



SAINTS SCENE



SNEAK PEEK—The popular Student Art Show will be held this month, April 6–April 8 in the Commons on campus. Here is a preview look at one of the many exhibits at the annual show. The watercolor on paper titled “Faded Perspective” is by Senior Spencer Westmorland. More from the exhibition will be showcased in next month’s *Saints Scene*.

Boys Will Be... Men Dear Saintsmen, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

It’s important to set expectations for all children in the prime of their education, but there is often the accepted notion that “boys will be boys.”

Boys being boys is also not always a positive thing. The phrase, which seems harmless, gives boys a pass on behavior. It promotes the toxic idea that boys are more aggressive, loud, rambunctious, and less refined because it’s innate to their core. It encourages us to simply shake our heads at certain behavior(s) without intruding. Because after all, it can’t be helped. “Boys will be boys” is the first step toward a culture of no responsibility for their

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...The Road Together How and Why Boys Learn at a Different Pace than Girls

By Edwin Hearn, President
St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

Thirty years ago, a large number of all-boys schools were being transitioned into co-educational schools. Many historical all-boys schools were either closing or moving on to this model. The argument was made that single-gender education was antiquated and boys and girls needed to be in the same schools. After all, they would be working together later professionally and this would help the two genders understand each other better. Saints is one of the few schools that did not deviate from their historical position that boys learn most effectively in an all-boys setting. As it turned out, the Academy of Our Lady of Peace also stayed true to the original vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet that girls also

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Close to Home

As news of the terrible war in Ukraine surfaced weeks ago, Saints faculty member Mr. Vladimir Bachynsky, who is Ukrainian, suggested we host a fundraiser in partnership with Catholic Relief Services to provide financial help for those civilians suffering and/or displaced in this difficult time.

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AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE



Following a time-honored tradition, the school proudly announces its Austin Scholars for 2022.

The "Austins" are rigorous oral examinations in English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts. The exam also assesses the participants' understanding of the Integral Student Outcomes. News was recently released naming the 2021-2022 seniors who were invited to sit for this school year's Austin Exams.

The senior with the highest weighted academic cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the seventh semester (P.E. excluded) is automatically invited to sit for the Austins. The remaining students, normally five, are selected by the Academic Council from the top 10% of the graduating class. The chairpersons of the academic departments represented in the Austins recommend graduation with specific academic distinctions for participants. The administration ratifies these recommendations. The specific academic distinctions include: Austin Scholar Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise) Austin Scholar Magna Cum Laude (with great praise) Austin Scholar Cum Laude (with praise).

BRAIN POWER. Congratulations to these Saintsmen and their proud families for earning the right to be called Austin Scholars for 2022. They are (L-R) Nick Watson, Andres Aguirre, Steven Coons, Aidan Rickwa, William Spellios, Gary Sczotka, and Emmanuel Butler.



Kelvin Vu ('25)

OOPS. Saints Scene apologizes for misspelling a Saints Freshman's name in last month's Honor Roll. Kelvin Vu is the correct spelling and we offer congratulations to Kelvin for earning Principal's List honors.

Laurels for Leaders Luncheon Honors Student Body Presidents



WHERE'S LUCAS? The annual Laurels for Leaders luncheon honors ASB presidents from San Diego area schools. The event was held recently at SDSU. Saints ASB President Lucas Wurst is seated under the green arrow Photo: Jamie Scott Lytle

GUEST ARTICLE / By Laura Groch, *San Diego Union/Tribune*



Saints ASB President
Lucas Wurst

Nearly 100 high school student body presidents were honored recently at the 65th annual Washington-Lincoln Laurels for Leaders luncheon, held at Montezuma Hall at San Diego State University. Saints ASB President Lucas Wurst represented the school.

“We love to see Saintsmen participate in civic/community events like Laurels for Leaders,” says James Horne, Principal, St. Augustine High. “This is a remarkable event because of how many young San Diegans each ASB president represents.”

The students, all seniors from San Diego County schools, were honored for their work to boost morale and engagement at their schools.

The luncheon gave the Associated Student Body (ASB) presidents a chance to network with each other, and with community and business leaders. Each student received a check for \$300 and a certificate from Washington-Lincoln Laurels for Leaders. A local nonprofit, it was started in 1957 to honor and recognize the ASB presidents.

Laurels founder Dr. Frank Lowe, then-president of the San Diego Unified School District board of directors, believed that such recognition would encourage a lifelong commitment to service among the student leaders. In addition to the luncheon event, Laurels for Leaders offers ASB presidents a workshop focused on financial and leadership skills that will help them their entire lives.

Student ART SHOW

April 6-8

 Saints Campus
In the Commons

Drawing Photography Painting
Ceramics Digital Media



Senior Day & Night



Celebrating the school's return to normalcy after pandemic interruptions please note Senior Ditch Day and Grad Nite are schedule for May 13th. Seniors will have their traditional day off from school and then leave for Magic Mountain on that Friday evening, returning to Saints on Saturday morning (May 14th).

Questions? _____

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AROUND CAMPUS



WORLD TRAVELER. Senior Arturo Perez was recently a participant in a US/Mexico trade mission to the Middle East. Arturo's ten-day trip gave him the chance to visit many cities in the middle east where he learned about trade and culture. Upon his return, Arturo reported, "This was the trip of a lifetime! [At first] I was hesitant to attend and I worried about missing school, but I am so grateful to have attended, I learned so much!" Here Arturo is pictured with his father Arturo Perez Behr in New Cairo, Egypt.



SURF CRASHER. A St. Augustine High School photographer captured this fun shot of a recent dual meet with Mission Bay High. Being an official league meet, local surfer "Lucille" was not eligible for style points but did score points for being one happy seal in the surf on the first day of spring.



SURF SOPH. Vincenzo Zoni ('24) catching a wave and scoring point for the Saints Surf team.

AROUND CAMPUS



ONWARD, PILGRIMS.

Last month before the Junior Mass, the Class of 2023 journeyed to several Augustinian sites in town on a devotional class Pilgrimage. In recent years, this pilgrimage was born out of necessity during Covid and was well received, so it continues. After attending a morning prayer service, the students journeyed to St. Patrick's, the North Park Augustinian sponsored parish and elementary school. From there the underclassmen trekked to Bird Park, 28th & Upas Sts. enroute to Mission Hills to visit St. Vincent's school and parish (where Saints history begins in 1922). Along the way, the Class traversed one of the popular suspension pedestrian bridges west of Balboa Park. From there, the Pilgrims continued to downtown, where they swarmed Daddy's Famous Hot dog stand for a warmup to lunch. But first, they returned to Balboa Park, crossing the 1915-built Laurel Street Bridge (see photo) and concluded their 8.5 mile journey atop St. Augustine Commons, where the brave survivors enjoyed a Jersey Mike's lunch.



MINDING THE GAP. Saints Juniors seen here crossing Balboa Park's Laurel Street bridge (on a brilliant sunny day) on the Class of 2023's annual Pilgrimage were joined by fellow Pilgrim Mr. Matt Linville, the school's Director of Athletics securing the tail end of the trek.



JUNIOR MASS. Saintsman Theodore "Trey" McKamey served as the cantor for the Junior Mass. The Class of 2023 was honored that Fr. Gary Sanders '67) presided over the Junior Mass and encouraged Saintsmen to embrace their leadership role among the campus community.



LOOKING GOOD. The Chaldean Club gathers on campus weekly to support the Chaldean students at Saints and to share their culture and history with non-Chaldean Saintsmen. Each year one of the highlight events of the club is working with Fr. Max and their Chaldean Catholic Pastor to have one of the Saints weekly masses celebrated in the Chaldean tradition where mass is in Aramaic rather than English. This year the club also designed sweaters for members and presented one recently to Fr. Danny (left) a priest at St. Peters Chaldean Catholic Church.



BEST OF THE BEST. Junior Jurian Dixon, a member of Saints Varsity Basketball team that captured this Spring's CIF Championship, has been named CIF San Diego Player of the Year. Jurian and the entire starting line up from the championship team will return to play next year. *Fist pump!*

TEAM PREVIEWS 2022

Spring Sports Capsules

By Saintsman Jacob Soro ('23)



BASEBALL

Boasting five Division I commits, the Saints Baseball team entered the season as a top ten team in San Diego. So far, they have lived up to the hype, reeling off dominant wins in the Bill Whittaker Classic versus Mission Bay, University City, and Chula Vista. Additionally, they tied San Marcos 11-11 after it got too dark to finish the game in what has emerged as a candidate for game of the year. The two teams rematched in the championship game, which Saints dominated 9-3 behind a strong two-way effort from Cade Martinez, who pitched four innings of one-run ball and smoked a 3-RBI double to open the scoring. Senior Trevor Fox, junior Frankie Giacalone, and sophomore Justin Heffler each had two hits.



TRACK

Coming off three consecutive Western League titles, the track team aims to secure a fourth this season. With Coach Ryan Segura, the new head coach, and other new faces like Coach Jessica Brophy and former Saints sprinting champion Justice Gross ('21) the track team is bringing a whole new game plan to tackle the various events. The distance runners will lead the way again, with Senior Michael Butcher and Juniors Nate Wilson and Jimmy Markowicz pacing the team. In the sprints, the team will lean heavily on Josh Morgan ('22) and Chris Valderrama ('23). Anticipate a monster season out of superstar high jumper Nick Watson, who is drawing interest from colleges. Meanwhile, Senior Roman Ramirez will lead the throwers in the discus and shot put on the field.



GOLF

The golf season is teeing off with the team ready to come back stronger than ever. Having most of their returning stars from last year, they hope to compete for the CIF title. Young superstar Billy Davis [Year], reigning Western League Player of the Year and San Diego City League Match Play champion, is ready to dominate and show what he can bring to the table. Others like Senior Jacob Paule and Sophomore Santiago Garza also are ready to prove themselves and hopefully place in the competitive San Diego League Match Play and keep the trophy for the third year in a row.



LACROSSE

The Lacrosse team is prepared and equipped to battle for the CIF title this year. Stars like senior Will Tobias and Juniors Jack Elgas and Anthony Ivanjack are verifying their status as elite players and giving a push to the hopeful team. They hope to claim the Lacrosse crown by besting their rivals from up north. The team has a bright future, with many promising underclassmen, so they will not be counted out of any competition.



SWIM

Led by Senior Steven Coons and Junior Elijah Walulik, the Swim team anticipates being strong contenders in their upcoming season. Forged in the fire of early-morning practices, their hard work in the water will propel them to success. They had a tough loss against perennial swimming powerhouse Bishop's, but their 4x100 relay team set an impressive CIF record during the meet. They hope to build off this accomplishment in their future meets.

Team Previews

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VOLLEYBALL

The Saints Volleyball team entered this season with only four returning players and six underclassmen. After two tough losses to Grossmont and Madison, 3-2 and 3-1, respectively, the young team toppled a highly ranked Bishops team in a resounding 3-0 victory. It was a win fueled by rage—the Bishops team had mockingly sung the Saints alma mater prior to the game. The Saints volleyball team then followed that performance with wins over Coronado 3-1 and a resounding 3-0 victory over north county powerhouse Mission Hills. The team has three freshmen as starters and is led by team captains Senior Bodie Kerr and Junior Patrick O’Leary—Kerr and O’Leary have a combined 116 kills through the first three games. The Saints were able to capitalize on their three-game win streak by securing a spot in the gold division of the prestigious Beach Cities Invitational tournament for the first time in ten years with convincing victories over Nevada’s top-rated Green Valley (2-1) and a sweep of Rancho Bernardo (2-0). The Saints fought point-for-point but fell in day two of the tournament to perennial open division powers Sage Creek and Westview. The Saints begin league play on March 22 against rival La Jolla High School as they look to position themselves for a top seed in the CIF SDS playoffs in May.



TENNIS

Fresh off the only coed tennis title in CIF history, Saints Tennis is aiming to win one on their own this year. Team leaders Seniors Tommy Gilcrest and Gabriel Casta are bringing their skills to the court ready to dominate any foe they face, while young players such as Mario Garcia pack a powerful punch. They are red-hot to start their season, running their record to 6-0 while beating up on the likes of Francis Parker, University City, and Santana.

Boys Will Be Men

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worst behaviors.

This lack of accountability and dismissal of questionable behaviors isn’t part of the program at Saints; it’s antithetical to our mission.

Boys, here on Nutmeg Street, are held to a challenging standard with a curriculum rooted in discipline and immersed with the right kind of examples, encouragement, and support. There is no better way to prepare a young man for a bright future than to put him in an environment that makes demands of him.

The Saints Experience is uniquely designed to help young men thrive while giving them the guidance and support they need to develop themselves in heart and mind along the way. As we are fond of saying, we accept boys and graduate men.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

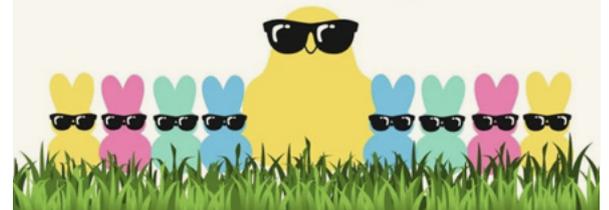
James Horne
Principal



Happy Easter 2022



JESUS LOVES ALL HIS PEEPS



Close to Home

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The recent one-week effort was guided by the tag line "I Gave my \$7" and was designed to raise about \$5000. With the help of Saints Chaplain Fr. Max Villeneuve and faculty member Marie-line Allen the school community was able to raise more than \$9400. Great job Saints!

For others wishing to assist, the CRS Ukrainian hot line is
https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine?ms=agigoo0922ukr00gen00&clid=CjwKCAjwxOCRBhA8EiwA0X8hi9f_4vRSICPFRFA1plzAmn7_aXTMgi4oQbm_jFYID0lzRDK8Ehv2kRoC2qgQAvD_BwE

SAINTS STUDENT CAMPAIGN

Day 1	3/2/2022	\$2,225.45
Day 2	3/3/2022	\$1,491.00
Day 3	3/4/2022	\$1,752.25
Day 4	3/7/2022	\$1,490.00
Day 5	3/8/2022	\$271.00
Day 6	3/9/2022	\$2,202.77
		\$9,432.47



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benefit from this structure.

During the 1990's many leaders in all-boys schools felt their schools did provide a superior education to the co-educational model even though there was little research to support this position. Out of many conversations between all-boys schools on the east coast between Presidents and Principals of all-boys schools, it was decided there was a need to form an organization to support boys and primary research in how boys learn best —the International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) was launched.

Nancy Caine, the Saints College Counselor at the time, heard about the organization and strongly felt it fit Saints. She began attending their annual conferences with some of our teachers and in no time she was appointed to their Board of Trustees. When she termed off the Board, I received her seat. The conferences were enriching and from the beginning, Saints began benefitting from the expertise found from around the world. It was during this time, I met Dr. Abigail James who became interested in the coalition due to better understanding her son's special learning needs and from her work in an all-boys school on the east coast.

For the past decade, Dr. James has collaborated with Saints. Every few years she flies out for the day and presents to the Saints Community the latest research about how boys learn best. This relationship has propelled Saints to the forefront of boys education on the west coast.

In Dr. James' latest meeting with the Saints faculty on March 14, she described the circumstances for boys as a world that is on a downward slide. The current statistics are alarming for any parent with a boy. According to the latest research, 40% of college students are currently male, more men ages 18 to 34 are currently living with their parents than out on their own and median wages for men have steadily decreased since the 1990s. Increasingly, boys are also more prone to depression and suicide.

On a positive note, she stated to me prior to her presentation, that Saints has paid attention to the latest research through the years, has incorporated it into our teaching strategies, and has developed one of the truly outstanding all-boys schools in the nation. From her experience, it is obvious that boys love Saints and is a motivating story about boys succeeding.

In her remarks, she lamented that boys are less ready for school than girls due to boys poor language acquisition skills and phonemic awareness. In many school settings, students are required to sit quietly at their desks for long periods of time during class. Research has demonstrated girls have the ability to tolerate this type of class far better than boys. Instruction that is primarily auditory with limited visuals and little experiential learning makes learning for most boys marginal. Without much movement in class, most boys suffer.

Dr. James pointed out that boys more than girls suffer memory issues with words and have more hearing issues. Some researchers believe hearing issues are a fundamental reason for boys lagging behind girls in reading, writing and vocabulary development.

The Saints faculty was reminded of boys' natural inquisitiveness, their need to know how things work, competitive nature, strong desire to solve problems, need to please and need for support when concepts become abstract and difficult.

James also emphasized boys strong relational needs to be part of a group. She noted acceptance by other boys and their teachers helps their developing self-confidence and sense of well-being. They need to know their teachers care about them and their parents love them.

It was heartening to know there is a growing body of research that is equipping our teachers with stronger teaching tools and a greater understanding of learning theory and its practical application as it relates to boys. Workshops such as the one Dr. James gave this March at Saints reminds us of the special nature of boys and the strategies that bring them through their adolescent years prepared for a productive life.



Senior Prom News

Saints is happy to announce the return of our traditional prom this year! Seniors and their dates are welcome to join us at the Westin Gaslamp Hotel at 6:30PM on May 7th for a night of dinner and dancing.

Questions?

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SAINTS TRADITION Junior Brunch is Back

After being suspended because of the Covid pandemic, Saints traditional Junior Brunch has returned. Like old times, the annual Saints event was celebrated at the popular Bali Hai Restaurant on San Diego Bay. The venerable Shelter Island restaurant is well known to San Diegans and has been honored as a National Historic Preservation site. The owners the Ham/Baumann Families are longstanding members of the Saints Community.



1. JUNIOR BRUNCH BUNCH. Saintsmen Daniel Munoz, Lucca Rohrer and Sam Johns enjoy the sunshine at the bay with faculty member Mr. Bill Davis, aka "Coacher"

2. BALI HAI. Juniors enjoying their time with one another at the brunch at Bali Hai – (l-r) Oliver O'Connor, Evan Babich, Matthew Chin, Joseph McGuire, Ty Woods, James Root, Tanner Wick, and Dylan Kelly

3. BAY VIEWS. Enjoying the brotherhood on the bay – (L-R) Danny Gallegos, Kent Vu, John Robert Caceres, Marcus Miranda, Zachary Acon, Royce Aconido, Colin Alcantara, Alex Esparza Martin, Xavier Magat, Eli Estevez and Marcus Roman.

Chaplain's Corner

Preparing For New Life

By Fr. Max Villeneuve, Saints Chaplain

During the Ash Wednesday service at our school Mass this year, I was reminded of a professor in the seminary who would tell us, "You must die, before you die, so that when you die, there is not much left of you to die."

Lent is a season of dying because it is a season of preparation for new life. We should note that this death is not a "negative" death, but rather the death of that which takes us away from ourselves.

This is because Lent is not meant to be a season of gloominess and misery—as we often mistake it to be. Even Pope Francis has remarked that we fool ourselves into being a perpetual Church of Lenten suffering—rather than one of Easter joy! In our own lives, we are often mistaken into thinking that we are chained to the bonds which bind us. Ironically however it is often the opposite—we grasp the chains of our oppression ourselves. It is in this way that we are called in this season of Lent to "letting go". Letting go of the chains of our false self and the false masks which we wear- in order that our true self may be born anew.

In this way, may the ashes of Lent make for a fertile ground to allow for the re-birth of each of us. That we might live with deeper integrity and a deeper authenticity as the man or woman whom God has created each of us to be. In doing this, we will truly find Easter joy.



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