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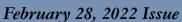
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"Sunflowers" by Daniel Wayert '23







On the Cover



Junior Daniel Wayert is the cover artist for the month of February. Danny is a good student and a "forward" on Saint Paul's varsity soccer team. He scored 15 goals this year and five assists. Danny also earned an "Honorable Mention" for Division I, District 5 this year.

Alumni News

Gentlemen and members of the Saint Paul's community,

At this time of year, I typically call your attention to our mission statement which Brother Ray incorporates repeatedly throughout the school year, in particular, the initial prong: Saint Paul's is a school which functions well, offering strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment. A host of metrics including a plethora of National Merit Finalists as well as our consistent top placements at the literary rally substantiate that we are fulfilling the academic component.

As for the athletic standard, our Soccer and Wrestling Wolves recently had Top 4 finishes, while Basketball and Powerlifting set their sights on the grand prize, and spring sports are gearing up in Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Outdoor Track, Rugby and Ultimate Frisbee. In checking the school calendar, you will note several opportunities to catch the Wolves in action. Please visit our Athletics pages for more information on a particular team of interest.

Further, I think you will be quite impressed by the multitude of extracurricular activities for the Saint Paul's student of today. Check it out here!

As you will see on the Upcoming Events Page, we look forward to hosting the return of everyone's favorite alumni event as well as bringing back the Fishing Rodeo to further enhance fellowship, fraternity, and camaraderie.

Finally, our 2021-22 Annual Fund Appeal continues through July 31, 2022. Your investment and partnership in the future of Saint Paul's School is greatly appreciated and invaluable. If you are interested in supporting at this time, <u>Click Here.</u>

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Al Nastasi '91



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Alumni Profile

Brad Piediscalzo



Education: Attended LSU and Ohio State University

Family: Married to Christina Williams Piediscalzo, children Melia (15), Lucas (13), Eliana (11)

Occupation: Vice President/Manager Joe's Shoe Store, Inc.



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What is your favorite memory of Saint Paul's School? It really is just being with all my fellow classmates on any occasion. From sporting events or practice, to pep rallies, the bonfire, and dances, it was a special five years and a lot of great memories!

Do you have any family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul's? My brother, Phil, graduated in 1989, and my son, Lucas, will be attending 8th grade next year. His graduation year will be exactly 40 years after I graduated.

Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher? Mr. Dale Dominique had a style of teaching that just resonated with me, and I enjoyed his classes. Coach Charles Legendre instructed a few classes I had, but it was his role as our Track and Field coach that really impacted me. I was a pole vaulter on the team and went from knowing very little about the sport to the District Champ my senior year. I still have the trophy! He provided anything and everything he could to help motivate us and gain knowledge about our sport. New equipment and pole vault pits were some of the tools he helped obtain as well as a number of instructional books and videos because there was no You Tube back then.

What advice would you give to current students or young alumni? Work hard! Work hard at your craft. Work hard academically. Work hard athletically. Work hard at your relationships with God, family, and friends. The harder you work, the more blessed you will be. Listen more than you speak! Listening lets you learn more and absorb information. When you do speak, ask questions, listen intently to the answers, and say less than necessary, make good decisions! Life is all about the decisions you make. From earlier in your childhood to the later stages in life, I tell my children every day "to make good decisions" and I hope it resonates with them.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life? I play in the annual golf tournament every year, and I have been involved in coordinating the last couple of class reunions. Our last reunion, 30 years, was probably our best to date. Even though Hurricane Nate made landfall that night, we still had over 100 people attend. With my son Lucas attending next year, I am sure I will have many more duties as a father as well as an alumnus. I am excited for both of us and looking forward to becoming even more involved.

Why would you encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul's?

Opportunity! I recently got to attend an Open House with my son. I was astonished by the amount of choices the students have on and off campus: Pre-Law, Robotics, Art, Music, Drama, Engineering, just to name a few. And the clubs: History, Beekeeping, Mountain biking, Gardening, and even a Quidditch Club. Also, I have to mention the environment that the students have is outstanding, from the PJ's coffee shop to the state of the art labs. The facilities, the faculty, and the campus are second to none.

Is there anything you would do differently with your Saint Paul's experience if given the opportunity to go back in time? Not really. Well maybe one. If I remember correctly, our senior year, the football team missed a last second field goal to go to the playoffs. Even though I was not a member of the team, I would have liked to see our season extended.

Upcoming Events



Alumni Association Fishing Rodeo - March 18-19, 2022

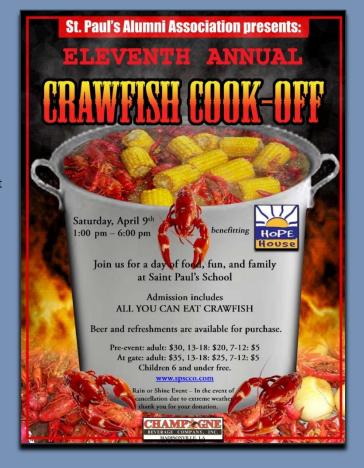
No Boat - No Problem! This rodeo has an Inshore Division including Shore and Kayak. Fish from anywhere in the state as long as you follow the guidelines and make it back in time for the weigh in. Many thanks to the Boyce and Nunmaker families for their lead sponsorship, support, and interest in resurrecting this event. Please join us in Myrtle Grove for a weekend of fishing, fellowship, and fun.

Registration and Event Information

11th Annual Crawfish Cook-Off April 9 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm

Join us on Saint Paul's beautiful campus for our 11th Annual Crawfish Cook-Off, a charitable event which raises funds for Hope House of Saint Tammany, Saint Paul's School, and the Alumni Association, while providing an entertaining event for all to enjoy. Team spots are completely full but sponsorships are still available.

Tickets on Sale now!







Alumni Give Presentations to Juniors on Career Day

On Thursday, February 3, members of the Class of 2023 engaged in Career Day in our Briggs Assembly Center obtaining relevant information regarding some popular career choices. Alumni presenters generously gave of their time to enrich the students in regard to the nature of their respective careers and their journey to the present, including how their time at Saint Paul's assisted them in preparation. Mentoring opportunities were discussed along with a Q & A component which afforded our juniors an insight which may possibly impact their course/activity selection while still a student here and certainly in association with major and college discernment. Afterwards, the alumni speakers enjoyed some fellowship and a delicious lunch provided by Keith Frentz '96 of LOLA. Many thanks to all involved for a successful day!



Pictured L-R are: Mr. Jeff Ramon '08, Saint Paul's Religion teacher and Campus Minister and spoke about an education career; Mr. Justin Greenleaf '04, Greenleaf Lawson Architects and spoke about an architect career; Mr. Michael Sciortino '03, Sciortino Financial, LLC and spoke about an accounting career; Mr. Phil Nuss '72, Harvey Gulf International Marine LLC, & Gulf Coast Yacht Center and spoke about an engineering career; Dr. Jason Farrell '93, Hickory Small Animal Hospital and spoke about being a veterinarian; Mr. Chad Danenhower '92, Danenhower Law Firm and spoke about being an attorney; Dr. Joel Burvant '99, Burvant Family Dentistry and spoke about a dentistry career; Mr. Adam Martin '06, Vice President of Preconstruction, Kent Design Build, Inc. and spoke about a construction career; Brother Javier Hansen, FSC, Saint Paul's Religion Teacher who spoke about a vocational career and being a Lasallian volunteer, and Al Nastasi '91, Alumni Director.





Alumni News



Congratulations to Landon Chambliss '18 on recently being named Drum Major of The LSU Golden Band from Tigerland. We can't wait to see this former Marching Wolf lead LSU's band into the end zone. What a tremendous accomplishment!



US Army Cadet Garrett Lauterbach '21 was recently named to the USMA Parachute Team at West Point Military Academy. Congratulations, Garrett, and thank you for your service.



Rise Up O Men of God

Alexander Etienne '58

Francis Fulton '64

Charlie Reuther '72

Val Exnicios '75

Ethan "Cade" Varnado '10

Jon Champagne '77 - brother of Larry '65 and Joel '75 Champagne Mr. Daryl "Tom" Collins, father-in-law of Tim Bounds '86 and grandfather of Devin Bounds '12





School News



It's been 724 days since the Marching Wolves last brought the funk to the streets of New Orleans and Covington to entertain the crowds for Mardi Gras. "Being back on the streets of New Orleans after two years of not even being able to congregate holds a certain excitement that is hard to put into words. While Mardi Gras has always been the favorite time of the year for me and the band, there is a new level of appreciation for these opportunities that we previously took for granted," reports Senior Drum Major Walker Lobdell.

Dusting off their signature southern gentleman uniforms and boater hats on February 18 for the first of 7 parades this season, the Marching Wolves brought their high-energy and wildly popular show band moves back to the throngs of parade goers along the uptown route of the Krewe of Cleopatra. Spinning horns and drum sticks around blistered and taped fingers, dancing with swollen and bruised knees and ankles, the Marching Wolves will continue to add countless miles and memories to their parade season while performing in Olympia, Carrollton, Hermes, Endymion, Bacchus and Rex, smiling every step of the way. Sophomore trumpeter Shawn Cooney says, "It's so exciting to be back in the parades and feel the hype of the crowds. My favorite part is playing at the underpass on St. Charles Avenue and hearing that big sound echo. It's even more special that I get to share this experience with my brother, Blaine."

As part of their commitment to our mission, the Marching Wolves headed to the Walmart in Covington on Friday, February 25, to lead the parade held inside the store for some special students in St. Tammany Parish. Senior Drum Major Walker Lobdell shares, "Having a family member with special needs, the parade at Walmart has always been close to my heart. Marching in the parade and being able to see the happiness on her face as well as the many others who may not have otherwise had an opportunity to attend a parade is something the entire band always eagerly anticipates."

Thanks to the Marching Wolves for reminding us it's time to "Laissez les bon temps roulez!" once again in south Louisiana.

by Mimi Monteiro



At left, Junior
Drum Major,
Zachary Bono,
and Marching
Wolf junior, Zach
Montz, showoff
their leaping
ability during the
Carrollton parade.
Photo credit Greta
Bourgeois



Above, Brother Javier Hansen helps chaperone the Marching Wolves during the Covington Olympia parade. Pictured above L-R are Bro. Javier, Lane Hamaker, Gus Galeziewski - Nathaniel Canizaro, and Carter Murphy.



Five Core Dinner





Thursday, April 7, 2022

7:00pm - 8:30pm

JOIN US for an evening to explore more in depth the Five Core Principles handed down from our founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle. Saint Paul's School invites you to join us for an evening to explore more in depth these Five Core Principles. 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. Seating is limited but participation is FREE.

In order to explore each of these principles and how they relate to each other, we will join together with 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.

Online registration is available. For more information, contact the Development Office at 985-892-3200 ext 1970 or development@stpauls.com. Check out the Flyer HERE









Honor Roll Breakfast

Although slightly delayed, the second quarter honor roll breakfast series took place in mid-February in the Briggs Assembly Center. Students and parents were greeted in the lobby as they grabbed a delicious breakfast provided by Mr. Rick Gonzalez of Chick-fil-A (Hwy. 190) and seated themselves while the music of Johann Sebastian Bach's The Brandenburg Concertos played in the background.

As is tradition, the event began with prayer, and following congratulatory remarks by the administration, students receiving honor roll status were recognized for their exemplary work in the second quarter and encouraged to keep up the good work in order to earn an invitation to the third quarter honor roll breakfast.

Anyone who has ever attended a Saint Paul's honor roll breakfast is well aware that Brother Ray takes the opportunity during this event to teach a quick vocabulary lesson as part of his congratulatory remarks. He remained true to the vocabulary lesson tradition during the honor roll celebrations for the underclassmen. The consummate teacher, Brother began with a review of the four vocabulary words from the first quarter honor roll breakfast which he then followed with an introduction and explanation of four new words: ebullient, contumacious, makebate, and supererogator.

For the seniors, Brother Ray happily deferred the traditional vocabulary lesson so that Chris Lee, a 2007 graduate of Saint Paul's School, could address the graduating Class of 2022. Chris served as the student council president his senior year at Saint Paul's, and he went on to study at Louisiana State University where, in 2012, he graduated with a Bachelor's in Marketing and a minor in Chinese. He spent his last summer of college traveling through China and studying at the Beijing Language and Culture University. After college, Chris made a career in the construction industry and currently works for Ferguson Enterprises. He lives in Covington with his wife Heather and their red lab, Cayenne.

Based upon a reflection of a plethora of life experience, including his years spent at Saint Paul's, Chris offered three key pieces of advice to the soon-to-be graduates: Keep God first in your life. Learn to fail. Write it down. His inspirational words touched not only the seniors and their parents, but the administration and faculty in attendance were also moved by the impact that Saint Paul's School continues to have in Chris's life. Saint Paul's Forevermore!

by Jeaneen Schmitt



Junior Max Pellegrini celebrates with his dad, Mr. Greg Pellegrini '86.



Student Council President from the Class of 2007, Chris Lee, poses with Mr. Trevor Watkins '79, left, Principal, and Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC, right, President of Saint Paul's School.



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Life Skills for Seniors

On Friday, February 18, the class of 2022 participated in Life Skills Day, which was organized by the Development Office and held in the Briggs Assembly Center. This day is funded by the proceeds from our inaugural Five Core Meal that was held in March of last year.

The workshop lasted all day and covered areas that are essential for seniors living on their own. The students were separated into four groups and rotated to four different discussions: "Debt Management and Identity Theft"; "Awareness, Actions and Consequences"; "What to expect at college"; and "Time Management, Networking, and Finding a Job." Featured volunteer speakers were Mr. Eric Dunavant, owner of Paradiem, attorney Mr. Greg Pellegrini '86, and Mr. Neal Hightower, owner of Sanford Rose Associates. Additionally, current college students Matthew Borgatti '18, Noah Seiden '18, and Chris Franke '21 spoke to the seniors about transitioning to college life and entertained questions.

The seniors were treated to a delicious lunch of Chicken Alfredo and Caesar salad, provided by owner of DiCristina's Italian and Seafood Restaurant and senior parent Mr. Frank Pyburn. Senior moms graciously served the meal and provided dessert and snacks for the students.

Gift cards were awarded as door prizes throughout the day with random drawings.

by Danielle Lavie



At left, college age alumni return to Saint Paul's to enlighten the seniors with their experiences in college. From L-R are: Chris Franke '21, Noah Seiden '18, and Matthew Borgatti '18.



Life Skills presenters pictured above L-R are as follows: Matthew Borgatti, Chris Franke, Noah Seiden, Eric Dunavant, Greg Pellegrini, and Neal Hightower.



Longtime Life Skills presenter, Mr. Eric Dunavant, and parent of senior Austen, shares his knowledge of how to avoid debt and

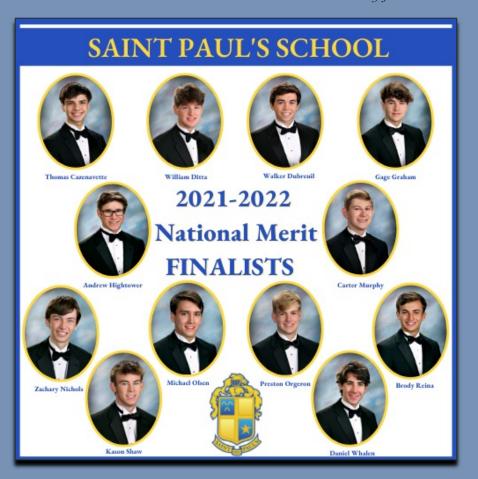
identity theft.

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National Merit Finalist

All 12 of Saint Paul's National Merit Semifinalists have been named Finalists
in the scholarship program and will advance in the competition for scholarship
awards. Saint Paul's Finalists are Thomas Cazenavette, son of George and Cindy
Cazenavette of Mandeville; William Ditta, son of George and Carmen Ditta of Covington;
James Walker Dubreuil, son of John and Meagan Dubreuil of Covington; Gage Graham, son of Alex
and Melany Graham of Covington; Andrew Hightower, son of Neal and Kelly Hightower of
Mandeville; Carter Murphy, son of Troy and Mary Beth Murphy of Covington; Zachary Nichols, son
of Brian and Cindy Nichols of Mandeville; Michael Olsen, son of Mike and Kathryn Olsen of
Mandeville; Preston Orgeron, son of Ryan and Jennifer Orgeron of Covington; Brody Reina, son of
Jason and Rachel Reina of Covington; Kason Shaw, son of Jaired and Traci Shaw of Madisonville; and
Daniel Whalen, son of Dan Whalen of Mandeville and Rozanne Whalen of Mandeville.

These academically talented high school seniors will continue in the competition for scholarships worth more than \$31 million. Beginning in March and continuing to mid-June, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) notifies approximately 7,600 Finalists that they have been selected to receive one of three types of awards: National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships, Corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, and College-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. Over 1.5 million students entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program sponsored by the NMSC. Sixteen thousand were named Semifinalists and only 15,000 have met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition. The mission of the NMSC is to recognize and honor outstanding student scholars throughout the United States.



Basketball

Saint Paul's basketball program held its annual "Faculty & Staff Appreciation Night" on Friday, February 11. Pictured below are the seniors and the faculty honorees. From left to right are: Blake Davis and Mrs. Suzy Slade, Zach Fenn and Mr. Michael Stant, Cullen O'Brien and Mr. Mick Nunez '88, Bryan Alexander and Mr. Kristian Gibbe '00, Aiden Richards and Mr. Gabe Emerson '12, Mr. Gerald Ancar and Cade Colombo, Brady Bollinger and Mr. Alejandro Maya, Michael Olsen and Mr. Luke Barwick, Colin Thieler and Mr. Kenny Sears, III '16, Jeremy Autin and Mr. Christian Bobak, and Andrew Zibilich and Mr. Lee Pierre.

The Wolves clinched the District 6-5A championship for a second straight season with a win over Mandeville High School with a score of 53-37 on January 18. See WGNO article. Following the Mandeville game, the team went on to win its last two district games to make it an undefeated district championship. The Wolves end the regular season with an overall record of 26-6 and have proven to be one of the top teams in the state of Louisiana. They begin the LHSAA Division I playoffs as the overall #1 seed and play the winner of St. Augustine and C.E. Byrd in the quarterfinal round.

See Nola article.

by Stephen Dale, Head Basketball Coach







Junior Manresa Retreat

Fourteen juniors from Saint Paul's School embarked on a 24-hour silent retreat at Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, LA. Manresa consists of picturesque buildings on the 130-acre campus that date from the early 19th Century, when Manresa was the site of Jefferson College, a private school for sons of plantation owners. Between the Civil War and the Great Depression the Marist Fathers conducted the college as a Catholic school. The Jesuits purchased the property in 1931 as the site for a retreat house. Pictured at right front row L-R are:



Will Kitchen, Ben Salvant, Junah Butcher, Zachary Montz, Sutter Bourgeois, Jimmy Breaux, and Matthew Roberts. Back row L-R are: Kye Parkman, Hayden McWilliams, Coleman Miles, Jack Vincent, Zachary Seale, Cavin Taylor, and Bryce DePino.

Wrestling

On February 11-12 the Saint Paul's Wrestling team competed in the LHSAA Division I State Championships in Baton Rouge. The team competed well, finishing with three individual state championships, one state runner-up, and three other state placers. Senior Jake Houser capped off an undefeated season en route to his second individual state championship at 138 pounds. Senior Grant Nastasi overcame a late December ankle surgery that nearly ended his season to win his second individual state championship at 152 pounds. Junior Landry Barker upset the number one seed to claim his first state championship at 160 pounds. Sophomore Conlan Enk finished as a state runner-up. Senior Ethan Viator finished 3rd at 145 pounds, and seniors Trey Faherty (120) and Ian Lyons (220) each finished 6th.



Standing L-R are state champions Landry Barker, Jake Houser, and Grant Nastasi with Head Coach Matt Pinero.



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Soccer Senior Night



Saint Paul's School honored the senior members of the soccer team before their last regular season home game in Hunter Stadium. Seniors presented their moms with the traditional rose and dads received a baseball cap for their continued dedication and support of their sons and the Wolves soccer program. Pictured at the ceremony L-R are: Blake Weimer and his parents Patrick and Colleen; Eric Hanrahan and his parents Eric and Tracewell; Will Allen and his parents Curt and Janelle; Trent Paretti and his parents Craig and Melissa; Roch Ragan and his parents Rickie and Denise; Walker Dubreuil and his parents John and Meagan; Ashton Means and his parents John and Michelle; Tristan Trepagnier and his parents Chris and Shandra; Wesley Bloodworth and his parents Chad and Jennifer; Logan O'Quinn and his parents James and Jennifer; Jack White and his parents Bryan and Tara; and Luke Couvillion and his parents Bobby and Laura.

College Signings

National Signing Day for D1 and D2 football players was held on Wednesday, February 2nd. Saint Paul's School is proud to acknowledge two of our seniors who committed to play football in college. Senior Danny Sears has committed to Northwestern State University to play football at the NCAA Division I level. Also, senior Hayes Creel has committed to McNeese State to play football at the NCAA Division 1 level too. Congratulations to both students! See article.

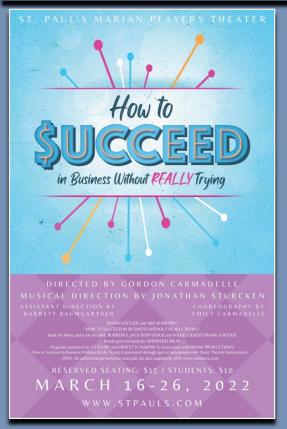


Pictured above L-R are Hayes Creel and Danny Sears.





Spring and Summer are right around the corner!



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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.



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Saturday, March 19th – Click here for flyer.



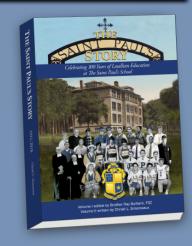
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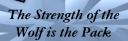
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