Alumni News





Friends and Alumni of St. Paul's School,

I hope this finds you well. Our Alumni Events Calendar is beginning to open up once again. While you may not see one of your favorite events or activities back in circulation, please take a look at some of our upcoming alumni events featured

in this month's edition, and give some consideration to joining us when applicable and capable. We look forward to sharing in the making of additional memories of your Saint Paul's experience.

Many thanks to all who supported and attended our sold out **Joseph A. Champagne**, **Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament** which was held on Friday, October 8 at Tchefuncta Country Club. Please note the further coverage later in this edition.

Attention All Alumni Veterans - We are honored to recognize our Veteran Alumni on the Friedman Memorial Plaque which is updated annually. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information. The deadline for this year's submission is November 12, 2021, and the plaque will reflect the newly submitted names shortly after the first of the New Year.

Upcoming Alumni Events:

Friday, November 26, 2021 – Yearbook Distribution for the Class of 2021 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, Stop in for a visit and snack. Should you desire to receive your copy sooner, please feel free to contact Al Nastasi at alm@stpauls.com / 985-892-3200 ext 1971 or Mrs. Mimi Monteiro at m.monteiro@stpauls.com / 985-892-3200 ext 1974 to make arrangements.

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - Trivia Night Christmas Edition at 8:00 pm in Benilde Hall - Start planning your team now, and accept the challenge from your peers. Teams of up to 4 contestants comprised of at least 2 alumni will be allowed to enter. Free Drinks-- Pizza \$2 slice—Young Alums from 2016 to 2021 will receive two free slices-- Prizes to the top 3 teams.

Sunday, December 26, 2021 - Christmas On Columbia - from 6 to 9 pm at the Columbia Street Tap Room, Seiler Bar and Patio. Complimentary food will be provided. The first 100 alumni present will receive 2 drink tickets, and there will be drink specials.

Saturday, April 9, 2022- Save the Date for our Annual Crawfish Cook-Off and Reunion Weekend.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions, comments or suggestions. 985-892-3200 ext 1971 or alm@stpauls.com

See you soon!



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





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WINNERS

Low Gross

1st Place- Craig Brewer,
 James Crouch, Parker
 Ford, Tom Wetzel
 2nd Place- TC Ford,
 Jonathan Gay, Laef
 Lowther, Matt Marcel
 3rd Place- Jeff Kerr,
 Kristopher Kerr, Wyatt
 Ott, Cameron Mobley

Low Net

1st Place- David Briggs,
Travis Briggs, Rhett
Briggs, Tyson Walker
2nd Place- Michael
Faherty, James Breaux,
Mark Milton, Tom
Richardson
3rd Place- Tyler Stroble,
Jacob Greenburg, Evan
Weems, Mike Willem

Longest Drive-Hole 18
Cameron Mobley

Closest to the Hole - #1 Collin Eley

Closet to the Hole - #8
Chad Readlinger

Closet to the Hole - #12
Travis Briggs

Closet to the Hole - #15 Carson Abrams

> Closet to the Line Ryan Davis

Champagne's Chips Cameron Mobley

> Putting Green Trey Blackall





Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Golf Tournament (continued)



Pictured at left L-R are the winners of the Low Net competition: Rhett Briggs '00, Travis Briggs, David Briggs, and Tyson Walker '94.

Pictured at right L-R are the first place winners of the Low Gross competition: James Crouch, Tom Wetzel, Parker Ford and Craig Brewer.





At right, L-R are the second place winners of the lowest gross score. They are: TC Ford, Laef Lowther '00, Jonathan Gay '98, and Matt Marcel.





Alumni Profile

Robert E. Ruel, III '77



Family: Married to Julie C. Ruel in 1990 with two children; Robert E. Ruel, IV and Christian C. Ruel. One Grandchild: Robert E. Ruel, V (Quinten).

Education: Graduated from the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor of Science Business in Administration

Occupation: Owner of Ruel Insurance Agency, LLC.

What do you value most about your Saint Paul's education and experience? The relationships developed while living at Saint Paul's are what I have come to value the most. When I was younger, the relationships were taken for granted. As I have aged, I have come to realize my fellow classmates are much more like brothers, many of whom I have become closer with over the years.

Do you have any other family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul's? Yes, I have three nephews who have attended: Landon Ruel '18, currently at the University of Southern Mississippi, Reiss Plauche '19 at University of Alabama, and Ethan Plauche '21 at LSU.

What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's: That would have to be the annual bonfire. Having been raised in the city, I had no experience with chainsaws, tractors, large trucks and trailers. Well, Saint Paul's changed that my senior year as the older students were tasked with constructing a bonfire. We safely operated the equipment noted above which was quite the experience for a city boy.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life: I have served on the Alumni Board, the original planning committee for the Crawfish Cook- Off, as a coordinator of the South Shore Alumni Association, and I am the Class Agent for the class of '77.

Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher? Brother Michael Livaudais was my most impactful teacher. Brother Michael taught a speech class that required each student to give a speech in the auditorium which was known as L5. The class exam was to present your speech in L5 to students and their parents. While writing my speech, I sought the advice of Br. Michael who felt I should use verbiage that was more expressive and forceful. He suggested a word widely used today that was considered improper and taboo in those days. I initially thought he was joking. He was not and assured me he would make certain that I would not be disciplined for use of the word in my speech. I loudly spoke the word which resulted in a number of loud gasps from the audience. Brother David, the Principal, and Brother Jeff, the Disciplinarian, were the first to greet me as I walked off the stage as they were not impressed by my decision. Brother Michael quickly intervened saving me from punishment.

What advice would you give to current students or young alumni? Although you may not appreciate it now, the experiences, relationships and education you receive at Saint Paul's will develop the foundation on which your life will be constructed. Spend the time to build the foundation properly and enjoy the process.





Veterans Plaque



In 2012, at the bequest and generosity of the estate of Mr. Harry G. Friedman, Class of 1933, a memorial plaque was designed and hung in the Eastern hallway in the lobby of LaSalle Hall. It was dedicated to the Memory of Mr. Harry Friedman and that of his brother, USA Lt. Col. Joseph Bernard Friedman, Saint Paul's College 1935. Additional language on the plaque is as follows: "Honoring the memory of all the Saint Paul's Alumni who practiced the values learned at Saint Paul's by their patriotic service in the United States Military."

Over 200 Alumni are presently represented on the plaque which resides in the hallway of La Salle Hall adjacent to our former ROTC classroom. As Veterans Day approaches, we would like to once again petition our alumni base to identify any additional veterans and give proper recognition to all who have served our country.

If you are a veteran and would like to be recognized on the plaque, please email your response to the following to <u>aln@stpauls.com</u>:

- Your name
- Branch of service in which you served
- The highest rank or rate attained
- Your year of graduation or years spent at Saint Paul's

Further, if you are aware of a classmate or friend who served, please send us any information you have regarding that person including contact information. Any active military, please let us know when your service ends, or upon retirement, in order to ensure that the accurate rank is denoted on the plaque.

Many thanks to the Friedman family and for our Alumni who have so bravely served the greatest country the world has ever known.

NOTE: The plaque will be updated annually, and the deadline for this year's submission is Veterans Day, Friday, November 12, 2021. The goal is to have the updated names available for display by our return to school the first week in January 2022.

If you are not sure whether your name is on the plaque at this time, or for any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Al Nastasi at aln@stpauls.com or 985 892-3200 ext 1971.







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Noah Seiden '18 - Congratulations to Noah for making some "Waves" and earning his time on the gridiron. See article.

Jack Mashburn '19 - Saint Benilde is beaming with joy as Jack is doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well. Touchdowns, yardage, receptions, and interceptions are often celebrated, but the value of a good block often takes a backseat. Not this time, and for good reason. Anyone watching the LSU vs Florida game on October 16 witnessed the metaphoric holes you can drive a truck through, many of which were created by our very own Jack Mashburn. It was obvious. It was exciting and it has garnered him well deserved praise and attention. Well done, Jack, and congratulations! Here are a few tales of the tape. 247 Sports Ed Orgeron Praises Jack The Advocate Article

Varsity Football Teams of 2015 and 2016 - On Friday, October 22, members of the 2015 and 2016 Varsity Football teams returned to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their District Championship seasons. Following a pregame reception, the teams were honored with a special recognition during the Saint Paul's vs. Mandeville High School game. Thank you gentlemen for spending the evening with us!

Pictured from L-R bottom row: Hayden Ocman '17, Zack Gallagher '17, Karson Matherne '17, Nick Picone '18, Jack Vining '17, Tripp Doolittle '18, Christian Roberts '17, and Brycen Brown '17. Standing L-R: Micah Crockett '20, Jared Simoneaux '16, Dylan Futrell '17, Chris Coyne '16, Michael Crockett '20, Nick Borne '16, Brandon Eberts '16, Grant Gallaspy '16, Cade Icamina '17, Trey Icamina '17, Nick Knobloch '17, Spencer Fox '19, Austin Means '17, Taylor Lacoste '17, Robert Bouquoi '19, Cameron Cluney '18, and Noah Seiden '18.







Rise Up O Men of God



Brother Tom Ward, FSC, '37 the oldest Brother of the San Francisco New Orleans District at 101, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 22, 2021. Bro. Tom was enrolled at Saint Paul's School for high school when he discerned to enter the Christian Brothers' Juniorate during his junior year. He served faithfully at many Lasallian schools including Saint Paul's and De La Salle High School in New Orleans. This past summer, the Development Office video taped an interview with Bro. Tom as the oldest living brother. Find Bro. Tom's tour of duty and view his interview.



Brother Duane Gregory, FSC, a member of Saint Paul's Retired Brothers Community, died peacefully on the morning of October 15 at the age of 96. Bro. Duane served faithfully at Saint Paul's for many years, mostly in the finance office as school treasurer and bookkeeper. He also moderated the Saint Paul's golf team for many years and was an avid follower of our golfers and all Saint Paul's athletics. Find Bro. Duane's tour of duty here.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Clark, Jr. '52, son of William Clark '24, father of Fr. Matthew Clark, OSB (Saint Paul's Chaplain) and grandfather of Jason Schroder '06, Luke Clark '15, Drew Bennett '15, and Zachary Clark '18

Mr. Gary Edward '59

Mr. Kenneth Matherne '75

Mrs. Mary Dale Roberts, mother of Michael '70 and Mark '76 Roberts

Mrs. Isabel Messina, mother of George '83, Drew '86, and Nick '90 Messina

Mrs. Mary Ellen Harlan, mother of Arief '09 and Ryan '11

Mrs. Eunice Van Zandt, grandmother of Stevie '16 and Zachary '22 Van Zandt

Mr. Neil Kliebert, grandfather of Jordan Kliebert '17

Mrs. Dolores Wilson grandmother of Chris '19 and Ethan Wilson '23

Mr. Donald Roth, grandfather of Blain Cascio '21

Mrs. Terri Marengo, grandmother of Conner Dazet '23 and Evan Showalter '25

Mr. Kelvin Adams, grandfather of Ralph Wynne '24







School News



Thanks to the Hadskey family and SG Northshore for providing the birthday signage.

Saint Paul's celebrated their 110th birthday on Tuesday, October 12th. Due to last year's strict Covid-19 protocols, Saint Paul's could not honor our birthday, so Brother Ray made this year's celebration extra special. Although Saint Paul's actual birthday was September 14th, we postponed the celebration because of Saint Paul's recovery from Hurricane Ida; however, Saint Paul's always perseveres. Brother Ray says, "Neither a pandemic nor a category four hurricane can prevent Saint Paul's School from celebrating 111 years of providing a Catholic Lasallian education to the young men entrusted to our care." The birthday celebrations included marching around campus with the band, snack day, and a President's assembly. The President's assembly included a brief history of Saint Paul's.

by Ben Barousse '23



Covington mayor, Mark Johnson '76, left and St. Tammany President, Mike Cooper '71, were on hand for the birthday celebration. Pictured with them is Philip Miller dressed as the wolf.



Saint Paul's Marching Wolves leads the student body down De La Salle Drive.





New Band Hall is Nearing Completion!



Would you like to help out?

Saint Paul's Marching Wolves and band programs previously used a facility that was known as the "rec hall". This single story, small building has provided much needed space for the band since 1995. Due to overall building deterioration, and expansion of our band programs which include concert, jazz, and drum corps components in addition to the renowned Marching Wolves, a new space was needed.

This new facility will provide expanded space, restrooms, acoustics, and aesthetics to our music program. Construction began in October 2020 and is nearly complete. During construction, the band students have temporarily been using the Briggs Assembly Center for instruction. They are anxious to move!



Pictured at right is the old facility which became inadequate with expansion of the music program at Saint Paul's.





A new and improved facility is nearly complete!





Oktoberfest – Reserve a table today!



Oktoberfest 2021 is a family friendly event with the "progressive oom-pah" band <u>The Bräts</u>. The Bräts are a high-energy pop/polka/dance party act, with enthusiastic live performances. Their progressive take on traditional polka is described as nothing short of pure lucid entertainment.

Join Saint Paul's community, friends, and neighbors for Oktoberfest on Saturday, December 4, 2021 and enjoy brats, beers, and lots of polka music on Saint Paul's beautiful campus. Reserve your table today with a sponsorship!



Saint Paul's signature stein.









Outdoor Mass

On October 7th, Saint Paul's celebrated its first all-school mass of the 2021-2022 school year. It was a little different than in the past as it was held in Hunter Stadium. Nine hundred students piled into the bleachers on a beautiful Thursday morning, with Brother Ken Boesch, FSC ready to direct the student body as his choir. Religion classes held a mass practice prior to the event in which the students rehearsed singing the hymns. At the practice, Brother Ken instructed the students to sing with heart and the students followed his instructions in an exemplary manner. An important part of Saint Paul's mass is the student leadership in readings and prayers. Junior Dylan Buckel was a reader at the mass and stated, "This Mass meant a lot. I've seen upperclassmen read at Mass before, and now that I'm an upperclassman, reading at Mass felt amazing."

The Mass was held outside to immerse students of Saint Paul's in the campus's beautiful nature and make the Mass more vivid. It did just that as it was a lovely morning with a slight breeze and a sunrise that had overtaken Hunter Stadium as the Mass started. Campus Minister Jeff Ramon had this to say when asked about Saint Paul's beauty and why it was held outside, "We're blessed to have such a unique campus situated among the oaks and pines of Covington." He then added, "The idea is to have one outdoor mass per year going forward, and we saw that the weather was going to be fantastic that day." Then he gave his experience with the first all-school Mass of the school year. "My feeling of having our first all-school Mass of the year was terrific. Given the schedule impacts of Ida, it was a little later than anticipated." The school community is looking forward to another mass on November 1st for the Solemnity of All Saints!

by Christian Cowley '23



Saint Paul's chaplain, Fr. Matthew Clark, OSB delivers his homily to the student body.



Campus Minister, Mr. Jeff Ramon, is explaining to the congregation how the Holy Eucharist will be distributed.





Newly Commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion



Twenty-six Saint Paul's seniors were recently commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Serving with a dispensation for pastoral need from Archbishop Gregory Aymond, the **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy** Communion serve our Saint Paul's community and their individual parish communities. Bestowed with the privilege of distributing the Eucharist to our community, that privilege comes with the obligation to exemplify the Gospel in an extraordinary way and call others to live the Gospel. Pictured at left are: L-R top row: Ryan Blanchard, Isaiah Ayo, Nicholas

Piazza, Zachrey Gros, and Brayden Turni; fourth row L-R: Cameron Smith, Ashton Means, Blake Weimer, Brian Lea, Clayton Cockfield, and Gil Ward; third row L-R: Sergio Romero, Gavin Dominique, Carter Murphy, Andrew Hightower, and Daniel Bitterwolf; second row L-R: Aiden Barrios, Hayden Vogt, Preston Orgeron, Trey Faherty, Beau Barre, Marco Vargas, Joseph Cresson, and Will Allen; first row L-R: Alexander Tepper, and Roch Ragan.

Alumni Faculty

Faculty alumni recently gathered for a photo during a beautiful day on campus. Pictures at right L-R front row are: Josh Pereira '09, Jeff Drivon '01, Mick Nunez '88, Kristian Gibbe '00, and Andrew Dart '03. Second row L-R are: Jeff Ramon '08, Trevor Watkins '79, Aaron Falkenstein '12, and Marc Robertson '12. Third row L-R are: Ken Sears III '16, Ryan Spencer '01, Barrett Baumgartner '06, and Al Nastasi '91. Top row L-R are: Gabriel Emerson '12 and Kevin Moore '91. Not pictured Dr. Shawn Mullet '92.







Blue Ribbon



Saint Paul's School receives accolades from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for being distinguished as a multiple National Blue Ribbon Awardee, earning the distinction in 2021 and 2015. Saint Paul's President Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC accepts the award on behalf of the Saint Paul's community at a recent BESE meeting. Picture above L-R are: State Superintendent Cade Brumley, Brother Ray, Catholic School Superintendent RaeNell Houston and BESE Non-public Schools member Mr. Thomas Roque.



National History Day



Saint Paul's social studies and English teacher, Kim Gardner, was recently selected by National History Day (NHD) to participate in the fall professional development program entitled *Inspiring Student Research with the Library of Congress*. The online course focuses on using Library of Congress primary and secondary sources to develop and support student research skills and culminates with creating an individual plan for teachers to use resources from the Library of Congress in their classroom in the upcoming semester.

According to the executive director of NHD, Dr. Cathy Gorn, "The teachers in this course develop crucial skills in locating and analyzing primary documents. They also discuss how to use primary documents in the classroom, learning a variety of pedagogical approaches that will benefit students' learning for many years."

Congratulations, Kim Gardner, on the honor of being selected for this significant professional development program.

by Jeaneen Schmitt





Perfect 36!

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. A superscore of 36 is a perfect score of the combination of best scores of all the ACT tests taken.

Saint Paul's School is very proud that five of our students have received perfect 36 scores. William Ditta, Carter Murphy, Preston Orgeron, and Daniel Whalen all received a SUPERSCORE of 36 on the test and Walker Dubreuil received a 36 COMPOSITE score on his test.



William Ditta



Walker Dubreuil



Cater Murphy



Preston Orgeron



Daniel Whalen

Habitat for Humanity



Saint Paul's School Habitat Club worked on Saturday, October 16 and help lay sod in the yard of another new home. Pictured at left L-R are: Preston Orgeron, Walker Dubreuil, William Ditta, Blake Weimer, and Camden Cantrelle.





Key Club

Saint Paul's School Key Club members joined forces with Keep Covington Beautiful and the Osprey Initiative installing "litter getters" along 28th Street in Covington. The Litter Gitter is a patented, in-stream litter collection device used to trap floating litter from storm water runoff. The students will continue to monitor the area to maintain the traps and compile data on the items trapped in them recycling as much of the litter as possible.

Retired Saint Paul's environmental teacher, Mark Richards, who volunteers with Keep Covington Beautiful, worked alongside the



Pictured above from left are student workers: Jake Satches, Davis Peltier, Jude Barcelona, and Jack Keller.

students during all phases of the clean-up, offering instruction on collecting, analyzing, and recording data. The long term goal is to create an abatement program which will eventually stop the litter at its source. Through this joint effort, the team hopes to impress upon the local community the value of keeping a clean waterway.

Osprey Initiative, a foundation born in 2017 from a deep appreciation for the environment, has Louisiana roots. The Osprey Initiative's programs and the origin of devices, such as the litter getter, started with the simple observation of the environment and a goal to design the easiest and most effective solutions to care for it. Their programs are designed to produce environmental ambassadors, such as the Saint Paul's Key Club members, who will continue the work and mission of the foundation "to be the worldwide leader in providing solutions in reducing humanity's impact on the environment."

Thanks, Saint Paul's environmental ambassadors, for helping to keep Covington beautiful.

by Jeaneen Schmitt



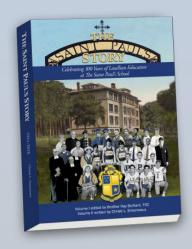
Pictured from left to right: Jude Barcelona, Jake Satches, Jack Keller, and Davis Peltier listening to Mark Richards at the conclusion of their environmental clean-up work along 28th Street in Covington.





The Saint Paul's Story

To celebrate the anniversary of 100 years of Lasallian Education at Saint Paul's School, a historical account of those years has been written. Volume I was originally written in 1968 to celebrate fifty years and Volume II continues the story to 2018. From Br. Nilammon Laurent, FSC, the first Christian Brother President, to the seventeenth Christian Brother President, Br. Ray Bulliard, FSC, this story chronicles the history of the school. From fifty-seven students to over 850 students, from the first newspaper, the St. Paul's Paper to the current student news, The Paper Wolf, and from a school with four sports teams, basketball, baseball, football, and track, to a school with over fifteen teams, Saint Paul's remains to be a "good place to grow up"! Order your copy today!



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