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CAMPUS CLUBBERS. Students and vicarious parents can expand their Saints Experience by joining any of a myriad of campus clubs. Meet new friends with similar interests as did Senior Joseph Mansour (left) and Junior Jon-Matthew Oliveros, who participated in the recent Club Fest on campus. Plenty of time left to come out of your shell by exploring the *Saints Scene* Roster of Clubs, which includes a list of faculty moderators and Club Presidents. Check it out on Page 22.

The New PSAT It's Gone Digital

By Mr. Tim Golden, Director of Counseling

A new era in standardized testing will be ushered in on October 11th. Last spring, the College Board announced that all PSAT testing will be digital this fall. Gone are the days of test booklets, sharpened pencils, and bubbling in answer sheets. The only option for students across the country to take the test is via a computer or tablet. As a result, National Testing Day will look a lot different at every school, including Saints.

For junior students, the PSAT test remains part of the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test contest. High scores on this test can mean National Merit Scholarship money for college. Many levels of distinction can also be awarded from this test and shared on college applications. Juniors will be taking the test with their homerooms on the

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A Saints Education: A Unique Place for Boys Dear Saintsmen, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

Single-sex education is on the rise in the United States. There were 283 single-gender public schools during the 2014-15 school year with Florida and Texas leading the pack with 29 each. Single gender schools constitute approximately 5% of all schools in the US and studies reveal that

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The Road Together A Decorated Saintsman that Few Know About—Until Now

By Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

History has always been intriguing to me. While it was not my major in college, it did become my minor once I began teaching. I always find persons stories intriguing and sometimes inspiring. This probably led me to write the book *The Saintsmen*. As I read Fr. John Sanders, OSA book about Saints,



AIR & SEA. Captain Arthur Hesford, a U.S. Coast Guard aviator, shown here, was later assigned command of the weather ship Cook Inlet. Captain Hesford graduated from Saints in 1925 and the Coast Guard Academy in 1930.

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“Hay MUCHOS!”

“There’s MANY of them!!”

By Fr. Max Villeneuve, Chaplain

The headline above was the joyful exclamation of one of the children at Casa Hogar La Gloria upon seeing the many Saintsmen and OLP students arriving at the orphanage, which might have been an understatement as there were more than 30 Saintsmen and Pilots present!

Casa Hogar was founded in 1975, and the Augustinians quickly became involved by sponsoring the orphanage to give it more spiritual support. For about 20 years now, both Saints and OLP have regularly visited the orphanage one Saturday a month during the school year.

Our monthly trips to the orphanage during the school year are a wonderful Saints tradition. The trips are led by our Director of Christian Service, Mrs. Brophy, who helps student leaders plan activities and games for the visits there. Seating in the school vans is limited and can be requested through her, but you are also welcome to drive yourself to the orphanage and meet us there.

The visits are a great source of blessing for the children, but really the children will be serving you through their joy rather than the other way around. Every visit is also followed by a stop at a local *Taqueria* for authentic TJ style tacos. Those who do not have a Senti-pass then cross back into the United States on foot at the Otay Port of Entry- sometimes enjoying churros while waiting in line.

Many of us have different goals when beginning the school year- make sure that a visit to Casa Hogar is one of them!

Future trips:

2023 - October 14 * November 11 * December 9

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To participate, connect with Ms. Brophy in the Christian Service office. jbrophy@sahs.org



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Seamless New Year

New Beginnings Blend with Older Values & Traditions

By Mr. Gregory Hecht, Assistant Principal /Academics

The start of a new school year is filled with a unique blend of excitement, apprehension, and new opportunities. For parents and students of St. Augustine High School, this time is also steeped in deep spiritual and academic traditions. Embracing these traditions and starting the year on the right foot can pave the way for a fulfilling and transformative school experience.



RETURNING. Starting the year on the right foot can pave the way for a fulfilling and transformative school experience.

1. Recognizing the Value of Education

St. Augustine, one of the Church's most prolific thinkers, was a lifelong learner. He deeply believed in the transformative power of education to bring individuals closer to God. As the school year begins, students should take a moment to reflect on the privilege and opportunity they have to gain knowledge in an environment that values both their intellectual and spiritual growth.

2. Spiritual Grounding

Central to the Augustinian tradition is the concept of interiority, or the journey inward. As the hustle and bustle of the academic year sets in, it's crucial to establish spiritual routines. Regular prayer, meditation, and participation in the sacraments help students center themselves and keep God at the forefront of their endeavors.

3. Setting Achievable Goals

Whether it's academic performance, participating in extracurricular activities, or deepening one's faith, the start of the year is an excellent time for goal setting. Parents can play a pivotal role by discussing these goals with their Saintsman, offering guidance, support, and perspective.

4. Building Strong Relationships

The teachings of St. Augustine emphasize the importance of community. Encourage your Saintsman to foster relationships with peers, teachers, and spiritual mentors. These bonds not only enrich the high school experience but can also provide invaluable support during challenging times.

5. The Importance of Balance

While academics are paramount, so is maintaining a balance between work, spiritual commitments, and leisure. Engaging in extracurricular activities, spending time with family and friends, and dedicating moments for self-reflection are all crucial for holistic development.

6. Embracing Mistakes as Opportunities

No school year will be without its hurdles. It's important to remember St. Augustine's own journey, filled with mistakes and growth. Teach your Saintsman to view setbacks not as failures but as opportunities to grow in wisdom and character.

7. Parental Involvement

Parents, your involvement is instrumental. Attend school events, meet with teachers, and stay informed about your Saintsman's academic and spiritual progress. By showing genuine interest, you affirm the value of their education and faith journey.

8. Nurturing a Love for Learning

Encourage reading, discussions, and exploration outside of school assignments. The Augustinian tradition holds a deep appreciation for knowledge and the joy of discovery. Fostering a genuine love for learning will serve your Saintsman well beyond their high school years.

9. Preparing for the Future

While high school is a time for growth and discovery, it's also a precursor to future endeavors, whether that's college, vocational pursuits, or service to the Church. Use this time wisely, preparing and planning for the path God has intended.

10. Gratitude and Service

Finally, as the school year progresses, instill the virtues of gratitude and service in your Saintsman. Encourage them to give back, whether through school programs, parish involvement, or community outreach.

An Augustinian Catholic high school experience is a unique and blessed journey, combining intellectual pursuits with deep spiritual growth. By starting the year with intention, focus, and an open heart, students and parents alike can ensure a fulfilling, transformative experience. May you all have a magnificent school year.

God Bless,
Greg Hecht, Assistant Principal for Academics

A Cheer for Saints National Scholars

The Principal of St. Augustine High School, James Horne, announced today that seven Saintsmen have been recognized in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation commend these outstanding and scholastically talented students for their achievement.

“Those being recognized today have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” said Principal Horne. “We hope that being recognized today broadens their educational opportunities. We are grateful that these students and part of our learning community and we encourage their continued pursuit of Academic success.”

Students who were recognized this year include:

National Merit Scholar Semi Finalist



Romeo Velarde-Alvarez

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New School Staff Echoes Diversity



BEANIES ON ABOARD. For 2023/2024 school year, the school announces six new faculty and staff members. Left to right: Jordan Adams, Kirsten Hadzicki, Priscilla Sandoval, Steven Bier, Andrew Hitchcock, and Bob Duffy '90.



Steve Bier

- Religion / Social Studies Instructor
- Campus Ministry Asst.
- BA University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,
- JD, Creighton University School of Law;
- 1 year teaching experience, 1st year at Saints



Andrew Hitchcock

- Math Instructor
- BS, Grand Canyon University,
- M.Ed., Grand Canyon University;
- 2 years teaching experience, 1st year at Saints



Jordan Adams

- Physics / Engineering Instructor
- BA, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo,
- MA, Western Governors University;
- 6 years teaching experience, 1st year at Saints



Bob Duffy

- English Instructor
- BA, Villanova University,
- MA San Diego State University;
- 25 years teaching experience, 1st year at Saints



Priscilla Sandoval

- Front Desk / Receptionist
- BA University of California, San Diego
- 2 years in education, 1st year at Saints



Kirsten Hadzicki

- Student Services Secretary
- BS, San Diego State University;
- 24 years in education, 1st year at Saints



ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

AROUND CAMPUS



TIGERS IN TOWN. Last month, Princeton University Football used the Saints Football field ahead of their opening day weekend game clawing the University of San Diego 23-12. While here Saints and Princeton Alumnus Ike Hall was on campus to see both his “Saints” and “Tiger” Families. (L-R) Saints Faculty Mr. Gary Osberg, Ike Hall ‘18, Brady Klem ’23, Dillon Tarr ’24 and Saints Coach Maurice Douglas.



PATS ARE BACK. Alums from St. Patrick’s School gathered for a first day of school photo op impromptu reunion after Mass and a pep rally. Left to right: Tom Pokorsky, Rocco Parente, Kieran Hodson, Rey Ramirez, Jack Dougenis, Leo Handelsman, Rodrigo Arballo, Danny Cuellar, Oliver Riveria, Tyler Schweer and Matthew Mawien.



HB2U. Fr. Max recently celebrated his birthday with members of the campus St. Monica’s Prayer Group.



AROUND CAMPUS

School Prouds Enshrines 3 Saintsmen to Hall of Fame

By Mr. Tom Cudal



HOF. On campus recently are Saints Athletic Hall of Fame inductees for 2023 (left to right) Michael Alves ('98); Marco Malta ('99) and Richard Kovalcheck ('03).

Last month, as one of the closing events of St. Augustine High's centennial celebration, the school gathered to salute a distinguished roster of people, players, and coaches, who over the years have been enshrined into the St. Augustine High School Hall of Fame.

As part of the weeklong slate of HOF activities, three more members were honored. The trio of new inductees present represent a continuing legacy of great athletic achievement, as well as an embodiment of the Saints experience and unitas, veritas, and caritas.

This year's recipients, Michael Alves, class of 1998, Marco Malta, class of 1999, and Richard Kovalcheck, class of 2003.

Welcome Michael Alves, from the class of 1998. Michael was a 3-year letterman and starter on the football

team. During his three years on varsity, he helped Saints win 21 games, including the 1997 Western League championship and back-to-back CIF Championship game appearances in 1996 and 1997.

As a junior and senior, he earned all-Western League honors for his play at the linebacker position. As a senior, he was also named to the Union-Tribune All-County team, 1st Team all-CIF, team MVP, and was selected to play in the Alex Spanos all-star game. From Saints, Michael continued his football career at Southwestern College for two years, earning a spot as team captain, 1st team all-Foothill conference, and all-state 2nd team defense.

His stellar play at Southwestern earned him a football scholarship to Georgia Southern University, where he

played both linebacker and special teams for two years. Michael is a successful member of the San Diego area's real estate community.

Welcome Marco Malta, from the class of 1999. Marco was a four-year letterman on the wrestling team in the late 1990s. As a freshman, he contributed key wins in several league matches to help lead to Saints to a league title. As a sophomore he was named as the team's Most Dedicated Wrestler. In his junior year, Marco was named team MVP, as well as finishing in 3rd place at CIF and qualifying for Masters.

He also earned all-Academic team honors by the *Union-Tribune*. As a senior, Marco had one of the most memorable and dominate seasons one can have in wrestling. While putting together an overall record of 37-4, he took 1st place at the Mira Mesa, West Hills, Holtville, and City Conference tournaments. His dominance continued into the post-season where he took 1st place at CIF and Masters.

He is only the second Saints wrestler to win both a CIF title and a Masters title in the same season. His Masters title earned him a trip to the State Championships and a Union-Tribune Athlete of the Week honor. He was named team MVP again, as well as 1st team all-Western League and 1st team all-CIF.

The *Union-Tribune* not only recognized him again as a senior for the all-Academic team, but named him an All-Academic Team Captain. While Marco's

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Hall of Fame

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success did earn him some scholarship offers for wrestling, lingering leg issues kept him from competing at the collegiate level. Marco currently works for the US Border Patrol. He also had two younger brothers, Jorge and Carlos, who also graduated from Saints and were standout baseball players.

Welcome Richard Kovalcheck, class of 2003. Richard played three years of varsity football and one year of varsity baseball. As a three-year starter at quarterback for the Saints, Richard led the team to 27 career wins, one league title in 2000 and the 2002 CIF Championship game. For his career, he threw for 7,145 yards, which is still 7th in the San Diego CIF record book. His 70 career touchdown passes still rank 10th in San Diego CIF.

He earned 1st team all-Western League honors as both a junior and senior. In his senior year, he was named Western League Offensive Player of the Year and also received 1st team all-CIF honors. In baseball, he was a part of a Western League title in his senior year. Richard's football prowess earned a Rivals 4-star rating, honorable mention All-American by *Prep Football Magazine*, All-Farwest Team by *SuperPrep Magazine*, and a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete award.

These accolades all culminated with a scholarship offer the University of Arizona. Over three years at Arizona, he played in 16 games, starting in 12. He threw for 2,390 yards and 16 TDs. He earned Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention as a freshman, as well as being named by the *Sporting News* as a Pac-10 all-freshman 1st team.

In 2005, he was named MVP of the annual Duel in the Desert rivalry game with Arizona State. He came off the bench in the 2nd quarter and led Arizona on a 31-7 scoring run, clinching the victory. Richard graduated from Arizona in three years with a business degree and transferred to Vanderbilt for grad school and two more years of football. While at Vanderbilt, he played in 8 games while earning his MBA in finance.

After leaving Vanderbilt, Richard spent three years playing and coaching in the Australian and Italian professional football leagues, with the Brisbane Wildcats and Catania Elephants. In his final year in Italy, he set the league passing record for yardage.

Today, Richard works as President and Founder of MacKinnon Capital, a commercial real estate firm.



FAMILY MASS RETURNS. Father Max presided at last month's traditional and always popular Family Mass and BBQ as it returned to campus this fall after taking a hiatus last fall so the school could have Mass to celebrate Centennial Mass.



HELPING HANDS. Big thanks to the volunteer crew, who hosted Family Mass and BBQ on behalf of the Austin Parents Assn. Left to right: Karen Gross, Lucas Handelsman, Rebecca Handelsman, Myrna Ramirez, Victor Castan, Andrea Veeramallu, Charmaine Manns, David Gross and Randy Manns. Not pictured: Tracie Davis and Diana DuPre.



AROUND CAMPUS

Saints Alumni Professionals Network Shines

On a recent balmy night at the Pueblo Restaurant in Pacific Beach, the second ever St. Augustine Alumni Professionals Network event was “an absolute success,” said Alum Charlie Cairncross ('11), one of the evening's hosts.

The night started at about 6 pm at the Pueblo restaurant on Hornblend St., where fellow Saintsmen arrived, picked up some school swag, dropped off business cards, and then enjoyed some appetizers and drinks before the official agenda was kicked off.

More than 45 distinguished professionals attending were welcomed by Saints Alumni President, Tom Doyle ('01), who began with a prayer and some thank yous. “We covered a couple of announcements, a story, and then introduced “Jim Cleary ('85), our incredible key speaker, who is an engineer, patent attorney, entrepreneur, and USAF veteran,” said Doyle.

Jim Cleary is with the law firm of FisherBroyles, LLP.

Event spokesman Charlie Cairncross pointed out the mission of the St. Augustine Alumni Professionals Network is “to break bread with Saintsmen of all years, professions and career paths to share experiences, network with and learn from each other.”

All Saints alums are welcome to join and to seek input by asking what solutions are you currently looking for? Ask the Saints Network.

Send your questions to Chris Cashman, Director of Alumni Relations (ccashman@sahs.org) or Charlie Cairncross (ccairncross13@gmail.com) with a query, and he or someone in the group, will connect you with available Saints professionals in the appropriate field for answers.

Join the alumni networkers by adding your name and contacts to St. Augustine Alumni Professionals Network via Chris Cashman: CCashman@sahs.org

This event would not have been possible without the support of our Alumni Board, specifically Tom Doyle ('01), Troy Gorostiza ('93), and Chris Cashman ('93). Nor would it have been possible without our gracious sponsors, Patrick Comer Financial Advisor / Wealth Manager, George Cairncross with Lion Industrial Finance, and Charlie Cairncross Luxury Real Estate Specialist with Tim Van Damm & Associates.



ALUMS IN ACTION. School grads packed Pueblo Restaurant in Pacific Beach to attend a recent meeting of the St. Augustine Alumni Professionals Network.



NET WORKING. For a list of upcoming events and to get involved, visit <https://alumni.sahs.org/>

Here are more ways to connect
via two big events this Fall:

- **October 19-21:** Reunion Weekend for Classes Years ending in 3's and 8's.
- **December:** Saints Parochial Football Championships. Volunteers needed.

Newest Saints Eagle Scout Loves Owls



Saints Senior Logan Sanford is the latest in a proud tradition of Eagle Scouts, who have attended St. Augustine High School. Logan, a resident of San Diego's Bay Park neighborhood, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 170.

In order to earn his Eagle Scout rank Logan and all other Eagle candidates have to concept and successfully create a community service project. "My Eagle Scout Project is building six raptor boxes (3 for screech owls, 3 for barn owls) for the San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Wildlife Center," said Logan.

The Ramona Wildlife Center is the San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Campus, boasting a fully kitted medical center and trained staff, a 150-foot free flight enclosure for birds of prey and spacious and individual enclosures, allowing for same-species companionship with minimal human contact.

"What I created for this facility are raptor boxes for its resident owls. A raptor box is essentially a shaded perch, allowing the owls to perch while being covered and protected from the elements.

Logan added, The Wildlife Center is in need of these boxes for their resident owls, so this gives me a chance to help out the wildlife in a good way. This also benefits the facility because they have had this project on their priority list for a while now.



Logan stands behind his work before delivering the owl raptor boxes to the Ramona Wildlife Center.



Logan's beneficiary representative, Mr Andy Blue is the Campus director for the San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Campus. The dog's name is Anza, and she was rescued by Mr. Blue. That's Logan's dad to the right, Andrew Sanford.

The New PSAT

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morning of October 11th. They should plan to arrive at school as normal at 7:45am with their own device. If they need a device, a limited supply will be available to borrow at school. The necessary Bluebook app for the test was downloaded during our Digital Readiness Day on September 21st by each test taker. Please make sure that same device is used on test day.

There are a few significant differences to be aware of with the new digital test. The length has been reduced from over three hours to now just over two hours. The digital test is also adaptive. This means that the difficulty of questions will be based on whether previous questions were answered correctly. There is also a built-in calculator with graphing functions in case students do not bring their own.

Saints' freshmen and sophomores will be taking the digital PSAT from home this year. Our friends at Revolution Prep have a designed replica practice PSAT exam for students to complete on the morning of October 11th. The test will start at 8:30am and should take a little over two hours to complete. Students and parents will be emailed instructions and a link to this exam. Detailed results will be available immediately after the test is completed.

All of this is excellent preparation for all our underclass students as the real SAT exam will only be offered digitally starting in the spring of 2024.



October 2023

Parents and Guardians of Saintsmen:
Greetings from the *Austin Parents Association!*

We are the parent support organization for St. Augustine High School. Our mission is to provide a link from home to school, and serve as a forum for communication with the faculty and administration. We collaborate with the school in the overall educational experience for our sons.

All parents and guardians are members of the Austin Parents Association! We welcome your support and attendance at the many sponsored and supported events throughout the school year.

Parents who participate in Austin Parents Association (APA) events and activities have an opportunity to connect with the school and other families, promote the Saints *Experience*, and share the gifts and values St. Augustine High School provides to our sons. Volunteer options include supporting the band or a sports team, serving coffee and cookies at Grandparents Day or Open House, joining the APA Board to chair an event, and many more! We also invite you to attend Meet the Teachers Night, College Nights, Family Mass and BBQ, Parent Social and other campus activities to help you feel informed and connected.

The Austin Parent Association Board looks forward to meeting you! You will see board members at school events wearing 'APA' name badges - please stop and introduce yourself. Our information can be found on the Saints website under the Parents tab (<https://www.sahs.org/austin-parents-association/>).

We hope you will join us! Being involved with the Saints community is not only rewarding for your sons, but also for yourself and family. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Sincerely,
Natalie Boeh
Natalie Boeh ('Bay')
Austin Parents Association

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single gender schools improve the academic performance of both boys and girls by as much as 15 percentile points. (gitnux.com, Aug. 2023)

Some see the trend toward single-sex education as a positive; others consider it an old-fashioned technique that reinforces gender stereotypes. A critic of single gender schools was quoted in a Forbes.com article recently and said, "The programs push the notion of a fundamental difference in the way boys and girls learn."

And there it is the elephant in the room. Are there differences in the ways boys and girls learn? Much of the research indicates, yes, there are huge differences in the ways boys and girls learn. "Different" isn't better -- and it certainly isn't worse. It's just different. And respecting and honoring those differences, rather than snuffing them, is part of our faith and certainly our mission here at Saints.

For 100 years the Augustinians, teachers and coaches have encouraged each young man individually, respecting his natural gifts, inclinations, and personal development. Our program is tailored specifically to young men and emphasizes physical activity, leadership development and character building which can help boys thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Our all-boys faith-based approach to schooling is adept at providing what parents want and what young men need.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne
Principal



The Road Together

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Before All Else, I noticed the history of St. Augustine High School had ended in 1985 and that his principalship from 1988 to 2000 was not part of the book.

As I began to attempt to add to Fr. John's book about the first 63 years of the history of Saints, I struggled with the 1920s and 1930s as most of the Saintsmen and faculty had died, and with them, their stories were lost.

In many ways I was fortunate. On the one hand, Bill Vogt '30 was 107 years old and remembered so much about the early Saints years. A retired CSJ nun, Sr. Kathleen Martin who taught at Saint Patrick's and grew up in Golden Hill on 25th and E Street was able to recall the history of her Golden Hill neighborhood and remembered family stories about her grandfather who was one of the laymen who helped the Augustinians purchase the present site of the school. There was Lou Kniffing '28 who celebrated his 100 birthday on Vasey Patio and planted the Chinese Elm trees and Tulip vines in Vasey Patio. He had many stories about riding his bicycle to Saints from Mission Hills and being hazed as a freshman. Then there was the day a lady brought me a shoe box full of memorabilia from her garage that came from her dad's football days at Saints in the 1930s. She was able to offer stories her dad told her about his high school days.

It was difficult to reconstruct these time periods with so many of the stories disappearing from the collective memory of the Saints Community until Tracey Elgas, the mother of Jack Elgas '23 received an article retrieved by the United States Coast Guard Historian from their archives during the week of August 1, 2023. It was published by the Portland Evening Express in Portland, Maine on August 2, 1955. In the article entitled "*New Skipper Takes Over Command of Cook Inlet*," it noted that Captain Arthur Hesford of the United States Coast Guard assumed command of the weather ship, *Cook Inlet* at the Maine State Pier. Captain Hesford had formerly been an aviation officer in the Coast Guard and stationed in Washington, D.C.

Interestingly, he had been born in Brooklyn, New York but had graduated from Saint Augustine's School of San Diego in 1925 which would have been Saints second graduating class. When his family moved to San Diego, he began high school at San Diego High School but in his junior year, he transferred to Saints. In those days each class was very small which allowed the entire school to fit on Vasey Patio. The teachers were Augustinian Friars and other than Vasey Hall the rest of the property was an underdeveloped 10-acre plot of land. The school was very simple in the 1920s-- No fluff, but a Catholic toehold in San Diego.



FIRST CLASS MEMORY. A recent search of school archives—thanks to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine High—Mr. Edwin Hearn, Saints President rediscovered important images. Above, is a photograph taken “back in the day” of Saintsmen from the first Class of 1925. Alas, the other names are lost to history. But what we have are [top row, center and right]: Arthur Joseph Hesford and Jacob Barrett McMahon; lower, right George Clark Baker. Readers knowing the names of the other two Saintsmen, please notify Mr. Hearn and Saints Scene will republish the complete caption photo.



MODERN VIEW. Saintsmen, here, re-enact the vintage photograph taken in 1925. Saintsmen are now alums. Top Row, L-R: Matthew Cross, Jonathon “Sinjon” Bobolia, Malcolm Williams; Lower Row, L-R: Raphael Luyun, Dominic Bacino.

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Saints in its formative stage of development produced a good one. After graduating from Saints, Hesford went on to the Coast Guard Academy and graduated in 1930. By 1934 he was designated a helicopter pilot and served in various locales on the Eastern seaboard until he was promoted to an aviation instructor in Pensacola, Florida where he served for 18 months. Hesford later was promoted to aviation operations officer at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and in 1940, with World War II looming on the horizon, became the aide to the commandant, a post he held for four years.

His career was long and varied. He worked with International Civil Aviation Organizations on matters concerning research and rescue with Atlantic Ocean station vessels. In his long-storied career, Hesford garnered two Silver Life-saving medals awarded for saving a man's life in 1931 and two others in 1937. Additionally, he was awarded the American Defense Medal, American Area, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, and the World War II Victory Metal.

During the writing of the book, we came across a photograph in the archives of five young men standing and sitting on the front bumper of a car. On the back of the photo were some names and the year, 1925. Saints Administrator Casey Callery loved the photograph and was able to determine where it was taken almost 100 years ago. She decided it would be cool to recreate the photograph with current seniors just before their graduation in 2021 at the same location. She set it up and the photoshoot and the photo, along with the 1925 photograph, became part of the book.

Two years passed until the newspaper clipping about Captain Hesford appeared in my email in early August 2023. I decided to write an article about it due to its value to the history of Saints and went to the Registrar, Mrs. Oliwa to see whether we had Hesford's transcript. She quickly retrieved it and as I walked into the Advancement Office, I noted out loud that Hesford lived at 3686 Third Avenue. Callery looked up and said "That is the place we took the photograph in 2021 as she pointed to the frame prominently displayed in her office. "What was his name?" she asked. "Arthur Hesford," I retorted. Callery had taken a photograph of the back of the original 1925 photograph and it identified Hesford standing in the middle of the photo on the top row.

We now had a connection between a photograph taken on the west coast in 1925 of a young Arthur Hesford with his friends and an article that appeared in a newspaper in Portland, Maine in 1955 about the now highly accomplished Captain Hesford in the United States Coast Guard. It gives us pause to consider from the founding of Saint Augustine High School, Saintsmen have been leading and bringing excellence to their field of work. Jack Elgas' appointment to the USCG Academy almost 100 years after Captain Hesford graduated from Saints on June 10, 1925, is a testament to the Catholic Augustinian education Saints provides.



Frosh Welcome Week Highlights

Each year, except for those unfortunate Pandemic years, organizers of Frosh Welcome Week worked hard to out do previous years when it comes to crazy ideas to welcome Freshman brothers to the fun side of school activities. This year's theme Wacky and Wet fit right in with the school's traditional Costume Week and week-long Beanie activities.



Water day activities filled the afternoon for Seniors and their Freshman brothers including dunk tanks, a water balloon fight and inflatable water slides.



No shortage of volunteer dunkees in this Frosh Week scene awash with beanies.



Water, water everywhere.



Water balloon battle breaks out.



Saintsman water sliding during Frosh Week.



Frosh player kicks one deep to left field in this kickball game of Seniors against Freshman during the Senior/Frosh Field Day Games.



Another series of Frosh welcome week images from Senior/Frosh Field Day. (L-R): Ben Ngo and Lucas Rogers pair up with their Freshman brothers Thomas Schliem and Charlie Pruter in a game of Spike Ball.



L-R Senior Nathan Butler enjoyed the water day festivities with his freshman brother Jack Altman.



Devin Garmo's little brother Brandon Salmu spent the day going to class dressed as a giant chicken.



Landon Kassab dressed his little bro, Nathan Simeneh, up in colorful attire for costume day.



L-R Honor Falave-Johnson, Tyler Schweer, Asofa Luifi and Kieran Hodson pose for a lunch time photo just after the costume contest.



Awash in sunscreen Freshman Cal Kirschner spent his day paddling across the patio on a rolling surfboard provided to him by his senior big brother, Brayden Pinto.



Senior Zac Horne with his Freshman little brothers dressed for costume day during Frosh Week. L-R: Willie Flores and Noah Luifi.



Vocations & Chastity Program

Presented by Mr. Aaron Oakley, Saints Religion Instructor



"Chastity, or cleanness of heart, holds a glorious and distinguished place among the virtues, because she alone enables man to see God; hence Truth itself said, 'Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.'"

St. Augustine, Father and Doctor of the Church

**Is talking with your son about sexuality and choices awkward?
We can help... make plans to join us, and bring your son.**

Who's invited: All Saintsmen and Parents

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Freshman/Sophomore program - 9am

Junior/Senior program - 11am

Where: Raymond Center (Theater)

Early Season Snapshots

2023 Varsity Football Scenes



Photography by Saints Dad Mr. William Hill



DO AS I SAY. Head Varsity Coach Ron Gladnick points the way to victory before Saints topped Poway 31-7 in the second non-league game of the 2023 Varsity Football season.



LOUD & PROUD. Saints Music Director Ms. Cindy Au, shown at the Notre Dame High game, leads the school's famous pep band.



TOP GUN. Sophomore Quarterback Brady Palmer fires a pass during the 50-7 win over Patrick Henry High.



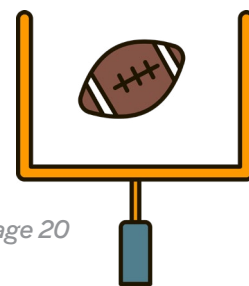
JOY OF BEING FROSH. Newbies on campus blend right in with the "Pit" student body regulars at the recent Saints victory over Newport Harbor High.



CHEERS. Saints being an all boys school is proud to have the cheer and dance athletes from Academy of Our Lady of Peace perform at every game.



HIGH/LOW. Saints #23 middle linebacker Viliamu Trollinger and #20 Frosh safety Kye Cooperputs an end to this Patriots drive.



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Early Season Snapshots

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MAKE 'EM MISS. Saints sensational Frosh running back Willie Flores #7 embarrasses Poway defender on this running play.



NORTH PARKERS. High power running backs Senior Parker Patterson #5 and Soph Parker Johnson #6 bullied Newport Harbor High defenders in a 32-30 win.

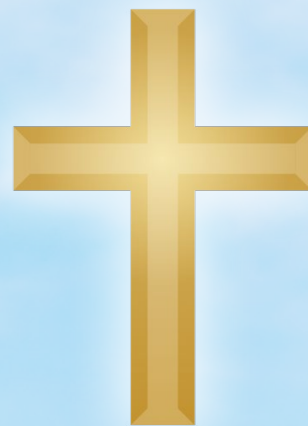


Play of the Month

Saints 32 vs. Newport Harbor 30

Saintsman Soph DE Bronx Letkuligasenoa (#2) blocked a field goal attempt with less than 30 seconds to play vs. Newport Beach's Newport Harbor high to seal Saints third win (3-2) of the 2023 season. North Parkers (Soph WR Parker Johnson) carried six times for 92 yards and two TDs, plus caught five passes for 54 yards and a TD. Senior Parker Patterson carried 19 times for 72 yards.

St. Augustine High Remembers Souls Aboard Double Plane Crash in North Park



On a scorching late summer morning, Forty-five years ago, a Pacific Southwest Airlines 727 collided with a single engine Cessna in mid-air over North Park, September 25, 1978. All souls aboard both planes perished. Many students and faculty witnessed the PSA jet's final moments.

Recently, the school held a moment of silence at 9:01 am (the time of the impact). Fr. Gary Sanders, OSA [top, right] from the Class of 1967 posed with Deacon Richard Hardick OSA) to blessed future Palm Street site of the crash memorial garden. School President Ed Hearn said that the garden will be completed within a year's time.



The Tribune won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the tragedy.

Saints Scene Annual Campus Club Compendium



CLUB EXPO. The club day expo created a little chaos on the gym floor. Students can be seen wandering around the gym visiting the many club booths that were set up.



BASEBALL CARDS. Mr. Joe Wehbe (right) was busy with Senior Evan Newlon recruiting new members to the trading card club.



MINDERS. Mental Health Club is a relatively new club and is led by Seniors (L-R) Elias Hermann, Alfonso Cosio, Fausto Pompa Martinez, Juan Bernardo Thomas Rosas, and Pedro Maria Romek.



LET'S TALK. Senior Luca DiMarino manned the debate club table at the Club Expo seeking good scholarly arguments.



CHECKMATE. Saints Chess Club seeking new members.



CAR CLUB. Senior Kenny Wright shares his interest in cars as he promotes the Saints Car Club to prospective new members.



SMASHING IDEA. Brayden Pinto, Senior, is encouraging as many as he can to consider coming out for Rugby.

Club Name

Academic League
American Red Cross/Interact Club
Art Club
Baja Watermen
Bible study
Car Club
Catholic Athletes for Christ (Cathletes)
Chaldean Club
Chess Club
PICA Club
Drama Club
Entrepreneurs of Saints
Skate Club
Film Club
Fishing Club
Hiking club
Hogar Infantil
Investment Club
Key Club
Med-Club
National Honors Society
Rugby Appreciation Club
Sailing Club
Asian American Alliance
Saints E-Nable Club
Saints Mock Trial Team
Debate Club
Saintsmen and Economics
Science Olympiad Club
The Esports Club
Trading Card Club
Vinyl Club
The Augustinian
Black Student Union
Bio-Med Club
Strings Club
Mental Health Club
Soccer Club
Rubik's Cude Club
Saints Thirst Project
Robotics club
Aviation Club
Pickleball Club
Gambling statistics
Raquetball club
Hibernian (Irish) Club
MexUs
The D&D Club
Help The Homeless Club
Greco Slavic Club
Italian Club
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Should School be FUN?

Essay by Dr. GO, ASB Director, Chancellor of Hype & FUN Specialist

Everyone remembers those wonderful school days of yesteryear, and how excited everyone would be the first day back. The halls would not be filled with laughter, no, but rather breathless anticipation about what the teacher's first lecture would address (fingers-crossed it was the summer reading). Back in the day, when the Internet was not available, students would just gather under the nearest cypress tree and clamor to hear the sage on stage share his or her wisdom. Every pedagogue in a pressed tweed jacket with a doctorate in decorum would be greeted with riotous applause as they waxed poetic about standard deviation or the Oxford comma. Sadly, those days are dead.

Students today long for a balance between the discipline and structure needed to endure education, and a communal appreciation for the absurdity of the human condition. At Saints, our ASB consistently tries to counter the day-to-day dull drums with spirit days and lunch events. Now, reader I ask you this, how much more fun would your work be if on occasion Ricky from accounting was in a dunk tank or Margaret from HR was LaCrushin' LaCroix? Maybe, school should not be the only place that encourages students to pursue a doctorate of fun?



REALLY BIG SPLASH. ASB Director Mr. Gary Osberg and Senior Class President Remington Tully leaping into the pool simultaneously at the lunchtime Belly Flop contest.



HIT, MISS. Even Saints Principal Mr. James Horne jumped in and took part in the lunchtime water balloon fight, organized by the ASB which pitted the Juniors/Seniors against the Freshman/ Sophomores. Mr. Horne didn't miss.



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