



SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL

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"Follow the inspirations that come to you from God." -
Saint John Baptist De La Salle

Dear Parents,

I hope this correspondence finds you well and that your sons have used their time off for relaxation and spiritual and mental growth. I look forward to seeing the boys in a few weeks to begin what promises to be another great year at Saint Paul's School.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the accomplishments of my predecessors. I greatly appreciate Trevor Watkins for his time as interim president and for the expansion and upgrades to our facilities and curriculum during his time as principal. Of course, Saint Paul's School would not be the institution it is today without the leadership and vision of Brother Raymond Bulliard. I am honored and humbled to continue his work.

Brother Ray always had our school in the mode of continuous improvement, and as we transition to new leadership, a myriad of things will remain the same including moving the school forward. Over the last year, we completed the following 2.5 million dollar upgrades to our physical plant and instructional technology: theater renovation including a new state-of-the-art projector and AV equipment, replacement of De La Salle Drive, a new roof and HVAC for the chapel, new outdoor seating for students during lunch, tech upgrades campus-wide including laptops and Chromebooks to accommodate instruction and online testing for CLEP, PSAT, and AP, and a new field and track in Hunter Stadium. We have been able to make the aforementioned upgrades without putting the school in any debt because of the financial stewardship of Brother Ray and the generosity of our parents.

Currently, the 2.7 million dollar dining hall renovation is progressing well, and I look forward to welcoming the boys to the new facility and food service. We are also upgrading the stadium lighting by installing an entirely new LED system.

Your philanthropy also allows us to keep tuition favorably priced when compared to other Catholic schools in the Greater New Orleans area and helps to bridge the gap (\$2400/student) between the cost to educate a student at Saint Paul's (\$13,925) and the

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total tuition (\$11,525). We can offer our students the best academic, extracurricular, and athletic experiences because of your support, and I respectfully invite you to participate in our Parent Annual Giving.

I look forward to sharing our vision for the next five years with you in future correspondences and meetings, and most importantly, thank you for entrusting your sons to our care.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts! Forever!

Joe Dickens
President

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