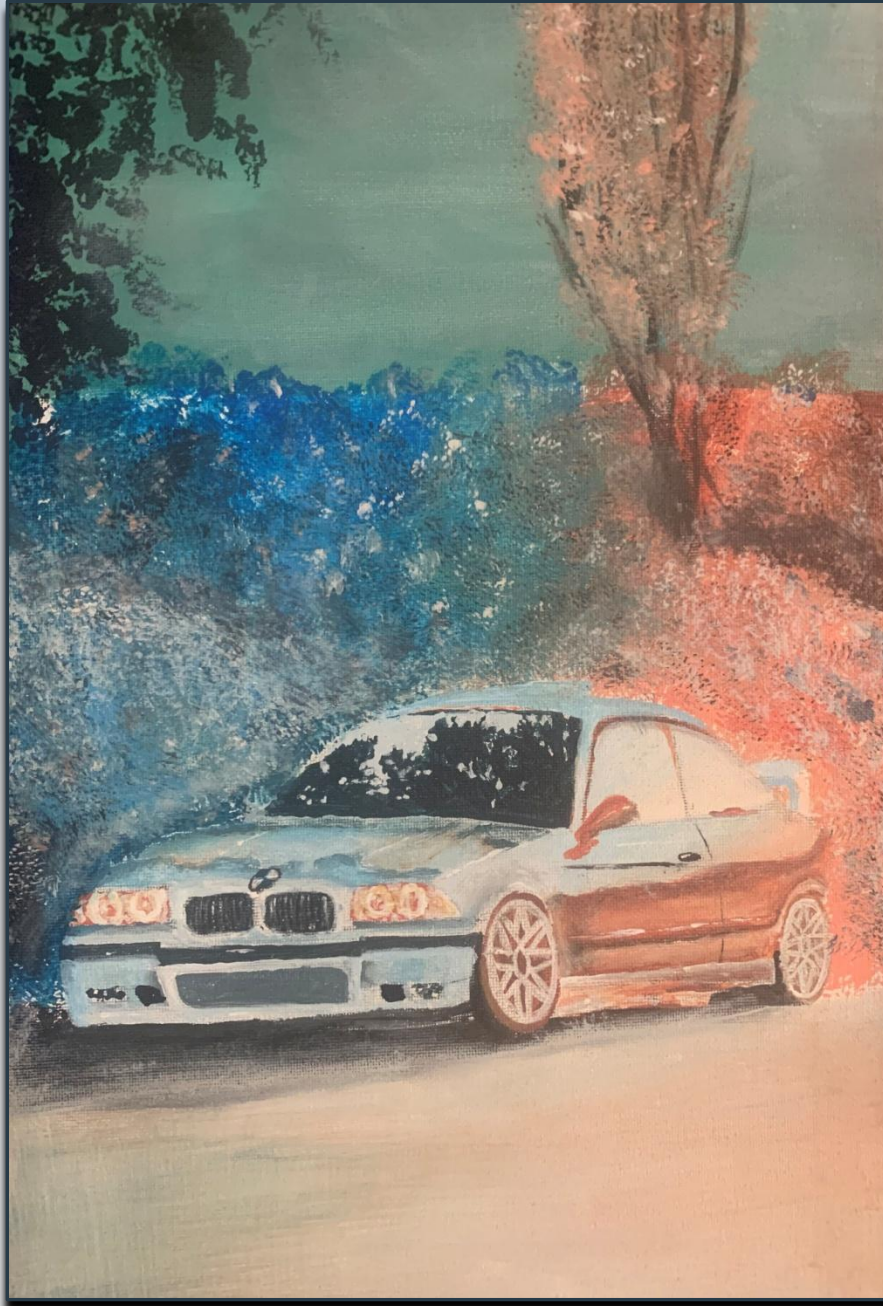


# Wolftracks Magazine



Our cover artist is sophomore James Scheuermann. James loves all types of cars but the BMW e36 M3 is his favorite.



# Alumni News



Alumni and Friends of Saint Paul's School,

I sincerely hope this finds you having had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. As we prepare to enter the final stretch of 2021, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of Saint Paul's School and call to mind some upcoming Saint Paul's Alumni events and initiatives which may be of interest to you.

## Upcoming Alumni Events:

- 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

**Annual Fund** - Our Annual Fund is an integral part of making the Saint Paul's experience so impactful for generations of young men. Your perpetual partnership and investment in Saint Paul's School have contributed to numerous enhancements which benefit our faculty and staff, students, parents and alumni. If you are inclined to support at this time, please click [HERE](#).

**Campus Tours** - If you have not been back to campus in a while and would like a closer look at the Saint Paul's of today, please contact Al Nastasi to schedule a tour.

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](mailto:aln@stpauls.com).

Maranatha,

Al Nastasi '91



The Marching Wolves have moved into the new band facility!

# Alumni Profile

## John Curren '92



**Family:** Married to Becky with son Patrick '25, Brynleigh, almost three years old, and Olivia, one year old.

**Education:** Rhodes College in 1996 with a BA in Business Administration; University of New Orleans in 1999 with an MBA with a concentration in finance; certified as a CFP® in 2009 and a ChFC® in 2011.

**Occupation:** John G. Curren, III, CFP®, ChFC®, Vice President, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, Financial Advisor NMLS ID 732089

**What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's?** There are many, including: 1) the pep rallies in the gym with the band blasting its glorious, passion-filled, and heart-pumping music, 2) playing sports (football, basketball, and golf) and representing Saint Paul's not only as a Wolf but also as part of a stronger Wolf pack, 3) the wonderful teachers and coaches who helped mold us into humans that are equipped with all the necessary tools to be a successful and positive contributor and Christian in the world today.

**Do you have any other family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul's?** My brother, Perri '90, and my uncles, Tim Curren '68 and Dennis Curren who attended Saint Paul's. My son, Patrick Curren '25, is currently a freshman, and he plays basketball.

**What advice would you give to current student or young alumni?** Get involved, stay committed, be passionate, and when you think you're giving your best, dig deeper and give another 20%!

**Why do you continue to support the Saint Paul's mission?** Did I benefit tremendously from my experience at Saint Paul's? YES! Do I think others will benefit from their experience at Saint Paul's? YES! So, I give to help others have the Saint Paul's experience.

**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 Association Board, and I stay active with the Alumni Association. As a parent of a Saint Paul's student, I also plan to become involved with the Saint Paul's Dad's Club.

**Why would you encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul's?** Attending Saint Paul's equates to joining a Christ-centered family and brotherhood that will remain with you for eternity.

**Is there anything you would do differently with your Saint Paul's experience if given the opportunity to go back in time?** If possible, I would've started in the 4th grade instead of the 8th grade, so that my time as a Saint Paul's student would've been doubled!

## Alumni News



**Colonel Thomas Esser, USAF '91** – Colonel Esser recently served as the U.S. commander of the Kabul airport and aided in the rescue of several families in Afghanistan. Saint Paul's School is honored to call Colonel Esser an alumnus and are grateful for his service and safe return home. [See article.](#)

Photo credit: [Fox5 Washington DC](#)



# Golden Jubilarians

On Friday, November 5, we were elated to celebrate our 50 Year Jubilarian Classes from 1970 and 1971 in front of the entire student body. Brother Ray gave one of his legendary performances encapsulating the Saint Paul's of their time as well as that of today, and shared a thought or two regarding the significance of brotherhood and unity. A delegate from each class spoke a few words on their experience here, how the group has remained brothers over the years, and expressed sentiment toward our current students and leaders of tomorrow, who enthusiastically cheered every step of the way.

Several other gatherings occurred throughout the weekend. Those in attendance at the Jubilarian Assembly were as follows from the class of 1970: Roger Bourgeois, Randy Brown, Donnie Everts, Henry Fransen, Steve Haller, Eddie Maestri, Greg Nothacker, and Doug Orgeron. From the class of 1971: Steve Acquistapace, Danny Ayers, John Bagley, Mike Beshoner, Guy Bulliard, Russell Butz, Chris Coner, Mike Cooper, Mark Currier, David Duplantier, Jay Fielding, John Galla, Joe Gandolfo, Gene Gouaux, Nelson Guidry, Gary Heap, Victor Kawas, Bobby Lamy, Denney Lanoux, Danny Millet, Steve Monroe, Tom Musser, John Olivier, Gary Poirier, Al Rhodes, Larry Smith, Tim Trapani, and Keith Villere.

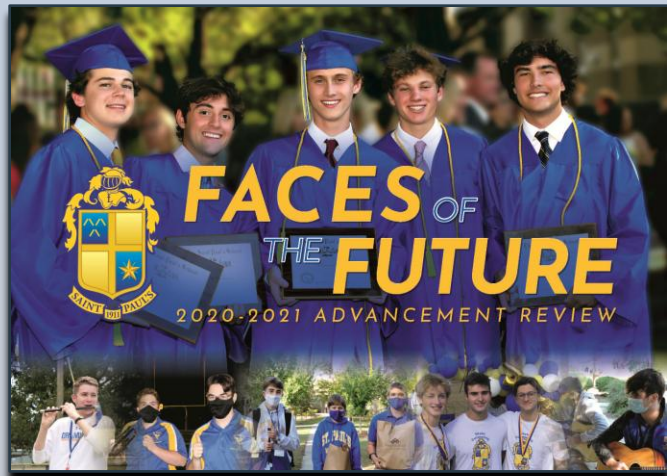
*by Al Nastasi*



At left are members of the class of 1970 and below are members of the class of 1971.



# Annual Fund Drive



Hopefully you've received the [2020-21 Saint Paul's Annual Advancement Review](#) in the mail. If not, please contact the Development at [development@stpauls.com](mailto:development@stpauls.com) or Alumni Office [alumni@stpauls.com](mailto:alumni@stpauls.com) to give us your updated contact information.

The Annual Fund Drive runs from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. A gift to the Saint Paul's Annual Fund, regardless of the amount, shows a commitment to the school and is sincerely appreciated. Your support represents your satisfaction with Saint

Paul's and its mission. Saint Paul's School needs financial assistance beyond tuition to continue the school's proven tradition of educational excellence and to sustain the Lasallian mission. The proceeds go into the operating budget and are immediately used in the areas of greatest need (i.e., technology, pre-engineering program, bio-medical sciences program, classroom improvements, building renovations and maintenance, financial assistance, and restricted gifts). [Consider a gift today!](#)



## *Rise Up O Men of God*

[Cooper Hall '24](#), brother of Stephen Hall '22, and  
Nicholas '22 and Lucas Piazza '23

[Mrs. Claudette Simpson](#), mother of Joseph Simpson '74, and  
mother-in-law of Jay Pellegrini '79

[Dr. Richard Drude](#), father of Richard Drude '05

[Mr. Bill Slatten](#), father of Will '17 and Andrew '21 Slatten  
and uncle of Will '16 and Hyde '19 Healy

[Mary Pearse Schlottman](#), grandmother of Stephen '18 and Alex '20 Schlottman

[Mr. Gary Achee](#), grandfather of Trevor '19 and Nicholas '23 Achee

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





# School News

From November 10-20, the Marian Players of Saint Paul's Theater presented *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This prequel took us back to the beginning, and showed us how the "Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" becomes Peter Pan. Audiences also saw how Neverland, the Lost Boys, and Tinkerbell came to be, in this fast-paced and imaginative play.

The play was directed by Gordon Carmadelle, with assistant direction by Barrett Baumgartner, musical direction by Jonathan Sturcken, and choreography by

Emily Carmadelle. The cast featured the following actors from Saint Paul's School and Saint Scholastica Academy: Zachary Van Zandt, Elise Falkenstein, Cavin Taylor, Clayton Cockfield, Brady Myers, Blaine Cooney, Natalie Lovell, Andrew Talamo, James Ellis, Shawn Cooney, Thomas Simoneaux, Daniel Whalen, Harris Strickland, Mia Mannino, Zachrey Gros, Aidan Hayes, Jackson Culp, Nicholas Duplessis, Noah Soule, and Talon Boudreaux. Pictured above are the cast and crew from the play.



The Marian Players next show is *How to Succeed in Business (Without Really Trying)*, opening on March 16th.

by Gordon Carmadelle



Saint Paul's and Saint Scholastica's administrators return home from Washington, DC on Friday, November 5 with the coveted National Blue Ribbon Award. Saint Scholastica and Saint Paul's, each two time winners of the award, are the only two private schools in Louisiana to receive the award this year and two of only 23 private schools in the country! Pictured at left are: Saint Scholastica Dean of Academics Jennifer Grimley, along with Head of School, Sheri Gillio, and Saint Paul's Principal Trevor Watkins and Assistant Principal Joe Dickens.



# Oktoberfest – Last Chance to Reserve a Table!

SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL



## OKTOBERFEST

12.04.2021

5:00 PM

Saint Paul's inaugural Oktoberfest will be held this Saturday, December 4 on Saint Paul's Campus. Join us for a fun filled evening featuring the band, The Bräts, with plenty of food and drinks. Click [HERE](#) to register online and click on the "Buy Tickets" button to reserve a table today!



Santa Claus plans to make an appearance with an opportunity to take pictures! Thank you to our sponsors!!

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

Due to COVID-19, last year the Spanish Club held ceremony in the chapel in order to adhere to the restrictions. This setting proved to create a more personal experience for those participating in the ceremony; therefore, for this year, the setting remained unchanged.

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. As was last year, Saint Paul's students were able to participate with their Spanish class over the course of a week; this allowed for a more intimate atmosphere for the ceremony.

*by Danielle Lavie*



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

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





# Honor Roll Breakfasts

Quality  
Education



Saint Paul's math teacher, Dr. Shannon d'Hemecourt, celebrates with her son, freshman Eddie and husband Ed.

Saint Paul's School student body recently finished up their first full quarter of the school year. After every quarter Saint Paul's Development Office and administration host a breakfast to recognize the great achievement of the honor roll students. Every student who earns B's and A's on their report card is bestowed the Blue Honor Roll, while every student who earns straight A's on their report card is bestowed the Gold Honor Roll. With such a great gathering of top students, Brother Ray Bulliard makes it his objective for the Honor Roll Breakfast to be a learning experience, nourishment for both the body and brain!

To celebrate the honor roll students, Brother Ray chooses four vocabulary words to teach at the breakfast. The words chosen are always a positive noun, a positive adjective, a negative noun, and a negative adjective. The vocabulary words always give the honor roll breakfasts an element of uniqueness from one another. While one quarter Brother Ray may be encouraging his students to be a *riant mensch*, the next quarter Brother Ray will implore the pupils to not be *splenetic nothingburgers*. Brother Ray rehashed his words from November of 2015 to make up his first-quarter honor roll vocabulary. The negative adjective of this honor roll breakfast is *feckless*. To be feckless is to be ineffective and have no real purpose. The positive adjective of this honor roll breakfast is *intrepid*. To be intrepid is to be fearless, bold, brave, undaunted, and courageous. Every Saint Paul's student should strive to be intrepid through their daily life. The negative noun of this honor roll breakfast is *clodpoll*. To be a clodpoll is to be a stupid person. The positive noun of the honor roll breakfast is *apotheosis*. Saint Paul's students should refrain from being a clodpoll and instead live life as an apotheosis. After the description and teaching of these words, Brother Ray exclaimed to his students his signature honor roll breakfast catchphrase "If you want to offend me call me a feckless clodpoll, instead of using one of those four-letter words you throw around.

by Sam Gold '23



At left, Saint Paul's President, Brother Ray, gives a vocabulary lesson to the honor roll recipients and their guests.

Pre-freshman student Cole Walmsley celebrates his honor roll status with parents George and Julie Walmsley.



# Thanksgiving Food Drive



Saint Paul's School had its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Northshore Food Bank during the week of November 16. Historically, Saint Paul's has always given generously in the food drive, and this year was no different. 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. Bags and bags of food were collected early Monday morning to Wednesday morning. Foods such as canned goods, peanut butter, and cereal were the main items collected by the students. On Wednesday morning, the students took the bags from their classrooms out to the senior parking lot where empty pickup trucks, courtesy of some students, were waiting. After all of the food was moved into the trucks, it was dropped off at the food bank. Thanks to Saint Paul's school-wide effort, this time of year gets a little easier for many of those in need.

*by Daniel Bitterwolf '22*



In the foreground, seniors Ryan Blanchard and Sergio Romero load the trucks.



Students, Perry Beaumont, Caedan Bayle, and Noah Mire carry bags of food to awaiting pick up trucks.



Student trucks line the parking lot in preparation for the donations.



# Aqua Wolves

The Saint Paul's Aqua Wolves finished the 2021 season with a strong showing. For the second straight year, the Wolves placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Meet, held in Shreveport, LA on Saturday, November 21. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the New Orleans Metro Championship (for the fifth time) and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Northlake Regional Championship (District) for the sixth straight year.

At the Northlake Regional Championship, The Wolves finished with 402 points to claim the boys title with Fontainebleau and Mandeville following a distant second and third with 295 and 275 points respectively. "Seventeen boys score individually in the meet, which goes a long way to getting a total team victory" said Coach Emmett Smith. "We won two relays, and had two different swimmers win individual events." Senior Cameron Smith won the 200-yard individual medley (2:03.71) and the 100 backstroke (58.18), and he also won first-place in two relays. That performance earned him male Swimmer of the Meet honors.

For the State Championship competition, the highlight of the meet was breaking three Saint Paul's School swimming records. Cameron Smith lowered the 100 freestyle record in placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall in state. He was also instrumental in leading the way for both the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay. Both relays smashed the previous school records in placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for both.

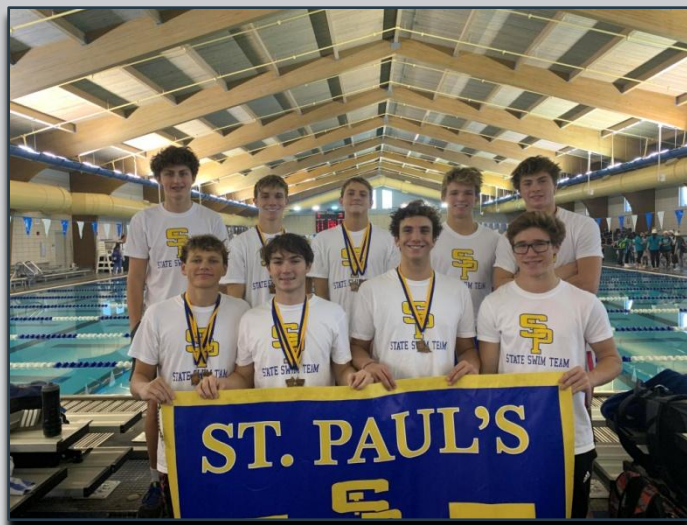
The relay team of Cameron Smith, Jack Rogers, Jack McNamara, and Hyland Authement finished only one tenth of a second out of first place in the 200 relay. In the meet's final event, the 400 freestyle relay team of Cameron Smith, Jack Rogers, Jack McNamara, and Roman Fouchi lowered the school record by 4 seconds!

*by Danielle Lavie*



Evan Abraham helps the team finish in first place for the Northlake Regional Championships.

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State qualifiers include back row L-R: Patrick Darrah, Roman Fouchi, Jack McNamara, Conner Dobie, and Hyland Authement. Front row L-R are: Jack Rogers, Cameron Smith, Evan Abraham, and Andrew Hightower.



# Mu Alpha Theta & National Honor Society

Congratulations to the newest members of Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society who were inducted in a joint ceremony held on October 1st in the Briggs Assembly Center.

Mu Alpha Theta is an international honors math club. Admission into the Saint Paul's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta requires that students taking regular math may not earn a grade lower than an A, and all students need at least a 3.5 overall grade point average. Members are required to participate in one math tournament each year.

Admission into the National Honor Society requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher, as well as the following: leadership, service, and good character as demonstrated by activities and positive disciplinary standing. Each member is required to complete one individual service project per semester.

As a service requirement for both Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society, members offer tutoring in math, science, and English for Saint Paul's students Monday through Thursday in the library.

The newly inducted National Honor Society members include: Jacob Bounds, Blake Davis, Jacob Dickens, Alex Dusang, Colin Garvey, Gage Graham, Eric Hanrahan, Robert Hastings, Benjamin Knobloch, Aidan Lagasse, Walker Lobdell, Daniel Sears, Jackson Truitt, Ethan Viator, and Andrew Zibilich.

Mu Alpha Theta members include seniors Aiden Barrios, Daniel Bitterwolf, Brady Bollinger, Trent Caime, Clayton Cockfield, Blaine Cooney, Briggs Cooper, Joseph Cresson, William Ditta, Walker Dubreuil, Austen Dunavant, Alex Dusang, Andrew Hightower, Brian Lea, Ian Lyons, Carter Murphy, Zachary Nichols, Preston Orgeron, Drew Spell, Alexander Tepper, Marco Vargas, Hayden Vogt, Gil Ward, Daniel Whalen, and Andrew Zibilich. Juniors include Nicholas Achee, Jude Barcelona, Richard Burvant, Daren Delaune, Connor Dodson, Emerson duPassage, Trevor Flood, Samuel Gold, Grisham Hall, Evan Leaber, Brennen LeBlanc, Matthew Longo, Thomas Miles, Justin Mott, James Peters, Sean Roberts, Benjamin Salvant, Kieffer Schwartz, Peter Verges, Elijah Weixel, Ethan Wilson, and sophomore William Coles.

*by Jeaneen Schmitt*



Pictured above are members of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Society.



# Agricultural Science

The Agricultural Science class, taught by teacher Dr. Shawn Mullet '92, has begun harvesting the fall crops, leafy greens such as kale and mustard greens. The class is focused on sustainable agriculture and the vegetables are grown without any chemicals or synthetic fertilizer. When the crops are harvested, they are donated to the North Shore Food Bank. Members of the class include: Grayson Bulloch, Cohen Cluney, Cooper Coutrado, Nicholas Duplessis, John Frederick Escher, Seth Gardiner, Marc Jones, Henry Nunmaker, Jordan Peco, Kyle Sevin and Andrew Talamo.

*by Shawn Mullet '92*



Students pulling weeds from the vegetable garden pictured at left L-R are: Ethan Travers, Grayson Bulloch, Cooper Coutrado, Seth Gardiner, and Andrew Talamo.

# Entrepreneur Class

Saint Paul's Entrepreneurship class visited Ballard Brands and listened to Saint Paul's alumnus Scott Ballard '91 share his insights on what it takes to succeed as an entrepreneur. He stated that it's important to maintain a set of core values in business and encourage the employees to adhere to those principles. The students learned a lot from Mr. Ballard's experience.

*by Shawn Mullet '92*



Pictured at right are members of the class. Seated around the table clockwise beginning on the left: William Allen, Gage Graham, Cohen Ramirez, Cole Cartier, Nathan Vitale, Braeden Couvillion, Cager Bloom, and Brayden Turni. Standing L-R are: Scott Ballard '91, Alecsander Cain, Owen Mendes, Riley Hnatyshyn, Philip Miller, and Jack Rodgers.

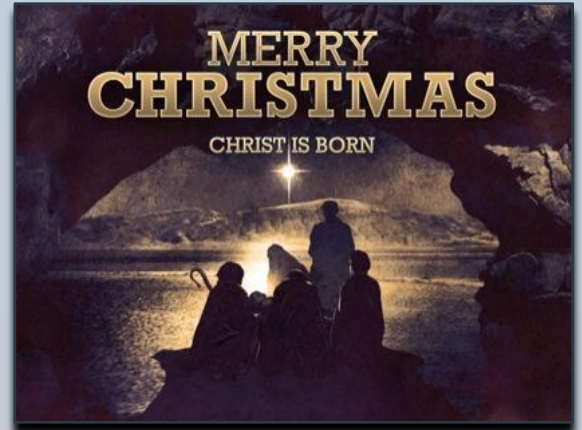


# Merry Christmas

*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!

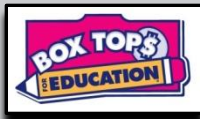


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