



SAINTS SCENE



SAINTS SOAR—Led by Junior Taeshon Cherry (above) Saints entered the CIF basketball playoffs ranked No. 1 in the County. Cherry and fellow Saintsmen drubbed Cathedral twice this season, the last game 77-45 at Pt. Loma Nazerene Gym. Photo: Bill Hill, Saints Parent.

JUST HOW GOOD IS SAINTS PLAYOFF BOUND VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM?

Indeed, just how good is this season's St. Augustine's Varsity Basketball team? Saints Scene asked two reporters, who cover or have covered high school sports for local media, what they thought about Coach Mike Haupt's 2017 edition team.

Because of deadlines, the Saints Scene you are reading now had to go to press before the playoffs started. But what these veteran reporters said before the playoffs reflects on the character and coaching of this playoff bound team.

Finishing the regular season with a 24-4 record and earning a trip to the CIF playoffs, Saints only losses came at the hands of out-of-town traditional basketball powers.

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THE ROAD TOGETHER: WHY THE NEW STUDENT CENTER IS NAMED ST. AUGUSTINE COMMONS

By Edwin Hearn, President
St. Augustine High School



Edwin Hearn

On a February evening in 2012, selected members of the Board of Directors met with the Members of the Corporation (the school's governance) to explore how the Augustinians might lead the capital campaign for Phase II with the initial

major gift towards the effort to build a much needed student activity center/gymnasium.

The five-member Augustinian ownership group was led by the Provincial, Fr. Gary Sanders, OSA, member of the class of 1967. Of the four remaining Augustinians, Fr. John Keller, OSA, '55, Fr. Bob Gavotto, OSA, '55,

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SAVE THE DATE: ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC APRIL 21

The 32ND annual Saints Alumni Golf Classic will take place at Riverwalk on Friday, April 21ST. The alumni association is looking forward to seeing many friends of Saints once again join us for this springtime celebration.

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INCOMING SCHOLARS



See this year's list of 2017-18 Freshman, who were honored at entrance.
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TEAM BUILDING—Students in Mr. Andrew Pruter's Racquetball class enjoyed the competition and comradery during the recent Intersession. Standing (l-r:) Mohammed Khalil, Jack Chamberlain, Logan Fisher, Matt Herrera, Lamar Thompson, Anthony Hindi, Mr. Pruter, Isaac Taylor-Stuart, Ike Hall, Andrew Alves, JR Justice, Sebastian Rohrer. Kneeling (l-r:) Joe DaLuz, Irwin Lam, Ryan Camarata, Ethan McVeigh, Sam Bernal and Isaac Wright.

For more Intersession News and photos see page 14.

OUR BUILDINGS SHAPE US DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Principal James Horne

In the fall of 2003 I attended my first Board of Trustees meeting as the new Saints Principal. The redevelopment of the campus was on the agenda and Fr. John Keller, then President of the school, was discussing the importance of new facilities to the Saints Experience and quoted Winston Churchill, "First we shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us."

The quote speaks to the fundamental importance of architecture in shaping the culture and experiences of organizations, and the idea that the buildings have the

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AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

GOSPEL VALUES EXPLAINED • UNITAS, VERITAS, CARITAS



The word "Augustinian" has many meanings. In the congregational sense, it refers to several unrelated Catholic religious orders. Men and women who belong to these are called Augustinians. The largest group, originally known as the Hermits of St. Augustine or the Austin friars, is now known as the Order of Saint Augustine (OSA) and is the founding sponsor of St. Augustine High School.

But for our purposes, we want to focus on Augustine's understanding that faith is not just belief in truths. More than that, it is a way of seeing, a unique lens through which to view the world that comes from a discerning heart. To Augustine, faith was the way people who love God see the world. Faith has aptly been defined as 'knowledge born of religious love.'

The French writer Blaise Pascal, who was very much influenced by St. Augustine, said "the heart has reasons which the mind cannot understand." So for Augustine, the heart ablaze with God's love (*caritas*) gives direction to the intellectual quest for truth (*veritas*). First as a teacher, then priest and bishop, Augustine formed communities of Christian friendship dedicated to the common pursuit of truth and love of God, which gave rise to a common sense of purpose and unity (*unitas*).

These Augustinian themes, our core values, are expressed as the gospel values: Unitas, Veritas, Caritas. (Community, Truth, Love).



UNITAS – As a Catholic community, Saints celebrates the unity between the Creator and creation existing in each person. We commit ourselves to building relationships and structures that enable the flourishing of all peoples and all creation. We place special importance on building community within the School and beyond to the wider circle of the world community through academic coursework that enables students and faculty alike to understand the complexity of the world with regard to the poor, through service learning opportunities and volunteer service.

VERITAS – The pursuit of truth, in the context of Catholic education, includes participating in the ongoing growth and awareness of God's incarnate presence throughout time and history. At Saints, we recognize the importance of the theological and philosophical community and its ongoing respectful dialogue on questions central to the life of the Church

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SAVE THE DATE

ST AUGUSTINE COMMONS DEDICATION MASS AND CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

11AM

SCHOOL WELCOMES CLASS OF 2021 PAROCHIAL SCHOLARS AT ENTRANCE

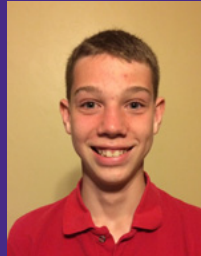
Ten incoming Freshman (Class of 2021) received a \$15,000 scholarship at entrance to attend St. Augustine High School beginning the 2017-18 school year. The ten demonstrated the highest scores of the almost 300 taking the entrance exams this past January, according to Mr. James Horne, Saints Principal.

"Every year we are amazed at the remarkable number of young men, who wish to attend Saints," said Mr. Horne, "we find it very difficult to limit our enrollment, but for those who are accepted, they represent amazing scholastic and citizenship attributes."

Parents of the Freshman Class of 2021 are asked to attend new student/parent night at the school on Wed. March 22 at 5:30pm for more information contact Director of Admissions Mr. Michael Haupt at Mhaupt@sahs.org or 619-282-2184.



Alexander Schroeder



Andrew Roth



Derek Dimalanta



Kyle Wessein



Ian DeGrood



Jacob Tatoy



Kai DaLuz



Joel JD Watson



Joseph Selfani



Angel Perez

NEW STUDENT CENTER USHERS IN CHANGES IN GRAD CEREMONIES

This year the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation ceremonies at St. Augustine High School will be different than in the past. Specifically, the awarding of diplomas will take place in the context of the Mass. This combined ceremony will be a culminating event of the Saints Experience and it fittingly will find its expression in the celebration of the Liturgy.

Here are some things to know:

1. The Baccalaureate Mass is combined with the Commencement, they are no longer two separate events.
2. LOCATION: St. Augustine Commons, the new student activities center
3. TIME AND DATE: Friday, June 2, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.
4. Graduates should assemble in cap and gown at 8:30 a.m. at the bell tower.
5. Students need to be in line for the procession to St. Augustine Commons begins at 9:15 a.m., students first, then faculty and followed by administration.
6. Doors to St. Augustine Commons open at 8:45 a.m. for handicapped seating and at 9 a.m. on a first-come, first-available basis.
7. Proper dress (i.e. white shirt, tie, dress pants, dress shoes and socks) and appropriate grooming regulations are still in order and required of all those participating in the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation ceremonies.

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and the world. It is during this pursuit that the intellectual horizons of student and teachers expand and are mutually enhanced. Through the integration of all knowledge with the Truth of the Gospel, the distinctive intellectual ministry of our work with young men is realized.

CARITAS – In a homily on the First Epistle of John, Augustine wrote, "the root of love must be within; nothing but good can come forth from this root." Augustine knew that love was essential to the life of every community. Because each person and all of creation is worthy of respect, care and love, St. Augustine High School concerns itself with developing and nurturing the whole person, allowing students, faculty and staff to grow intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, culturally, socially and physically in an environment that supports individual differences and insists that mutual love and respect should animate every aspect of school life.



SOURCE: Adapted from Tolle Lege, Villanova University.



GIFT GATHERING PARTY

**Saturday, March 4th
4-6 p.m.**

Vasey Patio at St. Augustine High School

Please support our efforts while you enjoy small bites and refreshments. This is a fun night to meet with other Saints parents and enjoy cocktails and appetizers. Then grab friends and head out for dinner in our amazing North Park neighborhood.

This evening is generously hosted by the
Downey, Friscia and Whitton Families.

The auction committee will be collecting **GIFT CARDS** for goods & services, Gift Certificates for Dining, Travel, Salon/Spa, Sporting Events/Activities (priced at \$25+).
Additionally, we will be collecting **BOTTLES OF WINE** (priced at \$25+)

Don't forget to RSVP so that we can appropriately provide refreshments.

RSVP to Tricia Downey downeysusa@roadrunner.com

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on March 4th.
Adults Only Please

IMPORTANT LINKS AND EMAILS

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Support the Big Kahuna With A Quality Bottle Of Wine from San Diego Wine Company

Saints family Matt and Jonette Francke, owners of San Diego Wine Co, have graciously offered to help us with our effort to provide quality wines we all will want to win at The BIG Kahuna party.

You can be sure all the wines at San Diego Wine Co. are excellent wine because they've tasted and selected every bottle that's in their store.

You can choose from one of the wines list on the website (see link below)

or

you can make your own selection

or

you can donate a dollar value and San Diego Wine Co. will hand select wine for you.

Just make your selection, and we'll make sure it gets to The Big Kahuna celebration. And with your donation your son(s) will get a donut at the next Donut for Donation Drop Off morning!

Donate today and make our Big Kahuna Wine Wall the best one ever.

[Click here for San Diego Wine Co Selections](#)

If you have bottles of wine at home that you'd like to donate, please bring it to the Gift Gathering Party or drop it off at the office. If you have any questions, please contact

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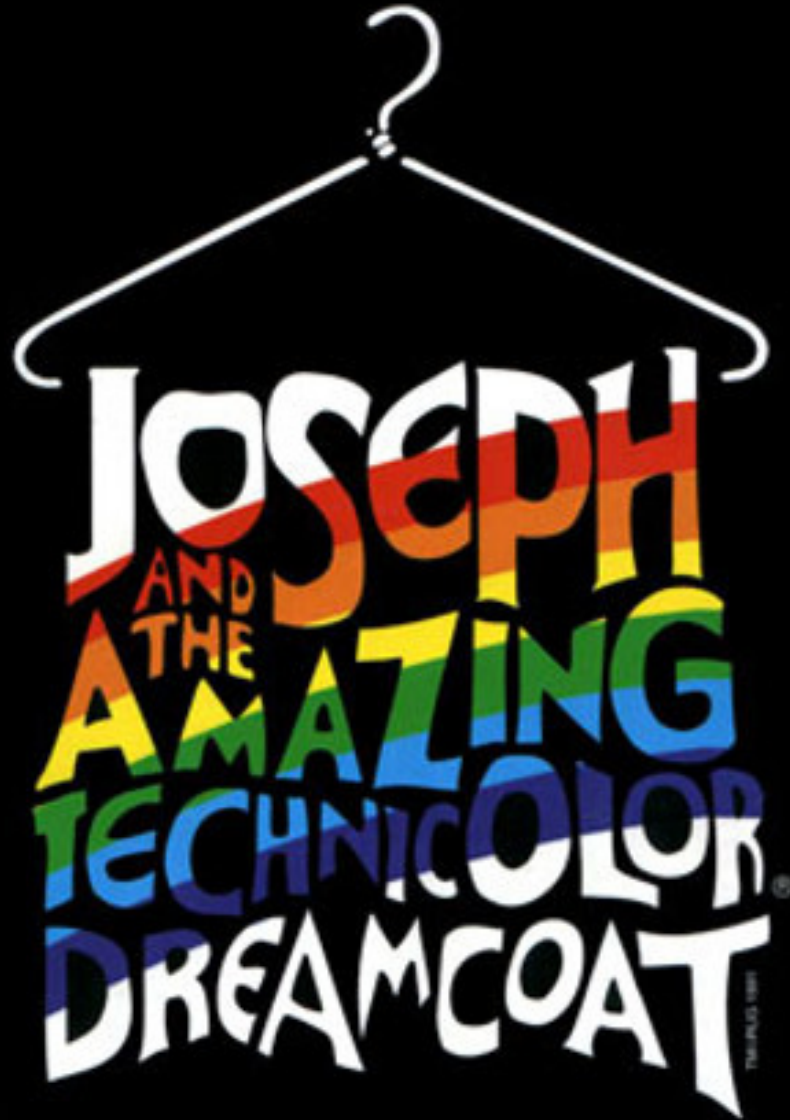
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We thank you for your support of Saint Augustine High School.

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S A H S T H E A T E R P R E S E N T S



Featuring a talented student Cast and Orchestra,
plus special appearances by SAHS Staff Members!

March 30, 31, & April 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm
April 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm

On Stage at Coronado High School Theater
650 D Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118

Tickets will be available starting March 16 at:
ShowTix4U.com or at the Box Office before each performance

**THE 32nd ANNUAL
ST. AUGUSTINE ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC
Friday, April 21, 2017**

Riverwalk Golf Course
1150 Fashion Valley Rd, San Diego, CA 92108

4 Man Scramble -- Space Limited to First 144 Golfers

**11:00 a.m. – Check-in Begins
1:00 p.m. – Shotgun Start**

\$175.00 Per Golfer

Register and Pay by March 31st to Receive a Custom Golf Bag Tag, Divot Repair Tool & Ball Marker, and 1 Stroke Off Scorecard (only 1 stroke per foursome allowed)

Entry Fee Includes

Greens Fees & Shared Cart | Post-Tournament Dinner & Auction
Hosted Beverages | Official Tee Prize – Pullover | Open Driving Range ~Raffle Ticket

PRIZES ARE AWARDED FOR:

TOP FOUR-MAN TEAMS ♦ POKER GAME ♦ ON THE GREEN GAME ♦ HIT THE FAIRWAY GAME

REGISTER ONLINE AT
<http://alumni.sahs.org>

OR

MAIL IN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:
ST. AUGUSTINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
3266 NUTMEG ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92104

Name_____Phone_____Class of_____Email_____

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Deadline to RSVP April 14th



Ball Tag and Divot Tool with Early Registration



Official Tee Prize

CONTACT Memo Lopez '93 @ 619-213-3189 OR GOLF@ALUMNISAHS.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS

EIGHT ADVANCE TO AUSTIN EXAMS

Noah Emanuel DiNapoli, Gian Franco Ferrer, Michael Emerson Ingraham, Ryan Thomas Kenney, Juan Carlos Meave-Ojeda, Ricardo Miguel Soto, Trevor Charles South, and Joseph Paul Tanaka were invited by the school to sit for this year's Austin Exams.

The "Austins" are rigorous oral examinations in English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts. The exam also assesses the participants' understanding of the Integral Student Outcomes.

Seniors with the highest weighted academic cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the seventh semester (P.E. excluded) are automatically 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.

Faculty chairpersons of the academic departments recommend specific academic distinctions for participants. The administration ratifies these recommendations.

These 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).



Noah DiNapoli



Gian Franco Ferrer



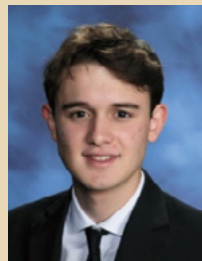
Michael Ingraham



Ryan Kenney



Juan Carlos Meave-Ojeda



Richard Soto



Trevor South



Joseph Tanaka

ALUMNI GOLD CLASSIC APRIL 21

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Entry fee for the four-person scramble include: greens fees and Shared Cart, Post Tournament Dinner and Auction, hosted drinks, a Saints pullover and raffle ticket. Last year's tournament sold out a couple weeks ahead of the registration deadline so be sure to sign up early while taking advantage of this year's early registration giveaway.

The annual golf tournament is the Alumni Association's main source of funding in support of Saints with over \$400,000 being raised to date. Proceeds from the event each year support traditional alumni efforts such as hosting the parochial football and basketball tournaments, the 50th year graduate reception, along with the schools writing and

poetry contests and long range efforts such as the association's support of the school's capital campaigns and Alumni Endowed scholarship fund.

A highlight of this year's event will be the class competition for the largest gift awarded to the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. This fund provides tuition aid for sons and grandsons of former Saintsmen. The challenge has been thrown down by the class of 1968 who graciously gifted last year's tournament with a \$5,800 donation from more nearly 30 class members. Class specific donations will be tallied up through the day of the tournament. Which class will step up this year and become the new leader in the clubhouse?

The largest class gift this year will receive a class naming opportunity alongside the class of '68 featured within the forthcoming on campus performing arts center. The performing arts center will see an adaptive re-use of historic Dougherty gymnasium into an on-campus theater and music studio as Phase III of the campus master plan.

Head over to the main page of the alumni website (alumni.sahs.org) for online tournament registration, and be sure to take a look at the buttons for tax-deductible tournament sponsorship and to participate in the class donation competition. Class contributions can be donated directly on the alumni website or mailed to Saints via check.



AROUND THE PATIO

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2018 NEWS: JUNIOR CLASS MASS & BRUNCH

The Junior Class Mass is a great tradition at Saints and it is for all Junior classmen. This is a time when we honor our young men and recognize them as the coming leaders of St. Augustine High School. This special event will be held: Friday March 17, 2017 at St. Augustine High School in Dougherty Gym at 8:30 am.

Following the celebration of the Mass, there will be the traditional Junior Brunch held at the Bali Hai Restaurant, 2230 Shelter Island Dr. from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Please complete this reservation form online by March 13, 2017. Online registration ends at midnight on March 13. Your Junior son will be the guest of the Junior class. Any additional reservations will be at a cost of \$25 per person.

Parents you MUST make your reservation for brunch after Mass online. Please complete the reservation form found at www.sahs.org

Please note: No tickets sold at door. Students attending without guests must still go online to make their own reservation. There will be no cost to the student.



GETTING CLOSER—Here's the latest image from "Gym Cam" (go to Saints webpage) showing progress on the exciting Saints Student Center and Gymnasium project set for completion *any moment!*

PAROCHIAL MARCH MADNESS

St. Patrick's Day is set for the conclusion of St. Augustine Alumni Association's 63rd Annual Parochial Basketball Championships of San Diego County. The Tournament, which began February 25 in historic Dougherty Gymnasium, marks the last time the Parochial tourney will be played in the old gym.

If you have some free time the next few weeks head on over to Saints for the best value in town and cheer on your neighborhood school. Also be sure to check out alumni.sahs.org for updates throughout the tourney.

Tournament t-shirts will be available for purchase at the tournament. All awards and the All-County team selections will be presented after the championship game.

Through the rich tradition of this tournament, St. Augustine shares with the Parochial School community the spirit of good clean competition and a friendly atmosphere. We look forward to this year's historic tournament and hope it will bring all of the participating school's tremendous enjoyment and satisfaction!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Brynton Lemar ('13) Ex--St. Augustine Standout has averaged 14.3 points for the UC Davis Aggies varsity basketball team this season. The 6-foot-4 Lemar has started all of the Aggies games this season, averaging 14.3 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.9 assists. Four years ago Brynton and his Saints teammates, beat archrival Cathedral Catholic for the San Diego Section Division III title, then outlasted San Francisco Sacred Heart Prep for a state championship. *By John Maffei.*



BAY CRUISE DINNER DANCE—The Saints-AOLP Junior Class Boat Dance will be aboard the Bahia Hotel sternwheeler, March 17, 7 pm to 11 pm. Online registration closes March 14. Info, dress code and registration for can be found: www.sahs.org.

RUGBY CHAMPIONS

In the rough and tumble world of high school varsity rugby Saints out muscled arch rival Cathedral Catholic 28-24 to regain the Catholic School Rugby Cup for 2017.



PASS ATTACK—James Downey made many fabulous passes and helped to lead the offensive to the championship.



BIG HITTER—Ethan McVeigh makes a booming tackle.



STEAMROLLER—Andrew Alves making one of his terrific runs for a score.



GOLD COMES HOME—Champion Varsity Rugby Seniors: L-R (kneeling) Nico Friscia, James Downey, Matthew Macie, Tom Rayner; L-R (standing) Dom Ferrari, Josh Schroeder, Connor Martin, Chris Nares, Max Ramirez, Francesco Russo, Matt Cruz, Blake McCorkle, Evan Khalil.



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ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

SAINTS TOPPLE DONS IN SEASON FINALE 77-45

Photography by William Hill, Saints Dad



OTTO'S DRIVE-THRU—Senior Otto Taylor had his way with the Dons defense.



JOSUE RULES—He's one of 10 teammates over 6-1.



ON TARGET—Taeshon Cherry takes aim.



THE FAN BASE—Only at Saints does the regular fanbase outnumber the student section.

SAINTS VARSITY BASKETBALL 2016-2017

#	Name	Position	Grade	Height	Weight
0	Taeshon Cherry	3-4	11	6'9"	215
1	Tyson McWilliams	1-2	9	5'10"	145
3	Tariq Thompson	1	12	6'1"	180
4	Kimo Ferrari	1	9	5'11"	160
5	Jack Peterson	2-3	12	6'3"	165
10	Alex Dennis	4	9	6'4"	180
11	Chibuzo Agbo	4	9	6'6"	205
12	Otto Taylor	1-2	12	6'1"	155
13	Josue Lara	2-3	12	6'5"	180
15	Sean Panado	1	12	5'11"	160
20	Seth Hayes	2-3	10	6'3"	175
21	JT Cox	3	12	6'3"	185
25	Luke Haupt	3	9	6'5"	185

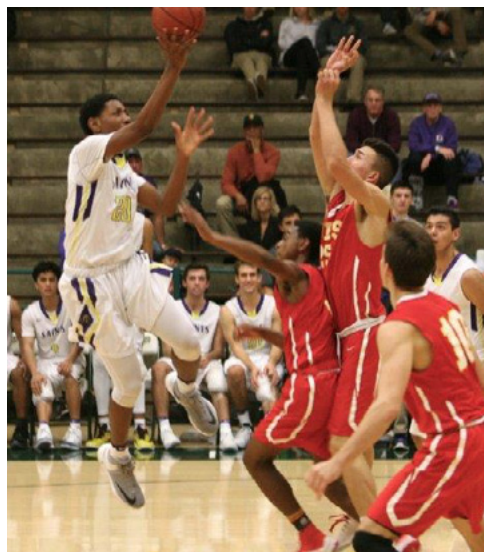


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ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL



CONFIDENTLY CALM—Coach is ready to bring out the knitting.



THREE'S NOT ENOUGH—3 Dons can't stop Seth Hayes.



TWO FOR TARIQ—All around athlete scores for Saints.



TWO FOR FOUR—Score two for Frosh Kimo Ferrari.



WINNER, WINNER—Put it in the history books.

JUST HOW GOOD IS SAINTS PLAYOFF BOUND VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM?

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"The 2016-17 Saints team is very, very good. Maybe the best, from what I've seen, at least at this point in the season," says veteran sports scribe Rick Smith.

Smith, who covered prep sports professionally and is the respected dean of prep sports history in this town, points out the Saintsmen are also ranked 11th in the state by Cal-Hi Sports.

Being undefeated in San Diego County, the Saintsmen finished No. 1 in the *Union-Tribune* regular season poll and became the CIF's San Diego Section No. 1 in the top (open) division.

Smith noted "the first playoff game vs. La Costa Canyon (late last month) was perhaps the last game ever at Saints Dougherty Gym. He told readers of his respected sports blog (www.particletonsports.com) "That Saints figures to defeat the Mavericks in the first round," but he cautioned "in the playoffs anything can happen."

Win or lose, the Saints basketball program is among the best in the county with "Mike Haupt being among the best coaches in the area," says *Union-Tribune* prep reporter John Maffei, who covered varsity basketball this season. More on Coach Haupt later in this story.

What made Saints Varsity a winner this season, says Maffei, is having "a star, go-to-player in Taeshon Cherry and a great cast around him. Jack Peterson, Tariq Thompson, Otto Taylor, JT Cox and Josue Lara are all really good role players."

Saints watchers had to be pleased with the emergence of the Freshman players who earned playing time on the Varsity roster.

Maffei added, "The freshmen class could be special. Chibazu Agbo is very good and will only get bigger and better. Kimo Ferrari did a really nice job filling in when Otto Taylor was hurt. Luke Haupt is getting more comfortable every game."

Given the Saints' three losses were to teams still alive in the playoffs — Los Angeles Fairfax (25-3); twice to Santa Ana Mater Dei (28-1) and the other loss was to Northridge Heritage (20-8), the team's chances are good to win in the San Diego playoffs.

UT's John Maffei predicts "I think a Saints-Torrey Pines CIF San Diego final will be a special, special game."

When asked if the current Saints team

could win the state title, Maffei said, "It all depends on where they're placed in the SoCal playoffs. I don't think the Saints, or any San Diego team, can win a State-wide Open Division title against Chino Hills, Santa Ana Mater Dei or Sierra Canyon. Can Saints win a Division I title? Yes."

Smith agreed, "If the Saints win locally I think they'd have an even chance in the regional-state Division 1. I don't think they could win in the regional-state Open division. Those highly-recruited Southern Section NBA-style squads have vastly a larger talent pool to pick from, globally in Santa Ana Mater Dei's case."

Let's do some pie-in-the-sky gymnastics and ask if Saints advances to the State finals and wins. Will that win make them the school's best ever team?

Rick Smith ventured forth: "I think this

playoffs," said Smith.

But as a recognized prep sports historian Smith points out everything is relative. "The 1954-55 team led by John Cunningham was pretty good, reaching the Southern Cal quarterfinals. Tom Shaules' team was fun to watch but, at 20-6, did not make the playoffs in '57-58. The Andre Hardy Saints team that preceded Kell's club should have won the state title but was beaten by Santa Cruz."

But as we said at the beginning, this article was put together before the playoffs started. And again win or lose, what the Saints have accomplished before the playoffs reflects on the quality of the school; its coach and coaching staff; basketball program, its loyal alums and rabid fanbase.

Speaking of coaching, Rich Smith adds, coach Mike Haupt is a true "basketball guy. He was a CIF basketball player of the year



team is better than the team Trey Kell led to the state championship in his junior year, when Kell made three free throws in the last second to forge an overtime against Sacred Heart of San Francisco. I think the 2016-17 squad has played a more demanding schedule."

"Remember the Kell-led team played in Division 3 in the regional and State playoffs. This team, if it wins the San Diego Section Open Division, could be in Division 1 or the Open Division in the regional and state

at Mira Mesa High, and played at USD. As the school's admission's director, Haupt is probably is aware of the background of every youngster who is admitted to Saints and has future basketball players on his radar from the time they pick up a ball in the grammar schools."

Concludes Mr. James Horne, Saints Principal, "Mike Haupt is a master of getting players to play beyond themselves. He is a champion of drawing the best effort from each of his players, and it shows."

INTERSESSION: 2017

SAINTS INTERSESSION: LEARNING DISGUISED AS FUN

Saints original, innovative and simply extraordinary Intercession program is prized for offering dozens of elective based offerings that have given students the freedom to study what captures their interest. Intercession has taken the bureaucratic constraints off of learning and disguised it as fun. "Its unique classes and offerings move away from traditional note-taking, lectures and testing and instead challenge students to engage with enthusiastic interest and it demands of them a willing contribution," says Principal James Horne.

One important aspect of Intercession is being able to sign-on for off campus internships, where students learn to wrestle with problems, ask meaningful questions and demonstrate creative and intuitive thinking. "They are learning the value of teamwork, experiencing new and varied careers/opportunities while learning from professionals and experts," adds Mr. Horne.

The following photo essay captures the excitement of learning via Intercession 2017:



Traffic Management – Francisco Rivera (left) from the City of Chula Vista Traffic Management Department worked with interns Alejandro Puffelis and Pedro Orso to understand urban planning.



Kyle Buffington and Matt Anguiano are fired up to build their robot during Intercession.



Ben Evans and Ahren Foreman worked at the Qualcomm "Thinkabit Lab" teaching technology and teamwork to visiting students.



Robotic Soccer – The final project in Robotics class was to have robots compete in 1 on 1 soccer matches. Here students are ready to compete and see who has built the best robot for the task.



Dr. Drew Peterson with interns Jake Haupt and David Pack at the California Orthopedic Institute.



The Honorable Judge Tom Whelan '57 again hosted a group of Saints to learn about law enforcement and the Federal Court system. Seated (l-r) Chris Hickman, Alex Orestano, Will Hobson. Standing (l-r) Ricky Russo, Vince Juarez, Will Baughman, Ryan Sidlo, Judge Whelan, Michael Ingraham, Spencer Belcher, Liam Cammell, Jonathon Lewis.

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and Br. Dick Hardick, OSA, '57 had all graduated from Saints. Only Fr. Greg Heidenblut, OSA, was not a graduate of the school.

That Augustinian community was asked to begin the capital campaign with a \$1 million pledge. Despite the fact that historically the Augustinians had not committed to these types of projects, the Members of the Corporation, after much discussion and reflection, made the decision to support this initiative. It was their belief that the campaign would be successful only with their visible leadership of a pledge. Their action provided the stimulus and inspiration for the foundations, alumni and alumni and current parents to support this critical effort, ultimately helping achieve the funding goals established by the Feasibility Study.

With their gift, the Augustinians were given the honor of naming this spectacular addition to the Saints campus. While Villanova and Mendel Halls were built specifically to educate the intellect, the focus of the St. Augustine Commons will be to educate the heart and become a place where community is formed. The building has numerous areas available for people to meet, learn, compete, hang-out, celebrate, eat and gather for activities not yet envisioned.

It was clear from the outset this structure would bear Augustine's name in some form given that Christian friendship and unity are the heart of his fifth century contemplations of Christian community. Initially it was called the *St. Augustine Center*. However this name lacked the feel of a place where community would be formed. Most fittingly, Fr. John Keller, OSA '55 suggested the word *Commons* replace Center.

In exploring the historical context of the word *Commons*, it soon became clear this word better represented Saints core value of *unitas*. The word was originally used in medieval England to identify land held in common and jointly used with others. The *St. Augustine Commons* is to be held in common, not owned privately. It is to be accessible to all members of the community as a shared resource in which each member of the school community -- students, faculty, alumni and parents -- have an equal interest and all are welcomed. Above all, the *St. Augustine Commons* is a place where Saintsmen will form lasting friendships and brotherhood for a lifetime.

In this spirit, the Dan Vera Foyer, with a fireplace as the focus is the welcoming point into the *Commons*. It is easy to envision boys sitting around the hearth talking, reading, studying, eating — just being with one another.

In a matter of weeks, life at Saints will move into this magnificent addition that began as a dream Fr. John Sanders, OSA '66 had for Saints during his principalship in the 1990's.

The *St. Augustine Commons* will welcome thousands of boys who will graduate as young men ready to change the world!



Saintsman Ricky Soto learned about representative gov't and interned for Congresswoman Susan Davis



The Game Theory class during Intersession offers student a significant challenge, design a complex board game. One of this year's best game designs came from Evan Sprague, Daniel Carreon, Aidan Rogers Lynch, and Alejandro Eros. The game is titled *War between the Ages*.



Senior Alec Cain spent intersession learning about small business management at San Diego Blenders, a 3 location juice shop operation.



INTERSESSION: 2017

LONDON THEN PARIS

In the first couple weeks of January, seven Saintsmen embarked on a trip to Europe. All were participating in the school's unique Interession Program, which offered a wide selection of enrichment courses between semesters. The journey to London and Paris was one of them. Led

by faculty travel leader Mr. Matt Linville, the Saintsmen along on the adventure captured all the sights between Oxford University and the Louvre in Paris.



Saintsmen (L to R:) Andrew Culp, AJ Gilcrest, Adam Tontz, Adam Gutierrez, Sean Brady, Sal Strazzeri, and Dominic Ferrari) at the Louvre in Paris.

The Louvre, originally a royal palace but now one of the world's most important museums, where celebrated works of art are on display, including the Mona Lisa, Nike of Samothrake and the Venus of Milo.



Saintsmen outside London's Houses of Parliament and the Clock Tower of the Palace of Westminster, which is commonly known as Big Ben (one of the world's largest clocks).



Great Britain's Brasenose College campus at Oxford University was founded in 1509. The College's unusual name refers to a twelfth century 'brazen' (brass or bronze) door knocker in the shape of a nose. Noses have been used as symbols for Brasenose College throughout its history.



Saintsmen (L to R: Dominic Ferrari, Adam Gutierrez, Adam Tontz, Sal Strazzeri, and Sean Brady) at the complex known as the Hôtel des Invalides, which was founded in 1671 by Louis XIV, the Sun King. He wanted to provide accommodation for disabled and impoverished war veterans.

INTERSESSION: 2017

ARCHITECTURE ON CAMPUS



Students studying Architecture this Intercession got a chance to learn alongside the architects, construction team and our President Mr. Hearn as they dropped by the construction trailer. Here Mr. Hearn instructs students on some of the design choices related to the exterior hardscape.



Joe Beeson, DPR Project Superintendant (left), leads the Architecture class on a tour of the new St. Augustine Commons.



IT WILL BE WORTH THE WAIT

Because of construction setbacks on the new student center and the recent rains delaying the project, Saints has had to cancel this year's Grandparents Day celebration, originally scheduled for April 7, 2017.

This beloved traditional event will make a triumphant return next school year and will be hosted in the new St. Augustine Commons (student center) The school asks for your understanding. See you next year!

OUR BUILDINGS SHAPE US

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power to impact and improve people's lives. Spaces for learning, athletics and student activities should encourage collaboration and engagement with one another. Through fabulous architectural design and with inspiration from the Augustinian value of "community" our new facility, St. Augustine Commons, will provide places and opportunities for collaboration and connection for decades to come.

We are really excited about the building and the great new memories St. Augustine Commons will provide for Saintsmen and their families by way of weekly mass, athletic contests, student activities, reunions, community celebrations and more. After 18 months of building we are excited to move in and we look for the Commons to shape our sense of community, deepen the ways we impact the lives of Saintsmen, and create the opportunities to experience Christ in one another.

In the spirit of Community,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Horne".

James Horne
Principal

INTERSESSION: 2017

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

During Intercession at St. Augustine High School, all freshmen participate in the Fundamentals of Speech course. In addition to meeting a graduation requirement, this course allows students to explore interpersonal and group communication as well as a variety of public speaking modes. Throughout the course, students are challenged to complete extensive research, write in various forms, and further develop critical thinking skills. The Fundamentals of Speech course also gives each Saintsman an increased self-confidence in his ability to communicate.



Speech at St. Pats – Freshman Saintsman Garrett Nasif (left) and Brian Szczotka (center) work with a St. Pat's student individually.



Ms. Nicole Quirk's speech class visited Str. Patrick's elementary and shared time with students teaching them about public speaking and the importance of a good education.



Mrs. Janene Palafox's speech class spent a day at the San Diego Foodbank in service to the local community.



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