

## **Saints Golf Team Boosters,**

### **Boys spring golf season set to start:**

The golf season begins on February 13<sup>th</sup> with one week of tryouts for the Saints golf team. We have a total of 35 players who will be trying out for one of the three Saints rosters: varsity, junior varsity, or the developmental team. Matches begin on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> with the regular season running through the end of April; CIF City League, Match Play, and CIF San Diego playoffs start in the first week of May. The majority of high school matches consist of 9 hole matches against another team in which each team has 6 players competing with the lowest 5 scores counting for each team. While only 6 team members compete in the actual match on a given day, the top 10 players on the roster will compete on a regular basis since we have a total of 26 varsity 9-hole matches scheduled during the season and no player can play more than 21 matches total. Our JV team has 20 nine-hole matches on the schedule as well. Our varsity team hosts the San Diego Country Club High School Invitational which is an invitational event with eight of the top teams from around San Diego competing over 18 holes of golf. Saints plays in the very competitive Western League against La Jolla, Cathedral Catholic, Scripps Ranch, Patrick Henry, and Coronado. Our team's home matches for varsity and junior varsity are held at a combination of Riverwalk Golf Course and Miramar Golf Course, with a few JV and developmental team matches also at Cottonwood GC. With a large roster of players that are often on multiple golf courses on the same day, we are fortunate to have a large coaching staff: Tom Isaak (Head Coach) , Christian Da Luz (Assistant Head Coach), and Bill Davis (developmental team) are Saints faculty/coaches while Tom Graciano and Jess Wilson work as alumni assistant coaches for all levels golfers.

Our schedule is on the school website and you can also follow scores in the San Diego Union Tribune on a daily basis.

**Golf Team raises money for the St. Augustine Tijuana Orphanage Fund:** The Saints golf team served as caddies for members at San Diego Country Club on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Besides being a great learning experience for our players as they were able to see what being a member at the oldest golf club in San Diego is like, it was a great outreach opportunity for us as a school as our boys impressed the members with their character and maturity. The SDCC members paid \$20 per Saints caddie which raised a total of \$650 that the team donated to the Saints Campus Ministry "Hogar Infantil Orphanage Fund", helping Campus Ministry towards their school-wide goal of funding one month of the orphanage's operation.

**Alumni dominate the current roster in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Match:** On Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Woodson Golf Course in Ramona, the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Alumni Match was staged. Playing a combination of individual and team matches, the alumni dominated by a final score of 8-1 and they now hold the overall lead with a 3-2 record in five years. Thanks go out to alumni Jess Wilson, Steve Arculich, and Tom Graciano for the work they put in to secure the course and get the alumni out to play. It should be also noted that Tom Graciano welded the perpetual "Purple Cup" trophy for the event that is engraved each year to commemorate the friendly competition.

**Need PGA tickets for the Farmers Insurance Open?:** With the PGA Tour's Farmers Insurance Open set to happen January 25<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> at Torrey Pines, the golf team again is selling tickets to help raise funds for the team while also offering spectators a reduced entry fee. Tickets sold through the team cost \$35 for a 1-day pass that is good any day from Wednesday's Pro-Am through the final round on Sunday. These tickets cost \$55-60 at Torrey Pines so not only do you help the team out but you also save yourself some

money in the process. Contact me directly at [tisaak@sahs.org](mailto:tisaak@sahs.org) and we can figure out a way to get you the tickets in time for next week's event.

Thank you again for all the support that is provided to the Saints Golf Team on a year-around basis.

Sincerely

Tom Isaak