



SAINTS SCENE



EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED—Kairos Retreats are always an adventure even when the event's Senior leadership poses for a picture. (L-R) Carter Faucher, Ben Shenk, Rudy Torres, Quinn Seau, Chris Keane, Martin Quiroga, Paul Ammons.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE KAIROS CAMP AT WHISPERING WINDS

For those who are new to the school or are hearing of Kairos events for the first time, the Kairos experience is a four-day retreat usually held several times a year in and around the scenic mountains near San Diego. Its purpose since 2002 continues is to involve Upperclassmen to focus on their relationships with self, others and God as they listen to student and adult leaders talk about God in their lives.

"Kairos is a rich part of our retreat program; it gives our guys ample time, in their otherwise hectic schedules, to reflect on their relationship with their God and their classmates," said Saints Principal James Horne.

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LET HIM FIGURE IT OUT

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS,



Principal James Horne

Sometimes the best solution is allowing our boys to solve problems themselves.

Technological advances enable us to be there for our children no matter where they are. There are advantages to accessibility, especially in time of genuine crisis,

but there are occasions when instant access deprives our sons of the opportunity to cope

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THE BIG ONE IS BACK

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TRAFFIC CONCERNS: NOW MORE THAN EVER

St. Augustine High School respects and values its home, the historic North Park district in San Diego. We strive to treat our friends and neighbors, the citizens of North Park, with respect in everything we do. Over the years we have worked to improve parking and traffic concerns both for the members of the campus community and for the benefit of our neighbors.

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SENIOR EVENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

- April 17 Mother/Son Brunch
- May 12 Senior Grad Night @ Magic Mountain
- May 13 Senior Ditch Day
- May 14 Senior Prom @ The Bahia Hotel
- May 16 Senior Retreat
- May 20 Senior Awards Assembly
- May 20 Distinguished Student's Banquet
- May 24-26 Senior Exams
- May 27 Baccalaureate, Graduation


KEEP CALM AND DRIVE SAFELY

AUGUSTINE'S REFLECTIONS ON BEING A TEACHER

PART SEVEN 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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"We have but one Teacher and, under Him, we are all fellow students..."
 –Augustine: (Sermon 134,1,1).

A TEACHER IS ONE:

Who is Aware of the Interior Teacher

When those called teachers make use of words to explain the subjects they profess, even those that deal with virtue and wisdom, those know as pupils consider within themselves whether what has been said is true. Contemplating according to their own capacities, they ascertain whether what they have heard accords with the truth they find within. It is only then that they learn. (*The Teacher*, 14, 46)
 We have but one Teacher and, under Him, we are all fellow students. We are not teachers because we speak in front of a class. The true Teacher speaks from within. (*Sermon 134,1,1*).

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SEVEN SAINTSMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN 2016 AUSTIN EXAMS

Per a longstanding tradition at St. Augustine High, the "Austins" are rigorous oral examinations in English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts. The Austins also assesses the selected Saintsmen's understanding of the Expected School-wide Learning Results. To be elected by the faculty to sit for the Austins exams is considered one of the highest academic honors bestowed on a student.

The 2016 seniors, who were invited to sit for this school year's Austin Exams are:



David Hughes Pepper



Justin Andrew Robertson



Andrew J. Feiner



Carter Robert Faucher



Christopher S. Keane



Thomas Michael Allen



Jacques Lucien-Matthai Paye

How Austins are selected:

The senior with the highest weighted academic cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the seventh semester (P.E. excluded) automatically are invited to sit for the Austins. The remaining students, normally five, are selected by the Academic Council from the top 10% of the graduating class. The chairpersons of the academic departments represented in the Austins recommend graduation with specific academic distinctions for participants. The administration ratifies these recommendations. The specific academic distinctions include: Austin Scholar Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise) Austin Scholar Magna Cum Laude (with great praise) Austin Scholar Cum Laude (with praise).

Congratulations to these Saintsmen on their selection.



BAND NOTES

Monday, May 2, 6:30 pm

Informational meeting for students & parents interested in joining the band program next year.

Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm

Combined Concert with USD Concert Band @ Shiley Theatre USD

Friday, May 20, 7 pm

Symphonic Band Spring Concert @ Foot-hills United Methodist Church in La Mesa

For more on Saints Band go to:
[facebook.com/32ndstreetjazz](https://www.facebook.com/32ndstreetjazz)

COMMUNITY SERVICE: HELPING OUT AT THE THURSDAY CLUB

The annual Thursday Club rummage sale is the grandmother of all yard sales, says Karla Peterson in a recent *Union-Tribune* article. Held by the all-woman non-profit, the two-day sale at the Balboa Park Activity Center generates about \$2 million per year that ends up going to the Club's charities.

"Gently separating San Diegans from their stuff since 1927," says columnist Peterson, the Thursday Club rummage mavens know for sure that San Diegans love blue and white china patterns, Jane Austen books and high-end designer jeans. And, thanks to "retrohappy" millennials, everything old is cool again. And, locals can't get enough sequins and sparkles.

While a platoon of community service volunteers from Saints helped prepare donations for last month's sale, Club members insist that they will accept donations all year around. Mark your calendar for middle of March 2017 for the next big event. Just Google Thursday Club for more info.



COMMUNITY SERVICE—The Thursday Club (a long time San Diego women's service auxiliary) members were over joyed to see the Saintsmen with their smiles, muscles and superb attitudes to unload 10,000 square feet of items to fill the Balboa Park Activity Center on Park Boulevard for the non-profit's annual rummage sale.

Saintsmen in attendance were (standing, L-R:) George DeMerlier, Matthew Anguiano, William Frank, Jon Garcia, Karsten Vignol, Roman Aguire, Felipe Bremer, Tyler Whittaker, Alejandro Pulido, Ryan Segura and Cameron Attisha; (front, L-R:) Carlo Sanchez and Angel Guzman.



RETIRING—After 51 years at the school and four more as a member of the Class of 1958, Saints faculty member and beloved mentor, Mr. Francis Wilson, Jr. is retiring at the end of the school year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE—Saintsmen choosing to participate in this month's St. Augustine Day of Service have many options as what their mission will be, including working with conservationists at the Tijuana River Valley.

TO SIR WITH LOVE

Beloved "Sir" a.k.a. Mr. Francis Edward Wilson, Jr., will retire after 51 years as a member of the Saints Faculty. Recently, the school honored him with a surprise assembly on campus for his dedication to education and for being a positive role model to several generations of Saintsmen.

After a video tribute was shown to the audience, which included his family, friends and colleagues, the Saints Associated Student Body presented him with an "Outstanding Service Award."

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COMING APRIL 8TH 2016

ST. AUGUSTINE DAY OF SERVICE

From 7:45 till 12:30 St. Augustine High School students will be throughout the County doing projects to help the community.

Each Homeroom has a selected site:

Sweetwater Summit Park, Tijuana River Valley, Otay Valley Regional Park, San Diego Food Bank, Los Penasquitos Canyon, Mission Trails, and Mission Bay Park

Ask your son what his MISSION will be!

Permission Slips, Release Forms and more information on Canvas

BASEBALL METAMORPHOSIS

Things can change in a year. For example, Sophomore Jack Dolak last year was a 5-11 member of the Saints Varsity Baseball Team. As expected, a frosh playing Varsity, he sat on the pine most of the year. This year, however, Jack has grown five inches taller and added 20 pounds. Plus, he's

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REMEMBRANCE—Three Saints Sophomores were school finalists in the 17th annual Chapman University Holocaust Writing Contest. Each student watched a video testimony of a Holocaust survivor and responded in poetry to the memory of what he viewed. (L-R) Kenneth Berg, Patrick Lloyd, Jack Chamberlain, Mr. Anthony George (from Mayor Kevin Faulkner's staff) and Saints Faculty member Ms. Rene MacVay.



LAUREL FOR LEADER—ASB President Chris Callipari was saluted for outstanding leadership at the local Kiwanis Club's annual "Laurels for Leaders Luncheon." Also attending were ASB moderator Mr. Mike Inzunza ('91) and Saints President Mr. Ed Hearn.

ENTIRE JUNIOR CLASS CELEBRATES LOVING LEADERSHIP



POPULAR SPEAKER—Mr. Greg Hecht gives a talk to the Junior class on Caritas (Love) as part of the Junior Retreat day.

The Junior retreat is designed as a one day experience that gives Saintsmen a chance to draw nearer to Jesus and enjoy the fellowship of classmates.

In the recent past, the Junior retreat had been offered to half of the class on two successive days. The thinking being that smaller groups are more manageable and create a more intimate setting. This year's retreat, however, was different. It brought the whole class together to strengthen the "class" community and was a great event.

The day began with Mass, celebrated by Fr. Mark, and was followed by icebreakers and small groups introductions. Not surprisingly, the room was full of energy and the students clearly enjoyed the chance to be with one another in a non-academic setting.

This retreat asked students to reflect on the role of "loving service" and "loving leadership" in their lives as Christian men and in their role as upperclassmen at Saints. The retreat is one in a week-long series of events that celebrates the leadership role the Class of 2017 is being asked to embrace; Junior Retreat, Junior Mass, Junior Brunch and the Junior Boat Dance.

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CUISINE NOTES—Saintsmen and faculty/staff upon returning from this year's Intersession noted rather quickly that there was a new food canteen operating on campus. After the previous vendor didn't honor its contract, the school hired Mimi's Kitchen to provide food services on campus. Mimi's is run by Mrs. Michelle Winter-Nolte, who is mom to Saints alum John Winter-Nolte ('04)



The Senior Class Saintsmen
cordially invite you to attend

The
**Annual Mother & Senior
Tribute Luncheon**

held in honor of the Mothers' support,
encouragement and love

at the
**Marina Village Conference Center
(Seaside Room)**
Sunday, April 19, 2015

12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost of attendance is \$25 per person (\$50 for mother and son)

If replying in the affirmative, please remit the bottom portion of this page, as well the payment for attendance before April 12, 2016 by personal delivery or via first class

mail to:

The Senior Class
c/o John Lamerato
St. Augustine High School
3266 Nutmeg St.
San Diego, CA 92104

or

Online at www.sahs.org

Direct questions or concerns to John Lamerato, Senior Class Moderator,
by emailing jlamerato@sahs.org

Yes, my son and I will attend the Annual Mother and Senior Tribute Luncheon.

My son's name is _____ My name is _____
(Checks should be made payable to St. Augustine High School)

Please submit payment and reservation form before **April 12, 2016**
or register online at www.sahs.org after March 23, 2016

INTERSESSION 2016 / TRAVEL

EXPERIENCING ITALY

Fun, service, education. What more can you ask of an intersession class? The Italy trip provided all three for those students who participated. Visiting some of the most famous sites in the world is a once in a lifetime experience. Florence, Siena, and Rome displayed even more of the history, art and, architecture of the Western world.

Climbing to the roof of the Milan Cathedral; seeing the baptistery where St. Augustine entered the Church; Da Vinci's Last Supper, Michelangelo's tomb in Florence and a visit another tomb this time in Pavia to see Augustine's tomb were just a few of the things on the trip.

But one of the highlights was the time given to service for the Convento Sant' Agostino in San Gimignano. Helping the Augustinian community maintain this famous and well used spiritual center was an experience all by itself. The camaraderie that the work built among our young men was wonderful to see.

But the visit to the Community of Sant' Egidio house in Rome was just as impressive. Overseen by young men and women this a place for the homeless of Rome to come and receive the simple needs that keep their hopes up. Our boys joined in there and felt a strong sense of accomplishment by the end of the day. A great Saint's experience overall.

—By Mr. John Vignol, Saints Faculty Member



Convento Sant' Agostino in San Gimignano, Italy.



Saints faculty member Mr. John Vignol (far left) and Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A. (far right) led the school's Intercession journey to Italy. Saintsmen are pictured atop St. Monica's House in Rome with the dome of St. Peter's Basilica in the background.



Site of where Augustine was baptized.



Tomb of Michelangelo in Florence, Italy. Davis, O.S.A. (far right) led the school's Intercession journey to Italy. Saintsmen are pictured atop St. Monica's House in Rome with the dome of St. Peter's Basilica in the background.

CONCRETE POURING WELL UNDERWAY

March's mild weather allowed for construction crews to assemble and set in place waterproofing material, metal wall forms, and rebar cages in advance of pouring and shooting wall concrete toward month's end. When students returned after the Easter spring break they saw significant progress has been made on the underground perimeter walls as well as west and east interior walls as the project makes it way out of "the hole."

Sections of the concrete slab soon will soon be poured as DPR Construction works its way towards closing up the equipment access ramp in the vicinity of the Angelus bell tower. Once the concrete perimeter of the building is complete construction crews and equipment will gain entry through the area at the northeast stairwell.

-By Steve Chipp



View of Angeles Tower through newly installed rebar.



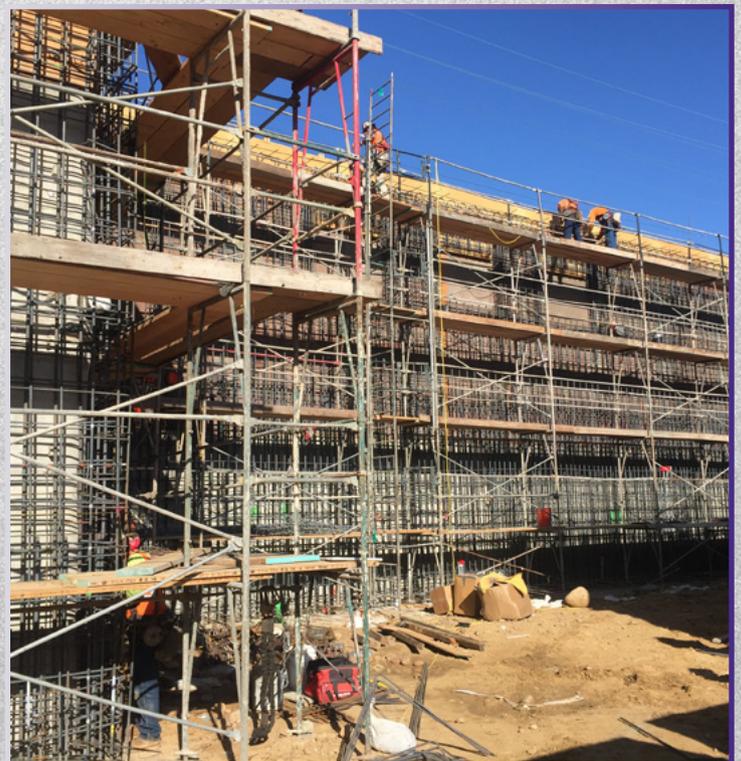
View south along 32nd Street.



Stairs are now in place leading down to the new locker rooms.



Scaffolding facing South for perimeter walls.



Massive scaffolding in place awaiting cement pours.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE

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The small group experience is unique and can be transformational during the week and fosters the Augustinian values of unitas, veritas, and caritas. Students come back from Kairos refreshed with a new understanding of what the Saints brotherhood means.

The most recent (Kairos #36) was held at Whispering Winds Catholic conference center in the Laguna Mountains, near Julian, CA.

The Kairos retreat program is continuously growing with each new group participating, and it is proving to become a crucial experience in the students' lives on their journey as a Saintsman.

Students had the opportunity to meet new friends and reflect on their personal lives, school lives, and faith lives. Retreatants left Kairos with a task: to take the lessons they learned that week and apply them back at Saints and home.

For more information on this valuable school activity and tradition contact the Christian Ministry office on campus.



HUMBLE BEAST—Blessed Stephen Bellesini O.S.A. group at Kairos #36 (L-R) Scott Williams, Terry Wright, Harley Lehrke, Sam Dixon, Esteban Moreno, Kasimir Tan.



CAMP COOL—Members of Kairos #36 take time for a photo in front of Founders Hall at Whispering Winds Catholic conference center.

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

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with and hopefully resolve challenging situations themselves. We all know what this looks like: A student gets a bad grade in a class or is confronted for a disciplinary infraction, and within seconds is on the phone to home. This could have a positive benefit if the message from home is, "thanks for the heads up, and good luck working through the issue with your teacher/asst. principal." However, often the response is, "I will help you straighten things out right away."

In an era of instant access and the quick fix, we rarely afford our children the opportunity of sitting reflectively with their own problems. Working through a challenging issue for a teenage boy requires thought, perspective, and reflection on what those adults he respects and values might have done. Rather than ask important questions to provide perspective, we tend to jump in with both feet and attempt to solve their problems for them.

There is a delicate balance. We want our children to be happy and fulfilled, but we occasionally create the opposite effect. For our Saintsman to develop into resilient, compassionate and thoughtful adults, they need latitude to work through their own issues, to see the world from a variety of perspectives and to develop their own voice. If we constantly invade their space, they have little room to grow and mature into the strong, independent adults we want them to be.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic, Augustinian Education,

James Horne
Principal

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APRIL 23rd
6 - 10pm
Academy of Our Lady of Peace
4860 Oregon St.

ONE TEAM ONE DREAM

SAINTS BIG ONE 2016

To register for the Big One go to <http://sahs.maestroweb.com> or log on to sahs.org and click on the **One Team One Dream** logo.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

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Saints asks all parents and students to consider these guidelines in an effort to continue our pattern of responsiveness to neighborhood issues and general traffic safety. This reminder is on going and not just during our campus construction period.

- Do not block driveways of our neighbors.
- Consider arranging a drop-off / pick-up location a few blocks from campus with your son to avoid the congestion on Palm and Nutmeg in the 15 minutes before and after school.
- Organize carpools with neighboring students or members of your same team/activity in an effort to help us reduce traffic.
- Do not make U-turns on Palm, nutmeg, 32nd or 33rd streets. It violates posted signage and creates dangerous situations on already narrow streets.
- Do not cross the center medians to pass traffic on narrow neighborhood streets.
- Please obey posted speed limits and stop signs.
- Always greet neighbors courteously and respond to their concerns politely.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a neighbor reading *Saints Scene* and have comments about traffic and/or parking or want to report an issue with a car displaying a Saints placard, please contact us.

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Who is Ready to Walk Within

Why does it please us so much to speak and please us so little to listen? Are you always out and about? Do you find it difficult to come back inside? Your Teacher is within you. On the other hand, when you undertake the role of teacher, you must go out in order to come close to those who are outside. You need to listen first to what is spoken within you and then speak to those who are without. (*Commentary on the Psalms*, 139,15)

The recognition of one's own ignorance is the first intelligence test. (*Sermon 301,4,3*)

Who Knows That the Truth is Shared

The truth is neither mine nor yours, so that it can be yours and mine. (*Commentary on the Psalms*, 103,2,11)

In the school of the Lord we are all schoolmates. (*Sermon 242,1*)

I don't speak as a teacher, but as a minister. Because I don't speak to pupils, but to schoolmates, not to servants, but to fellow servants. There is but a single Teacher whose school is on the earth and who teachers from Heaven. (*Sermon 292,1,1*)

Having eyes is not the same as looking,

nor is looking the same as seeing. Neither is listening the same as understanding. (*Soliloquies*, 1,6,12)

Whose Goal is to Educate the Whole Person

The teacher's function is to develop a gradual approach for the student to the truth, especially for those who, while they may have a love of learning, have yet to develop a sharpness of mind. Without a careful and progressive plan, success cannot be achieved. (*Soliloquies*, 1,23)

In the same that you choose what you eat, choose carefully what you teach. What you say is food for those who listen. (*Commentary on the Psalms*, 51,10)

Who Has a Capacity to Adapt to the Student

Nobody is able to lift someone else up to their level if they cannot in some sense descend and put themselves in the situation of the other. (*Letter 11*, 4)

It also happens frequently that some who at the beginning of instruction listened with pleasure, then tire of listening or of so

much time standing, and open their lips not to praise our words, but to yawn, or even to communicate a desire to leave. As soon as we realize this is happening, the right thing to do is to regain their attention by telling something cheerful and entertaining, related to the topic with which we are dealing. We may also take account of their physical concerns by getting them to sit down or stand up...or we may focus on something which we know relates particularly to the person who is drowsy in order to re-arouse his attention... (*The Catechesis of Beginners*, 13,19)

Due to the lack of capacity or maturity of your students you may decide not to address certain issues or facts at a certain time, but you cannot lie about them or use falsehoods to conceal them. Even when it may seem to lead more directly to their accepting an outcome we know to be the truth, we cannot rely on any falsehood in our teaching. (*Against Lying*, 10,17)

Next time more reflections of Augustine on being a teacher.

SOURCE: These excerpts are from *Education, An Augustinian Approach*, pages 33-37.

TO SIR WITH LOVE

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"Sir," who said in an article published in *The Augustinian* said "It's not easy to surprise me. I always know so much of what's going on around here."

Duly surprised by the attention and the following breakfast, he proceeded to speak from the heart to those in attendance, which included the entire student body, Saints faculty and staff, members of the Saints Community in general and his family.

And, in closing, the venerable science teacher and mentor reminded students that every individual is responsible for learning as much as you can because: "you are the school."

Photo by Max Brandon ('16)

ENTIRE JUNIOR CLASS CELEBRATES LOVING LEADERSHIP

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One of the day's highlights was a talk offered by school administrator Mr. Greg Hecht, which focused students on the value of *caritas* (love/charity). When speaking of the day's experience Mr. Hecht said, "It was truly a blessing to be asked to speak to the juniors about embracing their Catholic faith. The junior class is an impressive collection of Saints men that really seem to understand the importance of leading a Christ-centered life. These young men are poised to be a fine senior class."

—By James Horne, Saints Principal



SHARING EXPERIENCES—Junior Tyler Whitaker shares his group's reflections with his "brothers" at the Junior Retreat.

BASEBALL METAMORPHOSIS

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added five mph on his fastball (from low 80s to high 80s), says Varsity Baseball Coach Craig Da Luz. Jack is now a regular bordering on being the ace of the pitching staff.

Those facts didn't go unnoticed.

Union-Tribune sportswriter John Maffei devoted most of a sports page article (3-18-16) on Jack's athletic metamorphosis.

Last month, the sophomore picked up his first varsity win, helping the Saints to a 9-4 victory over Francis Parker in the championship game of the Saints Bill Whittaker Classic at Hickman Field.

Other Saints grabbing some ink in Maffei's article were UC Santa Barbara-bound left-hander Jack Dashwood; Cyrus Fullen; Peyton Murasky; Brooks White and Dante Gutierrez.



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Click on "change my group selection"

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