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Alumni and Friends of Saint Paul's School,

Echoing my words from past years at this time, what a blessing to be back on campus with the students and have the 2022/23 school year underway! We look forward to a renewed year of alumni engagement and to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

Alumni Breakfast – Join us on Tuesday, October 11 for an Alumni Breakfast, President's Assembly and optional campus tour. Breakfast will begin at 7:15 am in the cafeteria with the assembly lasting from 8:15 to 8:55. An optional campus tour will follow. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience alumni fellowship, student life and one of Brother Ray's beloved traditions. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Al Nastasi at aln@stpauls.com.

Are You Ready for Some Football - Click Here for the 2022 Varsity Schedule.

Attention Members of the 2007 and 2012 District Championship Teams – Please join us in Hunter Stadium on Friday, October 28, 2022 to celebrate your outstanding seasons as we host the Ponchatoula High Green Wave in a classic District 6-5A battle. There will be a special recognition for your team during the game as well as other festivities. Mark your calendars, and more details are coming soon.

Homecoming - is around the corner on Friday, September 30, 2022. In keeping with tradition, the 25 year alumni, members of the Class of 1998, will escort the members of the Court as we host Hammond High School here in Hunter Stadium. From 6:00 pm until kickoff, there will be an opportunity for you to beat the heat and partake of some food and refreshments before the game in the cafeteria. This event is open to all alumni and your associated guests and friends of Saint Paul's. Please join us for a great night of football and fellowship.

The Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament - will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022 at Tchefuncta Country Club. Please feel free to contact me regarding the remaining availability, sponsorship opportunity, or if you would like to attend as a volunteer or social guest. For additional information please visit: <a href="https://www.stpauls.com/alumni/alumni-events/golf-tournament/">https://www.stpauls.com/alumni/alumni-events/golf-tournament/</a>

Oktoberfest – Join us for a fun-filled evening at Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 15. Put on your dancing shoes and polka costume and come dance to the sound of alumni musicians Pierre '82, Carter '12, and Dustin '16 Simoneaux. Reserve a table today!

Reunion planning is returning to normalcy and with a focus on the 3 and 8 years. Please check our Reunion Page regularly for updates or check in with your class agents or the Alumni Office. Should you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me as indicated below.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>aln@stpauls.com</u> or by phone at 985 892-3200 ext 1971.

Al Nastasi '91

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



#### Friday, September 30, 2022 Tchefuncta Country Club

#### Schedule of Events

8:00 am – 9:00 am – Registration and Breakfast 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Shotgun Start and Tournament 3:00 pm – Awards Party



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#### Alumni Profile

Since 1911, thousands of young men have been blessed to call Saint Paul's School home. As we continue to celebrate the ownership of Saint Paul's by The Christian Brothers since 1918, we once again will host a monthly Alumni Profile. Beginning in February 2018, we introduced some of the many faces which have been woven into the alumni fabric that has helped make Saint Paul's a good place to grow up. For the previous alumni selected, check our website.

#### Chris Combs '98



Education: B.S. in Construction
Management from LSU

Family: Married to Michelle Centanni Combs with nine children: Kaylee, Lyla, Matthew, William, Molly, Lucy, James, Luke, and Bowen

Occupation: Owner of C M Combs
Construction, LLC



What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's? As I reflect on the almost countless memories, they are all due to the comradery amongst friends, students, and faculty from Friday nights to the simple times during break in the morning.

Do you have any other current family members attending Saint Paul's? My younger brother Chuck Combs graduated in 2003, and God willing I have 5 sons to follow.

Who was your favorite most impactful teacher? This is a tough question but when reflecting over the years, Coach Mauldin stands out, no matter what year or classes I was in, I somehow found myself in his office. I fondly recall arriving to campus at normal drop off time only to hear what Coach had done or said in detention and immediately regretted missing detention. As life went on, I look back and realize that his antics were not just for his amusement; he was forming us.

What advice would you give to current students or alumni? Do not take a second for granted. Sometimes it may feel like the hours, days, and weeks drag on but believe me when I say there will come a time that you look back at these days and would be willing to trade anything to have them back, even just for a moment.

Why do you continue to support the Saint Paul's mission? The mission remains the same as it was when I was a student, and if I can help in some way to continue it and ensure that my sons and other young men have the same opportunity, I am grateful for that.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life? Besides adorning my kitchen with championship paddles from the Crawfish Cook-Off, I try to participate in as many Alumni Events as I can, and I look forward to being an Alumni escort at this year's Homecoming.

Why would you encourage young men to consider attending Saint Paul's? In addition to creating a solid foundation for all aspects of your life, you will also forever be a member of a community of like-minded men.





#### Alumni News

Tom Bagwill '80 – Tom recently left his role as Development Director at Jesuit High School in New Orleans and accepted a position in Washington DC as the Vice President of Institutional Advancement at St. John's College High School. Read complete article.

Fr. Daniel Brouillette '01 - Fr. Brouillette was recently named as pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church in Covington, LA.

**Justin Greenleaf '04** - Justin was recently named an honoree of the 2022 Excellence in Construction and Real Estate class by CityBusiness Magazine. These honorees recognize professionals who have led the way in the areas of investment, jobs created, and potential impact in the New Orleans area. Justin owns Greenleaf Architecture.

Scott Stewart '05 – Scott and his wife Natalie announce the birth of a baby girl named Lily on July 29<sup>th</sup>. They also have an older son, Benjamin, who is four years old.

**Dr. Andrew Mullet '12** – Andrew recently received the Santos Cageao Award. This award is given at the 16U and Junior National Wrestling Championships, held in Fargo, North Dakota, to the year's Outstanding Freestyle Official. Andrew began officiating at wrestling tournaments many years ago and has enjoyed it since.

Ryan Flood '17 and Dylan Futrell '17 – Both Ryan and Dylan have been nominated for Loyola University of New Orleans College of Law's Law Review. The Law Review, first established in 1920 as the Loyola Law Journal, is the College's student-run journal that publishes legal scholarship.



Saint Paul's class members of 1973, recently gathered for lunch at Felix's in Mandeville. The class of 1973 will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduating from Saint Paul's in the spring. Seated at the table L-R are: Phil Swett, David Hebert, Tom Leaumont, Peter Klebba, Mark Richards '72, Kenny Boudreaux, Robert Bourgeois, Bobby Chassee, Mike Dugger, former Saint Paul's faculty member, Mrs. Judy LaCour, Eric Lauck, Chad Lockfield, and Dickie Brocato.

"Do not forget to thank God for his many blessings." (MTR 7.3 [Med 199.3]

- St. John Baptist de La Salle to the first Christian Brothers







## Rise Up O Men of God



Albert Nastasi, Jr., claimed his eternal reward on Monday, July 11, 2022 following a brief and intense battle with cancer. Formerly a Track and Field coach at St. Aloysius High School, Chalmette High School, and East Jefferson High School, for the last decade, Al served alongside his son, Al, at Saint Paul's School as an assistant coach. Fittingly referred to as Papa Al, he once again left an indelible mark of endearment on all of those he coached. He is survived by his son, Al III '91 and his beloved grandchildren, Al IV '20, Grant '22, Abbey and Rhett '25.

Salvador Pellittieri '60 Mr. Eric Grieshaber '88 Mr. Timothy Brooks, '08

Mrs. Adrianne Baumgartner, former Board of Trustees and Renaissance Board member and mother of Sam '02, Will '07 and Luke '10 Baumgartner

Ms. Marie Hammons, former Renaissance Board Member and mother of Stephen Hammons '01

Mrs. Marie Fielding Welch Greenwood, longtime, former employee of Saint Paul's School Mr. Kenneth Sears, Sr., father of Saint Paul's Disciplinarian and Head Football Coach,

Mr. Ken Sears, Jr., and grandfather of Kenny Sears, III '16 and Danny Sears '22

Mr. Albert Kramer, Jr., father of Al '78 and Kevin '80 Kramer and

father-in-law of Mayor of Covington Mark Johnson '76, and grandfather

of Kevin '10 and Christian '21 Kramer

Mr. John Butz, father of Russell '71 Butz

Mr. John Dussouy, Jr., father of John III '91 and Michael '95

Rev. Alfred Young, Jr., father of James '98

Mr. Charles "Ronnie" Allen, father of Ron Allen '99

Mrs. Grace Peltier, mother of John Edward Peltier '72,

grandmother of Donald L. Peltier III '97, and great-grandmother of Donald L. Peltier IV '26

Mrs. Catherine Graves, mother of Edward Graves '84

and mother-in-law of Julian Caballero '84

Mr. Peter Feringa, Ir, grandfather of Bretton Feringa '15

Mr. Ricky Thiaville, grandfather of Aidan Thiaville '24

Mrs. Carol Dienes, grandmother of Mark '07 and Jack '11 Hawley, and Keller '11 and Christopher "Topher" '13 Douglas

Mrs. Gale Dillon, mother-in-law of Kevin Kramer '80

and grandmother of Kip '10 and Christian Kramer '21

Mrs. Delores Zaccara, grandmother of Will '12, Zach '12 and Chris '16 Barnett

Mrs. Janice Ravain, grandmother of Chase Ravain '25

Ms. Lisa Patterson Guidry, sister of Randall Patterson '77, sister-in-law of Gerald Nuss '76 and aunt of Sam Nuss '16

Mrs. Susan Ogden James, sister of Phillip '79 and Garland '93 Ogden

Mr. Robert Ballay, Jr., brother-in-law of longtime, former faculty member Mr. Charlie Legendre and uncle of Oneal '02 and Michael '06 Legendre



## School News





In 1911, Dixon Academy was purchased by The Benedictines of Saint Joseph Abbey and renamed to Saint Paul's College in honor of the patron of the Abbot of Saint Joseph's monastery. Father Augustine was named the first principal and on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Fathers Augustine, Adelbert, and Aemilian moved onto campus. As time went by, the Benedictines decided to concentrate their efforts at The Abbey and leased, with an agreement to purchase, Saint Paul's to the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

Nineteen French Brothers, previously living in exile, arrived in Covington during the summer of 1918. They were forced out of France due to government persecution of the Catholic Church in the early 1900's and moved to Mexico to start schools. During the Carranza Revolution in Mexico in 1914, the Brothers barely escaped with their lives and were scattered around the United States. When the Christian Brothers decided to purchase Saint Paul's College, these nineteen Brothers were sent to Covington, LA. Br. Nilammon was appointed as the first Christian Brother President.

These pioneer Brothers worked long hours, not only teaching and guiding their students, but also staffing the school as carpenters, painters, plumbers, electricians, and yardmen. Inspired by the zeal of the founding Brothers, Saint Paul's has prospered. Saint Paul's has maintained its reputation for educational excellence established by the Benedictines and the founding Brothers. For a look at all of the Founding Brothers, click HERE.





### "Holy Guardian Angels, Guide and Guard Us!"

In his inaugural letter to parents for the 2022-23 school year, Principal Joe Dickens placed an emphasis on getting back to the "little things" which makes Saint Paul's unique and "a good place to grow up!" He noted the administration's efforts to sustain a safe learning environment while maintaining the essence of what makes Saint Paul's Lasallian and familial.

Therefore, it is only fitting that the chosen theme for the new school year, which is included in the prayer litany recited numerous times throughout the school day, calls upon the help of the Holy Guardian Angels.



Saint John Baptist de La Salle had an affinity for guardian angels. He believed that through their knowledge and guidance, guardian angels lead us to "a more penetrating knowledge of God, his perfections, all that is related to God, and the means of going to God."

As a Lasallian school, Saint Paul's relies upon its Holy Guardian Angels to guide and guard its students who face a challenging world and the faculty who provide a human and Christian education to the young men entrusted to their care.

by Jeaneen Schmidt

#### **New Student Orientation**



Pre-freshmen students participate in games to get to know each other.

On the evening of Tuesday, August 2, Saint Paul's held its annual New Student Orientation for the Class of 2027. The purpose of the event is to help introduce the newest Wolves to the school's Lasallian heritage and to familiarize the students with the locations of the classes on their schedules.

Students began the event in their Period A classrooms with the instructors for those periods. After some brief comments by student council leaders, the classes played a series of games designed to help the students get to know each other. A large contingent of seniors volunteered then chauffeured each class around the campus to ensure that each individual knew where his classes would be. Upon the completion of the campus tour, all the students gathered under the Wolf Dome and were treated to dinner. The event concluded with the students learning the daily prayers and Fight Song in the New Gym.

by Matt Pinero

Senior Connor Braswell leads prefreshmen students on a campus tour.

#### First Day of School

The pack is back! Saint Paul's students return to campus during the week of August 1 amidst a flurry of activities. The first day of school is a full day of instruction but also includes time to reconnect with friends, settle into a routine and take the dreaded ID picture. The 2022-2023 school year promises to be a good one.



Students relax under the breezeway of Benilde Hall before the start of classes.



The entire student body and faculty and staff take pictures for their identification badges during the first two days of classes.



The campus is buzzing with activity after the summer months.





#### New Members of Saint Paul's School





Saint Paul's School welcomed several new members to the faculty and staff for the 2022-23 school term. Pictured at left L-R are: Nick Guarisco '08 (English), Ivan Muller (Science), Lori Kilgore (Development Office), Grant Gussman (Math), and Whitney Brown '05 (English). Not pictured is Eric Orphys '09 (Science).

#### Alumni Faculty and Staff of Saint Paul's School



Saint Paul's School is proud and blessed to recognize our 20 alumni faculty and staff members. Pictured front row L-R are: Kenny Sears '16, Eric Orphys '09, Gabe Emerson '12, Aaron Falkenstein '12, Josh Pereira '09, Andrew Dart '03, Mick Nunez '88, Kristian Gibbe '00, Marc Robertson '12, and Shawn Mullet '92. Back row L-R are: Barrett Baumgartner '06, Al Nastasi '91, Whitney Brown '05, Trevor Watkins '79, Nick Guarisco '08, Jeff Drivon '01, Mark Richards '72, Kevin Moore '91, Ryan Spencer '01, and Jeff Ramon '08. This is why Saint Paul's is a great place to grow up!





#### Saint Paul's Major Fundraiser



Join us for our second annual Oktoberfest held at Saint Paul's School on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>! Put on your dancing shoes and polka costume and come dance to the sound of alumni musicians Pierre '82, Carter '12, and Dustin '16 Simoneaux. Enjoy roasted chicken, brats and sauerkraut, beer and soft pretzels. Not a beer drinker? No problem! This year we'll offer wine as a substitute. Interested in a little shopping? We're bringing our silent auction back too! Join our sponsors and have your name or company listed on our invitation being mailed in mid September. Reserve your table today!





### First Assembly

Every other Tuesday, Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC conducts his assembly in the gymnasium for the student body. These assemblies recognize students for their accomplishments, but more importantly, always carry a spiritual message for all in attendance. The first assembly of the year is particularly

special as the entire school welcomes the new pre-freshmen students with a standing ovation. In addition, the Student Council president and vice president bless all those in attendance and the faculty recites the oath of a Saint Paul's teacher.



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At left, pre-freshmen students enter the gymnasium to a standing ovation. At right, Student Council President, Ben Barousse and Vice President, Ethan Wilson, bless the student body.

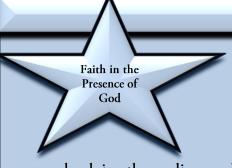








#### First All School Mass



On Wednesday, August 10, the student body participated in an all school mass celebrating the Mass of the Holy Spirit with Saint Paul's Chaplain, Father Matthew Clark, O.S.B., presiding. After the homily, Father Clark recognized and blessed the senior Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who took over this role at the beginning of

summer by doing the readings and serving communion at Sunday mass in the Our Lady of Peace Chapel. These eager young men who wanted to serve God have been trained by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Peyton Kilgore, Jacob Strecker, and Kaiden Klebba delivered the readings and Eddie d'Hemecourt, Carter Plaisance, Gordon Reese, Andrew Danenhower, Noah Comeaux, and Connor Russo read the Prayers of the Faithful. Music was provided by Brother Ken Boesch, FSC.

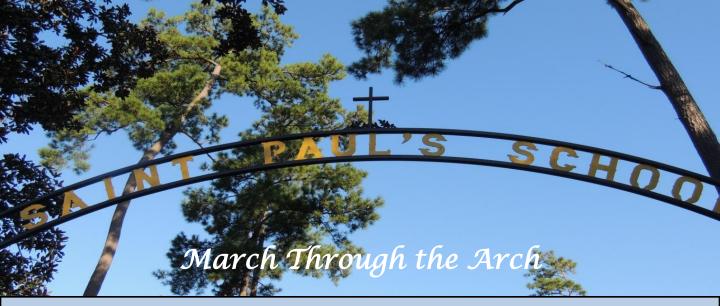


At left, Peyton Kilgore and Jacob Strecker deliver the readings and Eddie d'Hemecourt, Carter Plaisance, Gordon Reese, Andrew Danenhower, Noah Comeaux, and Connor Russo read the Prayers of the Faithful. Kaiden Klebba is not pictured.





Thirty seniors were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Pictured front row L-R are: Jacob Johnson, Jonah Revere, Matthew Longo, Kieffer Schwartz, Connor Braswell, Jack Vincent, William Kitchen, Christian Waguespack, Benjamin Barousse, Dylan Buckel, Luke Wahden, Hayden McWilliams, Justin Mott, and José Menendez. Back row L-R are: John Christoper, Max Pellegrini, Christian Cowley, Jack Salvaggio, Evan Leaber, Trevor Flood, Michael McWilliams, Drew Bode, Ethan Wilson, Zachary Montz, Matthew Brown, Peter Verges, Vance DeAgano, Aiden Freret, and Noah Honeycutt. Not pictured is Cager Bloom.



The Saint Paul's School Class of 2023 successfully kicked off the year participating in Senior Week activities which are traditionally held the second week of school. On Tuesday, seniors gathered under the Wolf Dome for a barbeque organized by the Mothers' Club. This inaugural event of Senior Week offered the seniors an opportunity to get together for food, fun, and fellowship. Thursday morning, the seniors assembled under cloudy skies, beneath the canopy of trees on South Jahncke Avenue to process up De La Salle Drive for March Through the Arch, a long-established school tradition. Saint Paul's underclassmen and family members of the senior class lined De La Salle Drive to witness the seniors proudly take their place in Saint Paul's history as they marched beneath the iconic wrought-iron archway that marks the entrance to the school, symbolically recreating the journey that the founding Christian Brothers made over 100 years ago.

The ceremony began with Brother Ray highlighting the rich history of March Through the Arch followed by the seniors processing up De La Salle Drive as Principal Joe Dickens announced the members of the Class of 2023. The event culminated with the seniors gathered around the statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in a spirit of brotherhood singing "Rise Up, O Men of God" and the school fight song, after successfully circumventing the threat of rain during the ceremony. Following breakfast with their families, the seniors gathered as brothers for Unity Day.

Later that evening, the seniors received their class rings during a prayer service in the Briggs Assembly Center during which they formally committed to their leadership role in the school by reciting the senior pledge. The Mothers' Club held a reception to celebrate this momentous occasion for the seniors. These Saint Paul's traditions held during Senior Week help to create indelible memories for the seniors of the first steps into their final year at Saint Paul's School. Congratulations Class of 2023! SPS

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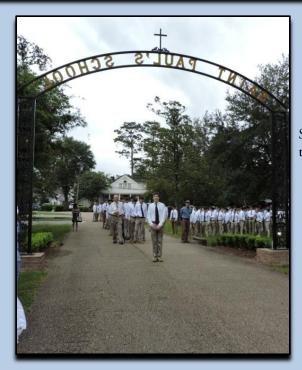


Seniors Josh Bearden, Sutter Bourgeois, Zachary Montz, Jose' Menendez, Kennedy Jackson, and Noah Adams excitedly wait for their turn to March Through the Arch.

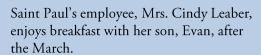




#### March Through the Arch (continued)



Senior Nicholas Achee leads the class of 2023 through the Arch.







Seniors Chase Gonzalez, Lance Lawson, and Emerson du Passage show off their rings with Bro. Ken Boesch, FSC.

"God inspires us to walk in the footsteps of his Son." (MTR 13.1 [Med 205.1]

- St. John Baptist de La Salle to the first Christian Brothers





#### **New Parent Reception**

Saint Paul's School welcomed the parents of the newly enrolled students to the Lasallian family with the New Parent Reception held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Monday, August 15. Administration and faculty members greeted the guests and the event began with a brief social. The 2022-2023 Student Council president Ben Barousse, presided as the Master of Ceremony and welcomed the guests with a prayer. Student Council Vice President Ethan Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the program began. Key school leaders including: Mr. Joe Dickens, Principal; Mr. Lee Pierre, Assistant Principal; Mr. Ken Sears, Dean of Students; Mr. Sam Francis, Athletic Director; Mr. Jeff Ramon, Director of Lasallian Formation; Mrs. Gina Hall, eighth and ninth grade counselor; and Mrs. Danielle Lavie, Director for Development made brief presentations about their various departments.

Saint Paul's Mothers' Club Vice President, Mrs. Renee Strickland, and Saint Paul's Dads' Club President Mr. Chris Brown, gave important information about the different volunteer opportunities for the parents of the new students. Senior Class President, Peter Verges, spoke about the importance of involvement for high school students. Finally, Br. Ray Bulliard, FSC President of Saint Paul's School, expressed the importance of parental involvement with the student and the school and how working together, their sons will become accomplished young men. Music was provide by Brother Ken Boesch, FSC, Musician in Residence.



Pictured at left during the New Parent Social are Student Council members Ethan Wilson, Ben Barousse, and Peter Verges.

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD

At right, parents listen attentively during the New Parent Meeting.





#### Senior Portraits

Kicking off their final year at Saint Paul's, seniors were among the first students to arrive back on campus in early August in order to take their official senior portraits. The boys were able to efficiently move through their scheduled photo session with the assistance of senior moms from the Saint Paul's Mother's Club who helped fit the boys with tuxedos and caps and gown for the formal portraits.



Senior mom Melissa Biggs assists Braeden Brown with his gown.



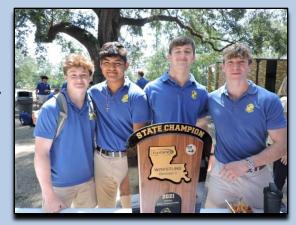
Seniors Brycen Blocker, Cameron Bayley, Cooper Bethea, and Caedan Bayle look sharp in preparation for their photos.

#### Get Involved Day

Saint Paul's School held its annual "Get Involved Day" to help students find the perfect extracurricular activity. Clubs and sports teams lined the oak tree shaded walk from the main school building to the cafeteria during lunch. All of the various clubs and organizations, from robotics to band to Quidditch, and everything in-between, came out at lunch to encourage their fellow students to get involved on campus.



At left, students sign up for the Marian Players. At right, L-R, Brycen Dupre, Jared Paulino, Jackson Peak, and Landry Barker proudly show off their state championship wrestling trophy during Get Involved Day.







#### Summer Time Happenings



Saint Paul's teacher and alumnus, Dr. Shawn Mullet '92, traveled to Iceland this summer with students Colin Simon, Keegan Burrell, Riley Hidalgo, and Grisham Hall as part of his "Energy, Food, and Water" class.

The Icelandic educational experience included a visit to the Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station to learn about the future of sustainable energy. A

notable experience for the students was traversing a bridge connecting two continents and two different tectonic plates, the North American tectonic plate and the Eurasian tectonic plate. Additionally, the students explored a variety of Iceland's topography including Black Sand Beach, Jokulsarlon Ice Lagoon, Katla Glacier, and Katlahraun Lava Field. The group of seniors unanimously described this educational experience as the best trip they have ever taken. Read Clarion Herald Article.



Saint Paul's students studying in Iceland this summer stand in front of the Bridge Between the Continents. They are in North America on the North American tectonic plate, and when they cross the bridge, they will be in Europe on the Eurasian tectonic plate. (L-R) Riley Hidalgo, Keegan Burrell, Colin Simon, Grisham Hall.

Saint Paul's students along with their teacher explore Jokulsarlon Ice Lagoon as part of their visit to Iceland this summer. (L-R) Riley Hidalgo, Colin Simon, Grisham Hall, Dr. Shawn Mullet, and Keegan Burrell.





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#### Summer Time Happenings (continued)

Saint Paul's School seniors Alexander Fowler and Kieffer Schwartz participated in Louisiana Boys State this summer, the premier leadership development program in the state. Fowler and Schwartz are part of an elite group of student "citizens" who have refined their leadership skills during the week-long hands-on experience. Graduates of the 80 plus year Louisiana Boys State program, sponsored by the American Legion, have gone on to become business leaders, doctors, legislators, governors and presidents.







Saint Paul's sophomore Colin Ocman represented Louisiana at the FBI National Academy Youth Leadership Program held June 16 - 24 in Quantico, Virginia. Colin participated in this highly competitive eight-day program along with 62 students, ages 14 - 16, representing each state as well as Canada, Puerto Rico, Bulgaria and Japan. Participants in this prestigious program exhibit high academic achievement and good citizenship and must have successfully completed a comprehensive background check, personal interview, and an essay reflecting their leadership and service to the community.

The Youth Leadership Program, which is offered to students at no charge, is run by a cadre of law enforcement training instructors and includes extensive coursework and classroom instruction as well as physical training. It culminates with the completion of the United States Marine Corps training course, a six mile run through the woods involving physical obstacles.





#### Summer Time Happenings (continued)

On July 10 a small group of students from Saint Paul's and Saint Scholastica traveled to Central America to experience the magic of Costa Rica as part of a new exchange program with our Lasallian partner, Colegio LaSalle, in San Jose. In addition to experiencing the country's natural beauty, the students were immersed in the culture and life of the country by staying with host families and attending classes on weekday mornings. In the afternoon they enjoyed a variety of activities. Saint Paul's faculty members Liz Brett, Trevor Watkins '79, and Shawn Mullet '92 accompanied the boys.



Alex Kemp, above, and Elijah Weixel zip line through some of Costa Rica's natural beauty.





Basílica De Los Angeles, the most important pilgrimage site in Costa Rica. Each year 1-2 million Costa Ricans make the pilgrimage





#### Easy Ways to Give Back to SPS







Box Tops for Education continues to be an easy way to earn money for Saint Paul's. The traditional clip box tops have been replaced with an easy-to-use app. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and twice a year, our school receives a check. Download Box Tops for Education app here:

https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\_code=R26O6QQ0 Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2023, while supplies last!

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 <u>LINK</u> 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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