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Photo: Michael Cali ('13)

**TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS**--Members of the St. Augustine High Associated Student Body pose proudly as they begin to unload 2,200 teddy bears for inpatients at Rady Children's Hospital. [Top Row, left to right:] Francisco Ishino ('13), Vince Llevares ('13), Antonio Faustino ('13), Nick Toma ('13); [Row 3, L-R:] Will Gonzalez ('13), Tyler Hofstee ('13); [Row 2:] Krauss Drachenberg ('15), Cole Schenewerk ('13), Aubrey Palhegyi ('14), Diego Garcia ('14), Ian Santos ('13), Eric Dexter ('13), Santa Patrick Hagan ('14), Eli Ashenafi ('13) is holding a picture of Robbie Baughman ('13), Jack Downey ('14), Xavier Redondo ('13), Taylor Ahearn ('13), Pablo Ortega ('15), Edrick Drachenberg ('13), and ASB Advisor Mr. Michael Inzunza ('91); [Front row, L-R:] Miguel Rodriguez ('15), Patrick O'Connor ('14), Matthew O'Connor ('15), Michael McCroskey ('15), and Peter Macie ('16).

## ASB's Annual 'Operation Teddy Bear' Tops Generosity Record; 2,200 Collected

Members of the ASB, the elected officers and student leadership at the school, began collecting stuffed

animals in October, 2012 to provide every child admitted at San Diego's Rady Children's Hospital a gift to help make their stay a little more comfortable. "We dedicated this year's efforts to Saintsman Senior Robby Baughman who passed this semester to brain cancer. He was the secretary to the ASB," said Mr. Michael Inzunza ('91) faculty ASB Advisor.

Given the track record of the school when it comes to working hard for the community, Saintsman broke the school's four-year record by bringing in more than 2,200 stuffed animals.

The Stuffed animals had to be new as patients need the most sterile environment possible, added Mr. Inzunza. And, he said the ASB would appreciate any stuffed animal donations or cash to buy more teddy bears throughout the year. The Teddy Bear drive began at Saints when Vice Principal Mr. Greg Hecht and

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## Alumni Profile Larry Manzer '53: Urges All Alums To Support Saints

By Edwin Hearn, President,  
St. Augustine High School



Edwin J. Hearn, Jr.

Sometimes we meet people who change us. Larry Manzer, a member of the class of 1953 is that person for me. A Saintsman from the era right after World War II, Larry's impressions of Saints are unique and far-reaching as Saints moves towards the century mark in service to San Diego. This interview brings to light a school community that from its very origin has been shaped by the values of unitas, veritas and caritas. We are grateful that Larry has taken the time to sit down with us and share his stories and feeling about his high school.

### What is your most memorable moment at Saints?

My freshman year finally arrived and now, I am now in high school. One of my most enjoyable moments was going to my first football game at Balboa Stadium. My good friend Keith Wilhite was a year ahead of me and a person I really respected. He had so much spirit and was a great leader.

Keith was in charge of getting the student-body fired up for the second half of the football game. At half time Keith decided to ride his horse bareback on the track in front of the stands dragging a dummy behind the horse dressed as a football player from the other team. As he approached the student section of the stands, with the students going nuts, the horse got excited and bucked Keith off. The fun really started as the horse took off running at break neck speed. This sudden acceleration knocked Keith off the horse as he hit the ground, with the wind knocked out of him. Meanwhile the horse was running wild on the football field.

Father Glenn, in charge of student discipline, was fuming mad and was yelling at Keith to get his horse off the field. Everyone in the stands was going crazy with laugh-



Larry Manzer ('53)

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Dear Parents and Friends

## Prepared for the Journey?



Principal James Horne

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Joyous Epiphany! All of these greetings are appropriate this week. We are still in the season of Christmas as I write, but we begin Epiphany on Sunday, January 6. The season of Epiphany is a season of journeying.

When I travel, I spend a lot of time thinking about what I'll pack. What clothing, what book, what electronic gadgets, and I wonder if all of it might fit in my bag. Often I find that not everything fits in my bag, and often I want to leave some space for a souvenir or two.

Our journey of faith is different from a physical journey, but we should be packing nevertheless. During this season of Epiphany, think about what you place in your spiritual backpack and take time to help your Saintsman son to pack for his faith journey?

Some things we may elect to take with us as we journey to meet others in the name of Christ are a smile, a loving heart and an open mind, but what else? Prayers, a collection of sacred songs, the psalms, a prayer book, a Catholic app? Just as each of us has our own story of faith, each of us needs different supports for the journey. There is no -- one size fits all in the spiritual world, any more than in the physical world.

We may always forget something when packing, and in those moments it can be assuring to remember that part of the joy of any journey is to pick up a few things along the way, and perhaps leave a few things behind. Talk with your Saintsman about his spiritual journey. This may be the season in which he discovers a new treasure, or recovers something he has let slip away.

May your journey through Epiphany be a blessed pilgrimage of faith for you, your son and your family.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

*James Horne*

James Horne  
Principal

Unitas Veritas Caritas



Photography by Thom Vollenweider



### PASSING THE TORCH--

A young, courageous Saints Varsity football team steeled by the leadership of the team's seniors, made its way to the Division IV CIF championship game before losing to Madison High. What made this season somewhat more remarkable was so many underclassmen were instrumental in leading the team to a 9-3 season. Here Sophomore Frank Buncom, IV in a show of brotherhood embraces Senior James Filley after the CIF Finals. For more Saints Varsity Football go to page 6.



## AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

# Augustine: The Last Hours of Monica

By Fr. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A. ('55)  
Saints Chaplain



Fr. Bob Gavotto,  
O.S.A. ('55)

Later that year, 387, Augustine, Monica and their friends reached Ostia, the port of Rome, to await a ship bound for North Africa. In that town Augustine and Monica, now so closely related in Faith as well as by blood, shared a mystical experience. *We ascended so far in our inward contemplation, speaking and wondering at Your works, Lord, that we reached unto the most spiritual parts of our minds and then went even beyond them so as actually to reach out and in some way touch eternity. Monica's response was to say to Augustine, Son, for myself I could no longer take any pleasure in being in this earthly existence . . . The only reason why previously I wished to remain was to see you a Catholic Christian, and God has abundantly fulfilled that wish . . . Why am I here any longer? Five days later she caught a fever and became physically weaker. With her words she comforted her two anxious sons, saying she could see that God was now calling her to Him. Augustine recalled that in her final hours she tenderly called me a dutiful and loving son, and said that she had never heard me utter any harsh or offensive word against her. But what possible comparison was there, Lord, between the honor I showed her and all that she had done for me?*

On the ninth day of her illness, Monica died. Augustine's description of these traumatic days gives a great insight to his character. He wrote, *I closed her eyelids, and sorrow beyond measure filled my heart and would have overflowed in tears. But by a strong effort of will I remained dry-eyed . . . It was not fitting that her funeral should be conducted with moaning and weeping, for such is normal when death is seen as only misery or as the complete end of existence.*

*But she had not died in misery, and death was not her end. Of the one fact we were certain by reason of her character, of the other by our Faith. During the funeral, some mistook Augustine's tight rein upon his emotions as a lack of grief on his part. He confessed to God, All that day was filled with grief. In the turmoil of my mind I begged of You to heal my pain, but you would not.*

Later he slept, and woke up to find that the rest had brought some relief from his sorrow. *Gradually I began to recover my former feeling about her, recalling how loving and devout was her conversation with You, how pleasing and gentle her conversation with me, of which I was now suddenly deprived. I found comfort in weeping in Your sight about her and for her, about myself and for myself. I no longer tried to hold back my tears. I let them flow, making them a resting place for my heart. For it was Your ears that heard my weeping, and not the ears of a man, who would have misunderstood my crying and despised it. Thus Augustine mourned his mother and, true to her last request, ever afterwards remembered her at the altar of the Lord.*



"Death of St. Monica" by Benozzo Gozzoli was completed in 1465. It is a fresco at the Apsidal Chapel of Sant' Agostino, San Gimignano, Italy.



## African Refugee Expert Speaks at Saints



Sedrick Murhula

Mrs. Marie Allen, French Teacher and Moderator of the International Rescue Committee's (IRC) Ambassadors Club on campus, recently arranged to have an expert in African Refugees speak at the school. Club guest was Sedrick Murhula, an African refugee, who explained the plight and challenges of young African refugees in today's world.

He met with IRC and French students and shared about the life of refugees in Uganda. YARID received generous support through donations made by teachers and students as well.

In 2007, YARID (Young African Refugees for Integral Development) founder Sedrick Murhula fled political unrest and conflict in the DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo) and resettled in Uganda.

As a refugee, Sedrick witnessed first hand the struggles of his fellow refugees and after living in Uganda for less than one year was motivated to address common barriers to refugees in Ugandan society.

Sedrick soon connected with Kefa Mushaga who also was just starting a new life in Uganda from the DRC. With three years' experience in community development and project planning in Congo, Kefa helped develop YARID. Later Robert Hakiza and Joselyne Namukula joined the team as YARID co-founders.

YARID's first activity was football (soccer). Armed with one soccer ball and a field made available by a local church, YARID began. More than 350 kids showed up the first day. From there, YARID developed its first program, Sports for Development.

The main barriers for refugees living in Uganda are: language, education, integration, work opportunities, youth idleness, access to shelter, and access to information. YARID's programming grew as volunteers and partner organizations provided support. Staff addressed refugee issues as needed and programs developed as new refugee challenges became visible.

To date, YARID has worked with more than 400 refugees and local Ugandans. On a day-to-day basis, YARID offers opportunities to more than 200 participants.

For more information on YARID go to the following link: <http://yariduganda.org/>



## Saints Grandparents You are Invited to be our Guests!



At the  
**25th Annual**  
**St. Augustine High School**  
**Grandparents'**  
**Day Celebration**

**February 8, 2013 at 10:45**







*Mr. Paul Sipper discusses Coach Alcoser's speech with Sophomores during small group discussion time.*

# Sophomore Retreat Focuses On Truth

Twenty-seven senior students, all members of the Spiritual Leadership for a Just World class, led this year's annual Sophomore Retreat. Hosted by Campus Ministry, students kicked off the two-day event themed "Veritas," with game icebreakers like Steal the Bacon and Balloon Stomp.

Everyone enjoyed the competitive games, but once Saints Faculty member Mr. Jason Alcoser began his talk on truth things quieted down. Coach Alcoser shared with the students ways in which he believes one can be true to themselves, to God, and to others.

Afterwards, senior leaders and faculty members led small groups of sophomores in a discussion regarding the role truth plays in their lives. Sophomores had many opportunities to come together as a class during this retreat. The Wire Game, a physical challenge that required a whole team of students to cross under a low rope, required teamwork and perseverance.

Additionally, an activity called "Cross the Line" provided students with the opportunity to be honest and gets to know their classmates on a deeper level.

To wrap up the day, a guided meditation was held in order to reflect on how to incorporate Veritas into students' lives back at Saints. The Sophomore Retreat would not have been successful without the help of our student leaders and faculty help. A special thank you also to the entire Class of 2015 for their participation in and openness to this years' Sophomore Retreat.



*Senior leader Josiah Gilb and Mr. Ned Wilson lead a small group, including Sophomore Austin Beaulieu, in a conversation about the theme of Veritas.*

# Saints Intercession Intern Program Keeps Growing

School places 138 seniors in  
off-campus internship "jobs"

*By Mr. Greg Hecht  
Assistant Principal/Academics*

Here at Saint Augustine High School we have created an Intercession Internship Program. This incredible 4-week program runs during the month of January and provides opportunities to our senior students to actively engage in and experience a professional working environment. The goal of the internship program is to place as many students in the diverse placements available in order for them to gain working knowledge and experience in a field that they are considering pursuing in the future.

The placements range from working with conservation and environmental safety, medical care, physical therapies, law enforcement (local, state and federal levels) to engineering, marketing and production, and non-profit organizations. Since the program's inception, the numbers of available placements along with the number of students expressing interest have grown tremendously. This year's placements will total 138 seniors selecting this option for their intercession in January; this is approximately a 60% increase from the previous year.

The response from the Alumni, local businesses and various community agencies offering their workplaces as internship sites has been overwhelming. The support and excitement behind this program continues to grow as the coordinator moves forward with placing students and preparing them to make contact with their pending sites and field supervisors.

The students are visited by faculty supervisors during the course of their internships to ensure that the experiences for both the student as well as the site/supervisor are successful and enriching.

The intercession culminates with the Intercession Expo where displays of all offerings are set up for attendees to see. Many of the internship sites display completed projects or information related to the experiences offered at their sites. All of those who have helped foster the success of the program are invited to attend a special gathering prior to the Expo to celebrate and express appreciation for the unique opportunities that had been provided to our seniors.

The wide variety of placement opportunities, the incredible generosity of the individuals involved that provide guidance and support to the students during the course of their internships, and the incredible exposure to real-life work experiences is what makes this program the success it has become and will continue to be in the future.



# Dedicated to Safety On and Off Campus

*By James Horne, Principal  
St. Augustine High School*

We know you share our shock and deep sadness regarding the events that unfolded last month in Newtown, Connecticut. In many ways, Newtown looks very similar to Saints. Small schools, a close, tight-knit community, and an environment where people feel safe every day.

Please be assured that the administration and faculty at Saints trains, prepares for, and reviews policies and procedures and action plans as part of the school's emergency preparedness. Although we review regularly, the recent events in Newtown will cause us to take a renewed look at how we ensure safety for every student in our classes, at our sporting events, at fine arts performances, and at other extracurriculars.

We consider Saintsmen our sons, and we will continue to dedicate ourselves to making sure that your boys and families are safe at St Augustine High School.

It is fair to say that Newtown will never, as a community, completely recover from this tragic event, and I know we share in their grief and pain.

However, It is important for you to know that the esteemed faculty and staff at St. Augustine High School, have dedicated their professional life, among other things, to helping ensure that Saintsmen are safe at school.

These are very difficult times for schools and parents everywhere. Please continue to offer your prayers of peace and support for the schools and families of Newtown, may Jesus provide them spiritual safety.

# Intercession Expo



*Last January's Intercession Digital Photography Class is on a field trip atop Cowles Mountain. The late Mr. Pat Healy is posed in a green cap.*

**Thursday, January 31st 2013**

**St. Augustine Gym**

**6:30 p.m.**

The stars are certain to shine brightly on the evening of January 31st as we celebrate the 5th anniversary of the St. Augustine Intercession Expo. The 2012-13 Intercession Expo will kick-off at 6:30 p.m. in the gym and will feature presentations and demonstrations from each course offered, including several culinary delights that will be provided courtesy of our very own Saints chefs! Please be sure to attend what is certain to be a most memorable event.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Saints Baseball Alumni Game



## January 12, 2013 @ Whittaker Field

- Come help kick start the 2013 season with baseball, BBQ, Family, and Friends
  - Homerun Derby versus the 2013 Saints Baseball Team prior to the “Game”
  - All proceeds from donations go to support the Saints Baseball Program
  - Saints Baseball memorabilia and gear will be available for purchase (including past years game jersey’s)
  - Snack bar will be open for additional food items, snacks, beverages, etc. during the game
  - Batting Practice will start at 10:30am followed by the Homerun Derby, BBQ and Game.
  - “The Game” between the 2013 Saints Baseball Team and the Alumni will begin @ 12:00/12:30 pm.
  - The Baseball Program is asking for a \$50 donation – but we understand the current financial climate and ask that you give what you can! (Please make all checks out to **“Saints Baseball”**)
  - Please fill out the bio sheet and either fax to (619) 282-1203, email it back, bring it day of, or drop it off at Saints in person.
  - Thank you in advance for your support of the program. We look forward to seeing all of the Saints Baseball Alumni back on the field, in the dugout, and/or at the BBQ.
- Craig da Luz ‘93  
Head Baseball Coach

### 2012 Alumni Game Bio and RSVP Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) on Varsity \_\_\_\_\_ Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ B/T \_\_\_\_\_

Did you play baseball in College?    Y ☐    N ☐    College(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Did you play professional baseball?    Y ☐    N ☐    What organization(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending the Alumni Game    Y ☐    N ☐    Will you be playing in the Game    Y ☐    N ☐

What position would you most like to play in the game? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying for the BBQ?    Y ☐    N ☐    Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt/Jersey Size \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the amount of your donation below:

- \$200 \_\_\_\_\_
- \$150 \_\_\_\_\_
- \$100 \_\_\_\_\_
- \$75 \_\_\_\_\_
- \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to “Saints Baseball”





# 8th Graders Ready for Entrance Exam

The school recently hosted its annual Fall tour of the campus as part of Saints recruiting for future members of the Class of 2017. Parochial school students are invited each year to learn more about the school, its teachers, traditions, classes and fearsome upper classmen.

The image here of a recent 8th grade visit is a reminder that the school's next entrance exam will be conducted on campus, Jan. 26 at 8:30 am. Future Freshmen (Class of 2017) are vying for \$10,000 in scholarships for the top ten scorers on the exam.

So far this year, \$1.7 million in financial aid has been awarded for the current year, said Director of Admissions, Mr. Mike Haupt.

For admission information contact: mhaupt@sahs.org



# Juniors Muzzle Sophs in 51st Annual I-Mural Superbowl

The score of the 51st annual Saints Intramural football final says it all: Juniors 38, Sophomores 14. Congrats to Captain Trey Kell's Purple Cow Kells, who deftly outscored Captain Sam Matney's sophs, the Pit Bulls. Superbowl MVPs are Trey Kell, Sam Flamming, Connor Wharry, Chris Dunn, Sean Sullivan, Sam Matney and Vincent Talia. Dallas Haupt, however, was the overall MVP with the most receptions and interceptions.



Saints 2012 Intramural football Superbowl champs: Purple Cow Kells, captained by Junior Trey Kell.



Intramural programs, like this 51st annual championship game, occur during lunch.



Action was fast and furious as seen in this pass play mixup.

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## On This Day: Cody Russell ('14) was Perfect



After taking up the sport four years ago, Junior Saintsman Cody Russell bowled a perfect game recently at Surf Bowl in Oceanside. The 300 game (all strikes) was accomplished while Cody competed in a Sunday youth scholarship league. It was his first 300 game. Cody went on to bowl a 244, 231 & 190 to finish off the night.

No one in his league had ever bowled a 300 game.

Cody's mom, Lisa, was in the stands watching the perfect game unfold. She said a crowd began to cheer behind Cody after his seventh strike. "I was very excited inside, but didn't show this to Cody, I didn't want to make him nervous," said Mrs. Russell.

There were a few semi-pro bowlers that coach the youth from 4 to 5pm before bowling starts, but Cody missed the lesson that day.

After Cody bowled his 300, the bowling coach said "Cody you don't need me, Awesome Game!"

Ah, to be perfect.

## IN THE NEWS

# Saints Soccer Captain Makes News



Early last month U-T San Diego ran an article on St. Augustine soccer player Joe Saad ('13). It was quite a long feature on the current captain of Saints Varsity, which was written by Glae Thien.

The article, published on Dec. 11, points out Joe is entering his second season as a team captain and also returns as a center defender, each role putting him right in the middle of things for Saints Soccer.

Coach Brendan Johnston ('84) was quoted saying, "In a lot of ways, he's the heart and soul of our team.

He has tenacity and soccer IQ, understanding game situations. Also, he's just a good guy in our community at school."

Joe will be attending Saint Louis University in the fall.

The article closed by saying Joe hopes to celebrate with Saints in their quest for a repeat Southern California Regional CIF title.





# FOOTBALL

# Top 10 Plays

## in 2012

As selected exclusively for Saints Scene  
by Saints coaching staff.

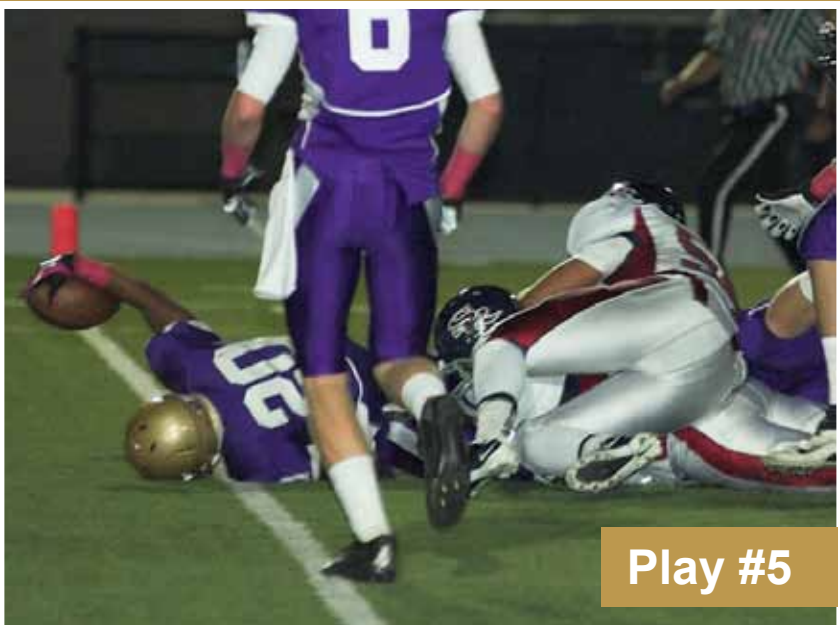
In its first season vying in CIF’s Division IV Eastern League, St. Augustine High’s remarkably young and talented varsity football team reached the CIF finals before losing a hard-fought game against Madison High in the championship game. Saints ended a successful season under Coach Richard Sanchez by compiling a 9-win, 3-loss overall record. Just like ESPN’s top 10 plays, the highlights count down to the #1 play of the season.

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| 10. | Tommy Goodridge ('15) audibled and throws a dime to Ryan Harris ('14) in the end zone against Eastlake High School                                |
| 9.  | Ethan Sanchez ('15) one-handed catch for a TD vs. Otay Ranch  |
| 8.  | Luke Chapman ('15) scores with a crushing block vs. Lincoln   |
| 7.  | Elijah Preston ('16) scores the first TD of the game on a great run vs. Cathedral Catholic  |
| 6.  | Luke Chapman catches the first of 4 TD passes by Tommy Goodridge for the first score of the game vs. Eastlake High School                         |
| 5.  | Elijah Preston runs all over Scripps Ranch scoring 3 TD's   |
| 4.  | Dominic Morgan ('13) punt returns, including KUSI's PPR play of the week, vs. Eastlake High School  |
| 3.  | Momentum-changing fake punt and 50+ yard run by Joe Maalouf ('13) vs. Mira Mesa High School   |
| 2.  | Frank Buncom's game-saving strip late in the fourth quarter vs. Steele Canyon   |
| 1.  | Frank Buncom ('15) blindside hit on QB and Robby DeCort ('13) scoop of loose ball and score for the go ahead TD late in the game against Carlsbad |

To see these highlights on Video visit [www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org) then find the Play-On Video link or <http://www.playonsports.com/channels/participant-89793>







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Play #6



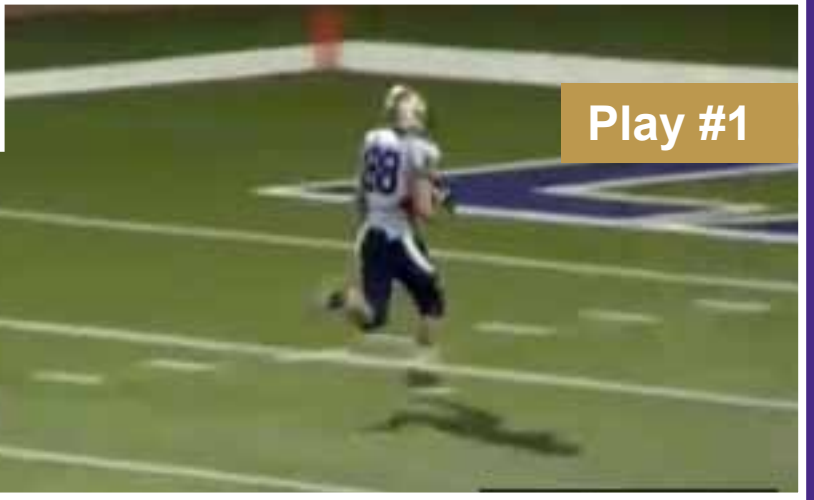
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Play #3



Play #1







## **eScrip: It's Easy To Contribute to St. Augustine!**

The Austin Parent Association wants to make you aware of a fantastic opportunity to earn money for St. Augustine's programs, simply by registering with eScrip and shopping at your favorite stores.

### **Here's How It Works**

1. You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
2. Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
3. Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!

**It's EASY! It's FREE!** You just need to register your cards, and a percentage of your purchases will go towards St. Augustine programs automatically. One family who spends \$400 a month at Vons would earn \$6 for our school, x 100 families = \$7,200 a year!

Point your web browser to this site: <http://www.escrip.com/program/3ways/index.jsp>  
Click on "Sign Up" and follow the directions. Saints' group ID is #137716597

Register your Safeway, Vons, or Macy's cards. Other credit or debit cards can also be registered. See the site for details.

Please take 5 minutes and start earning money for St. Augustine!  
If you are already participating in eScrip for another school, it's easy to add St. Augustine to your existing account!

**Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)**  
**Click on "my escrip"**

Login with your existing username and password. If you don't remember your password, it will guide you through a process to remind you.  
Click on "change my group selection"

Add or delete any groups you would like (up to 3 groups are allowed).  
Saints' group ID is #137716597

Thank you for your support.



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ter. It is a scene that is hard to believe. With Father Glenn screaming at Keith--with Keith trying to get up but can't--the moment is reduced to total bedlam.
Finally Keith staggers to his feet only to see the horse running full speed right down the middle of the field. All of a sudden it stops on about the 50 yard line and takes the biggest dump I have ever seen. Father Glenn not believing what he is seeing turns to Keith and says, "Get that horse s \_ \_ off the field now!"
It is hard to believe what happened next. Keith looked around and had no way to remove the mess. As he looked around for some help, he knew Father Glenn was getting ready to commit murder. What to do? Keith runs to the mess.....an picks it up with his bare hands. Yes, bare hands! He runs off the field and has to make two additional trips before it is gone. Nice job Keith!

What is it that drives you to support Saints Today?
It has been almost 60 years since I graduated from Saints. Today more than ever, I realize more each day the importance of my time at St. Augustine's. It was a pinnacle time in my life when all the major parts needed to come together just right. Saints gives its students all the things they need to move ahead and to make their mark in life.

There is no college without high school. Saints has all the tools to ready their students for the journey. Little changes after those four years. The seniors will know this as they move forward and realize just what happened to them during their time at Saints. Thank God that Saints exists!

If you had one word to describe Saints what would it be? Why?
I think the word "CATHOLIC" fully describes Saints. We need a movement to renew all that we are as Catholics. Our best chance to do this is at Saints. Our church is under pressure and we must stand together and be firm in our faith.
During my life, I have had issues like so many of us, but I have always come back to understand the teachings of the church are right on. It is perfect and has all the answers we need in order to achieve the fullness of life. We need to stay close to God and believe in our church.

How are you presently involved at Saints?
I am involved at Saints due to the leadership. I am very impressed with the example of Catholic teaching. I do not see another place which comes close to the quality of leadership in the classroom.
The programs for the future and what has taken place in recent years is outstanding. It is exciting and most rewarding to be part of Saints. We have the best young men any school could have. They perform at a high level and their achievements are impressive. It is always nice to be with a winning team.

Funds are needed and if all of us just did a little, the job will get done. I see so many people coming forward to help out. I am blessed to be asked to help and I find it not only rewarding, but a pleasure to do so.

In your view what is the relationship between an alum of Saints with the school?
The real work ahead revolves around bringing more alums into the Saints family. For my part I would like to see more senior alums finding their way back to the school. Saints is impressive and the only thing holding it back is lack of donations.
The school has been around for a long time and there is a large base of alumni. They need to experience the modern Saints. Once they see it, they will be motivated to assist the wonderful young men at Saints.
Saints is on a high note of success. More and more of us can see it and understand we need to be involved. Any alum coming forward will be rewarded beyond their wildest dreams. I am proud to be a small part of its past.

Alumni Profiles To date:
October 2012: Dr. Ruben Carriedo ('61)
November 2012: Nathan Zolezzi ('08)
December 2012: Tom Graciano ('68)

Newspaper Honors Saints Athlete-Scholars

As per its seasonal tradition, the UT-San Diego publishes the names and grade point average of more than 5,200 student/athletes, who participated in the 2012-13 fall season for high school sports. Graded on a 5.00 scale. St. Augustine High was represented in football and cross country.

Cross County (25 students)

Table with 3 columns: Seniors, Juniors, and a list of names with GPA scores.

Football (21)

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Matthew Kubasak ('14)



Patrick Anderson ('14)



Benjamin Piorkowski ('13)



Joseph Ramm ('13)

Rady Children's Hospital

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the ASB began this effort with the police officers association. The drive has evolved to where Saints now runs the collection program independently.
Lisa Tweed (Rady's staff), mother of Saintsmen Ryan Tweed (2012-ASB) got us involved, said Mr. Inzunza. For more Teddy Bear images please go to Page 8.



Junior Patrick Hagan ('14) is embraced by a patient as Santa arrives with teddy bears



Saintsmen haul out a van loaded with Teddy Bears into the warehouse at Children's Hospital



Saintsmen stuff nurse's carts with Teddy Bears

Photos by Michael Cali ('13)



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