



# Wolftracks Magazine



Saint Paul's Christmas Luminaries Thursday, December 7, 2023

Photo: Will Fuhrman

**Stemming from Latin, Oriri means to rise. At Saint Paul's School, we all aspire to "Rise Up as Men of God." This phrase encourages us to live and labor for the Lord as we await his coming. The hymn "Rise Up O' Men of God" tells us to "Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the king of kings." In this Advent season, we must approach each day with a magnanimous spirit to cleanse ourselves of sin and prepare to rise up for the arrival of Jesus Christ.**

Eddie d'Hemecourt, Student Council Executive Secretary



# Alumni News

Alumni and friends of Saint Paul's School,

I pray and trust that the Grace and Peace of our Lord has filled your homes during this Season of Advent and further extend a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The month of December featured a couple of Alumni favorites including Trivia Night - Christmas Edition and our very well received Christmas on Columbia, both of which will be featured in next month's edition.

As we begin this New Year, there will be several opportunities to see your Wolves in action. Please click [HERE](#) to check the winter sports schedules.

Additionally, I continue draw your attention to the following relevant items and initiatives.

## **Alumni Gear Store:**

Please click [HERE](#) to visit our new online store which has a large inventory of quality items to fit your needs.

## **Annual Fund:**

Our Annual Fund is an integral part of making the Saint Paul's experience so impactful for generations of young men. Your perpetual partnership and investment in Saint Paul's School have contributed to numerous enhancements which benefit our faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni. If you are inclined to support at this time, please click [HERE](#).

## **Campus Tours-Welcome Home:**

If you have not been back to campus in a while and would like a closer look at the Saint Paul's of today, please contact Al Nastasi to schedule a tour.

## **Crawfish Cook- Off Save The Date:**

4/20/24 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. More information will be available soon at [www.spscco.com](http://www.spscco.com).

As always, should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-892-3200 ext 1971 or [aln@stpauls.com](mailto:aln@stpauls.com).

May you have a prosperous New Year, and may we see you around campus!

Al Nastasi '91



# Rise Up 'O Men of God

[Mr. Wesley Favaloro](#), Grandfather of Peyton '27 and Preston '27 Pelloat

[Mr. William Killam](#), Grandfather of Thomas '28 and William Killam '25

[Mr. Donald Conrad](#), Grandfather of Ethan '24 and Brady '26 Flanagan

[Mrs. Madonna Boos](#), Great-grandmother of Grant Garcia '24

[Mr. Chadwick Collings](#), father of Jack '25 and

Matthew '21



Please pray for the repose of the soul of District of San Francisco New Orleans [Brother John Fairfax, FSC](#) (Berchmans John) of the Saint Paul's Community, who died peacefully on December 26, 2023 in Covington, LA. Brother John was 96 years old.

Please also pray for the consolation of Brother John's community and for his many faithful caregivers at Saint Paul's.

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



Lacrosse honored Brandon Power '13 and Graham Jordan '14 by presenting their jerseys to The Power Family, The Jordan Family, and Saint Paul's School. The ceremony was followed by the second annual memorial scrimmage held in honor of Brandon and Graham.



## The Gray Wolves Christmas Gathering



On Saturday, December 16th, the Gray Wolves assembled at Mandina's Restaurant in Mandeville for their annual Christmas gathering. Many thanks to all of those in attendance and for the organizational efforts and passion of Mrs. Amber Cashio Morton who continues to honor her father, the late Paul Cashio '60, while holding this family of Wolves together. We are forever grateful for all who have ever been associated with this truly a special group.



# School News

Saint Paul's School was set aglow by hundreds of luminaries set up throughout the school campus on the evening of Thursday, December 7th. Each luminary, personalized by Saint Paul's students and faculty, contained the names of loved ones as a prayer request or a memorial. The event, which is free to the public, included caroling in Founders Circle, a prayer service in the chapel, and a musical performance by the Saint Paul's Jazz Band with a reception hosted by the Mothers' Club.

The Saint Paul's Student Council revealed "Oriri" as the inspirational word to illuminate in Hunter Stadium. Oriri, "to rise," is a nod to the Saint Paul's School hymn, "Rise Up O Men of God." The lyrics encourage us during this season of Advent to "Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings." The word "Oriri" also serves as an homage to Brother Ray, who challenged the students of Saint Paul's to rise up as men of God.

The 60-plus year luminaria tradition was originally brought to Saint Paul's School by the Christian Brothers of Santa Fe, New Mexico. During the early years and back when Saint Paul's served as a boarding school for students, the light celebration was held for residential students on the last night of their fall semester before returning home for the Christmas holiday. The luminaries carried the symbolic meaning of lighting the way for Mary and Joseph but also signaled a break from school work for the students. Now the annual tradition is offered as a gift to the local community during the holiday season.



Photo: Will Fuhrman

Students and members of the community sing Christmas carols at Founders Circle.



Students assemble approximately 2000 luminary bags.



# Congratulations, Brother Ken!



## 2022-23 Louisiana Boys Tennis Coach of the Year!

Brother Ken Boesch, FSC, has been selected the 2022-23 Louisiana Tennis Coach of the Year by the LHSAA and the National Federation of High School Coaches Association. This recognition honors coaches who serve as role models by leading their sport, shaping their athletes, and contributing in a positive way to their community. Congratulations to Bro. Ken, Saint Paul's School's very own "Bear Bryant of Tennis."

## Biomedical Science



Ms. Freeman's PLTW biomedical science students visited the Tulane National Primate Research Center. The TNPRC is focused on understanding human health problems, the majority of which are infectious diseases that require the use of nonhuman primates to develop diagnostics, therapeutics and preventive strategies such as vaccines. Advanced level PLTW students learn about the cutting-edge use of biotechnology in epidemiology, virology and pathology.



# Geometry

Each year in the 2nd quarter, students enrolled in Mr. Pichon's Honors Geometry classes at Saint Paul's build a small project that represents geometry in the real world. The project requires the application of the Pythagorean Theorem and the concept of similar figures. The two-week long endeavor requires the careful measuring of angles and slope and must meet actual building codes.



Pictured at left L-R are Peter Murr, William Oliver, Ryan Knapp; and on the right L-R Davyn Hoover, Dominic Barcelona, Blaize Hastings displaying their finished projects.



## Wrestling Wolves

The Wolves had a strong showing at the Border Wars XI tournament held at South Walton High School in Florida this weekend. The team finished 2nd against a field of teams from Florida, Louisiana, and Alabama!



- Scott Cascio -  
Champion at 106
- Conlan Enk -  
Champion at 150
- Rhett Nastasi - 2nd at 113
- Caleb Shartle - 2nd at 165
- Jackson Peak - 2nd at 190
- Jared Paulino - 3rd at 175
- Luke Jones - 4th at 120
- Landen Noblet - 4th at 144
- Dane Schumacher - 4th at 157
- Matthew Burmaster -  
4th at 285
- Cole Mire - 5th at 132
- John Martinez - 6th at 215



# Bocce Ball



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Seven CORE Pack students and 20 of their mentors traveled to Covington High to compete in the St. Tammany SWE Bocce Tournament. It was a united event which meant CORE students were paired with mentors, and they competed together against Fontainebleau, Mandeville, Covington and Lakeshore High Schools. Of the 7 matches, the Wolves won 5 gold medals and 2 silver. A special thanks to Coach Gibbe for training the boys and driving the bus.

**CORE Students:** Andrew Adamcewicz, Christopher Bonanno, John Martinez, Gary Miller, William Narretto, Kyle Sevin, and Matthew Seal

**Mentors:** Reece Beckendorf, A.J. Bourg, Matthew Burmaster, Baylor Delaune, Johnny Finnan, Connor Fernandez, Grant Garcia, Trey Higgins, Declan Johnson-Booth, Peyton Kilgore, Preston Olivier, Jared Paulino, Christian Russell, Peyton Sevin, Dane Schumacher, Owen Spath, Jacob Strecker, Aiden Thiaville, Jack Trahan, and Nathan Ward



Mentor Owen Spath coaches Andrew Adamcewicz



Core Pack students and mentors have a great day at Bocce Ball.



Brothers Peyton and Kyle Sevin team up for a win at the Bocce games.





# College Signings

Eight Saint Paul's student-athletes were recognized during the recent Fall Athletic Signing Ceremony for having signed National Letters of Intent to participate in collegiate athletics. Nick Kelsey and Ben Chiasson will head to Spring Hill College to play on the Badger golf team; Reece Beckendorf has signed to play tennis at The Citadel in South Carolina; Cooper Winchester will head to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado to play Division I baseball; Braden Farizo has signed to play Division I baseball with the Southeastern Louisiana University Lions; Parker Emery will head to East Texas Baptist University to join their Division III bass fishing team; Connor Allen will join the University of Tampa Division II soccer program; and Conner Dobie will attend the United States Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut to compete in their Division III swim program.

(L to R): Connor Allen, Ben Chiasson, Braden Farizo, Conner Dobie, Nick Kelsey, Reece Beckendorf, Parker Emery, Cooper Winchester



## Blood Drive

Saint Paul's Student Council is excited to announce that faculty and students recently broke the school record for most units of blood collected at a single on-campus blood drive with 72 units collected! Fifty-three students and 12 members of the faculty and staff participated in the fall blood drive. Five students, along with Mr. Kevin Moore '91, donated plasma.



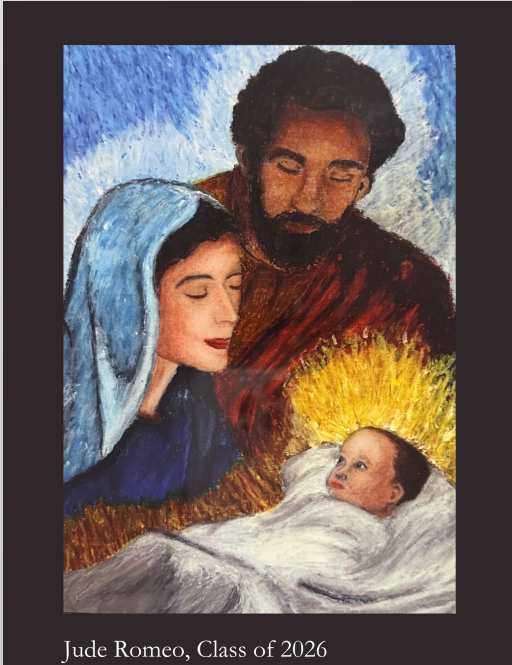
Seniors Peyton Hickey and Quinton O'Malley and Attendance Secretary Mrs. Monica Kelsey give the gift of life.



Please join us for the  
*Royal Gold Gala*  
March 16th  
Click [here](#) for details



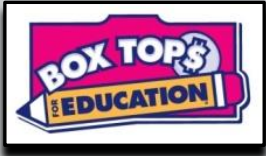
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Jude Romeo, Class of 2026

From our family to yours,  
the faculty and staff of  
Saint Paul's School wish  
you a very Merry  
Christmas and a safe and  
happy New Year.

## Easy Ways to Give Back!



Box Tops – New Way to Participate! Box Tops for Education is one of America's largest school earnings loyalty programs. Schools can use Box Tops Cash to purchase whatever it needs. Download the APP, Sign in picking Saint Paul's School as your school, complete the profile, and scan your receipt.



Office Depot will donate 5% of your qualifying purchase back to Saint Paul's School. At checkout, give the cashier number 70041640 and we will receive the donation. Can't remember the number? Just ask the cashier to look up the school code for Saint Paul's School in Covington and they can apply the purchase.

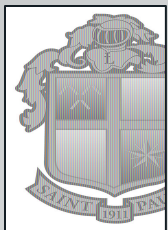
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Live Jesus in Our Hearts . . . Forever!