



# WOLFTRACKS



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Covington, LA



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September 30, 2015



One Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Department of Education announced that Saint Paul's School is one of the 335 Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is a United States government program to honor schools which have achieved high levels of academic performance. Private schools are recognized as "Exemplary High Performing" if their student achievement in English and Mathematics is among the highest in the country (top 15%), measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Nominated schools submit applications describing school operations such as the use of assessments and assessment data, curricula, professional development, leadership, and community and family involvement. The Blue Ribbon award is considered the highest honor an American school can achieve.

Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education states "This honor recognizes your students' accomplishments and the hard work and dedication that went into their success," Duncan said in a video message to the awardees. "Your journey has taught you collaboration, intentional instruction, and strong relationships in school and with your community. You represent excellence-in vision, in implementation, and in results- and we want to learn as much as we can from you." Click [HERE](#) for Mr. Duncan's announcement.

Saint Paul's School has been recognized as one of the only two private high schools in the country!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC, President of Saint Paul's School states "The Blue Ribbon School of Excellence designation by the United States Department of Education recognizes exemplary teaching and learning. It validates what we know about Saint Paul's: that by adhering to the Lasallian Catholic tradition of education, we continue to transform lives - a tradition that dates back to 1680, when Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Christian Brothers. We are profoundly grateful for this honor, and we thank the many, many people who have helped us in our journey toward Blue Ribbon status."



See Nola.com articles: [Blue Ribbon Saint Paul's](#) and [Louisiana Blue Ribbon Schools](#).

Friends and Alumni of St. Paul's School,

September was another wonderful month on campus optimistically marking an end of the heat and the beginning of the beautiful fall weather....one can dream. An interesting fact about September that I recently learned is that no other month ends on the same day of the week as September in any year.

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend Homecoming, support the 2015 Gridiron Wolves during their impressive performance, and fraternize during the post game reception. Alumni were in attendance from a wide range of Classes from the 1960's to our most recent 2015 alums. We hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we enjoyed having you back on campus.

Tickets are still available to our largest event based fundraiser, the twenty-six year old Jazz 'N Roll, which is being held this Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Please consider attending for a pleasant evening and supporting your alma mater while doing so.

The Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. –Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament shows great promise this year as you will note later on this edition, and we are pleased to announce that all proceeds from this year's tournament will go toward the new gymnasium. Speaking of which, we eagerly anticipate the opening of the new complex which will take place on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing many of you at future Assemblies, Basketball Games, and other activities hosted in the facility. Stay tuned for more information on these upcoming events which will be forthcoming when appropriate.

Thank you to those of you who have sent your updates for the Alumni Directory. For those who would still like to do so, here is a link <https://www.stpauls.com/alumni/alumni-directory-update/>. Further, as always, please let us know how you are doing and feel free to send in any other personal or professional updates and even photos that we may be able include in future editions of Wolftracks.

Finally, we look forward to hearing from, recognizing, and honoring our Veteran Alumni on the Friedman Memorial plaque with additional details on a subsequent page.

Live Jesus in our Hearts ...Forever!

Al Nastasi '91  
Alumni Director



**Saturday, September 25, 2015**

Alumni Homecoming Escorts from the class of 1991 are Brett Freret, Chris Pierson, Jay Coutrado, and Chris Freret.



# Grey Wolves



On Friday, September 4, 2015, the Grey Wolves assembled for their monthly gathering. As always, brotherhood and fellowship were at a premium and were made even that much more special thanks to a visit from Brother Alfred who was in the hospital only a few days prior. The Grey Wolves are an integral part of our alumni base and welcome all alumni to join them on the first Friday of each month at the Beck-N- Call restaurant in Covington. Pictured above seated L-R are: Al Seeger '56; Br. Alfred Baltz, FSC; Jimmy Dykes '61 and Bill Dufreche '61. Standing L-R are: Ronnie Melancon '60; Larry Leonard '60; Red Schwab '57; Archie Julian '59; Alan Seither '60; Jens Madsen '60; Al Nastasi '91, Alumni Director; Mike Richard '68; Chuck Harrington '59 and Leo Bourgeois '59.

## Come Help us Celebrate the Opening of the New Gym



The Administration, Faculty and Student Body invite you to celebrate the opening of the new portion of The Gene Bennett Sports Complex on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. The new gym, 19,500 square feet of air-conditioned space, will have seating for 1100 people, and be used for President's Assemblies and Wolves Basketball. The Health and Physical Education Program will move into the new building, using both the gym space and the state of the art classroom facilities. In addition to the new updated locker room facilities for Basketball, Cross Country, and Track and Field will also have locker room space. A larger, better equipped concession stand, and expansive lobby, will be important

parts of this new facility. Please come join us and see this impressive new part of Saint Paul's campus, as the school continues its second century of Christian Brothers' Education.

**Michael Gegenheimer '11** – Michael is now a senior in mass communication at LSU focusing on journalism and will graduate in December. He interned at Nola.com, Times Picayune, The Baton Rouge Advocate, and Inside Northside. He freelances in and around Baton Rouge covering local sports. In the current issue of Inside Northside he has written an article about Coach Ed Orgeron and his journey to Tiger Stadium.

**Adam Grashoff '11** – Adam, an LSU senior, won the inaugural Sean O'Keefe Leadership Award, which carries a \$10,000 prize. The Sean O'Keefe Leadership Award was created by LSU donors who recognized the leadership in former LSU Chancellor Sean O'Keefe during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The award is designed to recognize and reward the outstanding LSU undergraduate student leader who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the past and possesses the character, capability, vision and motivation to be a leader in the future. Click [HERE](#) for complete article.

**Trent Domingue '12** - Trent kicked all three extra points in LSU's victory against Mississippi State. Trent has won the job as LSU's place kicker, according to Les Miles. Domingue was the back up for most of last year. He made two of three in the 2014 season finale against Texas A&M.

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



Friday, October 23, 2015  
Tchefuncte Country Club



### Schedule of Events

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

The interest in this year's Joseph A. Champagne, Jr.--Gene Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament has been nothing short of a blessing and a tribute to the fine gentlemen for which it is named and to the Saint Paul's Alumni Association. We are most appreciative to those who have registered to play and have already sponsored the event. The tournament is full, and there are no longer any player spots available. However, there are still White (Hole) Sponsorships available <http://www.stpauls.com/alumni/alumni-events/golf-tournament/>

Proceeds from this year's event will go towards the construction costs of our new gymnasium. For more information, please feel free to contact Al Nastasi, Alumni Director at [aln@stpauls.com](mailto:aln@stpauls.com) or [985 892-3200 ext 1271](tel:985-892-3200).



# Calling All Veterans



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, St. Paul's College 1935. Additional language on the plaque is as follows: "*Honoring the memory of all the St.*

*Paul's Alumni who practiced the values learned at St. Paul's by their patriotic service in the United States Military.*"

Nearly 125 Alumni are presently represented on the plaque. As Veteran's 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.

In order to accomplish this goal, if you are a veteran, please email your response to the following to [alumni@stpauls.com](mailto:alumni@stpauls.com) :

Your name

Branch of service in which you served

The highest rank or rate attained

Any decorations obtained while in the military

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. Note: 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.

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 [aln@stpauls.com](mailto:aln@stpauls.com) or 985 892-3200 ext 1271.

## Rise Up 'O Men of God

[Warren Fortier '42](#)

[Phillip Everett Fielding, Sr. '46](#), father of Phillip E. Fielding, Jr. '72,

brother of Richard H. Fielding '44,

uncle of Edward J. Fielding III '66 and John J. Fielding, Jr. '72

[Mr. Ronald Albert Gitz, Sr.](#), grandfather of Harrison Gitz '15

[Mr. Ronald Louis Porte](#), grandfather of Jacob Porte '20

[Joseph Earon Davis](#), uncle of Michael '10 and Sam '20 Glynn



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace! Amen!*



# Calendar of Events for the 2015-2016 School Year



26<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz 'N Roll – This Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Visit website [HERE](#).



Blessing of the New Gymnasium – Wednesday, October 21, 6:30pm in the new gymnasium. Blessing and refreshments. Open to everyone.



JAC/Gene Bennett Golf Tournament – Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tchefuncte Country Club Estates – Tournament is Full



Career Day 2016 – Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Briggs Assembly Center



Celebrity Waiters' Dinner 2016 – Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm, Briggs Assembly Center



Crawfish Cook-off 2016 – Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul's Campus



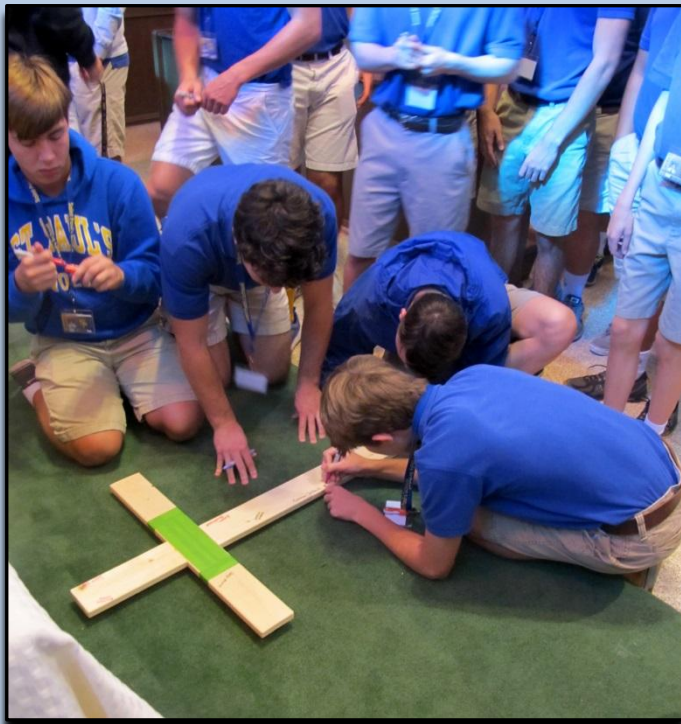
# Happy Birthday Saint Paul's!



On Monday, September 14, Saint Paul's celebrated 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Saint Paul's College in 1911 by the Benedictines of Saint Joseph Abbey. On that day, forty-eight students, five Benedictine priests (Fathers Augustine, Adelbert, Aemillion, Martin, and Placid) and four lay teachers (Messrs. Edgar Barre, Oliver Lyons, Bernard Mutter, and Leopoldo Teller) walked through the arch for the first time and opened the school. By year's end, seventy boarders and thirty day students had enrolled. Today, with over 850 men of God, Saint Paul's strives to be the number one choice for parents on the Northshore. To learn more about our Founding Fathers, click [HERE](#). Click on [pictorial history](#) for pictures from the past.



The first dormitory building, built in 1911



The students and faculty signed a cross which will remain on campus as a reminder of the cross being a symbol of hope.



On Monday, September 14, Campus Minister Jeff Ramon and the Religion Department observed the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. See [Catholic News Agency Article](#).

# Homecoming

Saint Paul's School proudly celebrated Homecoming during the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>. The students and faculty began the week with the special privilege of "Dress Down Days" which included: America Day, Beach Day, Twin Day, Jersey Day, and Gold Out on Friday. On Friday members of the Student Council sponsored a special order out fundraiser lunch in conjunction with Mug Shots, and Saint Paul's Alumnus, Chris McDonald owner of the popular eatery. Hamburgers, fries and cookies was the lunch special. Friday afternoon, the administration, faculty, and student body attended a pep rally, which included the presentation of the court. The court was also presented at half time of the Friday night game in Hunter Stadium against Northshore which began at 7:00pm, with the traditional crowning of the queen. Alumni and friends of the school attended a reception after the game in the school cafeteria. Click [HERE](#) for Nola.com article.

*by Karen Hebert*

Members of the court from Saint Scholastica Academy included:



The Queen for 2015 is Kerilynn Walsh, daughter of Mark and Kathy Walsh of Covington, a senior at Saint Scholastica Academy. She is an honor roll student and serves as the Captain of the Saint Paul's Golden Blues Dance Team, as a qualifier for UDA All American; she will perform in London in 2016. She is an active member of Student Ministry, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National, English, Social Studies, and Science Honor Societies. She was granted the Cheryl Smith Scholarship for school spirit, kindness, leadership, and service to others. Kerilynn was escorted by senior Sam Dufour.

Miss Walsh's alumni escort was Mr. Brett Freret '91. While attending Saint Paul's, Brett was a three year lettermen in soccer, baseball, and soccer. Brett currently resides in Covington with his two children Emmie 7 and William 3.

Alyssa Asaro, daughter of Jimmy and Debbie Asaro, of Mandeville, is a senior, honor student, at Saint Scholastica Academy. Her brothers, Andrew and Alex are graduates of Saint Paul's School. She is a four year member of the varsity tennis team. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, and the English, Science, and Social Studies Honor Societies. She serves her school community as a student minister. Austin Grashoff was her escort for the game, and Oliver Guice was her escort at the Homecoming Dance.

Miss Asaro's alumni escort was Chris Freret, the class of 1991. As a soccer player at Saint Paul's he earned All State Honors as goalie for his junior and senior seasons. He and his wife, Dawn Sanders Freret, have three sons: Aiden, Freddie, and Harper.





## Homecoming (continued)



Camille Royerre, daughter of Frank and Debby Royerre of Mandeville, is a senior at Saint Scholastica Academy and a member of the Saint Paul's Golden Blues. She is active in the National Honor Society as well as the English, and Social Studies Honor Societies. Camille currently serves as a Student Minister and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for her school community. She is an active member of Saint Scholastica's Pillar, Art, and Animal Appreciation clubs. Camille was escorted by senior Brooks McMahon.

Miss Royerre's alumni escort was Chris Pierson, from the class of 1991. While at Saint Paul's Chris played baseball and football and graduated with honors. He is the father of two sons, Brady and Blake who is a member of the class of 2020. He is married to Shannon Larose Pierson.



Elizabeth Simoneaux, daughter of Todd and Dee Simoneaux of Covington, is a junior at Saint Scholastica Academy, and has been a member of the swim team for three years. She has received honor roll recognition each year and is currently an active member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National English, Science, and Social Studies Honor Societies. She also is a member of the Foreign Language Club. Elizabeth was escorted by Junior Andy Grashoff.

Miss Simoneaux's alumni escort was Jay Coutrado, the class of 1991. Jay was a member of the undefeated 1990 football team. Two of his three sons, Jacob and Hayden are members of the class of 2018; Cooper is in sixth grade.



2015 Saint Paul's Homecoming Court pictured at right are: Brooks McMahon, Camille Royerre, Sam Dufour, Kerrilyn Walsh, Alyssa Asaro, Austin Grashoff, Elizabeth Simoneaux, and Andy Grashoff.



# National Merit Scholarship



Saint Paul's School is pleased to announce the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has selected five members of the class of 2016 as National Merit Semifinalists. Over 1.5 million juniors applied for the 7,400 scholarships which will value more than \$32 million dollars. 16,000 students were recognized as Semifinalists. Candidates from Saint Paul's include: Andrew Mercante, Ryan Meraux, Luke Avenel, Burak Kandil, and Patrick Connolly.



# National Honor Society



On Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, twenty-seven students were inducted into the Brother Charles Crouzet Chapter of the National Honor Society. Following the induction ceremony, a reception was held in the cafeteria. Pictured at left back row left to right are: Sam Kenney, Nick Rowbatham, Peter Olson, Ian Fried, Briggs Simpson, Parker Hagoood, Eli Crosby,

Patrick Napier, and Thomas Bowden. In the middle row left to right are: Liam McCloskey, James Kissgen, Brycen Brown, Trey Hughes, Hayden Willis, Avery Frey, Lloyd Guillot, Robert Ferrante, Seth Dragon, Koby Schexnayder, and Christopher Damaré. In the front row left to right are: Colin Quinlan, Christian Harrison, Grant Hughes, Jack Fleming, and Brice Falgout. Not pictured is Noah Seiden.





Painted by Dominick Alongi '14

It's Not Too Late to Purchase Tickets!

Saturday, October 3, 2015

7:00pm – 11:00pm

## Restaurants

Buy a glass for a chance to win  
a white/black diamond necklace from Boudreaux's Jewelers

## Open Bar

Over 200 Silent Auction Items  
(Sports camps, jewelry, massages, etc)

## Live Auction

(Vacations, kayak, cocktail party at Pat O'Brien's)

Music by the Mike Epstein Trio

**LSU vs Eastern Michigan will be televised**

ONLINE - Ticket and Sponsorship ordering – [HERE](#)  
Tickets available at the door.

## Brother Alfred Turns 93!

Inclusive  
Community



Saint Paul's own not-so-retired Brother Alfred Baltz, FSC celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday during September. Brother Alfred spent many years in the classroom teaching, and also served as an Athletic Director at Saint Paul's, and when that part of his job ended, he began the second chapter of his life. He has generously and graciously become a visible presence on our campus, building, watering and planting new flower beds. He has offered his expert building advice to a number of classes who have constructed pavilions as part of their campus legacy. In fact, it is almost

impossible to look over the forty acres and find a space that has not improved because of Brother Alfred's kind attention. He even creates bird houses for use as silent auction items in our annual Jazz 'N Roll event. *By Karen Hebert*



# Gateway to Technology



Pre-freshmen students in the Gateway to Technology class, sponsored by Hornbeck Offshore Services and taught by Mrs. Julie Beck, complete a design activity during the first days of class. The students had to design and construct pull toys demonstrating different types of gear mechanisms used to by engineers to transmit different types of motion... their challenge was to use a gear mechanism to transfer motion from the wheels (when pulled) to cause some type of toy like aspect to occur. Pictured in the foreground on the bottom left are Darrin Lea and Matthew Gros. On the right are: Michael Valliant, Tyler Beard, Mica'h Crockett, and Chase McClelland with their assembled pull toy.



## Senior Pictures



On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul's seniors had their senior portraits taken for the yearbook and they were measured for their caps and gowns. Several volunteer moms assisted the boys in making sure everything was perfect. Pictured at left in their cap and gowns are: Skyler Herbet, Michael Hunter, Robert Ellis, Sam Brown, and Marco Settineri wait in gowns for their photos.



# Etiquette Training for Pre-freshmen Students

Saint Paul's pre-freshmen students had the opportunity to refine their dining skills with a course sponsored by the Saint Paul's Renaissance Program. The students were divided into three groups and the training took place during lunch over a period of three days. The lunch was held in the Briggs Assembly Center and was catered by Bosco's Italian Café in Mandeville. Owner, Tony Bosco, with the help of his staff presented a program on dining etiquette which included tips on: setting the table, using the correct utensils, taking and passing food, appropriate dinner conversation, and ordering, treating and tipping wait staff. 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.



*Renaissance Program*



Students prepare to learn proper etiquette from Ms. Gina Cherry of Bosco's Italian Café.



Students learn the proper way to eat pasta.



Each day parent volunteers assisted with serving the food and bussing the tables.



Delicious bread pudding was prepared by Bosco's employees Andre Morales and his daughter Taylor.

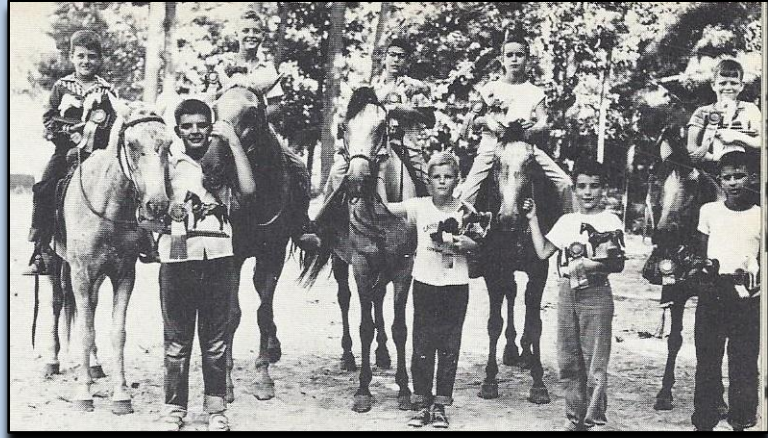




If you're not familiar with the school online newspaper, consider signing up for a free subscription. All articles are written by students in the journalism class. Recently, sophomore Carson Caulfield wrote an article about the top five Saint Paul's urban legends. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.



Mini Golf Course was located next to the existing band room



Students enjoying the horses, circa 1954.

## We Remember Hurricane Katrina

On Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, the faculty and student body gathered on the lawn in front of the Katrina Cross for a prayer service. This cross is located on the land directly across from the Retired Brothers Residence. Before Hurricane Katrina, this land was a grove of tall pines. Saint Paul's area campus lost almost 200 pine trees from the storm.



Students sit near the Katrina Cross during the prayer service.



# Cross Country

Saint Paul's Cross Country team, a driving force in this sport for a number of years, continues to make headlines. Recently the Varsity team took first place in the Episcopal Race and the Junior Varsity team brought home the second place trophy. Eric Coston has already garnered a "Runner of the Week" title from the [Morning Advocate](#).

All of this experience brought home victory in the Christian Brothers Invitational; with Eric Coston leading the team to victory with a personal best time of 14.48 seconds in the race Saint Paul's hosted at Money Hill. Eric commented, "This is our home meet. ... I felt really good today. ... I knew if I ran really fast at the beginning, I could carry it." Eric's time was more than a half minute better than his closest competitor.

St. Paul's won the boys competition, which featured seventeen teams. The Wolves scored forty-five points to beat Brother Martin (67) and Mandeville (128).

*By Karen Hebert*



Pictured at left are the first place winners of the Episcopal Varsity Meet. Left to right are Spencer Albright, Stephen Schlottman, Colin Sullivan, Athletic Director Craig Ketelsen, Henry Elliott, Eric Coston

Pictured at right are the second place winners at the Episcopal Junior High Meet. Left to right are Blaine Sullivan, Ryan Hill, Harrison Elliott, Craig Ketelsen, Saint Paul's Athletic Director, Patrick Elliott, Austin Harris.



# We Keep it Clean at SPS



This is the time of year that high schools and colleges across the USA experience MRSA and staph infection outbreaks on their football teams. And while germs and bacteria can easily spread from player to player, living on their pads and in the locker rooms, technology exists that can destroy the germs and bacteria before additional players are infected. As a precautionary measure, Xenex provided a community service in hopes of educating people about the pathogens lurking in the

environment -- and especially in hospitals. Consumer Reporters recently did a huge feature on local hospitals and your likelihood of contracting a dangerous infection when you go to the hospital, based on the hospitals' reported infection rates. When Xenex learned that Saint Paul's School in Covington was interested in eliminating and preventing MRSA infections for it's football players and all student athletes, it jumped at the opportunity to help. The robot is capable of destroying germs and bacteria (like MRSA, C.diff, norovirus, strep and influenza -- even the Ebola virus -- in just a couple of minutes). It's in use at MD Anderson, UCLA, Stanford and hundreds of other healthcare facilities that are reporting significant decreases in their infection rates after using the Xenex robots to disinfect their patient rooms, ORs, equipment rooms, ERs, ICUs and public areas. The robot arrived and cleaned bathrooms in the gym, and pads and equipment for athletic teams. This system works on light rays using no harmful chemicals on any surface. Click [HERE](#) for report from WDSU television.



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