Wolftracks Magazine





Canvas Painting by Rogan Martinez '26



Beginning this month, student artwork will be highlighted on the cover of Wolftracks. Our student cover artist for September is sophomore Rogan Martinez.

In addition to being a straight A, Gold Honor Roll student, Rogan is in his second year as captain for the Robotics Club. He also participates in Habitat for Humanity and Wolves for Life clubs. He enjoys drawing in his free time as well as listening to music and playing video games.





September 30, 2023 Issue

Alumni News

Friends and Alumni of Saint Paul's School,

My sincere hope is that those of you who have returned to campus recently for Homecoming festivities, to support the 2023 Gridiron Wolves, as a prospective parent for a Shadow Day, or for any other reason have enjoyed seeing the most up to date version of Saint Paul's. Many thanks to all of you who continue to spread Wolf Pride and support our alma mater in any and every way possible.

**Fifth Annual Legacy Lunch -** Friday, October 20 from 11:20 to 12:20 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. We are truly honored to host all eligible legacy students and their fathers or grandfathers for this memorable occasion. If you have not yet sent in your RSVP, please do so by October 10, and further information will be sent a week prior to the event.

**The Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament** - will be held on Friday, November 3, 2023 at Tchefuncta Country Club. The tournament is sold out but please consider additional ways to support including: sponsorship opportunity (White/hole sponsor as well as Food sponsor), ditty bag donations, or volunteering. For further information, please contact me at <u>aln@stpauls.com</u> or <u>visit the website</u>.

**Attention All Alumni Veterans** -We are honored to recognize our Veteran Alumni on the Friedman Memorial Plaque which is updated annually. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information. The deadline for this year's submission will be November 14, 2023, and the plaque will reflect the newly submitted names shortly after the first of the New Year.

Please also mark your calendar and Save the Date for our most highly anticipated Alumni Events and remain on the lookout for a few more.

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 - Christmas On Columbia - from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Columbia Street Tap Room, Seiler Bar and Patio.

Saturday, April 20, 2024- Save the Date for our Annual Crawfish Cook-Off and Reunion Weekend. Please check our Reunion Page regularly for updates or check in with your class agents or the Alumni Office.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions, comments or suggestions. 985-892-3200 ext 1971 or <u>aln@stpauls.com</u>

Respectfully, Al Nastasi '91



Pictured at left L-R are the 1999 alumni Homecoming escorts: Ryan Enk, Chris Alvarez, Joel Burvant, Josh Boudreaux, Collin Sims, Kyle Boudreaux, and Craig Kingrea.



# Alumni Profile

#### Eddie Villere '64



**Family**: wife, Mary Kathryn Celestin Villere; daughter Ashley Villere Chitwoood, husband Clayton Chitwood and their children Cole '19, Corbin '20, Caden '21, and Amelie; son Eddie M. Villere '92, his wife Tonia Knight Villere and their children Eddie P. Villere '27 and Hudson Villere (future Wolf '29); son Heath Villere '96; three brothers Donald and Ronald '70, Keith '71 Villere.

**Education**: St. Dominic Elementary School, Saint Paul's High School, LSU B.S Mechanical Engineering '69, Loyola University MBA '77

Occupation: Retired Mechanical Engineer and Commercial Contractor

What do you value the most about your Saint Paul's education and experience? I was taught the Lasallian mission and spirituality, which helped me to stay true to my Catholic faith. I was well prepared for college and was educated to succeed.

Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher? Brother Adrian was a math teacher who provided me with a strong foundation enabling me to understand the math required for engineering.

What advice would you give to current students or young alumni? Take advantage of every opportunity that Saint Paul's affords you – extracurricular activities, classroom learning experiences, and friends that will last a lifetime.

#### Why do you continue to support St. Paul's Mission?

The Saint Paul's experience addresses the needs of any student who takes advantage of the many opportunities that Saint Paul's affords its students. It forms students in all aspects of growth and development in the Lasallian tradition.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life? I continue to try to support the school financially. I regularly attend alumni events, school events, and attend grandparent events with my grandsons.

What would you describe as your greatest takeaway from St. Paul's? The education that I received, the friends that I made, and the spiritual formation all made me into the man that I have become. Saint Paul's will always feel like home to me.



# Alumni News



**Dr. Edward Michael Dussom '07** – Edward Michael has been awarded a fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at Boston Medical Center. He graduated from Harvard University and LSU Medical School and recently finished residency at St. Elizabeth's in Boston where he was chief resident.



Christian Chaney '09, Christian Flick '16, and Christian Guilbeau '12 – The "three Christians" are currently enrolled at Notre Dame Seminary on the path to the priesthood. Saint Paul's School is incredibly proud of these three young men.

Christian Chaney'09 Christian Flick '16 Christian Guilbeau '12 A good place to grow up! WWW.STPAULS.COM



**Kevin Coyne '12 -** on a recent visit to Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Kevin saw the iconic picture of La Salle, and snapped this photo. Also, Kevin is wearing his grandpa's shirt, Raymond Maestri '47.



**Ethan Wilson '23, Hayes Creel '22, Sam Gold '23** – at a recent football game between McNeese State University and the University of Florida, Ethan and Sam met up with Hayes on the sidelines. Ethan and Sam are currently enrolled at the University of Florida and Hayes is an offensive lineman at McNeese.





# Rise Up O Men of God



**Brother Michael Livaudais, FSC** – Bro. Michael passed away on Thursday, September 7 at Mont La Salle. Bro. Michael was a member of the District of San Francisco New Orleans and was a member of the Holy Family Community in Mont La Salle, Napa, CA. He was 74 years old.

Brother Michael was born in New Orleans and received his habit in Lafayette, LA. He served as a teacher at Saint Paul's School from 1971-1978. He transferred to De La Salle New Orleans where he made a name for himself with an outstanding drama program. After several more moves, including Archbishop Rummel High School in Metaire and Christian Brothers School in City Park, he retired to Napa in 2020. <u>Tour of Duty</u>.

There will be a memorial service for Bro. Michael on Saturday, September 30 at Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans beginning at 10:00am.



Mr. Warren Privette '59 Mr. Merritt Bumpas '83

 <u>Mrs. Lynne Gelpi,</u>, grandmother of Larry '13 and Reid '15 Perrin, Chase '17 and Alex '20 McDougal, and Roch Ragan '22
<u>Mrs. Mary Darr</u>, grandmother of Cameron Darr '21, and step-grandmother of Johnny '06, Dr. David '13, and Patrick '20 Thompson



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

# Veterans Plaque



In 2012, at the bequest and generosity of the estate of Mr. Harry G. Friedman, Class of 1933, a memorial plaque was designed and hung in the eastern hallway in the lobby of LaSalle Hall. It was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Harry Friedman and that of his brother, USA Lt. Col. Joseph Bernard Friedman, Saint Paul's College 1935. Additional language on the plaque is as follows: "*Honoring the memory of all the Saint Paul's Alumni who practiced the values learned at Saint* 

Paul's by their patriotic service in the United States Military."

Over 200 Alumni are presently represented on the plaque which resides in the hallway of La Salle Hall adjacent to our former ROTC classroom. As Veterans Day approaches, we would like to once again petition our Alumni base to identify any additional veterans and give proper recognition to all who have served our country.

If you are a veteran and would like to be recognized on the plaque, please email your response to the following to <u>aln@stpauls.com</u>:

- Your name
- Branch of service in which you served
- The highest rank or rate attained
- Your year of graduation or years spent at Saint Paul's

Further, if you are aware of a classmate or friend who served, please send us any information you have regarding that person including contact information. Any active military, please let us know when your service ends, or upon retirement, in order to ensure that the accurate rank is denoted on the plaque.

Many thanks to the Friedman family and for our Alumni who have so bravely served the greatest country the world has ever known.

NOTE: The plaque is updated annually, and the deadline for this year's submission is Monday, November 14, 2023. The goal is to have the updated names available for display by our return to school the first week in January 2024.

If you are not sure whether your name is on the plaque at this time, or for any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Al Nastasi at <u>aln@stpauls.com</u> or 985 892-3200 ext 1971.





# The Retirement Brothers Need Some Help!

The Retired Brothers Community on Saint Paul's Campus is in need of a little help. Currently, they are searching for a cook who can prepare breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Sundays. The candidate needs to be able to cook from scratch, accommodate dietary needs, and assure operations meet all health codes. Additionally, the candidate must obtain ServSafe Food Handler Certification within one month of employment. For the complete job description, click <u>HERE</u>.

Secondly, a part-time RN or LPN is needed to work every other weekend and to fill in days when the primary nurse needs time off. Currently, there is no nursing backup to Nurse Karen. This candidate would also need to be on call for an entire day in case help is needed with a Brother or one of the CNAs need assistance.

For more information or to submit a resume, please email resume@dlsi.org.



Pictured at left L-R are Brothers Bill Ray, Tom Canty, and Terrence Reichmeier. Below L-R are Brothers Rich Kovatch, Jerry Vincent, John Fairfax, and Peter Dudenheifer.







Saint Paul's School



School News

# Saint Paul's turns 112 years old!

In 1900, Dixon Academy opened as a school by Tulane University professor W.A. Dixon for students to prepare them to enroll at Tulane University. The Benedictines at Saint Joseph Abby purchased the school from Tulane in 1911 and renamed it Saint Paul's College. The Benedictine ownership lasted until 1918 when a group of twice-exiled French De La Salle Christian Brothers purchased the school from them.



Dixon Hall

Today we mark 1911 as our founding year since the name and the Catholic identity of Saint Paul's begins in that year. Saint Paul's strives to be the number one choice for parents and young men on the Northshore. View this <u>website</u> for a brief pictorial of the past 100 years.

The administration, faculty, staff and student body celebrated Saint Paul's birthday with several activities on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The day's schedule was altered to incorporate an assembly, a parade, and birthday snacks.

The student body gathered in the New Gym of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex and President Trevor Watkins '79, AFSC took a moment to remind us of all the amazing things that have happened in the history of Saint Paul's School. To celebrate all those moments of our history, the student body and teachers led by the Marching Wolves, exited De La Salle Drive onto 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, turned onto Jahncke Ave, and marched through the arch and past the ancient oak.

The group then headed to the Wolfdome to enjoy a dessert feast provided by the Mothers' Club. Thursday's festivities was a great way to start the 112<sup>th</sup> year of the De La Salle Christian Brothers Lasallian Education in Covington. Interested in leaving a birthday gift? <u>#BackThePack</u>





# Saint Paul's Birthday (continued)



President Trevor Watkins reminds the student body of the history of Saint Paul's School.



Brother Ken Boesch, FSC celebrates Saint

Paul's birthday with the students.

The Marching Wolves lead the students during the parade to celebrate Saint Paul's birthday. Photo credit Thomas Simoneaux '26.





#### National Merit Scholarship Program



Three Saint Paul's School seniors have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their outstanding academic achievements. The Saint Paul's School Semifinalists are: William Coles, son of Robert and Jenny Coles of Mandeville; Joseph Mire, son of Michael and Susan Mire of Covington; and Preston Olivier, son of Brian and Nanette Olivier of Covington.

These academically talented high school seniors represent fewer than one percent of all U.S. high school seniors who have been recognized as Semifinalists. They now have the opportunity to compete for over 7,200 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

The mission of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation is to recognize and honor outstanding student scholars throughout the United States. Over 1.3 million students entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program and only 16,000 have been recognized as Semifinalists.

by Jeaneen Schmitt

# Semi-finalists



William Coles



Joseph Mire



Preston Olivier



# National Merit Scholarship Program (continued)



Quality

Saint Paul's School recognizes three upperclassmen who have earned academic honors from the 2023 College Board National Recognition Programs: senior Dominic Muguira, son of Nicholas and Michelle Muguira of Hammond; junior Nicolas Perdigao, son of Joseph and Ana Maria Hidalgo of Mandeville; and senior James Scheuermann, son of Thomas and Ana Scheuermann of Covington. This is the second year that Dominic has received this recognition. Each of these scholars received the National Hispanic Recognition Award and are among an elite group of 62,000 awardees from across the country.

The National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with

honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them to stand out during the admissions process. Students eligible for this recognition have met the following criteria: achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher, excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American, Hispanic American, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. by Jeaneen Schmitt





## National Merit Scholarship Program (continued)



Quality Education Three Saint Paul's seniors have been recognized as Commended Scholars in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. The Saint Paul's seniors being honored for their exceptional academic promise are Alexander Bradford, son of Andrew Bradford and Elizabeth Bradford of Mandeville; Dominic Muguira, son of Nicholas and Michelle Muguira of Hammond; and Jake Theriot, son of Danny and Stephanie Theriot of Picayune. These scholastically talented seniors are among a group of nearly 34,000 students who have received Letters of Commendation. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program to recognize and honor outstanding student scholars throughout the United States, several of the Commended Scholars will become candidates for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

by Jeaneen Schmitt

### National Merit Commended Scholars



Alexander Bradford



Dominic Muguira



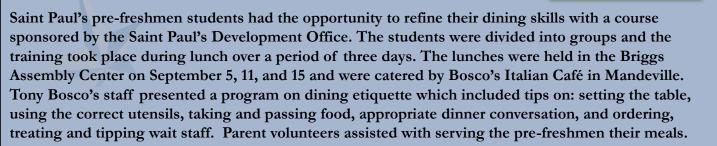
Jake Theriot





# **Etiquette Training**

Quality Education



The students enjoyed the lessons and improved their manners, but the best part of the class was the delicious lunch of corn chowder, Caesar salad, chicken and pasta Alfredo, and bread pudding. The students returned to class for the rest of the afternoon, well-mannered and well-fed.

Pre-freshmen students anticipate their four course meal.

Volunteer moms (and

the meal.

grandmother) assist with serving

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Students learn the art of twirling their pasta.





# Homecoming

The Student Council hosted this year's Homecoming celebration during the week of September 18. This year the Student Council wanted to spotlight one of our Five Core Principles daily. On Monday, students wore college shirts to celebrate Quality Education. On Tuesday, there was an all-school prayer service to highlight Faith in the Presence of God. Students were encouraged to give to the mission on Wednesday to honor Concern for the Poor and Social Justice.

Thursday was CORE Pack Appreciation Day, and the students wrote letters of appreciation to members of the CORE Pack to show Respect for all Persons. Also on Thursday, an all-school assembly was held. Traditionally, during the Homecoming Week assembly, the rendition of the song "I Feel Home" by OAR, by alumnus Kramer Johnson '04 is played. This year, senor Preston Olivier gave his version of the song in front of the student body. <u>Play video here</u>.

On Friday students had an extended lunch with outdoor activities and a grade vs. grade basketball tournament. The annual Senior vs. Faculty volleyball game was played in the gym. Lastly, there was an epic pep rally with the ladies of Saint Scholastica where all students were wearing blue and gold to celebrate Inclusive Community. Student Council is hosting the annual Homecoming Dances on September 23rd and 30th in the Briggs Assembly Center.



by Eddie d'Hemecourt '25 Executive Board Secretary and LASC District II (2) President

Students enjoy a spacewalk during the extended lunch period.



Members of the Homecoming Court are L-R: Bryce Loisel, junior maid Sarah Hipps, Deke Carpenter, junior maid Caroling Hodges, Jacob Khashou, senior maid Merrin Trahan, Queen Hadley Mary, Richard Mannino, senior maid Claire Descant, Conlan Enk, senior maid Sophia Angelette, Brock Duncan, senior maid Emma Thibodeaux, and Christian Russell.



# **ACT Perfect Test Scores**

The ACT is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions in the United States and has four sections: English, Reading, Math, and Science, as well as an optional 40-minute writing test. The ACT test is scored from 1 to 36, with 36 being perfect, on each test and a composite ACT score, which is an average of these four tests. A superscore of 36 is a perfect score of the combination of best scores of all the ACT tests taken.

Saint Paul's School is very proud that several of our students have received perfect 36 scores on one or more of their subject tests administered on March 7, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and September 9<sup>th</sup>.

March 7, 2023



Alexander Bradford '24 English



William Coles '24 English, Math, Reading



Joseph DiGiovanni '24 English



Joseph Mire '24 Math



Dominic Muguira '24 Reading



Jake Theriot '24 Reading

#### June 10, 2023



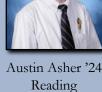
Andrew Blossman '24 Reading



Dominic Muguira '24 Reading

September 9, 2023





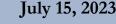
John Baricev '24 Reading



Perrin Duhe '25 English



Jacob Revere '25 English

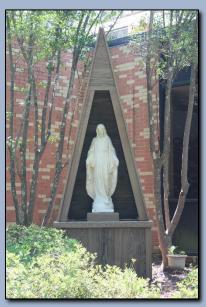




Jack Freret '24 Science

# Marian Grotto

Junior Claude Scarpelli and his father recently refurbished the small Marian grotto dedicated to Brother Ray's parents with sinker cypress milled by junior Reese Philippus and his father. Located next to Our Lady of Peace Chapel, the original grotto was crafted by the late Bro. Alfred Baltz, FSC, and was based on a local design colorfully described as the Cajun grotto. President Trevor Watkins '79 and Bro. Ken Boesch, FSC, led several religion classes in a small rededication ceremony complete with a recitation of the Hail Mary and singing of Rise Up O Men of God.



At left is Mary back home in her newly crafted grotto. Below, Claude, left, and Reese carry the extremely heavy statue back to the grotto.





President Trevor Watkins '79 speaks to Religion class students about the significance of the Mary Grotto.



#### Service

Concern for the Poor & Social Justice

Twelve dedicated students worked tirelessly in the heat on Saturday morning, September 16, with the Saint Paul's School Habitat for Humanity Club on 8th Street in Covington. While one group of students unloaded multiple truckloads of dirt and leveled the area around two houses using hand rakes, another group of students measured, cut and installed 16 foot long 2X12 floor joists. The work these students performed on Saturday helps prepare the two build sites for the "Women's Build" month in October, which will see over 700 women volunteering to build affordable housing for the community.



Habitat for Humanity student volunteers line up with wheel barrows ready for a load of dirt.

### **More Service**

Saint Paul's teacher, Mr. David Arbo, with his Agriscience class, work to prepare Saint Paul's vegetable garden for future plantings. The produce grown from this garden is donated to the Northshore Food Bank. Pictured at right is Ethan Borne raking the weeds.





# DCAA - District Chief Administrators Association

During the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>, Presidents and Principals of the twenty-two Lasallian schools of the San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) District met in Covington for their semi-annual conference. The presidents and principals of the middle and secondary schools meet two times a year to share challenges and insights, to promote professional and spiritual enrichment, and to advance District-wide initiatives on behalf of the Lasallian mission.

President Trevor Watkins '79, AFSC and Principal Joe Dickens represented Saint Paul's School. On Tuesday of that week, Saint Paul's administrators provided campus tours for the group, organized an all-school prayer service, and hosted a dinner in Saint Paul's newly built Band Hall. The SFNO District is one of three Lasallian Districts in the North American Region (RELAN) of the Christian Brothers and is made up of approximately 100 Brothers and 2000 Lasallian Partners serving over 21,000 students. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about the District. <u>Read article from the District</u>.



Student Council president Gunnar Gavel leads the student body during the prayer service.

Saint Paul's Student Ambassadors assisted with serving the dinner.





## Easy Ways to Give Back!





<u>Box Tops for Education</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>.

<u>Office Depot</u> 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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