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Six Fresh Faces Fill Old Spaces



Welcome these six (mostly) new faces to the Saints campus.



By Liam Brucker-Casey ('19)
EDITOR

With every new school year at Saints come new faces. Four new permanent faculty members were asked to don the beanie, along with a new Augustinian volunteer and brother. These new additions come from across the country and even across the world.

Michael Jezewak, a native of St. Louis, Missouri enjoys teaching religion to freshmen and seniors at Saints. He moved to

San Diego to be closer to his wife's family. At Saints, Mr. Jezewak has found a commitment to the Catholic Faith that he values deeply.

"I'm impressed with the caliber of the students and the commitment to the faith that the institution has here," he said.

Having found his own high school Kairos retreats to be foundational in his life, Mr. Jezewak is looking forward to accompanying Saintsmen on those retreats. Jezewak says that the Saints community has

been "extremely welcoming."

Brendan Dillon, originally from Dayton, Ohio, previously worked at Saints during the 2014-2015 school year as an Augustinian volunteer.

"When I visited Saints in February, I heard that they had an opening in the Science and Religion Departments, and since I have a degree in each, I was kind of surprisingly qualified for it, so I met with Mr. Horne, and I ended up accepting the job in March," Mr. Dillon said.

Ian Haliburton ('18)

He currently teaches one block of biology and four blocks of Sophomore Religion.

Dominic Sanfilippo, originally from Tinley Park Southwest of Chicago, heard about the opening for Director of Christian Service at Saints through an extraordinary turn of events.

"I ran into one of Mr. Dillon's and my own mutual friend and we were just catching up and she had let me know that she had heard that this position had opened up, and I was like, 'I love the Augustinians,' and when I looked up the position I felt called to throw my name in the hat, and it worked out!"

Mr. Sanfilippo is very familiar with Augustinian education coming from Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, Illinois and having participated in the first ever SAVI.

Brother Sarfraz Alam is excited about his year-long stay at Saints. He is tasked with providing spiritual guidance on retreats and around campus. Br. Alam, originally from Hyderabad, Pakistan, was not initially set on becoming an Augustinian.

"I was a diocesan seminarian before," Br. Sarfraz said. "What drew me to the Augustinians was their connection with the early Christian communities."

Br. Alam is really thankful for the opportunity to further his own learning through his hands-on experience at Saints and hopes to one day use that experience to become a teacher or chaplain.

Another faculty member who will be joining us for the next year is Augustinian Volunteer Steven Forster, who comes to Saints all the way from Massachusetts. As a volunteer, Mr. Forster will be helping in

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Dougherty Gym Renovation is on Track



By Alejandro Eros ('19)
EDITOR

For most Saintsmen currently attending, it is probably hard to remember a time when our campus was not a construction site. These seemingly unceasing developments, however, lead to undeniable improvements. The current construction site is good old Dougherty Gym, which is being renovated entirely so that it too can have a place in the modern Saints experience. Construction began on July 17, 2017, and is, so far, right on schedule. Good news, seniors: the new theater, band room, and weight room are set to be completed this school year.

"I would say we are about 15% complete...currently it's supposed to be completed March 18, 2018," said President Hearn.

A glance through the dislodged windows of the former Dougherty Gym will reveal that a gutted structure, with the walls of the old locker room demolished, the old weight room torn down, and Ted's left unrecognizable. The floor of the Basketball court has been uprooted, and that space will give way to a theater.

Saintsmen who had grown used to seeing and using Dougherty Gym every day were certainly a bit surprised when



Dougherty Gym is getting a lot more than a fresh coat of paint.

Courtesy of Andrew Tran ('19)

they were back on campus for the first time since construction had began.

"Seeing the Dougherty Gym hollowed out, I couldn't help but feel moved. A majority of my Saints experience-three years-had been in that gym," senior Matt Tran said.

The theater will seat an audience of

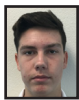
396 people, and it will have state-of-the-art equipment for drama and stage crew. What was previously the locker room will become the 2,000 square foot music room. Currently the roof of this part of the structure is being supported by a temporary frame until permanent beams are introduced, because the walls proved to be load-bearing.

The budget for the building is set at 10 million dollars, and it is expected to be completed faster than the new gym was. The Saints community looks forward to a facility that will dramatically improve the music, drama, and sports programs. We all look forward to having another pristine new building on campus.

Remembering Marty Rascon



Marty Rascon, Marty Jr., and Marco Moura in Marty's Kitchen.

 **By Aidan Dougherty ('18)**
STAFF WRITER

This past summer, a beloved member of the Saints community, Marty Rascon, passed away.

Despite never attending Saints as a student, Rascon truly was a Saintsmen. He embodied our core values of unity, truth, and love and has left a lasting impact on the Saints community. Many students met Marty in his kitchen, or through his catering for a plethora of school functions. Mr.

Rascon was also a proud father of two Saintsmen, Charlie ('19) and Marty Jr. ('15). He could always be found cheering his sons on with his vuvuzela at football and rugby games.

Marty was born and raised in Calexico, California, and was the youngest of nine siblings. He graduated from Calexico High School in 1986 and then attended the University of California, San Diego. He married his wife Gaby in 1994, and together they started a family and a business.

Marty was a man of God, family, and community. "Marty was an uncommon man! His heart was pure—as pure as a human heart can be. He listened to the inner voice of the Master Teacher, Jesus. His restlessness became a focused expression of accepting and encouraging other people. If you met Marty, he became your friend," President Hearn wrote.

A few years ago, Marty and a group of men from Calexico started the Men's Prayer Group, which assembles togeth-

er every other week to grow through prayer. He consistently provided for the less fortunate and often fed the homeless. He also spent his time at the community centers and orphanages of Tecate, Mexico.

Marty was an important part of our community and a dear friend to all. He will be missed. His legacy will live on through his family, friends, and the kitchen which bears his name.

200 Kilometers Walked On The Camino



The Camino walkers pose in the Valle de los Caidos.

 **By Michael Senoff ('18)**
MANAGING EDITOR

Saintsmen are no foreigners to traveling, and last summer was no exception with 17 of them spending 18 days in Spain to hike the Camino de Santiago.

The Camino de Santiago, or "The Way of St. James," is a popular Catholic pilgrimage that starts in France and ends at Santiago de Compostela, the cathedral where the remains of St. James are kept. The group consisted mostly of juniors and seniors as well

as some recent graduates who were chaperoned by Miss Quirk, Father Kirk, and Mr. Yoakum.

After their flight from LAX on July 26th, their first six days were spent adjusting to the time change and immersing themselves in Spanish culture. During this time, they also visited popular tourist spots in Barcelona such as La Sagrada Familia and got the chance to see a Flamenco performance.

The pilgrims were also fortunate enough to spend the night in an Augustinian owned

castle known as El Escorial, which is located just outside of Madrid. The castle was built and used as a residence for the King of Spain. El Escorial comprises two architectural complexes of great historical and cultural significance: the royal monastery itself and La Granjilla de La Fresnada, a royal hunting lodge. These sites were places of power in the Spanish monarchy as well as the Roman Catholic Church. After the decline of the Spanish Empire, El Escorial was designated as a World Heritage Site and was

placed within the care of the Order of Saint Augustine. It is currently home to a boarding school. The Augustinians living in El Escorial showed our fellow Saintsmen incredible hospitality, not only by giving them a place to stay but also by providing food and an exclusive tour of the castle.

"Staying at El Escorial was truly a privilege. I was blown away by the beauty of the castle, and the religious history connected to it," said senior Sonny Varcadipone.

The following nine days were spent hiking the Camino de Santiago. The group met up with a fellow group of Augustinians from Madrid, and from there the group of 34 took a bus to their starting location in Villafranca del Bierzo. The group hiked, on average, between 15-20 miles per day, with their longest day being over 25 miles. The route of the Camino went along highways, cut through small villages, and went up and down mountainous terrains.

On August 12th, the group reached their destination of Santiago de Compostela, also known as the cathedral of St. James. Once at the cathedral, the group went to the pilgrims' Mass and were given certificates declaring that they received an indulgence from their sins for their journey.

The group was able to relax for the final day of their trip by spending the night in a hotel in Madrid before leaving at 4am the next morning to catch a plane back to LAX.

"The Camino de Santiago was a very enriching experience for me, I not only got to grow closer with my fellow Saintsmen, but I also had the opportunity to meet a great group of Augustinians from around the world," said Junior Alejandro Peñuñuri.

If you have an itch for traveling or simply want to step outside your comfort zone, then come by Campus Ministry to find out about how you can be apart of the next spring or summer trip. You, too, might receive an indulgence!

Photo courtesy of Campus Ministry

Chaplain's Corner



By Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A.
COLUMNIST

A year ago, 137 delegates from all of the diocese’s parishes gathered in a two-day Synod General Assembly to finalize proposals that aim to welcome and engage a wide variety of Catholic families in the life of the Church. In response to these proposals, a more robustly staffed Office of Family Life and Spirituality has emerged in order to better pastorally support the wide range of families in our diocese, including those who have LGBT members.

The newly christened Office of Family Life and Spirituality has organized an “Always Our Children” Mass for families of the LGBT community to take place on Saturday, October 7 at 11AM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 1638 Polk Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103. The Mass will mark the 20th Anniversary of the release of “Always Our Children,” a pastoral message from the U.S. bishops to families with children experiencing same sex attraction.

“Always Our Children” presents an outstretched hand to parents and other family members, offering them a fresh look at the grace present in family life and the unfailing mercy of Christ our Lord. It encourages parents and families to “draw upon the reservoirs of faith, hope, and love as they face uncharted futures.” It reaches out to LGBT Catholics, reminding them: “Though at times you may feel discouraged, hurt, or angry, do not walk away from your families, from the Christian community, from those who love you. In you God’s love is revealed. You are always our children.”

Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan and Fr. Lucio Castillo, OMI will be the presiders, and our Prior Provincial Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA will concelebrate at this special liturgy. All are invited to enjoy this opportunity to gather and journey together in faith and hope as we support, care for, and love each other. Please encourage anyone who you think might benefit from this Mass to attend.

God’s peace,
Fr. Kirk

Teachers

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any capacity at Campus Ministry. “I’ll be helping out Nicole and Dominic with all the aspects involved with Campus Ministry, whether it’s a retreat like Freshman Retreat or some of the Kairos or some of the Hogar visits,” Mr. Forster said.

Mr. Forster is another new faculty member with an Augustinian education, as he went to Merrimack College, which is an hour away from his hometown of Marlborough, Massachusetts. This is the first time Mr. Forster has been on the West Coast.

The average person would likely forgo a teaching job if they had the opportunity to work for the San Diego Padres, but new teacher Michael Tompkins is no average man. A San Diego native, Mr. Tompkins grew up in the Linda Vista-Birdland area. Previously a San Diego Padres Video Coordinator, Tompkins spent a few years at Saints as a substitute teacher as well.

“I’ve been trying to make a change back into education, because I want to be home with my family. Mr. Horne called me this Spring and offered me a full time position,” Mr. Tompkins said.

With that, Tompkins was able to hit a career home run. Without question, teaching Spanish II, Comparative Religions, and Digital Photography will ensure that Mr. Tompkins won’t get bored.

Saints is lucky to have such a talented group of men to guide us, teach us, and inspire us.



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The editorial staff is looking for a signal. Are you in there, Mr. Igelman?

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By Ian Haliburton ('18)
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In recent weeks, going a day without hearing someone complain about the wifi on campus is rare lately. One day, the wifi works perfectly. The next day, it seems to work, except all the websites fail to load. Then, the day after that, everything is working smoothly, but only on one device. It’s certainly confusing. Fortunately, the tech club was willing and able to clarify the situation.

As the system stands, there are three

networks which are all using a part of Saints' total bandwidth. Saints Guest is password protected and not for student use. STA-Student and STA-Staff are also protected, but unlike Saints Guest, they are protected by scripts which prompt users to log in every so often. Before this year, the scripts would appear frequently, leading to mishaps with the wifi in the middle of rallies, for example. It has been changed so that students will still have to sign in but only once every 3 months. Still, Mr. Igelman stresses that “students need to make sure that they sign in oth-

erwise the network won’t give them internet” Going to the network settings on your phone will usually trigger the login script to appear if have not logged in yet. Regarding network speed, the majority of the overall bandwidth is reserved for STA-Student. Still, the network can only take so much with hundreds of students who are using it and who often have multiple devices. Things get particularly slow when there are many students in the same room or area of the school using the wifi. This is because they are all using the same access port the wifi boxes on the walls in

classrooms for the network. Along these lines, some locations on campus have stronger wifi than others. The Commons, for example, has limited wifi spots and its walls are thick enough to damper signals. Mr. Igelman has been working with the networks to fix the system so that it is faster and more reliable. Since the start of the year, one such effort was to restrict wifi usage to one device per student. As this was never formally announced, it contributed partially to recent frustration over the wifi as students found the wifi reliable on one device but entirely inaccessible on another. As this was inconveniencing students, Igelman made the switch back to allowing multiple devices to access the network with the same login information. It is important to remember that there are some apps and websites that will never load on STA-Student. As a general rule, content that falls into the following categories is prohibited: social media, alcohol or drugs, explicit content, software downloads and online gaming. Mr. Mr. Igelman chooses what to blacklist and whitelist and, as such, there may be some sites in the aforementioned categories that are not blocked. Tread carefully anyway, as any effort to access prohibited content results in a referral. As a last tip for improving wifi speed, Mr. Igelman recommends that students who have accessed either STA-Staff or Saints Guest forget these networks along with STA-Student and then rejoin STA-Student only to get a fresh start. If these tips do not help, rest assured. Mr. Igelman will be adding new access points in the coming months to improve everyone’s wifi experience.

Rallying Behind our Fall Athletes

 **By Michael Mallucci ('18)**
SPORTS WRITER

Saint Augustine pigskin is back and everyone is thrilled. Saints has made five consecutive CIF championship appearances and is looking to add another. It will be a challenge without stars like Rodney Thompson, Tariq Thompson, Darrell Broussard, Noah DiNapoli, and Max Ramirez who graduated this past June. Nevertheless, from the minute SSS began this summer, Coach Sanchez and the crew have been determined to maintain Saints Football’s prestigious reputation.

The 2017 season started off with a pleasant three game home stretch and a matchup against Las Vegas’s Canyon Springs. This was the first time our school has hosted an out-of-state team since 1956.

“Whether it’s five miles away or across the country, we’re always looking for the best competition to prove we’re the best,” said Senior Ryan Thomas. The task ahead of the team would be tough as the Pioneers were initially ranked among Nevada’s top fifteen.

They were certainly big and fast, but neither size nor speed could save them from what was in store. After a quick three and out on the opening Pioneer drive, senior Deandre Daniels took the rock 51 yards to the house on his first carry. This set the tone early, and, in the end, he accumulated 131 total yards on the ground. Senior JR Justice also had an impressive showing, racking up 60 yards worth of receptions and 3 touchdowns. The Saints, as one unit, were able to achieve 492 all-purpose yards. Students, parents, and alumni alike enjoyed a classic 51-12 beatdown, courtesy of the purple and gold.

Next up was Carlsbad. This contest in week two was featured on KUSI as the “Game of the Week.” It was definitely a competitive battle, but the end result did not meet the usual Saints standards. We were able to



The Saints face off against Helix as the sun goes down.

Chase Eichinger ('20)

gain a 14 point advantage in the first quarter, thanks to a returned kickoff and our gradual, conservatively-paced offense. Nevertheless, Carlsbad’s efficiency on both sides of the ball helped them take the lead and build upon it late in the second quarter. The Lancers were able to hold off the Saints 14-22 and avenge their 7-28 loss from last year. This was their first victory against us since 2010.

Saints week three encounter with Los Angeles powerhouse Loyola was something our community didn’t wish to unfold. In an abnormal fashion, the Saints looked outmatched

and couldn’t execute their game plan against a squad that is currently averaging over 30 points per game. The scoreboard read 0-41 at the end of regulation and it marked the third time in four years that we came up short against the team. On a more positive note, Senior Isaac “Ike” Hall was featured on KUSI as the week’s in-studio guest for “Carroll’s Corner” that same night.

Shifting our attention off the field and to our very own campus, the St. Augustine Commons held its first fall sports rally on September 14. The entire student body and faculty

displayed their school spirit while acknowledging each and every senior associated with a fall sport. The main festivities included a bubble soccer tournament, a performance from the OLP cheerleaders, and a ceremony recognizing all the new members of the Saints community.

The rally gave us insight on how life in and around The Commons will be from now on and reminds us that it was built in part to serve teams and athletes in ways the old gym could not entirely do.

Q&A with Super Bowl Champ Stephen Neal

 **By Sebastian Larson Moreno ('18)**
STAFF WRITER

On September 27, special guest speaker Stephen Neal, a four-time Superbowl champ and world class wrestler, visited our freshman football team to offer inspiration and words of wisdom. Stephen’s skill and hard work in wrestling allowed him to compete at the professional level. He won the U.S. Free-style Championships, the Pan-American Games, and the 1999 World Wrestling Championships. He won the FILA Outstanding Wrestler Award, which is given to the best wrestler in the world. It isn’t everyday Saintsmen make contact with elite athletes, so The Augustinian seized the opportunity to sit down with him for an interview.

The Augustinian: Today you are recognized as a professional athlete for both football and wrestling, but everyone has their humble beginnings. What were some defining features of your youth that have made you the person you are today?

Stephen Neal: I grew up here in San Diego in a Catholic family. We went to Mass on the weekends, and I went to some religious education classes. I also spent a lot of time with my dad watching sports. We would watch football, and I fell in love with sports. I also wanted to follow in my dad’s footsteps. He played basketball and football at Hoover, so I wrestled and played football at San Diego High School.

The A: You were an incredible wrestler in college with two undefeated seasons of wrestling in NCAA D1, each ending with the D1 title and you eventually played 10 seasons with the Patriots winning four Super Bowls with them. What helped you achieve athletic success?

SN: I always wanted to win and suc-



Stephen Neal shares some advice with the freshman football team.

Tony Perez ('18)

ceed, but with team sports that is not always so easy. I began wrestling in high school because winning or losing depended on me and my effort. It’s all about work ethic, and being able to outwork your opponent. That meant putting in work on and off the mat.

The A: After a successful career wrestling, what drove you to pursue a career in professional football?

SN: I was a fairly well-rounded athlete and had a passion for football, but I didn’t pursue that in college. So, after wrestling I was able to contact Bill Belichick’s re-

cruiter and was given an opportunity to go practice with the team. I took that opportunity and was able to make a 10-year pro-football career out of it.

The A: You are here today to speak with our freshman football team, with what message do you hope to hope to leave them?

SN: I want to inspire this freshman class to be well-rounded athletes. Right now, there is too much focus on one position or one sport. If you’re a football kid, then you go and train to be better at football. The same goes with all other

competitive sports. Football players will spend time lifting with a focus that only gets them better at football, and they’re not using their full potential. These athletes should use their talents in a variety of sports. If a football player is good because he tackles well, then maybe he should take a look at wrestling. The same goes for a wide receiver; they’re fast and can jump well, so maybe they could give basketball a try. If they have good footwork, maybe try soccer. I want them to see that they can improve certain traits in one sport by excelling in other sports.

Singing for a Cause



By Carlos Lopez-Tenorio ('18)
STAFF WRITER

After last year’s record-breaking amount raised by the Hogar Infantil Club, this year’s group has been challenged to beat the \$15,200 mark before June of next year. The club has become such an important part of Saints and OLP over the past few years that it has even caught the attention of outside organizations.

Such was the case when the foundation “Cantando por una Causa” offered to help. This foundation, which is located in Tijuana, hosts artistic events and concerts, then donates the money to a specific cause. Early in the summer, Saintsman Roman Miranda (‘18) contacted the group and proposed the idea of holding a concert for the benefit of the orphans.

The idea was to have young people run the charity event. Within the group of performers were students from schools in Tijuana and San Diego, including Colegio Alemán and Mater Dei. Saints and OLP seniors Roman Miranda and Marycarmen Castellanos took the stage confidently, despite this being their first time.

“I had never sung in public before and was scared to do so. I had three classes to prepare and definitely did not feel ready, but once it started I felt confident in my talent. Knowing that I was doing this for a worthy cause made the experience much richer,” Marycarmen said.

The public responded enthusiastically by filling the whole venue. The artists provided them with an enjoyable night by putting on an unforgettable show that featured songs in English and Spanish of all genres. One highlight was Roman’s performance of the Sinatra classic “Fly Me to the Moon.”



Senior Roman Miranda croons in support of Hogar Infantil.

Photo courtesy of Roman Miranda

“The chance to sing live was obviously amazing, but the best part was knowing that it was all for the kids at Hogar Infantil,” Roman said.

OLP student and audience member Kiana Yazdani said, “I hope the club does more activities like this which draw many people and open them to new experiences.

Not to mention that this allows us to find new talents that otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to come to the light.”

Because of this event, the club was able to raise \$1,250 and has already made about ten percent of its total from last year. It was a successful addition to raising money for the orphanage with Krispy

Kreme donut sales on Wednesdays after Mass. The concert for the orphanage is a prime example of how personal talents can be used to support and promote a great cause. It also provides some quality entertainment!

For a More Just World: Disaster Relief



By Nick Martinez ('18)
STAFF WRITER

On August 25th, that which was once a gust of wind off the Sahara’s Atlantic coast became a category four hurricane known as Harvey. It first made landfall in southeast Texas and soon reached Louisiana. Just days later, Hurricane Irma had formed in the Atlantic, passing through the Caribbean and Florida. The last hurricane of this magnitude to hit the United States mainland was Katrina in 2005. Harvey’s winds topped out at 132 mph, but Irma’s winds reached a howling 185 mph and was classified as a category five storm.

From the moment Harvey made land-fall in Texas, the hurricane raged for 10 grueling days, resulting in 82 deaths and billions of dollars in damage. A majority of the homeowners were without flood insurance, making the loss of their homes completely life altering. Nine thousand homes were completely destroyed. Most of the images on the news and in the media recently were of Houstonians struggling to find temporary shelter. Many left their homes with just their clothes on their backs.

Everyone has seen the heart wrenching accounts on the news: a young toddler clutching onto her dead mother’s body as the waters rose, a nursing home with an elderly woman waist deep in water in a flooded living room. The havoc Irma wreaked caused similar devastation in Florida. However, the most severe damage was present in the Caribbean, rather than the United States.

One small eye in the storms of devastation was seeing the U.S. come together



to lend a helping hand. Relief efforts have been abundant as the United States always seems to unite to help those in need.

Non-governmental agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army have been at the forefront of the efforts to provide food, shelter, and other aid to those affected. Celebrities and profitable companies are also contributing to the

cause through either charity or hands on volunteer work. For example, Comedian Kevin Hart and Houston Rockets superstar Chris Paul collaborated in handing out food to the victims in Houston and encouraged others to help in any way they can.

The Saints community has also been involved in relief efforts. Campus Ministry and the Interact Club had their mem-

bers stop by each homeroom collecting donations for those impacted by the natural disasters. In total, \$348 was collected. The funds are being sent to the Diocese of Houston.

So far, this has been the only relief effort Saints has undertaken. Mr. Sanfilippo and Campus Ministry, however, are determined to find additional ways to contribute more to Harvey and Irma victims as well

Addressing the Dress Code



From the 30s to the 70s, Saintsmen were required to dress to impress every day of the year.

 **By John Dye ('19)**
STAFF WRITER

This article is the first of our Blast from the Past series where we look at how life was at Saints back when the twilight shadows gathered in decades past.

Lots of Saintsmen are grumbling because teachers are enforcing the dress code much more aggressively this year. There is even a rumor of a leader board among teachers for who can issue the most pink slips for im-

proper attire. That being said, if you think the dress code is strict now, you have no idea... When Mr. Cudal ('72) and Dr. Rey ('70) were Saintsmen, students were required to wear a black blazer every single day. The blazer itself had bore a seal representing St. Augustine High School, sort of like a coat of arms similar to those of the Loyal Sons today. Sneakers were out of the question. As the Student Handbook (which could actually fit in your hand) from 1972 stated, "hush puppy or loafer type shoes [are to be] worn

[...] throughout the day." Ties didn't have to be worn except for Mass days, which were Fridays. Seniors could choose whatever jacket color they wanted.

"I remember thinking that Saintsmen looked very sharp when I was attending elementary school. I was drawn to that," Mr. Cudal said. "I could tell it was a point of pride for them."

Of course, the blazer requirement could be waived if you were lucky enough to earn a letterman's jacket, which back then was only

awarded to athletes.

The late 70's to mid-80's saw a switch from blazers to windbreakers as required outerwear. The problem, however, was that students would write on them with markers, and sometimes not even on their own. Over time the windbreakers began to look unsightly, and often bore uncouth messages, so they made way for V-neck sweaters that consisted of different colors corresponding to class.

In those decades, students weren't given dress codes, but rather were demerited in accordance to a 100 point system, as was the case for all behavioral issues. The more points you had, the more privileges you enjoyed, and conversely, you lost privileges along with point losses. Having 100 points and a grade of "B" or higher, for example, would allow a student the privilege of being exempt from quarter or semester exams. Failure to wear the proper attire could result in a one to five point penalty, subject to the teacher's discretion.

So, tuck in that polo shirt and stop complaining! At least you have air conditioning.


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as to those affected by hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. While the next plan has yet to be revealed publicly, Saintsmen should expect further efforts. One approach that we can all take is praying for the victims of the disasters. For example, during Mass at Hogar Infantil, Saintsmen and orphans alike dedicated their prayers to the victims of yet another disaster, the earthquakes in Mexico.

With the millions of dollars that have been given to various charities and the prayers for all those affected, there is a ray of hope for the victims. We hope that they will be able to rebuild their lives as quickly as possible.

Mathnasium Has Tutors You Can Count On

 **By Matthew Anguiano ('19)**
EDITOR

If you have been reading The Augustinian for the past several years, you are likely aware of a recurring advertiser. The ad typically features a young woman with a beaming smile. Why is that you ask? Because she acquired some great math skills after receiving tutoring from Mathnasium!

Given that Mathnasium has been our sole advertising benefactor, we at The Augustinian were wondering, "Who are these people?" We know that many a Saintsman has benefited from the services of these math wizards. So, I decided to pay them a visit at their Mission Gorge location.

There, I met with Tommy Najarian, the director and owner of the Mission Gorge franchise location, who has been coordinating the advertisement with us.

At the Mathnasium, Mr. Najarian explained to me how you can either sign up for appointment-based sessions or get a yearlong membership. Each appointment-based session is one-on-one with one of the instructors at Mathnasium. In these pay-as-you-go, one-on-one sessions the tutor will help you out with any math questions you have on homework or concepts that you do not quite understand. With the year long membership, you pay a monthly fee and can come in for up to an hour each day and receive help with either homework or individual math concepts. After witnessing the tutors in their natural habitat, I can say with the utmost certainty that they excel in helping you understand math.

Instead of going to Mathnasium just for help with math class, Mathnasium also offers tutoring for certain standardized tests. Mr. Najarian explained to me that Mathnasium is the perfect place if you are looking for some much needed help with either the SAT



Tommy Najarian, owner of Mission Gorge Mathnasium, shows his love for The Augustinian.

Matthew Anguiano ('19)

or ACT math portion. No matter which test you decide to take, the instructors at Mathnasium will tailor a learning experience that will help you understand the math concepts that are on the tests.

In regards to how well Mathnasium had helped him improve in math, senior Michael Senoff had this to say, "Mathnasium really helped me when I was struggling in algebra 2. It also really prepared me and helped me to boost my score on the SAT."

When it comes to what makes Mathna-

sium stand out from other tutoring services, Mathnasium prides itself on having only top-quality instructors. "The tutors worked with me at my own pace, not at theirs," senior Ethan McVeigh said, "They were always more than happy to help me with any problems or questions that I may have had, and ever since I started to go Mathnasium on a regular basis I have seen my math grade increase dramatically."

Before leaving the math safe haven that is Mathnasium, Mr. Najarian gave me an in-

sightful quote from the owner of the Mathnasium, "kids don't hate math. What they hate is being confused, intimidated, and embarrassed by math."

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Freshman Get Special Welcome



Freshman engage in live action role-playing on costume day of Welcome Week.

Edan Wingfield ('18)

 **By Luke Cavanagh ('20)**
STAFF WRITER

The freshmen class of 2021 was given a week to remember with an abundance of activities and antics that entertained the senior class, occasionally at the freshmen's expense. Between wheelbarrow races and costume dance contests, this week taught freshmen the meaning of the Saints brotherhood as well as where they belong on the school food chain.

This year's Freshman Welcome Week started on Thursday, September 14 with the assigning of freshmen to their seniors in the Saint Augustine Commons on Court '66. Although this tradition isn't new to Saints, this was the first time it has ever taken place in the Saint Augustine Commons. This ceremony was followed by seniors taking their freshmen around the campus and ordering them to do embarrassing but light-hearted tasks. If someone were visiting Saints for the first time that day, they would most likely be shocked by the sight of 30 or more students engaging in a game of leap-frog, an out of tune freshmen choir singing nursery songs, and a student draped in the colors of the former Soviet Union reading a copy of the Communist Manifesto through a megaphone.

As the week progressed, events like Dress Your Freshmen Day, Freshman-

Senior Lunch, and Freshmen-Senior Field Day all were celebrated in accordance with tradition. Many came to watch as Freshmen participated in a dance contest, dressed in costumes chosen by their seniors.

Some notable costumes were worn by freshmen Noah Zamora who dressed as Sonic the Hedgehog, William Harting who dressed as a newspaper boy and represented The Augustinian, and Leonard Kruczynski as a medic who had to run to any person who yelled "I need a medic!"

Although many activities are repeated annually, no two Freshman Welcome Weeks are the same. In addition to freshmen being assigned to seniors at the Saint Augustine Commons instead of Vasey Patio, Freshman-Senior Field Day was brought back to the football field unlike last year's which was held off campus.

This year's Welcome Week was again a success, and it ended with the ceremonial removal and throwing of the beanies into the air after the varsity football game against Helix High School. As the freshmen removed their beanies and sang the school's Alma Mater, the initiates were officially welcomed into the Saints brotherhood. After all their silly displays, they deserved it.

Senior Jason Misleh to Run for Homecoming King

By Michael Senoff ('18) and Ian Haliburton ('18)
EDITORS

Misleh, who was crowned Homecoming Prince as a sophomore and a junior, has announced that he will run once again, but this time for the ultimate title of Homecoming King.

When asked for an official statement, he replied, "I've grown so close to Saints over the years that I always want to involve myself in any way I can. Our activities, especially Homecoming, are so energetic, exciting, and bursting with Saints spirit that it makes you want to keep going back. It has been an honor to be on the court the past two years, and I am looking forward to a third." When asked about who will be his competition, Jason replied, "Apparently everybody, but no one has directly said they will run against me to my face." Finally, when asked what he will do if he wins, Jason said, "Well, I'm short and my partners are usually very tall, so I'm thinking of doing what Spongebob did in that one episode when he took Pearl the Whale to Prom and walk on stilts or something to be super tall. Also, I'll eat a pie with no hands before the school at the homecoming rally."



The Great Freshman LARP

by Austin Max Lalangan ('18)

