

Wolftracks Magazine



“Changing West” by Ben Salvant '23



Our student cover artist for January is junior Ben Salvant. When Ben is finished with his studies, he keeps very busy with after-school activities such as Cross Country and Track and Field. Ben is interested in pursuing pharmacy school after his high school career.

Alumni News

Greetings Alumni and Friends,

I pray this finds you well as it finds us truly excited and in anticipation of an invigorating spring.



Alumni Association Fishing Rodeo, March 18-19 - In the spirit of outdoor activities, we proudly celebrate the return of our annual Fishing Rodeo. Many thanks to the Boyce and Nunmaker families for their lead sponsorship, support, and interest in resurrecting this event. Please join us in Myrtle Grove on March 18-19 for a weekend of fishing fellowship and fun. For more information, contact Al Nastasi at aln@stpauls.com. [Visit webpage.](#)



CCO/ Reunion Weekend, April 8-10 - Our conventional cadre of crustacean culinary prowess is on deck and looking forward to serving you the best crawfish that you have eaten on this campus in 3 years. However, if you are interested in boiling or supporting the event, there may be a spot or two still available. For more information please contact Al Nastasi at aln@stpauls.com. Tickets are available for purchase [HERE](#). Please check back regularly for updates to our [Reunion Event page](#).

Finally, in keeping with the Lasallian mission and spirit, our goal is for Saint Paul's School to continue to remain accessible and affordable to all of the young men in our community who desire the same quality education and experience that we received while continuing to improve upon our physical plant, broaden our curriculum and provide our faculty with the necessary resources. Our Annual Fund remains an essential source of revenue which affords such capabilities. If you are interested in partnering with us at this time, please click [HERE](#)

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

For the Strength of the Wolf is the Pack!

Al Nastasi '91



Alumni Profile

Ben Boyce '02



Family: Married to Elizabeth Fischer Boyce SSA '02, father of Brody (12), Kate Elizabeth (9), Peyton (7), Patrick (5), and Bennett (2)

Education: B.S. Psychology University of Mississippi 2006

Occupation: Entrepreneur, Oilfield Services, CEO of [Wellwerks Energy](#)



What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's? My favorite memories are watching Coach Mauldin run down the hallways and wreak havoc as well as Coach Bennett's classes and the projector screen.

What do you value most about your Saint Paul's education and experience? I value most the lifelong friends, the Lasallian faith, being a part of the brotherhood and being there for one another, and knowing that anywhere I go in the world, I am a part of a tradition like no other.

Who was your favorite and most impactful teacher? My most impactful teacher was Coach Ketelsen. If it were not for him, I may not have attended Saint Paul's. We met at a wrestling camp, and I decided Saint Paul's was where I wanted to be. He was always there when I needed the "man speech" and still is to this day along with Coach Mauldin who would get me in line when necessary.

What advice would you give to current students or young alumni? Savor every minute that you are here. Enjoy it and do not take it for granted because the moments will be gone in the blink of an eye.

Why do you continue to support the Saint Paul's mission? I have been involved in the Alumni Association and have served on the Alumni Board. I am currently committed to restoring the Annual Fishing Rodeo along with Mike Nunmaker '99 and am truly looking forward to a great time in March at my host camp in Myrtle Grove.

Why would you encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul's? I have seen many colleges through my academic and athletic career, and Saint Paul's is on pace with being a college campus, from the facilities to academic offerings. Further, I feel that it will prepare students for life as well as any institution possibly could.

Is there anything you would do differently with your Saint Paul's experience if given the opportunity to go back in time? Without a doubt, I would have definitely attended in 8th grade vs 9th when I actually started to have five years here as a student rather than four.



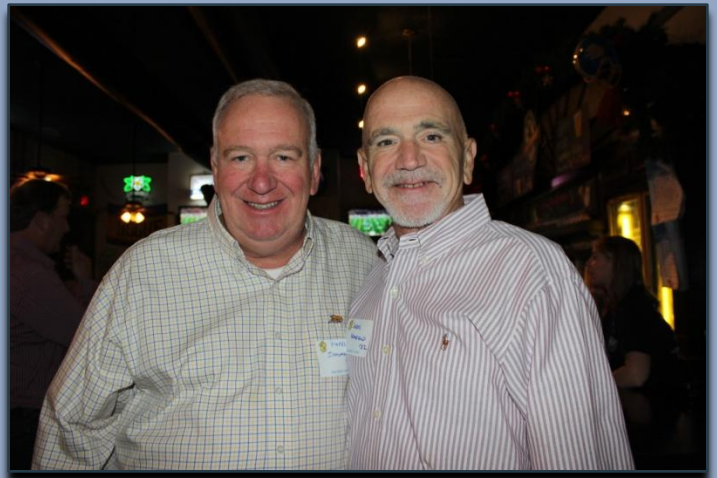
Christmas on Columbia

The annual Christmas on Columbia Reunion was held on Sunday, December 26 in keeping with the traditional day after Christmas sequence. Graduates from both Saint Paul's and Saint Scholastica shared an evening of fellowship, thanksgiving and holiday cheer at the Columbia Street Tap Room and Seiler Bar. Since the inception and resurrection of this event nearly a decade ago, the function has always served as an opportunity to celebrate our alumni and associated relationships at a truly special time of year.



Pictured at left L-R are: Evan Heitzmann '12, Dr. Tyler Crosby '06, Will Murphy '12, and Gabe Emerson '12.

Pictured at right L-R are members of the class of 1982: Pierre Simoneaux and Jerry Brumfield.



Pictured at left L-R are: Carter Simoneaux '12, Beau Monteiro '17, Lucas Schmitt '17, and Parker Haygood '17.

Alumni Trivia Night

On Tuesday, December 21, we were excited to host the return of Trivia Night- Christmas Edition. Several teams comprised of our brightest alumni, including many college students home for the break and a few of our more seasoned alumni dating back to the Class of 1966, who competed for Saint Paul's swag and ultimate bragging rights.

Many thanks to hosts Andrew Dart '03 and Barrett Baumgartner '06 as well and to all the participants for attending a truly entertaining evening.

Winners are as follows:

First Place - Anthony Pennison '19, Brett Stratton '19, Stephen Millet, Jr. '19 and Stephen Millet, Sr. '86

Second place - Adam Schmitt '16, Ruston Keller '17, Robert Baricev '17, and Beau Monteiro '17

Third Place- Michael Brands '15, Matthew Baldone '15, and George Cazenavette '15.



Saint Paul's alumni of all ages gather for the annual Christmas trivia night.



First place winners pictured L-R are: Anthony Pennison '19, Brett Stratton '19, Stephen Millet, Jr. '19 and Stephen Millet, Sr. '86



Second place winners pictured L-R are: Adam Schmitt '16, Ruston Keller '17, Robert Baricev '17, and Beau Monteiro '17



Alumni News



Mark Jones '93 - The St. Tammany Quality Network presented its 2021 fourth-quarter Medical Director's Award to Dr. Mark Jones for his role in establishing the trauma program at St. Tammany Health System in Covington. [See article](#). Pictured at left is Dr. Michael K. Hill, the vice president for quality and utilization management at St. Tammany Health System, presenting the quarterly Medical Director Award to Dr. Mark Jones of Covington, the trauma medical director and a surgeon.

Jeff Ramon '08 - Jeff and his wife, Christina, welcomed John Anthony Ramon into their family on Monday, January 17, 2022. Their eldest son, Joseph, is 20 months old.

Nicholas Chifici '17 – Nicholas graduated from The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) with a Bachelor of Science in Banking and Finance.

Recently, several alumni graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in the following disciplines:

- **Business:** Etienne Sequeira '15
- **Biological Sciences:** Patrick Logarbo '13
- **Criminal Justice:** Ashton McLaughlin '17
- **Management:** Daniel Bonano '16, Theodore Elliot '16, and Joshua Tourelle '17

Rise Up 'O Men of God



[Bob Santopadre '58](#) and father of
Robert '80, Paul '81, and Michael '83 Santopadre

[Bryant Galatas '99](#)

[Mr. Jim Cole](#), father of Scott '85 and Todd '88 Cole,
and grandfather of Cam Cole '16

[Mr. George Marks](#), father-in-law of David Brunner '82
and former Band Director of Saint Paul's School during the 1980's

[Mrs. Katherine Parmley](#), grandmother of Conrad '18 and William '19 Robinson

[Mrs. Joanne Zaninelli](#), grandmother of Stephen '18 and Alex '20 Schlottman

[Mr. James Felder](#), grandfather of Matthew '17 and Blake '22 Weimer



Annual Fund...by the numbers

In keeping with the Lasallian mission and spirit, our goal is for Saint Paul's School to continue to remain accessible and affordable to all of the young men in our community who desire the same quality education and experience that we received while continuing to improve upon our physical plant, broaden our curriculum and provide our faculty with the necessary resources.

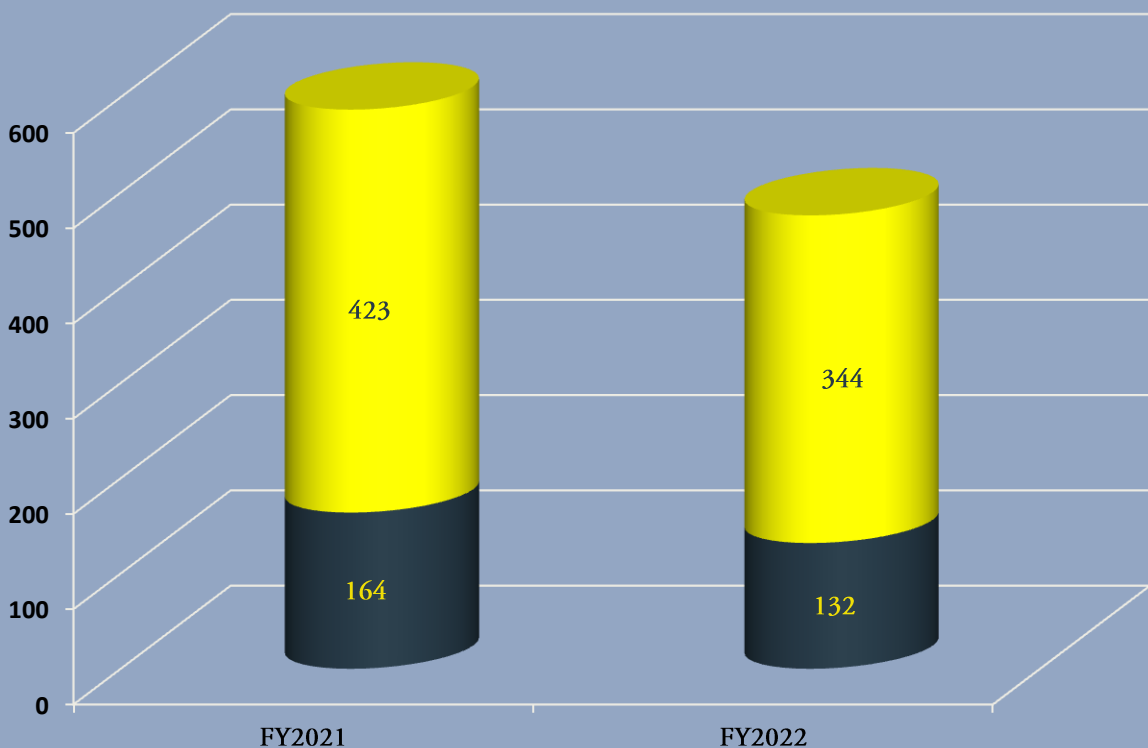
The Annual Fund is critical to the success of the mission, and alumni support and engagement play a vital role. This year's appeal began in August of 2021 and continues through July of 2022. We certainly understand that the recent months have brought exceptionally variable degrees of financial hardship and success.

We remain committed to keeping the Saint Paul's experience an exemplary one, are sincerely grateful to those who were able to contribute thus far, and offer our prayer and support to all of our alumni and families as we navigate these times.

If you are interested in supporting at this time, here is a link for your convenience. [SUPPORT SPS!](#)
Check out the [2020-2021 Advancement Review](#).

by Al Nastasi '91

Annual Fund Donors First Semester



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Alumni Donors





School News



Since 1680, educational institutions in more than eighty countries have been influenced by the vision and innovative spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the Founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the patron saint of teachers. Lasallian Education centers on Catholic values and personal relationships, emphasizing academic excellence, faith formation, inclusion, respect for the individual, service and social justice, giving birth to the Five Core Principles.

Saint Paul's School invites you to join us for an evening to explore more in depth these Five Core Principles on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Guided by reflection and prayer, Lasallian partners will gather to share stories and ideas on how to live as Lasallians, united in the Lasallian mission.

In order to explore each of these principles and how they relate to each other, we will join together to a five-course meal that corresponds to each of the Five Core Principles.

- Appetizer – Faith in the Presence of God
- Rice – Concern for the Poor and Social Justice
- Gumbo – Inclusive Community
- Main Course – Quality Education
- Dessert – Respect for All Persons

The evening begins at 7:00pm with an introduction from Bro. Ray Bulliard, FSC, President of Saint Paul's School, followed by five short reflections from a Lasallian partner pertaining to each Core Value. After each CORE VALUE presentation, a 12 minute breakout session will commence in order to share ideas.

Contact the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext. 1970 or development@stpauls.com for more information. [See program flyer.](#) Click below for sponsorship availability and registration.

[Join Us!](#)



Presidential Scholars

Congratulations to Saint Paul's School seniors, William Ditta, James Walker Dubreuil, and Daniel Whalen on being chosen as candidates in the prestigious U.S. Presidential Scholars Program for 2022, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Application for this award is by invitation only. The seniors were selected on the basis of their academic achievements primarily determined by SAT and ACT scores. Test scores are used to select candidates from each state, approximately 4,000 candidates in all.

These three Saint Paul's seniors will now advance to the next level of the award program. A review committee will evaluate their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of their essays. Nearly 650 candidates will be named semifinalists.

In April, a further review of semifinalists' applications by the Commission on Presidential Scholars will result in the designation of approximately 160 U.S Presidential Scholars.

The United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, and for over 57 years, this program has honored almost 8,000 U.S. Presidential Scholars, who have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and contribution to school and community. The work of the Commission on Presidential Scholars reaffirms, on behalf of the President, the nation's commitment to education. [About the program.](#)

by Jeaneen Schmitt



William Ditta



Walker Dubreuil



Daniel Whalen

Students in the Saint Paul's School CORE Pack along with their mentors participated in the Special Olympics Unified Bocce Games held in December at Lakeshore High School. This was the Wolves inaugural debut at the event, and they had a fantastic showing.

Gold Medalists: John Escher with mentor Ben Dufour, Dustin Gary with mentor Brennan Walsh, Alex Gwartney with mentor Jake Satches, and John Martinez with mentor Grant Nastasi.

Silver Medalists: Luke Donham with mentor Lawrence Henry, Matthew Weldon with mentor Gunnar Dausat, and Kyle Sevin with mentor Carter Laborde.

Bronze Medalists: Cameron Bayley with mentor Carter Laborde, Christopher Bonano with mentors Shawn Williams and Roch Regan, and Gary Miller with mentor Aiden Richards.

Saint Paul's mentors helping with the event included: Beau Barre, David Cherry, Trey Faherty, Bronson Hatfield, Preston Hickey, Jacob Houser, Carter Impastato, Will Kitchen, Tate LeDoux, Ashton Means, Kier Nunez, Trent Paretti, Sergio Romero, Gabe Simpson, and Jack White. Congratulations, Wolves!

by Jeaneen Schmitt



Christopher Bonanno lines up his shot with mentor Shawn Williams.



Mathew Weldon celebrates his silver medal with mentor Gabe Simpson.

Teacher of the Year



Saint Paul's School educator, Kim Gardner, a U.S. History honors teacher, has been selected as the Louisiana Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year at the high school level. This annual award is given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to three teachers (elementary, junior high, and high school) for their outstanding commitment to teaching American History, Traditions, Americanism, Civic Responsibility, Flag Etiquette, and Patriotism to their students.

Gardner won the district level of the competition sponsored by District 9 VFW Homer Williams Post 8720 and is a possible candidate for the national competition. [See article for District Win.](#)

She is in her tenth year of teaching at Saint Paul's School and serves as the Social Studies Department Chair.

by Jeaneen Schmitt

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul's School celebrated a school mass on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the patron saint of our school, on Tuesday, January 25. Fr. Matthew Clark, OSB, school chaplain, presided over the live-streamed mass from Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Because of the uptick of Covid cases, Saint Paul's opted for a virtual liturgy that was broadcast to the school community. When the time came for the distribution of communion, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were each assigned a set of classrooms to administer the Blessed Sacrament to the student body.

Saint Paul was a zealous Jewish scholar, who had persecuted countless Christians. After his encounter with Christ, he became an unstoppable force for the kingdom of God. Paul would go on to significantly mold the Mediterranean's early Christian communities, traveling and writing countless letters of spiritual guidance and insight. Paul's ministry is set apart from other apostles because of his message that the gospel is for Gentiles and Jews alike.

After the liturgy, students and faculty were renewed and felt a peace in themselves.



At left, Eucharistic Ministers prepare to distribute Holy Communion to the student body. At right, Minister Marco Vargas administers Communion to Peter Bilbe.

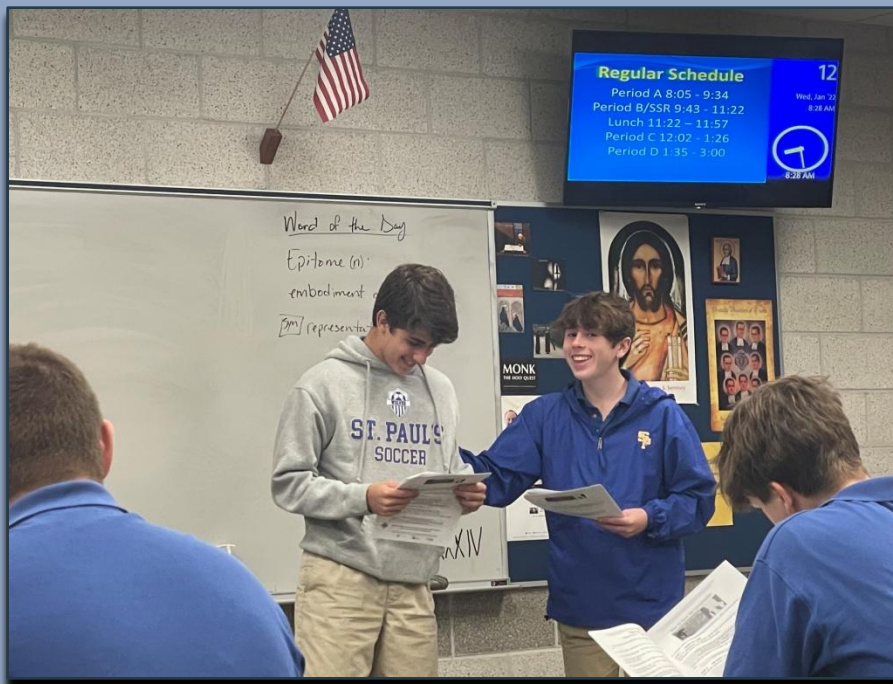


Teen Life Counts

Saint Paul's sophomores have been fortunate to participate in Teen Life Counts (TLC), a suicide prevention program offered by the Jewish Family Service (JFS) and arranged by the Saint Paul's School counseling center.

Teen Life Counts is offered to all sophomores during religion class and is lead by professionally trained staff and volunteers. With suicide being the second leading cause of death among 10 - 24 year olds, this valuable program has been a mainstay in the sophomore curriculum for over 20 years and was instituted in the pre-freshmen curriculum this year. Students are provided the opportunity to learn about teen suicide statistics, the stigma associated with mental illness, the warning signs of suicide, how to have a conversation with peers and adults, and where to get help.

Jewish Family Services has brought Teen Life Counts to middle and high school students in the Greater New Orleans area for over 30 years offering tools and resources upon request to public, parochial, private, and charter schools.
by Jeaneen Schmitt



Jacob Strecker and Dylan Ballard role play during Teen Life Counts class.



New Band Building

Saint Paul's music program has been enhanced with the completion of the multi million dollar band facility at the end of the year. Construction began during the summer of 2020 with the resulting building having latest acoustics, technology (including microphones, recording equipment, etc.) and appropriate lighting.

The building has three performance spaces: a large space where the 96-member band can actually march inside; a medium-size classroom for mid-sized ensemble practice and performance; and a smaller room for trios and a single pianist.

The whole building has special HVAC units that keep an ambient temperature and humidity at the levels that instruments need. All ceilings, floor and walls were acoustically treated since it's not just a practice space but a performance space. Even the lighting is special. Months were spent selecting floor and ceiling tiles and even special duct work so sound doesn't carry outside each space. [See complete article.](#)



Cognia Certification



In October, Saint Paul's academic program received an outstanding review and full accreditation by Cognia, the agency tasked by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) with evaluating and accrediting high schools in this region of the country.

In an effort to drive continued improvement of the Saint Paul's School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs, the administration agreed to undergo a separate evaluation specifically focused in the areas of STEM. Few schools with STEM programs have achieved this prestigious certification.

In addition to collecting information about the school's STEM programs through numerous documents and forms, the evaluation process also included holding a series of interviews conducted by the Cognia team with Saint Paul's School stakeholders: students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community partners. Impressed with their findings, the Cognia team found it very difficult to identify an area of improvement and encouraged the school to continue the good work and celebrate the successes of the STEM programs. Full accreditation was granted.

In recognition of the efforts of the Saint Paul's STEM teachers, Mr. Watkins stated, "I am sure that our STEM faculty will receive this news as affirmation of their hard and innovative work and inspire them to even greater endeavors."

by Jeanen Schmitt



Key Club

Concern for the
Poor & Social
Justice



Over the Christmas holidays, the Key Club of Saint Paul's School visited the home of alumnus Mr. Paul Campo '81 and his wife, Special Events Director, Mrs. Shellie Campo to pick satsumas from their small grove. The club then delivered the fruit to the Northshore Food Bank. The club is moderated by faculty member Mr. Kevin Moore '91. Pictured below are key club members: Beau Barré, Kevin Moore, Thomas Cazenavette, and Joseph Cresson.



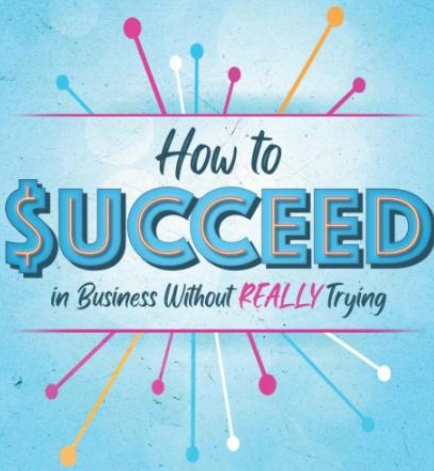
Habitat for Humanity Club

The Saint Paul's Habitat for Humanity Club started 2022 off right by helping to build a house in the community. Students begin to nail exterior boards onto the house. Pictured at right L-R standing are: Nicholas Achee, Preston Orgeron, Camden Cantrelle, William Ditta, Keegan Burrell, Kieffer Schwartz, and Marco Vargas. Kneeling are Alex Tepper and Walker Dubreuil.



Spring and Summer are Right Around the Corner!

ST. PAUL'S MARIAN PLAYERS THEATER



How to SUCCEED
in Business Without **REALLY** Trying

FRANK LOESSER and ABE BURROWS
"HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING"
Book by Music and Lyrics by
ABE BURROWS, JACK WEINSTOCK and WILLIE GILBERT FRANK LOESSER
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Saint Paul's spring musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying", opens on March 16, 2022, which is Preview Night. All performances are held at 7:00pm. Other performances are scheduled for Thursday, March 17 – Saturday, March 26 at 7:00pm. All tickets must be purchased online or in Saint Paul's Administration Building. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.



Mother/Son Dinner

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
6:30 pm
Briggs Assembly Center

\$26 per person
Dinner provided by Keith Young's Steakhouse

Check-in time begins at 5:30 pm
Photos may be taken from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm and after dinner
(Please arrive on time to be seated before prayer service at 6:30 pm)

*Sunday dress attire is recommended

Dinner is for currently enrolled students and their Mothers.
Registration deadline is February 24th
(We have limited capacity and will not be able to accommodate late registrations.)
Questions regarding reservations can be emailed to EmilyTalley@bellsouth.net.

Tickets go on sale on
February 1st
www.stpauls.com

Taking reservations now. [Click here for flyer.](#)



Please join us for supper in honor of dads.
FATHER-SON SUPPER

The Dads' Club would like to invite all students
and dads to the Briggs Assembly Center on



SUMMER camps

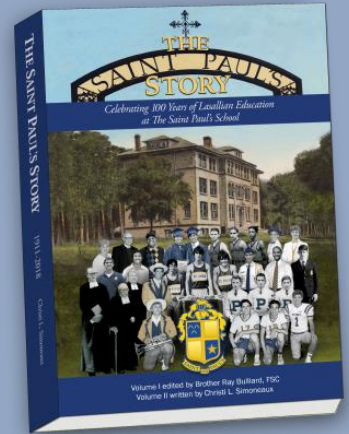
Saint Paul's summer camp
registration is open! [Learn More!](#)

Saturday, March 19th – Contact Claire at
clairec@stpauls.com for more information.



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 fifteen teams, Saint Paul's remains to be a "good place to grow up"! [Order your copy today!](#)



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AmazonSmile allows you to purchase items from Amazon.com and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the non profit of your choice. Please use this [LINK](#) and Saint Paul's School will receive these donations.

Office Depot will donate 5% of your qualifying purchase back to Saint Paul's School. At checkout, give the cashier number 70041640 and we will receive the donation. Can't remember the number? Just ask the cashier to look up the school code for Saint Paul's School in Covington and they can apply the purchase.



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Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever.

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