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## Saints Defeat Helix 21-20 for CIF Title



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SPORTS WRITER

Unranked, slept on, overlooked, and counted out. The St. Augustine High School varsity football team proved everyone wrong. This year has been unique for the Saints football program, and it had a very special finale on the night when the Saintsmen battled Helix's football team in the CIF Division I final at Southwestern College.

The CIF Open Division champions from 2017 handed the Saintsmen their first loss of this season as they came back to win it at home in their first encounter. The Saintsmen ended with a 10-3 record, while the Helix Scotties finished 8-5. Saints was coming off a last-minute win in the semi-final that came down to a missed field goal, sending the Saintsmen to the championship game against Helix. The Scotties had just beat number 1 ranked team Eastlake High School 14-49.

On that Saturday night at Southwestern College, the top two teams at the Division 1 level met to win it all, and the Saintsmen were set to prove that they would not settle for



Coach Kremer presents the football team the D1 Championship Trophy.

Photo courtesy of Bill Hill

runner-up.

It was not the start the boys were looking for as the Scotties put up the first numbers on the scoreboard as Helix's star running back had a three yard touchdown run with 7:14 remaining in the first quarter. The score remained the same at half time with a strong Saints defense not allowing another point until the second half. It was this action-filled period that changed the whole direction of the game.

Saints came out with a strong

mentality in the second half. With 4:39 remaining in the third quarter, sophomore Byron Cardwell ran five yards, broke a tackle, and dived into the end zone to put our first numbers up on the scoreboard. With a missed PAT, the score was now Scotties 7-6 Saints.

It did not take long for Saints to take the lead. With 1:39 left in the third quarter, the Saints offense attacked once again with a special junior connection that we've seen all season. Angelo Peraza com-

pleted on a 43-yard pass to Samuel Scaife in the end zone. The Saints went for a two-point conversion and it was good as Peraza faked out a Scottie and dived into the end zone to increase our lead at the end of the third quarter to Helix 7-14 Saints.

Then came the nail-biter. Helix set the score level with 8:25 remaining in the fourth quarter, and that was the score at the end of the game, which meant we were heading into overtime. The Saintsmen

received the ball first, and the offensive side once again delivered. Cardwell went for another five-yard touchdown run, which later proved to be the game winning touchdown. As Saints was now up 14-21, it was the Scotties' turn to receive the ball.

The Saints defense had been playing an incredible game. Only allowing fourteen points against one of the best offenses in the whole county was good, but shutting down a star running back that was averaging 12 yards per carry to under 5 yards, and only allowing him to get one touchdown, was even better. It was time to win it all.

The Scotties managed to score a touchdown and tie the game at 21, but there was a flag on the PAT kick which was good. Helix accepted the penalty and decided that they would go for a 2-point conversion. This was it, this was where the game was going to end. The boys were ready, and everything was set; it was the moment they had been working towards for the past 10 months. The ball was snapped by the Helix center only to be dropped

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## Saints Alumnus Recognized as Best American Rugby Player



By Matthew Anguiano ('19)  
EDITOR

For the last four years, the University of Queensland, Australia has awarded the Mark Loane Medal to the best high school rugby player in the United States. This past November at a benefit in New York, our very own Saintsman Ethan McVeigh ('18) received this prestigious honor.

After hearing this amazing news, McVeigh was in utter disbelief.

"Initially I was quite shocked. To be named the best high school rugby player in the country is an extreme honor and even more so a privilege," McVeigh said. "All I could think about was how all the hard work I had done in my life was finally paying off. All athletes play their respective sports to be the best, and this award has helped to prove that all of those times I woke up at 6 am for gym lifts, stayed after practice to focus on my trade as a scrum-half, and all the times I had personal training sessions have finally paid off."

While Saints has witnessed McVeigh's talent and athleticism, the skill and commitment required to win this award has been several years in the making.

McVeigh was just eight years old when he began playing with the OMBAC Wallabies Youth Rugby team. His love for the game was instantaneous and rugby became a huge part of his life. Upon arriving at Saints his freshman year, McVeigh immediately joined the rugby community. Later that same year, he was invited to join the esteemed EIRA (the Eagle Impact Rugby Academy) rugby team, which is a handpicked team representing the best high school rugby players in Southern California. McVeigh, as a standout player, was invited back all four years. But he did not stop there.

McVeigh continued to pursue his passion for rugby and worked endless hours to improve his game with a lot of hard work and dedication. Then, in 2017, McVeigh was recruited by the US High School All-American national team to play in the U18 European Championships, which were held in France. In his senior year, McVeigh was recruited by the US national team to represent the United States in the U20 World Rugby Trophy qualifier. This year, McVeigh will be Vice Captain playing on the Men's Junior All-American team, which consists of the best American rugby players under the age of 20.

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McVeigh ('18) (center) is awarded the Mark Loane Medal.

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# Annual Christmas Concert Tonight at 6:30 pm



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It is that time of year again when the leaves change garments from their lovely green suits into their sporty yellow, brown, and red turtleneck sweaters. The time when Thanksgiving (and Black Friday, if you so insist) say their last goodbyes before revving up into the hectic Christmas season. The time when Saintsmen get

ready to enjoy their 45 day holiday vacation (Intersession included). The time when the Saints band hosts the Annual Christmas Concert.

You heard that right! The annual performance, for which the Saints band practices tirelessly every morning, is upon us.

"There will be vocal harmonies, hot chocolate, and marshmallows," Miss Au said when asked what the people should ex-

pect. This combination of Christmas music merriment and hot beverages is sure to give all in attendance quite an enjoyable night. While some of the traditions dating all the way back to the very first Christmas concert will be repeated, many new and exciting features will debut as well.

"Two of the songs being played were songs I played when I was younger. I would like to start making one or two songs a part of the tradition along with doing sibling duets much like the one last year," Miss Au said.

Last year, junior Kieran Amsberry and his sister Maris Amsberry, an OLP ('18) alumna, sang "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" at last year's concert. The details of this year's duet will be revealed tonight.

A new tradition coming to the Christmas concert will be a performance by the brand new acapella club. The club was started the beginning of this year by junior Kieran Amsberry, with its members working hard on honing their craft.

"Acapella will be performing this year, and I'm pretty excited. Kieran has been working hard with Miss Au to organize everything," said junior Austin Brown.

To compliment the beginning of new traditions, the event will be the first Christmas concert in the new Raymond Center for the Performing Arts. All Saintsmen should show up and catch a whiff of the Christmas spirit brought by all the best Christmas classics, including "Sleigh Ride," "Christmas on Broadway," and many more.

Those attending have a lot to look forward to. All around, the Saints band has been practicing diligently to give the audience lovely music to ensure they be fully

immersed into the Christmas Spirit.

"Come enjoy a warm cozy night in the theater filled with holiday cheer," Miss Au said.

This is not much to ask from the Saints community. Besides, with a new modern facility, hot chocolate, marshmallows, and other sweet and scrumptious goodies sure to satisfy the appetite of any hardworking Saintsman, what could possibly be better? Date night, anyone?

"Christmas music outclasses that of every other holiday with regards to contemporary and classical songs," said junior Sam Wilhelm, a trombone player.

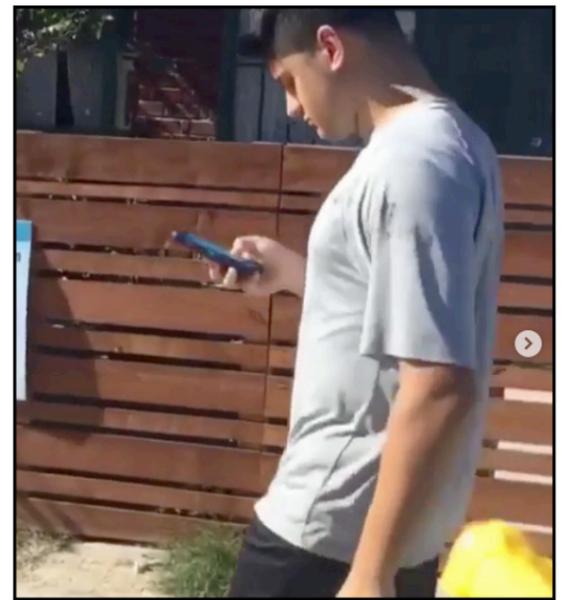
Come take time off from your stressful, congested schedules to listen to classic, soothing, well-known Christmas tunes so you can arrive home ready to handle the stresses of studying for finals. Bring a chicha from OLP or even one from Cathedral if that's how you roll.

"I feel the concert will be good. The beginners in the band will have fun and, all in all, it will just be an enjoyable environment," Miss Au said.

As a message from the entire Saints band to you, Merry Christmas and be there tonight, December 13th, at 7 pm.



## Senior Assassins Water Down Competition



Some of the eliminations so far at this point in the game: (L-R) Andres Castro, Armando Ayala, Daryl Lewis, and Alex Menas



By Joseph Selfani ('21)  
STAFF WRITER

As part of the efforts of our esteemed ASB to improve life at Saints, our student government introduced a new game and tradition to Saints seniors. The game, Senior Assassins, has existed at other schools like OLP, but it has just recently been installed here at Saints.

Senior Assassins is a game in which the objective is simple: eliminate your target and survive. Each player is assigned a victim they must squirt with a water gun, and, at the same time, each player must avoid getting sprayed by those targeting them. The participants, however, can escape assassination by wearing a floatie or being in a safe zone, such as on campus, at school events, or in a running car. Once the players received their assigned targets, they must film each kill, and both the assassin and victim must confirm the attack. Two honors will be awarded for this battle royale: one for being the last remaining person and the other for the highest eliminations.

Each winner will receive a cash prize of an undisclosed amount.

The event was brought to Saints by seniors Matthew Goodridge and Anthony Maola, with Mr. GO as the moderator. This new competition gives underclassmen something to look forward to, in the same way that Kairos and Mr. Lamerato do. Most importantly, they hope that this game will become a new tradition at Saints.

For a brand-new competition, the senior turnout was "pretty good," according to Matthew Goodridge and Noah Alcalay, with 68 participants signed up. So far over ten kills have been confirmed with two of them belonging to senior Ronnel Lalangan, who is currently in the lead.

While the number of assassinations seems underwhelming, it is important to understand the difficulty of actually eliminating a target.

"It takes a while because you have to be strategic on when and how you'll get your target. It's intense because you never know when you'll be eliminated."

Many seniors try to deceive other play-

ers about who their targets are, leaving many of them fearing everyone, even their close friends.

"The paranoia and having my friends that I have known for four years or longer not trusting me anymore is really funny," senior-Ronnel Lalangan said.

"You can tell that some seniors are paranoid about this competition," said senior Eugenio Casta. "If you pay close attention, you can see some seniors looking left, right, and then dashing for their cars to avoid elimination."

The paranoia has also increased tensions and animosity among the seniors.

"I hate traitors. Shout out to Brandon Toscano," senior Patrick Laff said.

Despite Senior Assassins being a very fun experience so far, seniors do agree that the competition is moving quite slowly at the moment. Even though it is intense, more action would be appreciated to make the game more interesting. Some solutions have been suggested by seniors which may be applied for future events.

"To improve it, I would switch the targets after a while because it got to the point where everyone knows who is going after whom," Lalangan said.

"There should be fewer safe zones. Safe zones should be restricted to classrooms and courtyards. The patio, freshman lockers, and other similar locations should be fair play to make it more of a watch your back kind of thing," senior Eugenio Casta said.

Most upperclassmen agree, however, that Senior Assassins is a fun and enjoyable experience. They enjoy the intensity and competitiveness.

"Stay cautious. Get your kills before they get you. Go out there and eliminate your target. If you do not get your target by December 16th, you will be eliminated from the game," senior Matthew Goodridge said.

Seniors that have been eliminated can sign up for the hit squad for an additional \$5, which allows them to kill but not be killed.

To keep in touch with the current events going on in Senior Assassins, follow them on Instagram: @sahs\_seniorassassins.

## Chaplain's Corner



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

To all members of the Saints Family:

As the seasons of Advent and Christmas approach, I want to wish you all blessings of peace, joy, hope, mercy, and love! You are all such a blessing to our community.

To our faculty, staff, and support personnel who so generously give their time, talent and spirit: You are examples of faithfulness and of the hospitality offered to Mary and Joseph when they brought Christ into the world. To our alumni, benefactors, parents, board members, and volunteers who so generously give their wisdom, witness, and treasure: you are like Simeon and Anna who continue to have purpose as the Lord helps you fulfill your mission. To our students who comprise a new generation of saints, building upon our rich tradition: may you be inspired this season to follow the guidance of the star to seek and find where Christ is leading you. You are capsules of joy like the shepherds were upon hearing news that unto us a child is born. To my Augustinian brothers, living and deceased, who have ministered at Saints through the years: You are like the Maggi who journeyed to see the newborn king. We would not be who we are without all of you.

St. Augustine said, "He was created

of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He is the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute." May we all be encouraged and fortified by the tremendous love and mercy God has for each of us, and may we all become messengers and ministers of His love and mercy to our brothers and sisters everywhere.

In Christ, Mary our Mother of Good Counsel, and Augustine,  
Rev. Kirk Davis, OSA



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McVeigh attributes much of his success to his growth and development while playing for the Saints rugby team under the guidance of his coaches.

"The Saints rugby program changed my life. It is as simple as that. Coming in as a freshman in 2014, I really didn't know what to think about a high school rugby program. I had a solid background in rugby before high school, but never experienced this caliber before. The Saints rugby environment provided me with the chance to prove myself not only

as a rugby player, but also prove the amount of character I possessed. Throughout the years at Saints, I experienced the coaching expertise from a plethora of coaches. Each coach offered me a new way to look at the game and give me advice on what I need to do to reach the next level. They created a brotherhood among the rugby lads where we all looked out for each other no matter what. We went to battle on the rugby field, yet we were the classiest and most sophisticated young men whether we won or lost. The feeling of pride I felt every time I put on that jersey was immeasurable."

With the talent and skill McVeigh brought to the field, along with the other amazing Saints players alongside him, the St. Augustine rugby program has grown and thrived. In his final year at Saints, the team brought home the San Diego Section Championship in 2018 and went on to play in the Southern Cali-

fornia Rugby Championship, where Saints fell in a close match to St. John Bosco.

McVeigh is now in his freshman year playing rugby at Cardiff Metropolitan in Wales, United Kingdom. He is the first American to have been recruited by this renowned rugby program. Currently, Cardiff Metropolitan is tied for first place in the British Universities Championship Series and is set to have another strong year with the addition of McVeigh playing scrum-half. As the winner of the Mark Loane Medal, McVeigh also received the University of Queensland Rugby Academy Scholarship.

*The Augustinian* wishes Ethan much success with his bright future as he continues to pursue his rugby dreams.

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## Editorial: Assessing Central American Caravan's Impact



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Recently, a group of Central Americans has found its way to the Mexican-American border in hopes of finding asylum. Their desire to seek a better life elsewhere is understandable, but the negative effects it has had on Tijuana and clear opposition toward their advance by the U.S. have left many torn about what they feel is the best solution, including myself.

The caravan consists of thousands who made the journey from countries such as El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala to Mexico in hopes of finding political asylum in the U.S.

The first reports of the caravan depicted a group of 160 Hondurans leaving San Pedro Sula about two months ago. Two days later, once the group made its way through Guatemala, the number grew to 1,000. Today, that number varies from 7,000 to 15,000.

The reasons for leaving their homes behind are varied, but it's a decision no one takes lightly. One migrant told the Washington Post, "Una necesidad nos obliga." Out of necessity.

While the primary reason for this sudden exodus is gang violence in the migrants' home countries, many of them are also coming due to economic hardship and a lack of opportunity. Overall, these reasons all have one thing in common: the pursuit of a better life.

Are the migrants justified in searching for this life, even if it means leaving their own country? Absolutely.

According to Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution."

Any one person should be able to find something better regardless of where that may be. Individuals should have the right to leave their country if it doesn't provide them with opportunity and the prospect of a brighter future.

The issue with this caravan is not

whether they deserve the right to seek asylum elsewhere. Rather, the issue is the forceful nature with which they intend to attain the help they seek.

In fact, some of the members of the caravan are former deportees. If you have been deported from the U.S., you will not be able to return legally for a number of years, if ever. This implies that at least some of the migrants were looking to cross the border illegally.

Such individuals gave the caravan a bad reputation. "They're hardened criminals," President Trump said.

This, combined with a border reinforcement to the tune of 5,200 active-duty soldiers, made it very clear to the migrants that they were not welcome.

However, many believe that this unwelcoming behavior is not rightfully earned. Some believe that the actions of only a few members of the caravan have been wrongfully imposed on those migrants who are truly seeking a better life. Among these migrants are young children who have been caught in a political crossfire, leaving them vulnerable to the political agendas of those who wish to turn the American public against the caravan. While there are members of the caravan with violent or rowdy behavior, this could be said about any group of thousands of hungry, tired people thousands of miles away from their homelands.

Eventually, on November 25th, a group of migrants began to protest the slow processing of asylum applications. The protest quickly turned into a march that saw 500 migrants rush the San Ysidro Port of Entry border intending to cross illegally. Border patrol officers fired tear gas to counteract the massive charge.

Unfortunately, the subsequent closing of the border found Tijuana residents unable to cross by foot or vehicle for 6 hours.

This event brings up two points when discussing the aspect of justice in this dilemma:

1. Do the migrants have an inherent right to cross the border?
2. How are those affected by these attempts supposed to act?

Like previously stated, anyone should have the right to leave their country if they don't feel as though it can provide them with the opportunity to flourish. However, should foreign nations be obliged to allow such migrants to join their own country?

It is within a nation's rights to secure their borders. It wouldn't be safe for any given nation to unquestionably allow a stream of migrants in.

The U.S. admits about one million immigrants legally every year. Millions more are waiting for their opportunity. Should these migrants be given special consideration? No one is arguing that their situation isn't dire, but there are millions of other people in the same position who aren't trying to force their way into U.S.

Secondly, we must consider that the people in Tijuana have been negatively affected by this. The closing of the border, something that has occurred repeatedly since the caravan's arrival, has greatly affected the San Diego-Tijuana economy. For example, the number of American tourists who would continuously travel to Tijuana for medical procedures, such as dental work and plastic surgery, has considerably declined. This hurts businesses in Tijuana who heavily rely on tourist revenue to make ends meet.

Beyond financial implications, thousands of people cross between San Diego and Tijuana every day because their work and home life is split between the two cities. Border closings can bring a world of trouble for those who rely on the port of entry to go back home.

Another problem the caravan brings to Tijuana is the difficulty of hosting so many people. Upon its arrival, the caravan settled in Playas de Tijuana due to its proximity to the border. The residents of

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by the quarterback. Fumble! The Saintsmen secured the win and they all sprinted over to the opposite end zone to celebrate their victory.

This being Coach Kremer's first season as head coach made a difference both on and off the field. He has so much love for all his players, whom he views as his sons.

"As far as the season goes, I couldn't be prouder of a group of guys who were counted out early in the year, not a top ten team," Coach Kremer said. "We used that as motivation internally, and we were able to keep playing all year and battle through adversity."

Our head coach had a lot of praise for his players on the night they won the Division 1 title, especially for his defense.

"As far as the championship game that we just played, I've never seen a Saints team play harder in my eight years being here, particularly on defense," he said. "Those guys took it personally. I was so proud of our guys with big plays in big moments. This is not just for our football team, it's for the entire Saints community. I'm proud to be the head coach and leader of the program."

The Saints moved on from the San Diego Section Championship to the California Southern Section Championship to face Grace Brethren at Cal Lutheran University. Unfortunately this is where the remarkable journey ended as the Saints lost.

The boys were unranked at the beginning of the season, and finished the season being ranked third in San Diego county. Senior team captain Will Simon said it best.

"No one believed in us, and now no one can believe us."

# Deacon Max To Become A Father



By Nicolas Correa ('19)  
EDITOR

On December 15th, the Saints community will support one of our most valuable members, Deacon Max Villeneuve, in his ordination into the priesthood. To many, it may seem as if he is going from Brother Max to Father Max rather quickly, but for him, it has not been a short journey.

Dcn. Max's journey has take seven years, and has included preparation and study since he first joined the Augustinian Order. He went through the many steps of the formation process, including philosophy study, a novitiate retreat year, and major seminary, which is a master's degree level program. In major seminary, he studied church history, sacraments, canon law, ecclesiology, and the sacramental aspect of those in ministry: he took classes on how to give homilies, celebrate Mass, baptize, and hear confessions.

Last May, he graduated from major seminary, and he now holds a master's degree.

"As you can imagine, it's been a long time in formation, preparation, and anticipation, and I look forward to ordination so I can serve God and His people in a new way," Dcn. Max said.

Although his time as a deacon only lasted from June until mid-December, he was able to serve the community by doing many things that he could not do as a brother. For example, he has administered at least 60 baptisms at Saint Patrick's parish, preached on Sundays at Saint Patrick's, and preached at some daily Masses at Saints. Even as he transitions into his life of priesthood, he will be continuing in the duties of his diaconal ministry.

"Every priest is both a deacon and a



Deacon Max Villeneuve was ordained a deacon last June.

Photo courtesy of Brother Dominic Smith O.S.A.

priest. So it's not that I stop being a deacon, it's that I now have a new ministry and a new function in addition to my diaconate," Dcn. Max said.

He discerned his call to the religious life in college, where he felt attracted to leadership. He was involved in campus ministry, retreats, social events in the campus community, workshops, and Bible studies.

Some people are wondering what will become of his role at Saints once he is ordained. Dcn. Max wants the commu-

nity to understand that his ordination as a priest will not subtract from his role at Saints in any way. His workplace will remain in the Campus Ministry office, and he will continue to live in the monastery.

"You don't have to be ordained to have my position as the director of Christian service," he said. "Anybody can have my position, and now I will just so happen to be a priest in it. Nothing will change in terms of me being at Saints. I'm very happy to be here at Saints and I would love for things to stay that way as long as

possible."

Although he was not able to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation on the day of the school Penance service, Dcn. Max will be able to hear confessions and lead Mass during the Lenten season.

He is happy to be able to serve his community in ways that he could not before. The Saints community is blessed to have Deacon (and soon to be Father) Max as he continues following God's call as an Augustinian.

## Saintsmen's Quarterly



Mr. Cudal shows off his style.

Andrew Tran ('19)



By Liam Brucker Casey ('19)  
MANAGING EDITOR

Saintsmen understand style. Whether it be the respect we have for quality footwear, or the fearlessness we show when risking a dress-code in order to don an elegant non-saints-outerwear jacket, we dress to impress. That's just who we are.

We know that we are fashionistas, but we might not extend our male teachers that same distinction. We have all seen the various fashion-crimes committed by some of our teachers. Some of the staff has the self-awareness to just wear khakis, a tucked in collared shirt, and be done with it. Respectable as that may be, this acceptance of mediocrity is dishearten-

ing if not an outright assault on student morale. These tacky-tailor-terrorizers are infamous, whether they be coaches who accentuate their dad-bods with a shirt that only could have ever fit them when *they* were in high school, or a certain teacher with a penchant for wearing suits two sizes too big (you know who you are).

Therefore, I'd like to take the time to recognize the teachers who try: the coaches who own a scarf or two, and rotate their different pairs of shoes each day. Not all heroes wear capes, indeed many wear handsewn venetian leather L.L. Bean loafers. I'd like to drop a few names, to hopefully inspire these tasteful dressers' colleagues to have the good sense to buy clothes from somewhere other than Sports



Mr. Chesser models his extensive collection of ties

Authority.

Firstly, Mr. GO has really been rocking suspenders. Enough said, we salute you, you pant patrician. Some hope from the administration comes from Mr. Hearn who never ceases to impress with his tasteful newsboy cap, and let me remind you, hats are a tricky thing to pull off. Bravo sir.

A new addition to Saints who has been stylin' since day one: Mr. Chesser. The man is a legend, wearing a new and interesting bow-tie every single day. Seriously, how many people even know how to *tie* one of those contraptions? His fashion-sense doesn't stop with neckwear, as Mr. Chesser has a seemingly mythical attention for detail. The man has different colored glasses to match the color of his belt and shoes. Now that's dedication. I highly suggest that the un-cosmopolitan approach

Chesser for advice, for he is a true style-sensei.

Finally, I must crown one teacher who styles above the rest. A teacher who sleeps in Gucci, a couture monsieur who envisions even the most unrefined of book characters in fine Italian tailoring. That man is Mr. Cudal.

Mr. Cudal is the king of dress. Legend has it that he was born with a neatly combed full head of hair, and blue-suede shoes. Cudal understands how to really wow the crowd, wearing snappy sneakers, rugged work boots, sophisticated slacks, colorful khakis, superb button-downs, tasteful turtlenecks, authoritative vests, and even lumberjack flannels. If you want to understand the fashion of Cudal, look at the model on the cover of the most recent GQ magazine, and then imagine if that same model were a "Man of Literature." Then, you'd have a good idea of this English teacher's refinement.

# The Amazing Race: Off Campus Lunch



By Liam Haskett ('22)  
STAFF WRITER

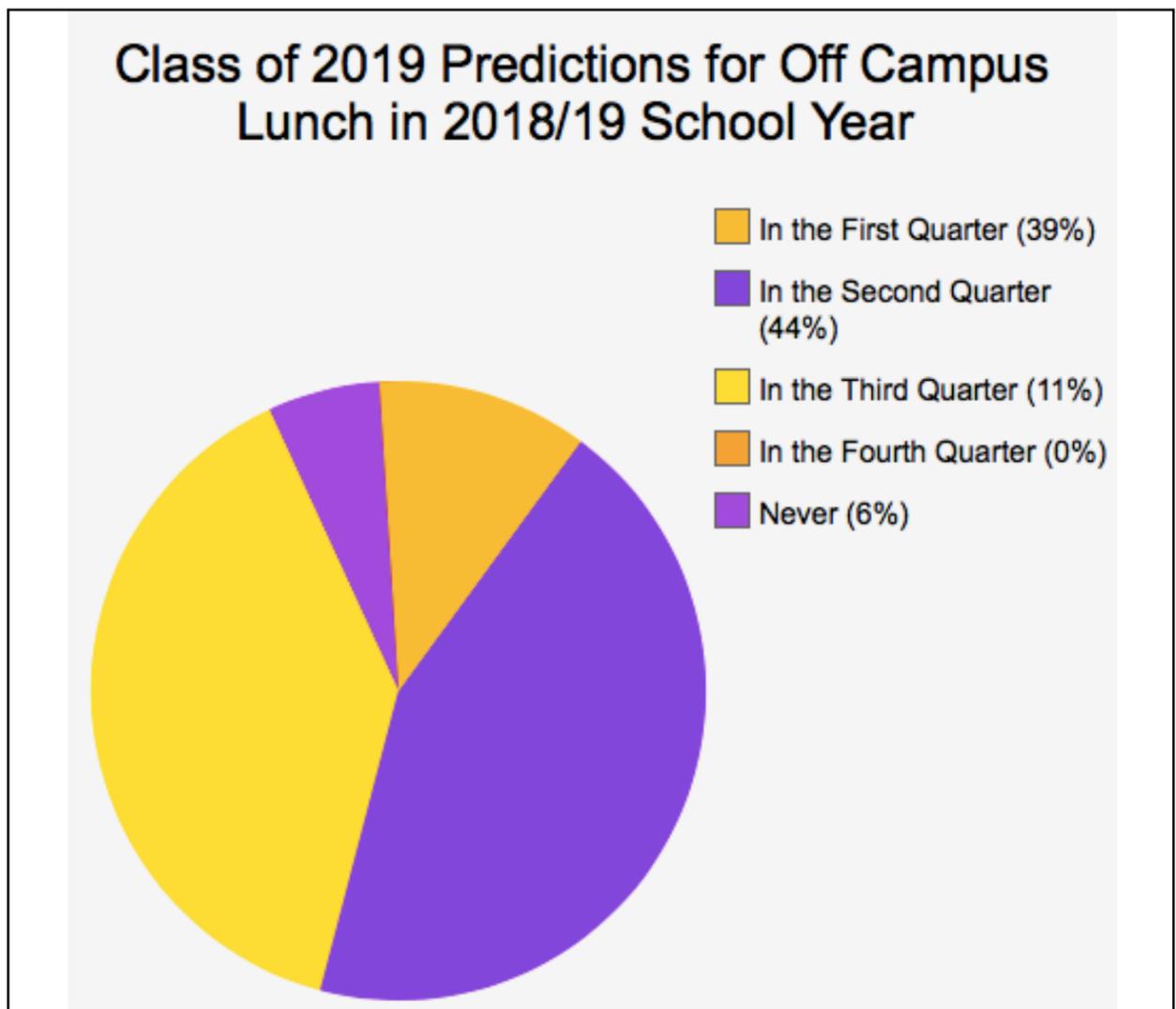
The current Saints senior class achieved the privilege of off campus lunch much earlier than last year's procrastinators. Last year's seniors never officially earned the privilege, but they were granted it in March when the administration allowed it out of pity. Motivated by last year's lackluster performance, the class of 2019 was determined to do better. Together, they gained the privilege by the end of the second quarter, as 44% of the class predicted in last year's poll. This privilege allows seniors to eat lunch away from campus, but the process is apparently not as easy for some as most Saintsmen may think.

The common misconception is that off campus lunch was achieved by simply filling out and signing a form that lists the rules and regulations of the privilege, but the form is really only one of many requirements. Each senior must also register his purple Saints lock (not the P.E. lock), physically place the lock on his assigned locker whether or not he uses his locker, and register his car with a mirror tag. Those who are not driving must let Ms. Bayer know.

There were two main violations that delayed this year's seniors. One was using a non-school lock instead of the required purple Saints lock. The other was failing to put the lock on the locker despite having registered it.

Of course, there were also those who did not bother to register or submit anything. That is, until Mr. GO came to hunt them down with a bowler hat and baseball bat.

Theoretically, the seniors could have it completed every year at orientation, but due to extreme cases of senioritis, it has often been dragged out much longer than necessary.



The chart of the predictions made by last year's Junior class.

"I believe that the seniors this year were more united. They all helped each other, which is how it should be at Saints. They should be like brothers to each other," Ms. Bayer said.

Unfortunately, there is a way for a senior Saintsman to lose his lunch privileges.

If he violates any of the rules stipulated on the form, he can have his off campus lunch privilege revoked. This rarely happens because the seniors truly cherish the glorious opportunity to quickly snag a Bacon Ultimate Cheeseburger, a large order of fries, and a nice cold oreo milkshake from Jack

in the Box.

The Saints class of 2019 worked together extremely well this year for off campus lunch. Hopefully, their efforts will set a precedent for future senior classes to gain the privilege early in the year.

# Is It True? Mr. Dillon Is Mr. Bachynsky's Son?



Paparazzo, Andrew Tran, staked out and captured Mr. Bachynsky (left) as he appeared to hand Mr. Dillon (right) his car keys.

Andrew Tran ('19)

By The Augustinian Editorial Staff

Like in any community, there is a rumor mill at Saints. Hence, *The Augustinian* will feature a periodically recurring column entitled "Is It True?" to get to the bottom of things. Investing our extremely modest resources and applying our formidable journalistic skills, we will squash gossip and authenticate rumors.

Let us get straight to the point: there is a rumor going round that Mr. Vladimir Bachynsky is Mr. Brendan Dillon's father. It does seem credible: there are facial simi-

larities, they both have beards, they both teach religion, and the math works out. Due to the fact that Mr. Bachynsky is the moderator of *The Augustinian*, he was easy to find, and has submitted to us the following statement:

Dear Editors of *The Augustinian*:  
I am not Mr. Dillon's father, Mr. Dillon is not my son. These allegations are baseless and hurtful. Sure, I am old enough to be his father. (And thanks, by the way, for making me feel old.) I'd have to have been

20 years old. Now where was I in 1990? I was on a movie set for *The Godfather III*—hardly the place for salacious behavior.

You have asked me to submit a DNA test. My initial answer is refusal, but I will undergo a test on two conditions: one, *The Augustinian* pays for it (I saw one on Amazon for \$100) and two, Mr. Dillon must also participate. And this would only be to quell this sordid rumor once and for all.

However, since I am the moderator

of *The Augustinian*, I refuse to release the \$200 to test the both of us. Fund it yourselves from your own pocket.

And even if it were true, I would be proud to call Brendan—I mean, Mr. Dillon—my son.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Vladimir Bachynsky  
P.S.: You all have referrals and you're fired.

P.P.S.: If anyone is interested in becoming an editor at *The Augustinian*, please see me in room 318.

# Perez's Finals Tips For Freshmen



By Angel Perez ('21)  
EDITOR

At the end of the first semester, freshmen nervously enter into their first finals season. Such worrying is needless, however, if they follow the following tips:

**#1. Bring your phone** - While teachers say that phones are prohibited, this is actually just a test in itself. If you pass this "test" by disregarding this rule, it shows that you are among the most resourceful students, able to utilize any and all tools to your advantage. Teachers will actually admire you for your phone use at finals. And if a proctor tells you to put it away, don't—they are in on it as well, or they are Mr. Vignol.

**#2. Wear whatever you want** - Although teachers and students might say that the dress code is enforced, it is, in fact, optional during finals. This is because instruction does not take place during this week, so it's not really "school." In order to reduce student stress, teachers don't want students to worry about what they are wearing. Keep in mind that this is an unwritten rule—unless you are Mr. Granados, who explicitly tells his students to wear sweatpants during finals.

**#3. Finals are optional** - Many students have been tricked into believing that finals are "mandatory" and "count for a grade," when, in reality, they are merely optional; finals are only conducted so that teachers can get a sense of how much knowledge you retained without actually studying. Because who actually studies for finals, anyway?

**#4. The answer is almost always "C"** - Students are under the impression that they should read all of the questions carefully and answer them to the best of their ability. However, this is a waste of time if you consider the following: in multiple choice tests, the answer "C" is correct 80% of the time. In fact, if you simply filled in every answer as "C," you should receive a grade of 80%, which is a noble grade, especially since finals are optional (see #3). To get the full 100%, just use your phone (see #1).

**#5. Don't study** - Although teachers often give out study guides, this is only because they are burnt out at the end of the semester and have no real lesson plan in place; by distributing a study guide, they actually have something to talk about on the last week of school. Ignore the guide, just show up to the final, follow #1-4, and you will do great. During these precious last weeks of the semester, spend time with your friends and start your break early.

**#6. Arrive late** - The finals schedule does list exact starting times, but to follow it is folly. Since proctors are always about 20 minutes late, and then spend another 20 minutes distributing materials and getting the guys to settle down, you can safely arrive about 40 minutes late. Supposedly, teachers prepare finals meant to last 90 minutes, but in reality, 30 will do.

**#7. Write whatever you want in the essay section** - Teachers are so tired at the end of the semester and so eager to go on break that they don't read your es-

says. Just write about your favorite sport or band—or really anything you are enthusiastic about. Your teacher will just check to see if there is ink on paper, and if there is, they'll just score it a 92%; it's high enough that no one will complain, and low enough to give students the impression that teachers actually read them.

**#8. Use a pen for scantrons, not a pencil** - Pencil use for scantrons is 1990's technology. The latest scantrons require the use of a pen in order to correctly register your answers. Keep in mind that you must use black or blue ink.

**#9. Persuade your teacher to round you up to an A** - Some teachers stubbornly adhere to their "I don't round grades" policy, but this simple trick will persuade them to round up your grade right up to an "A": place a \$50 bill into an envelope and submit it with your final. Be sure to place your name on the envelope so the teacher will know which student's grade to upgrade. No one will accuse you or your teacher of bribery, because if they do, your answer will be simple: it was merely a Christmas gift! (Wink, wink.)

**#10. Wear headphones** - During finals, the stress can often make your brain feel cluttered, leaving you without a clear train of thought. However, a clever tip to solve this problem is to bring headphones so you can focus and become inspired to do better on your exam. Bonus points if the music is playing loud and is very distracting, as it will lower the scores of those around you, forcing your teacher to curve the test.

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the area demanded that they leave the posh neighborhood to a nearby shelter. The ensuing confrontation led to an exchange of blows to the migrants, residents, and even journalists, proving that coexisting would be impossible.

The only solution was to have the caravan stay in makeshift shelters that were required to hold thousands of people over their intended capacity. Currently, the Mexican federal government has provided little help to Tijuana to house the migrants. The 6,000 migrants have found a temporary shelter in the Benito Juarez sports complex, which is holding 3 times the number of people it should. The living conditions are unfit for humans, as the shortage of funds has resulted in little food to go around. The sanitary conditions are nonexistent, and the current rainy season has provided much discomfort for the migrants who have nothing but a tent over their heads.

The migrant situation in Tijuana has gotten out of hand, to the point where the members of the caravan have become disillusioned with the opportunity of finding a better life.

Thousands of migrants have risked their lives to reach the Mexico-U.S. border in the hopes of crossing to the promised land. While this predicament is deplorable, it brings into perspective how lucky we are to be in a country that provides us with the life for which some would kill. The next time we think we have it tough, we should always recall how blessed we are to be here.

# Kairos Retreatant Tells All:



By Alejandro Eros ('19)  
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Parts of this article have been redacted from public view between the time this article was written and printed due to issues of confidentiality.

The tradition of Kairos has endured the test of time to reach its 44th chapter at Saints this past November. Generations of saintsman have experienced this retreat, and it has often been called the climax of the Saints brotherhood. You've likely heard teachers or students say that Kairos is a secret, when it is really just [REDACTED] to ensure that it isn't spoiled for future classes. I'm writing this to take advantage of the powers of press to leak the information that the people crave.

On the first day, we all gathered in a [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] where we [REDACTED]. Kairos is designed so that each [REDACTED] has a different [REDACTED]. The first day was [REDACTED], the second was [REDACTED], the third was [REDACTED], and the fourth was [REDACTED].

Overall, the retreat significantly impacted me and my faith life. The most moving activity was [REDACTED] because it was essential to our bonding experience. We sat in a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for over [REDACTED] hours. That made the retreat one I will never forget. I also appreciated the [REDACTED] because I took away some practical advice.

I was part of the [REDACTED], and I was able to really put my heart into it. We had [REDACTED] every day, so we were [REDACTED] in addition to [REDACTED]. I think many retreatants would agree that they were more

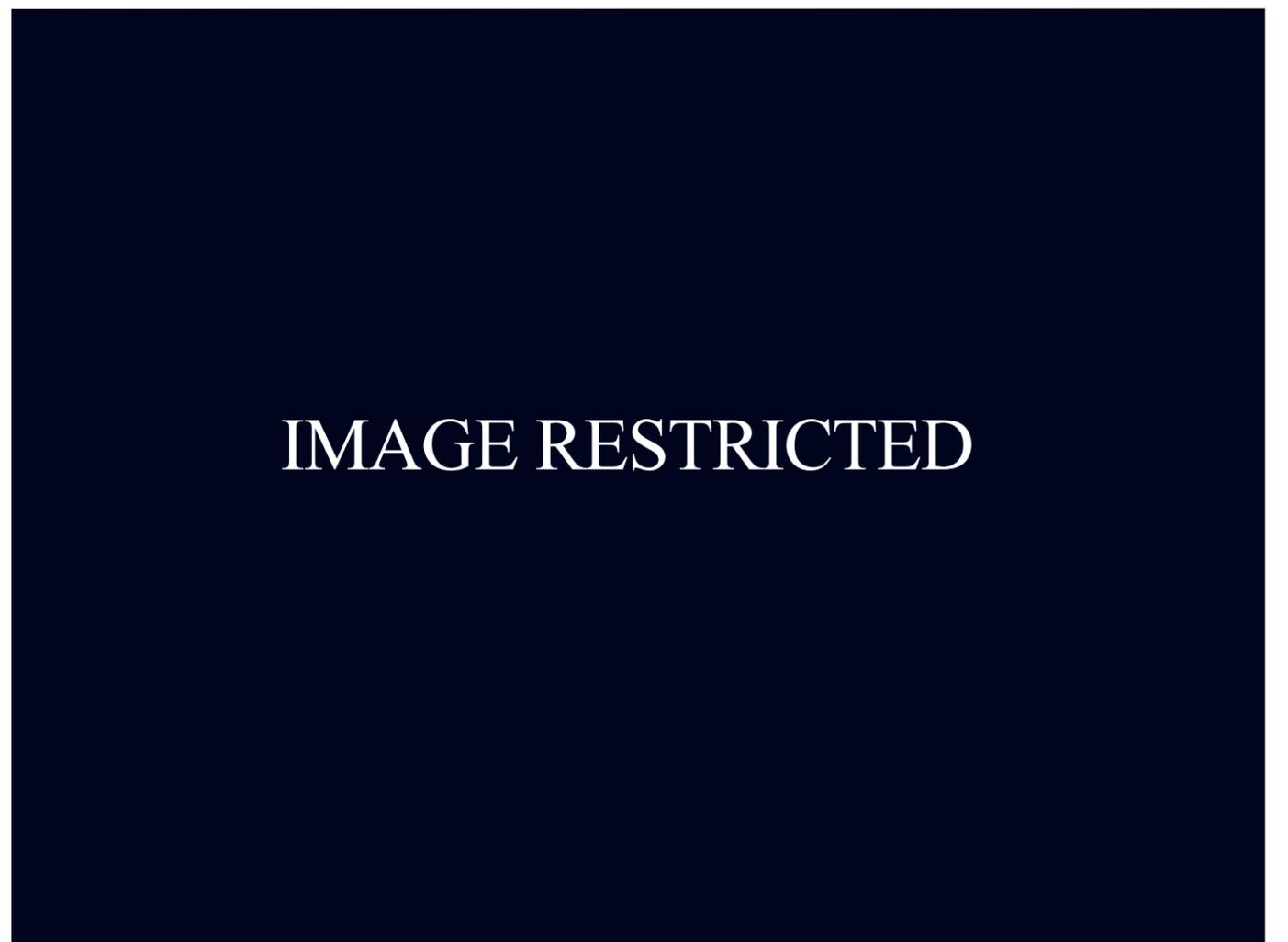


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intrigued by the [REDACTED] in the form of [REDACTED].

For me, Kairos was unlike any other retreat I've attended. The [REDACTED] and the way [REDACTED] among other things were what made it unique. Together, we made [REDACTED] deeper and started [REDACTED].

Other unforgettable highlights included [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and frequent, high-intensity [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] activity helped us grow closer to each other in trust and [REDACTED].

I encourage every senior, and some juniors, to take part in the upcoming Kairos retreats. The dates of the next retreats are

February 19th to 22nd and April 2nd to 5th. They are, without a doubt, a necessary part of the Saints experience. To all saintsman, whether you have been on Kairos or plan to go in the future, I leave you with a message: [REDACTED] the [REDACTED].

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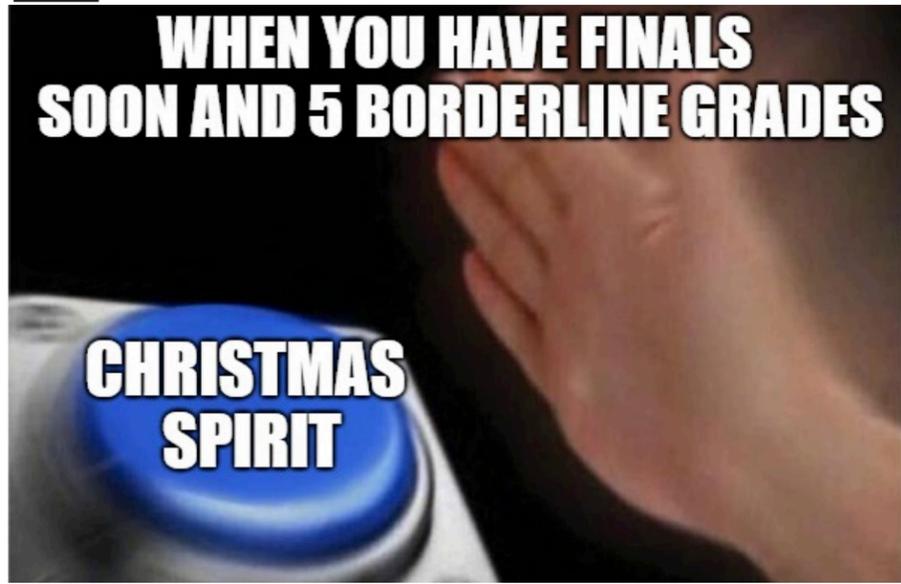
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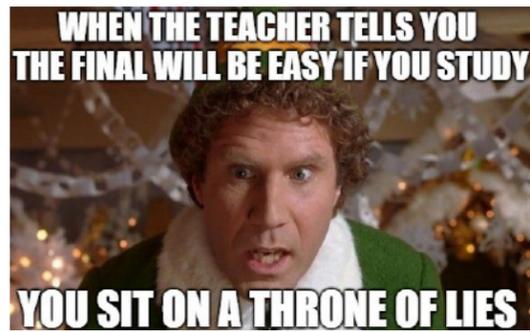
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MEMEOLOGIST



The Editorial Staff wishes you a Merry Advent and a Happy New Year!

Halloween: People spend the entire month of October preparing for me.

Christmas: People spend BOTH November and December preparing for me



# Mass Attire

by Diego Hernandez ('19)

