



SAINTS SCENE

And On the 7th Day, God Rested

Dear Saintsmen, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

As his final act of creation, God rested. And in that resting, God provides a model for us all.

Rest happens in nature – in the animal world, in all of plant life, in the very nature of the earth itself. As any farmer will tell you, the land itself must lie inactive for a time if it is to remain fertile. We are meant to rest and rest is one of God’s great gifts to us.

Our students are, in many ways, overstretched. Their schedules can be packed: a full day of school, family commitments, extra-curricular activities and athletics, after-school jobs, and homework, not to mention social plans. This high level of engagement for our students can bring on both stress and exhaustion. The pressure of becoming a “successful” kid today sometimes comes at the expense of their own well-being.

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PINNACLES OF SUCCESS. Michael Haupt, left, and Brendan Johnston are prime examples of St. Augustine High School faculty members who continue to thrive after decades on the job. In the article below, School President Edwin Hearn examines why teachers and coaches stay at Saints year after year.

Saints Finds a Way Into Your Heart and Stays There

By Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

In a world that always seems to be moving faster and faster many people begin a job search as soon as they land a new position. In most professions, this is the norm. When people are hired at St. Augustine High School many will stay until they retire. It is a place where greatness is built. As one faculty member remarked, “Saints not only get in your blood, but the road forward is generally one of growing satisfaction.”

When I think of our Principal, James Horne finishing his 20th year and me completing my 17th year, I know this is rare in the world of professional life when the job expectancy for a public superintendent is only 3 to 5 years. Being together has built a keen understanding and unity of purpose that has led to the annual progress we make at Saints.

Why do teachers and coaches stay—for the same reasons boys want to become Saintsmen. It is a place where they feel welcome and have a sense of belonging. It is a place

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Important Things to Do Leading Up to Class of 2023 Graduation

Senior Prom: A joint venture of Saints and O.L.P., will be held at the Westin Gaslamp on Saturday, May 6th. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. The prom begins with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Couples must be in attendance by 7:00 p.m. and will not be allowed to leave the prom until 10:30 p.m. The dance will end at 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$170 for a bid (Saintsman + date). There will be no school sponsored event after prom. Parents are strongly cautioned against renting hotel rooms for their sons for prom parties before or after the prom.

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Saints Embarks on a New Tradition

By Edwin Hearn, President / St. Augustine High School

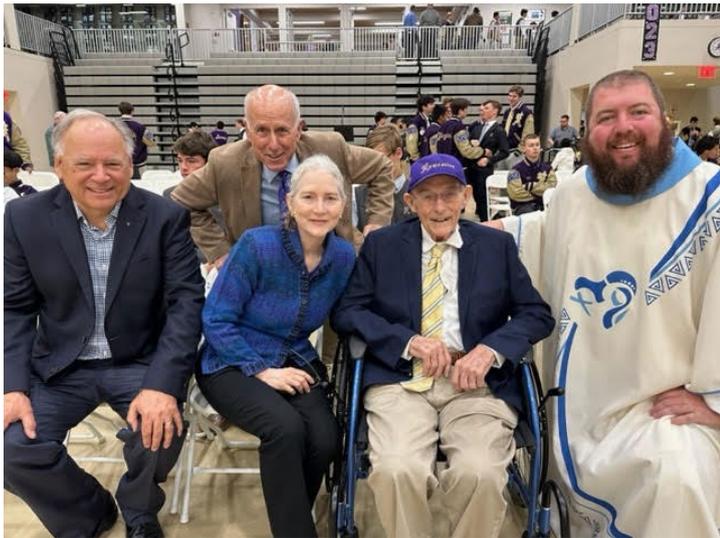
On Wednesday, April 26th Saints hosted The First Annual Golden Alumni Mass. This year We honored Jack Saucier '43, Joe Fritzenkotter '47, Frank Murray '48 and Gil Klecan '50. Unfortunately, Jack was not physically able to make it and Frank passed just a few weeks before the event. Next year we will be honoring our Golden Alum from the 50s but past honorees will also be invited.



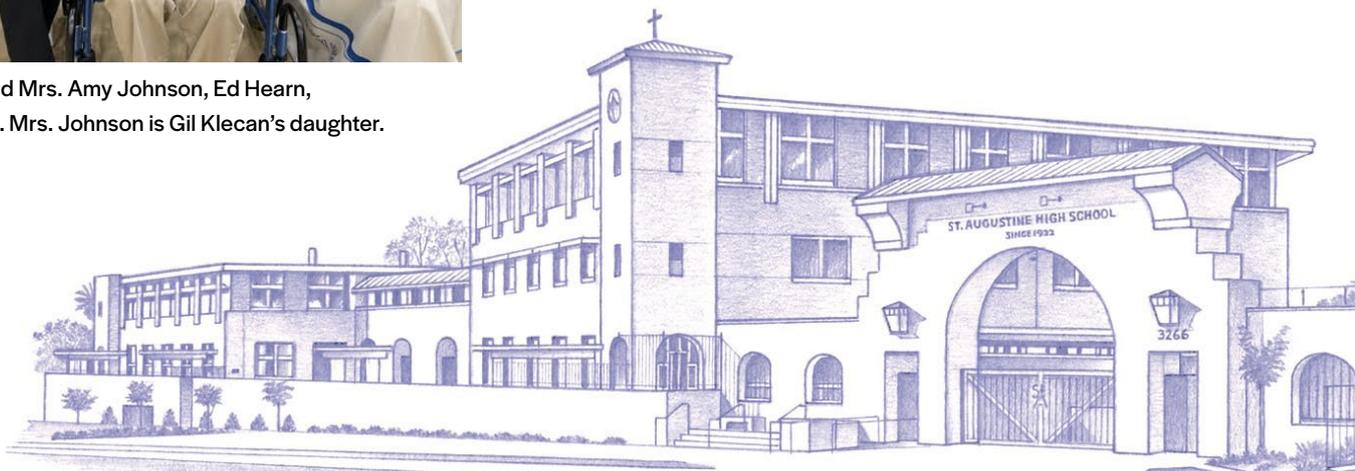
(L-R): Ed Hearn, Joe Fritzenkotter '47, Fr. Max and Joe's daughter Rene Coons, Principal at Nazareth.



(L-R): Ed Hearn, Joe Fritzenkotter '47, Fr. Max and Gil Klecan '50.



(L-R): Thomas Johnson and Mrs. Amy Johnson, Ed Hearn, Gil Klecan '50 and Fr. Max. Mrs. Johnson is Gil Klecan's daughter.



Gym Smart Owen Sullivan Going to the Nationals

Congratulations to Saints sophomore Owen Sullivan for taking 1st parallel bars and 3rd floor exercise at USA Gymnastics Men's Level 10 competition earlier this Spring.

Owen qualified for Nationals in Oklahoma May 10th to 14th. Owen was also honored as one of the program's Academic All-Americans. The 2023 USA Gymnastics Men's and Women's Development Program National Championships were held at the Oklahoma City Convention Center.

The championships drew more than 1,700 athletes and serve as the culmination of the competitive season for USA Gymnastics' Artistic Development Programs. Many of the nation's top elite gymnasts are alumni of past men's and women's championships.

Gymnasts qualify annually to compete at the Development Program National Championships based on their performances at state and regional championships.



Saints Soph Owen Sullivan with his hard-earned USA Regional Gymnastics medals.

Signs of the Cross

Brother Mauricio Morales, O.S.A., placed 14 crosses recently around Saint's track for all members of the school's religion classes to participate in the Stations of the Cross series depicting Jesus Christ's stops on the day of his crucifixion.



THANKS, DOC. On May 2, 2023 Mr. Ed Hearn, President of Saints, unveiled the newly named Jerome "Doc" Wisniew Athletic Training Room. Doc has been a mainstay on the sidelines at Saints Sporting events for more than four decades.

His enduring support of student athletes and of the Saints community led to him being honored in this way. Doc and his bride, Rosalie, attended the naming ceremony and blessing surrounded by Augustinian leadership, Children, Grandchildren, family, faculty and friends. Dr. Wisniew is standing next to Mr. Hearn.

Kairos Connection

The annual Campus Ministry led KAIROS conference (Number 57) was a huge success. Student attendees and faculty had a great time especially being able to spend some down time in this year's abundant snow fall. It was a climate snowball treat for sure. Once again huge thanks to Campus Ministry for putting on an awesome retreat.

For those new parents among us here's a KAIROS update.

KAIROS is a Greek word that means time, but not in a chronological sense.

It is used to refer to a moment of opportunity, of challenge, of decision. It is a "time of the Lord."

These three days and two nights allow the students to recognize the presence of God in themselves and their talents, in their parents and families, and in the friendships they share.

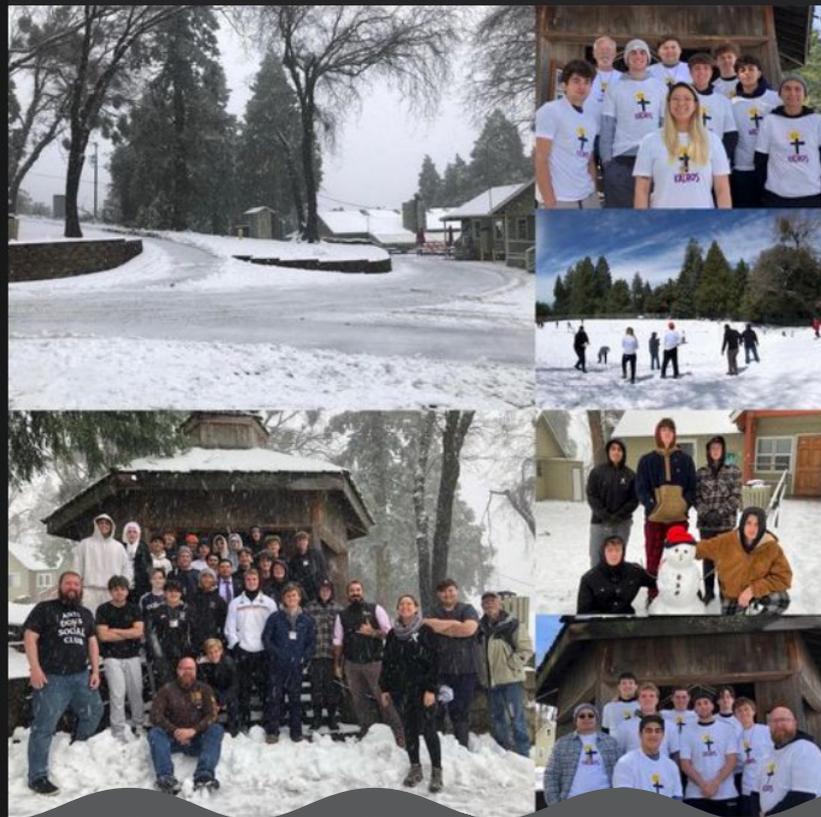
Students, who are eligible and wish to attend the next KAIROS retreat are encourage to contact Campus Ministry for details.



St. Augustine High School is at Palomar Christian Conference Center.

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Kairos 57 last week was a huge success! Many thanks to the Campus Ministry Department for putting on an awesome retreat! The boys had a great time up in the snow!! GO SAINTS! #thebrotherhood



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Senior Grad Nite and Ditch Day: Senior Ditch Day will be Friday May 12th. Seniors will leave for Universal Studios, by bus, on Friday evening, May 12th time at 6:30 p.m. Buses will return to Saints on Saturday May 13th. Universal Studios is **very strict** regarding dress requirements. Young men are required to wear regular student attire. No jeans, denim shirts, or Saints outerwear is allowed. **NO guests** are invited to this event. The cost for Universal Studios Grad Bash is \$155 and will include round trip bus fare and entrance into the park and Grad Bash festivities.

Senior Awards Assembly will be on Friday, May 19th at 8:50 a.m. Winners of a variety of awards will be announced at this assembly. Though space is limited, parents are welcome to attend. Graduation practice and Senior March will take place after the awards assembly from approximately 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. **All seniors must be present for this practice.** Caps, gowns, graduation tickets and yearbooks will be distributed immediately after graduation practice and the Senior March.

Book return/buyback:

1. Students/parents should receive a reminder email from Follett about 3 weeks prior to the end of the year. The reminder email will also contain instructions on how to download and print a free shipping label for all rental books.
2. All **rental books** must be shipped within 2 weeks of the end of the semester. **Purchased books** can be kept or sold back through www.valore.com. **Buybacks** are solely based on demand.
3. Students/parents should make sure their Follett account is active and that they have an accurate email address on their account.

Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises: will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 26th in John Sanders Gym. Parents and relatives of graduating seniors are invited to attend. It is always a beautiful event. Each graduate will receive 8 tickets for Baccalaureate and Graduation seating with seating available on a first come basis. There will be **NO** additional seating. Only ticket holders will be admitted.

Caps and Gowns: Graduation gowns must be returned to the office no later than Tuesday, May 30th during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. **Once gowns are returned, all fees paid in full, and any school issued equipment is received, the student will receive his diploma.**



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Fast Times at St. Augustine High

Spring sports season isn't over and already four St. Augustine High sports teams have captured league banners.

Led by Coach Ryan Segura, the Saints Track and Field team added to the Spring banner frenzy by winning the Eastern League title. That's Saintsman sprinter Cole Lambeth ('24), who led the track squad in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

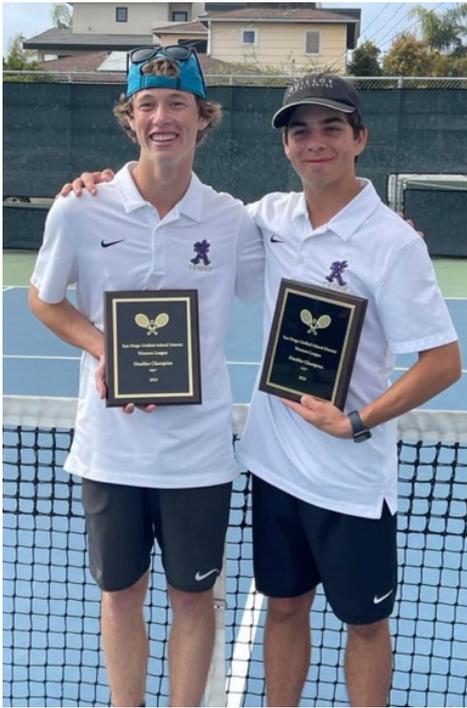


Swimmers Eastern League Champs

The school's Varsity Swim Team soon will have a championship banner hoisted in the Gym for winning the 2023 Eastern League Championship! First time the swimmers have won a League Title since 2009! And, that's terrific considering Saints doesn't have a competitive standard pool on campus (they practice at the Brian Bent Memorial Aquatic Complex in Coronado).

The champs are:

- Laying down: Andrew Bier
- Kneeling: Joseph Nguyen, Ethan Pinon-Larkin, Nathan Covington, Rocco Parente
- Standing: Levi Clair, Adam Camarena, Royce Acosido, Maximiliano Martinez, Alex Mendoza, Elijah Walulik, Brenden Brooker
- Back Row: Coach Zeke Oliwa (Alum 2010), Saintsman Sam Grauerholz, Coach Brian Prezlock and Saintsman Santiago Garay, Ramy Jaibaji



Dons No Match For Saints Tennis Duo

Saintsmen Luke Abrom (left) and Javier Guillot notched a come from behind win over a pair of Cathedral Catholic's tennis team members, 1-6, 6-3, 10-7. The victory over the Dons gave the Western League Doubles Championship to Saints. Speaking of perfection young aces Abrom and Guillot are 38-0 for spring prep tennis season competition. Does it get any better?



Volleyballers Win Title for New Coach

First year Saints Varsity Volleyball coach Janene Palafox has been all smiles as her young spikers won this year's Eastern League Championship.

- Top: the championship team huddle with Coach Palafox in the background
- Middle (L-R): Noah Huring, Andy Boeh, Luke O'Leary
- Bottom (L-R): Oliver Fendley, Patrick O'Leary, Sebastian Flores

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where they feel loved and respected while giving them a platform to excel. The basketball and soccer achievement represents the achievements that take place in all facets of school life.

To be great requires time and others' help.

At Saints we have stayed together and have thrived. This same situation exists for the rest of the administration, teachers and staff. People stay, confirm their vocation, develop their skills and bring a growing value to Saints through their ability to learn, grow and work together.

A case in point is the excellence Coach Mike Haupt and Coach Brendan Johnston have recently brought to the Saints Community. These men have built powerhouse basketball and soccer teams. Coach Haupt has coached basketball for 28 years and Mr. Johnston has taught at Saints for 23 years and has been the Head Coach of the Soccer Program for 20 years. Both men are friends, support each other, and have risen to the highest pinnacle of success in their chosen fields of endeavor. These are men that are so much more than a coach. They are mentors of young men who pay attention to their player's needs like a father would for his own son.

During their time as head coaches, each of them has taken their program from Division III status to Open Division with dominating success. They have built a family around their programs dating back to multiple decades of players. On game day, former players can always be found in the crowd to watch their games.

Both men have been uber-successful. On February 25 of this year, their teams each won Open Championships. The soccer team beat San Dieguito Academy 1-0 on the strength of Andres Brambila's goal after losing to them twice during the regular season, While the basketball team blew out Montgomery High School 85-53 before a standing-room-only crowd at Cathedral Catholic High School. The Saints crowd was so large, the home side as well as one-third of the visitor side was a solid purple and gold.

These types of achievements don't just happen. It takes tremendous coaching, dedicated staff, and an administration that supports their efforts. It also takes The Pit with all of its enthusiasm behind their friends to win titles that most schools only dream of achieving.

These triumphs are a signature event for the Centennial anniversary of Saints. I am sure that Fr. John Aherne, OSA, a former principal who was able to lobby the CIF for placement in the public school leagues in the 1950's would have been proud of this achievement. He probably did not fathom the extent of the future success our athletic programs would achieve.

It is a day that will forever be etched into the annals of Saints lore and will possibly be remembered at the school's bicentennial in 2122 as a hallmark of excellence that St. Augustine High School achieved in Catholic education in its first 100 years.

This Centennial year has caused the Saints Community to reflect on generations of Saintsmen who have become good husbands and dads, solid breadwinners, men of faith and men that make a difference in the lives of others. For the 110 Augustinians and laymen and women on the frontlines much has been accomplished.

As strong as Saints is today. It wasn't always the norm. A few decades ago when the school began struggling with fewer Augustinians working at Saints, it was visionaries like Fr. John Keller, OSA '55 and Fr. John Sanders, OSA '66 who understood that the Core Values of the Augustinians had to be the underlying structure of how the faculty, staff and administration thought about education. These ideas have evolved, and they are the reason for the school's success.

These values have had a profound effect on building excellence throughout the program of studies, the spiritual dimensions of the school, athletics, the arts and co-curricular activities. In 1972 when the school celebrated its first half-century of progress, no one could envision what Saints would become.

Saints is a place that grows on people and as the years go by, only becomes a stronger focus of purpose. The key is our unity—our ability to keep talented people at Saints has created a Catholic school that represents the very best in all-boys Catholic education as seen from around the world.

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Announcement of the Austins

The Austins, oral examinations in the fields of English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts, are given to seniors selected from among the top ten percent of the class in academic rank. The top Austins for 2023 will be announced in the next issue of Saints Scene. For now, the young men selected by the Academic Council this year to sit for the exams are:



Jacob Soro



Henry Hooper



Theodore McKamey



Z. Harrison Quinto



James Patrick O'Leary



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Co-Pilots for a Day

Recently student body leaders from two of North Park's outstanding high schools—Saints and Academy of Our Lady of Peace—met at the all-girls school for a dual planning session. The Saintsmen experienced being Pilots for a day by shadowing Senior Class OLP leaders. The two ASB teams spent part of the day brainstorming for an upcoming OLP-Saints community picnic at Morley Field.



WELCOME, MR. NAVARRO. Earlier this Spring seen on stage through the sound booth of Raymond Center for the Performing Arts on campus is Mr. Jerome “Jerry” Navarro ('66), who is owner of Jerome's Furniture and was about to address the Class of 2024 during Junior Career Day. Saintsmen also welcomed speakers Dr. Joseph Cave ('72), a leading San Diego endodontist; Mr. Steve South ('80), who is CEO of EDCO, a recycling firm and Certified Financial Planner Mr. Pat Comer ('09). These highly successful alums shared with the entire Junior Class their business life journeys after Saints

Thank you Saintsmen for all that you have done for Saints and the Greater San Diego Community!



PORTUGAL *Lisbon*



Sign up for World Youth Day Adventure to Portugal

Fr. Max has opened registration for the Saints 2023 pilgrimage to World Youth Day and Augustinian Youth Encounter in Lisbon, Portugal to join the world's young people to celebrate our faith with Pope Francis.

Trip leaves July 24 and returns August 9.

Please email Fr. Max for more information and to register.



Mary arose and went with haste Lk 1:39

AROUND CAMPUS



SFSU BOUND. Saints Senior Kevin Clements signs his letter of intent to attend San Francisco State, where he'll be on the Wrestling team.

Where Are They Going?

Saintsmen Collegiate Signings

Congratulation to some of our senior athletes who are making commitments at the next level. Coaches, as your athletes sign, please be sure to keep everyone informed so we can put it out on social media. In the meantime, congratulations once again to:

Class of 2023 Signings:

- Misa Sandoval to Vanderbilt (football)
- Jaden Matingou to Pt. Loma Nazarene (basketball)
- Darius Carter-Hollinger to Arizona Christian (basketball)
- MJ Sweeney to Texas (baseball)
- Kevin Clements to San Francisco State (wrestling)
- Jack Elgas to Coast Guard Academy (lacrosse)
- Vincent Ricchuiti to Wake Forest (basketball)
- Joseph Adema to UC Davis (football)



LOVING BRUNCH. At the recent Mother/Son tribute brunch Saintsmen shared time, memories and a special menu at the Bahia resort. Pictured with their moms from left are Joaquin Reynoso and his mom Eva, Carlo Academia-Yango and his mom Sandra and Diego Jimenez with his mom Cynthia.



SPEAKING OF CLASS

(1970). Among those attending the recent Saints Class of '70 luncheon recently were Dan Ybarra, Glenn Hiebing, Jesse Wilson, Bob Gaughen, Rick Virissimo, Dale Medieros, Albert Tamayo, Mick Torres; JQ Adams, Mike Ereneta, Steve Bouchard, Mike Shaw, Dave DeCelles, Chris Kinsel, Chuck Bower and Gary Monahan. Big thanks to Jesse Wilson to take time from his sub sandwich to take the photo.



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PAROCHIAL CHAMPS. The 67th Annual St. Augustine Alumni Association Parochial Basketball Tournament, held at Saints Gym, saw St. Gregory the Great (Right, Scripps Ranch) winning the Varsity Game in double overtime and St. Patrick's in Carlsbad (left) captured the Junior Varsity title in triple OT. Alums asked to thank the Loyal Sons of St. Augustine for helping with tourney logistics.

FAST TIMES AT UNI HIGH. Varsity relay runners from Saints and Academy of Our Lady of Peace track teams won their respective 4x400 relay event at the recent Elmer Runge Invitational Meet held this year at University City High School.

Speedy athletes (L-R): Cole Lambeth, Dominic Bartel, Daniel Cuellar, Michael Walp, Amelia Nail, Helena Baez, Sofia Brigida, and Gabi Syrios.



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Teaching the ethics of responsibility and instilling the value of education needs to coincide with the importance of developing a balance in one's life.

Clearly there is still a month left in the school year. However, as we approach summer we want to encourage Saintsmen to seek the rest they need spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually. If we can help them find ways to unwind and share with them the importance of balance in their lives, they will be ready to embrace their next set of challenges.

In the spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne
Principal





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Where Are They Now?

Saints baseball under Coach Craig da Luz and Athletic Director Matt Linville is one of the top programs in the City when it comes to graduating talented players to local college baseball teams. Here's a recent example of five Nutmeg Street Alums now playing varsity baseball for San Diego State and the University of San Diego. These Alums recently met when USD visited SDSU at Tony Gywnn Stadium.

This game, the Aztecs prevailed 1-0 as a first-inning home run was the difference in the crosstown rivalry.



[Left to right]: Trevor Fox (Frosh 1B and leftie pitcher); Cade Martinez (Frosh infielder); Charlie Rhee (Junior outfielder); Angelo Peraza (Junior infielder); Ariel Armas (Soph. catcher).

Looking Good, Gentlemen

Here are a few photographs in and around Saints Junior Class (2024) Mass. That's Nathan Covington giving his thumbs up to the annual service. Speaking of stylin' Fr. Max in his purple vestments and Mr. Tom Cudal in his Secret Service shades are not to be missed.




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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

SAINTS TRADITIONS

Sound of Music Over the Years

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: 65 Years of Parochial Sports.

Of the many traditions at Saints the music program is one of the longest standing – we can trace it all the way back to the schools early years, the 1920's.

Along the way the program has changed. In the early days the focus was a marching band and other times a simple drumline when there weren't as many musicians.



CLASSICAL. Over the decades Saints musicians have combined to perform as a symphonic orchestra, pep band, marching band, and a popular jazz band. Here is the 2022 version of Saints Symphonic Orchestra in concert.



COOL. A very popular ensemble of Saints Musicians has been the Thirty-Second Street Jazz Band pictured here. The Jazz group, pictured here in 2021, performs often at community and campus events.

Over last four decades, under the leadership of Music Directors Tom Conti, John Owens, Brandon Jagow and currently Cindy Au the program has seen fabulous growth.

In addition to the marching and pep bands the Saints music program has put together a Symphonic Orchestra and the infamous 32nd Street Jazz Band.

Whether playing at football or basketball games, marching in a local parade, performing at Petco Park or simply supporting school events, the band program at Saints has been an integral part of our 100 years of tradition.



LOUD & PROUD. Saints most visible band is the pep band extraordinaire. The band matched with the world class "The Pit" student cheering section provides added excitement to Saints athletic events. Pictured here is the band as they adapted to the recent pandemic.



VINTAGE. Saints Marching Band, 1956.



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