



# SAINTS SCENE

## DOS MAS! SAINTS DOMINATE WINTER SPORTS CIF Championships in Soccer and Basketball

The school earned two more CIF Championships in Basketball and Soccer for the 2016-17 seasons respectively.

Varsity Basketball didn't lose to a San Diego County team. Its losses coming from out of town teams. See article and photo essay on Page 12.

Varsity Soccer fought a growing number of injuries late in the season that benched some of the starting lineup. Nevertheless, a determined squad scrapped its way to the top in hard fought battles the entire season. See article and photo essay beginning on Page 8.



**SCREAMIN'**—Senior Jake Haupt's exuberance mirrored Saints Varsity Soccer team's never say die attitude en route to the 2017 CIF Championship season. Saints beat the Dons (shown) twice this year.



**OTTO-MATIC**—Senior Otto Taylor (center) put the Saints Varsity on his back in the fourth quarter to lead the team to its San Diego Section CIF Open Division Crown over a pesky Torrey Pines High squad.

## WHERE COMMUNITY HAPPENS



Principal James Horne

In 2009-10 the Board of Directors of Saints began to dream and plan for a new student activities center, which is set to open in a few days and will bear the name St. Augustine Commons. The Facilities Development

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### SAINTSMEN MEET THE VOLCANO

Going boldly where few Saintsman have gone before a group of intrepid Intersession travelers voyaged to Central America, where they performed community

services, ziplined as tourists and climbed the very active volcano Mt. Pacaya in Guatemala. For more of this Intersession adventure go to page 15.

## EASTER BREAK



LEAVE APRIL 13  
RETURN APRIL 24

# AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

THE ROLE OF AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS • *By Deacon Richard Hardick, O.S.A.*



Augustinian Volunteers are Catholic men and women between the ages of 21 and 29 who wish to serve God's people in partnership with the Augustinian Order. Many of them are recent graduates from college who are seeking to make a difference in the world by generously sharing their God-given talents. They choose to journey together by following the model of Christ's love through service to others. The volunteers make a personal ten month commitment which begins in late August and concludes in June. The areas in which they labor are in the fields of education, health and care of the poor. The kinds of service each young person offers varies according to the needs of the sponsoring site and the capabilities

of the individual volunteer. A chief objective of the volunteer program is to assist local Augustinians in their ministries.

With a view to following the principles of the Rule of St. Augustine, Augustinian Volunteers strive to "live together in harmony, being of one mind and one heart on the way to God." Their goal is to build a loving caring community where they reside and where they work. In community they subsist on a common budget, share meals together, enjoy the benefit of regular community prayer and take delight in the affectionate support of one another in all other areas of life. The Augustinian core values of Community, Truth and Love are the hallmarks and foundational basis of the Augustinian volunteer program.

Founded in the Fall of 2000 primarily by the efforts of Fr. Joe Mastardi, OSA, the Augustinian Volunteer Program is currently celebrating its 14th year of service to the people of God throughout America, Peru and South Africa. In addition to San Diego, volunteers for this year will be serving in Ventura, CA, Chicago, IL, Lawrence, MA, and Chulucanas, Peru. In the past volunteers have served in South Africa.

Over the years, San Diego volunteers live at Monica House, which is next door to Austin House. Both are Augustinian Communities located nearby to St. Patrick's Church and School. The volunteers frequently enjoy dinner, prayer and hospitality with both communities.



## AUGUSTINIANS ANNOUNCE NEW PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS ASSIGNMENTS

Fr. Kevin Mullins OSA, Prior Provincial of the Augustinians in the West, has recently announced new religious and priestly assignments that will be effective July 1, 2017. Among the changes are some shifts that will affect the staffing at Saints. We celebrate and thank these fine Augustinians for their recent service to the St. Augustine High School Community. And we pray that God continue to bless them in their future ministries.

		
<i>Fr. Mark Menegatti, OSA</i>	<i>Bro. Barney Johns, OSA</i>	<i>Bro. Max Villanueva, OSA</i>
<b>While at SAINTS</b>	Campus Ministry, 4 years	Religion Instructor, 4 years
<b>What's Next?</b>	TBD	Villanova Prep Academy
		Religion Instructor, 1 year
		4th Year Theology Studies

## Q&A WITH AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEER JON HEISLER



*Jon Heisler*

### How do you like San Diego?

I really love San Diego. The natural beauty of the city and the areas surrounding San Diego is my favorite part. Hikes in the mountains and the desert, spending time at the beach, and enjoying Balboa Park have really made the year special.

### What is your favorite part of your work at Saints?

I love the students. These boys and young men are so special. After attending an all-boys, Augustinian high school in Pennsylvania I love the community of brotherhood that can be formed at a school like Saints. Every day I become more and more impressed with the students and I am so excited to see how they all grow.

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**What one memory of this year really stands out to you? Why was this an impactful part of your Saints Experience?**

When I was subbing a New Testament class a few weeks ago I started chatting with a few students about a book called *The Shadow of the Galilean* by Gerd Theissen. This is a book about trying to uncover the historical Jesus written by a world renowned biblical scholar, which I read as a college student. Weeks after that I ran into one of the students I was telling about the book, a sophomore, and he told me that he had went out, bought the book, and began reading it. This experience showed me who a true Saintsman is and made me incredible proud to be part of the Saints community.

**Now that you have almost shed the title of rookie San Diegan, can you share your favorite taco shop order?**

I am a chorizo man completely. You can find me at Tacos el Gordo in Chula Vista wolfing down five of those bad boys with ease. The best California Burritos, however, come from a little shop here in North Park, Amorcito Corazón, just up the road from the Jack in the Box.

**DEADLINE LOOMS FOR SAINTS FIRST PAPERLESS REGISTRATION**

Steve Chipp, Executive Director of Finance, wants to remind all parents that submittal of their 2017-18 tuition agreement and payment of the registration fee and deposit (total \$460) are due by April 7. And this year it is all done going paperless.

“This year the registration process is being done online and this includes submittal of the parental tuition agreement as well as payment of the registration fee and tuition deposit,” Mr. Chipp says. “This is our first year for going paperless and our hope is parents will find the process takes less time and is more convenient.”

To complete the process parents click on the Smart Tuition link found on the home page of Saints website. They will be asked to enter their Smart username and password. Once logged in they should verify the information on their Smart record and update information if needed. They then will be directed through the process of completing the tuition agreement and making payment.

“Students are not considered fully registered until the tuition agreement is completed and returned accompanied by payment of \$460 for the registration fee and tuition deposit,” says Mr. Chipp. He adds “completing the registration process by April 7 is extremely important for scheduling students for the classes they desire.”

For assistance in completing online registration parents can contact Saints’ Staff Accountant Ann Balmin at 619-282-2184 extension 5522 or abalmin@sahs.org.

See page 4 for Smart Tuition Online Re-enrollment instructions.



**A STORY TO TELL—**  
Sophomores (left to right) James Campbell, Alex Leon, and Daniel Miret were school finalists in the 18th annual Chapman University Holocaust Art & Writing Contest.



**WRITING AWARD—**  
Sophomore Sal Strazzeri was recently recognized for his outstanding entry in this year’s California Association of Teachers of English Creative Writing Contest. Sal (right) is pictured here with Saints English Instructor, Mr. Gary Osberg.



# SMART TUITION

## ONLINE RE-ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome! To re-enroll online with Smart Tuition, please follow these instructions:

### 1. ONLINE RE-ENROLLMENT

Visit: [www.enrollwithsmart.com](http://www.enrollwithsmart.com). Enter your existing USERNAME and PASSWORD under the "I have a Smart Login from last year" and click the find my account button.

### 2. REVIEW YOUR ACCOUNT

Enter your identifying information and review the account details that you want for the upcoming year.

### 3. SECTION 1 – WHO WILL PAY?

Review the parent, guardian, or bill payer's contact information. Please verify your telephone number and email address as Smart Tuition regularly communicates important information about your account via telephone and email. Please update the information if necessary.

### 4. SECTION 2 – WHO WILL ATTEND?

Review the names and grades of the children who will attend the school. If you have additional children attending the school this year, you may add them to this section at this time.

### 5. SECTION 3 – HOW & WHEN TO PAY?

Review the payment plans offered by your school and choose one. The plans listed are selected by your school and cannot be changed by Smart Tuition. Select your preferred payment method and due date from the options offered by your school.

### 6. SECTION 4 – SUBMIT

Review Smart Tuition's terms and conditions. Click SUBMIT ENROLLMENT to complete your online enrollment.

### 7. CONFIRMATION

Upon online enrollment completion, a confirmation page will display and a confirmation email will be sent to you.

### ACCOUNT ACTIVATION

Once your school has reviewed and activated your account, you will receive an email with login instructions.

To view your balance, make payments, update your personal information, or chat with a live representative, access your Smart Tuition account at [parent.smarttuition.com](http://parent.smarttuition.com).

The Smart Tuition program manages tuition payments and follows the policies established at the school. Decisions regarding tuition amounts, tuition aid, scholarships, and all other tuition related items are made by your school.

We look forward to working with you and your family this year! Our Parent Help Center is available 24 hours per day. Families can access their accounts to check balances and make payments. Call us at (888) 868-8828.



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

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**4 Man Scramble -- Space Limited to First 144 Golfers**

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**3266 NUTMEG ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92104**

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**Deadline to RSVP April 14<sup>th</sup>**



Ball Tag and Divot Tool with Early Registration



Official Tee Prize

**CONTACT Memo Lopez '93 @ 619-213-3189 OR [GOLF@ALUMNISAHS.ORG](mailto:GOLF@ALUMNISAHS.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

# GYM/STUDENT CENTER PROJECT MINUTES BEFORE COMPLETION

Photography by Steve Chipp

After 17 months and a few delays because of a rash of rainstorms flooding the construction site, Phase II of the Rebuilding of the Saints Campus is just about completed.

Called St. Augustine Commons, the Gym/Student Center will be dedicated on April 26, 2017 at 11 am. For your invitation see Page 5.



New Gymnasium Floor named in honor of the Class of 1964.

Outdoor view to the project's main entry (facing East).



New grass field between old and new gym facilities.

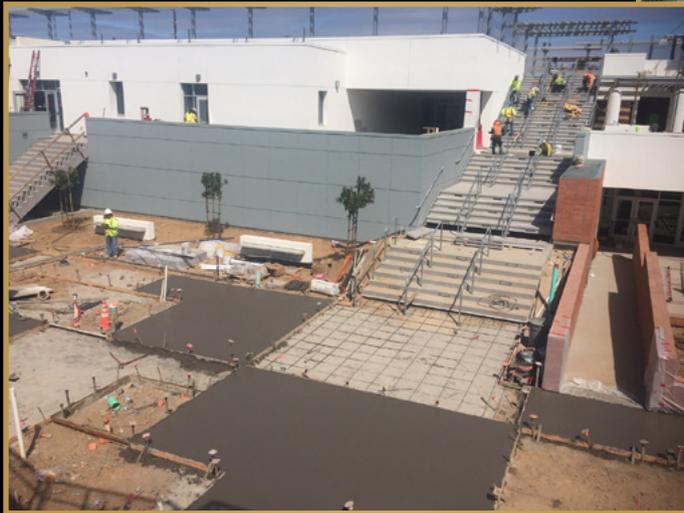


Soon to be finished Main Lobby looking Northwest.



Pouring in the new parking lot

Plaza between classrooms and St. Augustine Commons seen from new Mezzanine level.



Pouring cement to the plaza area in front of the beautiful three-level staircase.



Inside the new Wrestling Room.

# THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

## AN ANALYSIS OF SAINTS CIF SOCCER SUCCESS

Text by Edwin Hearn • Photography by William Hill

**SEMI-FINAL GAME VS. PT. LOMA HIGH.** Recently the Saints Varsity Soccer team was paired against Point Loma High in the CIF Open Division semi-final match. The winner of the game would play for the Open Championship three days later at Mesa College. In their previous league matches Saints had won 3-0 and tied 0-0 against the Pointers.

Point Loma was favored with three senior Saintsmen mid-fielders not able to play as a result of season-ending injuries: attacking center midfielder and four-year letterman Brenner Jarrad, who had surgery the morning of the game to have bone spurs surgically removed from his ankle; attacking center mid-fielder senior Joshua Castrillon, who was out with a torn hamstring; and senior Nick Trevino, who could not play as a result of a torn ACL.

The game, however, was scoreless at halftime; at the end of regulation and at the end of the 15-minute overtime period where neither team could muster a goal.

Both schools found themselves with chances, but failed to convert at critical moments during the contest. As the game continued on with Saints struggling to string three or four passes together, fatigue became the enemy of both teams.

With exhaustion setting-in, the game became a test of wills with some players beginning to compromise their efforts. For Saints, it was vital to get the game to a shootout. In a shootout, the goalies become the main actors. To win, penalty kicks must be blocked. By the end of the overtime period with no score, the abilities of both goalies came into closer scrutiny. Michael Ingraham, the Saints goalie became the X-factor.

The shootout would decide the game. Saints team captains, Jake Haupt, who would later be named the CIF Section's Player of the Year and Michael Ingraham, who would also subsequently be named All-CIF selection, won the coin toss and elected to shoot first. Haupt, arguably Saints' best shooter, would go first.

In the quarterfinal game, Haupt had hit the winning golden goal on a penalty kick in the last minute of overtime against San Pasqual. He now struck the ball hard to his right. The goalkeeper instinctively broke to his right and blocked the ball--a catastrophe for Saints. Advantage Point Loma.

On Point Loma's first kick, Ingraham made a strong save to his left. As he went low, the ball took an awkward bounce and went over his left hand only to bounce off his face for the save. The Saints' crowd breathed a sigh of relief. Score remained 0-0.

Up next for Saints was junior Jesus Delgadillo a three-year letterman and first team all conference. Delgadillo shot the ball with the inside of his right foot in an attempt to beat the goalkeeper to his left side. With a diving effort to the left, the Point Loma keeper was able to block the shot with his outstretched hand. The Saints crowd moaned! The Point Loma crowd cheered! Advantage Point Loma!

On the Pointers' next penalty kick, Ingraham dove low to his right and was able to block the ball with his top hand deflecting the kick wide of the goal. With three kicks to go for both squads, the score was tied and was anyone's game.

Taking Saints' third penalty kick was senior Richie Hamlin, a three-year letterman and second team all-league. After placing the ball on



**1. THE BEST**—The 2016-17 Varsity Saints Soccer team fought injury all year and with persistence and dedication were able to win the Open Division CIF title in San Diego.

**2. PLAYER OF YEAR**—Saints wins the Open Division title as the Trophy is hoisted by Jake Haupt, CIF Soccer Player of the Year 2017. Coach Brendan Johnston, who was awarded the CIF Coach of the Year honors has won 6 CIF Championships (5 as the Head Coach) in his 15 years as the "Chief" of Saints Soccer.

**3. ATTACK**—A salvo of Saintsmen crash into Coronado's goal led by Jake Haupt, who's amazing header on this corner kick put the Saints up 2-0.



the penalty mark, Hamlin calmly struck the ball past the goalkeeper's outstretched right hand into the back of the net giving the advantage to Saints 1-0.

The Pointer's third penalty kick fooled Ingraham as he dove left, the ball slid to his right evening the score 1-1. With two shots to go, a trip to the CIF championship game was hanging in the balance.

The fourth kicker in Saints' line-up was sophomore Shaun Matney. Having decided to go left "no matter what," Matney buried an in-swinging shot into the side net past the diving goalkeeper putting Saints in command 2-1.

With Point Loma down to two penalty kicks, the tension mounted for all. As the next Pointers' kicker approached the ball, Ingraham was able to see the right-footer open his hips just slightly before he struck the ball. In an instant, Ingraham dove to his left fully extending his arms and reaching back with his left hand to push the ball wide keeping the 2-1 score intact.

If Saints' final kick was good, the match would end 3-1 with Saints moving on to the finals. If it was off, Point Loma would get a final kick to tie and if successful, the shootout would move to sudden death in another round of shooting.

Jogging in from mid-field was sophomore Saintsman Tony Padilla. Padilla had started the season with the junior varsity squad and was only brought up for the second round of league play. He had been played sparingly with two cameo appearances at the varsity level. As Padilla placed the ball on the penalty spot, he kept his gaze on the goalkeeper. While approaching his mark, Padilla had already determined he would strike the ball to his right. The referee's whistle sounded, Padilla took a deep breath, calmly moved towards the ball and buried the shot around the goalie with the inside of his right foot. This was the first game-winning penalty kick of his career and game winner 3-1.

**CHAMPIONSHIP VS. CORONADO**—With the win, Saints advanced to the finals where they shutout Coronado 2-0 to win their second CIF championship in the last three years. Some would call the victory lucky and no doubt the game was decided by a fraction of an inch. With a deeper look at the contest, the coaches' philosophy and the ethos found at Saints, there was more to this game than luck.

The Saints' team had been taught to think differently about success and the process that leads to excellence. Coach Brendan Johnston, a Latin and English teacher at Saints, along with his Assistant Coach Bill Pollan, had taught their boys how to overcome difficult situations and solve problems. They were taught to be selfless, to respect each other, to play as a team, to keep doubt at bay, keep one's focus on the next play, and to trust in the applied hard work and preparation that was accomplished with one's teammates.

Very few teams have the depth of talented players to overcome the injuries sustained by Saints. Optimism, resilience, persistency, belief and faith in the members of the team carried the day on the field of play that memorable Tuesday afternoon.

There were many insistences during the game that would have caused a lesser team to give-up. When the third round of penalty kicks began with a nil score, it would have been easy for Saints to not



**4. GATEKEEPER**—Goal Keeper Michael Ingraham was a pivotal piece in the Saints Soccer playoff run. He had many great moments throughout the year but his amazing stops in Penalty Kicks of the semi-final game were some of his best.

**5. TROPHY TIME**—CIF Open Champs Left to right..... Liam Griste, Jason Valentini, Richie Hamlin, Jake Haupt, Jack Mahony, Michael Ingraham, Adam Gainor, and Brenner Jarrad.

**6. SOPH SCORES**—The Saints get on the scoreboard with a goal from Sophomore Tony Padilla (25) on a thrown in during the first half.

## THE CHAMPTIONSHIP GAMES

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execute that which they were taught.

To know that Michael Ingraham literally had their backs, gave the entire team a belief that winning would be difficult that day, but not impossible if they stuck to the game plan.

Overcoming the loss of three front line players, the knowledge that defense would have to carry the day as Saints goals would be sparse and to stay positive during the shootout resulted in the first Open Soccer championship in Saints' history.

While a bystander watching the game, would know little more than Saints' eked out a lucky victory on the pitch that sunny afternoon, Saintmen knew it had everything to do with trusting the process, paying attention to detail and believing in the team.

*Mr. Hearn, an avid soccer fan, is President of St. Augustine High School*



**7. THANKS FANS**—Adam Gainor, Jack Shea and Juan Garcia celebrating with members of the Pit.

## Sober Grad Night



*Friday June 2nd 10 pm to 5 am*  
*Kearny Mesa Bowl*  
*7585 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard*

### Information

Admission is \$65.00 online and \$70.00 at the door

Casual Dress, no backpacks, large purses, no water bottles of any kind will be allowed inside

Grads will be required to show ID at the door prior to admittance

Sign up at SAHS.org after May 1, 2017

Contact at the venue:  
 Sue Pfeifer (619)727-3972



### Night Includes

All night food and beverages, candy bar, continental breakfast

Bowling, DJ, live entertainment and activities, including a magician, hypnotist and dancing

Hundreds of dollars in Raffles of gift cards and prizes

Doors open at 10 pm and will be locked from 11 pm to 5 am

Students may not leave before the event is over

Parents and graduates are asked to consider the risk of attendees driving under the influence of fatigue after a night of little or no sleep it is strongly recommend that parents drive their graduate to the event.

## WHERE COMMUNITY HAPPENS

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Committee of the Board had multiple meetings to brainstorm student and teacher needs, examine school programs and determine the best design for the new student center. I remember clearly at one of the meetings Fr. Bob Gavotto, then our Chaplain, sharing that there should be signage on some of the spaces that read, "this is where 'Community' happens". Incidentally, at one of the final masses of the 2015-16 school year, Fr. Gary Sanders, OSA gave a homily (where he referenced the musical *Hamilton*) and spoke of the Dougherty gymnasium, where we gather for weekly mass, as "The room where it happens".

St. Augustine Commons opens and will be dedicated this month (April 26, 11 am). 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. Our journey with one another, our ability to connect with Saints families past and present and the Saints Experience of our current and future students will all be enhanced.

Whether gathering for weekly mass, athletic contests, student activities, reunions, community celebrations or one of the many other functions that will be hosted in the Commons, the building will shape our sense of community. Join us this month for the dedication and celebrate the addition of a new space on campus that will continue the memories and tradition of the school by becoming the room where "community" happens.

In the spirit of Community,

James Horne  
 Principal

# Prevent Fatal Cardiac Arrest in Youth FREE Heart Screening For Ages 12-25

Sunday, April 9 • 9am to 3pm at University of San Diego

Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

Provided by the Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation and a medical team led by Scripps cardiologist Dr. John Rogers, MD.

Every year thousands of our kids die when their heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. Known as Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), this syndrome can happen without symptoms or warning signs. San Diego alone loses three to five teens annually.

It's not a heart attack. SCA is an abnormality in the heart's electrical system that can be detected with a simple EKG. But *EKGs are NOT a part of your teen's annual well-child exam or pre-participation sports physical.*

Through our partnership with your school, parents have the opportunity to have their teens screened at no cost. The screening is *completely non-invasive (no needles or x-ray exposure)*, painless and takes about a half hour to complete a health history, EKG and echocardiogram if indicated. You are notified of the results for follow-up with your own family doctor.

The biggest misconception about SCA is that it won't happen to your teen. You have no family history...your child has no symptoms...your doctor has not indicated a screening was needed. But there is a dangerously low awareness of SCA among parents and the medical community, even though it's **a leading cause of death in the U.S. for youth under 25 and #1 killer of student athletes.**

Your school invites you to screen your teen. **Simply register at [EPSaveALife.org](http://EPSaveALife.org)**

EP Save A Life has screened

**21,946**  
teens throughout San Diego County

**413** had undetected heart abnormalities

**174** were at risk for Sudden Cardiac Arrest

**36** free heart screening events since 2010

Nearly **1 IN 100** screened will be found at risk



**About Eric Paredes** Eric was a healthy Steele Canyon High School sophomore athlete who died suddenly and unexpectedly from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in 2009. His parents, Hector and Rhina Paredes, established EP Save A Life Foundation to honor Eric through their commitment to prevent this tragedy from reoccurring. Eric's foundation provides free screenings to youth to identify cardiac anomalies that may lead to SCA, with the ultimate goal of standardizing cardiac screenings among our youth. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Please download and complete the parent screening packet and bring it with you April 9.



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# CIF CHAMPS AND BEYOND

# DOUGHERTY GYM GOES OUT IN A BLAZE

By Rick Smith/Partletonsports.org

## SEASON OVERVIEW:

When the last bit of confetti hit the court, St. Augustine High's Varsity Basketball team had earned its first crown ever as CIF Champions in the San Diego section's vaunted Open Division. They also advanced and won in the state regionals before losing to a perennial state powerhouse, Santa Ana Mater Dei. All in all, the gritty and speedy Saintsmen went undefeated in San Diego County for the 2016-17 season and 27-5 overall.

## PLAYOFF RECAP:

The final two games at St. Augustine were in keeping with the history of the 64-year-old building, a bandbox of often ear-splitting noise, tightly-packed crowds, and barnburner finishes.

In the very last game at Dougherty Gym, a CIF semi-final affair vs. Foothills Christian High, the game was a nail biter until Foothills coach Brad Leaf was hit with two technical fouls with less than two seconds to play in the game. He went on to serve a suspension when the Knights opened play in the Southern California regionals of the state playoffs the following week.

Despite the 72-69 loss to the Saints in the semifinals, Foothills joined St. Augustine, Torrey Pines, and five other local Open Division teams in the extended postseason.

Blame Coach Leaf's one-time benching on the decibel level created by the overflowing mass of humanity in the old gym or the spirit of Fr. Dougherty.

Fr. Dougherty was an Augustinian provincial who led the fund-raising drive that resulted in the Dec. 2, 1952, dedication of the squat, brick edifice that seats maybe 700 persons and occupies a campus niche on Palm Avenue between 32nd and Nutmeg streets.

Leaf received two technicals and an automatic ejection with 1.5 seconds remaining in the game.

As a team, Foothills was hit with three technicals because a Knights player, or Leaf, called time out after Foothills rebounded a missed shot with 1.9 seconds remaining and the score tied at 69.

Foothills, however, was out of time outs, prompting the first whistle.

Coach Leaf got into trouble when he began shouting that he had not called time out, resulting in technical No. 1. His argument was he was the only one authorized to call a team time out. He did not realize his player was the one that called the time out.

When Coach Leaf stalked the referee across the court, another in the crew raised his right hand to signal the second technical and ejection.

"It was a chaotic situation," Coach Leaf later said to writer John Maffei of the *Union-Tribune*. "The gym was packed, everyone was standing. It was tough to hear or see anything...."

If Leaf kept his composure, his squad would have received a mulligan because Otto Taylor missed the first two free throws for St. Augustine, but the opposing coach's tantrum gave him four more chances on technical fouls.

He converted three of them to cement a 72-69 victory.

## SAINTS ON RECEIVING END

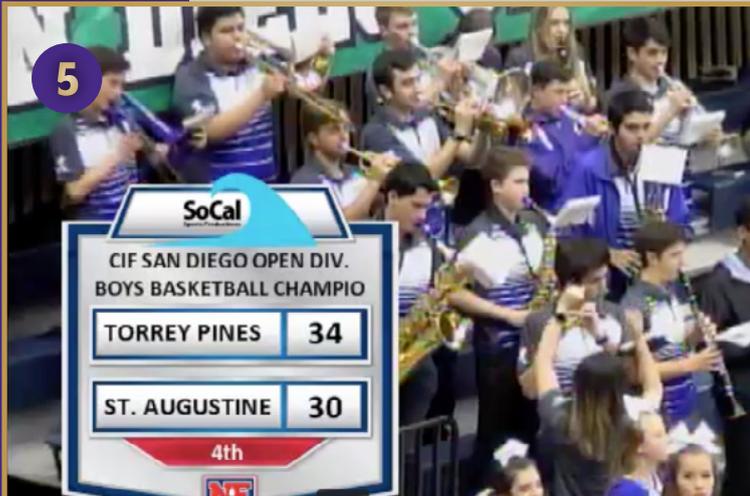
The Saints' Taeshon Cherry was shown the Dougherty Gym door three



1. CIF Champion Saints Varsity Basketball 2016-17 /Photo Thom Vollenweider.

2. Otto Taylor taking charge in the fourth quarter.

3. Saints President Ed Hearn interviewed at half time.



nights before after the player complained about a foul in the second quarter of the Saints' 68-45, quarterfinals win over La Costa Canyon.

CIF commissioner Jerry Schniepp overturned Cherry's ejection after the crew of officials admitted a mistake and that Cherry had not received two technicals, since the first whistle had resulted in a common foul.

The official who T'd Cherry was suspended from possible additional playoff assignments.

Saints coach Mike Haupt didn't start Cherry against Foothills but the 6-foot, 8-inch junior got into the game minutes later and scored 17 points.

### CIF CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

In a classic match-up between the number one and two seeds in San Diego County high school basketball wars, Torrey Pines and St. Augustine High earned their respective tickets to meet at Jenny Craig Arena at USD for the 2017 CIF Open Division championship game.

Saints' Varsity began the game by taking a 14-point lead early and closed the half at 25-17. Most of the early success came from Saints mastery of the court. The Western League champs dominated the Falcons in the first half with stifling defense, overall team space, blocked shots masterful rebounding, especially on the offensive boards.

Second half was played by an entirely different Saints team. On offense, they couldn't buy a basket; they made a rash of turn overs and played uncharacteristic sloppy defense.

With Taeshon Cherry, Saints star big-man in foul trouble (he didn't play in the third period), the Falcons slowed play to tie the game at 25-all early in the second half. At 4:10 in the third quarter, Torrey Pines took the lead 27-25, which the Falcons ran to 34-30 at the end of three quarters. Saints regrouped in the final period after being down 40-30 thanks to Otto Taylor catching fire at the free throw line.

At the two-minute mark, the game was tied 42-42 until Otto Taylor hit a three pointer for a Saints 45-42 lead. After critical fouls by both teams, Saints defense valiantly kept the lead and won at the buzzer 47-44.

### WATCH THE GAME:

For a replay of the CIF championship game go to the following link: <http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/socal-sports-productions/6198b6fdbd?maxpreps>

### ON TO THE SO CAL CIF REGIONALS:

St. Augustine and Torrey Pines, San Diego Section Open Division finalists, were placed in the elite (highest possible division) eight-team regional Open.

St. Augustine played a stronger intersectional schedule and was "rewarded" with first-round road game against loaded, nationally ranked Southern Section team Chatsworth Sierra Canyon.

By beating Sierra Canyon, 88-8 in what many considered a major upset the Saints then drew Santa Ana Mater Dei, a team the Saints played and lost to earlier in the season. In the Sierra Canyon win, the Nutmeg Streeters made 11 of 15 three-point shots in the first half and

4. CIF Championship scoreboard at tip off.

5. Pep band never gave up even late in the fourth quarter.

6. Celebrating on court after topping Torrey Pines: Saints Principal Jim Horne with son Daniel Horne and JT Cox. Photo: Thom Vollenweider.

# CIF CHAMPS AND BEYOND

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a total of 14 in the game.

But, against Santa Ana Mater Dei, the Monarch's beat Saints for the third time this season 63-57. Taeshon Cherry 3-pointer, the Saints' first of the second half, had it down to four with 33 seconds remaining. But a crucial turnover and five free throws by Matthew Weyand sealed the deal.

The Saints played a good portion of the game without freshman point guard Kimo Ferrari, who tweaked a knee and was held out.

St. Augustine turned the ball over eight times in the second quarter, seven in the third and 22 times for the game.

Cherry finished his junior season with a game-high 25 points on 9-of-18 shooting. He also grabbed 11 rebounds. Otto Taylor finished with 16 points for the Saints.

The bottom line for the 2016-17 Saints season was a good one. Its only losses came at the hands of out of town powerhouse basketball programs. Saints went undefeated in San Diego County to claim the big boys "Open" division CIF title.

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YEAR	W	L	COACH	YEAR	W	L	COACH
1931			Gardner	1976	15	12	Hardick
1932			Gardner	1977	21	7	Hardick
1933			Gardner	1978	18	12	Hardick
1934			Gardner	1979	11	16	Hardick
1935			Gardner	1980	4	19	Hardick
1936	13	2	Gardner	1981	7	17	Hardick
1937	27	1	Gardner	1982	4	18	Hardick
1938			Gardner	1983	6	16	Hardick
1939	6	5	Fr. Murray	1984	12	11	Hardick
1940	2	12	Cousart	1985	9	13	Hardick
1941	3	6	Fr. O'Malley	1986	12	11	Hardick
1942	3	6	Fr. O'Malley	1987	16	8	Hardick
1943	8	15	Fr. O'Malley	1988	7	18	Hardick
1944	0	9	Fr. O'Malley	1989	2	19	Hardick
1945	6	9	Fr. O'Malley	1990	7	21	Armstrong
1946	4	6	Fr. McDermott	1991	14	12	Armstrong
1947	9	10	Brogan	1992	18	7	Stewart
1948	10	12	Brogan	1993*	20	8	Stewart
1949	12	6	Brogan	1994	25	6	Peterson
1950	7	22	Brogan	1995	19	10	Stewart
1951	11	8	Stanford	1996	7	21	Haupt
1952	11	13	Kaiser	1997	21	11	Haupt
1953	16	9	Finan	1998	19	10	Haupt
1954	11	7	Finan	1999	20	9	Haupt
1955	17	6	Finan	2000	18	12	Haupt
1956	8	18	Finan	2001*	23	7	Haupt
1957	13	10	Moriarty	2002*	16	16	Haupt
1958	20	5	Moriarty	2003	11	13	Haupt
1959	5	17	Moriarty	2004	16	12	Haupt
1960	9	11	Galindo	2005*+	31	1	Haupt
1961	4	17	Flood	2006	28	4	Haupt
1962	14	7	Mitrovich	2007	12	15	Haupt
1963	19	5	Mitrovich	2008	13	16	Haupt
1964	16	12	Mitrovich	2009	20	8	Haupt
1965	14	8	Mitrovich	2010	23	7	Haupt
1966	5	10	Shea	2011	23	7	Haupt
1967	22	8	Gengler	2012	23	7	Haupt
1968	5	19	Gengler	2013*#	29	4	Haupt
1969	16	12	Gengler	2014	28	4	Haupt
1970	28	4	Gengler	2015*	25	7	Haupt
1971	17	12	Hardick	2016	24	8	Haupt
1972	11	13	Hardick	2017*	28	5	Haupt
1973	5	20	Hardick				
1974	7	17	Hardick				
1975	5	21	Hardick				

\*CIF Champions, +State Runner-up  
#State Champions

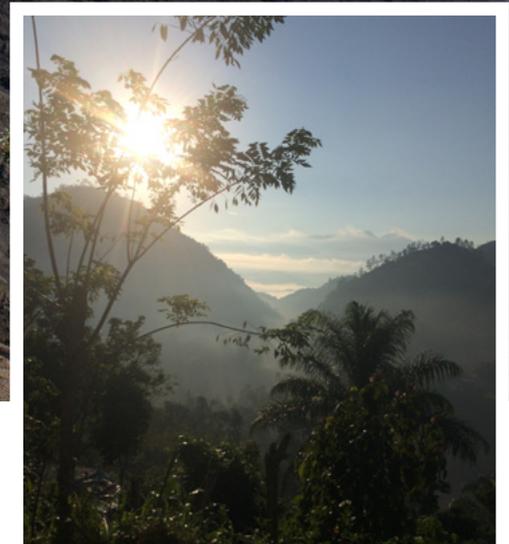
COACH	YRS	W	L	PCT.
Mike Haupt	22	458	204	0.692
Richard Hardick	19	189	280	0.403
Bob Gengler	4	71	43	0.623
Rick Stewart	3	57	25	0.695
Hal Mitrovich	4	53	32	0.624
John Finan	4	52	40	0.565
Cletis "Biff" Gardner	8	40	3	0.930
Harold Brogan	4	38	50	0.432
Jerry Moriarty	3	38	32	0.543
Bill Peterson	1	25	6	0.806
Jeff Armstrong	2	21	33	0.389
Fr. Joe O'Malley	5	20	45	0.308
Len Stanford	1	11	8	0.579
Jack Kaiser	1	11	13	0.458
Joe Galindo	1	9	11	0.450
Fr. B. Murray	1	6	5	0.545
Dick Shea	1	5	10	0.333
Fr. William McDermott	1	4	6	0.400
Tom Flood	1	4	17	0.190
Jim Cousart	1	2	12	0.143
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>0.560</b>

# ADVENTURES ON THE VOLCANO

WONDERS OF SAINTS INTERSESSION TRAVEL,  
INCLUDES CLIMBING AN ACTIVE VOLCANO.



Sebastian Castillo, Reid Gohlke, Dylan Callahan, Chase Colbert, and Alec Padilla (L-R) getting dirty and mixing cement.



Beautiful Guatemala.

Name another high school program in San Diego that involves students climbing an active volcano (Pacaya) in Guatemala and we'll eat our proverbial bean. But sure enough that's what 13 Saintsmen, accompanied by faculty members Fr. Kirk Davis and Ms. Julia Mekrut, did during a 20 day Intercession adventure centered on a service immersion program in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala.

More on the volcano excursion later. Now, let's visit the village.

San Lucas Tolimán is a municipality in the Sololá department of Guatemala. The town of 17,000 people sits on the southeastern shore of Lago de Atitlán, described by Aldous Huxley as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world.

Before arriving at San Lucas Toliman, the Saints entourage had two full days in Copan, Honduras, where they explored the town by foot, including summiting the impressive Mayan ruins that were abandoned in the early 10th century. The group ended their Honduran excursion with a zip-lining adventure through the trees with native scarlet macaws hidden in the canopies above.

From Copan, the group traveled to

San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, where they would embark on a 10 day service-learning experience. As they passed through the capital city, they could see Pacaya, the 8,400-ft active volcano, in the distance. Pacaya has been erupting continuously since 1965 and last erupted in March of 2014, less than 2 months after an earlier group of Saintsmen trekked up the perilous mountain.

The Saints tour arrived in San Lucas on a Sunday. They were split up into teams each day to work with the locals on different projects such as: housing construction, reforestation, the women's center, and coffee production.

Another feature of the service-learning experience included the opportunity to visit with indigenous families in their homes, and listen first hand to the emotional stories of locals who survived the Guatemalan civil war, which lasted from 1960 until 1996.

One student wrote: "This trip made me more aware of how people throughout the world live, and how not everyone has a nice house. These experiences have made me appreciate more what I have and have made me more aware of the current state of world affairs."



Chase Colbert and Alec Padilla (left to right) putting in window frames in a small local home.

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“As for the Pacaya outing, it has been a feature of our Guatemala Intersession trip since the first year,” said Fr. Davis, “so every student who has made the journey has had the experience.

Guatemala is a country with LOTS of volcanos. The Lake Atitlan/San Lucas Toliman area, where we spend most of our time, is surrounded by three major volcanos: Atitlan, Toliman, and San Pedro.

The town of Antigua, a World Heritage site, is also surrounded by three volcanos: Fuego, Agua, and Pacaya.

Pacaya sits in a national park, and is a popular tourist destination. The day-trip from Antigua involves transportation via vans to the base of the volcano.

The entry fee to the national park includes the services of a guide for the group. The guide stays with us for the entire visit, and leads the group up the long, steep trail and back.



It wasn't all work. Between service projects and work on the coffee farm the group found time to go on a zipline adventure through the treetops of Lopan, Honduras.



Sebastian Garcia, Reid Gohlke, Calvin Suster, Sebastian Castillo, Kenny Berg, David Pfeifer, Andrew Moura and William Legg (L-R) learning to do laundry in a traditional pila.



The Saints Guatemala travelers on their way to a local Mayan religious ceremony hosted by a local.



Dylan Callahan, Chase Colbert, Sebastian Garcia, Marco Vizcarra, Alec Padilla, Sebastian Castillo, Calvin Suster, Andrew Moura, Reid Gohlke, David Pfeifer, Kenny Berg and Gabe Cabanas (L-R) waiting for marshmallows to roast on the side of Pacaya Volcano.



Reid Gohlke and William Legg (L-R) finishing a stabilizing wall on a local home.



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