

# Wolftracks Magazine



Saint Paul's Christmas Luminaries  
Thursday, December 2, 2021  
Aerial photo taken by Connor Walsh '22



# Alumni News

Alumni and friends of Saint Paul's School,

I pray and trust that the Grace and Peace of our Lord has filled your homes during this Season of Advent and further extend a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The month of December involved the return of a couple of Alumni favorites including Trivia Night-Christmas Edition and our very well received Christmas on Columbia, both of which will be featured in next month's edition.

As we begin this New Year, there will be several opportunities to see your Wolves in action. See below to check the winter sports schedules.

Additionally, I draw your attention to Save the Date for Reunion Weekend with our Crawfish Cook-off being held on April 9, 2022 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.

I further "cast a line" to foreshadow the return of our Alumni Fishing Rodeo tentatively scheduled for March 18-19, 2022 in Myrtle Grove, Louisiana. Many thanks to the Boyce and Nunmaker families for their efforts in restoring this event. Additional details and information will be sent later in January.

As always, should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [aln@stpauls.com](mailto:aln@stpauls.com) or 985-892-3200 ext1971.

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

Al Nastasi '91

<a href="#">Basketball</a>	<a href="#">Indoor Track</a>
<a href="#">Powerlifting</a>	<a href="#">Soccer</a>
<a href="#">Wrestling</a>	



On Thursday, December 9, Malcolm White '75 enriched Mr. Shawn Mullet's '92 Entrepreneurship class with his vast experiences in the Sales/Business Development/Consulting arena. In addition to contributing to the quality education, Malcolm and his brothers from the Class of '75 continue to exemplify inclusive community with their annual Christmas gathering which was held on Friday, December 10. For the Strength of the Wolf truly is the Pack!! Many thanks to Malcolm and the Class of '75 for their perennial Wolf Pride!

by Al Nastasi



Malcolm White speaks to the Entrepreneurship class.



The class of 1975 gather for their Christmas luncheon.

Alex Seese '17 – Alex graduated from the University of Alabama Huntsville with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics.



## *Rise Up O Men of God*

Mrs. Marie Lamy, Saint Paul's School receptionist from 1976 though 1992, mother of Bobby Lamy '71 and grandmother of Brendan McDivett '22

Mr. Lucien Gunter, father of Ethan Gunter '14

Mrs. Billie Keyes, grandmother of Ryan '08, Grant '11, and Ross '14 Hodgins

Brigadier General James Cobb, USAF, (RET) - grandfather of Nick '07 and Beau Trist '09 and Thomas '10 and Cooper '21 Brennan

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



## Mark Richards '72



**Family:** Married to Carolyn Chassee (SSA-1976) 1 stepson, 4 children, 5 grandchildren

### **Education:**

Graduated from Saint Paul's in 1972 after spending 5 years as a boarder. Loyola University (N.O.): Bachelor of Science - General Business; Masters of Secondary Education, Masters of Science Teaching

### **Occupation:**

Retired, former faculty member at Saint Paul's School

**What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's?** There are too many to recall but what an apropos question during Advent! My first year as a boarder while in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, something magical happened the Thursday evening before we went home for the Christmas Holidays. It was a beautiful and spiritually filled event which I looked forward to every year and that was the Luminarias. I had never witnessed it before and was struck by the calmness that the candle lit bags displayed along the sidewalks and the edge of the pond. It also excited the senses for the boarders as we were going home to family.

**What do you value most about your Saint Paul's education and experience?** As my father drove away from the oak tree on "check in day" the day after Labor Day in 1966, I could feel the fear and pain of homesickness fill my mind. Here I was an eleven-year-old boy being dropped off to boarding school. I could either sit on the bench under the tree and cry away or go back to the second floor of Benilde Hall and meet other kids. I chose the latter. The experiential result from that moment was my ability to make friends. The friendships I have made here at school both as a student and teacher are the most valuable to me. Learning is never ending, but the friends you make here will always be your friends and you will always cherish those friendships. I know I will see many of them in April during our Golden Jubilarian celebration marking our 50 year re-union.

**Do you have any other family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul's?** My son, Matt, graduated in 2007 and is now a successful engineer with Jacobs Engineering at the Johnson Space center in Houston, Texas.

**Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher?** There were many good teachers here when I was a student, but the most impactful were my dorm prefects. They were my surrogate fathers, my paternal guides, namely Brother Austin Bourgeois my 8<sup>th</sup> grade year and Brother Emmett Sinitiere a.k.a "The Hoss" my senior year. Brother Austin just had this toughness about him that you respected. He knew how to deal with kids in a firm but loving way and he was a man of strong faith. If one could herd cats, he was the one. The Hoss was the disciplinarian of the school and so he had to deal with issues involving ALL of student life, not just the boarders but the day hops as well. What impacted me most about Bro. Emmett was his ability to remain calm when confronted with a problem. He had a cool, dry wit and a wry smile. Oh, and when he walked the halls, he wore Hush Puppies slip-ons. They were deadly silent. One never knew when the Hoss was making the rounds. He was and still is a man of strong faith. We're hoping to see him for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**What advice would you give to current students or young alumni?** To the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and incoming students, Saint Paul's is or will be your life for eighty percent of the year for the next 4-5 years, so make it worth your while. The more you take advantage of what the school has to offer, the more you will get out of life, and the more you will grow. For young alumni, please don't forget what the school has done for you and stay involved.

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

I'm currently coordinating class representatives in the planning of our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and have served as an associate of the Alumni Department as well as a member of the Alumni Board for several years. I enjoy seeing old friends and many former students at the alumni functions especially the golf tournament and crawfish boil.

**What would you describe as your greatest takeaway from Saint Paul's?** My greatest takeaway other than the aforementioned value of friendships would be the impacts I have had on some of my students. I can honestly say that I have taught thousands of young men. It is a very humbling experience an alum tells you the impact you had on their life. When they share the stories of their "ah ha" moments in your class and how it impacted them it becomes your "ah ha" moment. One never knows what impact you may have on any one individual much less thousands.





# School News



On Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM Saint Paul's School was illuminated by hundreds of luminaries set up throughout the school campus. Each luminary, personalized by Saint Paul's students and faculty, contained the names of loved ones as a prayer request or a memorial. The event, which is free to the public, included caroling in Founders' Circle, a prayer service in the chapel, and a musical performance by the Saint Paul's Jazz Band with a reception hosted by the Mothers' Club.

The 40-plus year tradition was originally brought to Saint Paul's School by the Christian Brothers of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and was offered as a gift to the local community during the holiday season. 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 luminarias carried the symbolic meaning of lighting the way for Mary and Joseph but also signaled a break from school work for the students.

The Saint Paul's Student Council spearheads the tradition each year and organizes student volunteers who set up the luminary bags and light the candles at dusk. Additionally, each year the student council selects a "secret" inspirational word which is revealed in Hunter Stadium as part of the annual luminary display. This year, the inspirational word "Agape," which means unconditional love, was chosen as a reminder of what all people should strive to show to one another. They also added an illuminated heart to the luminarias display which was created in remembrance of those we have lost in the Saint Paul's community during the past year. See [PaperWolf Article](#).

*by Jeaneen Schmitt*



Students set up 2000 luminary bags around campus.



# National Blue Ribbon Award

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The Saint Paul's School student body, current and former faculty members, staff, the board of trustees, local dignitaries, and representatives from the Archdiocese of New Orleans Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation office gathered on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the United States Department of Education's recognition of Saint Paul's School as a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee.

Student Gavin Dominique served as master of ceremonies for the recognition celebration which was held in the new gymnasium of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex. Saint Paul's School President Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC offered words of welcome and introductions of guests followed by the student body standing and singing a rousing rendition of "Rise Up, O Men of God!" and later "Here I Am Lord." Readings were presented by students Marco Vargas, Gil Ward, and intercessions were led by Isaiah Ayo, Joseph Cresson, Andrew Hightower, and Daniel Whalen. Student Council President, Walker Dubreuil, offered a personal reflection encouraging the student body to meet the challenge that teachers, coaches, and moderators offer every day: to grow, develop, mature, and rise up, as men of God.

Special acknowledgment was given to the Saint Scholastica Academy community for receiving a second National Blue Ribbon Award. Head of School, Sheri Gillio, who attended the ceremony received a gift from the Saint Paul's Student Council Executive Board in honor of the school's accomplishment which was followed by the student body singing "Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above" in honor of SSA's strong devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Before declaring December 1<sup>st</sup> as "Saint Paul's School Blue Ribbon Day in the City of Covington," Mayor Mark Johnson, an alumnus of Saint Paul's School, highlighted that of the four Louisiana high schools receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award this year, two are located in the city of Covington within a few blocks of each other, bringing him a great sense of pride as mayor of Covington. During his congratulatory remarks, Parish President Mike Cooper, also a Saint Paul's alumnus, noted that despite the obstacles the pandemic created for schools, "... Saint Paul's School found a way to move forward and to succeed," and he thanked both Saint Paul's School and Saint Scholastica Academy for their commitment to achieving academic excellence. Dr. RaeNell Houston, Superintendent of the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation offered final congratulatory words on behalf of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Archbishop Gregory Aymond stating that the accomplishments of Saint Paul's School and Saint Scholastica Academy demonstrate "a strong commitment of each school community to the hallmarks of Catholic education."



Saint Paul's School Student Council members display the 2021 National Blue Ribbon School Award. Pictured L-R are: Ethan Wilson, Walker Dubreuil, and Isaiah Ayo.



# National Blue Ribbon Award

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Following the formal presentation of the award, Brother Ray asked the student body to stand and sing the hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You.” He then acknowledged the tremendous efforts of Saint Paul’s administrators, Principal Trevor Watkins, AFSC, and Vice-Principal Joe Dickens, in achieving the school’s second National Blue Ribbon Award. During the conclusion of the ceremony, the Saint Paul’s Jazz Band led a spirited parade around the gym with student council board members proudly displaying the National Blue Ribbon Award and banner. This was followed by the closing song, the Saint Paul’s traditional hymn “O God Beyond All Praising.”

Saint Paul’s School traces its origins to 1911 when the Benedictines of Saint Joseph Abbey purchased Dixon Academy in Covington. In 1918, the De La Salle Christian Brothers purchased Saint Paul’s and have owned and operated the school since. From its inception, the school has offered a challenging and relevant academic experience to its young men with a profound respect for the Lasallian tradition of education which has been transforming lives since 1680. This education centers on Catholic values and personal relationships and emphasizes quality education, respect for all, inclusive community, concern for the poor and social justice, and faith in the presence of God.

*by Jeaneen Schmitt*



Saint Paul's School Jazz Band plays at National Blue Ribbon School Recognition Ceremony.



Holding banners for the National Blue Ribbon School Recognition Ceremony from left to right: Joseph Cresson, Andrew Hightower, Connor Russo, Noah Comeaux, Peyton Kilgore, Jacob Strecker, Carter Plaisance, Eddie d'Hemecourt, and Peter Verges.







## OKTOBERFEST

Saint Paul's School held their inaugural Oktoberfest event on Saturday, December 4. This event was originally scheduled for last October, but due to Covid-19, was postponed to 2021. Then, because of Hurricane Ida and the continued clean up work that was still taking place in early October, the decision was made to postpone the event once again. Finally, although a bit different, Oktoberfest was scheduled for December.

The event consisted of authentic German food including grilled chicken and pork, German potato salad, barbeque brats with sauerkraut, soft pretzels, and desserts of German Chocolate cake and strudel. Live music from the band The Brats entertained the crowd with competitions in the Chicken Dance, Hogan's Heroes, and stein holding contests. The guests had a wonderful time and the event was labeled a success!

Thank you to our partners for supporting Saint Paul's School including top sponsors Gray & Company, Inc., Baldone Reina Dermatology, The Barberito Family, The Paretti Family of Dealerships, and Terminix Northshore, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Ramon, and The Truitt Law Firm.



Guests Craig Paretti '93 and his wife Melissa and Derrek Barfield '93 and his wife Pamby visit with Santa.



Parish President Mike Cooper '71 provided judging for the Chicken Dance competition. Pictured at left are President Cooper with student Tommy Simoneaux '26 and Saint Paul's Special Events Director, Mrs. Shellie Campo.







Saint Paul's School students and families partnered with St. Tammany Project Christmas during this season of giving to provide a special Christmas for 40 children and elderly persons in need in the local community.



Saint Paul's students collect gifts donated for St. Tammany Project Christmas which will be distributed to people in need in the local community. At left L-R: Will Zeller, Ethan Viator, Colin Garvey, and Sutter Bourgeois. Below, Bronson Hatfield helps Project Christmas volunteers load the truck with donations.



## Sophomore Service Day

Our Lasallian Core Principles call us to show concern for those experiencing poverty and a commitment to social justice. On Tuesday, November 30th, the sophomore class participated in their annual Sophomore Service Day. On this day, the sophomore class embarked on a day of service throughout St. Tammany Parish and in New Orleans. Service sites were, Catholic Charities' Food for Seniors Program, City of Covington Cemeteries, New Heights Therapy Center, New Orleans City Park, Rev. Peter Atkins Park, and Youth Rebuilding New Orleans. Upon return from their day of service, students were then invited to offer reflection on their day. In reflecting, the students echoed the themes that we are all called to offer our gifts and talents in service of those in need and that in service is one of the many places we can see the face of God. At right, Students participate in Youth Building New Orleans. [Paper Wolf article.](#)



by Jeff Ramon



# Math Tournament

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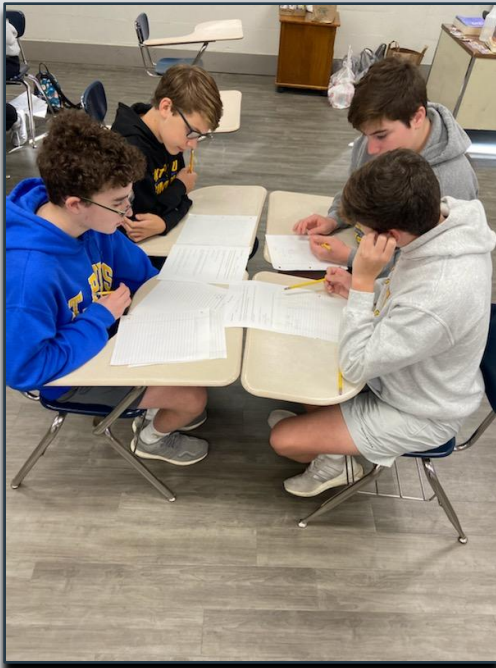
Saint Paul's Fighting Math Wolves resurrected the Saint Paul's Math Tournament on Saturday, November 13. In-person math tournaments had been suspended due to Covid-19. Over 300 students from 13 different high schools competed. The schools were divided into 2 divisions-large school and small school. As the host team, Saint Paul's participates in the large school category.

Individual results of the tournament are as follows: Algebra 1, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Gus Galeziewski, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Geometry, 9<sup>th</sup> graders Perrin Duhe, 1<sup>st</sup> place and Jackson Picone, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Advanced Math, 11<sup>th</sup> graders Peter Verges, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Matthew Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Johnny Palmer 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and for Calculus AB Max Hastings placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

The teams had a very strong showing as well with the following results: Algebra 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Gus Galeziewski, Connor Russo, Evan Vanderbrook, and Nathaniel Canizaro. For Geometry, the second place award went to Eddie d'Hemecourt, Jackson Picone, Blake Williams, and Perrin Duhe. Finally, for the Advanced Team, they achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Sam Gold, Peter Verges, Ethan Wilson, and Evan Leaber.

The students were excited to get back into competition mode and have an in-person tournament. A special thanks to Saint Paul's teachers Dr. Shawn Mullet and Mr. Jeff Drivon and retired Saint Paul's Math Department Chair, Mrs. Pam Cullen, for assisting with the tournament. Saint Paul's Math Tournament is organized by current Math Department Chair, Mrs. Susan Jordan, and Ms. Michelle Boudoin.

*by Susan Jordan*



Algebra I students Evan Vanderbrook, Gus Galeziewski, Connor Russo, and Nathaniel Canizaro work on their team test.

Pictured below are the Fighting Math Wolves.





# Wrestling

Last season the Saint Paul's Wrestling team won its first ever Division I State Championship. The Wolves have had a strong start to their 2021-2022 season and hope to build on that success at this year's State Championships. The Wolves started the year by downing divisional foes Mandeville (84-0) and Fontainebleau (59-15). They followed those wins by defeating perennial contender Jesuit (43-31), last year's #3 team East Ascension (60-24), and last year's State Runners-Up Holy Cross (54-21). After a slate of successful dual victories, the Wolves finished in second place at the Border Wars tournament held at South Walton High School in Florida. With the season at its midpoint, the Wolves hope to finish strong at the State Championships on February 11-12 in Baton Rouge.

*by Matt Pinero  
Head Wrestling Coach*



At left, the Wolves finished strong at second place at the Border Wars in Florida.

## Habitat for Humanity

During the month of November, Saint Paul's Habitat Club was once again hard at work. The Wolves dismantled and reassembled scaffolding from one house to another, moved roof trusses from the yard to make room for a tractor, and took a sledgehammer and broke up concrete. In addition to learning a lot from construction work, most importantly, the students learn the art of giving to those in need. Pictured at right L-R are Preston Orgeron, Brian Lea, William Ditta, Nicholas Achee, Keegan Burrell, and Sam Gold.





# Basketball

Under the direction of Stephen Dale, the Saint Paul's basketball Wolves have been perennial contenders for the state championship since his start as the head coach in 2016.

This year, the Wolves are looking as if they're not only a contender, but they look to be the team to beat. Through nine games played, the Wolves are 7-2 with a schedule that Coach Dale explained is "probably the toughest non-district schedule we have ever played since I have been here." When asked if this team has lived up to his preseason expectations, Coach Dale said that they are "exceeding our expectations so far."

The Wolves have worked hard to improve and reach this level of success. Although the whole team constantly improves, Coach Dale highlights three players' improvement since last season. He expressed that "Junior Reece Seicshnaydre has really taken a step forward as far as his ability to score. I would say that senior Blake Davis has taken a step forward with his defense and leadership. I would say Andrew Zibilich, the senior, has become a more consistent shooter."

Andrew Zibilich's improvement in shooting has turned him into a highly impactful player for the Wolves' offense. His shooting was on proper display in the matchup versus East Jefferson, in which Zibilich shot 8-10 from deep and scored 26 points to lead the Wolves to a resounding 81-48 victory.

As the season pushes forward, the Wolves are poised to reclaim their district title and enter the playoffs as a contender for the Louisiana Division I Basketball State Championship. Coach Dale is confident in his team's abilities saying, "If we can continue to get better a little bit each game, we should definitely be one of those teams in the mix of it come March."

This season has been exciting and provides numerous reasons for optimism as the Wolves enter the heart of the season with their district schedule. If the Wolves are blessed with good health and continue their hard work, they should undoubtedly be among the teams vying to play in the Cajun Dome in March.

*by Sam Gold '23*



At left, Reece Seicshnaydre goes for a tough bucket.



# College Signings

Saint Paul's School proudly recognizes the athletic accomplishments of six seniors who have signed National Letters of Intent to play collegiate sports. Will Allen will attend Christian Brothers University where he will play NCAA Division II soccer, Wesley Bloodworth will attend Belhaven University where he will play NCAA Division III soccer, Jonathan Hammer will attend Loyola University (NO) where he will play NAIA Division I baseball, Preston Hickey will attend University of Alabama where he will be a preferred walk-on for the NCAA Division I football team, Riley Hnatyshyn will attend Louisiana Tech University where he will play NCAA Division I golf, and Brody Reina will attend Davidson College where he will play NCAA Division I football. [Paper Wolf article.](#)



Pictured at left L-R front row are: Riley Hnatyshyn, Preston Hickey, and Brody Reina. Back row L-R are: Wesley Bloodworth, Jonathan Hammer, and Will Allen.

## Blood Drive

Saint Paul's School students give the gift of life by donating blood for the annual Christmas Blood Drive supporting The Blood Center and helping those in the community who are in need of blood transfusions. Each pint of blood helps three people.

*by Jeaneen Schmitt*



Student Dylan Underwood gives the gift of life.

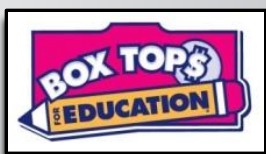


# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



From our family to yours, the faculty and staff of Saint Paul's School wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

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