Saint Paul’s School ‘16 and Tulane University ‘20

Occupation: Field Artillery Officer in LA National Guard

Alumni News

Ross Burkenstock ‘09 – Ross and his wife, Jessica, welcomed the birth of their first child, daughter Hattie, on October 2. Hattie weighed in at 7lbs 6.5oz. Mother and daughter are just fine.

David Durand ’15 – David was recently married to Frances Thompson at St. Martin des Porres Catholic Church in Lake Charles, LA.



Planned Giving



Planned giving is defined as an area of fundraising that refers to several specific gift types that can be funded with cash, equity, or property. Because Planned Giving gifts are of such a size that they are not given spontaneously, they require “planning” and often are transmitted to Saint Paul’s School through a legal instrument such as a will or trust. Planned Giving is an integral part of Saint Paul’s comprehensive and balanced development program. It includes wills and bequests, endowment funds, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, and donor advised funds. Please contact Development Director, Danielle Lavie, at 985-892-3200 ext 1970 or development@stpauls.com for more information.

Rise Up O Men of God



[Mrs. Ethyl “Katin” Taylor](#), passed away last week after a long illness at age 95. For over twenty years, Katin and her husband, Lawrence, ran Saint Paul’s cafeteria, serving three meals daily, seven days a week, for hundreds of boarding students and over twenty Christian Brothers. Some may remember her brother-in-law, Timmy Taylor, who himself ran the cafeteria. And many more of you remember her son, Billy, who taught math at Saint Paul’s and was head football coach in the 1990s. Billy is a graduate of the class of 1972. The Taylors are an integral part of Saint Paul’s history, loved the school, and spent much of their lives here. May they all rest in peace.

by Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC



Brother Paul Walsh, FSC died on November 28 at our retirement home in Napa, CA. He was 95. Bro. Paul is no stranger to Saint Paul’s, having served for years as Assistant Principal in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was the mastermind behind the Modular Scheduling Movement at Saint Paul’s. He also served terms as principal and president of De La Salle in New Orleans for many years. In fact, he was my high school principal (there were no presidents back then) at De La Salle. He also served as the Brother Provincial of the former New Orleans-Santa Fe Province of Christian Brothers. May good Saint Joseph, Patron of a Peaceful Death, lead him into paradise where he will undoubtedly be greeted by Saint La Salle and all our holy Brothers. [Tour of Duty](#)

by Bro. Ray Bulliard, FSC



[Mr. Hugh Gremillion ‘67](#)

[Mr. Tom Aberly ‘70](#)

[Mr. Kirk Dunbar ‘80](#)

[Mr. Stephen McMurray](#), grandfather of English teacher Mr. Matt Pinero

[Mr. Marty Bobak](#), father of Religion teacher Mr. Christian Bobak

[Father Raphael Barousse, O.S.B.](#), former resident chaplain at Saint Paul’s and frequent celebrant at Our Lady of Peace Chapel

[Mr. Patrick Bartley](#), father of Patrick Bartley ‘95

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





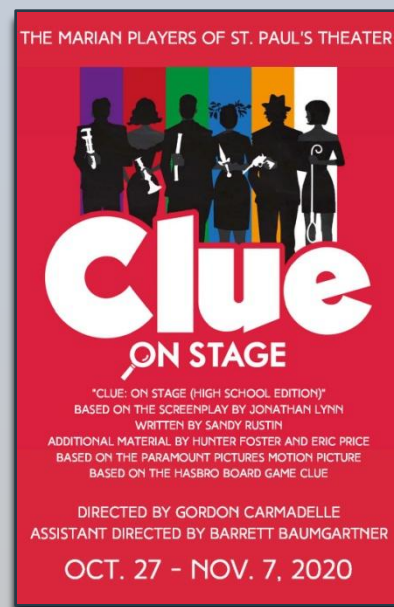
School News

Curtains opened on Saint Paul's theater season with the first performance of *Clue*, a comedy based off of the popular board game.

The time is 1954. Mr. Boddy invites six guests to his mansion where he reveals that he is blackmailing each of them. In a twist of fate, Mr. Boddy is found dead on the floor, and the the guests try to solve the crime of who murdered him. [See complete article by Ethan Wilson '23](#)

Saint Paul's cast members include: Zachary Van Zandt as Wadsworth, Blaine Cooney as Colonel Mustard, Dylan Martin as Mr. Green, Brendan McNeil as Professor Plum, Jake Holincheck as Mr. Boddy, Cavin Taylor as the Motorist, and Daniel Whalen as the Cop. Students from Saint Scholastica portray the female members of the cast. They are: Gracyn Dunavant as the Cook, Abigail Williams as Mrs. White, Gabrielle Gernon as Mrs. Peacock, Mia Mannino as Miss Scarlet, and Samantha Harkins as the Singing Telegram Girl. Members of the lighting and stage crew included: Cohen Cluney, Shawn Cooney, Briggs Cooper, Gavin Dominique, Cooper Estrade, Zachary Gros, Aidan Hayes, Landon Lewis, Brady Myers, Andrew Talamo, Hayden Vogt, and Daniel Whalen.

Back by popular demand, additional performances will be held at Saint Paul's Alumni Memorial Theater on Monday, November 30 at 7:00pm, Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00pm, Friday, December 4 at 7:00pm, and Saturday, December 5 at both 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Tickets may be purchased [HERE](#).



Cast players begin their investigation of the death of Mr. Boddy. Pictured at left L-R are: Zachary Van Zandt as Wadsworth, Gabrielle Gernon as Mrs. Peacock, Abigail Williams as Mrs. White, Brendan McNeil as Professor Plum, Dylan Martin as Mr. Green, and Mia Mannino as Miss Scarlet. Mr. Boddy is played by Jake Holincheck.



Voice of the Wolves



Head basketball coach Stephen Dale presents Preston with a commemorative plaque.

Longtime Saint Paul's friend, Mr. Preston Hammons, called his last basketball game on Thursday, November 12. Preston has decided to move to Lafayette, LA to be closer to his son, Stephen Hammons, graduate of the class of 2001, and his family. He would open the basketball games with his signature "Now it's time for some Saint Paul's.....basketbaaaalllllll!" As a former, professional radio announcer, Preston has lent his voice throughout the years at many Saint Paul's events.

Since Saint Paul's major fundraiser, Jazz 'N Roll, began in 1989, Preston started his tenure as the Master of Ceremonies at many of the school's festivities hosted by the Development and Alumni Offices. For many years, patrons of the Celebrity Dinner event, which began in 2001, and the Crawfish Cookoff, which started in 2009, have seen Preston with a microphone in his hand throughout the occasions. He serves as a founding member of Saint Paul's Renaissance Program and is still a member of the Renaissance Board. We will miss his frequent stops to the office but hope he will still visit as our guest for Saint Paul's future events!

by Danielle Lavie



Preston and good friend Don Boudreaux '52 enjoy the patron party at the thirtieth anniversary of Jazz 'N Roll.



Crawfish Cookoff patrons listen to Preston as they feast on crawfish.



Renaissance Board Member David Briggs and Preston celebrate a successful Celebrity Dinner in 2010 .



American College Testing

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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.

Saint Paul's School is very proud that several of our students have received a perfect score on one of the tests. Listed below are those students that received a perfect subject score on the tests administered on September 12.



Junior William
Allen, Reading



Senior Maxwell
Anderson, Reading



Senior Wesley
Coles, Reading



Junior William
Ditta, Reading



Junior Preston
Orgeron, English



Senior Alexi
Sotiropoulos, Reading





As a school centered on the core principle of faith in the presence of God, the Spanish Club, guided by moderator Liz Brett, created a memorable tenth annual Day of the Dead ceremony which was held for the first time in Our Lady of Peace Chapel.

In preparing to offer this ceremony to the student body this year, the Spanish Club had to think outside of the box due to COVID-19 restrictions. As a result, the new setting of the chapel created a more personal experience for those participating in the ceremony.

El Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, is a Mexican holiday in which families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes food, drink, and celebration. Following the traditions of the ceremony, the Spanish Club adorned the altar with brightly colored decorations, candles, and flowers. During the ceremony, students and faculty were invited to place photographs or the names of their deceased loved ones on the altar.

The Day of the Dead holiday is traditionally celebrated on November 2nd. This year, however, Saint Paul's students were able to participate with their Spanish class over the course of a week; this allowed for proper social distancing and created a more intimate atmosphere for the ceremony.

by Jeaneen Schmitt



Students leave photos and names of their deceased love ones in baskets in front of the altar.



The altar contains brightly colored flowers, candles, and decorations.

Honor Roll Breakfasts

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Saint Paul's staff member, Mrs. Cindy Leaber, celebrates with her son, Evan.

As are most things in 2020, Saint Paul's first quarter honor roll breakfast was not the customary event. Administrators, parents, and students did gather to celebrate the academic accomplishments of the members of the student body; however, they gathered by grade level in the Briggs Assembly Center, and each student was only allowed one parent. The socially distanced tables all faced the same direction and were set for two. Blue and gold balloons added a festive atmosphere to the building. Mr. Rick Gonzalez from Chick-Fil-A of Covington on Highway 190 provided breakfast bags of chicken biscuits so that everyone was protected.

However, some things at Saint Paul's don't change; the guests entered to The Brandenburg Concertos 1-3 by Johann Sebastian Bach. All level breakfasts began, like all Saint Paul's events, with a prayer, this time dedicated to "Newly Elected Officials." Assistant Principal, Mr. Joe Dickens recognized the deserving young men who stood and were honored with much applause. Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC, delivered congratulatory remarks, and also used this opportunity for one of his favorite activities teaching vocabulary. Carefully using the science and research of Johnson O'Connor, the footnote on the program boldly proclaimed "a person's vocabulary is the best single predictor of occupational success." Armed with that knowledge, Brother taught four new words to students and adults alike. *Sedulous*, showing dedication and diligence; *pusillanimous*, lacking in courage; *rara avis*, a rare or special individual, and *craven*, a cowardly person; all made the first quarter honor roll word list.

Special thanks went to the people who worked to prepare for the honor roll breakfasts events including: Mrs. Shellie Campo, Mr. Rick Gonzalez, and the members of the Maintenance Staff. To make certain that all students are recognized for their achievements, make-up breakfasts will be held on December 3rd and 4th. Everyone exited the Briggs Center with both the mind and body satisfied with the experience.

by Karen Hebert



Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, calls out the names of the honor roll recipients.



Freshman William Fuhrman shares breakfast with his dad, Christopher.



Saint Paul's School had its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Northshore Food Bank in early November. Students and faculty donated 10,720 pounds of non perishable food filling twenty-two bins to help the community as it reels from the Covid crisis, and to bring some joy during the holiday season to those families in need. The food drive, a long standing tradition that exemplifies the Lasallian Core Principle "Concern for the Poor and Social Justice," is an important annual event; however, this year due to the circumstances, food donations seem even more important. Canned and boxed food items lined the classroom floors for one week during collection time, and on Tuesday, November 11th, students began the work of hauling boxes and bags of food to a line of waiting pickup trucks for transportation. Once the food arrived at the food bank, a number of Saint Paul's students volunteered to sort and stock the food in the warehouse since this was such a large donation. This effort and the food drive in the spring keep Saint Paul's School on the list of major donors at our local food bank. The food drive under the direction of Campus Minister, Mr. Jeff Ramon, was considered a huge success. Ms. Ginger Kurkle, Community Engagement Director, sent Mr. Ramon a thank you note with the words, "Awesome donation."

In addition to the pounds of food dropped off at the food bank, Saint Paul's also participated in food collection for the annual Turkey Train sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, with the assistance of the local high school Key Clubs. School key clubs were asked to provide a food specific item for this donation and Saint Paul's was asked to bring Instant Potatoes. This food collection and donation is in cooperation with the Faith Bible Church of Covington. Saint Paul's will deliver the potato collection on November 20th. The Saint Paul's Key Club is under the direction of Kevin Moore, Social Studies Instructor.

by Karen Hebert



Junior James Ellis hands food donations to senior Hunter Kergosien



Students, Adam Fields, Myles Moran, and Jacob Rebaudo, carry bags of food to awaiting pick up trucks.



Aqua Wolves

The Saint Paul's Aqua Wolves finished the 2020 season with a strong showing. For the second straight year, the Wolves placed 3rd in the State Meet, held in Shreveport, LA on Saturday, November 21. They placed 2nd in the New Orleans Metro Championship and 1st in the Northlake Regional Championship (District) for the fifth straight year.

At the Northlake Regional Championship, the Aqua Wolves won three of the eleven events. Top Individual winner, senior Austin Peak, with a total of 40 points, was named the Metro Champion. Austin also finished first in the 100-yard Freestyle and 200-yard Freestyle races. Cameron Smith placed first in the 200-yard Individual Medley with a time of 2:07.56. The team of Bradford Day, Scott Messa, Austin Peak, and Cameron Smith placed first in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay and the 400-yard Freestyle Relay team of Jack McNamara, Austin Peak, Jack Rodgers, and Cameron Smith were first place finishers.

For the State Championship competition, team Captain Austin Peak was the runner-up in both the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Backstroke. The 200-yard Freestyle Relay team of Bradford Day, Scott Messa, Austin Peak, and Cameron Smith placed 3rd. The 400-yard Freestyle Relay team of Jack McNamara, Austin Peak, Jack Rodgers, and Cameron Smith also placed 3rd in a very close race. Junior Cameron Smith placed 4th in both the 100-yard and 200-yard Freestyle races and junior Evan Abraham placed 6th in the 100-yard Breaststroke. Also scoring points for the team were Evan Abraham (200IM), Scott Messa (50 Free), Jack McNamara (500 Free), and Connor Dobie (100 Breast). State qualifiers Bradford Day, Roman Fouchi, and Jack Rodgers all swam best times in their individual events.

by Danielle Lavie



Senior Austin Peak helps the team finish in second place for the New Orleans Metro Championships.



Second place finishers at the Metro Meet L-R are: Scott Messa, Jack McNamara, Evan Abraham, Jack Rodgers, Conner Dobie, David Barcelona, Cameron Smith, Bradford Day, Austin Peak, Roman Fouchi, Christian Kramer and Andrew Hightower.



Athletic Signings

Two Saint Paul's seniors recently signed baseball scholarships for Division I schools. Saint Paul's first baseman and pitcher, Matthew Russo, has signed with the University of Southern Mississippi and Connor Simon, shortstop and pitcher, has signed with LSU.

Matthew Russo is the son of Jeff and Jane Russo of Mandeville. He has received numerous accolades during his high school baseball career including All District, All mMtro, and All Parish recognitions. Matthew has consistently been on Saint Paul's honor roll since his 8th grade year and will finish his senior year with over a 4.0 GPA. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta clubs and is a Student Ambassador. Matthew plans to study Healthcare Marketing while at USM.

Connor Simon is the oldest son of Bo and Charmagne Simon. He is an honor roll student with a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the 30+ ACT club. Additionally, Connor was a student leader during the recent Lasallian Catholic Assessment Process given at Saint Paul's School. He plans to major in Finance and hopes to pursue a career in Investment Banking.

by Danielle Lavie



Pictured above is Matthew Russo signing with The University of Southern Mississippi with his parents, Jane and Jeff, and his brother, Connor and sister, Emma.



Connor Simon is pictured with his parents, Bo and Charmagne, and his brother, Colin as he signs with LSU.

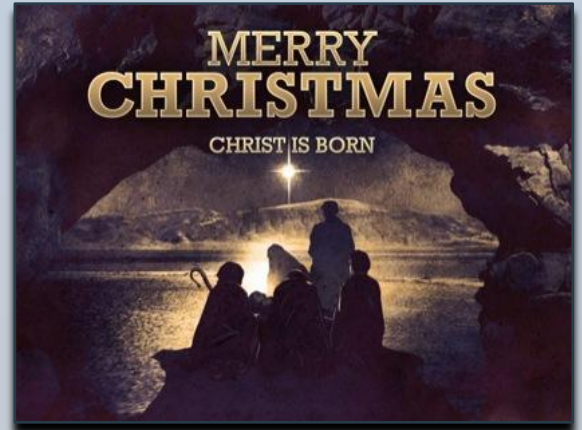


Merry Christmas

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)

From Saint Paul's School, Merry Christmas!

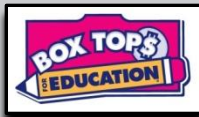


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