Wolftracks





Sophomore, Owen Tusa, is a honor roll student and a member of the Art II class. He is a middle distance runner on Saint Paul's Track and Field team and has an interest in participating on the tennis team.

by Owen Tusa '26 Oil on Canvas



October 31, 2023

Alumni News





Friends and Alumni of St. Paul's School,

I hope this finds you well and still enjoying the Saint Paul's experience through your continued involvement and support.

We are grateful to have recently shared our Fifth Annual Legacy Lunch with nearly

200 legacy affiliations including current students, fathers and grandfathers. Enjoy the further coverage later in this edition.

And we are gearing up for our Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. / Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament which will be held on Friday, November 3 with full coverage in next month's issue.

<u>Attention All Alumni Veterans</u> - 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 year.

Wrestling Alumni Night - Wednesday, November 29 - see Page 6 for more information

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.

<u>**Tuesday, December 26, 2023</u>** - Christmas On Columbia - from 6 to 9 pm at the Columbia Street Tap Room, Seiler Bar and Patio.</u>

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - Save the Date for our Annual Crawfish Cook-Off and Reunion Weekend.

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



Alumni Profile

Ben Morvant '04



Family: Son of John and Anne Morvant. Halfbrothers Duffy Ramirez '80 and Ricky Ramirez '81. Half-sister Gaby Grundmann SSA '79. Married to Margaret Stewart Morvant SSA '10 with one daughter: Mildred Anne Morvant.

Education: Bachelor of Science '08 and Master of Business Administration '12 from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi.

Occupation: Senior Operations Manager for Crescent Towing in New Orleans, LA. What is your favorite memory at Saint Paul's? My favorite memory at Saint Paul's took place on June 20, 2020 when I married the love of my life, Maggie, at Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Due to Covid-19, our wedding plans in New Orleans were canceled and we were forced to find another church for the nuptials. Thankfully the administration was more than accommodating and allowed us to have our wedding in the chapel. My dad and I had a special moment when we walked to the chapel together from my childhood home... through the arch and up La Salle Drive. Brother Ken delivered a flawless performance on the organ. I snuck "Oh God Beyond All Praising" into the Presentation of the Gifts. Maggie surprised me by arranging to have some of the members of the Marching Wolves play for us directly outside the chapel after the ceremony. Best day of my life! Ironically, my parents were married in the chapel as well.

What do you value most about your Saint Paul's education and experience? I still keep up with many of my friends from Saint Paul's, and the relationships and friends that I made resulted in a truly special experience. And when we get together it's like we haven't skipped a beat. We pick up right where we left off. When I went to college I quickly learned that my high school experience was unique and far superior to anyone else's that I encountered.

Do you have any other family members currently attending or who have attended Saint Paul's? My dad was the Assistant Principal while I was a student at Saint Paul's. It's hard to describe how meaningful it was to have him there with me during the most formative years of my life. I loved having him there and we became very close. Looking back, I truly admire his approach with me during that time: always supportive but never overbearing or interfering with my decisions.

Who was your favorite or most impactful teacher? Brother Bill. His class was hard but he really prepared me for college, especially how to write and study hard.

What advice would you give to current students or young alumni? Your classmates, teachers, and coaches are smart and care about you – that environment doesn't exist anywhere else to the degree that it does at Saint Paul's. You're surrounded by young men that will one day become VERY successful. It truly doesn't get any better. Enjoy every minute of it because it'll unfortunately be over soon.

In what ways do you continue to be involved with Saint Paul's at this phase of your life? I try to get involved as much as I can through the Alumni Association. For me, the most impactful way that I can give back is by donating my time. I try to volunteer/participate in the many alumni events throughout the year: Alumni Golf Tournament, Crawfish Cookoff, Christmas on Columbia, etc. Living on the south shore and staying involved has its challenges but it's always a good time when you make the extra effort to get involved.

Is there anything you would do differently with your Saint Paul's experience if given the opportunity to go back in time? I probably could have been a better student but otherwise I have no regrets. My classmates and I left it all out on the field... we worked hard and had a lot of fun.



Legacy Lunch

On Friday, October 20, we were both blessed and honored to host our Fifth Annual Legacy Lunch in the fall semester. A robust pack of nearly 200 Legacy Wolves composed of students, fathers and grandfathers enjoyed lunch with each other as well as with their brothers of all generations. What a special bond to share with one another and the Saint Paul's community! Guests were treated to a fine meal from LOLA and Chef Keith Frentz' 96, as well as an eloquent message from Mr. Trevor Watkins '79. He spoke on the significance of relationships both familial and communal as they pertain to being a legacy affiliation and to the wonderful opportunity of a shared Saint Paul's experience.

We look forward to continuing this special tradition for years to come!

by Al Nastasi '91



Mr. Watkins articulates the special familial and fraternal bond associated with a legacy affiliation.



Craig Kingrea '99, Charlie Kingrea '28, and Mike Dugger '73 are a family surrounded by Wolves!



1992 classmates, John Curren and Chad Danenhower catch up before sitting down to their meal.

Legacy Lunch (continued)



Senior Vincent Picou '24 enjoys his final legacy lunch with his father, Brian '89.

Dr. Mike Pittman '70 and his grandson Lane LaBorde '27 enjoy their bond together.



The Gristina brothers are pictured with their sons. From L to R: Nico '27, Nick '95, Scott '98 and Lucas '28.





Rise Up D Men of God

Mr. Ralph P. Boudreaux '69 Jose Ewens '79 Mr. Sean Hartson '11 Mrs. Ashely Taylor, wife of Michael Taylor '04 Mrs. Michelle Irwin, mother of Justin '20 and Joshua '23 Irwin Mr. Garland Ogden, father of Garland Ogden '93



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

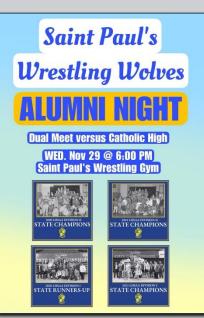
Alumni News

Class of 1969 – members from the class of 1969 gather for lunch at Parkway Bakery and Tavern in New Orleans recently. The restaurant is owned by classmate Jay Nix. Pictured at below L-R are: Joe Duzac, Walter Eckert, George Sciortino, John Lapworth, Matthew Schlenker, Eddie Maestri, Parkway Bakery & Tavern owner Jay Nix, Matt Hardey, and Ward Van Dervort.





Christian Fortner '16 – Christian is in his final year at LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. He is interested in pursuing a career in avian and exotic animal medicine as well as small animal general practice. Christian is a previous winner of the LVMA Outstanding Student of the Year Award.



The Wrestling Wolves kick off their regular season with a dual against Mandeville on Wednesday, November 1. To catch them in action, please check out the <u>Schedule</u>, and we further hope to see you at Alumni Night on Wednesday, November 29 vs Catholic High.

For more information, please feel free to contact Coach Grant Hughes at <u>g.hughes@stpauls.com</u> or Coach Matt Pinero at <u>m.pinero@stpauls.com</u>.

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 Tuesday, 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.





Announcement



Saint Paul's School is pleased to announce that Mr. John Morvant, AFSC, is returning to Saint Paul's School to assume the new position of Director of Advancement, effective Monday, October 23.

Mr. Morvant recently retired from Christ Episcopal School after 13 years as Head of School. During his tenure, Christ Episcopal School experienced a significant growth period including adding their high school.

John Morvant's 32-year tenure at Saint Paul's was from 1977 to 2009. He served as a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, and finally, as Assistant Principal alongside his long-time friend and colleague, Principal Bro. Ray Bulliard, FSC. *by Trevor Watkins '79*

Save the Date!



#iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Back and Give Catholic" on GivingTuesday, a global day of generosity and kindness. The mission of #iGiveCatholic is to unite Catholic communities and donors throughout the country to express their generosity in support of the organizations that have helped to shape our lives of faith...our parishes, schools, and ministries.

Saint Paul's School participates every year with this giving program. Funds from this day assist Saint Paul's School in continuing to carry out the mission of St. John Baptist de La Salle by providing a quality Christian education to the young men entrusted to its care.

Advanced giving begins on Monday, November 13th! Follow social media for announcements.

Saint Paul's School iGiveCatholic







School News

Saint Paul's grandparents were out in full force to show love and support for their grandsons as evidenced by the record turnout for Grandparent's Day 2023. The traditional program held in the Briggs Assembly Center on Friday, October 13 afforded the opportunity for grandparents to learn more about their grandson's academic experience at Saint Paul's while spending quality time together making new memories. During the program, President, Mr. Trevor Watkins '79, AFSC challenged students to share with the grandparents what it means to be a Saint Paul's student. Additionally, senior Dominic Muguira reflected on the impact his grandparents have had on his life. The Mothers' Club hosted this event for the students and their families!



Pictured above are Dennis and Peggy Oubre with their grandson Seth Picou.



Grandparents David and Carolyn Briggs enjoy Grandparents Day with their grandson Tyler Walker.



Gwen Gitz is pictured above with her grandson, Ryder Cambre and at right are Ashton and Alexander Hebert with their grandmother, Joy Lloyd.





Saint John Baptist de La Salle...Pray For Us



Save the Date for a fun filled evening in the Spring! Join us for the inaugural, annual, *Royal Gold Gala*, scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2024. Saint Paul's School has a long-standing history of hosting fabulous fundraising events and this one will be no different!

Over thirty years ago, Saint Paul's wildly successful, signature event, Jazz 'N Roll, was a community favorite and was typically held in the fall. In the year 2000, Celebrity Dinner was born and costuming for this event was a fan favorite. Like the rest of the world, when Covid-19 struck, our efforts were stopped in their tracks!

This year, we have blended both Jazz 'N Roll and Celebrity Dinner to give us the *Royal Gold Gala*. Each year, this event will be themed and <u>costuming will be encouraged</u>. The Gala will feature musthave auction items, a live auction, entertaining games, and gourmet dining stations from some of the NorthShore's best chefs, all surrounded by the fantastic sounds of Groovy 7. Please join us on March 16, 2024 as we celebrate the Roarin' 20's at our inaugural Royal Gold Gala!

Consider a sponsorship today and reserve your spot early! Royal Gold Gala Website Sponsorship Form

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National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta

Congratulations to the newest members of Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society who were inducted in a joint ceremony held on October 2nd in the Briggs Assembly Center.

Mu Alpha Theta is an international honors math club. Admission into the Saint Paul's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta requires that students taking regular math may not earn a grade lower than an A, and all students need at least a 3.5 overall grade point average. Members are required to participate in one math tournament each year.

Admission into the National Honor Society requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher, as well as the following: leadership, service, and good character as demonstrated by activities and positive disciplinary standing. Each member is required to complete one individual service project per semester.

As a service requirement for both Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society, members offer tutoring in math, science, and English for Saint Paul's students Monday through Thursday in the library.

MAO Inductees are Patrick Balisteri, Will Becnel, Henry Bidleman, Jordan Crouch, Benjamin Curran, Blake Dallimore, Andrew Danenhower, Joseph Donahue, Andrew Dunne, William Dwyer, Augustine Galeziewski, Grayson Guevara, Marcus Hidalgo, Andrew Iennusa, Benjamin Johnson, Luke Jones, Cooper Kelsey, Patrick LaRocca, Rogan Martinez, Harrison Mayfield, Parker McCollum, Austin McInteer, Blaise Muguira, Kyle Olsen, Drake Ott, Samuel Palo, Jude Romeo, Jeffery Roth, Connor Russo, Harrison Sawyer, Kohler Schenck, Caleb Shartle, Ayaan Sheikh, Christian Spalitta, Samuel St. Pierre, Evan Vanderbrook, Julian Whiteman and Ethan Ward. 2023-24 Board Officers are Joey Mire, President, Bennett Barreca, Vice President, and William Coles, Secretary.

NHS inductees are Jude Angelette, Callahan Arch, Luke Badon, Maerek Barberito, Matthew Blanchard, William Blessey, Patrick Curren, Brody Delaune, Conner Dobie, Everett Enk, Jeromy Ferguson, Jack Freret, Morgan Garvey, Matthew Gay, Grayson Guevara, Theo Hadskey, Brady Johnson, Nathan Jones, Kevin Kelsey, Matthew Kleinschmidt, Aryan Kumar, Garrett Legg, Vince Licata, Bryce Loisel, Jacob Marcel, Jonny McGinnis, Vinceio Montalbano, Sebastian Mutter, Jax Parkman, Don Peltier, Colin Pendergrass, Seth Picou, Jacob Rebaudo, Luca Rodas, Henry Saucier, Luke Short, Thomas Simoneaux, Dylan Underwood, Julian Whiteman, and John Paul Ziifle National Honor Society officers are Joseph DiGiovanni, Peyton Kilgore, Richard Maninno, Steven Meyers, Joey Mire, Bennett Barecca, and William Coles. 2023-24 Board Officers are Joseph DiGiovanni, President, Peyton Kilgore, Vice President, Richard Mannino, Public Relations, and Steven Meyers, Secretary.





Key Club

During the school years 2021-22 and 2022-23, Key Club Moderator, Mr. Kevin Moore, offered two Key Club members (who were also Band Members) to help after school on Mondays and Wednesdays at Saint Paul's Retirement Community. They worked for an hour with Brother Richard Kovatch, FSC and then went to band practice. They helped plant, mulch, fertilize, water, and weed the gardens from the Katrina Cross on De La Salle Drive to the Madonna in the back yard of the retirement residence, earning 50 service hours each year. When the pond was choked by duckweed, they spent hours for two weeks raking the weeds out of the pond. The photo below shows Nicholas Beaumont and Jonah Revere skimming the pond. They were the two members of our Garden Club 1 for two years.

This year, two more Key Club members (who are also Band members) assist at the Retirement Residence. Once again, they help on Mondays and Wednesdays, and then go to band practice. So far, most of the time is spent watering 12 gardens. Today, after the 12 sprinklers were started, they helped skim pine needles, bottom dwelling pond weeds, and the tiny light green weeds floating on top of the pond. The interesting connection is that these two guys are Perry Beaumont and Jacob Revere, pictured below, right - the two juniors in our Garden Club 2 who are the younger brothers of Garden Club 1.

Saint Paul's Retirement Community is grateful to all four lads for their service to our Community, and the School... and to Kevin Moore and Andrew Moran for sharing them with us.



Key Club Group 1 pictured above L-R are Jonah Revere and Nicholas Beaumont.

Bro. Rich Kovatch, FSC Saint Paul's Retirement Community



Key Club Group 2 pictured above L-R are Perry Beaumont and Jacob Revere.





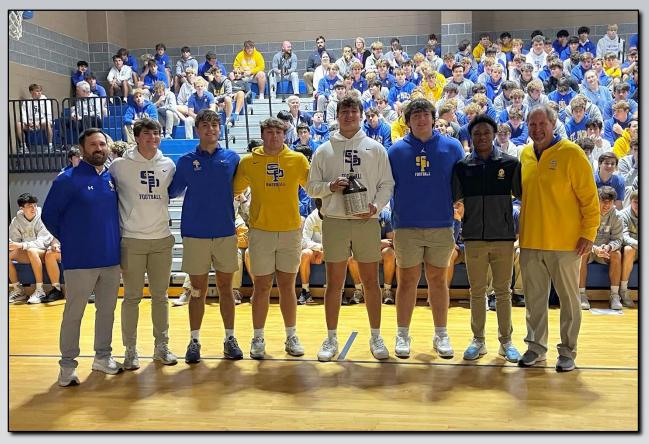
Football – Brown Jug Returns Home

It's been a busy and successful season for the Saint Paul's Football Wolves. Coming into 2023, hopes were high with several starters returning from a young 2022 team that went 7-5 overall and won a playoff game vs. Holy Cross. The 2023 Wolves have certainly risen to the occasion. After an early season loss vs. Brother Martin in a hard fought game, the Wolves have reeled off 6 consecutive wins; including wins over defending 6-5A champion Slidell, Mandeville, and Covington.

The Wolves' victory over Covington brought the Little Brown Jug back to Jahncke Avenue, and avenged a 2022 loss vs. the Lions with an outstanding performance on both sides of the ball; highlighted by Ben Buisson's 100 yard, 2 touchdown night coupled with a defensive stop on a 2-pt conversion attempt to seal the win. The Wolves' defensive unit has been stout all season, only giving up 10.8 points per game, and the offense has been steady and improving with their best performance coming in a 450-yard explosion in a Week 8 21-18 victory over the Mandeville Skippers.

Currently, the Wolves sit at 8-1 overall and 6-0 in district 6-5A. After the last second win against a talented Ponchatoula squad last Friday, the Wolves' District Championship is secured even though the last regular season game against Fontainebleau will be held this Friday. Expectations are high as the Wolves are primed to finish out the regular season strong and make a run in the Division 1 Select playoffs! Go Wolves! *by Coach Kenny Sears III*

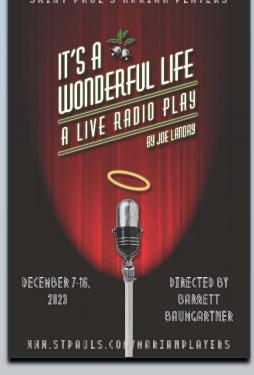
Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach



Pictured above L-R are: Sam Francis, Saint Paul's Athletic Director, Team Captains Ben Buisson, James Hardwick, Gavin Bourgeois, Matt Gower (holding jug), Ford Davidson, and Tristan Davenport, and Head Coach Ken Sears.



SAINT PRUL'S MARIAN PLAYERS



Marian Players

Saint Paul's Marian Players presents Joe Landry's *It's a Wonderful Life.* In this play, an angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

The production opens on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00pm with performances on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9 at 7:00pm. The following week, the play runs Thursday, December 14, and Friday and Saturday, December 15 - 16, all at 7:00pm.

Stay tuned for when tickets will be available at <u>www.stpauls.com.</u>

Swimming – District Champs

Saint Paul's Aqua Wolves dominated the 2023 Northlake District Championship to claim their 8th consecutive district title, leading the second and third place finishers by 161 points. Senior captain Conner Dobie led the Wolves with an individual title in the 100m breaststroke and first place in two relays. Members of the winning District team include: Dominic Barcelona, Estaban Bazan, Hayden Benson, Jake Bergeron, Michael Breaux, Chairstopher Cabibi, Christian Cambre, Mason Carse, James Conner, Noah Diaz, Conner Dobie, Atlas Dver, Antonio Eversgerd, Daniel Eversgerd, Jake Fontenot, Grayson Guevara, Christopher Lobue, Nick Lowe, Ben Mauldin, Leon Messa, Jackson Peak, Fischer Redmond, Claude Scarpelli, and Caleb Schouest.





Habitat for Humanity



Saint Paul's Habitat for Humanity met once again for their monthly service work to the community. On Saturday, October 21, the Wolves use learned skills to measure, cut, and install vinyl siding. Habitat for Humanity's vision is to provide decent, affordable housing to all members of the community.

Pictured at left L-R are: Alex Wise, Moderator, Richard Pichon, Joshua Pichon, Club President, Nic Lowe, Justin Melancon, and Connor O'Quinn. Not pictured is Trey Higgins.



All State Honor Band

Saint Paul's School senior Jake Theriot recently earned membership into the Louisiana Music Educators Association (LMEA) All-State Honor Band. The LMEA All-State Concert Band is an ensemble for outstanding high school musicians and includes approximately 80 students from around the state of Louisiana. Jake Theriot earned the prestigious first chair position in the first round of auditions in District 9.







Pre-freshman Retreat

The Saint Paul's retreat program consists of an annual retreat for each grade level and focus on different aspects of our Lasallian Catholic identity. On Thursday, October 12th, the Class of 2028 embarked on the first retreat of its Saint Paul's career. The day was centered around the Five Core Principles of a Lasallian Catholic education: Quality Education, Inclusive Community, Respect for all Persons, Concern for the Poor and Social Justice, and Faith in the Presence of God. In the spirit of brotherhood, the pre-freshmen journeyed through the day in small groups facilitated by members of our senior class who have evidenced great leadership throughout their Saint Paul's career.

At Camp Living Waters in Loranger they were blessed with beautiful weather and enjoyed the day together. It was a wonderful day!



Pre-freshmen gather for a group photo at retreat.



Student Council and HOSA

Saint Paul's Student Council and HOSA (Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America) recently teamed up for two important events.

During the week of October 16th, Saint Paul's School took on Mandeville High School for Chick-fil-A's Spirit Week. Spirit points were given for orders at the Chick-fil-A restaurants in Covington (Hwy 190) and Mandeville for mentioning Saint Paul's Wolves when dining-in or when the code "wolves" was used in the mobile app. Saint Paul's School garnered the most points and won 10% of the proceeds from the sales. Additionally, Chick-fil-A distributed free sandwich gift cards to the first 1000 attendees at the football game in Hunter Stadium on Friday night.

The Student Council picked 'Pink Out' as the theme for Friday's game. Students were allowed to wear a pink shirt to school on Friday for a minimum donation of \$1. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.



At left, Student Council and HOSA members decorate Chick-fil-A on Hwy 190 for the annual Spirit Week competition. Pictured L-R are: Jacob Zeringue, Patrick d'Hemecourt, Peyton Pear, William Authement, Theo Hadskey, Hyland Authement, and Eddie d'Hemecourt. Below, students, dressed in pink, cheer the Wolves to victory against Mandeville High.





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.







Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever.

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