



SAINTS SCENE



Welcome to Saints Frosh Welcome Week!

Campus Big/Brother-Little Brother Costume Parade is one a long list of legendary Frosh Welcome Week Events. Jumping right into the highly anticipated and participated mayhem are Freshman (left to right): Sean Fitzpatrick, James Botz and Rhys Stevenson portraying a very Saints version of the classic rock band AC/DC. Photo: Bill Hill, Saints Dad.

Saints Welcome Week Edition

Co-starring the Class of 2028 | “The Beanie”

United by the Beanie

Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

Freshman welcome week has come and gone and a new class of Saintsmen, like so many before them, will carry with them forever stories and memories of their first rally, big brothers, learning the Alma Mater and fight song, outrageous costumes and of course the legendary purple and gold beanie.

This “rite of passage” may be seen by outsiders as a peculiar and unnecessary way to begin the school year. But, here on Nutmeg Street, this tradition carries on. And not just because it’s a tradition. We aim purposefully to create a sense of community (Unitas) on our campus. We believe that the friendly camaraderie created by such activities strengthens the teacher/student and student/student relationships on campus, thereby enhancing our ability to be a successful learning community.

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Save the Date for Homecoming Events



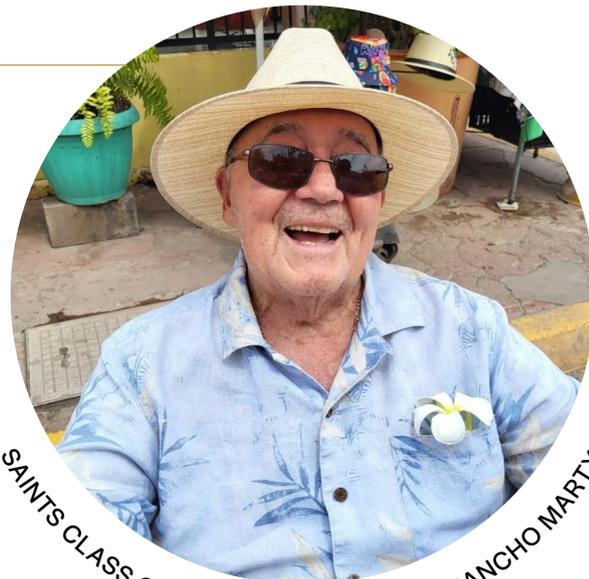
CLASS OF 2028. Freshman Welcome week concluded with the Freshman Retreat. At the concluding Mass Sunday, the class of 2028 was officially welcomed into the brotherhood and removed their beanies. For more Beaniemania, see page 18.

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Pancho Marty's Improbable, Amazing and Grace-of-God Journey Through Life

By Edwin Hearn

President, St. Augustine High School



SAINTS CLASS OF 1952, ASB PRESIDENT, PANCHO MARTY



President Edwin Hearn

Venerable Saints Alum Gumersindo Preciado AKA Pancho Marty ('52) passed away this summer (August 26, 2024). His story is a testament to the power of perseverance, the kindness of others, and without a doubt improbable without the grace of God. As a student, Gumersindo

Preciado, his birth name was a vibrant member of the Saints Community and for the next 74 years as a faithful alumnus.

First, let us imagine Gumersindo Preciado's rather grim circumstances as a young boy. He was born in Guadalajara during the depression on January 13, 1933, and as the story goes, when the United States gets a cold, Mexico gets the flu. His mother was deceased and his father had gone north to look for a job, while his grandmother raised him. As a young boy, he missed his dad and convinced his grandmother to fill a pillowcase full of tortillas and beans and left home to travel north by foot. When he reached Rosarita Beach where he thought his father worked at the hotel, he could not find him.

He did odd jobs at the hotel for a while but ended up selling chicle to patrons of Caliente Race Track. As he described himself one day "I lived like an urchin." One of the people he sold gum to was Walter Marty who ran the race track and through Gumersindo's business venture of selling gum, they became acquaintances. Walter and his wife Georgia were unable to have children and when they discovered Gumersindo was living alone on the streets of Tijuana, they provided him shelter and legal guardianship at their home in Burlingame less than a block from St. Augustine High School.

At this point in Gumersindo's life, he had had very little formal education. He only spoke Spanish at the time of his admission to Saints as a 15-year-old boy. The Augustinians and other teachers worked with him and his English improved as he progressed through the school.

In his senior year, he ran for ASB Student Body President against Jim Mooney. Gumersindo faced one of his best friends who was very popular at Saints. Much to his surprise the principal announced to the student body his choice for ASB President and it wasn't Gumersindo. As Gumersindo sat in the gymnasium listening to the principal, a smile crept over his face as he knew an election he should have lost was now one he would win in a landslide. Gumersindo became a very popular President. He drove a 1949 convertible Cadillac. He made sure there were plenty of dances and the number of girls at the dances were at least 2 girls to every boy.

During his senior year, the Marty's adopted him and his name changed to Pancho Marty. He was accepted into the University of San Diego in the first class that men were allowed in the men's division of this all-women's college. He was one of five men accepted into that first class. Years later he served the university as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Professionally, he worked in Baja Mar in Baja California, as a financial advisor for a time, developed a restaurant in Hillcrest named Montana's that was a very popular watering hole and later was an investor in a winery in Valle Guadalupe in Baja California.

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MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS & STAFF



Mr. Ron Caragher
Head Football Coach



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Art



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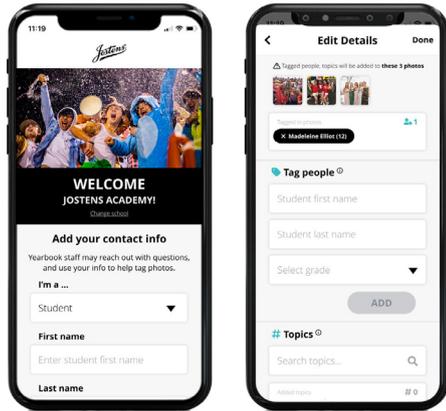
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Leadership Lottery

Information on New Frosh ASB Selection

Class of 2028 can begin applying for student leadership positions now.

Saints no longer has Freshmen elections, rather a lottery system for positions. This allows for any student interested in leadership to have a chance, and allows the class to get to know each other more before having their first elections in April for next year.

There are three leadership positions for freshmen:

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3

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Class of 2028 Leadership

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Campus Info Finder

A Quick Tutorial for New Parents



As a new Saints Parents, you should know there are really five (5) main ways to obtain information about what's happening at St. Augustine's.

1. Saint's Website

www.sahs.org (browse the whole site, but the links you might need most are the calendar and the Faculty/Staff directory)

2. Saint's Scene

(on-line newsletter delivered direct to your email at the start of each month, please sign-up on Saints home page to subscribe)

3. Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/st.augustine> (filled with pictures, event updates, community news and student highlights)

4. X (formerly Twitter)

https://x.com/saints_info
View event reminders, community News, and student highlights

5. Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/saints_info/
(filled with pictures, community news and student highlights)

STUDENT Assignments and grades can be found on the CANVAS learning management system. The access point to Canvas can be found on the Front of the Saints webpage on the left sidebar and the sign in credentials are the same as your Saints on the Web account.

You'll find most everything you need amongst the sites above, including information and points of contact for important events.

Important Campus Contacts

Campus Ministry	Ms. Rebecca Hammock	rhammock@sahs.org
Chaplain	Fr. Max Villeneuve	mwilleneuve@sahs.org
Director of Counseling	Mr. Tim Golden	tgolden@sahs.org

Counselors are assigned by an alphabetical listing which can be found on the website:

<https://www.sahs.org/academics/guidance-counseling/>

Galaxy of Campus Clubs Open to All

Before our sons graduate and head out into the big world, let's pause and reflect on the amazing universe of activities available to them on campus—right now. Here's one amazing galaxy: School clubs are a way to meet new friends, learn from experienced mentors and to take part in new challenges. Seemingly, there's no shortage of stars as exhibited in the following roster of campus clubs. Clubs at Saints are open to all. And, please note: the do-nothing-and-I-don't-wanna-join club is now being formed. So there you have it. The tally of excuses not to join a Saints campus club are few indeed.

RUGGER FORTIS. More than a decade and a half ago Faculty member and alum Mr. Eric Dent ('90) was the founding moderator of Saints Rugby Club. It wasn't long before the club joined interschool leagues and by 2020 won a regional championship. Pictured is current Saints Varsity team member Forward Gavin Lowe blasting his way through a couple of would-be tacklers.

File Photo.



Saints Campus Club

Academic League
Art Club
Asian American Alliance
Baja Watermen
Bible Study
Black Student Union

Capstone Club
Car Club
Chaldean Club
Chess Club
Club Tijuana sin Hambre
Culinary Club
Debate Club
Drama Club
Engineering Club
Fantasy Football
Fashion Club

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Mr. Hecht
Mr. Cudal
Mr. Dent
Mr. Okuley
Mr. Adams

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Mr. Wallace
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Mr. Segura
Mr Raines
Mr. Duffy
Mr. Blumer
Mr. Hickey
Mr. Pradel
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Ryan Sablan
Andrew Samarkos
Rory Sullivan
Devin Manns, Aaron Morgan,
Killian McGuinness, Dillon Tar
George Burrell
Teo Konyn
David Sabaga
Jonah Villafana
Carlos Bosdet
William Kennedy
Henry Barwick
Braeden Steele
Will da Luz
Carlos Rubio
Flo Ledesma

Saints Campus Club

Fishing Club
Foodies
Gambling Statistics
Geography & Cartography Club
Greco Slavic Club
Hibernian (Irish) Club
Hiking Club

History & Geography Club
Hogar Infantil
Juggling Club
Key Club
Lucky Duck Club
Mental Health Club
MexUs
National Honors Society
PICA Club
RC Enthusiasts
Red Cross / Interact Club
Robotics Club
Rubik's Cube Club
Rugby Appreciation Club
SAHS conservation Club
Saints E-Nable Club
Saints Mock Trial Team
Save the Trees Club
Science Olympiad Club
Snow Sports
The Augustinian
The Creators Club
The Esports Club
The Godzilla Fan Club
Tutor the Youth Club
UEFA TV
Vinyl Club

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Mr. Hickey
Mrs. Walp
Mr. Hitchcock
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Mr. Chesser

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Nick Kiesel
Tommy Bataglia
Owen Arnaudy
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Emiliano Postlethwaite
Parker Wickstrand

Lucius Wagner
Liam Olds
Trent Torres / Luke Weinpel
Kris Bautista
Geno McKenna
Clayton Staylor
Nicholas Sanchez / Joseph Walker
Edward Wakefield
Alberto Guerrero
Edward Wakefield
Marcus Stokely
Liam Olds
Sean Wiggins
Gregory Leong
Kenneth Michalowski
Emilio Aizpuru / Jorge Jimenez
Carlos Villarreal
Luke O'Leary

AROUND CAMPUS



BIG THANKS. At a recent Board of Directors retreat, St. Augustine High President Ed Hearn, honored Mrs. Linda Small, alumni parent and Board member for her 20 years of service to St. Augustine High School. Among those attending the retreat luncheon were Rev. Richard Hardick ('57) and [right]: Mr. David Canedo ('63), a member of Saints Board of Directors.



STUDENT LEADERS. Under the leadership of Dr. GO (Mr. Gary Osberg), the 2024-25 ASB student leaders in 10th – 12th grade have put in a lot of work to fill the social and activities calendar at Saints.

Teacher/Senior Night



GO SAINTS! Joined by OLP/Saints Cheer Squad, English teacher and alumni, Mr. Bob Duffy ('90), supports varsity player Alex Kemp ('25) before Saints Varsity Football Team battled Helix High. The Highlanders won 28-13.



SENIOR/FACULTY NIGHT. Saints Varsity Football player Aaron Morgan ('25) walks with Mr. Jordan Adams (Engineering, Physics) at the Saints Senior and Faculty night.

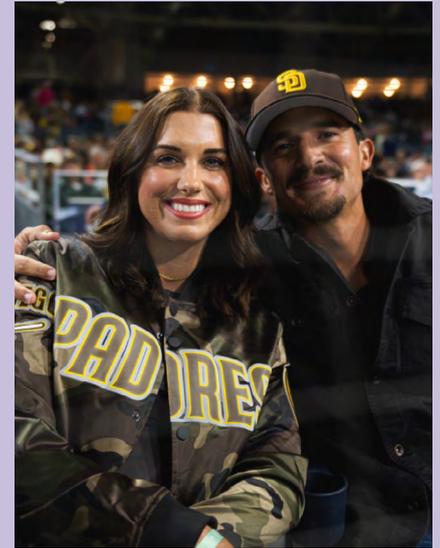
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Nathaniel pictured in US Air Force uniform at Georgia Tech.

Where Are They Now?

Nathaniel Kotnik ('23) settled into college life at Georgia Tech by receiving only one B and the rest A's for his Freshman year. In addition to academics, he was immersed in the US Air Force ROTC Program, which is another major learning experience. He soon found that what he learned in the ROTC program complimented his academic performance as he received compliments from his professors for his presentation skills. (Note: He first learned presentation skills at Saints!). Nathaniel is active in the Catholic Freshman Community, helping out in some capacity almost every Mass, i.e. lector, usher, Eucharistic Minister.



SOCCER COUPLE. Saintsman Servando Carrasco ('06) and his wife Alex Morgan were photographed attending a recent San Diego Padres baseball game. The couple, married in 2014, are expecting second child to join big sister Charlie next year. As everyone knows both are world class professional soccer players with San Diego and St. Augustine roots. Servando recently retired after being a member of the Seattle Sounders and LA Galaxy. Alex earlier this summer retired from her soccer career, which included several professional, Olympic and World Cup championships.



TOUGH STUFF. Gracen Halton Saints Class of '22 is currently a Junior at the University of Oklahoma where he is a member of the Varsity Football Team and a Human Relations Major. Gracen has become a rising star for the Sooners defense.

Recently, he was named Defensive Lineman of the week in the Southeast Conference after the Sooners' 16-12 victory over Houston early last month. He notched a safety and a sack during the game to help solidify the win for OU.



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Alumni Fishing Trip 2024

By Troy Gorostiza

September 9th 2024. Malihini out of H&M Landing with 27 Alumni, Family & Friends. Beautiful day to get on the water with the incredible heatwave San Diego was experiencing. While off shore had been a barren desert for the past month or so we saw tons of life with Dorado, Yellowtail and even Yellowfin on multiple paddies.

We threw bait, irons, sinker rigs and tried multiple approaches with the boat to no avail as there is simply too much bait in the ocean right now and the fish didn't want to eat.

Jackpot winner with a beauty of a Yellowtail was Marcos Britsch and special thanks to Joey and Squidco for their support!

It was still a great day on the water with beautiful weather, great conversation, a few beers and boat burgers. Till next year.



GONE FISHIN'. Among those on the Alumni Fishing Trip include (left to right): Fred Castro ('91); Justin Williams ('91); Troy Gorostiza ('93) and David Knoll ('75).

A Taste of Golf

On a sizzling day in Jamul current and older sons of St. Augustine descended upon Steele Canyon Golf Club to participate in another sold-out Saints Alumni Golf Classic. Nearly 200 golfers made the trek to tee it up with old and new friends alike. Jersey Mike's provided the pre round lunch as the various methods of preparation for a golf round commenced.

While some went to hone their game on the driving range, others focused on getting the speeds of the greens down with their putter. And countless others opted to use the "swing oil" method of warming up. All viable options for a quality round of golf.

The energy was palpable as check-in occurred, raffle tickets were bought and used on the various items generously donated by our sponsors.

Many Alums from the 60s all the way to this decade enjoyed a day in the East County sun, reveling in the fact that the Saints Experience does not in fact end after four years.

Happy chatter could be heard all throughout the dining hall as well-earned prime rib and chicken was enjoyed with a cool beverage once the round ended. Four Sons of Saints men were honored at the dinner with scholarships given to them by the Alumni Association. A deed made possible by the success of this golf event and the generosity of so many Alums.



How not to miss next year's event: Contact: Alum Phil Sciuto ('79) at PhilSciuto@att.net for more information.

AROUND CAMPUS



SOCCER CAMP 2024



SUMMER KICKSTART. It was a super week last summer as more than 125 boys and girls from all over San Diego County participated in the annual Saints Soccer Camp. Kudos go to more than 30 coaches and volunteers combined from Saints, OLP and other high schools.

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TOUGH SEASON, TOUGH KIDS

Saints Varsity Football's Good Fortunes Point to the Future

Images by Bill Hill, Saints Parent

PEP TALK. New Varsity Football Coach Ron Caragher rallies team at start of home game.



ROLLOUT. Led by running back Senior Caelyb Aguirre Saints Varsity storms onto the field vs. Helix.



PASS. Saints QB Kekoa da Luz ('26) vs. Helix early in the season.



BLOCKERS. Offensive charge led by Soph. Lineman Marcel Sandoval vs. Helix.



TRAFFIC. Senior Running Back Charley Berkley zips by Poway defenders.





KICK. Declan Mullins ('25) kicker and holder Mike Ruiz in action vs. Poway.



TOUCHDOWN. Running back Caelyb Aguire fights his way in for a score.



VERSATILE. Soph. RB/DB Pai Polamalu plays offense and defense. Here he's rushing vs. Poway in the season opener.

CHEER. Academy of Our Lady of Peace Dance Team line up for first game vs. Poway.

INDUCTEES

2025 Saints Athletic Hall of Fame

Todd Newell | Class of 2025



Todd Newell, from the class of 2003. Todd was a 4-year letterman in wrestling and a 2-year letterman in football.

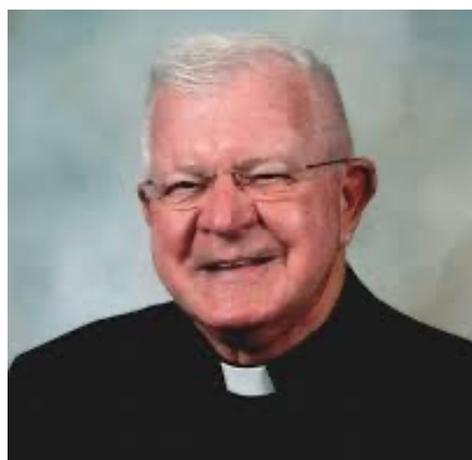
In wrestling, Todd was a 2-time league champion and all-league in his junior and senior seasons. He was a 3-time Masters qualifier, finishing as high as 5th place in his senior year. During that same senior year, he won a CIF championship.

In football, Todd was a running back in his junior and senior years on back-to-back CIF finalist teams. In his senior season, he put together one of the all-time best seasons in history for a Saints running back, when he led the county in rushing with 1,801 yards and 29 touchdowns, earning 1st Team All-CIF honors. His hard-nosed running style earned him an appointment to the Air Force Academy. Injuries plagued his first two years at Air

Force, but he battled back to play in his junior and senior seasons. In his senior season, he earned a starting role in the fullback position and led the team in rushing with 142 carries for 594 yards and 4 touchdowns.

After 7 years active duty in the Air Force, Todd is now a financial advisor with Wells Fargo. Todd comes from a family with a proud Saints tradition, as his father, Brian, and brother Travis, graduated from Saints in 1972 and 1997, respectively.

Fr. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A | Class of 1955



Father Bob Gavotto, class of 1955. Father Bob began his formation in 1957 and was later ordained a priest in 1964. While he accomplished many things and held many titles throughout his nearly 60-year career as an Augustinian priest, it was his time here at St. Augustine High School which he held dearest. Over four stints covering 21 total years here at Saints, Father Bob worked in various roles as teacher, chaplain, and Director of Recruitment for Vocations.

Throughout his years at Saints, as well as his seven years of retirement, Father Bob could always be found on the sidelines of a Saints sporting event. He served for 12 years as team chaplain to the football, basketball, and volleyball teams. Between these 3 sports, he advised 8 league championships, 9 CIF championships, and one state championship.

Unofficially, he proudly observed and cheered on countless soccer and baseball games, and wrestling matches. Nothing brought Father Bob more joy than cheering on a Saints team to victory. He was a staunch supporter of our campus construction projects like this gymnasium. His faith and quiet demeanor always provided a calming air even during the biggest contests. In over 100 years of school history, he is the only alum of Saints to become an Augustinian priest and to serve as a team chaplain.

Time moves on and just days before his passing last March, he was told of his election to the Hall of Fame. Although he knew he would not make it to this autumn's induction ceremony, he expressed his great appreciation for the recognition.

Championship Soccer | Class of 2012



The 2012 Soccer Team. Finishing the regular season with a 14-5-4 record and 2nd place in Western League, Saints was given the 6th seed in the CIF D3 playoffs. Two tough league losses to Cathedral positioned the team in a tough spot heading into the playoffs. But the team caught fire and knocked off No. 3 University City, 4-0 in the quarterfinals, and then No. 2 Southwest, 1-0 in the semifinals, setting up a third game against No. 1 seeded Cathedral. Tied 1-1 after both regulation and overtime, the CIF championship headed to penalty kicks, where the Saints came out victorious.

The CIF champion Saints earned the No. 3 seed in the SoCal Regional D2 State Championships. After a decisive 5-1 win over Palm Desert in the quarterfinals, Saints traveled north to take on No. 2 seed Santa Ana. Trailing 4-2 with just six minutes left in the game, Saints dramatically scored twice to force overtime. Saints capped the epic comeback just a few minutes later with a golden goal. In the championship game, Saints faced top-seed Lindsay High School, who came in with a 23-1-3 record.

As was the playoff trend for the Saints, the title game headed to overtime one more time. Another golden goal earned Saints Soccer its first-ever State Championship, and at the time, only school's second overall state title.

Here is the roster from that remarkable team:

Anthony Tangredi	Connor Keefe	Matt Palpallatoc
Daniel Johnston	Aaron Martinez	Flavio Borquez
Chad Fitzgerald	Traeger Jarrad	Nick Allen
Jaime Charles	Alex Galan	Spencer Calvert
Joe Saad	Johnny Costa	Ryan Stamper
Dominic Chavez	Kostas Kotselas	Garrett Blodgett
Cheyne Davis	Hector Castellanos	Ike Arinze

And Coaches, Bill Polan and Brendan Johnston



The

Sports Pages

Updating Saints Athletics

Saints Sand Dawgs Rule

Led by Volleyball Coach Janene Palafox, Saints Beach team is doing just fine. In fact, recent seasons, few prep Beach Volleyball teams do well up against Saints Varsity and JV squads. See Saints webpage for team schedule this Fall.



FROSH/SENIOR. Freshman Hugo Hunt and Senior Noah Heuring are undefeated for varsity this season. Noah has been a great mentor to the new Freshman.



UNBEATABLE. Seniors Trent Gorsich and Luke O'Leary are undefeated for varsity this season and will continue to dominate in one of the top varsity positions.



TOP JV. Freshman Eli Heuring and Junior Pdraig Jensen are among the top JV teams this season. Terrific team uniforms BTW.



SOPH SETTER. Sophomore Oliver Winn is passing a serve against La Jolla High School.



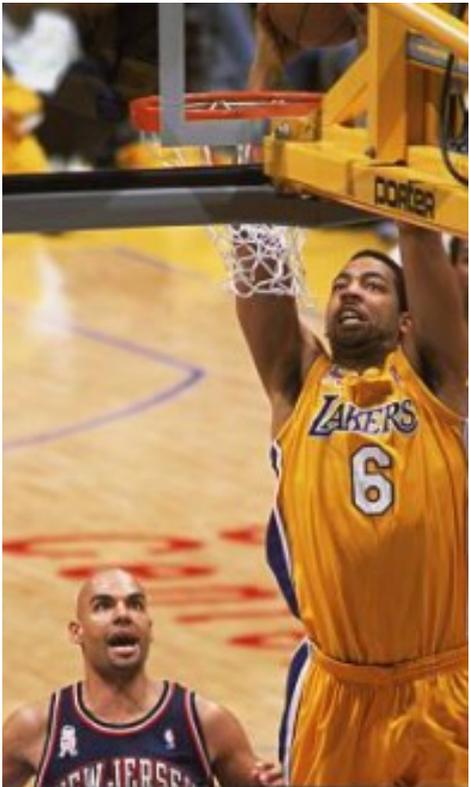
Hoops Hero



Jelani McCoy's "retired" Saints Class of 1995 basketball jersey on display at the new home of the Los Angeles Clippers, Intuit Arena. Jelani, a 6-11 center attended UCLA before becoming an 8-year NBA pro breaking in with the Seattle Sonics in 1999-2001. As a pro he played for the LA Lakers (2002); Toronto Raptors (2003); Cleveland Cavaliers (2004); Atlanta Hawks (2005); Denver Nuggets (2007) and Los Angeles Clippers (2008). Plus he played in countless overseas leagues in Italy, Spain, China, Ukraine and Mexico. He won an NBA championship with the Lakers in 2002. Jelani was inducted into the Saints Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.



Jelani on a recent visit to Saints.



Jelani taking care of business with the LA Lakers.

HIGHLIGHTS

ANNUAL FROSH WELCOME WEEK

Wacky wonderful week introducing the Class of 2028
to the Saints Community.

Introduction by Fr. Max Villeneuve, O.S.A. and Saints Chaplain.

Freshman Welcome Week has come and gone. The beanies which were a source of bemusement and to a few an annoyance have been placed aside. The ritualization of integrating the freshman class into Saints has concluded with the wrap of freshman retreat this past weekend.

Saints is certainly a very special place. When I meet alumni, they always smile when I tell them that “the beanies” are still worn every year. The beanies are a contrary sign, one of both “othering” as well as integration. That’s the whole point: the wearer is set apart in order to become one with.

This also reminds us of the other time the beanie can be worn: under one’s cap at graduation. The beanie which begins as something which stands out- becomes something totally integrated into the Saintsman. It points out a lot of the “magic” of our school and our community.

Saints is a special place. It is not only a brotherhood—it is the Brotherhood. We stand as brothers together as a witness against all that the world tries to keep apart. A world that breeds division is countered by a loving community which fosters belonging.

**Welcome class of ‘28! You are now fully part of The Brotherhood.
May God continue to bless you during your time here at Saints.**

SPLASHMANIA

What's More Fun than an All-Out Water Balloon Fight?



BATTLE ROYALE. Everyman for themselves.



FROSH REVENGE. Freshman Lukas Weyde launches a water balloon at the lunch time balloon war.



SLIPIN' & SLIDIN.' Senior Grayson Boles slides headfirst on the big water slide.



FAST LEARNER. Freshman Lorenzo Gonzalez is "all in" on water day with his new classmates.



LOCKED & LOADED. Senior Declan Mullins has a Frosh in his crosshairs.



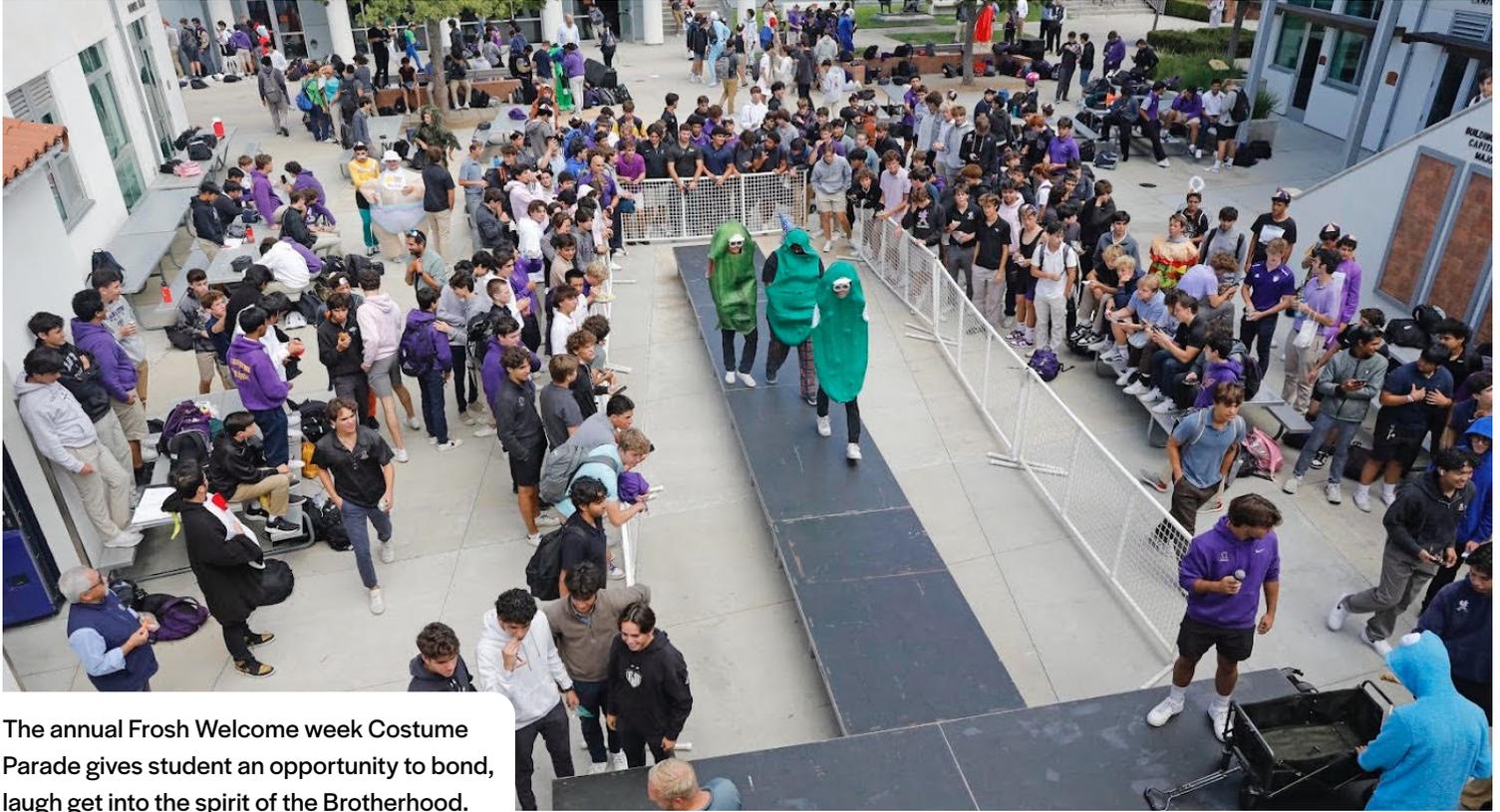
ALL WET. The view from a safe distance shows the Freshman and Seniors enjoying Splashmania activities during annual Frosh Welcome week.

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FROSH WELCOME WEEK PARADE

Image is Everything

One of the classic Frosh Welcome Week Events is the Costume Parade on campus. Senior big brothers brainstorm with their assigned Freshman brothers to come up with fanciful costumes epitomizing the outrageous side of Saints week-long back to school festivities.



The annual Frosh Welcome week Costume Parade gives student an opportunity to bond, laugh get into the spirit of the Brotherhood.



Early Bird. Frosh Santa is Thatcher Thomas.



Big Target. Frosh Marco Santillan Quintanilla is asking for a few water balloons to nail him.



The Wild Things. (L to R): Logan Griniger (Thing 1) and William Herrera (Thing 2).



Big Blockers on Parade. Freshman Gavin Sitko (red) and Kayden Zimmer man (white & purple).



The Four Cool Guys. (L to R): Luke Deorsola, Koji Lapointe, Caleb Winter, and Steven Haskett.



Alvin and the Chipmonks. (L to R): Lucious Wagner, Callen Moore and Evan Kliber.



Big Lift. Superman Gavin da Luz and Michael Shamoun.



Big Baby Huey. Frosh Alvin Shao.



Unicorn Squad. (L to R): Nicholas Goode and Luke Taylor.

United by the Beanie

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This same rite of passage wouldn't work well in a coeducational setting or in a girl's school for that matter. But it works for us because our work centers on boys. Even though boys tend to strike us as disordered and disruptive, the research of noted authors like Dr. Tim Hawks shows that the role of the peer group in a boys' learning process should never be underestimated. Freshman welcome week is an important beginning of a Saintsman's journey. It is the first step in a long four-year process where young boys develop into intellectually capable Christian men.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne

James Horne
Principal

PS. Our Beanie tradition owes a great debt of gratitude to the Shaw Family. Jean Shaw, a Saints mom, Grandmom and former employee who was the executive assistant to many Augustinian Principal's made the Beanies for many decades and for the last several years they have been made by Mrs. Cheryl Shaw, Jean's daughter in law. Thank you!





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Pancho Marty's Improbable, Amazing and Grace-of-God Journey Through Life

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Later in life, Pancho created a golf tournament that he named Unidad Sin Fronteras/Friends of Saints. It was an annual tournament that rotated between Tijuana and San Diego. There were men and women from both sides of the border who participated in the tournament for a decade until Pancho could no longer swing a golf club.

With his engaging personality and can-do spirit, his friends raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Saints and had even more fun planning and organizing it each year.

Pancho recognized he was blessed, and his gratitude to Saints and the University of San Diego stood as pillars to his success. The street smarts he learned in Tijuana were translated into building a network of friends and a joy that permeated every fiber of his being. Saints was a place where he discovered his sense of integrity and his generous spirit.

It was a place that allowed him to discover his self-worth, learn to solve his problems and become self-confident with others. He was a friend to all, had a heart of gold and never wavered in his commitment to his Saints brothers. He once told me as we pulled up in front of the school after one of our many lunches that he would love to be buried underneath Austin Chapel and said if this were an option for all Saints men, the school would overflow with money.

Coming from the humblest beginnings, Pancho lived a life of meaning and impact. He was a friend to many and a special friend of Saints. His legacy of selling chicle as a young boy, being adopted, and going to Saints is the mystery of life that can only be understood by his strong faith in God. For those of us who knew this prince of a human being, we realize how fortunate we were to travel with him on his happy journey.

Rest in Peace Saintsman Pancho!



Save the Date for Homecoming Events

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Friday, October 25

Homecoming Alumni Mass

Friday, October 25th at 7:45 AM at Rev. John Sanders O.S.A. Gymnasium Join the Saints Student Body for weekly Mass. This will be the only Reunion Mass and the only day Campus Tours will be available over Homecoming Week.

> Please RSVP*

Golden Alumni Brunch

Only for the classes of 1951 to 1960 Friday, October 25th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Following Mass there will be Brunch for our Golden Alumni in the Lobby at the Saint Augustine Commons.

> Please RSVP*

Alumni Homecoming Game Tailgate

From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at San Diego Mesa College Parking Lot Music, Food Trucks and Class Tents will be setup.

> Please RSVP*

Homecoming Football Game

At 7:00 PM at San Diego Mesa College Stadium Tickets available only online at:

<https://gofan.co/app/school/CA22821>

Saturday, October 26

Homecoming / Class Reunion Day

From 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on St. Augustine High School Campus Reunion is for classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014 & 2019. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks, and dinner will be provided. Cost is \$40 per person.

> Please RSVP*

RSVP Link:

<https://alumni.sahs.org/events/2024-homecoming-weekend-0295/>

Kairos Updates

The school's October Kairos, Kairos 61, is coming up, from October 23-25, at Whispering Winds in the mountains east of San Diego. We are also looking forward to Kairos 62 in December and Kairos 63 in March. Kairos is encouraged for seniors to spend some time reflecting on their relationship with God as they prepare to finish their time at Saints and move on to new adventures. Students participate in small group discussions, communal worship, and have ample time for fellowship and fun based recreation activities, including zip lining, hiking, hayrides and paintball (and more).



STAIRWAY TO BROTHERHOOD. Members of Saints Kairos 58 from October 2023. Top row, left to right: Thomas Pokorsky, Andre Gaston, Luke Abrom, Drew Patterson and Mr. Greg Hecht, faculty advisor. Lower row: Jake Russon, Thomas Banzhof, Landon Banks and Andrew Ghannadian. *File photo.*



GAMESMANSHIP. Recreation activities are an important segment of all Kairos Whispering Winds retreats.



SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE. Saints Chaplain Fr. Max leads a class at Kairos 58.



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