



# SAINTS SCENE



**CIF CHAMPIONS RETURN TO COURT.**  
Senior Jurian Dixon drives by defenders in Saints first 2022-23 varsity basketball win.

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## WCEA/WASC – Examining our Expectations Dear Saintsmen, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

Our Integral Student Outcomes (ISOs) are a statement of who our graduates are at their very best. These outcomes are the desired

result of four years working to form, inform and transform young men as they journey with us through their high school years. By the end of their time with us, we as a school community want our young men to be Christian gentlemen, intellectually competent, physically and emotionally developed, and prepared to engage in a changing world.

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## Intersession is Only Offered at Saints More learning opportunities between regular semesters

By Gregory Hecht, Assistant Principal/Academics

Intersession begins next month and for newby parents or members of the community that aren't familiar with the concept here's a quick update:



**NEW DESTINATIONS.** Sacked by the pandemic, Intersession travel class has returned. File photo of Mr. John Vignol's trip to Rome, Italy (2016).

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## Christmas Prayer

By Fr. Gary Sanders, OSA ('67)

O God, help me rediscover  
That the star shining so brightly  
On that first Christmas Night  
Showed the way to Jesus, your Son.

At times when fear overshadows  
my being,  
Help me remember that  
The first Christmas gift was  
sent by you  
To illuminate a dark world  
with hope.

Amen



## Neighbors, Speeding and Parking

St. Augustine High School respects and values its home, the historic North Park district in San Diego. We strive to treat our friends and neighbors, the citizens of North Park, with respect in everything we do. Over the years we have worked to improve parking both for the members of the campus community and for the benefit of our neighbors.

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# Maker's Lab Transforms Boys in an All-Boys Setting

By Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

In the Maker's Lab in Vasey Hall there is a quote by Albert Einstein etched on an all-glass wall separating the computer technology from the workspace. It reads, "Scientists investigate that which already is, engineers create that which has never been." There is a freedom in that

sentence that resonates through to the boys who learn how to operate 3-D printers and CNC Routers using two CAD programs: V Carve and Solid Works—programs to be mastered by the students to build products they envision.

Since its opening in September of 2020, it has been a transforming experience for the many students who have studied physics and engineering in the space. Senior Francesco Gagliardi, a student in the engineering class when recently asked about his experience in that space remarked, "The Maker's Lab forges passion in the hearts of innovation. Where students are given vast horizons of opportunity to learn, to experience and grow intellectually. This space alone is what I feel gave birth to most of my best memories at Saints."

The space has become extremely popular with the students. After two years in the lab, Mr. Christopher Freestone (Saints Class of 2010), who teaches in the lab believes, "Having the Maker's Space on campus is a game changer for our students. It allows the boys to express themselves creatively and apply the knowledge they have acquired to tangible projects. This is especially important for boys today, as the hands-on side of their education can sometimes be overpowered by the theoretical side. The Maker's Space provides our young men with the opportunity to discover and develop skills in this area that they will be able to apply throughout their lives." He sees firsthand that the building process is very motivational and readily connects to boys and how they learn.

As more and more traditional tools and computer operated devices have been added, the richness of the space has moved

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Current Maker's lab grew from popularity of previous Intersession courses in robotics and engineering.



Max D'Agnese (pictured last year) is shown working at the drill press as he manufactured the Augustinian Aspergillum a.k.a. holy water sprinkler.



Group think and design collaboration for Project En-Able which produces artificial limbs for children.



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## Where Are They Now

### Eavan “Gibby” Gibbons, Class of 2020 now at the U.S. Naval Academy

**FULL SPEED.** Congratulations to alum Saintsman Eavan “Gibby” Gibbons (’20) who is making a lot of noise playing the “bandit” position on defense for Navy this season. On many teams the ‘bandit’ position is a hybrid outside linebacker guy who can rush off the edge and drop and play coverage on regular defense or kick/punt coverage. Bandit’s are usually one of the speediest linebackers. Eavan is a junior with one varsity letter to date.



## Save the Date

Saturday - January 21, 2023



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# Car Show

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BENEFITS ORPHANS

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Happy Daze are here again. St. Augustine Car Club, under the direction of its moderator Mr. Steven Granados, recently organized and hosted a modestly speaking FABULOUS Car Show on a recent Friday on campus. Student leaders Thomas Fuller, Kenny Wright, Teo Kony, and Erik Rodriguez planned for the showing of several dozen cars, two food vendors and a DJ. The day was a huge success and built upon the recent tradition of hosting a student driven Car show.

The show itself drew car enthusiasts from within the Saints community and beyond. There were some faculty and staff cars, student cars, alumni cars, friends of Saints families' cars and even some car show regulars who were contacted by the students organizing the event.

All the funds raised will go to support the Augustinian Orphanage, Hogar Infantil La Gloria in Tijuana.

**MEA CULPA.** *Saints Scene* would like to apologize for not providing advance notice of this event. We were scooped standing on the corner while news was happening. Is it our fault or is the fact this school and its community is among the most diverse anywhere? Promise: we'll be all over this story in advance next year.



**CAR SHOW PLANNERS.** Left to right: Thomas Fuller, Kenny Wright, Teo Kony, and Erik Rodriguez.



1932 Ford Roadster



1965 GTO



2007 Ford Shelby GT500



1965 Studebaker Champ



1965 Mustang – Mr. Patrick Thomsen, English Dept.



1973 Karmann Ghia



1965 Chevy Malibu

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## Student Car Show

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# Saints Counseling Program Draws Conference Attention



School counselor Tim Golden speaks at NACAC conference.

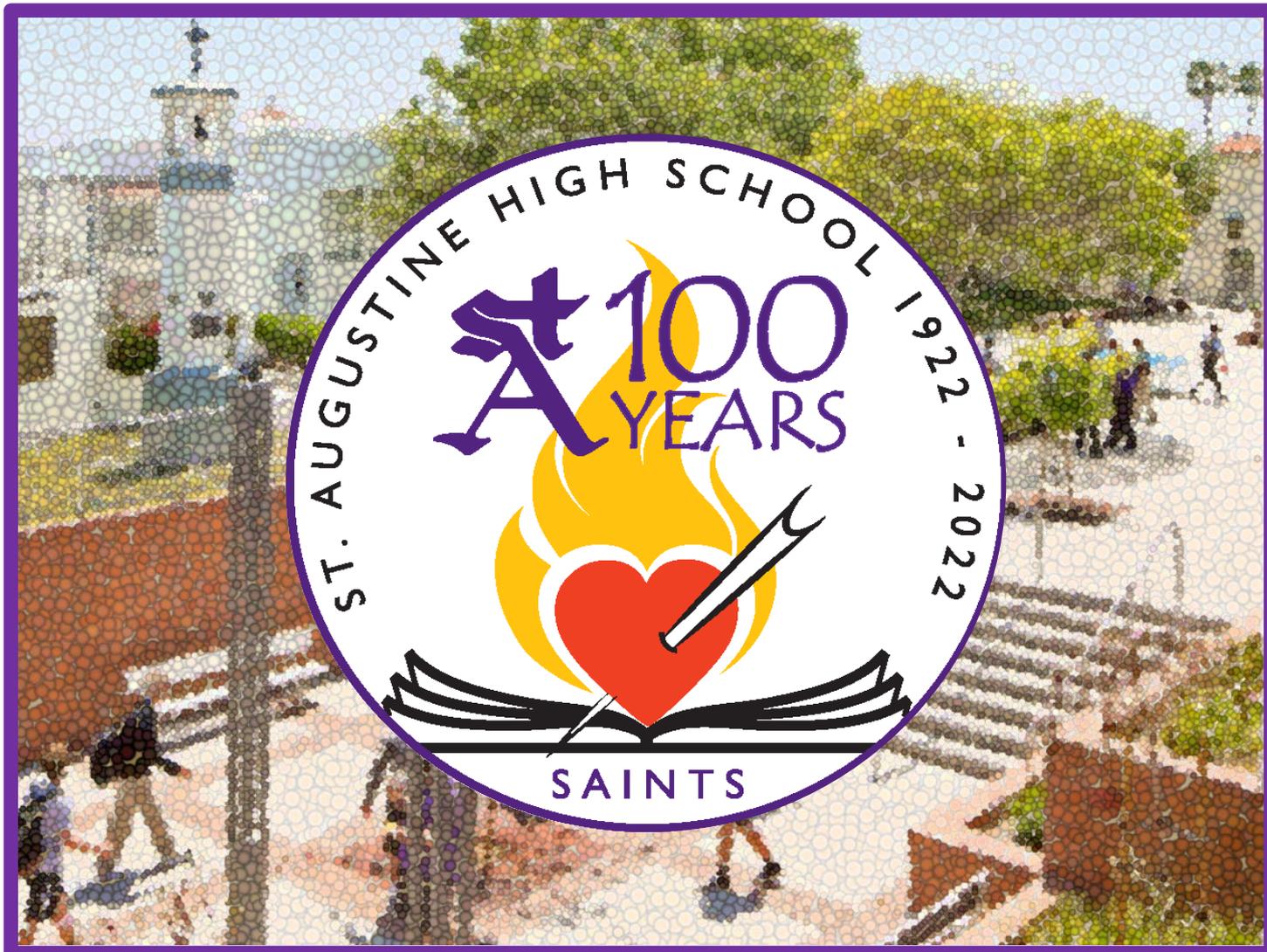


Timothy Golden

St. Augustine High School's Director of Counseling Services, Tim Golden, was a featured speaker at this year's annual NACAC conference in Houston, Texas. The National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) holds this conference every September to give high school counselors and college admissions officers an opportunity to connect and collaborate. Mr. Golden was joined by Dr. Sean Green, from the University of San Diego, as they presented on Dr. Green's Pontem Path program and its partnership with St. Augustine High School.

The Pontem Path program focuses on recruiting and counseling first-generation, low-income students from local K-8 Catholic schools and helping them enroll in Catholic high schools that will support them in their college application process. Introduced in 2018, the program provides scholarships worth upward of 25% of the student's Catholic high school tuition. St. Augustine High School currently has 13 students in this program. The first student that enrolled in the Pontem Path program is set to graduate Saints this May as a member of the Class of 2023.





**Please Save the Date**

*Saints Parent  
Social*

**St. Augustine High School Commons**

**Saturday February 4, 2023**

**5:30 - 9pm**



# AROUND CAMPUS

## Senior Wins Annual Running of the Turkeys



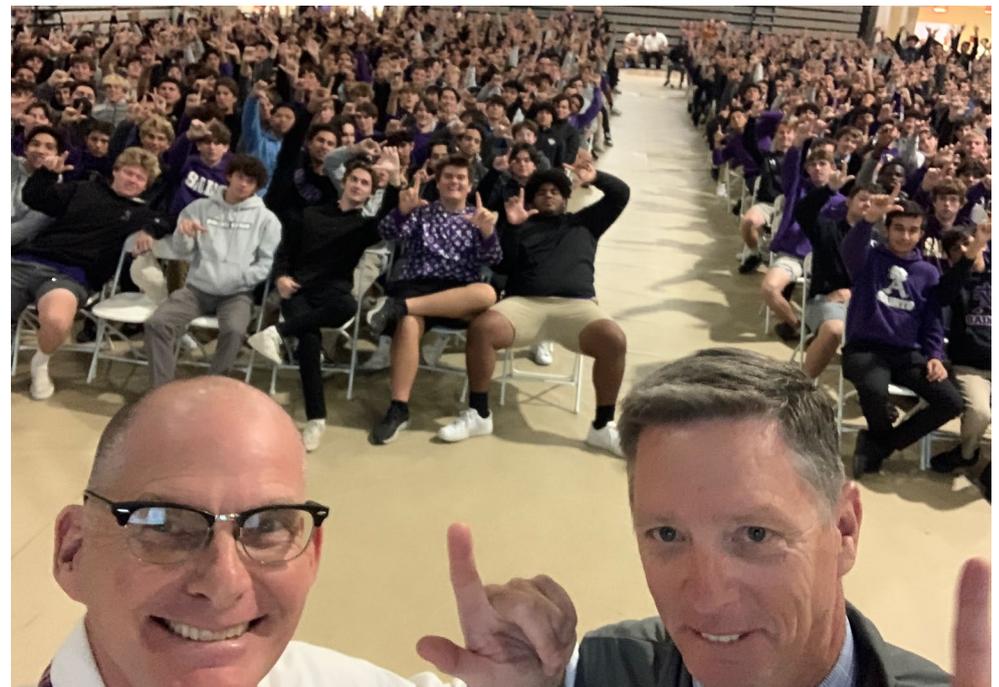
**TURKEY WINNER.** Surrounded by Halo Joe and the recently pardoned Thanksgiving turkey is Turkey Trot race champ Saintsman Jimmy Markowicz ('23), who beat out several hundred entries for this year's top prize. Second place went to Owen Arnaudy ('25).



**MEDIA STOP.** The almost 2-mile Turkey Trot course takes runners through the wilds of North Park stopping only for Saints Scene's camera. (Left to right): Students Christian Nguyen ('25), Frosh Keaton Boyce; Sophomores Matt Horne and Tanner Kamencik.

## Rocky's Road to Better Life Choices

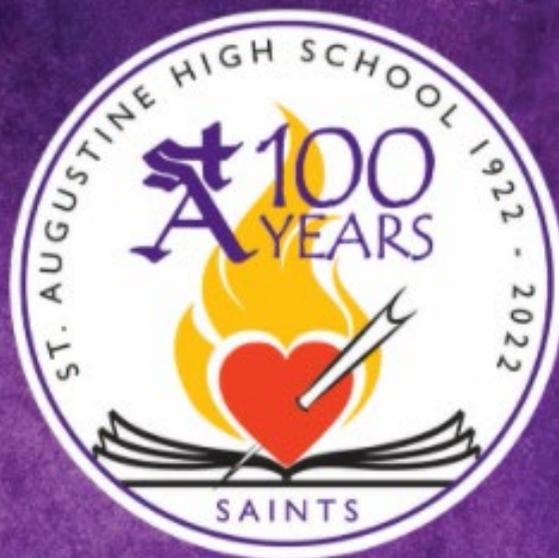
Assistant Principal for Student Services Mr. John O'Beirne (right) in a selfie with former DEA agent Rocky Herron, who discussed with Saintsman about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and the importance of making good choices at a recent schoolwide assembly.





# THE SAINTSMEN

*"...Educating Boys, Graduating Men Since 1922..."*



*A Century of Unity, Truth & Love*

By Edwin J. Hearn  
President, St. Augustine High School

**HOLIDAY GIFT.** A limited number of copies of Mr. Hearn's book are for sale. Please contact the school.

### Maker's Lab Transforms Boys in an All-Boys Setting

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Freestone to open the lab after school and at lunch. Some boys work alone or in groups. There is a focus on problem solving that's naturally created in the construction process.

Curriculum innovation has been the mantra at Saints through the past two decades. This new advent is an outgrowth of Saints teachers' experiences with Intersession that was formulated for 2008-09 academic year by the administrative team. This program allows boys to take a month-long class during January, which is based on their interest. Each of the courses teach life-skills or are product driven—boys can learn how to sail, play handball or build a model house in an architecture class. From the start, the administration and faculty knew this program connected with boys.

One of the outgrowths from Intersession was the need for robotics in the curriculum. The students loved this class, but there was no space available for engineering until the music department moved to the new Raymond Center for the Performing Arts in 2018. As the old music room space was being planned, the administration began looking for a college-level engineering curriculum that could be taught in this space.

After evaluating different programs from around the United States, St. Augustine High school partnered with the University of Texas at Austin Cockrell School of Engineering. This program is a fully developed dual credit

engineering program. Freestone, a first-year teacher at Saints with an engineering degree from Cal Poly, Pomona, underwent training at the University of Texas and with the lab's completion opened it in September 2020.

When encountering this classroom for the first time, visitors are drawn into it. With hand tools hanging on the east wall, shop tools in a closed off area in the north section of the space, a wall of glass to the south, moveable work tables in the center of the room, and pull-down electrical outlets hanging from the ceiling, boys become enthralled with the stimulation that comes from this environment.

The room is a long rectangular space built for collaboration. The work tables are movable with the west wall used as a huge white board. Visitors see students working together at the work tables or at the white board wall discussing problems and finding solutions to building objects with set specifications.

It is motivational to know the process of abstract thinking can lead to the development of a workable product. Francis James Sara ('23 feels "The Maker's Space is one of the best classrooms at Saints. The lab allows me to make and design any machine, or structure, to suit my needs for a project. I'm allowed to stretch my creativity as far as I want with the tools here, as well as look at other people's creations or technology they have created."

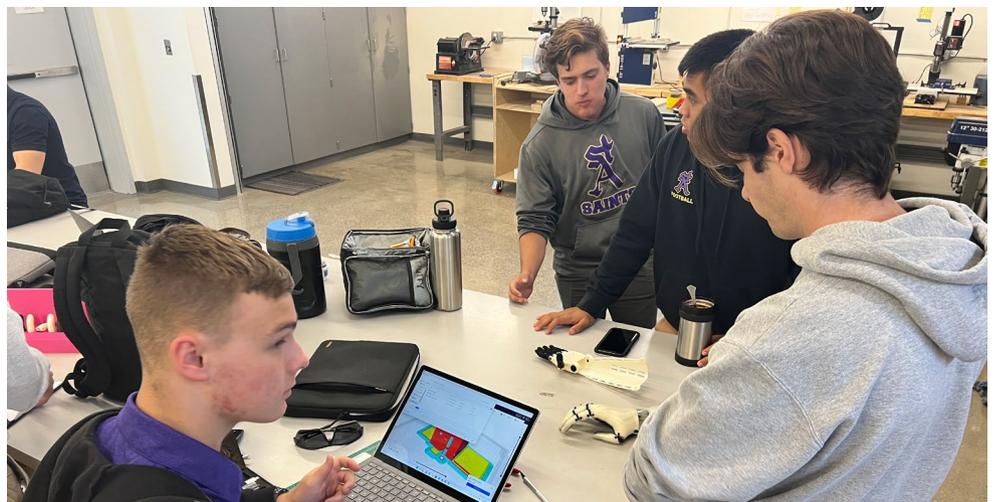
The Maker's Lab is a study unto itself. The experience gained from this lab informs us

that boys thrive in this space. It is a creative space—space that allows for the expansion of the intellect. It is instructing the Saints Community to travel further down the road of allowing boys to discover new ways to marry abstract ideas with product design. To see outcomes, help students understand the process of learning—the excitement that comes with success and grappling with the lessons learned in failure all leads to learning. As Christopher Ireland ('23) stated, "The Engineering room and Maker's space mean so much to me. I am in here every opportunity, working on my own projects, or studying for classes. The wide variety of tools allows me to create complex designs, and to expand my engineering knowledge base. I have gotten so much out of this room."

It is a room that points the education community to explore the potential of more hands-on learning in the classroom. A thoughtful educational approach allows all academic disciplines to conclude a theme of study with the student creation of an object or product. The days of having boys listen to a lecture, take a quiz and/or test and move on to the next chapter lacks the exciting creation element of "look what I designed!" To see a new shiny product that comes from a thought is an exhilarating feeling for the student. The excitement in learning is found in the thrill of creation and the self-confidence that this brings to the surface in the life of the learner.



Dapper Senior Eli Estevez shows off his design for a pin light camera.



The Maker's lab allows students to add hands on experiences along with the theoretical side of their Saints education.



# By the Numbers

Defending CIF champions return to winning action beat Montgomery High Aztecs 78-65 in the annual San Diego Tip-off Challenge. For the most part, Saints starting lineup is a mix of players numbered 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and they are in that order: Jaden Matingou, Lawrence Rudolph, Ian de la Rosa, Derrius Carter-Hollinger, Jurian Dixon and Vincent Ricchiuti. All are returning lettermen a.k.a. San Diego County Open Division CIF champions.

Mr. William Hill, a Saints parent captured the game in the following photo essay.

## **LET THE GAMES BEGIN.**

Derrius Carter-Hollinger wins tip off at the start of the annual San Diego Tipoff Challenge, the traditional start of the local prep basketball season.

*By Michael Haupt, Saints Varsity Basketball Coach*

Once again saints is looking forward to an exciting year as the 2022-23 team returns 7 of its top 8 players from the 2022 CIF Open Division Championship team. In winning the title Saints captured its 3rd Open Division banner, the most of any program in San Diego county.

Last year Saints electrified the County to open the season with a hard fought 51-64 loss to nationally ranked Sierra Canyon, a game in which Saints held the lead for most of the contests. Saints lost that game, missing a 3-point shot with seven seconds left that would have tied the game. Coming out of Christmas break Saints had been challenged with a tough schedule in two national tournaments, the Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas, and the Torrey Pines tournament locally.

The schedule sharpened the Saintsmen as they won the Western League for the 15th time in school history with an 8-0 record. Saints finished the year #1 in San Diego overall and #16 in the state after another thrilling loss to Sierra Canyon in the Open Division State Playoffs. Saints was down 20 points at half and cut the lead to 2 points with just under 4 minutes to play, eventually losing to the Trailblazers 80-74.

Saints is led by returning CIF Player of the Year, Senior Jurian Dixon. Jurian is joined this year by fellow seniors Jaden Matingou (All-League, All CIF), Derrius Carter-Hollinger (All-League), as well as sharpshooters Vincent Ricchiuti and MJ Jackman. Two of the five starters are returning juniors LoLo Rudolph (All-League, All CIF), and Ian de la Rosa (All-League, All CIF). The preseason schedule will be exciting as Saints will again play in the prestigious Tarkanian Class in Las Vegas and the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic in San Diego.

Mixed into the always tough Western League schedule will be a return to the NIKE Extravaganza as well as a trip back east to play in the Hall of Fame Hoopball Classic in Springfield Massachusetts.



Jaden Matingou, Senior



Ian de La Rosa, Junior and Jurian Dixon, Senior



Lawrence Rudolph, Junior



Derrius Carter-Hollinger, Senior



Vincent Ricchiuti, Senior

Basketball Schedule  
on the next page!

### THE SEASON

To follow the team's schedule and results please visit [Maxpreps.com](http://Maxpreps.com)

# Varsity Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
<b>November</b>				
<b>Scrimmage</b>				
Fri.	11	St. John Bosco	Bosco	11:30
Mon.	14	Torrey Pines	Saints	6:00
<b>San Diego Tip OFF Challenge</b>				
Thu.	17	Montgomery	Montgomery	7:30
<b>Madison Regional Rumble</b>				
Sat.	19	Westview	Madison	7:30
Mon.	21	Helix	Madison	4:30
Wed.	23	Poway	Madison	4:30
Sat.	26	Championship	Madison	TBD
<b>December</b>				
<b>Non-League</b>				
Sat.	3	El Camino	Saints	6:00
Tue.	6	Carlsbad	Carlsbad	7:30
<b>Tark Classic</b>				
Mon.	19	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tue.	20	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wed.	21	TBA	TBA	TBA
Thur.	22	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Torrey Pines Holiday Classic</b>				
Tue.	27	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wed.	28	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fri.	29	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat.	30	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>January</b>				
<b>Non-League</b>				
Tue.	3	La Costa Canyon	Saints	6:00
<b>League</b>				
Fri.	6	San Diego	Saints	7:30
Tue.	10	Patrick Henry	Saints	6:15
<b>Hoophall Classic</b>				
Sat.	14	East Catholic	Springfield, MA	10a.m. EST
<b>League</b>				
Tue.	17	Cathedral Catholic	Cathedral	7:00
Fri.	20	Mission Bay	Mission Bay	7:30
Wed.	25	Hoover	Saints	7:00
Fri.	27	San Diego	San Diego	7:30
<b>NIKE Extravaganza</b>				
Sat.	28	Notre Dame	Mater Dei-Santa Ana	5:00
<b>League</b>				
Tue.	31	Patrick Henry	Patrick Henry	6:15
<b>February</b>				
Fri.	3	Hoover	Hoover	7:30
Tue.	7	Cathedral Catholic	Saints	7:00
Fri.	10	Mission Bay-Senior Night	Saints	7:30

**CIF playoffs begin Feb. 14, 2023.**

## WCEA/WASC

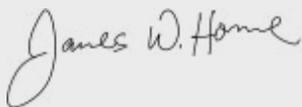
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In preparation for our accreditation renewal with the Western Catholic Education Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WCEA/WASC), the school community has spent some time reviewing our foundational documents and our ISOs to verify that they are still an accurate reflection of our educational experience and our desired outcomes for all graduates of Saints. Recently the Mission, Vision and Philosophy statements were examined by the Board of Directors, the faculty and the Augustinians and now we are turning our attention to the ISOs. These learning results, as currently written, are being reviewed by the administrative team and the faculty.

It is with great enthusiasm that I share with the whole community our most current statement of the ISOs and their related performance indicators. Please take an opportunity to review the stated outcomes as they are currently written on the website: <https://www.sahs.org/academics/isos-integrated-student-outcomes>. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or comments, please contact an Austin Parent Association representative or send comments directly to me at [jhorne@sahs.org](mailto:jhorne@sahs.org).

Thanks for your support of our school and our mission to develop fine young men for the city of God and the city of man.

In the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne  
Principal



## Neighbors, Speeding and Parking

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Speeding and parking continue to be two of our more pressing concerns among our neighbors. The number of spots is limited, the streets are narrow and the patience of many can be tried at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Saints asks all parents and students to consider these parking and traffic guidelines to continue our pattern of responsiveness to neighborhood parking issues.

- Do not block driveways of our neighbors.
- Consider arranging a drop-off / pick-up location a few blocks from campus with your son to avoid the congestion on Palm and Nutmeg in the 15 minutes before and after school.
- Organize carpools with neighboring students or members of your same team/activity in an effort to help us reduce traffic.
- Remember there are no U-turns allowed on Nutmeg.
- Come to a full stop at all neighborhood stop signs, and look for pedestrians.
- Slow down and drive the speed limit in our historic neighborhood.
- Be sure to use the underground lot for all evening events on the campus.
- Always greet neighbors courteously and respond to their concerns politely.

If you are a neighbor and have comments about parking/traffic or want to report an issue with a car displaying a Saints parking placard, please contact us.



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The poster features a green and yellow background with a purple wavy bottom. It includes a large graphic of a '100' with a heart and flames, and an image of a pair of blue and white sneakers.

## **Intersession is Only Offered at Saints**

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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.

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 Christian service in a cultural context, marine biology, architecture, robotics, aquatic sports, cooking, and a host of internship opportunities, will give the students new and unique opportunities to discover a passion and/or skill set that they may embrace well beyond high school.

The Intersession term for the 2022-2023 school year begins on January 3, 2023 and ends on January 27, 2023. Martin Luther King Day will be observed on January 16, 2023.

All Intersession courses are a significant part of the graduation requirements for St. Augustine High School. Regular attendance during Intersession is also necessary for a meaningful learning experience. Since Intersession courses are compacted semester courses, students should not miss more than two days of Intersession. If a student is absent three (3) days from an Intersession course, he may be denied credit in that class thus affecting his graduation credits required for the St. Augustine High School diploma.

Every Wednesday during Intersession, school begins with Mass followed by the courses in which students are enrolled. Please note that "Tie Day" attire will be observed on all Mass days. For those students enrolled in courses that take place on campus, each school day will take place from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those students enrolled in courses that take place off campus should consult with their faculty supervisor to verify daily start and finish times.

During Intersession, every course which includes those taught on campus, as well as those that take place off campus, (i.e., sports/athletics, internships, and travel courses) will follow ALL regular school policies with respect to grades, attendance, standards of dress, and student discipline.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding Intersession, please e-mail Mr. Hecht at [ghecht@sahs.org](mailto:ghecht@sahs.org).



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**1.**  
**OFF SHORE.** With San Diego's year around sunny climes aquatic sports classes, including sailing return to the water.

**2.**  
**BY DESIGN.** Faculty member Michelle Drummy once again will oversee Saints classes in architectural drawing.

**3.**  
**REV UP.** Automotive car classes (alums pictured) add to students' car culture.

**4.**  
**SCIENCES.** Hands on internships are available like when alum Ben Concannon signed on as a veterinary assistant.

**5.**  
**RECIPE.** Intersession cooking classes (alum shown) are always popular.

## SAINTS TRADITIONS

# Intramurals Sports are FAAAN-tastic!!!

Note: *Saints Scene*, as part of celebrating the school's 100th anniversary of its founding, is featuring a yearlong series of articles highlighting the school's beloved traditions.

Last month: The Turkey Trot.

In addition to the regular array of interscholastic sports, the Intramural Program, has long been a campus tradition that offers the students an alternative to league competition. The purpose of the intramural program is to give ALL students a chance to compete among themselves. A healthy competitive spirit is fostered amongst homeroom team competitions but sportsmanship and camaraderie always prevails. All students are eligible to compete in the sports offered with the exception of varsity players in their respective sports. Photos from *Saints Scene* archives.



**GO AHEAD HIT ME.** Dodgeball is one of the most popular activities, especially on rainy days.



A FAN-tastic diving interception.



**THATTA WAY.** School President, Mr. Ed Hearn is in on the Intramural action and can periodically be found outside reffing a game.



**TIE GAME.** Basketball in the gym and flag football outdoors are two of the oldest intramural events.

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