



# SAINTS SCENE

## New Year, New Cardinal



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K.C. Alfred.

San Diego's Bishop Robert McElroy was recently elevated to Cardinal by Pope Francis. The new Cardinal (San Diego's first) took part in last month's Our Lady of Guadalupe procession that wound its way from Balboa Park to St. Augustine High School.

The annual feast day event featured the faithful, mariachi bands and colorful floats to honor the "Patroness of the Americas," a key figure for Mexican Catholics. Cardinal McElroy after arriving on campus celebrated Mass in Saints' Sanders Gymnasium.

"St. Augustine is proud to have participated in the Diocese event honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Also, having His Eminence Cardinal McElroy celebrate Mass on our campus is historic and a welcome highlight this the school's 100th anniversary," said Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School.

## New Year's Prayer

By Fr. John Sanders, O.S.A. ('66)

Allow me to enter the new year in the security of Your love and with a grateful heart. Grant good health, true wisdom and the gift of faith to all those I cherish and love.

Free me from any disappointment, loss or attitude of failure, which might keep me from the joy of Your presence in my daily life.

Lift away anxiety or worry which cloud the direction of my life, and invite me to journey new paths when necessary.

Fill me with charity, truthfulness and a concern for others.

Let me transform my weaknesses into strengths and trade my pride for the gift of humility.

Give to all people of good will a desire to make our world a safe haven of peace, true justice, and a place where hunger and homelessness are unknown.

Amen

## Varsity Basketball Faces Big Test in Top Tournament

The who's whom of national high school basketball teams will be part of this month's Spaulding Hoophall Classic. St. Augustine High is part of the action, which takes place in Springfield, Mass. The event's 21st edition takes place over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend Jan 12-16 at Blake Arena on the campus of Springfield College.



**TOURNEY TIME.** Saints will be playing on the James Naismith court at Springfield (MA) College's Blake Arena site of the 2023 Spaulding Hoophall Classic. File photo.

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## "The Best is Yet to Be"

### Dear Saintsmen, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

In the middle of Vasey Patio, there is a sundial that is often passed by without notice. The face of the dial features Father Time alongside an

inscription which reads "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be." It is a feature of our school that I have often reflected on. The

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# Patience, Process and Innovation Bringing Creativity and Imagination into the Curriculum

By Edwin Hearn, President / St. Augustine High School

St. Augustine High School can be a stressful place. Saintsmen are faced with five or six academic classes with a little more than 50 percent of the boys taking at least one Advanced Placement course. The normal class load lives in the brain's left hemisphere. Fine Art and Performing Arts shifts the function of thought to the right side of the brain. This moves the thought process from analytical reasoning to a more creative, imaginative response to problem solving. With the rush to subjects preparing boys for engineering careers, educators are taking a step back and saying "yes" that is where the world is headed, but engineers who have prepared their creative abilities will be different types of problem-solvers. It fits Saints culture of forming young men in a holistic manner.

In our efforts to ensure that every boy explores his nature in a balanced way, the Fine and Performing Arts has been an on-going developing tract in instruction since the major renovations to the classrooms began in 2006. Case in point, is Ceramics which began in 2001 with the offering of one section of this discipline. This program grew until an instructor was needed to teach more sections of the subject. Saints looked no further than a small ceramics studio in North Park where a self-taught ceramist plied his trade, Kouta Shimazaki.

Kouta as he is referred to at school, immigrated to the United States as a young man in his early 20's due to a difficult family situation. He struggled in Japan where those who succeed conformed. Being an independent thinker made him an outsider and he knew he had to leave. Not knowing English, with only a few dollars in his pocket and not knowing anyone in Los Angeles when he arrived made his initial experience difficult. He ended up at a Greyhound Station in Los Angeles at 3am where he met a man who gave him a job in the flower arranging business. Getting settled, he took a ceramics class at Pasadena City College that changed his life. He knew immediately Ceramics would be his life until his last breath. He was married to it.

Ceramics and boys connect. Many little boys in their earliest years of life play in the dirt, discover that it sticks together when they add water to it and the creative process begins almost immediately. I was that boy—always dirty—forever bringing mud pies to my mother in all kinds of shapes and sizes. There was play dough that became a staple for my friends and me making shapes of animals and people.

Ceramics traces its history back to a 28,000 BCE where archeologists have found harden clay figurines in a pre-historic Czech Republic Village in an area close to a small kiln. This art form can be traced to areas of China and Japan in the time span between 18,000-17,000 BCE and the advent of the wheel to 3500 BCE. Today ceramics are integral in communication, transportation, defense, construction and energy.

The study of ceramics is integral to our very understanding of the development of humans and the connection between the brain and the hand. For a ceramics artisan



**STUDENT WORK.**

"I love creating something out of anything and everything. Nothing is something in my mind and I feel useful or something to the universe when I build something out of especially "nothing". It fills the huge part of who I am and what I am inside...it always has... I guess one can call it creativity."

—KOUTA SHIMAZAKI

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# Time To Select Courses for Next School Year

By Mr. Gregory Hecht, Assistant Principal for Academics

Happy New Year,

As we turn the calendar, it is time to begin the process of requesting courses for the 2023-2024 school year. All the information regarding this process, as well as the 2023-24 Curriculum Guide and course selection presentation, is now available on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website ([www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org)). Please utilize these materials to assist you and your son in completing the course request forms.

These forms will be distributed to the current freshmen in their Speech courses and the current sophomores and juniors can pick them up from Mrs. Oliwa in the Registrar's office. The forms can also be found on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website ([www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org)).

On their designated day, each student will meet with a member of the counseling staff to review their academic transcript and input their requests for next school year.

**In order to request courses, students must have (on their person at the time of their meeting with a counselor) a completed course request form that is signed by a parent or guardian as well as a completed and signed Advanced Placement contract if applicable.**

## Students will request their courses according to the following schedule:

- Current freshmen (Class of 2026)  
Thursday and Friday, January 26 and January 27, during their Speech course.
- Current juniors (Class of 2024)  
Wednesday and Thursday, February 1 and 2, during their religion course.
- Current sophomores (Class of 2025)  
Wednesday and Thursday, February 8 and 9, during their religion course.

If you have any questions concerning course selection, please feel free to contact your son's counselor.

Mr. Carl Bronson (all freshmen): [cbronson@sahs.org](mailto:cbronson@sahs.org) or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5537

Ms. Briana Colorado: [bcolorado@sahs.org](mailto:bcolorado@sahs.org) or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5578

10th Grade	Gonzalez-Musni-Davis
11th Grade	Grauerholz-Parente

Mr. Tim Golden - [tgolden@sahs.org](mailto:tgolden@sahs.org) or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5523

10th Grade	Abbo - Gault
11th Grade	Abbo-Granda

Dr. Jerry Rey - [jrey@sahs.org](mailto:jrey@sahs.org) or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5531

10th Grade	Naccari-Younes
11th Grade	Patterson-Zoni

## Hoist Another Banner

*"If you can meet with triumph and disaster  
And treat those two imposters just the same."*

- Nobel Prize winner Rudyard Kipling



Kudos to the 2022 Division II Beach Volleyball Champions (L-R) Coach Michael Theilacker, Luke O'Leary, Oliver Fendley, Nick Boeh, Noah Heuring, Will Stowell, Luca Luciaga, Ben Bayless, Trent Gorsich, and Head Coach Janene Palafox.

What made this championship victory so special was the fact the team faced possible disaster by being short-handed when top players were absent attending Kairos. Grit personified.



# Great Time to Join a Campus Club

Tackle new ideas, Meet new friends



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

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

Student Club	Moderator	Moderator Email	Student President
Academic League	Mr Vignol	jvignol@sahs.org	Griffin Cappiello
American Red Cross Club	Mrs. Allen	mallen@sahs.org	Max Gracia
Anarchy ASB	Dr. GO	gosberg@sahs.org	Ben Wenhe
Art Club	Ms. Drummy	mdrummy@sahs.org	Angel Aguilar
Baja Watermen	Mr. Dent	edent@sahs.org	Sam Johns
Bible Trivia Club	Mr. Okuley	aokuley@sahs.org	Noah Villafana
Car Club	Mr. Granados	sgranados@sahs.org	Thomas Fuller
Catholic Athletes for Christ (Cathletes)	Fr. Max		Logan McKerring
Chaldean Club	Mr. Horne	jhorne@sahs.org	Jacob Soro*/Ashton Zakar/Donovan Yousif
Chess Club	Mr. Pradel		Jonah Villafana
Climbing Club	Mr. Freestone	CFreestone@sahs.org	Christopher Ireland
Current Events Club	Mr. Freestone	CFreestone@sahs.org	Jesus Garcia*/Eduardo Graniello
Drama Club	Mr. Blumer	tblumer@sahs.org	Brandon Cruz
Entrepreneurs of Saints	Mr. Okuley	aokuley@sahs.org	Javier Alexander/Granda Baumberter*
Fantasy Football Club	Mr. Craig Da Luz	cdaluz2@sahs.org	Nicholas Salem/Jake Navim
Film Club	Mr. Thompkins	mthompkins@sahs.org	Benton DiPasquale
Fishing Club	Mr. Christian Da Luz	cdaluz@sahs.org	Alex Davis
Help the homeless (HTH)	Ms. Crachy	KCrachy@sahs.org	Logan McKerring
Hiking club	Ms. Colorado	bcolorado@sahs.org	Gavin Beresford
Hogar Infantil	Mr. Okuley	aokuley@sahs.org	Ricardo Laborin
Investment Club	Mista Wheeebee	wehbejo@sahs.org	Christian Audish*/Chase Gadler
Key Club	Dr. Rey	jrey@sahs.org	Sean Kerwin/Maximiliano Martinez
Med-Club	Mr. Klapmeir	rklapmeier@sahs.org	Samuel Velazquez/Christian Audish*
Minecraft Club	Mr. Okuley	aokuley@sahs.org	Aiden Johnson
National Honors Society	Mr. Lamerato	jlamerato@sahs.org	Jimmy Markowicz
Rugby Appreciation Club	Mr. Dent	edent@sahs.org	Sam Johns
Sailing Club	Mr. Dent	edent@sahs.org	Evan Tofolo*/Mitchel Sanford/Jeff Ring
Saints Asian American Club	Mr. Cudal	tcudal@sahs.org	Colin Alcantara/Jacob Pajimola
Saints Basketball Association	Mr. Pruter	apruter@sahs.org	Donovan Faranso
Saints E-Nable Club	Mr. Freestone	CFreestone@sahs.org	Harrison Quinto
Saints Mock Trial Team	Mr. Okuley*/Fr. Max	aokuley@sahs.org	Riley Scanlan
Saints Politics Club	Mrs. Walp	kwalp@sahs.org	Matthew Mercado
Saintsmen and Economics	Mr. Okuley	aokuley@sahs.org	Javier Alexander/Granda Baumberter*
Science Olympiad Club	Mr. Freestone	CFreestone@sahs.org	David Wise*/Chase Gadler
Skate Club	Mrs. Brophy	jbrophy@sahs.org	Ryan Waters



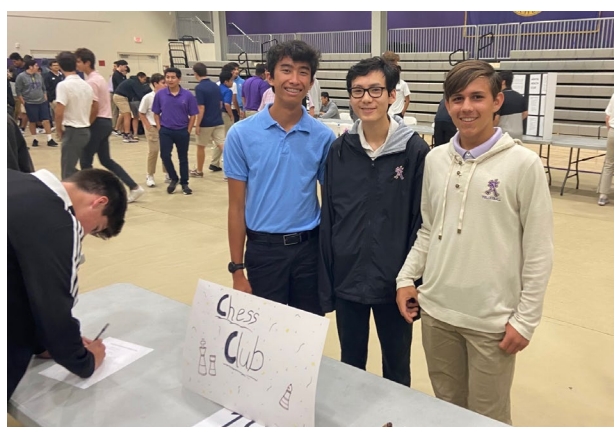
Student Club	Moderator	Moderator Email	Student President
STOP Club	Mr. Cudal	tcudal@sahs.org	Francesco Gagliardi
The Esports Club	Mr. Wehbe	wehbejo@sahs.org	Logan Sanford
The Tabletop Club	Mr. Okuley	aokuley@sahs.org	Matthew Mercado
Trading Card Club	Mista Wheeebee	wehbejo@sahs.org	Donovin Bocalan/Evan Coito
Vinyl Club	Mr. Chesser	bchesser@sahs.org	Riley Scanlan
Water polo club	Mr. Oliwa	eoliwa@sahs.org	Adam Camarena
Youth for Truth	Mr. Wallace	bwallace@sahs.org	Jacob Soro
The Augustinian	Mr. Bachynsky	vbachynsky@sahs.org	James O'Leary
Black Student Union	Mr. Osberg	gosberg@sahs.org	Andrew Bier
Bio-Med Club	Mr. Raines	wraines@sahs.org	David Wise
Strings Club	Mrs. Au	cau@sahs.org	Jon-Matthew Oliveros
Mental Health Club	Mr. Golden	tgolden@sahs.org	Poncho Cosio
Traditional Catholic Club	Mrs. Crachy	kcrachy@sahs.org	Noah Villafana



**TRADING CARD CLUB.** Faculty club advisor Mr. Joe Wehbe and Saintsman Evan Coito sit patiently and take signups for those interested in joining the Trading Card Club.



**SAILING CLUB.** As a result of the aquatic sports class offered during intersession there has been a growth in the number of students interested in sailing. Three Saintsman leading the sailing club are (L-R) Mitchel Sanford, Jeff Ring and Patrick Armstrong.



**CHESS CLUB.** The chess club is always looking for students to join and compete in their lunchtime matches. This year's club is being led by (L-R) Dominic Bartel, Kelvin Vu, and Jonah Villafana.





SAVE THE DATE

31ST ANNUAL

# Grandparents Day



MARCH 24, 2023

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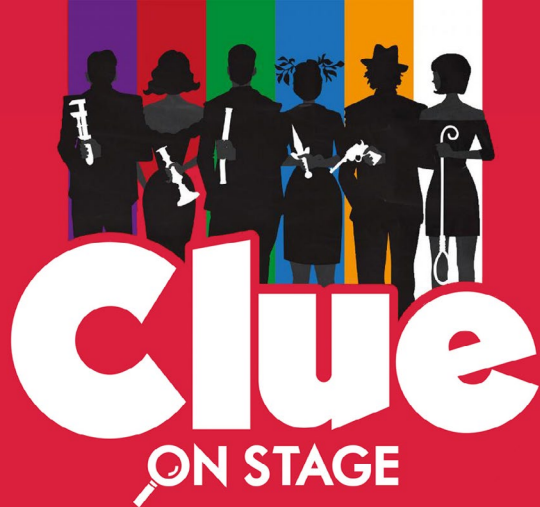
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ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

3266 NUTMEG STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92104







# “Clue” Dazzles Sold Out Audiences



Saints Drama Director  
Travis Blumer

Saints Drama Department’s recent four performance run of the popular film and Broadway play “Clue On Stage” was an all-around smash. Held at the 399-seat Raymond Center for the Performing Arts on campus, the mystery comedy (based on a familiar table game) reflected the welcomed ability of drama students to perform to larger audiences in a state of the art venue. Led by Saints English Dept. member and Theatre Director Mr. Travis Blumer, the cast was drawn from Saints and AOLP students.

“Clue” sold out for each of our three performances, the first time

this has happened during my tenure as Theatre Director at Saints. I’m so incredibly proud of these performing students and support volunteers,” said Mr. Blumer.

Saints Player’s Spring Show will be the hilarious musical comedy “The Drowsy Chaperone,” which won the Tony for Best Musical in 2006. It is a slapstick, send-up parody of musicals from the 1920’s in honor of the centennial anniversary of St. Augustine High School. Because of the success of “Clue,” there will be five performances, opening Friday, April 21.

Mr. Blumer wishes to thank all the behind the curtain volunteers and asks all to spread the word how first rate an evening at the theatre can be on campus.



**PACKED HOUSE!** Left to Right standing: Actors, Christian Aldrete (’23) as Mr. Green; Brandon Cruz (’23) as Col. Mustard; Griffin Capiello (’24) as Prof. Plum; Braeden Steele (’25) as Wadsworth, the Butler.

Left to Right seated: Actresses, Sidney Scripps (’25) as Mrs. White; Abigail Arnold (’24) as Ms. Scarlet; Laura Allen (’25) as Mrs. Peacock.



**AH, HA!** Braeden Steele, as Wadsworth, confronts and accuses Ms. Scarlet, played by Abigail Arnold, of doing away with their host.





## AROUND CAMPUS

# What Price for Student Creativity? How About \$72,000+

No Shave November has a history at St. Augustine High School. For several years students have been able to donate money to support the Augustinian Orphanage, Hogar Infantil La Gloria, and in exchange they forego grooming policies for the month and avoid having to shave. The drive has regularly earned the orphanage somewhere between \$8,000 and \$13,000.

This year, in an effort to ramp up the fundraising, Dr. GO (Mr. Gary Osberg, ASB Director) asked select students and faculty to agree to shave their head or beard at select fundraising benchmarks. Mr. Horne for example, agreed to shave his head if the students raised \$13,000 for the orphans.

A special thank you to Steve Smith, Class of 1966, who was tremendously supportive of the orphanage, the Saints students and who had a great desire to see Mr. Cudal shave his head (the benchmark for Cudal's silver locks was \$50,000). All told the community raised \$72,238.00 for the orphanage.



**BETTER BUZZ.** Pictured here are the 27 students and faculty who agreed to shave the head or beard to support the cause.



**THE KINDEST CUT.** The before and after photos here are of Saints Science and Math teacher Mr. Chris Freestone, who participated in the “shave your hair off” fundraiser for the Augustinian orphanage in Baja.





# AROUND CAMPUS

## Expanded Saints Sports Live Broadcasts

All Varsity Basketball, Soccer and Rugby games will be broadcasted LIVE on the NFHS Network. For the month of January, the SoCal Sports Productions Saints Senior Interns will be producing 25 sporting events over their intercession. Catch all the action at [www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com)



**SAINTS SPORTS ON AIR.** Donovan Faranso '24 interviewed SoCal Sports Player of the Game Lolo Rudolph '24 at the end of the Saints victory over El Camino 74 to 54 on Dec. 4th. You'll be able to hear Donovan and Jacob Soro '23 (not pictured) over our Winter Sports Broadcasts on the NFHS Network.



**GEOGRAPHY LESSON.** Last month, students hovered around a television set to determine whether Argentina or France won the World Cup that was played in Qatar.

## Eight Hours on Air with Mr. Hearn

School President Edwin Hearn did an 8-hour live stream where he interviewed Saints Students, Faculty and Staff. The broadcast featured current Saintsmen who were volunteering across the county at various service sites. The photo captures the camera frame of Mr. Hearn interviewing Mr. Michael Haupt, Assistant Principal of Auxiliary Services and Head Varsity Basketball Coach.

Over the day long live stream the Saints Community raised \$124,135 in one day! The gifts that were received that day by 108 donations will go directly into the Saints Endowment Scholarship.







# AROUND CAMPUS



## Where Are They Now?

### Keeping Track of Saints Alums Univ. of Notre Dame Edition

Alum Gage Whitton rounded up for a photo seven fellow Nutmeg Street grads attending Notre Dame University. They stand next to the landmark Golden Dome (23-karat cover) atop the main building (1882) on the Fightin' Irish campus. Caption here indicates year graduated from Saints and when they will be college graduates. Pictured on the South Bend, Indiana campus along with visiting Saints President Edwin Hearn (center) are left to right: are:

- Max Graves ('22) is an aerospace engineering major and will graduate in 2026.
- Hudson Daley ('22) is a mechanical engineering major and will graduate in 2026.
- Kyle Wesseln ('21) is an aerospace engineering major and will graduate in 2025.
- Gage Whitton ('22) is a finance major and will graduate in 2026.

Other Notre Dame Saintsman but not pictured are:

- Abraham Franco-Hernandez ('19) is an economics and psychology major and will graduate in 2023.
- Ben Leach ('19) is a mechanical engineering major and will graduate in 2023.
- Jerome Santiago ('21) neuroscience major with minors in theology and compassionate care in medicine and will graduate in 2025.

## It's Not Too Late to Apply for College

January means seniors are at the midway point in the college application process. Many early action and regular decision deadlines have passed for colleges, but still, many remain. Hundreds of colleges are still accepting applications through January and February, and schools that advertise rolling admissions will be accepting applications until all available spots for next Fall are filled. Seniors should be monitoring their portals from each college they've applied to in case more information is requested by the schools.

The majority of admissions decisions will come out in March and students have until May 1 to make their initial deposit at the college of their choice.

## College Night for Junior Parents

Junior Parent College Night will take place on Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30pm in the St. Augustine High School Theater. This will serve as the formal launch into the college application process for the Class of 2024. Parents should prepare to reach out to their son's counselor after this evening to begin scheduling their private family college planning meeting during the spring semester. Students and parents will be assigned a survey in SCOIR to complete prior to this meeting. Juniors should also think about signing up to take the ACT or SAT exam between the months of February–June.





# AROUND CAMPUS

## Sebastian Oliveros '24 to Receive Eagle Scout

Saints Junior, Sebastian Oliveros, is the latest Saintsman to be honored by achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Oliveros, a member of Troop 800 and a scout for over 8 years has been hard at work on his Eagle project.

Sebastian's project focused on the repair, painting, and renewal of the Paradise Hills Community Garden. Sebastian worked to repair each of the 16 garden beds at the community garden and then finished the beds by painting them and installing trellises and/or garden hoops.

Congrats Sebastian! You are leaving it better than you found it!



## "The Best is Yet to Be"

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students of Saints both experience the endless timelessness of their teenage formative years, while also seeing them pass in the seeming blink of an eye. Sometimes on stage at graduation, I see a student walk across and think to myself, "Wait- he's graduating? Didn't he just start here?"

The New Year is a time of reflection and commitment. We reflect on the year that was, and we plan for the year to come. While we do not know all that a year has in store for us, we do know that we can entrust everything to our Almighty God. Everything is in His hands, especially the gift of time. In the endlessness and shortness of their four years here, a Saintsman is truly formed, most of the time in imperceptible ways. These also happen to be the ways in which the Lord does His finest work.

As we embrace the New Year, I pray that the school community will experience a year filled with purposeful, gracious, and grateful living, while trusting that "The best is yet to be."

In the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne  
Principal



# Essential Goals of a Saints Education

**INTEGRAL STUDENT OUTCOMES.** In pursuit of our mission, the St. Augustine High School Community prepares young men to live in both the city of God and the city of man and is intent upon developing students in mind, heart, and body. Its graduates are:

## ⇒ **CHRISTIAN GENTLEMEN who**

- know the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as reflected in the basic beliefs and morals of the Catholic Church.
- worship God through liturgy, retreats, and prayer services.
- live and share the Augustinian Core Values of Community, Truth, and Love.
- participate in Christian service and embrace its value.
- exhibit understanding of peace and justice issues and are compassionate towards others.

## ⇒ **INTELLECTUALLY COMPETENT YOUNG MEN who**

- are prepared through a liberal arts education to succeed in colleges and universities.
- communicate clearly and effectively in the spoken and written word.
- think critically and creatively.
- experience and appreciate the visual and performing arts.
- are lifelong learners.

## ⇒ **YOUNG MEN PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN A CHANGING WORLD who**

- are prepared to meet and adapt to future challenges through the study of science, math, and use of technology.
- realize their ethical responsibility to contribute as members of their faith and civic communities.
- employ interpersonal and collaborative leadership skills for serving the common good.
- welcome, appreciate, and respect other faiths and cultures.

## ⇒ **PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY DEVELOPED YOUNG MEN who**

- understand and practice sound care of their bodies.
- understand the dynamics of healthy relationships.
- utilize resources to become responsible decision-makers and creative problem solvers.
- participate in activities designed to make them aware of their personal and spiritual potential.
- strive to achieve a healthy balance in their lives.





Please Save the Date

*Saints Parent  
Social*

St. Augustine High School Commons

Saturday February 4, 2023

5:30 - 9pm



# Varsity Basketball Faces Big Test in Top Tournament

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The city of Springfield is home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Saints first tip off (10:30 am EST) will be Saturday Jan. 14 versus East Catholic High from Manchester, Conn.

Ten of the last 11 No. 1 overall picks in the NBA Draft have played at the Hoophall Classic. This year, Hoophall Classic will feature 34 players in ESPN's Top 100 from the Class of 2023, 20 from the Class of 2024 Top 60 and 6 from the Class of 2025 Top 25.



**LATE BREAKING NEWS.** At deadline Saints Varsity split the first two games of the annual Jerry Tarkanian Classic Prep Tournament in Las Vegas. Saints teammates (1) Lawrence Rudolph and (4) Jurian Dixon roar down the court vs. Oakridge High. Saints won the tourney opener 56-51 over the Orlando, FL school. In the T-Classic Platinum Division's second game (highest division) Saints lost to nationally ranked Bishop Gorman High by the score of 79-71. It was Saints first loss of the season (8-1). More basketball news see Page 1. *Photo: Bill Hill, Saints Dad.*



## Textbook Purchase and Rental Information

Books for the 2023 Spring term are available on our virtual bookstore website, [www.sahs.bkstr.com](http://www.sahs.bkstr.com)

**How our virtual bookstore benefits you:**

### Book Options

Choose from new books and money-saving used books that have been bought back from St. Augustine families at the end of the previous school year. Follett also offers textbook rental on selected titles. Rental books are typically half the price of purchasing the new edition. Limited books may also be available in digital format – look for Digital Textbooks on the website where available.

### Fast Delivery

Follett ships all orders from their warehouse the same or next business day via FedEx. Expedited shipping options are available, but it is best to order early for the best used book selection.

### Customer Service

Follett accepts returns on books purchased or rented through the website 30 days from your order date or 10 days from the start of classes, whichever is later. Follett's dedicated customer service team is available by phone at 877-827-2665 seven days a week to provide assistance and answer your questions.

To stay up-to-date on information regarding St. Augustine's textbooks, we encourage you to join the bookstore email list at [www.sahs.bkstr.com/email](http://www.sahs.bkstr.com/email).

Please feel free to contact the school or Follett directly at 877-827-2665 with any questions or comments you may have.

### Bringing Creativity and Imagination into the Curriculum

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makes subtle movements with the fingers that create beauty and function that is best understood when feeling and viewing the final design elements and artistic expression of a finished object. Clay doesn't come with specific shape and size like wood or metal. It simply comes in certain weight and that's it. Then you must prepare it so you can do what you want it to do without problems. Then follow the long chain of steps and just follow the process—wedge it, throw it or hand build it, dry it a bit, trim it, dry it all the way, load it in the kiln, fire it, cool it, unload it, glaze it, load it, fire it, unload it and finally it's something if nothing unfortunate happened along the way."

When entering the Ceramic Studio, students are seated at wheels, with Kouta moving through the classroom stopping from time to time to demonstrate or point out a student's hand position, the moisture of the clay, or the speed of the wheel. The boys generally have their eyes on the task, while speaking to each other in low tones. A visitor can sense the students are in a low stress mode with a focus on the thumb and index finger in refining the shape of the object being created. As Griffin Helfand '24 notes, "Ceramics is beneficial for our demographic because it allows our complicated and impatient minds to calm down and take an appreciation for creation. I enjoy this class because we are able to be creative in any way we want and talk to our classmates in an open and simple way. We learn how failing is important and failing is the key to success in every way in life."

The principal manner in which a Ceramics student improves is by trial and error. As Diego Berenguer Hernandez '23 feels, "Practicing pottery gave me the ability to think beyond my expectations, creativity started to emerge when I would normally not think creatively, mind and hand connection improved and eye coordination also, skilled hands and feeling confident with trial and error since that is the method used to improve in ceramics class."

It is hard to accept failure when boys are told by society that failure is not acceptable. Yet the engineering process is about developing prototypes that many times fail. As Nicholas Jaimes '23 noted, "Ceramics is a very good way of learning patience and discipline. Not everything comes out perfect at first. Sometimes you need to look at things from a different angle to see the whole picture. Working with 3D objects helps build an awareness for surroundings."

In Colin Duffy's ('23) words, "Making anything with clay takes patience and ceramics helps us learn this important virtue. In a world where we are always trying to get to the next place, ceramics allows us to slow down and focus on who we truly are."



**HANDS ON.** Gus Velez ('24) at the potter's wheel



**THE MASTER.** Artisan Kouta Shimazaki





# 2023 Augustinian Achievement Award Ceremony

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

5:00 pm – Cocktail Hour in the DanVera Lobby of St. Augustine Commons  
6:00 pm – Dinner in Fr. John Sanders, O.S.A. Gymnasium • 7:00 pm – Presentation of Awards

2023 Award Recipients:



**Mr. Allan Preckel  
1964**



**Rev. Bro. Richard Hardick  
1957**



**Mr. Tom Graciano  
1968**



**Fr. John Keller  
1955**

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# A Look Back at Saints Intercession Experiences



**1.**  
Lucas Van Epps '15  
Veterinary Medicine Internship



**2.**  
Guatemala Travel  
Mission San Lucas Toliman, 2020



**3.**  
Aquatic Sports on Mission Bay





4.

The Roman Coliseum  
European Travel 2015

5.

Sportsfishing  
Leo Graves '24 (right)

6.

Peter Macie '17  
Internship with Burger Construction



## SAINTS TRADITIONS

# No Other School Has Intersession Classes

Note: *Saints Scene*, as part of celebrating the school's 100th anniversary of its founding, is featuring a year long series of articles highlighting the school's beloved traditions. Last month: The Turkey Trot.

Intersession is a unique term of study designed to provide our students the chance to enrich their Saints Experience and their college prep curriculum by engaging in a variety of interest based courses. This unique term of study began in 2008-09 school year.

Our desire to help students develop a passion for learning can sometimes be difficult to accomplish in traditional college prep classes. Providing students the opportunity to investigate studies in areas that interest them sparks a curiosity and inquisitiveness that naturally stimulates their desire to learn new things. Offering courses like scuba, automotive mechanics, rugby, small business management, sailing, cooking, and digital photography will give the students new and unique opportunities to discover a passion and/or skill set that they may embrace well beyond high school.

Intersession and its offering of elective courses should be created out of a desire to "provide new learning experiences" for our students. As such, students should be encouraged to try new offerings and counseled toward accepting new learning challenges.

See more intersession photos on page 18.



**MARINE BIOLOGY.** Scuba diving, La Jolla.



**TO SCALE.** Architectural Design, 2016.



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