



SAINTS SCENE

THE RESTLESSNESS OF BOYS DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Principal James Horne

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." We pray this prayer regularly at our Augustinian school and I'm sure as parents you are well aware of the restlessness of teenage boys.

Beginning in very early grades, the sit-still, read-your-book, raise-your-hand-quietly, don't-learn-by-doing-but-by-taking-notes classroom is a bad fit for most boys. They are restless. Boys have a lot of Huck Finn in them -- they don't, on average, learn as well as girls by sitting still, concentrating, and quietly listening. They have a pressing need to be active or actively absorbed in a task, a need that many traditional classrooms don't come close to satisfying.

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DEFENDING CHAMPS—Because Saints Varsity Basketball is returning all its starting team from last year's Open Division title, we can publish last spring's team photo without missing a beat. Well, not really, because there were changes. For example, Taeshon Cherry is now a Sophomore and he's grown to 6-8. For an update on this year's team turn to page 10. Photo: Ernie Torgeson (Saints Parent).

THEY'RE BACK!

ENTIRE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RETURNS FOR 2016

Saints Varsity Basketball was the talk of the town last spring winning the San Diego Section SCIF Open Division championship. But that was last season. What's the outlook for Saints Basketball for 2016? For answers, *Saints Scene* caught up with a very busy Mike Haupt,

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REMEMBERING COACH DOWNEY—At the Eastlake playoff game, the Saints Varsity paid a tribute to long time faculty member and athletic coach Jerry Downey by placing his initials on the team's helmets. Mr. Downey retired earlier in the year after a long and distinguished career at St. Augustine High School. *Saints Scene* is proud to publish two remembrances of Coach Downey beginning on page 5.



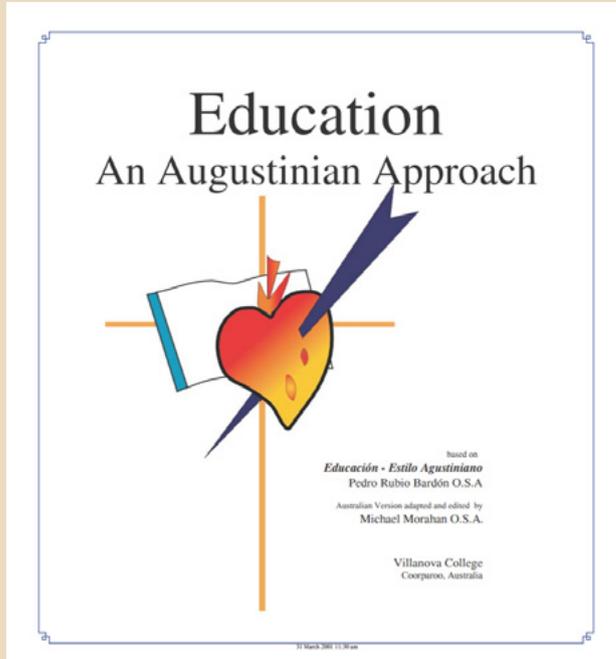
IN THE TRENCHES—The big dig continues into the New Year in preparation for Saints new Student Community Center and new 1,500-seat Gymnasium. More photos on page 15. Photo: Steve Chipp.

MORE REFLECTIONS ON BEING A STUDENT

PART FOUR OF A YEAR LONG SERIES ON AUGUSTINE: A STUDENT, A TEACHER, A PARENT

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

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These excerpts in this series are from *Education, An Augustinian Approach*, pages 20-25.

ABLE TO PUT THINGS IN THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

Put love in all the things that you do and they will make sense. Take love away and they become worthless and empty. (*Sermon 138,2*)

All kinds of love have a driving force and there is no such thing as a love, good or bad, that is at a standstill. Love spurs us to action without fail. Do you want to know what your love is? Just look at what drives you and in what direction. (*Commentary on the Psalms, 121,1*)

Do you want to know what class of person you are? Take the test of love. Do you love the things of earth? You are earth. Do you owe your love to God? Be not afraid in saying it: you are God. (*Treatise on the First Letter of John, 2,2,14*)

When working at something we love, the effort is not taxing. In fact, we sometimes even enjoy that work. People enjoy hunting, fishing, harvesting grapes or playing some game. For when it involves something that is loved, either there is no work or the work itself is also loved. (*The Good of Widowhood, 21,26*)

To love the enemy, as enemy, is madness. To love him or her like a brother or sister, is charity...How do physicians love those that are sick? Is it the sick that they love? If they love them as the sick, they would wish them to always be sick. No, it is for a different purpose that they love the sick; not they should still be sick, but that from being sick they should be made whole. (*Treatise on the First Letter of John, 8*)

HUMAN AND UNDERSTANDING

If the truth is the object of the aspirations of all human beings, it cannot be exclusively personal property of any person. The truth cannot be exclusively mine or yours

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THE UPPER ROOM CREW

By Karen M. Hsu (Ryan, '14)

The mission of the APA Saints Single Parents Network, also known as The Upper Room Crew, is to provide support to any and all Saints and OLP parents finding themselves raising their children and teens alone. This may be due to the loss of a loved one, separation, divorce or the deployment of a spouse. We also have members who have married into a family with a Saintsman or who have lost a child.

If you or someone you know would benefit from a little extra help from other parents in the Saints community who "get it," please call or text Karen Hsu at (619) 840-0186 to be added to the email list for future events. The Upper Room Crew is another way to get plugged into the Saints community and at the same time make new friends.

The APA Saints Single Parents Network stems from the Saint Monica Prayer Group and began in 2010.

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee
and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today
are fleeing from danger,
those who are homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let US
pray

LOVE OF PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR AND ALWAYS

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

Prayer plays an important role in any person's spirituality. It certainly did in the life of Augustine; in fact, his very important work, *The Confessions*, is all a prayer to God. So, we can ask Augustine: **What did prayer mean for you?**

Once I had come to know my God through faith, prayer became a natural response for me, a longing or yearning, a deep desire within me to be united with the One who alone can satisfy our restlessness and give us that happiness which our very nature seeks. As I put it in my *Confessions*: "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE GUIDANCE CENTER

PRE-COLLEGE UPDATES

It's been a busy first semester in the Guidance Center. Counselors of all grade levels saw all of their students, and for students grades 9-11 pre-college testing was administered. Sophomores and Juniors took the new PSAT which is aligned with the new SAT, and Freshmen took the PSAT 8-9 which prepares them for the PSAT next year.

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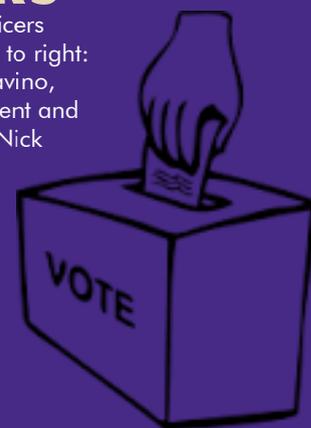


TOP TURKEYS—The winners of the the school's annual Turkey Trot run through the streets of North Park are (left to right): Student Division Champ Alex Karaniwan ('16); Faculty Division Champ Ms. Julia Mekrut and Alumni Division Champ Luis Peraza ('15).



FROSH LEADERS

The results are in from the first officers election for the class of 2019: Left to right: Daniel Miret, Treasurer; Jonah Gavino, Secretary; Luke Macie, Vice President and President Chris Erpelding. Photo: Nick Reichardt ('18).



“GET UP, SAINTSMAN”

A REMEMBRANCE OF COACH DOWNEY, WHO CHALLENGED US TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES

By Ricky McRoskey, Class of 2002

Jerry Downey was one of the finest men I've ever known. There are some people you call “coach” during the time you're running or playing on their teams. But, in some rare cases, there are teachers whose commitment towards developing the minds and hearts of their students is so sincere and so selfless and so enduring that they cannot be anything other than your coach for life.

That was Coach Downey.

When I heard the news of his passing, I was deeply saddened at the loss of such a role model, such a humble teacher, such a true Christian gentleman. For four years, I had the privilege of running for Coach as a member of three CIF championship cross country teams. He had this rare ability to look at anyone—slow, fast, or neither—and see a greatness within. Maybe you were never going to break a four-minute mile, but Coach would get you to see that you could do much more than you ever dreamed possible. He loved the underdogs. I will never forget him at the annual banquets, microphone in hand, talking with as much enthusiasm about the JV sophomore who finished the course in 20 minutes as the senior who just ran it in 16. He welcomed the runts and the weaklings and the skinnybones and turned them into men—strong, confident, Christian gentlemen. Saintsman.

I can still hear his voice, that rare mix of gentle and gruff, no-nonsense and friendly, quiet and forceful. I still see him—oversized hat, stopwatch dangling around his neck. I can still imagine that wry smile and the twinkle in his eye when we'd tease him playfully—and he'd tease back.

In races he was intense.

“Get up!” he'd say to you as you passed him during the race. Somehow, when I think back to that favorite command of his, I think of that scene from the Bible, where the prophet Elijah is tired and lonely in the desert, sick of fleeing his enemies, sick of the struggle. He's ready to give up and die. Then an angel of the Lord appears to him and says something simple and beautiful.

“Get up.”

In other words, No one is going to give this to you. You are stronger than you know. So get up.

That was Coach Downey—a voice challenging us to be the best version of ourselves.

He imparted to all of us Saintsman the knowledge that confidence is something you earn, that being a champion is measured not by the time of your race but the measure of your sacrifice. Coach Downey was a great man. Together with the many other Saintsman he mentored over the years, I am forever grateful for his dedication, for his selflessness, and for his character.

Today, we pray for Coach's family, for the repose of his soul, and for his continued guidance to all of us, from above.

They say heaven is timeless, but somehow I imagine he's there today with his stopwatch.



THANK YOU, COACH!

JERRY DOWNEY: BELOVED COACH, TEACHER, COLLEAGUE AND MENTOR 1940-2015

By Kathy Wilson (Saints Parent)

When a moment of silence is held at a large sporting event, some activity usually persists: movement up and down the aisles, concession stand noise, muffled conversation. But when such a moment was held at a recent Saints football playoff game for Coach Jerry Downey, the Mesa College stadium was truly silent. It was a mark of genuine respect and affection for a man who educated young Saintsmen, in the classroom and on the track, for more than three decades.



Coach Jerry Downey

Coach Downey died the morning before that football game, on Nov. 19, just five days shy of his 75th birthday and only a few months after retiring from Saints. He and his wife had recently moved to his native Montana, where they had long kept a vacation home.

More Saintsmen than was expected, including Athletic Director Michael Stephenson, made the journey to the funeral services, which were held November 25 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula, Montana.

At Saints, he wore many hats in the classroom; over the years he taught English, speech, civics, economics and Advanced Placement U.S. Government. But he was perhaps most familiar wearing either a big straw hat or a St. Augustine baseball cap out on the track or the cross country course at Morley Field – Saints' home course as well as the site for the high school national championships.

Coach Downey, who launched his cross country career with a state championship in Montana, won nine league titles and eight San Diego Section titles in cross country at Saints. In track, his Saintsmen won eight league titles and one section championship. He was inducted into the Saints Hall of Fame in 2007.

Quiet and modest, he nevertheless had a large impact in the running community outside Saints. He was honored by the High School Sports Association in 2005 and was also the CIF state cross country Coach of the Year. He is in the athletic halls of fame in his hometown of Butte, Montana and at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Jeremiah John Downey was born Nov. 24, 1940, the third of 12 children and an identical twin. He graduated from Gonzaga University in 1965 and began his coaching career at his alma mater, Butte Central High School, which won the Montana state cross country championship in 1968. In 1970 he coached wrestling at the University of Montana and in 1972 was part of the U of M staff that coached that school's only track and field team to win a Big Sky League championship. The next year, he earned a master's degree from the university.

Once he moved to San Diego and began his Saints career, he continued with his own lifelong learning. He got his law degree at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 1984 and as a practicing attorney frequently advised his Saints colleagues.

On campus, he regularly arrived in the pre-dawn darkness to supervise his distance runners' before school workouts. He was a familiar presence at meets all the way to the national level, helping to prepare the Morley Field course not only for Saints cross country meets but also for league, San Diego Section and national championships.

He was softspoken and patient, with a talent for drawing upon the potential and individual strengths of each runner, regardless of how fast they were. He was concerned not just for the athlete but for the entire young man, worrying that they got enough sleep and kept up with their schoolwork. At end-of-season banquets he regularly praised athletes not just for their speed or skill, but also for their effort, dedication and improvement. He always made a note of those students who had maintained good grades throughout the season.

Of all the cross country and track banners hanging in the Saints gym, the one of which he was perhaps the most proud was the large white one that hangs alone: the state academic champion award won by the track team in 2011. That season, the St. Augustine track and field team had the highest grade point average of any boys track team in California.

Many of St. Augustine's current faculty were students of Downey's who later coached alongside him. "We all loved him and how he cared for our Saintsmen," said Coach Jason Alcoser. "I was a student, a colleague, and mentored by a good man!"

This outpouring of emotion was echoed at that football game against Eastlake by the Saints players who put the initials J.D. on the backs of their helmets, by the cross country athletes and other students who wore black ribbons, and by the entire California high school cross country community, which honored Downey with a moment of silence at the state championships in Fresno on Nov. 28.

Coach Downey is survived by his wife, Mary Kay Moriarity Downey, his daughter, Kiara, four brothers, five sisters and their families.



Like so many Saints families, who had sons in the classroom or on the Cross Country team, Coach Downey became part of the family. It didn't matter if you were the best student in class or the best runner—everyone was treated the same. We thank one Saints family—The Wilsons: mom Kathy, Dad Bernie and son Jack for contributing this article on Coach Downey and for sharing image of him with Jack Wilson ('12) after one of the sports awards ceremonies on campus. Jack earned a varsity letter in track and cross country each of his four years at Saints.



Coach Downey was always there at the starting line to offer last minute instructions to his teams.

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precisely because it has to be both yours and mine. (*Commentary on the Psalms, 103,2,11*)

Let nobody be considered close to immortality for not having feelings. The health of the human being that writhes in pain is closer to immortality than that of someone who has lost sensibility and who is hard and unfeeling. (*Commentary on the Psalms, 55,6*)

Amid possible scandals, always think well of others. Humbly try to be yourself what you others to be, and they you will not think others to be what you are not. (*Commentary on the Psalms, 30,2,7*)

Don't despair of anyone as long as they are alive. (*Commentary on the Psalms, 36,2,11*)

A SEEKER OF HARMONY AND BALANCE

The one who holds onto more is not the happier, rather the one who needs less. (*Rule, 3,5*)

Although water puts out fire and fire dries up water, both are dangerous. Fire burns; water rots. The same thing happens in life. When adversity visits us, the fire of the tribulation tests our spirit. When prosperity smiles upon us, the water of corruption weakens our solidity. Take care, therefore, that you are not burnt by fire nor rotted by water, and that you remain strong. (*Commentary on the Psalms, 66,15*)

SINCERE AND OPEN ABOUT ONE'S SELF

The happiness of the person that springs from a good conscience is a 'Heaven': a spiritual state where the soul is happy. (*The Literal Meaning of Genesis, 12,34,65*)

There are some of you for whom the desire for human respect keeps you apart from your own conscience. If you are among these, take note that God sees within and that it is not possible to deceive God as witness, nor to escape from God as judge. (*Letter 144,3*)

Put aside deception, speak the truth. Expose yourself to the illumination of the Truth and be open and transparent. (*Sermon 166*)



LOVE OF PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR AND ALWAYS

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it rests in you." [Conf. 1, 1] When we read the Word of God, God speaks to us, but when we pray, we speak to God. However, there is no way we can pray and hope to get through to God unless the heart is deeply united with our thoughts and words. Sometimes I pray with words, other times in silence, but no matter how our prayer is carried out the only way to reach God is to cry out with love, from the heart. It doesn't do any good to make a lot of noise with our prayer, unless it is all coming from the heart. The ear of God is attentive to the human heart, not to a lot of words. I once counseled a Roman lady by the name of Proba that lengthy talk is not what is required in prayer, but rather a prayerful disposition. If we spend a lot of time in prayer – which is not a bad thing – we find ourselves knocking with a persistent and holy fervor at the heart of the One whose help we need. Sometimes we get discouraged because it seems God does not answer our prayers. My advice is this: "Your Father will give you only what he knows is advantageous for you. You are well aware of what you want, but God knows what is good for you." [Sermon 80, 2]

St. Augustine, pray for us!



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COACHES COMMENT ON CIF GAME

Q&A WITH HEAD COACH RICHARD SANCHEZ AND OFFENSIVE LINE COACH GARY OSBERG

Q. Where does the 2015-16 Varsity Football team rank among the best the school has ever produced?

A. This team was built on the backs of those Saintsmen who have passed through these hallowed halls. The team was tough, seasoned, and determined. They pushed each other, and rallied in the face of adversity. What makes this team special? They cared about each other, and like true Saintsmen they played with pride and passion. No one more so than the four senior captains, Francoise Sims, Elijah Preston, Quinn Seau, and Michael Alves.

Q. A news reporter commented that both Helix and Saints were cohesive units that were products of unified coaching and tremendous support from their respective communities. How does a strong fan base translate into effectiveness on the field?

A. This season has been so special, and it wouldn't be possible without the support of the parents, administration, and faculty at this school. This community is truly a unique place, and I feel blessed to be a part of it. I hope that these young men, go out into the world and reflect the love and devotion this school staff shows for them. A special thank you to my family, it is through their love and support that keeps me going in good times and bad.

Q. Being part of the Open Division CIF Championship is quite an accomplishment. In hindsight what did Helix do that stopped Saints this time around?

A. Two words: **better preparation**. So often in this sport you see things you cannot believe, and are faced with situations you've prepared for, but maybe not as much as you should have. The reason we lost that game was coaching. Anytime we suffer a loss it is on the coaches. We had a game plan, and the students played their best, but unfortunately our coaches didn't prepare them enough. Helix is an exceptional team, and I know with their coaching and talent they'll go far in the State playoffs.

Q. What's ahead for next year?

A. It'll be hard to move on after losing 12 starting seniors, but there are some exceptional young men following behind them. I know from the looks on the faces of the team after that game, that next year's team will be hungry, so as a coaching staff we are very excited about our prospects.

NORTH PARK HIGH SCHOOL RISES TO ELITE STATUS

THE TWO TOP PREP FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE COUNTY BATTLED TO THE END

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TOP PLAYERS—Saints Quarterback Rodney Thompson is trailed by #20 Elijah Preston on a rollout pass play. Preston is one of the CIF's all time leaders in yards gained for a career. Photo: Bill Hill for North Park News.

To use a well worn phrase, the 2015 CIF Open Division championship played just last week between Helix and St. Augustine High Schools, was a classic see saw affair early on. Played before 10,000+ at Southwestern College stadium, the San Diego Section title match between two 10 win teams ended 44 to 30 with Helix High rolling to a two touchdown victory.

To use another cliché, it was a David and Goliath game pitting Helix, a perennial La Mesa public school powerhouse versus the Saints, a rising North Park private school team that was playing in its first ever open division championship.

Both teams battled in a see-saw affair that saw the score knotted at 7-7, 14-14, 21-21 before the Scotties grabbed a 37-27 lead at the top of the fourth quarter. With six minutes to go in the game Helix hung on to a 37-30 lead.

Then something remarkable happened.

The game ended the amazing four-year careers of Saints running back Elijah Preston and versatile lineman Michael Alves. Preston's career yardage gains as a running back is among the best in CIF San Diego Section history. Preston gained more than 7,000 yards, which earns him third place in the list of all time top runners in the county. Thompson, a Junior scored three TDs in the championship game. He will return next season. Alves will play football for UCLA next fall.

Bottom line is Saints had never before competed in the CIF's open division much less a title game. The team is loaded with underclassmen in key positions, which bodes well for the 2016



UCLA BOUND—Versatile Michael Alves #76, who will be playing football for UCLA in the fall, starred as a defensive end, offensive guard and blocking fullback in his four-year Saints career. Photo: Bill Hill

season.

But in its loss, Saints Varsity won the praise of a legion of new fans, who now know the Nutmeg Street college prep school is a legitimate high school gridiron powerhouse. It belongs up there with the best teams in San Diego County.

Coached by Richard Sanchez, Saints won last year's CIF San Diego section division I football crown and this year cemented itself in the top three open division teams. The open division is



PRO STYLE—Saints Varsity Football Coach Richard Sanchez has fine tuned a NFL style run option attack that in the past three years produced championships in San Diego Section CIF's elite I, II and Open divisions.

considered the best of the best in high school football wars. Division I is the second best league.

In fact, Saints 2015 run through the open division playoffs was more of a steamroller against a skateboard. Saints dominated big time high school football programs like Eastlake, Mira Mesa, Cathedral and Mission Hills. In fact, the 2015 season ended with Saints not losing a game in San Diego County until its last game vs. Helix. Saints only losses came at the hands of dominant LA (Loyola) and Orange County (Murrieta) high schools and those losses were only by one and three points. Saints season ends 10-3.

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END OF ERA—Saints running back Elijah Preston scores one of his final TDs of his remarkable career at the school.



THE SOURCE—Once again, Saints undoubted showmen a.k.a. The Pit, proved to be an unlimited source of team spirit throughout the fall.

Q. Who will lead the team next season?

A. Some future stars to watch would be Quarterback Rodney Thompson; Offensive lineman Max Ramirez; Defensive lineman Jonathan Lewis and a pair of defensive backs in Tariq Thompson and Darrell Broussard.

Q. Elijah Preston has earned many post-season accolades. Has he made up his mind on a college?

A. Elijah has received a lot of interest from a variety of schools, and hopefully he'll make up his mind and commit to somewhere soon. With his interest in science, the front-runner has been Cal Poly- San Luis Obispo.



Coach Richard Sanchez and his wife, Maria, reside in San Diego with daughter Kristiana and son Ricky.



THEY'RE BACK!

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Basketball coach, after the Saints Varsity compiled a 4-0 record en route to winning the Pasadena Rose City Classic tournament just before Christmas break with a 52-50 victory over Montebello's Cantwell Sacred Heart.

Q: You're defending open division champs. How does it feel to have all of your starters from that team return this season?

A: In a word: sweet!

Q: How has the offseason helped prepare your team for the 2016 campaign?

A: It is always impressive to me how hard our kids work in the offseason. Our guys played in tournaments all over the country in the summer while continuing to lift with Coach Joe LaPorta. We then continued our lifting/conditioning program in the fall which has been instrumental to our success. We are

typically the most fit team on the floor in every game we play.

Q: How many have returned from last season's team?

A: Except for Daniel Caya, who graduated, we have our whole team back which helps in regards to how quickly we can teach our system.

Q: We know defense wins Championships. That said, what are going to be the keys to the Saints defense this season?

A: Our defense really is what separates us from other programs. Our goal is to make every possession difficult for the other team. This year we are so big and long that we will give other teams fits because the court will seem much smaller when playing us. The other luxury we have in our program is that we are deep so our guys don't have to pace themselves on the court. They can play really hard knowing that we will stay at a high level when the person comes in off the bench.

Q: What words come to mind when describing your team?

A: We have a lot of attributes but the primary thought for me regarding our team is how unselfish they are. We have a group of young men who believe in what we do and care more for the team and its success than they do their own accomplishments. In today's society that is not common. I never take that for granted and know full well that is why we often are able to reach great heights. I am excited for this season!

Q: In a long history of terrific Saints Varsity teams, where does this season's version rank?

A: Always a tough question for a coach, especially since the school has been around for so many years, but I can say this will be our deepest, most experienced team in a number of years.



"...This way to victory, team..."

—St. Augustine High Varsity Basketball Coach Mike Haupt



2016 VARSITY—Back row, left to right: Martin Tombe ('16); Jack Peterson ('17); Josue Lara ('17); JT Cox ('17); Daniel Lara ('16); Taeshon Cherry ('18); J.R. Justice ('18)--Front row, L-R: Grant Aikels ('16); Sean Panado ('17); Otto Taylor ('17); Noah DiNapoli ('17); Eric Monroe ('16); Ike Hall ('18) and Tariq Thompson ('17).

VARSITY ROSTER 2015-2016

FIRST	LAST	#	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	POS.	YR
Grant	Aikels	20	6'2"	165	2-3	Sr.
Taeshon	Cherry	0	6'8"	205	3-4	So.
JT	Cox	21	6'3"	180	3	Jr.
Noah	DiNapoli	10	6'1"	175	3	Jr.
Ike	Hall	23	6'2"	160	2-3	So.
J.R.	Justice	1	6'3"	190	4	So.
Daniel	Lara	32	6'5"	210	5	Sr.

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Josue	Lara	11	6'5"	170	2-3	Jr.
Eric	Monroe	13	6'2"	165	1-2	Sr.
Sean	Panado	15	5'11"	160	1	Jr.
Jack	Peterson	5	6'3"	165	2-3	Jr.
Otto	Taylor	12	6'1"	155	2-1	Jr.
Tariq	Thompson	3	6'1"	170	1	Jr.
Martin	Tombe	25	6'5"	200	3-4	Sr.

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2015-2016

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: 1963, 1970, 1977, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1999, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2014, 2015
 CIF CHAMPIONS : 1993, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2013, 2015(Open) CIF Champions
 CIF FINALISTS: 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013, 2014(Open)
 2005, 2013 Southern California Champions
 2005 State Finalists
 2013 California State Champions

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
TUES	1/5	ST. JOHN BOSCO (NON-LEAGUE)	SAINTS	6:00 PM
FRI	1/8	@ LINCOLN	LINCOLN	7:30 PM
SAT	1/9	ALEMANY--SIERRA CANYON SHOOTOUT	SIERRA CANYON	3:30 PM
TUE	1/12	UNIVERSITY CITY	SAINTS	5:00 PM
FRI	1/15	CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC	TBA	TBA
MON	1/18	TORREY PINES--MLK SHOOTOUT	LA COSTA CANYON	TBA
TUE	1/19	@ LA JOLLA	LA JOLLA	5:00 PM
FRI	1/22	SCRIPPS RANCH	SAINTS	7:30 PM
TUE	1/26	@ MISSION BAY	MISSION BAY	5:00 PM
FRI	1/29	LINCOLN	SAINTS	7:30 PM
FRI	2/5	@ CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC	CATHEDRAL	7:30 PM
TUE	2/9	@ UNIVERSITY CITY	UNIVERSITY CITY	5:00 PM
THU	2/11	@ SCRIPPS RANCH	SCRIPPS RANCH	7:30 PM
TUE	2/16	LA JOLLA	SAINTS	5:00 PM
FRI	2/19	MISSION BAY (SR. NIGHT)	SAINTS	7:30 PM

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TICKETS FOR BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

Don't Wait in the Ticket Line at the Games!

Passes are for home games only. Play-off games not included.

Go to the school website for ticket purchase options.

THE RESTLESSNESS OF BOYS

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Enter Intersession.

At Saints, we know that activity, movement, engagement and learning are correlatives in the world of boys' education and we have designed our curriculum to be delivered in this way. Whether, sailing, cooking, digital photography, engineering or an internship, our offerings in this unique term of study often get students out of their desk and engaged in learning by way of an experiential, hands-on approach. Intersession, we have seen, sparks a curiosity and inquisitiveness in our students that has energized campus and stimulated the boys' desire to learn.

As we start a new year, I pray that as parents and teachers we are able to see the restlessness of Saintsmen as manifestations of their passions, many of which, like their education, are still developing. Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!



Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,
James Horne Principal

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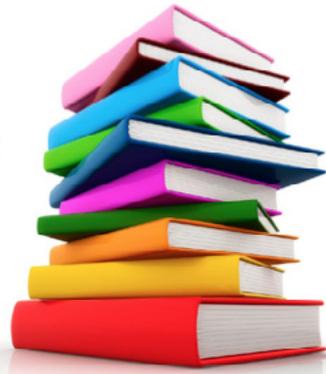
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Please feel free to contact the school or Follett directly at 877-827-2665 with any questions or comments you may have.



Scores for Juniors will be available this month, and other grades will get their scores when we return for second semester.

January is the last date to take the "old" SAT, and March will be the first test date to take the new one.

Current Juniors will be receiving much more information in January and February. There is a College Night for Junior Parents scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 in the gym to explain what to expect of the college process.

College Nights for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors were held earlier in the fall.

Juniors should plan on registering for SAT and ACT at least six weeks before the test date. Registration sites are: ACT – actstudent.org and SAT – sat.org/register

COLLEGE APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE NEWS

Our focus for Seniors has been on the college application process, and every senior was seen at least once to go over applications and Naviance. We conducted workshops and continue to provide application help every day at lunch and after school. Both of our weekend application days were well attended, and we recently conducted a financial aid workshop.

For seniors who applied to college through Early Action or Early Decision programs, results came in around December 15th. Many of the seniors applied through Rolling Admission, and have already been admitted to many colleges such as the University of Arizona, University of New Mexico, Creighton University, and many more. As students sign the list in the Guidance Office their name and college is posted in the office as well as on the Saint's website under College Counseling.

With the exception of Early Decision candidates, students do not have to make a final decision on their college choice until May 1st, 2016.

PICKING CLASSES FOR FALL 2016 AHEAD

Course Selection for the next school year begins in January with the Freshmen, and continues through February for the other classes. On December 18 all forms (including AP Contracts) and the Curriculum Guide were made available on the Saint's website. This year there is also a handy "How To" video to assist students and parents with the process.

As always counselors are available to discuss schedules with students and parents. Each student will be scheduled individually by a counselor on the day their class is assigned to come to the Guidance Center.

ELIJAH PRESTON: SILVER PIGSKIN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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By KUSI Sports Staff--Before a record crowd at the USS Midway Museum at the recent 17th annual Silver Pigskin Gala, St. Augustine standout running back Elijah Preston was named the 2015 Silver Pigskin Player of the Year.

Preston beat out a stellar field of Finalists, including San Marcos' Terrell Burgess, Mt. Carmel's Lucas Johnson, Mission Hills' Nehemiah McFarlin, Helix's Nathen Stinson and Mission Hills' Troy Warner.

View the broadcast: <http://www.kusi.com/story/30760662/st-augustine-star-wins-silver-pigskin>

Winning the Silver Pigskin capped a year that saw the senior also named to the All-San Diego Section Offensive First Team.

2015 was a momentous occasion for the St. Augustine senior as he surpassed the 6,000 mark for career rushing yards. With 6,614 total yards rushed, Preston has engraved his name into the CIF San Diego Section record books,

second on the most career rushing yards list, behind 2013 Silver Pigskin Player of the year, Royce Freeman.

Preston has received offers from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Northern Arizona University to continue playing football at the collegiate level. Coming from a family of Biology Technicians, Preston hopes to continue in the Biology field by becoming a Zoologist.

Preston became the second player from St. Augustine to receive the prestigious Silver Pigskin in the 17-year history of the Prep Pigskin Report, as fellow Saintsman Ryan Gonzalez won the award in 2000.

Nearly 350 ballots were sent out to CIF San Diego Section coaches, local media members, PPR employees and assorted VIP's, in addition to a fan vote on social media that accounted for 10 percent of the total vote count. Preston beat out the next top vote-getter, Helix's Nathen Stinson, by 4.5 percent.

IT'S A WRAP!

Veteran sportswriter's blog sums up San Diego section Prep Football Season.

By Rick Smith, Editor/Founder PartletonSports.com

It's essentially not who you beat, but who you played.

St. Augustine lost three games but was 20th in the state and No. 1 in Division II in Cal-Hi Sports' final 2015 rankings.

Cathedral lost five but its schedule was so difficult that the Dons earned a Cal-Hi ranking of sixth in Division II and 38th overall.

Mission Hills, No. 1 in the final Union-Tribune poll, was 11-1 but didn't finish among Cal-Hi's top 50.

Reminder: It's about the schedule!

The Saints and Cathedral faced far more demanding, regular-season nonleague tests than Mission Hills.

St. Augustine was steeled by tough losses to Los Angeles Loyola and Vista Murrieta.

Cathedral took on Rancho Santa Margarita, Westlake Village Oaks Christian, Bakersfield Liberty, and St. Augustine, among others.

The Grizzlies, ranked No. 1 for most of the season in the Union-Tribune's weekly poll and king in a weak North County, were no match when St. Augustine ran away to a 48-14 victory in the San Diego Section Open Division semifinals.

The Saints, although losing to Helix, 44-30, in the Open championship, rose three spots from 23rd on Cal-Hi's final list.

Reliable Helix ranked seventh overall and might have become a state D-I champion had it not lost in the final two minutes, 32-28, to eventual winner Mission Viejo in the Southern California playoff.

Mission Viejo defeated San Jose Bellarmine, 24-0, for the D-1 title.

TWO OUT OF 13

The San Diego Section had four state finalists and two champions in the 13 competing divisions.

Mater Dei, 56-21 winner over Reedley Immanuel in V-AA, joined Rancho Bernardo, 30-14 conqueror of Atherton Sacred Heart.

Coronado dropped a 16-6 decision to East Nicolaus in VI-AA and Bonita Vista was a 33-21 loser to Hanford in IV-AA.



KUSI's Paul Rudy introduces Silver Pigskin winner Elijah Preston.



2015 SILVER PIGSKIN FINAL RESULTS

Candidate:	Online Votes:	Ballots:	Percentage:
ELIJAH PRESTON, ST. AUGUSTINE	1,716	83	29.6%
NATHEN STINSON, HELIX	2,002	69	25.1%
LUCAS JOHNSON, MT. CARMEL	1,596	38	14.3%
TERRELL BURGESS, SAN MARCOS	2,796	34	14.1%
NEHEMIAH MCFARLIN, MISSION HILLS	1,295	30	11.3%
TROY WARNER, MISSION HILLS	1,241	13	5.5%

*Online voters account for 10% of the total, official Ballot voters make the remaining 90%

ALL LEAGUE HONORS

Five Saints Varsity standouts earned first or second 2015 All-San Diego Section Football Team as selected under the auspices of the San Diego Hall of Champions:

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Running Back Elijah Preston
Lineman Michael Alves

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB Rodney Thompson ('17)

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Linebacker Francoise Sims II
Back Tariq Thompson ('17)



IRON HOG AWARD WINNER

By Paul Rudy, KUSI Sports—In 2015 the athlete who best exemplifies the hard nose grit of the Iron Hog trophy is St. Augustine senior strong side guard Mike Alves. The 6 foot 5 inch 320 pound lineman has been a starter since his sophomore season. It is not a coincidence that during his tenure the Saints have been one of the most prolific running teams in the section. Alves is directly responsible for many of the yards gained by Silver Pigskin winner Elijah Preston. "We stopped counting," replied Saints Head Coach Richard Sanchez when asked how many "pancake" blocks Alves is responsible for during his career at St. Augustine. "Between 10-to-15 opponents per game will end up on their back courtesy of Alves," estimates Sanchez.

KUSI VIDEO: <http://www.kusi.com/story/30746728/2015-iron-hog-recipient>

A road paving run blocker who is equally effective working vertically or pulling laterally, Alves' best quality might be his "switch." "He's capable of single handedly destroying our scout team in practice", says Sanchez. "He's smart enough to work on his steps and fundamentals, but he doesn't switch into beast mode until game time. I've never had a kid that could do that as well as Michael."

Michael will play his college football at UCLA.

Alves' life mission statement is as direct as one of his drive blocks. "I want to be the best football player I can possibly be."

Alves Awards:

- 2015 Shack's Pig Pen Inductee
- Will represent San Diego in the 2016 Semper Fidelis All American Bowl supported by the United States Marine Corps. The all-star game attracts the best athletes in the nation who are also leaders in their community.
- 10 Division 1 scholarship offers (and counting)
- 2015 All CIF 1st team selection
- 2 time All Eastern League selection
- 3 year starter

VARSITY SOCCER SCHEDULE 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SITE
WED	JAN 6	3 PM	OTAY RANCH	SAINTS
FRI	JAN 8	7:30	FRANCIS PARKER	FRANCIS PARKER

WESTERN LEAGUE

WED	JAN 13	3 PM	UNIVERSITY CITY	SAINTS
FRI	JAN 15	3 PM	POINT LOMA	POINT LOMA
FRI	JAN 22	5 PM	SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
MON	JAN 25	3 PM	LA JOLLA	SAINTS
FRI	JAN 29	3 PM	CATHEDRAL	CATHEDRAL
WED	FEB 3	5 PM	UNIVERSITY CITY	UNIVERSITY CITY
FRI	FEB 5	3 PM	POINT LOMA	SAINTS
WED	FEB 10	3 PM	LA JOLLA	SAINTS
FRI	FEB 12	3 PM	SAN DIEGO	SAINTS
FRI	FEB 19	3 PM	CATHEDRAL	SAINTS

CIF-SAN DIEGO SECTION PLAY-OFFS: FEBRUARY 22, 23, 25, 26
MARCH 1, 2 & FINALS MARCH 4-5

SO-CAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: MARCH 7 THRU 12, 2016



THE BIG DIG CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE

Photos by Steve Chipp



Overview of new campus construction project looking west along 32nd Street.



Belltower and administration building to the South

Leaving no stone unturned as the calendar flips to 2016, earthmoving for Saints new \$25 million rebuilding project, which features a Student Community Center, plus a modern gymnasium, is well on its way. Photos on this page show the tremendous amount of dirt that has been removed. The main focus of the project at this time is excavation and wall shoring. Approximately 28,500 cubic yards of soil will be exported off the site.

DPR, Inc. was named the general contractor for the project, said Steve Chipp, the school's Executive Director of Finance and Facilities. "This is the same company that in 2007 built Villanova and Mendel Halls and the underground parking garage below those buildings," he said. "We look forward to working with the DPR team again."

The dig will result in the ground floor of the new Student Community Center bottoming out at 14 feet below the current concrete pad surrounding Villanova and Mendel Halls. DPR expects to be down at the ground floor elevation by early January.

David Pfeifer, the Phase 2 architect with DomusStudio Architecture said "if all goes well" the 16-month project will be completed in February 2017. School President Ed Hearn adds "that will be in time for the Class of 2017 to graduate from this facility."

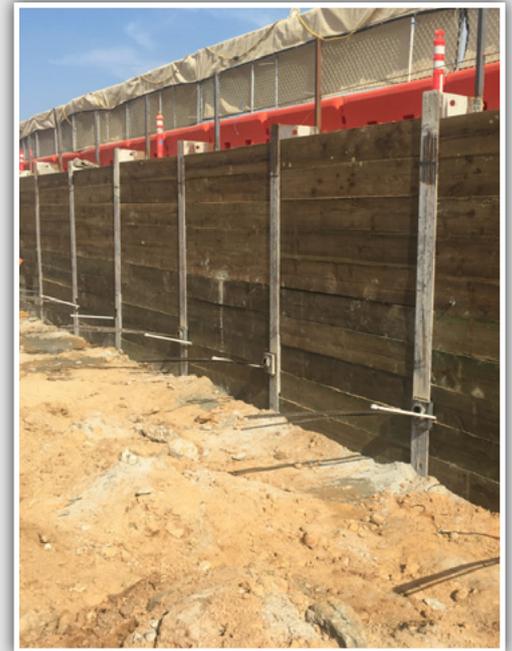
Upon completion there will be a new 1,500 seat gymnasium with full service training, coaching staff rooms and locker room facilities.

This new structure is composed of 51,990 total square feet (s.f.) of which 29,476 s.f. is the first story; 15,036 s.f. is the second story and 7,478 s.f. will be the mezzanine.

Additionally, a new off-street parking lot will be constructed where the current outside basketball courts reside and the small auxiliary field will be moved in between the new Student Community Center and Dougherty Gymnasium. There will be 48 new parking spaces created, including two for ADA use. The gym roof will hold four intramural basketball courts.



View North showing construction site and playing fields.



Temporary wall between construction site and the large playing field to the East.



Construction site along 32nd Street looking West.



This image gives you the size of the new project looking toward South-east.



Busy day looking Southwest.



Busy DPR construction crew.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

TIME WELL INVESTED

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