



SAINTS SCENE



WINNING SEASON—Sophomore star QB Angelo Peraza led the fireworks. For more Varsity Football season highlights go to Page 19.

SAINTS D-O-M-I-N-A-T-E HOLY BOWL

In case you missed TV coverage of the Holy Bowl, here's a flavor of what our friends at KUSI TV provided on the station's website:

The holy bowl! This year's St. Augustine and Cathedral Catholic rivalry game definitely was exciting and a huge win for the Saints.

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EXCITING NEW STUDIES WIDE WORLD OF INTERSESSION 2017-18

By Gregory Hecht, Assistant Principal/Academics



SPLASH—Interession offers a wide range of Aquatic activities in and around San Diego's waterways, such as this group of Saintsmen jumping into Mission Bay after a day of sailing lessons.

At St. Augustine High School, our desire to help students develop a passion for learning can sometimes be difficult to accomplish in traditional college prep classes. As such, Saints developed the Interession term in an effort to provide students the opportunity to investigate studies in areas that interest them and by doing so, spark a curiosity and inquisitiveness that naturally stimulates their desire to learn new things.

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DANGERS OF SCREEN TIME DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Principal James Horne

The typical teenager logs more than 7 hours a day and more than 50 hours a week glued to a television, computer, or cell phone, research shows.

They love to watch TV, play video games, follow social media and text their friends. It isn't easy to get away from these electronic devices -- and, if your Saintsmen is like most teens, he spends a

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LET'S DO CHICAGO!



America's second largest city is the destination of the 2018 Annual Alternative Spring Break trip. Mr. Dominic Sanfilippo, Director of Christian Service reminds Sophomore, Junior and Senior students about this travel opportunity, which is set for April 2 thru 7.

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CHICAGO!—View looking North from the DuSable Bridge (N. Michigan Avenue) over the downtown flow of the Chicago River toward the Tribune Building in the background. Why is it called the Windy City? Check out the flags on the bridge.

FACULTY HIJINXS—

"John, did you see the Saints faculty try to dress up for Halloween as Pink Ladies and T-Birds?"

"Sure did, Olivia and they look totally cool and can be seen on page 13."





UNITAS, VERITAS, CARITAS

AUGUSTINIAN CORE THEMES, ARE EXPRESSED AS THE GOSPEL VALUES:
UNITAS, VERITAS, CARITAS. (COMMUNITY, TRUTH, LOVE)



UNITAS:

Michael Senoff, class of 2018, was recently awarded the Matthew: 25 Medal by the Catholic Charities of San Diego in recognition of his outstanding efforts to help those in need. Michael is pictured with (Left to right): Ms. Nicole Quirk, Campus Ministry, Mr. Vladimir Bachynsky, Religion instructor and Mr. Michael Tompkins, Spanish and Religion Instructor. The award is named after Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew, specifically verses 35 and 40: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. ... And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"



VERITAS:

The first Kairos of the year in early November was a fantastic experience. There were 36 students that went, along with 6 student leaders and 7 faculty members. This was a week where everyone got to spend time away from their daily routine. A time truly spent together as brothers in the Saint's community. It was chance for everyone to grow closer together and grow closer with God. Kairos brings out the best in those that go and leaves a lasting impression on them moving forward.

The next two Kairos retreats will Feb. 20-23 (seniors only) and April 24-27 (seniors and limited spaces for juniors) Students can follow @sahsministry on Instagram to find out when forms are available to sign up.



CARITAS:

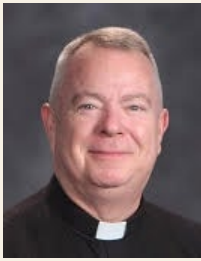
The school has many traditions. Among them is student reverence for all things Augustinian, which includes celebrating the leadership provided by the unbroken line of Augustinian priests, who have ministered at Saints since its founding in 1922.

Fr. Harry Neely, O.S.A. is a priest that many current students at Saints have sought out for advice and help. He is generous in sharing his wisdom and love of Christ.

Recently Fr. Harry Neely, O.S.A. was invited to offer the homily at a weekly mass for the saints students. Concerned about his stamina to stand throughout his reflection, Fr. Neely offered his homily while seated. After the Mass school chaplain Fr. Kirk Davis remarked, "He's still got it!"

Fr. Harry Neely, OSA, was ordained a priest on December 21, 1953. Fr. Neely has ministered in many places and in many ways. He has taught religion at Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai, CA and, at St. Augustine High School in San Diego. He is the stuff of "legend" for students of Latin at Saints. Fr. Neely also ministered as associate pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ojai.

By Kirk Davis, O.S.A., Saints Chaplain

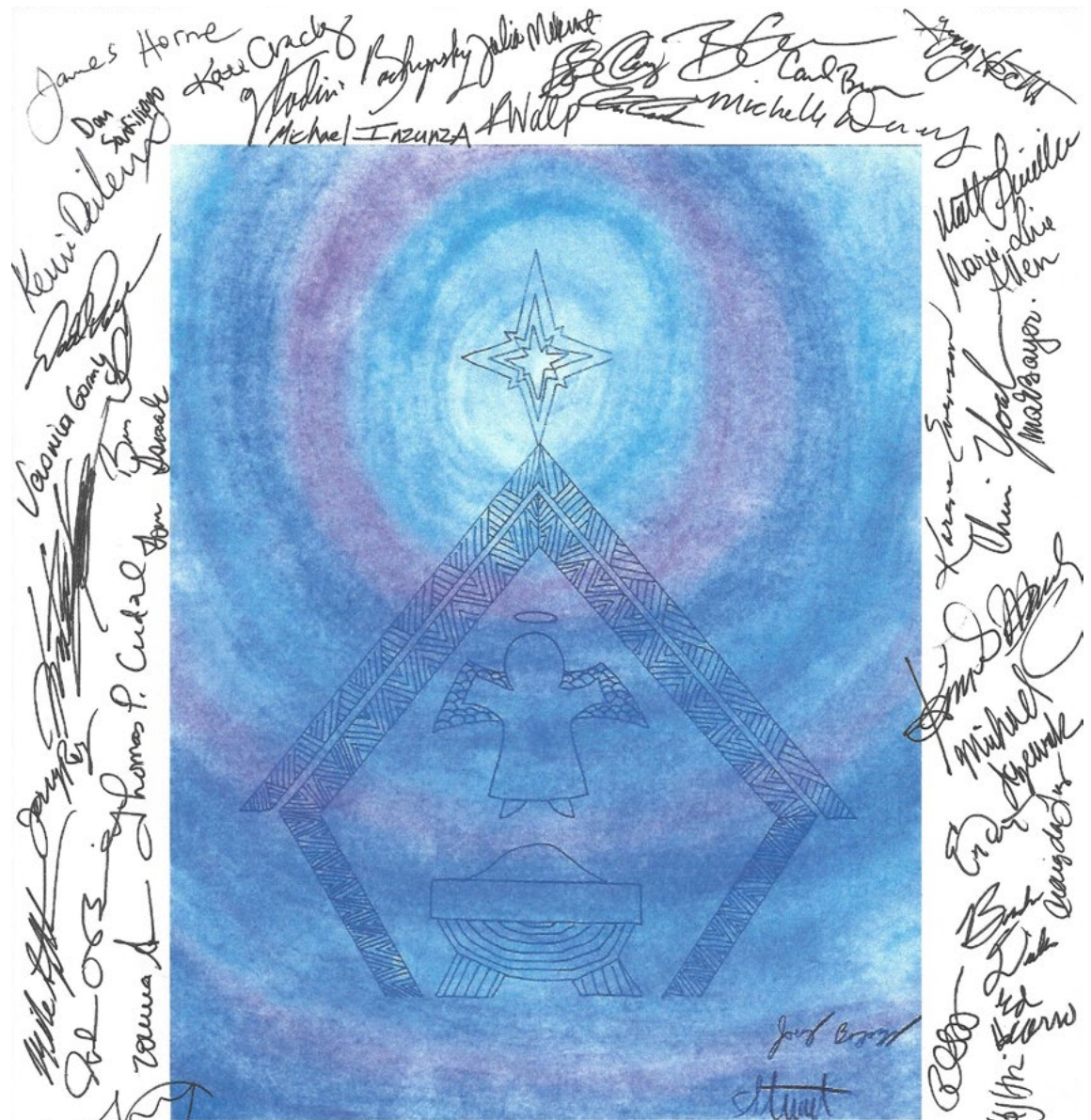


Kirk Davis, O.S.A.

He promised us eternal salvation and an unending life of blessedness with the angels, and an imperishable inheritance, the joy of seeing his face, a dwelling-place with him in heaven, and the fear of death removed from us through is, if you like, his ultimate promise. We look forward to it, and when we reach it, we will want nothing more. But as to how

All this had to be prophesied and foretold. It had to have its coming announced. It could not come suddenly and unexpectedly, causing terror and alarm: people had to be awaiting it with faith.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Advent and a wondrous Christmas.



Merry Christmas

From St. Augustine Community

CLUBS ON CAMPUS 2018

With special thanks from Saints Scene to Ms. Julia Mekrut, school counselor, accommodations coordinator and social studies instructor for her awesome work in compiling this year's list.

Part of the Saints experience is being able to participate in campus club activities. Associated Student Body Clubs present an opportunity to explore like-minded or differing view points on a myriad of topics and activities.

The following clubs are up and running this school year on campus. School faculty and staff moderators are listed.

ACADEMIC LEAGUE/QUIZ BOWL –

Moderator: Mr. Bob Weber. The Academic League and Quiz Bowl teams consist of students from all grade levels and of all abilities, who compete against other high schools in a quiz show kind of format. The questions asked cover all areas of academic learning as well as pop culture and current events. All students are welcome—it's not just for the "smart kids"! Quiz Bowl tournaments follow no regular schedule, but many are available during the year. The Academic League season runs from February through April, with most matches held on Thursday nights. Practices are held Wednesdays at lunch in Rm 210.



ART CLUB – Moderator: Ms. Michelle Drummy. Participants will be involved in on-campus projects to include any artistic additions needed by the school or school organizations as well as off-campus community service. This is a great club where students who appreciate art and enjoy creating art can connect to share ideas and plan activities that interest the group. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at lunch in room 107 and there will be open studio every Tuesday after school from 2-3pm in room 107.

BAGS THAT GIVE BACK – Moderator: Mr. Dominic Sanfilippo. The goal of this organization is to host an annual benefit cornhole tournament in the spring; 50% of all proceeds will go to Hogar Infantil Orphanage.

BODY BUILDING CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Gary Osberg. Focused on the science, nutrition, and workouts that help to build the correct size, shape, proportion, conditioning, symmetry, and balance of the human body. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at lunch in Rm 316.

BORDER ANGELS CLUB - Moderator:

Ms. Nicole Quirk. The club is working in partnership with Border Angels- an organization founded by a Saints Alum that works to protect the rights of immigrants. The club is there to facilitate the ease of student volunteers who will be participating in the water drops that the organization does. Meets the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of every month during lunch in Campus Ministry.

BROGA CLUB – Moderator: Mrs. Janene Palafox. Broga is yoga for men. If you want an effective, full-body workout that improves overall endurance, core strength, body control, and flexibility, then the Broga club is for you. You will increase your overall level of fitness, reduce your risk of injury, and feel better. Meets twice a month after school in Rm 326.

CANCER AWARENESS CLUB – Moderator:

Mrs. Kate Crachy. The Cancer Awareness Club's main focus is to raise awareness for cancer through special events, fundraisers, and donations. One of the several methods of fundraising is a school-wide NBA 2K tournament. 100% of the money raised goes to patients affected by cancer. Meets periodically in Rm 315 – dates and times will be emailed to club members.

CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST – Moderator: Mr.

Dominic Sanfilippo. A club that strives to instill an appreciation and love for woodworking, craftsmanship, & fellowship through creating crosses and other items & symbols; all proceeds from sales go toward the Hogar Infantil Orphanage. Meetings occur semi-regularly and workshop sessions are held around once a month.

CERAMICS CLUB – Moderator: Master Kouta Shimazaki. This club is open to anyone looking to learn the art of ceramic sculpting and shaping, including how to use the wheel to create works of art for school events, families, and friends. The club meets every Thursday at lunch in Rm 106.

CHALDEAN CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Michael Inzunza. Celebrates Chaldean culture and fundraises for Chaldean refugees in need. Meets on Fridays in the ASB room Rm 105.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB – Moderator:

Mr. Brett Crouse. For the love of the game, members of the Champions League club will celebrate the world's most popular and beloved sport through appreciation of its highest yearly competition. Members will meet every few weeks to watch Champions League games and discuss issues at the highest level of soccer. In the second half of each year, a Champions League tournament bracket challenge will be held mirroring "March Madness" in which the knockout rounds engages student participation seeing who can best guess the outcome of the tournament. Proceeds of the event will be donated to a local charity or Hogar Infantil. Champion League Games take place on scheduled Tuesdays in Rm 215 (time TBA via email).



CHESS CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Brett Crouse.

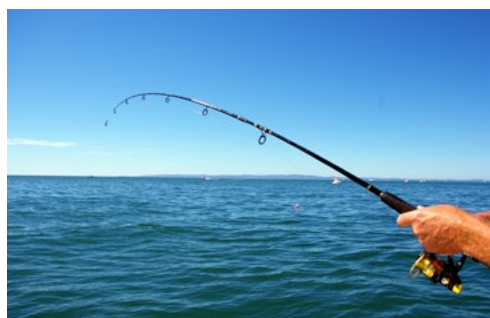
To quote Chess Master Edward Lasker: "It has been said that man is distinguished from animal in that he buys more books than he can read. I should like to suggest that the inclusion of a few chess books would help to make the distinction unmistakable." In chess there is full mental agility, cognitive dexterity, and no luck. A Saintsman who knows the game of chess will be better able to negotiate the game of life. Meets Monday, Tuesday, and Friday during lunch in Rm. 215.

DRAMA CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Joe Slevcove. Anyone can join our club. No experience necessary. We promote and encourage participation in all opportunities for Drama at Saints, including: Fall and Spring Stage Productions, Stage Crew, Improv Team, Shakespeare Competition, International Thespians Troupe, and field trip opportunities. Meets on Fridays at 1:15 in Room 420 when plays are not in rehearsal or when the Bulletin announces a meeting.

FIFA FOR ORPHANS – Moderator: Mr. Christian da Luz. The main objective of the FIFA for the Orphans club is to raise money for the Hogar Infantil Orphanage in Mexico. We do this while simultaneously providing a fun and competitive atmosphere through games of FIFA. Meets during various lunch periods for tournament games in Rm 220.

FILIPINO ADVOCATE COMMUNITY CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Tom Cudal. The Filipino Advocate Community Club is a club that welcomes all Saintsmen. The primary goal of the club is to assist the underprivileged and impoverished children living in the Philippines. The club will bring reflection upon the things that we take for granted and makes us humbler as a group. This club meets during lunch on Tuesdays in Rm 219.

FILM CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Gary Osberg. The mission is to critique, discuss, and appreciate all genres of cinema. In the immortal words of Francois Truffaut, "Film lovers are sick people," and if this is true we hope to never be well. Meets every Friday at lunch in Rm 316.



FISHING CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Christian Da Luz. The club creates a network for students interested in fishing to meet discuss techniques and plan group fishing outings. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month during lunch in Rm 220.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Moderator: Mr. Steven Granados. Habitat for Humanity of San Diego is a club that serves those who are in need of affordable housing by building and repairing homes.

HOGAR INFANTIL ORPHANAGE CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Dominic Sanfilippo. The purpose of Hogar Infantil Orphanage Club is to support the Hogar Infantil Orphanage by creating activities during monthly visits, fundraising, and spreading awareness of the orphanage. Orphanage Trips are one Saturday a month – stop by Campus Ministry for specific dates.

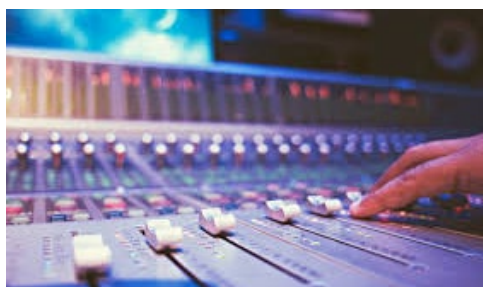
H.O.P.E. (HELPING OUR PEERS EXCEL) – Moderator: Mr. Dominic Sanfilippo. The goal of H.O.P.E. is to collect and give "daily personal care and hygiene essentials" to San Diego Youth Services for distribution, connected to a fundraising concert & talent show in the spring.

INTERACT CLUB – Moderator: Ms. Rene MacVay. Service club – major projects include Nike Reuse-A-Shoe, Red Bag, No Shave November, and March Madness Team Shirts. We continue to seek out service opportunities and invite guest speakers to talk to the members. Meets every Tuesday at lunch in Rm 322.

KEY CLUB – Moderator: Dr. Jerry Rey. Key Club is the high school organization sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs. Key Club members perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning up beaches, organizing blood drives, and fundraisers for charity. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and international levels. The Saints Key Club meets on Mondays at lunch in Rm 319.

MATH CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Kevin Manley. Math Club helps to develop appreciation for and skill in problem solving. At meetings, students work together to solve problems and receive guidance from teachers and guest mathematicians. This prepares students for math competitions like the American Math Competition and the Greater San Diego Math Council Honors Math Competition. Although Pre-calculus is needed to gain a full understanding and appreciation for all of the problems, those in lower levels of math will find some problems that they can enjoy and get a head start on the math that they will study in the future. Meets every Tuesday from 2:15p to 3:30p in Rm. 223.

MEXI-AID – Moderator: Mr. Andrew Pruter. Mexic-Aid is a club directed at organizing fundraisers, events, and visits that will benefit various causes across Mexico and in the city of Tijuana. Meets at break on Fridays in Rm 323.



MUSIC PRODUCTION CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Brett Crouse. Students explore the work of electronic music production. Students will be able to use software to create new music or remix existing music that fits their personal liking or style. The Music Production club focuses on creating at least one dance party each year with proceeds benefiting a local charity or Hogar Infantil. The goal of the club is to create a community around music where students learn to create and share music, develop a DJ style, use new music production software, and participate in the production

of a dance event. Meets on every other Wednesday in Rm 215 (time TBA via email).

PC ESPORTS GAMING CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Christian da Luz. The club is dedicated to providing a fun atmosphere for PC gamers to dialogue about the latest in PC Esports / PC gaming Hardware / and to establish club level tournaments for members. The club meets on Thursdays during lunch in Rm 220.



READING AMBASSADORS – Moderator: Mr. Tom Cudal. The Reading Ambassadors Program is a voluntary program open to juniors. It is in conjunction with Edison Elementary School on 35th Street in city heights. This is a public school under the direction of the San Diego Unified School District. Every month, six (different) students who have signed up to participate visit the school to read and interact with pre-kindergarten students. While this allows for 45+ students to participate throughout the year, we have close to 65 students who have signed up for the program. The majority of the Reading Ambassadors come from Mr. Cudal's Junior English classes (but ALL Juniors are welcomed to join), "outings" will be discussed during class time.

RED CROSS CLUB – Moderator: Mrs. Janene Palafox. The American Red Cross is "a humanitarian organization led by volunteers to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies." This club will feature informative guest speakers and include opportunities to give back to those in need. Meets the first Thursday of every month during lunch in Rm 326.

RESTLESS HEARTS CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Steven Granados. We are a Catholic Service Club devoted to living out Saint Augustine's quote "Our Hearts Are Restless Until They Rest in You." We volunteer with a focus on pro-life goals and work in conjunction with OLP's Pilots for Life and Pilots for Prayer. We work throughout the year with charities like the 29:11 Maternity Home in San Diego. We have meetings every other Thursday at lunch in Rm 317.

RUGBY APPRECIATION CLUB – Moderator: Mr. Eric Dent. For those interested in rugby. The club watches videos, plays rugby and generally enjoys being social with other people in a rugby-centered environment. Meetings are every Monday during lunch in Rm 229.

SAINTS COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL AWARENESS

– Moderator: Mr. John Vignol. The Saints Committee for Political Awareness is a club centered around the exchange of ideas and political ideologies among students at Saint Augustine High School. A topic is set for every meeting and a member gives a short, nonbiased presentation on the facts, statistics, and points of views surrounding the chosen topic. Afterwards, club members discuss their own points of view and exchange in a friendly, all-inclusive debate about the issue. Topics included legislative actions, economic policy, international incidents, constitutional interpretations, and anything of interest to the club. Meetings are every other Wednesday during lunch in Rm 319.



SAINTS ENGINEERING AND ROBOTICS CLUB

– Moderator: Mr. Brett Crouse. We are learning about the way of the future through technology and fulfilling the ESLR to be Christian gentlemen that are prepared to face an ever-changing world. We focus on computer hardware and software topics from an engineering perspective in efforts to provide exposure to what is "Engineering". Semester projects include building a quadcopter, video game, and small autonomous embedded systems. There are (have been) lectures throughout the year that range from best practices in industry to hints-n-tips on small hobbyist projects. Meetings every Wednesday at lunch in Rm 215.

SAINTS MOCK TRIAL TEAM – **Moderator:** Mr. Keith Manley & Mr. Victor Torres. St. Augustine High School Mock Trial Team goes to court downtown at the Hall of Justice for a countywide competition, arguing both sides of a criminal case. Students play the roles of prosecutors, defense attorneys, witnesses, photographers, and courtroom artists. Meetings on Tuesday at 2:15-3:30 in Rm 223.

SAINTS NUTRITION AWARENESS CLUB

– Moderator: Mr. Brendan Johnston. In this club we meet and discuss different topics surrounding nutrition. We answer questions and look for input from members. Currently we have a fundraiser where the whole student body, or at least those who want to participate, abstain from eating junk food for the duration of the fundraiser. Instead of eating the food, they can record the cost of the item. At the end, when the recorded amount has accumulated, they can turn their final amount of money to Chief. The money

goes to the Mexican Red Cross. Meets on scheduled Thursdays in Rm 326 (time TBA via email/remind).

SALSA CLUB – **Moderator:** Mrs. Veronica Gormly. The Salsa Club is for any student interested in learning and celebrating Hispanic Culture and practicing spoken Spanish. Meets every Wednesday at lunch in Rm 222.

SAN DIEGO RIVER CLUB – **Moderator:** Mr. Brian Wallace. The main goal is to get as many Saintsman as possible to help local organizations clean up the San Diego River regions that are in need of stewardship. The club looks to make a positive impact on the environment in this sensitive habitat that has been notoriously neglected. Meets 2-4 weeks in advance of each event in Rm 102.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CLUB – **Moderator:** Mrs. Maureen Walker. The club is a competitive team that is in its third year. Its members compete in 23 events that include earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Science Olympiad is designed to increase a student's interest in STEM fields and provide recognition for outstanding achievement in team events. Students compete in Science Olympiad with the top teams advancing from Regional to State to National levels. Meets on Thursdays at lunch in Rm 211.

SDFB SERVICE CLUB – **Moderator:** Mr. Eric Dent. This is a service group that works directly with San Diego Food Bank. The club's goal is to contribute to the Food Bank's work with the greater San Diego community. For dates and to get involved with the company, students should join the emailing list. Meets every Monday at lunch in Rm 229.



ST. AUGUSTINE STRINGS CLUB-

Moderator: Ms. Cindy Au. Strings Club brings together strings musicians who wish to perform together in the absence of a strings course. Members play a wide range of music, reaching through the various eras of classical music, to contemporary pop songs. The club performs at many concerts with the other Saint Augustine music programs. Meetings are every Thursday from 2:00-4:00 in the band room Rm 108.

STA GLEE CLUB - **Moderator:** Ms. Cindy Au. The Glee Club is a choir group organized for signing short pieces. They practice both acapella and with piano and will be

performing at school events. The club also aspires to compete against other school choirs.



TABLE TENNIS CLUB – **Moderator:** Mr. Bill Davis. All students are welcome to meet at the tables at lunch for a game. Tournaments are held every semester. Club Members are encouraged to join the San Diego Table Tennis Association and attend practices and lessons in Balboa Park in the Winter/Spring seasons. The ultimate goals for the Table Tennis Club are to organize Club Matches against other schools and to purchase championship tables that would be used indoors. The St. Augustine High School Table Tennis Club has numerous members and meetings are held monthly in Rm 221.

UNITED SAINTS – **Moderator:** Mr. Tom Cudal. The club is determined to help those in need, who are part of our community. Help donate to schools, organizations, and neighborhoods around or community who are struggling in their everyday life. We are associated with the San Diego Food Bank to meet the needs of the community. Meets Thursdays at lunch in Rm 219.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS – **Moderator:** Mr. James Horne. This club is both social and political in nature. Members will become aware of national and international issues and discuss current events and their impact on our lives. The club welcomes students with opposing viewpoints for academic dialogue. Meets every Tuesday at lunch in the Purple and Gold Room in the Library.

LET'S DO CHICAGO

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In the history and tradition of our past Alternative Spring Break trips, we will be seeing the sights, doing service and reflection, and checking out a few colleges along the way. "I can promise that we will have a great time," insists Mr. Sanfilippo."

Space is first come first served, and is limited to the first 23 students that return their form and payment. Forms are available in Campus Ministry and on your Canvas Christian Service page; please stop by Campus Ministry and see Mr. Sanfilippo with any questions.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 7, 2017

FEATURING

32nd Street Jazz Band

Symphonic Band

String Ensemble

Guitar Class



7:00 PM

Sanders Gymnasium



SHAKESPEARE ON A ROLL

The school's fall drama production, under the guidance of faculty member Joe Slevcove, was a total smash! The laughs just kept coming in this fabulous production of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged*.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE **ABRIDGED**

By Adam Long, Daniel Singer, Jess Winfield



Saintsman Liam Brucker-Casey anchored a cast filled with new faces and lots of new comedic talent.



Gabe Mouritzen, Romeo, professes his affection for Juliet, hilariously played by Diego Hernandez.



Liam Brucker-Casey (left to right); George DeMerlier and Gabe Mouritzen had the house in stitches as they worked through Shakespeare's body of work.



Freshman Joshua De La Cruz made an impact in his Saints drama debut.



St. Augustine High School

"Stand firm in the faith.

*Be courageous, be strong and
do everything with love."*

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Entrance EXAM

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8:30AM - 12:00 PM

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SAINTS VOLUNTEERS OFFER READING ASSIST

The Reading Ambassadors Program began over 20 years ago as a partnership with the Saints Varsity Basketball Team and San Diego Unified School District's, Encanto Elementary School. As reading ambassadors, the team would visit a pre-Kindergarten classroom and read and interact with the students and also do a craft project with them. The teacher welcomed the Saints as they also served as role models to her students.

The same teacher transferred to Edison Elementary School five years ago so the program continues with her class and now with the students enrolled in English 3A, who have Mr. Tom Cudal as their teacher. The program is strictly voluntary. Every month Mr. Cudal takes 8 students to Edison so that they can continue what was started at Encanto Elementary School. Every reading ambassador from Saints has commented about the wonderful experiences they have with the students at Edison as they know they are underprivileged students who welcome their time with them.

Every month, the reading subjects change to coincide with a particular month's theme. September has to do with the new school experience; October's theme is Halloween; November has to do with Thanksgiving; and December is all about Christmas. It is also one of the special months for these students because when the Saints Reading Ambassadors visit, one of our students dresses up as Santa Claus which brings joy to the students. Many of these students never get to visit with Santa Claus because their parents do not have the transportation to visit Santa in the malls and/or because many of these families do not venture out of their neighborhood.

The partnership we have with Edison Elementary School is very special because it provides our students with this opportunity and something many of them have noted in their resume for college admissions. The Saints have embraced this opportunity and feel blessed afterwards. They always ask if they can do it a second time and many of them have requested to do this on a weekly basis; however, since so many of them have signed up for this opportunity, it has been worked out so the majority of them can participate at least once during their junior year.



READING AMBASSADORS—Saintsmen Alec Hudson ('19) participates in some pumpkin decorating with his reading students. Each month moderator Mr. Tom Cudal joins eight volunteer Saintsmen to assist with reading skills at Edison Elementary.



Ryan McNamara, dressed as Dracula enjoys getting to know his reading students. Each month provides a different reading topic. October was Halloween.



Staying on theme, Shaun Matney ('19) helps an Edison Elementary student glue "spooky" eyes on his pumpkin.

WINNER, WINNER TURKEY DINNER

Annual Turkey Trot results are in.



On your mark, get set, TROT!



Senior Juan Garcia, who sped away to the 2017 Turkey Trot gold medal in a time of 11 minutes/40 seconds, is photo bombed by Halo Joe and Trotter, the turkey (no relation to the frozen bird won by Juan).



DJ Javi Lozano kept the atmosphere electric with great race/party music.



ANNUAL ROYALTY—2017 Homecoming Queen AOLP's Natasha Hopkins-Baum and King Saintsman Nicholas Vecchioni. The royal couple were crowned at half time of the Saints vs. Mira Mesa homecoming varsity football game



OLDE ENGLISH—Honors English IIA - Students in Mr. Gary Osberg's block 4 class dressed in their personalized guild regalia with banners representing their interpretation of medieval heraldry. This presentation is the first installment in "Clash of Classes," a series of project based learning assessments informed by the British literary canon.

DUN-DA-DUNT, DUN-DA-DUNT SAINTS INTRAMURAL SPORTSCENTER NEWS IS ON THE AIR.

Congratulations to MANLEY MEN for being this year's SuperBowl champions. Mr. Kevin Manley's senior homeroom defeated the upstart sophomores, 44-20. The seniors jumped out to an early 19-0 lead behind eventual MVPs Alex Peters, Adam Gainor, and Joey Parks.

In the second half, Mr. Gary Osberg's CUT OFF 1 KONJA 2 GROW BACK started to put together a bit of a late rally before running out of time.

Congratulations to all 4 grade-level champions, FRESH FISH, CUT OFF 1 KONJA 2 GROW BACK, MAYA's COOKIES, and MANLEY MEN. And, one more shout-out to MANLEY MEN for winning the championship.

Coaches Matt Linville and Joe LaPorta would also like to give a very special "thank you" to all of the Saintsman who worked as referees this season. Thank you very much to those ref for frees.

Saints' intramurals are done for now, but we will back soon for some faaaaaaantastic intramural basketball.



HALLOWEEN SPIRIT—The faculty and staff of Saints participated in this year's Halloween costume contest and were recognized for one of the best group costumes. Here they are... the Pink Ladies and the T-birds from the 1978 hit movie *Grease*.

THE RIGHT STUFF

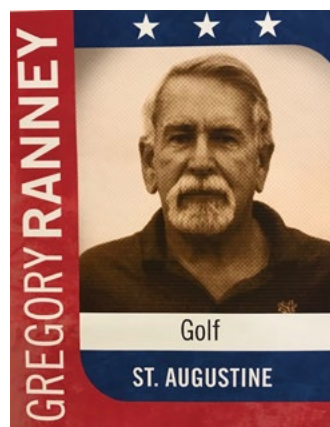
The annual "Fill the Holy Bowl" drive was a continued success this year, with Saints students bringing in nearly 2,000 cans and other non-perishable food items that were donated to Father Joe's Villages in downtown San Diego.

The sophomore class won the inter-grade challenge; their total of 924 cans carried them to victory (and a spirit dress day) a few hours ahead of Saints' 45-6 victory at Cathedral Catholic on Friday, November 3rd.

Both Father Joe's Villages and St. Augustine High School seek to build, strengthen, and celebrate community, especially for those who are often on the margins in our society. Our Augustinian call to Unitas, Caritas, and Veritas was alive and thriving during Holy Bowl week!



Augustinian Volunteer Johnathon Heisler (left) works with Saintsman Charles Parada (right) to count the food collected and organize distribution to Fr. Joe's Village and the San Diego Food Bank.



ANOTHER SAINTS COACHING LEGEND

Recently, Greg Ranney, Saints Golf Coach for 28 years, was inducted as a Coaching Legend by the San Diego Hall of Champions.

Coach Ranney called St. Augustine home for 33 years until he retired in 2012. In a 28-year run as Saints golf coach, his teams won 17 league championships with a five-year run where the Saints didn't lose a league match. His Saints teams won three section titles, a Southern California crown and took home one state championship. In 1996, Ranney also founded AOLP's golf program.

For more than 50 years the San Diego Hall of Champions have championed the ideals and goals of high school athletics. In 1999 the Board of Trustees approved a proposal by the Hall's Legends Selection Committee to honor retired high school coaches of the San Diego CIF whose records and standing in the coaching community were exemplary.

The coaches inducted have demonstrated outstanding performance and sportsmanship on the courts, in the pools, and on the field of play.

AROUND THE PATIO

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL



SAVE THE DATE—Delicious details will be forthcoming on this tasty event. In the meanwhile put a circle around the day.



CLASS OF '21 OFFICERS—

The results are in. Saints Freshman Class of 2021 has elected its leaders. Newly installed officers are (left to right): President - Alex Alcalay; Vice President - Justin Odish; Secretary - Santiago Miret and Treasurer - Zane Friscia.



YOUNG ALUMNI RETURNING TO THEIR “SAINTS/OLP CONNECTION”



L-R Megan Callery, Jonathon Fields, Dylan Graham, Mark Ignacio, Matt Ryan, Brandon Watterson, Thomas Dixon, Marty Rascon, Marco Moura, Jason Haar, Brandon Martelli, Thomas Urtasun, George A. Rios III

ABOUT US

We are a group of St. Augustine ("Saints") and Academy of Our Lady of Peace ("OLP") alumni dedicated to reconnecting with our schools and finding ways to increase business networking opportunities. We gather weekly to connect with one another and discuss ways to broaden our appeal to other alums. Join us for a future meeting!

COME JOIN US!

We meet every other Friday morning at Saints for breakfast.

When: Every other Friday morning

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Where: Saints Campus: 3266 Nutmeg Street, San Diego, CA 92104

Please check our "Meetings" section for a list of upcoming meetings! Or find more info at www.saintsolpconnection.com

EXCITING NEW STUDIES

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This school year's Intersession features a vast array of course offerings that include some old favorites such as: **Engineering Design, Robotics, Skills for Life, Marine Biology/SCUBA, Careers in Sports, Acting/Film Production, Introduction to Architecture, Aquatic Sports, and Lifetime Physical Fitness.**

One of the exciting new courses for 2017-18 is Crime Scene Investigation – AKA “CSI Saints.” During this course, students will study the origin and history of forensic science and how it is used in the courtroom. The course will also instruct students in crime scene safety and how to connect people, locations and objects with a crime scene using the fundamentals of evidence collection. Other topics covered include fingerprinting, trace evidence, DNA, bullet trajectory, and bomb scene investigation. Students have truly embraced the addition of this course as is evidenced by the fact that it is full with a waiting list!

The 2017-18 Intersession will also witness **Christian Service Trips** to the Guatemalan mountain

village of San Lucas Toliman and the Italian town of San Gimignano where students will live with the Augustinians and engage in service at the Church of St. Augustine.

For a number of Saints seniors, Intersession means participating in our wildly successful **Senior Internship Program**. This year it is estimated that well over 170 St. Augustine seniors will be placed throughout San Diego County in a host of locations and various settings that range from the courtroom, to the hospital room, to cutting-edge biotech firms. Intersession truly gives the students new and unique opportunities to discover a passion and/or skill set that they may embrace well beyond high school.

The Intersession term for the 2017-18 school year begins on January 8, 2018, and ends on February 2, 2018. Martin Luther King Day will be observed on January 15, 2018.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding Intersession please e-mail Mr. Hecht at ghecht@sahs.org.



INTERSESSION VARIETY—

The allure of the mid-year mini-semester that occupies most of January is the diversity of the program. Students choose where they want to participate. Saintsman Ryan Neck (now an Alum) spent one of his Intersessions tutoring nearby St. Patrick's School students.

SENIORS SKYPE

WITH EX-GOVERNOR TAFT



Mr. Dominic Sanfilippo's first period Social Issues class skyped recently for about 40-minutes with former Governor Robert Taft, III of Ohio (1999-2007) seeking his thoughts on a pressing issue of the day.

The 30 seniors in the class are preparing for a debate on whether capital punishment and/or the death penalty should remain legal in the United States.

Other issues discussed in class this semester in the context of Catholic Social Teaching include the environment, poverty, violence, stress, inter-cultural and bipartisan dialogue, consumption of information & media, & healthy relationships/masculinity.

In office from 1999-2007, Gov. Taft now teaches, conducts research, and coordinates civic engagement efforts at the University of Dayton. In his post-office years, Gov. Taft often writes and speaks about his reflections on the death penalty and the country's evolving moral and legal understanding of it.

Taft was born in 1942 to U.S. Senator Robert Alphonso Taft, Jr. and Blanca Duncan Noel. Bob's paternal grandfather was U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert Alphonso Taft, Sr., his patrilineal great-grandfather was U.S. President and Chief Justice of the United States William Howard Taft, and his patrilineal great-great-grandfather was Attorney General and Secretary of War Alphonso Taft.

COACH'S CORNER

THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP

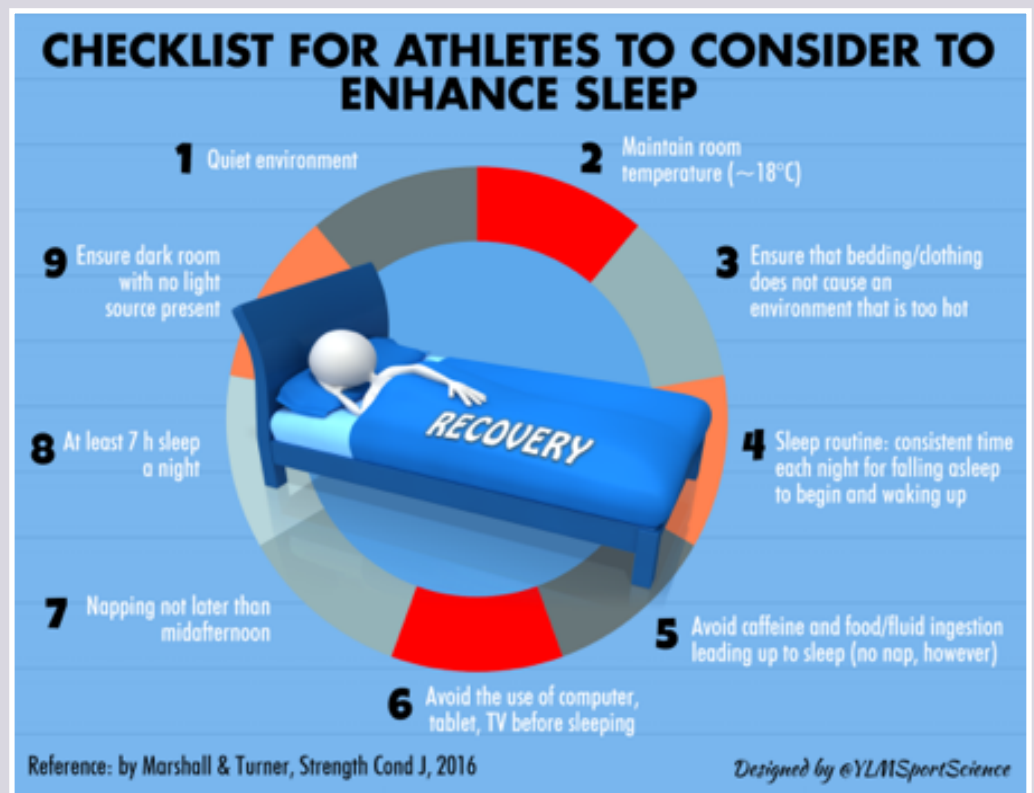
By Coach Joe LaPorta, Saints Strength and Conditioning Coach, Intramural Co-Director; Physical Science, Physical Education



Coach Joe LaPorta

Let's talk for a minute about the most important activity you can do for overall health. This ancient technique has been shown to work miracles such as improve cognitive ability (better test scores), improve your immune system (less getting sick and missing school!), decrease chance of injury (by up to 60%!), and even increase athletic performance. Plus, it's super easy! It's called, SLEEP.

No, I'm not talking about the 4 hours between your 1 am bedtime and your 5 am wake up to make it to your morning lifting session. I'm talking about 8 hours of deep, quality sleep. See the infographic below to learn a few ways to help enhance your sleep so as to reap all the benefits.



PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ON TRACK

Text and Images by Steve Chipp

Workers are well on their way to turn the school's old Dougherty Gymnasium (1953-2017) into a brand new 15,500 square-foot (400 seat) theatre/auditorium, weight room, media room and set storage area. Completion date is estimated to be April 2018.

Now that the color concrete floor slab has been poured interior construction in the theater auditorium and weight room will begin to ramp up. Completing the slab pour was a milestone event. Removal of the old uneven slab allowed for the pouring of a smooth and continuous color concrete slab floor throughout the building. After laying down protective plywood DPR and its subcontractors will bring in scaffolding and lifts to start interior construction.

In the auditorium, installation of ceiling insulation, mechanical duct work, fire sprinklers, and wall framing is about to start. In the weight room steel ceiling support beams are in place so roof construction can now begin to be followed by wall framing. All the while electrical and plumbing work is ongoing throughout the two buildings.

The HVAC mechanical equipment will be located overhead atop the roofs. Roof preparations (such as filling in old skylights, cutting out and framing for duct openings, repair to existing sheeting, and installation of support beams) are now in progress.



The new performing arts center has 13 rooms, two light lofts and four restrooms, including the concrete slab area pictured for the repair room, where musical instruments are maintained.



Fire systems and insulation being installed in auditorium ceiling.



Above is the media room, looking south, where audio/visual projects can be edited or recorded.



Grading taking place for the patio outside the Wrestling room.



Wrestling room ceiling beams being installed.



Looking west across new slab work for the Band room.

WESTERN LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

School	League record	Overall
SAINTS	4-0	7-3
Pt. Loma	3-1	6-4
Madison	2-2	8-2
Cathedral	1-3	5-7
Mira Mesa	0-4	5-5



HOLY BOWL

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Team standout Deandre Daniels started things off with a 63-yard touchdown in the first quarter putting the Saints at 7-0. Cathedral came back in the second quarter with a pass from quarterback Thomas Kane-Berman to Colin Myers who ran it three yards into the end zone. Saints quarterback Angelo Peraza kept the Saints on top with a 40-yard touchdown pass to Seth Hayes in the end zone, ending first half at 17-6, Saints.

Third quarter heated up quickly when Deandre Daniels once again made a 65-yard touchdown run. Saints quarterback Angelo Peraza had another scoring pass, this time a 14 yard pass to Patrick Bazzi in the end zone Deandre Daniels got his third touchdown of the night with a 1 yard run, bringing the score to 38-6 Saints. One of the most impressive plays was Saints Tyson McWilliams intercepting the Dons quarterback pass and running 94 yards the other way for a touchdown. This jaw-dropping play finished off the game with a final score of 45-6, Saints.

The Saints also won the Great American Rivalry Series Champion trophy and quarterback Angelo Peraza won the Great American Rivalry MVP. As the last league game, the Saints won bragging rights for next year and their ongoing rivalry with Cathedral Catholic.

SNAPSHOTS FROM A WINNING SEASON

When your varsity football team wins another Western League championship, there are always dozens upon dozens of great plays that highlight all the hard work that goes into fashioning a winning season. Here are a few images of the team and the supporting cast of co-stars, who also add talent and color to all the games.



Yet, another banner season.



Sign says it all.



2017 Western League champions and Holy Bowl victors.



All purpose player, Patrick Bazzi had a busy year handling punting and kick off duties in addition to being a prolific wide receiver and defensive back.



Defensive star Isaac Wright carrying the turnover belt after he turned his interception into a pick 6 touchdown vs. Mira Mesa.

Homecoming hoopla at half time during the Mira Mesa game.



Saints Community proves its unparalleled fan support.



An athletic high-five collection of AOLP/Saints Cheer Squad up their game.



Saints awesome defense brings down the house crushing the Dons offense. Proving that point are (left to right) Saintsman Isaac Wright; Brenden Silvia and Matthew Meram.



Surrounded by Saints teammates after a 42-26 Homecoming win, DeAndre Daniels #25 celebrates his five touchdowns.



Saints Varsity Football coach Richard Sanchez meets the media after winning the Holy Bowl.

TREASURES NEARBY

Since its founding 95 years ago, St. Augustine High School has shared proximity with Balboa Park. Being little more than a mile apart, this closeness has provided decades of Saintsmen the opportunity to visit and absorb the cultural, historic and athletic riches found in this world-renowned public park.

Just before Thanksgiving break, Saints AP Art History students from Rene MacVay's were the latest to travel to Balboa Park this time for docent led tours at the Timken and Mingei Museums.

TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART



The Timken Museum of Art's Mid-Century Modern building in Balboa Park was designed by San Diego architect Frank Hope, Jr.

The collection features masterworks that cover over 700 years of history and a tour de force of artists that include Rembrandt, Jacques-Louis David, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, Petrus Christus, and John Singleton Copley. Ranging from 14th-century altarpieces through 18th-century portraits and landscapes to 19th-century still life paintings, the collection is superb. The Timken Museum of Art is considered one of the finest small museums in the world.

The Timken was created through the generosity of two families: the Timken family of Canton, Ohio, who wintered in San Diego and were principal benefactors of the Fine Arts Society (now the San Diego Museum of Art), and Anne and Amy Putnam, sisters who arrived in San Diego with their family in the early 1900s. In the 1930s and 40s, Anne and Amy Putnam began to purchase European paintings of distinction, which they anonymously donated to the Fine Arts Society.

In 1950, under the guidance of their attorney, Walter Ames, the Putnam sisters established a foundation whose sole purpose would be to acquire paintings of high quality. These works of art, however, were not destined to be exhibited in San Diego, but were to travel on loan to various institutions throughout the country, including the National Gallery of Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fogg Art Museum, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

In the early 1960s, Mr. Ames consulted with his client, Henry H. Timken, Jr., which resulted in the Timken Foundation offering to pay a substantial part of the cost of a new picture gallery for San Diego. The opening of the Timken in 1965 allowed for the return to San Diego of those Putnam paintings on loan to museums in the Midwest and East.

MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM



The word mingei, meaning 'art of the people,' was coined by the Japanese scholar Dr. Soetsu Yanagi by combining the Japanese words for all people (min) and art (gei).



VESTED INTEREST—Posed in the center of Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama, Saints AP Art History students paused during a recent Balboa Park museum tour led by Ms. Rene MacVay. (Back Row, left to right): Arthur Hahn, Nicholas Kennedy, Ryan Garmo, Jake Cavanagh, Nicolas Del Puerto, Matthew Steinberger, Richard Tamoria, Jackson Huntley, Reese Hyduk, and Reece Francke; (Front, L-R): Ms. Rene MacVay, Sebastian Gabrail, Cole Lindsay, Enrique Oquendo, Charlie Rhee, Jeffrey Walsh, Edward Lorenzo, and Griffin Miller.

The Mingei is a non-profit public institution that collects, conserves and exhibits folk art, craft and design. Founded by Martha Longenecker, Professor of Art Emerita, San Diego State University, who as an artist craftsman who studied pottery-making in Japan, she became acquainted with and learned from the founders and leaders of the Mingei Association of Japan. Under her guidance, the Museum was established and developed over more than 27 years.

In May 1978, Mingei International Museum of World Folk Art opened at University Towne Centre in San Diego with the exhibition, Dolls and Folk Toys of the World.

In August 1996, Mingei International was relocated to the historic House of Charm on the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park. It shares the central square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW SAINTSMAN ALUM HELPS PEOPLE FLEEING BOKO HARAM, FACING FAMINE

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Brandon Payne

Saints Alum Brandon Payne has always wanted to pursue humanitarian work. Growing up in San Diego and attending Santa Sophia Parish in Spring Valley, his Catholic background had a big influence on his life mission. He attended Santa Sophia Academy and St. Augustine High School (Class of 2006).

"I do think that the education that you get at Saints and the integration of Catholic teaching and Catholic ministries impacts a lot of people," said Payne. "The environment is nourishing, both intellectually and spiritually."

NOTE: The area in Niger, near the border with Mali, is known to host groups loyal to both Al Qaeda and the Islamic State and has long been used as a smuggling route for arms, drugs and people. Just over a month ago, gunmen killed U.S. and Nigerian soldiers in the latest in dozens of assaults unleashed in the past two years.

Payne continued his Catholic education at Notre Dame, followed by Fordham University, where he attended the graduate program for International Political Economy and Development.

Now, in his role as the Emergency Coordinator in Niger for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Payne and CRS teams respond to the needs of people displaced by violence and natural disasters.

CRS is the only actor in some communities in southeastern Niger, although it coordinates with other relief agencies. It's largely a pastoral zone in the southeastern part of the country, where many people are fleeing the violence of the terrorist group Boko Haram, which has displaced more than 2.3 million people in the Lake Chad Basin since

2013. But even without the violence and terrorism, it's an extremely poor place.

"There are no paved roads or cell phones and no access to information," Payne said. "It's hard to comprehend. Every time I hear that cell phones penetrate 98 percent of the world, it reminds me that the other 2 percent is where we are working. That makes it incredibly difficult."

"Our emergency response team works with something like 60,000 people a year in Niger," Payne explained. "The crisis caused by Boko Haram is centered in Nigeria, but it also affects Niger, Chad and Cameroon."

CRS is responding to famine and to immediate needs like treating Hepatitis E outbreaks because of the water."

CRS responds to people across all four countries by providing emergency food, water, sanitation and hygiene, and agricultural support.

"They don't have anything," Payne said. "You just get in the car and drive into the desert and hope your driver is going in the right direction to find a village. Last month, I was talking to a local government official and he asked me why we go to some of these places, and I said this is where people need us."

When it comes to safety, Payne says he doesn't worry too much, but CRS takes extra precautions to protect him.

"We have fairly conservative security protocols," he said. "There have been non-specific threats from Boko Haram against Western people, and so my mobility is limited. The rest of our team are Nigeriens, so they blend in better and know the areas well."

"There's one quote that always reminds me of how dire the situation can get," he continued. "A colleague of mine went out doing focus groups with women in a displaced site, and they were talking about the assistance they received from the project, including the installment of latrines. One of

the women said latrines are nice, but if we don't have anything to eat, we aren't using it anyway. And I think that drove home the point that we have to focus on the most basic services for these displaced people. Food, water, clothing and shelter. That's how dire the situation can be."

Written by Denis Graska (Saints alum, Editor of the The Southern Cross, San Diego.

DANGERS OF SCREEN TIME

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lot of time with them.

No doubt, screen time can be fun. The problem is that too much of it can take a toll on your son's health and his grades. That's why Saints and the Austin Parent Association are hosting a documentary for parents called "Screenagers".

Teenagers today have never known a world without the internet, which may be why half of all adolescents say they're addicted to their digital devices. In the documentary "Screenagers", Dr. Delaney Ruston explores why young people are so drawn to social media and video games and what effect it's having on their brains.

Come learn about screen time and its effects on your student. You will leave with discussion questions and great tips for helping your student navigate the world of technology and strategies that will help limit the negative effects of a screen-centric world.

This film is being shown FREE and we welcome all Catholic School families with students in grades 5-12.

In the spirit of Community,

James Horne
Principal



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