



SAINTS SCENE



DON'T ENCOURAGE THEM—Because members of “The Pit,” St. Augustine High’s official unofficial student body cheering section really don’t need an excuse to be uber enthusiastic. But recent media attention in the form of an entire feature article on “The Pit” by UT-San Diego staff reporter Don Norcross, has Saints noise boyz strutting tall. Image above was from TV coverage of Saints Varsity Basketball from last season. To view the reprint of the recent UT article (thank you, UT) and a photo essay of The Pit go to page 8.



GRANDPARENTS DAY AHEAD—Very few schools have a Grandparents Day much less a tradition that spans 26 years. Next Grandparents Day is February 7 on campus. Festivities begin at 10:45 am. Sharing last year’s Grandparents Day were Aaron Martinez (’12) with his mom, Shari Martinez and grandmother Nellie Martinez.

ROAD TOGETHER... SAINTS CELEBRATES ITS GENERATIONS WITH GRANDPARENTS DAY

By Edwin Hearn, President
St. Augustine High School

Appropriately educating a young man in 2014 is a complex proposition. It is truly a joint venture of the Augustinians, the Board of Directors, the administration, the faculty and the family. All the contributors must be in-sync and trust the good intention of each partner. When the message is clear from both the family and the school, ambiguity is minimized and our students have a much better chance of becoming practicing Catholics and productive members of our community.

On behalf of the entire community, we thank the grandparents of our young men for the very important role they play in the education of their grandsons. Grandparents often make the critical difference in their grandson’s life. From the Saints’ vantage point, it’s obvious that the love of both the parents and grandparents has created an environment that

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BELIEVE IN THEM DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS,



Principal James Horne

A week ago I traveled with our President Mr. Hearn to a regional gathering of leaders of Catholic boys schools in Southern California. The meeting was an opportunity to share best practices and talk about how as boys’ schools we could combat the disadvantages that boys encounter in their learning and their struggle to advance to colleges and universities.

Here at Saints we believe strongly that we are combating those disadvantages because our program is tailored to the distinct manner in which young men learn. But beyond classroom methodology, is our school community’s underlying care (Caritas) for each and every student.

As parents and teachers there is a single statement we can make to students to express our care for them and solidify our relationship

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SAINTS TO HOST MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON

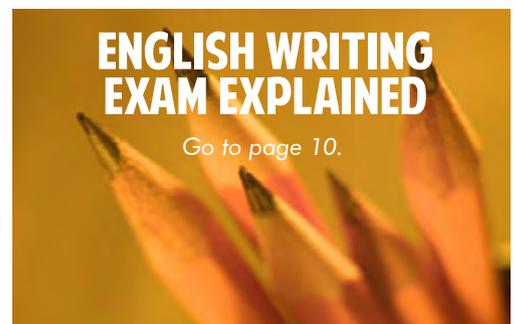
18TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN EVENT ON CAMPUS, MARCH 1

St. Augustine High School will host the 18th Annual Diocesan Academic Decathlon competition on Saturday, March 1. Supported by Saints Director of Admissions Mr. Mike Haupt and the teachers and staff of Saints, this is the day when Catholic schools will send teams of 6th, 7th and 8th graders to the big day of academic competition.

The Academic Junior High Decathlon is an academic competition for middle school students intended to provide students with an academic event that parallels athletic competitions. It is comprised of eight individual events designed to test the individual’s knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts (Art and Music).

In addition to the individual events, there

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PRIEST, PATRON OF HOLY SOULS

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

AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE



There are, for many of us, people who have served as models and inspiration in our own lives, and, at times, in the choices we make. The friar, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, has been for Augustinians throughout most of our history, such a model illustrating the ideals we strive after in our religious lives and ministry. The saints, after all, have no need of our praise. We, however, had need of their example, encouragement and intercession.

Nicholas is the first member of the Order to have been canonized and for much of the Order's history served as the model – par excellence – of the perfect integration of a life of contemplation with that of active ministry among God's people. He was born in 1245 in Sant'Angelo in Pontano, Italy, and joined the Order shortly after the Grand Union.

The early years of his life as a friar were devoted to preaching in various houses of his province, but his last thirty years were spent in Tolentino, where he was engaged principally as confessor, benefactor of the poor and diligent minister to the sick. Nicholas was a man filled with compassion and charity toward his brothers in the monastery, great hospitality to visitors and generous attention to all in need. At the same time his life of prayer and recollection, of penance and fidelity to the common life won the admiration of all. His devotion to the faithful departed and his prayers for their salvation earned him the title Patron of the Souls in Purgatory. Nicholas died on September 10, 1305 and his body is venerated in his Basilica in Tolentino. He was canonized by Eugene IV in 1446.

Nicholas holds a special place on our calendar and in our history, not only because he was the first member of the Order to be canonized, but because he exemplifies well the balance between two essential elements of Christian – and Augustinian – life: love of God and love of neighbor; prayer and good works; and for friars, a life of contemplation combined with the life of generous service in ministry. His feast day is September 10.

Prayer: O God, you have shown the wonders of your holiness and mercy in the priest St. Nicholas, and in him you have given us an example of dedication to you and apostolic ministry. Through his intercession we ask you to conserve your Church in unity and peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ALUM HONORS A RESPECTED TEACHER ANNOUNCING THE JOHN VIGNOL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

By Pat Tiernan ('95)



During my second semester at Saints, I met a teacher who would alter the direction of my life. Anxious but eager, I remember walking into my religion classroom in Sheehan Hall after lunch where you could feel the collective angst among my classmates. A medium-built older gentleman walked briskly into the room toward the teacher's desk where he rested his briefcase, adjusted his black-rimmed glasses for a moment, and turned toward the class saying, "This is Old Testament. My name is Mr. Vignol. You may have heard some rumors about me—they're all true." And with that, I was hooked. It was the spring of '92.

Over the course of the next four years, John would stand out for me as an academic tour de force. He didn't just light a spark; he ignited an inferno. His passion for modeling the ideals of Catholicism, biblical storytelling, and devotion to the craft of education transcended the classroom. He taught me scripture and philosophy but also served as my academic league/decaathlon coach. I also attended his wedding to Johanna Knutson (my drama coach and English teacher for several years at Saints) and can fondly remember many discussions about faith and life in general.

John did more than just throw down the

intellectual gauntlet in front of a nervous freshman from Poway. He cared for my education by never expecting less than what I was capable of achieving. Satisfactory is quite possibly the only word absent from John's lexicon. It was his dedication that motivated my own studies in theology and philosophy and has led me to a successful teaching career. To this day, he remains a close friend and trusted colleague in the enterprise of Catholic education. It is for all of these reasons that I am privileged to announce the establishment of the John Vignol Endowment Scholarship.

Please join me in honoring John Vignol and supporting the long term success of St. Augustine High School with a contribution. To do so please click below:

www.sahs.org/advancement/ways-to-give



St. Mary's of Escondido are the 2013 Saints Alumni-San Diego County Parochial Football Champions.

ST. MARY'S "BIG BOYS" CROWNED PAROCHIAL FOOTBALL CHAMPS

Okay, pre-season scouting reports said they were big and slow. Opps. The "Big Boys" from St. Mary of Escondido proved to be big, physical, and disciplined. The St. Mary's Knights defeated the Lancers from St. Rose of Lima in overtime, 22-20, to capture the 2013 Saints Alumni-San Diego County Parochial Football Championship. The "Big Boys" made big plays when they had to.

The game went back and forth. St. Rose was holding on to a 14-6 lead late in the game, thanks to a stingy defense led by All-County selections Juan Fuentes and Sebastian Acevedo.

With 35 seconds left in the game, the St. Mary's defense pinned St Rose back to their own 5 yard line. The Lancers were forced to punt. The Knights, Michael Carey, blocked the punt and recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown. St. Mary's kicker, William Downey, converted the PAT to make it 14-14. The Knights defense held on to force overtime.

St. Mary's, won the toss and elected to have the ball first (four plays from the 10 yard line). The Knights scored on a TD pass play from Luca Scarpello to Michael Carey. Again, William Downey came up big with a critical PAT. Score 22-14.

Now it was St Rose's turn: The Knights defense held them for three downs, but St. Rose came back with a touchdown, led by Jordan McDaniel and Anthony Hindi, both selected to the All-County team. The Lancers attempted their PAT to even up the score, but Bryan Barazza came in hard to block the kick.

Final score St. Mary's 22 and St. Rose of Lima 20.

Both teams played a hard fought game. St. Mary's coach Virgil Enriquez said, "I am really proud of this team. They showed great team work and character throughout the year and especially in this tournament."

St. Mary's players Adam Barraza, Bryan Barraza, Michael Carey and Luca Scarpella were named to the All-County team.



Michael McRoskey ('14)



Christian Lloyd ('15)



Kim Mahoney ('14)



Chris Heffner ('15)

STUDENT ATHLETE HONORS

For 29 years the *U-T San Diego* and its previous incarnations has published its All-Academic team honoring juniors and seniors who participated in a CIF approved varsity sport and maintained a 3.00 GPA or better. The following is the newspaper's list for fall 2013 sports.

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STREET CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES NEAR SCHOOL

Construction of North Park area sewer main replacement is in progress but with some delays that could take another month to reach our school, via 33rd Street.

Once it nears our school it won't be hard to see. Construction equipment will be present 24-hours (either parked or working) on 33rd and cross streets. When that occurs you will encounter full block closures with detours. Leave with plenty of time for school to avoid feeling rushed.

SOPHOMORE FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST

The second Sophomore Father and Son Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2014. The breakfast will take place at Saints from 9:15 a.m. until 12 p.m.

We want to stress the importance of the sophomore year as a year of transition and unity. The Saints Experience is one of growth, and we feel that the sophomore year is often underestimated as students start the transition from boys to young men. We know that the Father/Son relationship is essential for this crucial transition. On the 9th we are offering another Mass and Breakfast get together. We will review our up to date transcripts and our course selections for 2014-2015. Dr. Jerry Rey will give a short presentation on the value of the different tools offered through the Naviance program and just what it takes to gain acceptance to certain universities. Many families found this presentation to be very useful last year. Don't miss it!

It is also perfectly acceptable for a student to come with his grandfather, a favorite uncle or any other adult male role model with whom he would like to share his Saints Experience and his plans for the future.

Look for a letter and sign up form in the mail. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Davis by phone, (619) 282-2184 ext. 5558, or via e-mail at bdavis@sahs.org or your Sophomore Class Officers. We would really like to see you here at Saints on the 9th.

Schedule of Events:

9:15-9:30 am: Arrive and say hello

9:30-10:15 am: Mass in Chapel

10:15-11:00 am: Breakfast/chat

11:00-12:00 pm: Presentation by Dr. Rey



IT IS ALL ABOUT FAMILY NEWS FROM RECENT MARTIN LUTHER KING SERVICE PROJECT

This is the fourth year in which students from Saints and AOLP, and the Law Firm of Ballard-Spahr came together for the Martin Luther King Service Project to feed the homeless on Martin Luther King Day.

Four years ago one of the partners of Ballard – Spahr, Mr. Thomas McNamara, contacted Mr. Tom Cudal at Saints. Mr. McNamara's son, Brendan was enrolled in Mr. Cudal's homeless outreach program. Mr. McNamara was eager to see what it would be like to serve these less fortunate neighbors, but also to witness the impact this service project had on his own son and fellow students.

This not only became a service project for his law firm but also involved the entire McNamara family who extended this opportunity to AOLP thanks to his oldest daughter Maura who was a student there at the time and was instrumental in bringing together her classmates.

The law firm invested more than just time as they purchased all of the items that the homeless could use such as blankets, socks, towels, toiletries

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SAINTSMEN DELEGATES—Each year, more than 700 invited middle and high school students participate in WorldLink's Youth Town Meeting, where they meet with representatives from public and private organizations. YTM's are grounded in the belief that youth have much to offer and much to gain from discussion with experts and professionals regarding the complexities and challenges of international affairs.

Locally, the Saints men pictured attended the 17th annual Youth Town Meeting held last month at the University of San Diego. For more information link to the organization's newsletter: http://sites.sandiego.edu/wl_reader/toc/2014-reader/



NEXT MONTH IN SAINTS SCENE—At the beginning of each new year, the school conducts a four-week Intersession program geared to giving Saints men internships into the real world occupations.

Next month in our March edition, Saints Scene will publish a photo essay on this year's Intersession highlights. You'll see and read more on the internships Saints men participated in such as (pictured) Benjamin Concannon ('12), who is one of the school's top student/athlete rugby players, but also has a bond with animals as he is pictured inside the veterinarian's office where he spent his Intersession month.

The Austin Parents Association Cordially invites you to

A Gift-Gathering Party

What is a Gift Gathering Party?

Gift-Gathering Parties are a series of informal cocktail parties hosted by Saints parents. At each party, guests are asked to donate an item or service to help support Saints 36th Annual Auction Fundraiser, Saints Roman Holiday to be held Saturday, April 12, 2014.



Please join Saints' President Ed Hearn for Cocktails and Refreshments at one or more of the following parties:



North Inland San Diego County (Scripps Ranch)

Saturday, February 22 from 6-9pm

Hosted by James and Mary Ball, 10574 Livewood Way, San Diego, 92131

East San Diego County (El Cajon)

Sunday, March 2 from 3-7pm

Hosted by Derek and Gayle McMahon, Rick and Toni Russo and Tom and Diane Plein.

The Plein's: 2172 Paseo Grande, El Cajon, 92019

Central San Diego (Kensington)

Sunday, March 9 from 4-7pm

Hosted by Jim and Suzanne Lance, 4440 Braeburn Road, San Diego, 92116

North San Diego (La Jolla)

Sunday, March 16 from 4-7 pm

Hosted by Bob and Anne Caya, 9701 La Jolla Farms Road, La Jolla, 92037

Guests are asked to donate a basket item for the auction. Suggested items include: airline gift certificates, travel/gift packages, gift certificates for services and restaurants, tickets to a sporting event, vacation get-aways, sports memorabilia, spa treatments.

In addition, all attendees are asked to bring a bottle of wine, valued at \$25 or more. These bottles will form the "Wall of Wine" and will be sold at the event.

Casual Attire • RSVP to Patricia Kiernan (619) 517-5336 or email: patriciakiernan@aol.com



CONTRIBUTIONS THAT GO BEYOND THE BOX SCORE ST. AUGUSTINE BASKETBALL TEAM MANAGER BOLSTERED BY BENEFITS OF "BROTHERHOOD."

By Justin Toscano, UT-San Diego Intern



Thomas Young ('14)

St. Augustine High senior Thomas Young is living his dream as team manager for the Saints varsity basketball squad.

Young, who was born about three months premature, weighed 2 pounds at birth. He was born with mild cerebral palsy and needed

multiple brain surgeries after suffering several mini-strokes. When Young was a baby, his heart once stopped beating for 20 minutes.

"We didn't know if he would ever be able to play sports," said Virginia Young, Thomas' mother. "He has always been determined, had a great work ethic, and has certainly proved us wrong."

When his duties as basketball team manager end, Young will participate in track and field for St. Augustine in the spring.

"Although I can't do a lot of what others my age can, I continue to have a good attitude and make the most of the life that God gave me," he said.

Young's passion for sports stems from a childhood filled with shadowing his father, Dan Young, associate director of athletics for business affairs at USD.

"I have always been around sports, and that has fueled my love," he said.

Since fifth grade, Young has dreamed of attending St. Augustine. His mother recalled a time when her 10-year-old son told coach Mike Haupt that he would be playing basketball for the Saints someday.

That goal proved to be unrealistic, but Young has overcome the odds to become a

part-time student at St. Augustine. He takes four classes — English, religion, science and art — and spends time each day with a tutor who helps him with homework and memory retention.

Though it's not what Young originally envisioned, his role as manager has allowed him to become part of a team.

"I grew to accept myself," Young said. "I'm not a great athlete or basketball player, but I still wanted to help the team in any way I could."

Haupt said he applauds Young's contributions to the Saints, who are ranked No. 1 in the San Diego Section.

"He is a great young man with a true love for basketball," said Haupt, in his 18th year as St. Augustine coach. "He helps daily and brings a great energy and enthusiasm to our team."

Young sees Haupt as more than a coach.

"He is like a second father to me and I admire the values that he instills in his players," Young said. "He preaches integrity, respect, and demands hard work out of each guy."

Young's managerial duties include setting up before and cleaning up after practices and games, scorekeeping, tracking individual and

team stats, taping games and even taking notes during practices for the coaches.

"Everyone makes me feel like a teammate," he said.

Young shares a special bond with some of the players, none more than sophomore Daniel Lara, who often stays after practice and coaches Young on basketball skills.

"The fact that he wants to spend time with me is special," Young said.

Lara said he feels the same special connection.

"We both share the same love for basketball," said Lara, who played for the 16-and-under Mexican National basketball team this summer in Uruguay. "I wanted to help him out with his game."

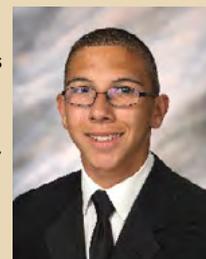
Young never seems to let an opportunity pass to be thankful for his work

with a storied Saints basketball

program that has won multiple championships.

"It truly feels like a brotherhood," he said.

"I grew to accept myself," Young said. "I'm not a great athlete or basketball player, but I still wanted to help the team in any way I could."



Justin Toscano ('14)

Note: We thank the UT-San Diego for kindly granting permission to republish the article in Saints Scene by Justin Toscano, who is a senior at St. Augustine and an intern at UT-San Diego.

SWEATY'S NUTRITIONAL CORNER FOUR REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD EAT BREAKFAST

By Michael Sweat M.ED, M.S., CSCS, CES, PES, RSCC
Director of Strength and Conditioning St. Augustine High

Breakfast is a critical meal because it influences nearly every dimension of our being throughout the course of the day including how we perform not only physically, but mentally as well.

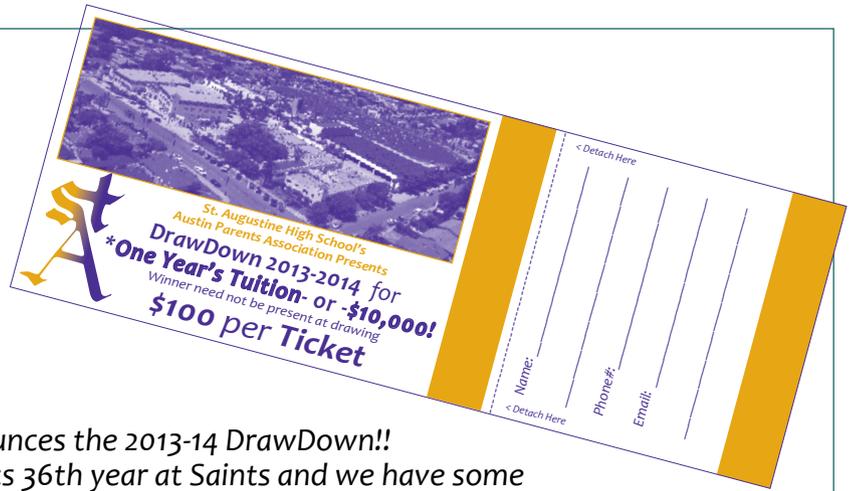
First, breakfast rapidly increases the body's energy levels and restores the blood glucose levels back to normal after a night of fasting.

Secondly, eating breakfast immediately lowers the blood level of the stress hormone called cortisol, which is at its peak first thing in the morning.

Thirdly, breakfast is the most satiating meal of the day. This will aid in the prevention of over eating later in the day.

Fourthly, breakfast has a significant effect on cognitive (mental) function throughout the day. Studies have shown that eating breakfast helps student's ability to focus and reduces the declines in attention and memory during the morning hours. Make a high quality breakfast with the main source of nutrients including carbohydrates then protein and healthy fats a priority.





Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends –

The Austin Parent Association proudly announces the 2013-14 DrawDown!! This year's DrawDown fundraiser will mark its 36th year at Saints and we have some exciting news! One lucky winner will have the choice of Paid Tuition for 2014-15 or \$10,000 in cash. The winner will be selected at this year's Big One - our very own "Saints Roman Holiday" on April 12, 2014!!

Without your support, the APA would not be able to support the many programs and events we do each year. Your purchase will help provide funding to help not only our boys; but the school as well.

Our DrawDown is first come, first served, so pick a number between 1 - 500 and submit the form below. We will make every attempt to honor your request and cannot guarantee availability of your selection. Don't be left out! Your purchase of one, (or more), tickets for \$100.00 will give you an opportunity to win \$10,000 or next year's tuition. **Draw Down tickets will also be available for purchase at many school functions! Look for them at Sporting Events, Grandparents Day and Gift Gathering Parties.**

Please send, fax or email your number(s) with your check or credit card information to:

St. Augustine High School
Attention: Sofia Samouris – Draw Down Chairperson
3266 Nutmeg Street, San Diego, CA 92104

Fax: (888) 294-0904 Email: ssamouris@cox.net

If you have any questions, please contact Sofia Samouris at ssamouris@cox.net or 619.518-4537 or Casey Callery at 619.764-5541 or ccallery@sahs.org.

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THE PIT IS THE PITS FOR ST. AUGUSTINE RIVALS

ROWDY STUDENTS RATTLE OPPONENTS WHILE CHEERING ON THE NO. 1 RANKED SAINTS

By Don Norcross, UT-San Diego Staff Writer



Pit photos from last year were taken by Thom Vollenweider.

Editor's note: The following article by UT-San Diego staff reporter Don Norcross originally appeared January 11, 2014 under the headline: "Saints Receive lots of support in unusual ways from The Pit." It is reprinted here with permission of the author and UT-San Diego.

You walk into St. Augustine High's 58-year-old Dougherty Gym in North Park and it's as if you've stepped into a time machine.

With seven rows of wooden bleachers on each side of the court, the joint is supposed to be limited to 700 fans.

"We've been lax a few times when the fire marshal's not around," confessed Saints athletic director Mike Stephenson.

On a Friday night, the place is packed tighter than a woman's suitcase.

"It's such a small gym people get intimidated coming in here," said Stephenson. "Which is OK by me."

Wearing their floral purple-and-white Hawaiian shirts and matching purple Converse, the Saints' pep band is squeezed into one corner and gets the place rockin'.

"Oh when the Saints... go marching in..."

But the people who give the crib its true vibe are the all-boys-school students who cram into one corner to cheer, heckle, dress up, be seen and be heard.

San Diego State and Viejas Arena offers The Show. Dougherty Gym gives you The Pit. Seniors only in the front row, underclassmen all the way to the top.

Tuesday evening against Scripps Ranch was Costume Night. There was a guy in ski goggles, a referee, a Sponge Bob, a gorilla, banana, oversized sombrero, a green-and-yellow, shorts-and-singlet-wearing Patrick Henry High trackster and the requisite toga, topped by a withering wreath.

"The whole theme is be creative, random," said student Bryant Angulo.

"But most of all," said Jack Hofbauer, "be yourself."

"Make no sense," added Christian Polak. "Be American."

For a tournament game during Christmas break, the seniors dressed as Santa Claus. Underclassmen served as elves.



Photo by Thom Vollenweider.

As you would expect at a private school where tuition hovers around \$15,000, The Pit does its homework. Via social media, the Saintsmen learned that 6-foot-6 Scripps Ranch post Aaron Miller was dating a girl named Piper.

The Pit's refrain when Miller clanked a free throw: "PI-per's MA-ad!"

Stephenson was set to wield discipline when he thought The Pit was bellowing "You suck!" Instead, the cry was to a Falcon wearing knee-high hosiery, as in "Tuuuuube socks!"

"Sometimes you can't understand them," said Stephenson, "which might be a good thing."

The Pit has stained its reputation once or twice. Three years ago inside Cathedral Catholic's plush gym some of the students got to jumping up and down so vociferously they shattered seats.

St. Augustine footed the repair bill.

"Some of it just happened, but some of it was malicious, doing stupid things," said Stephenson.

The school now enforces a no-bouncing policy.

In last year's CIF Southern California Division III championships in Ontario against Chaminade, The Pit tossed baby powder skyward at halftime, a la LeBron James.

One problem: the powder drifted onto the court and play was delayed multiple times in the third quarter to clean the floor. Saints rallied in the second half and The Pit took credit for breaking Chaminade's momentum.

"Obviously," said Stephenson, "they'll never do that again."

"Our proudest moment," countered one student.

St. Augustine boasts the No. 1-ranked team in the county and just as Steve Fisher raves about The Show, head coach Mike Haupt wholeheartedly endorses The Pit.

"I think they're the best fans in San Diego," offered Haupt, who said members of The Pit e-mailed him immediately after the Chaminade game, apologizing for the powder incident. "They're creative. They're funny and they help us."

Opposing players sometimes shake their heads after missing free throws, The Pit having distracted them by singing Christmas carols.

"I think that's just the price of admission when you come to The Pit," said Saints guard Johnny Peterson. "You've gotta be ready."



Photo by Thom Vollenweider.

Photos of the infamous St. Augustine student cheering section (aka The Pit) during the recent basketball WIN over Cathedral Catholic were taken by Ernie Torgeson. (Three images below.)



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are two collaborative team events. One event is a logic quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems, and the other team event is a super quiz with 50 multiple choice questions on five broad academic themes. The Individual topics and Super Quiz topics are not related.

Each of these 3 events (Super Quiz, Logic Test and eight individual exams) are worth 8,000 points, for a total of 24,000 points. Super Quiz and individual exam topics become available mid-fall of each year.

The logic test is comprised of 20 critical thinking problems. Typical problems might include a Sudoku, crypto-quote, anagrams and various thinking puzzles

presented in this exam. To prepare for the logic test, students learn various strategies and methods to solve logic problems working as a team.

The Super Quiz is the only event that is open to an audience and it is the most exciting part of the day! This is when all Academic Decathlon participants are at their school's team table in the gym with two proctors per table. Parents, teachers, coaches and friends are silently watching from the stands. There are five themes: Literature, Religion, Fine Arts, Social Studies and Science. Ten multiple choice questions are given for each topic. Teams are given 20 seconds to answer each question. When the time is up, the team captain must hold up their answer for everyone to see. Tie-breaker questions are also given.

Awards are given for individual and team performance, with the winning team from each Diocese continuing on to compete in the California State competition held on the first Saturday in April.



ENGLISH WRITING EXAM EXPLAINED

The English Department at St. Augustine High School has always prided itself on producing exceptional writers. An essential component of the curriculum is the English Writing Exam. Each spring, the entire student population takes the English Writing Exam; this one grade accounts for 10 percent of the second semester English grade. The process is modeled after the SAT test-writing sample, all Advanced Placement tests taken in high school, as well as the California State University's Subject A exam. The formal assessment not only allows teachers to gauge students' growth as writers, but also provides valuable practice for the essay exams that await our students at the university level.

Freshman and sophomore students are taught the foundations of writing. Since the students are new to the process, the exam will last for an entire week. Students will be given the prompt, then spend multiple days outlining, pre-writing, and editing (all work will be done in class) Junior and senior year, the goal is for students to not only show mastery of the foundations of writing, but also to exhibit critical analysis, creativity, and style. Students are given a choice of prompts and have an hour to complete an essay response. The emphasis is to challenge students to think on their toes, while still crafting a mature essay, in a limited amount of time. Teachers are given the freedom to choose prompts that are of specific interest or connect to current subject matter. To keep the assessment authentic, the prompts vary year to year.

At times, the English Writing Exam has been confused with the ELSR Exam. They are two separate assessments. The ESLR Exam is graded on a pass/fail basis and takes place in homeroom. The results are used by the school to assess whether the ESLRs are being met at each grade level. Another common question is why isn't the exam at the end of the school year? The English Department wants to make the most of the assessment by allowing time for teachers to look for trends in the deficiencies and spend the rest of the year shoring up any potential shortcomings. With thorough instruction by a dedicated staff and formal assessment via the English Writing Exam, the English Department looks to continue the tradition of graduating great writers.

HISTORY OF ACADEMIC DECATHLON

In September 1989, Dr. Mark Ryan founded the Catholic Schools Academic Decathlon. He envisioned an academic event designed to mirror the athletic competitions so familiar in schools. The tiny competition began with a handful of schools in the greater Los Angeles area and has developed into a statewide event available to all dioceses in California. The Decathlon is now under the guiding jurisdiction of the California Catholic State Superintendents Curriculum Committee. The California Catholic Schools Academic Junior High Decathlon (or AJHD) strives to bring forth students' academic talents and celebrate them in the context of spirit-filled competition. The five goals of the Decathlon are to promote academic excellence, collaborative and cooperative team spirit, logical and higher order thinking.

The Academic Decathlon competition also recognizes the contributions of parents, teachers, school administrators, business and community members in supporting high standards for all students and to celebrate the diversity, excellence, and tradition of Catholic schools!

Since its beginning the Chair for this event for the Diocese of San Diego has been Mrs. Maria Tollefson. She has dedicated herself to the enrichment of our students and Diocese.

ROAD TOGETHER...

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is shaping a bright future for our students and community.

Friday, February 7, 2014, St. Augustine High School will celebrate the 26th annual Grandparents Day. The day will begin at 10:45 am, with students meeting their grandparents in Keane Plaza where the Austin Parents Association will offer a light brunch of bagels, pastries, fruit and coffee. Grandsons may take their grandparents on a tour of the campus. Mass will begin at 11:30 AM, in Tolle Lege Patio, the area between Villanova and Mendel Halls.

Following Mass, the students are encouraged to enjoy an off-campus lunch with their grandparents.

With many Saints' families facing unsure financial situations, grandparents have been playing an increasing role in assisting with their grandson's Saints education. Grandparents Day is one way Saints is able to say thank you to the grandparents for their role in their

grandson's upbringing, ensuring not just the academic education, but strengthening their grandson's Catholic faith and passing along innumerable family traditions to the younger generation.

The heart of the day is the celebration of the Mass, a special time allowing the grandparents to experience the Mass as their grandsons do each Wednesday morning of the school year. This is an extraordinary moment giving great hope to a generation of Catholics who years ago placed their faith at the center of their family life and now see this tradition secure in their grandson's.

Grandparents attending this event for the first time often remark that the day is a testament to the good work that goes on at St. Augustine High School every day. The reverence and respect Saintsmen have for Mass is very impressive. Just as our weekly school Mass is seen by the students as the most important aspect of the week, the Grandparents' Day Mass holds the same respect. The Saints weekly Mass is a time for worshipping our Lord and to reflect on the week past and the week to come.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOP 25



STUDENT ATHLETE HONORS

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CROSS COUNTRY

Seniors:

Michael McRoskey, 4.57
 Matt Kubasak, 4.48
 Braulio Castillo, 4.40
 Patrick O'Conner, 4.29
 Will Smith, 4.29
 German Padilla, 4.17
 Steven Yevchak, 3.91
 Justin Toscano, 3.88
 Sergio Valdez, 3.50
 Edward Morris, 3.38
 Christian Legaspi, 3.33
 Alec Sprague, 3.33
 Nick LeSchofs, 3.17
 Chris Barr, 3.00

Juniors:

Christian Lloyd, 4.33
 Jack Dalessio, 4.17
 Arman Attisha, 4.00
 Nathan Suarez, 3.67
 Alex Drachenberg, 3.50
 Alex Stokes, 3.50
 Jeff Boulger, 3.39
 Mike Anderson, 3.26
 Tanner Struyk, 3.17
 Brady Curren, 3.08

FOOTBALL

Seniors:

Kim Mahoney, 4.17
 Connor Haupt, 3.83
 Mitch Cohen, 3.67
 Roc Beas, 3.58
 Nicholas Allard, 3.50
 Cole Habib, 3.33
 Jack Hofbauer, 3.33
 Justin Page, 3.33
 Ethan Sanchez, 3.33
 Zach Smith, 3.33
 Ryan Harris, 3.17
 Brady Hamel, 3.00
 Tyler Herburger, 3.00
 Nate Sennett, 3.00

Juniors:

Chris Heffner, 4.33
 Matt Ingraham, 4.33
 Frank Buncom, 4.17
 Sam Matney, 4.00
 Matthew Perez, 3.96
 Chris Gesell, 3.91
 Matt Martin, 3.83
 Marty Rascon, 3.67
 Thomas Goodridge, 3.52
 Sam Van Horn, 3.42
 Marco Moura, 3.33
 Daniel Ramirez, 3.17
 Elijah Ortiz, 3.04
 Zach Totah, 3.00

MaxPreps, a nationwide sports journalism network that specializes in high school sports news and rankings, recently published the above photo illustration of Saints senior Trey Kell and other top Southern California prep basketball stars on its website [<http://www.maxpreps.com/>].

MaxPreps duly noted that Kell had a monster game in Saints win vs. #2 ranked La Costa Canyon, a game that secured St. Augustine's year long #1 stay atop the UT San Diego and MaxPreps rankings. Versus La Costa Canyon, the Saints Senior scored 37 pts. and 25 pts. vs. Cathedral Catholic.

BELIEVE IN THEM

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with them. This simple statement can change the way students view us and how we see them. That powerful statement is "I believe in you!"

When we hear stories about students achieving uncommon results, the power of believing in students is almost always the central force. Our relationships with the boys we educate are of primary importance and they need to be radically aware of our support and encouragement.

I encourage you to take the time to re-communicate with your student just how deeply you believe in him.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne
 Principal

IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY

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like toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, combs, and razors; and also water, juice, fresh fruit, granola bars, sandwiches, and other healthy foods. All they asked was for students to come together on their day off, to organize the items, make sandwiches, write special notes to the homeless, and more importantly, they needed these same students to go out and actually hand the homeless one of these "care" bags.

This year, in addition to the members of the Ballard-Spahr Law Firm and the students from Saints and AOLP, they were also joined by the Confirmation Class from Mission San Diego de Alcalá under the direction of Sister Mary Kiely, and their Confirmation teachers, Mr. Tom Cudal and Mr. Joe Bernens, so there were a total of more than 70 students who came together in honor of Martin Luther King and also to do God's work. These students met at the Ballard-Spahr law firm on Martin Luther King Day at 2:30 p.m. and assembled 320 bags. By 4:30 p.m., they took all of the bags and distributed them to the majority of the homeless in Downtown San Diego.

None of this would have been possible without the assistance of Ballard - Spahr, Maura McNamara and Catherine Hanczor who made it a point to include their sisters from AOLP and of course, Brendan McNamara together with Mrs. Mickey Carson who got the word out to the Saints community for this wonderful opportunity.

SAINTS RUGBY REPORT

UPDATING A POPULAR CLUB SPORT

Returning players. Some very strong athletes who have also embraced the roles of leadership on the team will lead St Augustine Rugby Football Club, now into its fifth season. Prime examples are Ben Concannon, who returns to the team as the eight-man and Chris Shelton will anchor the pack at the lock position. In the backs, Nate Fisher and Matt Joseph will be running the show and look to put a lot of points on the board. In addition to the upperclassmen, Junior Marco Moura ('15) and Mike Alves ('16) look to continue to build upon their successes from the previous year.

Another big plus for the season is having Sean Lindersmith join the coaching staff. Sean recently concluded his his rugby tour in New Zealand and will share his expertise with the Saints.

Program strong. Interest in Saints Rugby continues to be strong. This season, 93 students have accepted the challenge to play Saints Rugby. This allows the team to develop strong competition at the different positions at varsity and JV levels. The team is also working to provide third halves for the JV matches so the younger players can get some experience and learn to play rugby.

This strong competition model has helped the Saints develop players who are going on to play rugby at the next level. Over the past five years, more than 25 players have gone on to play collegiate rugby since leaving St Augustine. Over the holidays, a number of alumni recently returned to play in the Second Annual Touch Rugby Tournament at Saints.

Season Review. The Saints started the season with a non-league match versus local rival High Tech High. The Saints came out on top and got off to a great start on the season.

The following week, the team tied Del Norte at home. On Dec 14, the Saints travelled up to Fallbrook and was trailing by one point at half but the Saints weren't consistent enough and eventually lost to Fallbrook.

Before the Christmas Break, the Dec 21st game versus John Bosco High was moved to Jan 4. Unfortunately, the opponent was unable to play and the result is a pending forfeit.

On Jan 11, the Saints hosted Poway in a league match. The match was physical and the Saints led late into the second half but Poway pushed in two late tries to take the victory.

In the last home game of the season, the Saints took on View Park Prep. The visitors go off to an early lead but a late push, led by Mike Alves and his three tries secured the victory for the Saints.

The final game of the year will be played at CCHS on Feb 1. The Saints will look to win back the trophy that the victor gets to keep all year.



Mike Alves bulls his way through the Poway squad and makes a strong run.



Matt Joseph breaks the Poway defensive line while John Hickman is in support.



Rex Hammock finishes off the long run with a dive into the try-zone.



More than 25 Saints alumni Rugby players came back to play in the Second annual touch rugby tournament.



Ben Concannon takes an 8 man pick off a scrum and scores a try versus Fallbrook squad and makes a strong run.



Brady Curran, with ball, runs the attack from the scrum-half position.



Logan Rank, center, and Austin Quinton man the right side of the scrum and Ben Concannon, rear, anchors the pack.



Adam McGrath, right, offloads to Marty Rascon.



Matt Martin sets the platform for the Saints Pack in a scrum versus Fallbrook. Austin Quinton, right, supports the scrum in the second row.



The Saints forwards stole the ball in the scrum and Ben Concannon makes a 60 meter run to score a try for the Saints.



John Hickman, with ball makes a run while Nate Fisher, left, and Matt Joseph are in support.



Ben Concannon makes a run with Logan Rank, left and Marco Moura in support.



John Hickman and Rex Hammock, left, close down on defense to pressure the Fallbrook attack.

SAINTS WRESTLING NEEDS TEAM EFFORT TO TAKE EASTERN LEAGUE TITLE

By Gary Osberg, Saints Wrestling Team Coach

In the sport of wrestling there are a variety of virtues that determine success: dedication, self-motivation, and sacrifice. It is not so much a sport, as a lifestyle, and the successful wrestler borders on the visage of a sixth century acolyte in his passionate pursuit of perfected motion and diet discipline.

There are very few who can commit to four years of intense training, and even fewer who achieve success on the mat. This year Saints Varsity Wrestling Team has two wrestlers Tim Huynh and Christian Polak who have given our program their best efforts, and now hope to finish their senior campaigns as CIF champions.

They are joined by fellow seniors Josh McGuire (2 year wrestler due to injury), Dom Gagliano (2 years), and Gabe Amezcua (3 years). All 5 seniors are focused on one thing, CIF success, and with a little luck they should be able to attain it.

The Eastern League is always a tough battleground, and has been

historically dominated by University City High School. This season we hope to finally overthrow the Centurions' years of dominance, but it will take a full team effort.

Freshmen Ricky Reed, Pedro Orso, and Luciano Manotas will be called to contribute at the Varsity level. The key for our team's success will rest on sophomores JT Faust and Ryan Arroyo, and juniors Brandon Shaw-Cedeno, Christian Lloyd, Matthew Tolliver and Mario Orso, who will all wrestle key weights during league competition.

Captains Christian Polak and Gabe Amezcua have the team working hard in preparation for League play, which began with an upset over the Cathedral Dons, and if the underclassmen can continue to improve there should be a new Eastern League banner hanging in the Gym come spring time.

Saints Wrestling coaching staff includes: head coach Frank Unpingco; Matt Nehring; Gary Osberg and Tim Walsh.



DETERMINED—Luciano "Lucky" Mañotas attempts to turn a cross-face defense into a pinning combination. Sometimes the best offense is a strong-armed defense.



NEXT MOVE—Coach Unpinco, Osberg, and Nehring extol the virtues of the single-leg takedown to Ryan Arroyo as his opponent recovers from a bloody nose.



TAKE DOWN—JT Faust stares at the referee looking for an indication of the impending whistle; a millisecond advantage over his opponent can be a vital tool to victory.

Prevent Fatal Cardiac Arrest in Your Teen

FREE Heart Screening For Teens 13-19

Screen Your Teen Sunday, February 9 • 9am to 3pm at Scripps Mercy San Diego

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 Scripps Health, 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 the **number two cause of death in the U.S. for youth under 25.**

IT TAKES
LESS THAN 30
MINUTES!

School	Teens Screened	Hearts with Abnormalities	Teens Found at Risk
Steele Canyon	461	14	5
Valhalla	500	17	6
Ramona	740	21	11
Carlsbad	436	7	3
Castle Park	510	7	3
Westhills	533	16	6
Grossmont	480	13	7
Temecula Valley	417	12	7
Point Loma	475	15	7
Eastlake	401	7	3
Cathedral	398	6	2
Pt. Loma Nazarene	464	11	6
Torrey Pines	1,032	18	3
Orange Glen	745	17	6
South Bay	723	21	7
Coronado	609	11	9
Patrick Henry	815	N/A	8
Total	9,737	210	96

EP Save A Life has screened nearly

9,737

teens throughout San Diego County

210 had undetected heart abnormalities

96 were at risk for Sudden Cardiac Arrest

4 required life-saving corrective surgeries

1 IN 100 teens screened will be 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 February 9.

THE HONOR ROLL

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR STANDOUTS

Congratulations to the following Saintsmen for having earned a grade point average of 3.20 or higher during the First Semester 2013-14 school year. Roster compiled by Mrs. Jeannie Oliwa, School Registrar.

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Principal's List: GPA of 4.0 or better

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Braulio Saul Castillo
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Paul Huy Doan
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Ryan William Faupel
Nathaniel John Fisher
Enrico Antonio Garcia
Rodrigo Garcia
Julio Esteban Garcia-Granados
Ryan Arlen Goff
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Patrick Martin Hagan
David Sediq Hanany
Javier Ignacio Haro-Lopez
Connor Patrick Haupt
Ivan Haley Herholz
Sean James Hicke
Dillon Kelliher Keefe
Ariel Delmundo Kenney
Matthew James Kubasak
Max Alexander Bondoc Lalangan
Lawrence Jon Liu
Gabriel Alexander Lopez
Joseph Fitzgerald Mazzeo
Joseph Joshua McGuire
Brendan Thomas McNamara
Michael Paul McRoskey
Kyle Matthew Meneses
Edward Timothy Morris
Matthew Hayden Morton
Evan James Nichols
Matthew Joseph O'Connor
Patrick Michael O'Connor
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Germán Andres Padilla Choy
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Esteban Geovanny Quesada
Christopher Jonas Rice
Alberto Serrano
Christopher Aaron Shelton
William Gromer Smith
Jamie Patrick Steckbeck
Tyler John Tanaka

Christopher Thien Phuc Tao
Justin Charles Toscano
Rodrigo Vazquez-de-Mercado
J. Connor Wharry
Andrew McKenney Williams
Konrad William Woestman
Steven Charles Yevchak

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Elliott Richard Allmann
Tomas Arellano
Ricardo Astiazaran - Villarreal
John Joseph Matthew Bacino
Gregory Thomas Barajas
Christopher James Barr
Hector Gonzalo Castellanos
Rodrigo Alonso Chavez
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PRAYER FOR MY SAINTSMAN SON

“
Loving Father,
Please guide my son to always do Your will; allow him to see what is really important, and remind him how much I love him. Send good and wholesome friends into his life, keep him safe, bless him with good health, and give him the courage to do the right thing when difficult or tempting choices cross his path. Make my son strong in character, rich in sympathy, and generous in spirit. Bless him with a gentle nature, and a kind heart. Let him become a man committed to the Gospel of Your Son Jesus. Grant him a lasting faith, and lead him to a profound love for You, his family, and himself.”
Amen.
– Prayer by Rev. John R. Sanders, OSA ('66).



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