



The SPS President's Newsletter
Celebrating 112 years of educational excellence in Covington
343 years of Lasallian tradition throughout the world
April 7-14, 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Easter!

In today's Gospel reading we hear the account of Thomas' doubts of the Resurrection of Jesus, despite what the other eleven disciples had seen:

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Reading this while sitting in Mary Queen of Peace Chapel on the Saint Paul's campus makes me wonder about the faith of the founding Brothers who had endured so much and had arrived during the worst possible circumstances to assume ownership of Saint Paul's School from the Benedictines. One would think that they had every reason to doubt their vocation and mission.

And yet, in the accounts by Brother Charles Crouzet that I have been printing in this and the last two newsletters, there was no doubt about their mission. Call it bravery, or stubbornness, or endurance, or faith, I am always amazed at the perseverance of those men that landed them here on these then remote and wooded acres to pick up the mission of Catholic Lasallian education in Covington.

I hope you have enjoyed the *Historique de St. Paul's*. Brother Charles makes their work seem routine, as though what they endured and did was just as things should be. If there was doubt in him or his confreres, it is hard to find in his *Historique*. I hope you are as inspired by it as I am.

Happy Easter!

Right: The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Caravaggio c.1600



GENERAL INFORMATION:

ANNUAL APPEAL: (OK, I promise to stop asking soon!) A couple of months ago, you received the Saint Paul's Advancement Review which contained the President's Annual Educational Fund Report. Many thanks to those who responded to the appeal. We invite you to review the listed businesses and individuals who generously supported Saint Paul's last year. Your support is essential to the continued quality of our offerings to our students and support of our faculty.

This year we invite you to continue or even increase your contributions to the Annual Appeal. If you did not contribute last year, I humbly request that you consider donating. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual campaigns**; many are high pressured; ours is not – but we request your support to keep it from being high pressured.
- Your annual gift supports tactical, short term projects, e.g., technology, special programs, STEM equipment and supplies, unique one-time academic needs, teacher formation and professional development, minor campus upgrades and renovations, student activities, etc. - in short, the necessary resources to ensure a superior education and first-class facilities for our students. A partial list of the items funded in the past two years include:
 - Kiln installation in Art Room
 - Wolves on Wheels funding
 - Stadium press box repairs
 - Landscaping
 - Chapel pew refinishing
 - Travel expenses for several clubs
 - Supplemental Funding for Student Clubs
 - Trophy cases in new gym
 - Carpentry Shop tools
 - Presentation and monitor TVs in classrooms
 - Outdoor furniture in break areas
 - Security fencing and cameras
 - Classroom technology
 - Instruments for new music class offerings
 - Bat removal from various buildings (Yes, removing bat colonies!)
 - Chapel HVAC replacement
 - Teacher Professional Development and Lasallian Formation



Above: Recent renovation of Student Chapel

- Student and Teacher computer upgrades
 - Repaving of De La Salle Drive
- The Capital Campaign (more on this later) provides resources to expand and improve large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation, the \$4.5 million new gym, the \$4 million Benilde Hall renovation and now the \$2.5 million Music Hall.)
 - You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10, \$20, or more dollars. GREAT!
 - Gifts of stock are welcome.
 - **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What’s important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
 - If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Will you send \$10 to the Annual Fund so I can show an increase in participation?
 - Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.
 - Please also consider asking friends or family who may be in a position to help. **Thank you!**



De La Salle Drive with new pavement

ANNUAL APPEAL AND GRANDPARENTS: We are blessed with many supportive grandparents. Many schools solicit donations from grandparents directly. Again, we do it differently than other schools that directly solicit grandparents. We ask that you inform your son’s grandparents or, if you want, we’ll be happy to send them the information directly if you wish. Just provide me with the information. **We do not want to ask grandparents without your consent, but we need their support.** I have already received a number of grandparent gifts. Again, no gift is too small – and, of course, no gift is too large.

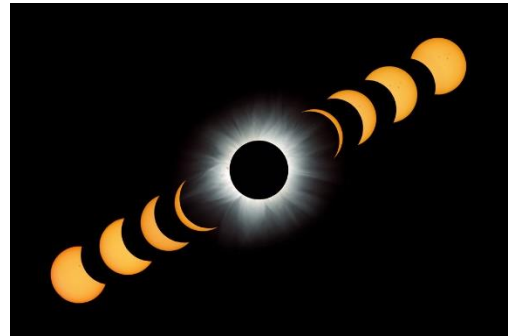
BROTHER RAY MEMORIAL: Many ask what has become of the donations to the Brother Ray Memorial Fund. The short answer is that nothing has happened yet but it continues to grow as people continue to donate. I humbly suggest that a portion of the fund should be dedicated to the purchase and proper placement of a statue of Saint Joseph somewhere on the Saint Paul’s campus. And, that this statue of Saint Joseph be dedicated to Brother Ray, both to honor the Institute of the Brothers and Brother Ray in particular. Thanks to those who have agreed to be part of the memorial committee. After Easter I will gather the group to begin planning.

ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25: We are extremely pleased with the number of applicants for next year! And, we continue to receive more applicants! Thanks to all who helped make this happen. Thanks also for spreading the good news about Lasallian education at Saint Paul's School! Congratulations to all future Wolves!

2024 - 2025 CALENDAR: The 2024-25 School Calendar has been posted. You can find it at the end of this newsletter. Please refer to this calendar when making vacation or other plans. Thanks.

SOLAR ECLIPSE: You should have received a note from Mr. Pierre about our Solar Eclipse viewing plan. In case you did not read it, we have a Solar Eclipse plan for our students on Monday. While teachers have been given very specific instructions of the plan, below is a summary of what we will do to keep our students safe while giving them the opportunity to view the eclipse.

- All students will be given instructions on dos and don'ts over the WOLF TV system prior to lunch dismissal. (The eclipse will not begin during lunchtime but we want to make sure students don't do anything foolish while outside).
- No student will be dismissed from class without an adult escort during the eclipse time.
- We will provide a safe opportunity for students to view the eclipse during periods E and F later in the day. They will be escorted in groups to Founder's Circle and given a short period of time to view the eclipse.
- Safety viewing glasses will be issued for students to view the eclipse. No other glasses, including regular sunglasses, will be allowed.



Please join us in stressing with your son the dangers of looking at the Sun without proper protection!

GATOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The Louisiana GATOR Scholarship Program will provide Education Scholarship Accounts that allow customizable options for parents to fund their child's education. These scholarships can be used for school tuition and fees, tutoring, educational therapies, textbooks and curriculum, dual enrollment courses, uniforms, and transportation. We encourage you to ask your legislator to pass this bill, empowering Louisiana's parents with the freedom to direct the education of their children. Use the link below:

[Ask Your Legislators to Vote Yes for the Louisiana GATOR Scholarship Program!](https://actnow.io)
actnow.io

Please consider this request from the Archdiocese! The GATOR program can help all Catholic school families that participate!

BLOOD DRIVE: The Spring Blood Drive was held on March 28 in the Briggs Assembly Center where fifty-one units of blood were donated. Saint Paul's students and faculty donated a record 112 whole blood units and 6 double red units collected this school year. Below is the list of donors. Thanks to all and to Dr. d'Hemecourt for organizing the drive this year!

Pictured within the list is Liam Murphy donating the gift of life.

EMILIE TRAVERS

BRAIDEN PEREZ

AUSTIN ASHER

TAYLOR BAGGETT

CATHERINE TONRY

QUINLAN HAND

ELIZABETH BRETT

HAYDEN MAHON

COLBY TILLERY

DYLAN UNDERWOOD

THOMAS BRETT

SEAN LENAHA

JAKE THERIOT

JACK FRERET

COLE WALMSLEY

REESE PHILIPPUS

CONNOR ALMERICO

WILLIAM KILLAM

AIDAN SMITH

NOAH DIAZ

THOMAS SIMONEAUX

MONICA KELSEY

TYSON BURNS

SHANNON D'HEMECOURT

NICHOLAS NEWFIELD

ALEXANDER LACOUR



AARON SEIDEN

RYLAN PERRY

ANTONIO EVERSGERD

MARSHALL REHAGE

EVAN GARDEY

ARYAN KUMAR

ANDREA FRANCIS

AVERY ESTRAD

JAX PARKMAN

WILLIAM CATHER

ANDREW DUNNE

VINCENT LICATA

ROBERT HIGGINS

DENNIS BORNE

JAMES SCHEUERMANN

ELI PETRICH

CONNOR WHITE

LANDON HEGWOOD

GARRETT LEGG

MASON CARSE

ALEXANDER BRADFORD

KEVIN MOORE

AIDEN UNDERWOOD

COHEN CLUNEY

LIAM MURPHY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARD: Congratulations to senior Trey Higgins who has been chosen as the winner of the Knights of Columbus Alex Semel Council #12989 Catholic Youth Leadership Award. The CYLA is given to a High School Senior who has demonstrated Catholic Youth Leadership in their community. Congratulations to Trey!



NEW MEMBER OF THE SAINT PAUL'S FAMILY: Congratulations to the Falkenstein family who reported that "on Tuesday, March 12 at 8:33 am Madilyn Kate Falkenstein (MK) was born weighing 5.12lbs and measured in at 20inches. Although there were a lot of complications during the birth, both mom and baby made it through and are now on the road to recovery. We truly appreciate all of the prayers and well wishes. They were greatly needed throughout this whole process and God graciously blessed my family and has allowed us to now be a family of four."



MUSIC DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCES: Just in case you did not get enough of the Saint Paul's Music program during Mardi Gras, the following is a list of upcoming performances by the various Saint Paul's ensembles:

April 18th Bill Evans Jazz festival (Big band and combo back to back 9am at Southeastern)

April 20th Crawfish Boil(Combo, Big Band, Rock Class, and My band "the Movers" from 1-6pm)

April 25th Covington Concert Band in the Briggs (free admission.k 7:30pm)

April 27th St. Pauls Spring concert(Combo, Big band, Percussion, and concert band, maybe others 2pm)

May 8th Recital concert in the Music Hall(Various individual/group performances)

May 17th Wolf Jam(Rock class and various groups, 5-9pm)

ACCOUNTANT NEEDED: The Saint Paul's Finance Office is looking for an additional assistant. You must have an accounting degree and at least 2 years accounting experience. If you are interested, please contact our CFO Jo Sutherlin at jsutherlin@stpauls.com or 985-892-3200 (x1905).

MENTAL HEALTH CLUB: A group of SPS students interested in improving their overall well-being started the Wolves for Mental Health club, which kicked off the week before Mardi Gras. The group meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Benilde Hall. Students learn methods of self-improvement, practice techniques for dealing with stress and anxiety and have fun with their brothers. Meetings begin with snacks and socializing and end with games. The group meets monthly on Wednesday evenings. For more information contact Senior Shaun Cooney or Mrs. Kim Gardner.

On March 27 Dr. Robert Gardner (*right*) spoke at the Mental Health Club meeting. He demonstrated the power of mindfulness in dealing with anxiety, leading students through a guided meditation.



KC CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD: I am very pleased and proud to announce that senior Jacob Strecker on Saturday April 6th was awarded second place at the Louisiana Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) finals. The ceremony was held at St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge. Jacob is most deserving and he has brought great credit to his classmates and school!



13TH ANNUAL CRAWFISH COOKOFF: Time is short to secure your tickets to this fun and delicious event! For more information, please visit our event website at <https://www.spscco.com/> or contact Al Nastasi at 985-892-3200 ext 1971.



SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS: Senior Parents, please do not forget to purchase a senior ad in the 2024 yearbook. This is a great way to leave a lasting message to your son(s). The due date for ads is May 15th. The ads can be purchased and created by going to yearbookforever.com Seniors do not need to purchase a yearbook as this is included in their senior fees paid at the beginning of the year.

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: 988: On July 16, 2022, Louisiana joined the rest of the nation in launching 988, the new three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to make it easier for people to receive assistance during a mental health crisis. When you call (multiple languages), text (English only) or chat 988, you will be connected to trained, compassionate crisis counselors who will listen to your concerns, provide support, and connect you with local resources. The chat feature is available through the Lifeline's [website](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/) (www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/). People can use 988 if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



LOST AND FOUND: Now that Spring weather is upon us, the L&F closet is full of cold weather attire! Tell your son to look there for any misplaced or “stolen” items. The Lost and Found Closet is located under the outside stairs behind the large wall at Founder’s Circle. Lunch boxes, sweatshirts, PE uniforms, book bags, and sports equipment are some of the most frequent items “lost.” Misplaced phones, keys, ID cards, and electronics are handled by Mrs. Claire’s office.

SCHOOL ZONE DRIVING: Covington Public Works recently added School Zone sign at East Eleventh Avenue reminding drivers that the school zone speed limit is 15 MPH. For the safety of everyone, please respect the speed limits in the Saint Paul’s and all school zones!



AIR FORCE ACADEMY APPOINTMENT: Congratulations to Cooper Winchester who has been offered and accepted an appointment to the Air Force Academy! We are proud of his commitment to serve his country!

SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for all of our summer camps, including musical theater and STEM camps. [Check out the website](#) for information and registration. Space is limited. Contact Ms. Tammy Freeman for STEM camp information: t.freeman@stpauls.com. If you or someone you know wants to attend a camp at Saint Paul's this summer, please register early. Most camps fill to capacity very early!



2024 SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS



June 3-7: Basketball



June 10-14: Football



June 17-21: Baseball



June 24-28: Soccer



June 24-28: Strength



June 24-28: Golf



July 8-12: S.A.S
Speed, Agility, and Strength



July 15-19 - Wrestling



July 15-19 - Lacrosse



July 15-19 - Rugby

- All camps are staffed by the coaches and athletes that make up some of the top athletic programs in Louisiana!
- Camps run Monday - Friday, 9am-3pm at St. Paul's School, 917 South Jahncke Ave, Covington, LA
- Camps are open to all boys ages 8-14 Prior experience in a sport not necessary!
- All camps have limited enrollment numbers. Sign up early to reserve your spot!
- All SPS Sports Camps held on campus will have a resource officer on duty to ensure the safety of our campers.
- All camps cost \$240 for the week. Sibling discounts are available. A lunch option is available for \$35.
- To sign-up, go to: stpauls.com/student-life/summer-camp

Questions? Contact sportscamps@stpauls.com or (985) 778-9166

SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY: The Rugby Wolves continue their winning ways! Congrats to the Wolf ruggers on their 14-10 win over Brother Martin and their 5-0 defeat of Jesuit on Saturday.

GOLF: On March 29 the Golf Team Finished second - lost by 1 shot. Ben Chiasson had our best score with 37 for nine holes. Best of luck the rest of the season!



TRACK AND FIELD: Congratulations to the Track and Field Team who finished in second place on March 29 at the St. Tammany Parish track and field championships.



Jacob Khashou and Cayden Arnold were individual parish champions in the 100 m dash and shot put, respectively, and the 400 m relay record was broken by Callahan Arch, Leahy Callahan, Peyton Sevin, Troy Willis, and Jacob Khashou (pictured below) with a second-place finish in that event.



Below: Jacob Khashou chases down the competition to win the 100m at the parish track meet.



LACROSSE: Congratulations to the Varsity Lacrosse team on their 13-0 win over Caddo. Freshman Luke Bertel had a shut out at goalie! Turner Michel scored a goal to celebrate his birthday! Connor, Landon, Alex, Cooper, Eddie, Brady and Issac also contributed to the Wolves win! Next week we head across the lake to take on Newman for our final game before we head into the playoffs!



BASEBALL: There is much to report about baseball from the past two weeks. While the Wolves lost to Mandeville, last week, as reported below, was spectacular.

Varsity - Exciting week as we opened District play and went 3-0 against Slidell, Hammond, and Covington. Also, Monday night we hosted the SPS Core Pack Students and Mentors for Inclusion Night.



Slidell -

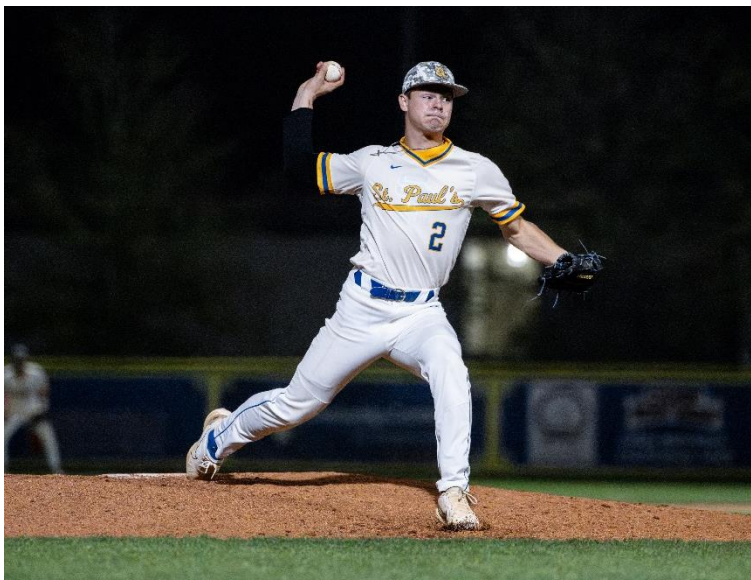
Braden Farizo gave up 6 hits, 4 runs over six innings with 6 K's and walking 1. *Easton LeBlanc* came in relief over one inning giving up 1 hit, 1K, 1 walk, and zero runs. Wolves tied the game in the bottom of the third inning thanks to a double by *Jude Roberts*, a walk by *Easton LeBlanc*, and a single by *Marus Newfield*. Wolves sealed the win in the bottom of the seventh after a walk by *Easton LeBlanc* and walk-off by *Marcus Newfield*.

Wolves scored 5 runs on 5 hits and 5 walks in another walk-off win against Slidell.

Braden Farizo 6.0 IP; 6 H; 2 ER; 2 BB; 6 SO

Easton LeBlanc 1.0 IP; 1 H; 0 ER; 1 BB; 1 SO

Marcus Newfield, 1-2, 2RBI's, 1BB; *Cody Corales* 1-3, 2R, 1 BB; *Brennan Villa* 1-2, 2R, 1BB; *Jude Roberts* 1-3, 1R, 1RBI.



Left: Farizo on the mound against Slidell.

Hammond -

Brody Bouterie allowed 3 hits, 3 runs over 4 2/3 innings striking out 5. *Jude Roberts* collected the save. Offensively, Wolves scored 8 runs on 13 hits, and 3 walks with the second largest win of the season. *Cooper Winchester* hit his first home run of the season.

Brody Bouterie 4.2 IP; 3 H; 1 ER; 4 BB; 5 SO

Jude Roberts 2.1 IP; 1 H; 0 ER; 0 BB; 4 SO

Cody Corales 3-5, 1 R; *Cooper Winchester* 2-5, 1 HR; 1 R; 2 RBI's;

Marcus Newfield 2-3, 1R, 1RBI.

Covington -

John Montour and reliever Marcus Newfield held Covington scoreless over 5 innings in an exciting comeback win against our rival. The Wolves scored 5 runs on 10 hits, and 3 walks in the Covington game.

John Montour 5.1 IP; 7 H; 4 ER; 1 BB; 1SO

Marcus Newfield 1.2 IP; 0 H; 0 ER; 0 BB; 1SO

Cooper Winchester 2-3, 1RBI; *Marcus Newfield* 2-4, 1RBI;

Brody Bouterie 2-3, 1R, 1BB.



Above: Wolves celebrate a Newfield Walk-Off against Slidell

And not to be outdone, the young Wolfpacks had outstanding results as well:

JV - Went 2-0-1 this week; Covington 8-3; Tied Hammond 5-5; Slidell 11-1

9th - Went 0-2 this week, against Lakeshore and Mandeville.

8th - Won both games against Oak Forest.



And in their spare time: On March 23rd the varsity baseball team along with Coach Mick Nunez and Coach Kristian Gibbe attend the Miracle League game to support Baseball Team Manager, Matthew Seal, and the St. Paul's CORE Pack!

SCENES FROM LAST TWO WEEKS AT SCHOOL:

CORE PACK NIGHT AT THE HEAP



Below: A group of seniors celebrate their last Honor Roll Breakfast



Pictured below are Mrs. Monica Kelsey and Tyson Burns giving blood at the recent Student Council Spring Blood Drive.



Woodshop Wolves crew proudly stand by some of the latest work they've done to improve the shop.

Left to right:

*Jackson Lorenz
Corbin Muguira
William Trosclair
Bradley Cheralla
Brody Dauterive
Cullen Hyman
Daniel Schaus*



Left: Landon Lewis (in grey) and Kaiden Klebba (in yellow), members of the Fix It Club, disassembled and repaired a reciprocating saw that was not working. The battery had been jammed and distorted.



Right: Thank-you pizza lunch for the students who helped during the Blue Gold Gala event.

MANDATUM
SERVICE:



SENIOR PROM:

Right: Mr. Zimmer enjoys a moment with partygoers.

Below: Eason Leblanc, and Jude Roberts pose for a picture.



Right: John Baricev, Kyle Sevin, and Billy Rush enjoy their Senior Prom.

Below: Seniors arm and arm sing along to "Home" with Preston Olivier as Prom ends.



FROM THE FILES: Each week the newsletter will include a few historical events or moments of Saint Paul's School (College) captured by photographers through the years. The last two weeks I included the first eight pages of the *Historique de St. Paul's*. I received many positive comments from readers so I've included the last five pages. I hope you enjoy reading these as much as I have. As I wrote in my last newsletter:

Brother Charles was one of scores of Brothers who had fled for their lives from France in the early 1900s when the persecution of the Church and religious had reached a dangerous level. Given the choice of leaving his vocation or leaving his native France, he chose the latter. He and his confreres were sent to Mexico to found and run Lasallian schools in the rural, poor areas of Lasallian District of Northern Mexico. There they quickly learned a new language, culture, and educational system and within a few years were founding and running very successful schools.

Then, in 1916, they were forced to flee for their lives again as the religious persecution of the Mexican Revolution swept through Mexico. The notorious Pancho Villa himself forced the Brothers onto a train to the United States at gunpoint. Their community of twice-exiled Brothers were scattered throughout the United States in various religious communities while awaiting a new assignment. In this country their French and recently acquired Spanish skills were of little use so they again were forced to adapt to a new culture, language, and educational system.

In the *Historique de St. Paul's*, Brother Charles picks up the story of their community reuniting in Covington and assuming the ownership of Saint Paul's School. It is fascinating reading both for the heroic task that the Brothers assumed and for the description of Saint Paul's and Covington in 1918. The first eight pages were copied in my previous newsletters. I hope you enjoy this third and last installment.

Notes on the Historique:

- *The term "L5" refers to the Theater building. It was called L5 during the 1970s since it was one of five (5) classrooms that accommodated large (L) sized classes. It was the first gym when built c. 1902. Today it serves as the Theater and is the only remaining original building from the founding of the school.*
- *Dixon Hall was the original school building built by Tulane University when the campus was Dixon Academy 1902-1911. It was destroyed by fire in 1981. It stood where Founders Circle is today. It has been referred to as "Main Building, Senior Dorm, or Dixon Hall" over the years.*

Below are the last five pages of the Historique de St. Paul's.

held up very nicely, thanks be to God! With the sick boys two Brothers remained day and night to minister to their needs. The largest number of bedridden was 19 in that second floor. Fortunately no complications developed. Classes resumed January 27, with a completely new attitude towards the Faculty by the boarders who were won over by the devotedness of the Brothers during the epidemic.

The school year ended June 15, with a total of 83 boarders (including those that had left) and 43 dayscholars. The attendance to the commencement exercises was much larger than anticipated.

The boarders had a stiff schedule to follow. They were up at 6:00 a.m., attended Holy Mass at 6:30, had breakfast at 7:00, set up their beds right after, when to their respective studyhall until 8:30 when classes began. They had a 15 minute intermission in the middle of the morning. At 11:45 the morning classes ended. Dinner was at 12:00¹ and recreation until 1:00 on their respective playgrounds.

Classes resumed at 1:00 to end at 3:30 or 4:00; (I am not positive about that point,) followed by a little snack and recreation. Studyhall at 5:30, then supper at 6:00 and recreation till 7:30. At 9:00 they retired. On Friday night those whose conduct had been satisfactory during the week could go to the show ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ Covington, in a body. After the show they had a few minutes to stop at the Drugstore (The City Drugstore) for an icecream or window shopping, if out of cash, and back to St. Paul's and the dormitory. Saturdays and Sundays began at 6:00, with no change until after breakfast, followed by a long recreation. On those two days there were only two study halls for letter writing, etc., etc.

During those years there was no high school athletic association or, if one existed, St. Paul's was not a member of it. The games played were with independent teams, most of them coming from New Orleans. The longest sport seasons were basketball and baseball, played in the present L5. Very seldom did St. Paul's team

L. See page 59, top picture.

go out. The few football games we had were played on our football field. The first was against Bogalusa high school. Knowing that it was our first game, the visitors anticipated a 60-0 score, or better. At the opening kickoff our center, Harold Johnson, (a 260 pounder) sent the ball very cleanly over the goal but it was not accepted so, it had to ^{be} played over again. Due to lack of experience, St. Paul's found itself at the short end of a 20-0 score. Nothing to be ashamed of, considering all the facts.

What terminated the "independent" teams connection was the fact that in 1928 one of our players died as a consequence of an injury suffered in football. The responsible player acknowledged his guilt, but it did not revive the unfortunate victim. At once all connections with independent teams were cancelled and steps taken to join the High School Athletic League. No difficulty was encountered and St. Paul's became a member of that league.

Picnics took place from time to time, mostly along the Bogue Falaya or the Tchefuncte rivers. When on the Bogue Falaya, almost always there was a delightful swim. If an allday picnic, two good swims took place; one before lunch and ~~at the~~ other in the middle of the afternoon. The Tchefuncte river was too narrow and too deep; besides, it was infested with aligators.

During the summer months a certain number of boarders from central America and Cuba remained on the campus. For them a more pleasant schedule prevailed. The picnics were more frequent; half-day picnics most of the time, but at least one full days picnic once a week. The members of the Faculty took part in that all-day picnic. Mandeville and, once in a while, Madisonville were the selected places. Mandeville was well liked because of the lake facilities for fishing and swimming. Other spots were visited for a change; in the direction of Bogalusa some small bayous were good for fishing and, if a fairly large pool was located, a cool swim was enjoyed. Except for long distances, train number 11 was the only conveyance.



The St. Paul community of 1920. Left to right, front row: Brothers Baptiste-Pierre, Ernest, Adelbert, Bertaud (Director), Arsene, Benjamin Xavier, and Victor. Second row, left to right: Brothers Agbert, Prosper, Raphael, Basil, Joseph, and Charles. Top row, left to right: Brothers Michael, Stanislaus, Neon, Gauthier, and Honore. Surviving Brothers are: Brother Ernest, who teaches at the College of Santa Fe,; Brothers Prosper and Joseph, in retirement at the motherhouse in Lafayette; Brother Michael, Prefect of discipline at Rummel High School in Metairie,; and Brother Charles, typing teacher at St. Paul's.

Below: Student body 1920



In the year 1920-1921 a double transportation conveyance was acquired in the form of a 3-ton Republic truck and an Overland passenger car. Both of them were secondhand; both of them, also, were without self-starter. The Overland proved to be a dud! As to the truck, it had solid tires, therefore no danger of having a flat tire. It happened that at that time Jahncke Avenue was closed due to the installation of sewer and drain lines. What made the work so long is the fact that, on a large stretch of the avenue the workers did not find, on Monday morning, the pipes they had laid on Friday afternoon! They had disappeared, sunk in quick sand. The new work proved to be harder and longer than anticipated.

The road used to reach St. Paul's, from Covington, was South Jefferson Street, narrow and muddy most of the time. Frequently cars got stuck in mud pools and, frequently calls for help came to St. Paul's. The old faithful Republic went to the rescue. It never failed to pull out the stuck car, unless the tow chain or cable broke.. That truck, after a while, had only one driver who volunteered to drive it for cranking that motor was a "man's job!"

With the Republic the picnickers had transportation available to reach long distances. That explains the choice of Mandeville, and other such place too far to reach on foot.

The St. Paul's origins under the Christian Brothers would be incomplete without an introductory with BOY. Boy was the horse used to go to Covington on errands such as: to the mail; to the hardware store; the grocery store;; the railroad station, etc., etc. Almost exclusively Brother Prosper was the one riding on the buggy.

The St. Paul's grounds were Boy's domain, and he knew it, too! There was only one place that was closed to him: the football field. To reach it was a farm gate where a double chain is now. A post, on the left side had a hoop which could catch the post on the end of the gate. It sufficed to raise the hoop to engage or disengage the gate. Brother Prosper led Boy there from time to time, when the grass was

attractive. There, too, Brother Prosper went for Boy before an errand. Boy looked up and waited for Bro. Prosper to get close. Suddenly he romped to a certain distance and waited again. That second time he did not run away and docilely followed the Brother. That maneuver occurred every time. If someone else needed him he had to run several times to catch Boy.

After watching Bro. Prosper a few times open or close the gate he thought: "Shucks, I can do that myself!" and he did it too from there on. At the west end of the stand was a drinking fountain (a bubbler). Boy saw the students drink there and again he must have thought: "I can do that, too!" He learned to turn the faucet on and cupped his lips right around the bubbler and waited for a mouthful of water, swallowed it and waited for another mouthful. It took a fairly long time for him to quench his thirst. At the end he walked away without turning the faucet off. Maybe he wanted the overflow to water the grass!

Not far from the wood tower was a chicken coop which Bro. Victor would open in the morning to let the hens run freely around. A corn feeder was on the outside, filled with corn. Under the can was a bar holding a grain of corn at the end of it. The chicken would peck on that grain and the bar would turn releasing a few grains of corn from the tank. Boy seemed to say in his mind: "A grain of corn is not enough to fill my little tooth! How does the corn get in that box?" He watched a few times while Brother Victor was filling the box. "I have it! knock the lid and I can reach the corn!" Sure enough, he had no trouble to knock the lid off and the corn was his. The only recourse Brother Victor had was to place the feeder under the wood tower.

Again, Boy thought: "That corn must come from somewhere!" A storage room, with all kinds of feed was nearby. It had a double door which was locked with a 20 penny spike. To open, Bro. Victor would push the right door a trifle and the spike's head could be grabbed and pulled out. After a few observations Boy learned

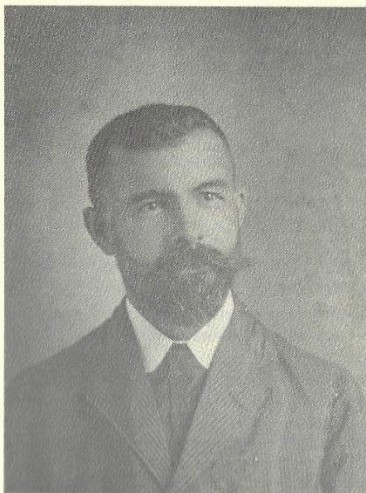
that the right door had to be pushed in and the spike pulled out. Did he practice on that maneuver? Nobody knows, but Boy had the secret and he used it! A key padlock replaced the spike. Boy[†] might have learned to open a combination lock; a key padlock stopped him because no key was given to him.

One night when two or three horse friends visited Boy, they had a grand time. Unfortunately quite a few fence wires were down near the feed bin. While trying to pass over them one of his hind shoes got tangled with a wire and there was no way to get disentangled. Instead of getting excited and, possibly, seriously hurt, he decided to remain very quiet until his friend came to the rescue. How many hours did ~~he~~^{it} ~~way~~? Nobody knows. When Bro. Prosper arrived Boy did not make a single motion. Bro. Prosper raised that hind leg, pulled the wire from between the hoof and the shoe with no trouble at all. Boy moved away from the wires very slowly and cautiously as if wanting to reveal his "horse sence."

When the Overland car came into service Brother Prosper did not know how to drive and so, he continued the errands as before. I do not know what became of Boy after 1923.

Boy could have taught some very practical lessons to the students on how to observe and then use their mind to apply the observations!

Brother Nilammon Laurent (Lawrence) 1918-1920.



Left: Brother Lawrence, first Brother Director (Principal/President) of Saint Paul's College.

A LOOK AHEAD:

April

- 13 – ACT Test Date
- 16 – FGAB – Pack Time (last for seniors)
- 18 – GABC – Teacher Appreciation Lunch/ Snack Day
- 19 – DEFG – Class Level Elections
- 23 – EFGA – Principal's Assembly (last for seniors)
- 26 – CDEF – Mass; Senior Exams (elective)
- 29 – GABC – Senior Exams (elective)
- 30 – DEFG – Senior Exams

May

- 1 – ABCD – Senior Exams
- 2 – EFGA – Senior Exams
- 3 – BCDE – Late start
- 7 – CDEF – Last Principal's Assembly
- 9 – DEFG – Academic Awards – dress uniform day
- 10 – ABCD – Athletic Awards; 8th Grade Exams
- 13 – EFGA – 8th Grade Exams
- 14 – BCDE – 8th Grade Exams
- 15 – FGAB – 8th Grade Exams/ Senior Grad Night
- 16 – CDEFG* – 8th Grade Promotion
- 17-22 – Final Exams
- 18 – Graduation
- 22 – Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Luncheon

NEED MORE INFORMATION? For academic issues, contact teachers, counselors, Principal Joe Dickens (985)892-3200 Ext. 1920, Assistant Principal Lee Pierre Ext. 1942, or Curriculum Coordinator Matt Pinero Ext. 1982. For discipline, attendance, or dress code questions, call Dean of Students, Mr. Ken Sears, Ext. 1981. Finances? Call Mrs. Jo Sutherlin Ext. 1905 or me Ext. 1901. Athletics? Contact the coaches or Athletic Director, Mr. Sam Francis Ext. 1983. Naturally, call me, Trevor Watkins, if I can help. **My office phone is 985/892-3200, x 1901.**

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Trevor C. Watkins, AFSC

President



Saint Paul's School 2023 - 2024 Calendar

Second Semester

Fri – Fri, Mar 29 – Apr 05	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 08	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Mon-Thu, Apr 29 – May 02	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 16	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 18	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Fri – Wed, May 17 - 22	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
Thu, May 23	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Fri, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, student make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays.
Please do not schedule vacations during school time.

Second Semester Period Rotation

April

8-12 – Leadership Week
8 – CDEF
9 – GABC – Leadership Breakfast
10 – DEFG – Mass - (dress uniform day)
11 – ABCD – Leadership Guest Speaker
12 – EFGA – Year in Review Assembly
13 – ACT Test Date
15 – BCDE
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17 – CDEF
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Snack Day
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Thu, Aug 1	Teacher Meetings
Fri, Aug 2	Archdiocesan Formation Day for teachers
Mon, 5	Teacher Meetings
Tues, Aug 6	Teacher Prep Day
Wed, Aug 7	School Opens with full day of instruction
Mon, Aug 19	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 22	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 23	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 26	Parent-Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Aug 30	N.O. Lasallian Convocation for Teachers (no classes for students)
Mon, Sep 2	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 4	Fall Break Holiday
Fri, Oct 11	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 11	Grandparent Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Nov 2	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon-Fri, Nov 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Dec 2	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon - Thu, Dec 16-19	Semester Exams
Thu, Dec 19	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Fri, Dec 20	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day
Mon, Jan 6	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 20	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7 pm
Fri, Feb 28	Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
Mon-Fri, Mar 3-7	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Mar 10	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 14	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri, Apr 18 – Apr 25	Easter Holidays
Mon, Apr 28	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Mon-Thu, May 5 – May 8	Senior Final Exams
Thu, May 15	Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6:30 pm)
Sat, May 17	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Mon – Thu, May 19 - 22	Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11
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Tues, May 27	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

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