

2025-11-05 APA Meeting

Mr. Horne's Update

- The new House system, gives more leadership opportunities for boys
 - 16 leaders in the ASB system to over 100 positions with the House system
 - House names are based on Augustinian Saints
 - Prayer cards for the Saints that the houses are named for
 - California Augustinians provided teen friendly prayer cards
- Cathy has returned this week
- Our busiest time of year is August to the start of November
 - 8th grade visitation and Open Houses
 - Financial Aid – 4.8 million this year, 5.1 million next year
 - Full price families are showing willingness to move on
 - 30K to 24K difference between St Augustine and the Diocesan schools
 - How do we market the benefits of an Augustinian education.
 - Vocations and Chastity workshop hosted by Mr. Okuley
 - A message of living a life of chastity
 - Guidance for communication
 - “What does it take to have a loving wife?”
- Teacher training
 - Everyone at St Augustine is called “Coach”, they’re all coaching the students
 - The Catholic School Playbook
 - A common theme at a thriving school is that parents are the primary educator
 - Lesson planning, partner with families, finance, faith development, athletic programming
 - 8 teachers sent to the Augustinian Values Institute
 - Pope Leo - More eyes on the Augustinians for guidance
- Turkey Trot - Tuesday, November 25
 - Not only for the kids, parents are welcome to run
 - Divisions for parents and alumni
 - There is a Mass in the morning, Turkey Trot is about 1.5 hours after mass
- Mr. Horne has promised a day off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving
 - If the boys can all sign up for service day
 - 675 or more signed up before next Wednesday, we will have no school the day before Thanksgiving

- Advent Penance service Wednesday, December 3,
 - Twice a year
 - A Mass day, half hour mass, students receive sacrament during religion classes
- Chapel update
 - Flooring is being laid, trying to save the 103 year old pews
 - Need to strip and re-finish the pews
 - Should be open by January
- Shadow Days – 8th graders spend a day at St Augustine
 - Going well, had 17 boys today
 - Every Friday, from here until April, an opportunity for 8th graders to have the full experience
 - Contact Mr. Sipper if there is interest
- St. Monica's Prayer Group
 - Thursdays at 8am
 - Christmas Potluck is a very special event - Thursday, December 11

Events Feedback

- 8th Grade visits and Open House
 - Introduction of parent volunteers on tours would be helpful
- Open Houe
 - Need another warmer for the burgers

Upcoming events

- Next APA meeting on Wednesday, January 14
- Entrance Exam in January – no parent volunteers needed
- Parent Social – Saturday, February 7
 - Need more lighting
 - Music setup needs to be ironed out
 - Are tables needed outside? Indoors in The Commons was preferred
 - \$15 vs \$10 vs \$5 for admission? How do we get a commitment?
 - OLP inclusion was beneficial last year
 - Marketing – Email? Electronic Flyer
 - Food was good last year
 - Students can DJ, there are also graduates available, Early 90s music is preferred
 - Leona can assist with facility setup, caterers need a headcount
 - Need to get started in January with the marketing

- Feb 2nd, need a count for the caterer
- Grandparent's Day - Friday, March 13, 2026

Other Updates

- Point Loma Football Game - Halloween
 - Parents were throwing Halloween Candy on the track
 - Candy on a track can nullify a resurfacing warranty, please no throwing candy onto track or field
- Mom Prom
 - It will happen every other year
 - Students were surveyed and are not interested in doing this every year
 - It may be open to Alum parents
- Digital Dojo
 - Quality of photos need improvement
 - Packages are expensive
 - Need better proofs, watermarks make it hard to see
 - There is no phone number for support, but they are responsive to email.
 - You can email asking for an unlock so you don't have to buy a large package to get a single item like a photo mug
- The Pit – lack of students at home football games
 - No OLP in the pit due to an injury in the past
 - 0-10 season plays a part
 - Basketball games will have a better pit