



SAINTS SCENE

INTERSESSION SPECIAL REPORT 2026



SAINTSMEN INTERNING WITH SAINTSMEN.

(L-R) Saintsmen Diego Rosas Luken, Luis Peraza ('15), Taylor Lorentzen, Angelo Peraza ('20) and Nathan McDonald spent intercession teaching and learning about residential Real Estate. Big thanks to Peraza Real Estate Team who has been hosting Saints interns for years. For more coverage of this year's innovative Intercession internship program see page 4.

Faster Options for Cross-Border Students

Any day now, students who live in Mexico and cross the border daily to attend school in the United States will have access to new, dedicated pedestrian lanes at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry. A similar lane is also planned for the Calexico pedestrian crossing in Imperial County.



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The Excitement of Learning

Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

We have all had that moment. Whether in a classroom or elsewhere. The moment the lightbulb goes on; when it “all makes sense”. The excitement of learning is the essence of student success, but schooling – sometimes misses the mark.

Our Intercession and its dozens of elective based offerings have given students the freedom to study what captures their interest. Intercession has taken the bureaucratic constraints off of learning and disguised it as fun. Its unique classes and offerings move away from traditional note-taking, lectures and testing and instead challenge students to engage with enthusiastic interest and it demands of them a willing contribution.

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Time to Request 2026–27 Courses

Parents guide to course requests for next year

By Gregory Hecht, Assistant Principal/Academics



Mr. Gregory Hecht

As we turn the calendar, it is time to begin the process of requesting courses for the 2026-2027 school year. All the information regarding this process, as well as the 2026-2027 Curriculum Guide and course selection presentation, is now available on the front and academic pages of the St.

Augustine website (www.sahs.org). Please utilize these materials to assist you and your son in completing the course request forms.

These forms will be distributed to the current freshmen in their Speech courses and the current sophomores and juniors can pick them up from Ms. Lopez in the Registrar’s office.

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Mr. Manzer & His Legacy

Laurence "Larry" Manzer, 91, died the day after Christmas. He has been gone only days but he is missed not only by his close family but the Saints Community he treasured. He was one of those renaissance men who brought vibrancy to everyone and everything he encountered on land, sea and air.

A remarkable husband, father and friend to this school, Larry was born in San Diego, he attended Saint Joseph's Grammar School and St. Augustine High School before completing his studies at San Diego State University. He joined the U.S. Army in 1957, he later returned to San Diego, where he built a life defined by enterprise, curiosity, and devotion to family.

Larry founded Pacific Drapery, a successful business in North Park that supported a household rich in shared passions. Sailing was central to his life from an early age. Alongside his wife and children, he became a longtime member of the San Diego Yacht Club, where his Carlsson yacht earned recognition as National Boating Family of the Year in 1979. All of his children are boat owners and yacht club members.

Adventure followed Larry. A licensed pilot, he flew across North America, while his love of cars filled the family driveway with Mustangs, many lovingly restored.

In 1996, Larry married Sandra Smelick, blending two Catholic families into one. Together they traveled widely, entertained generously, and built a home marked by laughter and hospitality.

Larry is survived by his wife, Sandra; his children, Joseph, James, Lisa, Colleen, Kathleen, and Julie; eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Monica, and his parents.

The following interview with Saintsman Larry Manzer ('53) appeared in Saints Scene in 2013. Written by school President Edwin Hearn, the words reflect Mr. Manzer's deep affection for the Saints Community, especially as a rallying force in alumni and school fundraising projects. "He was one of those stalwarts who if he knew you needed a dime, he'd find you a dollar," said Ed Hearn.

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SAVE THE DATE

34TH ANNUAL

*Grandparents
Day*



MARCH 13, 2026

11:15 AM

FR. SANDERS GYM

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

3266 NUTMEG STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92104





VINTAGE AUTOS. Nick Katz interned at the Motor Car Company, a downtown San Diego classic and exotic car dealer. The Saintsman is pictured with owner Dane Silvestri, left.



MAYOR'S MEN. (L-R) Saintsmen Liam Olds, Ben Nault and Matthew Cramp interned at Mayor Todd Gloria's City Hall office during the Intersession.



ON TOUR. Saintsmen on this year's Intersession Italian study tour gather in front of the Duomo di Milano, Milan's 14th-century Gothic cathedral and one of Europe's largest churches, during a guided visit to the city's historic center.



RESPONDER. Saintsman Liam McDowell spent the month interning with Falck Ambulance and medical transport.



ARCHITECTS. Intro to Architecture students finalize their “dream House” plans on paper in order to build their 3-D model



INSIDERS. Saintsmen off-camera listened as four Saints alums, now members of the San Diego Padres staff, described the inner workings of PETCO Park. From left: Eddie Quinn, Gabe Kunde, Adrian Ortiz, and Kevin McNamara.



ACE. Bodhi Dillard was first to sink a hole-in-one during Intercession golf class sank at Colina Park Golf Course.



ME, TOO. Not to be outdone, Joseph Gormly scored a Hole in One (same day) at Colina Park Golf Course during his Intercession sports class.



BIRCH AQUARIUM. Saints marine biology students (left to right): Lorenzo Haros, Forrest Higgins, Guillermo MacFarland, and Emiliano Lopez.



CHOPPER STUDIES. Saintsmen (L-R) Joey Handelman, Roy Barnhart, and John Jordon interned with the San Diego Fire Department and got a chance to learn about the aircraft used in fire and rescue operations.



MASS ON THE GRASS. Although it is Intercession the school's desire to have Mass weekly for the boys is paramount. Fr. Tom Davis celebrated mass with offsite students on the shores of San Diego's idyllic Mission Bay. Amen to another month long Intercession on and off campus.



SAINTS IN SPORTS. Saintman Andres Padilla ('17) returned to campus to share his story of being the Equipment Manager for Coach Nick Saban's Univ. of Alabama football team.



VENUE VISITING. During Intercession Saintsmen experienced an insiders tour of the new Snapdragon Stadium with its General Manager Adam Millar.



The Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following listed Saintsmen, who have earned a grade point average of 3.60 or higher ending with the Fall semester 2025. Roster compiled by Ms. Elsie Lopez, School Registrar.

SENIORS

Class of 2026

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Dylan Alkatib
 Gebreegizbher Amare
 Callum Arnaudy
 Antonio Atallah
 Cruz Badillo
 John Banzhof
 Henry Barwick
 Tom Battaglia
 Kristofer Bautista
 Benjamin Bayless
 Kirin Beckhaus
 Brock Benson
 Nicholas Boeh
 Turner Bronson
 Nathan Bui
 George Burrell
 James Burrell
 Julian Bustos
 John Cook
 Matthew Cramp
 Dominic Cresto
 Ruben Pablo Curiel
 Romero
 Kekoa da Luz
 William da Luz
 Payton Del Toro
 Anthony Di Giovanni
 Santiago Diaz
 Xavier Escobar
 Sebastian Garcia
 Joshua Garcia-Pederson
 Jamison Gerding
 Diego Rodolfo Gonzalez Tapia
 Mateo Ibs Gonzalez Tapia
 Matthew Gosling
 Jameson Grohman
 Alberto Guerrero Ramos
 Cruz Antonio Guevara

Jonathan Haskett
 Alan Hernandez
 Michael Hoag
 Liam Hodson
 Luke Huelskamp
 Pdraig Jensen
 Peter Jordan
 Ezra LaCoursiere
 Karl Laffaye
 Florencio Ledesma
 Archie Lee
 Devin Manns
 Ryan Mary
 Nathan McDonald
 Aidan McKerring
 Kenneth Michalowski
 Guillermo Morales
 Benjamin Nault
 Garrett Nering
 Liam Olds
 Rodolfo Pérez-Velazquez-
 Y-Almada
 Carson Prah
 Diego Reyes
 Marcelo Rodriguez
 Diego Rosas-Luken
 Carlos Rubio-Lopez
 Michael Ruiz
 Julius Salem
 Benet Salmon
 Fernando Santillana De Soto
 Kieron Scanlan
 Maximilian Schwarz
 Cristiano Shores
 Vincent Smith
 Connor Stowell
 Peter Thorne
 Lorenzo Toma
 Thiago Valagao
 Carlos Villarreal Díaz
 Matthew Wampach
 Patrick Ward
 Gianni Yousif

FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Kurt Ambrosius
 Ryan Arruda Reichenberg
 Julius Audish
 Nathan Balkenbush
 Emilio Barreto
 Nicolas Barreto
 Mason Bautista
 Emiliano Bello Muriel
 John Bingham
 Angel Bobadilla Carrasco
 Jameson Brown
 Carlos Angel Cerda-
 Arizmendi
 Parker Cresswell
 Trevor Crisologo
 Alec Daniels
 Juan Francisco De La Lama
 Mauro Franco-Fimbres
 Santiago Garay Escobedo
 Nathan Gaston
 Lincoln Grogan
 Kelley Gross
 Victor Gutierrez
 Peter Hanna
 Kioshi Hina
 Maurice Howard
 Carter Jones
 John Jordon
 David Konecke Terrazas
 Mauricio Kuri Bernal
 Gavin Lowe
 José Martinez-Robles
 Leif McCloskey
 Ian McMahan
 Fintan McMahan
 Matteo Newell
 Luke Parker
 Alexander Paz y Puente
 Jaicob Peterson
 Charles Platt
 Maximus Rabreau

Joseph Ramirez

Joshua Ryan
 David Sabaga
 Aram Salum
 Oscar Sanchez
 Marcel Sandoval
 Kyle Shaeffer
 Andre Teran
 Galo Villalobos
 Julian Warter
 Vincenzo Rizzo

JUNIORS

Class of 2027

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Blake Abbo
 Alexander Abbouna
 Nicholas Asker
 Noah Asmar
 Augustin Attar
 Caleb Bailey
 Benito Bayona
 Grayson Bell
 Anthony Berardino
 Cooper Brosnan
 David Cancel
 José Pablo Carrillo Aguilar
 Victor Castan
 Iason Chang
 Teddy Kimo Crisostomo
 Jack Crowley
 Roberto Datiles Jr.
 Cole Dolin
 Drew Edmonds Parker
 Lazlo Garcia
 Yabet Gebrelu
 Michael Gomez
 Charles Gorman
 Joseph Gormly
 Sebastian Gutierrez
 Gannon Hayes

Miles Hess
 Declan Higgins
 Forrest Higgins
 Tim Huschke
 Diego Izidoro
 Erik Johanson
 William Kennedy
 Ian Kunde
 Lorenzo Leal
 Lucas Lek
 Owen Marcinkowski
 Bryson Morris
 Angel Munoz
 Justin Murigu
 Nathaniel Murphy
 Gabriel Myers
 Nikola Pandza
 Dominic Perry
 Paisios Polamalu
 Charles Pruter
 Rommel Quintana
 Mauricio Razo
 Nolan Reyes
 Luke Rhea
 Chase James Riley
 Sebastian Rodriguez
 Emiliano Rodriguez
 Landon Salem
 Brandon Salmu
 Andrew Samarkos
 Nicholas Sanchez
 Lorenzo Simon
 Noah Steele
 Griffin Steiner
 Jesse Trujillo
 Elijah Villafaña
 Joseph Walker
 Cullen Watts
 Bennett Wilson
 Oliver Winn
 Jack Wisniew
 James Zumwalt
 Alexander Zwolinski

FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Spencer Austin
Juan Pablo Becerra Ruiz
Diego Ferran Cervantes
Giovanni Cianflone
Vincenzo Cirino
Zavier Cooke
Moises Diaz
Max Escalante
Edgar Esquivel
Demetrio Gallego
Duke Gonzalez
Aiden Guerrero
Jovanny Guzman
Jacob Hanna
David Hernandez
Arturo Infanzon
Noah Keeton
Alexander Kijowski
Rodrigo Lavat
Mauricio Lopez-Hodoyan
Guillermo MacFarland
Eric McCafferty
Jackson McCall
Ian McCarthy
Maximiliano Melo Valenzuela
Joaquin Moore
Jonathan Morrill
Jorge Munoz
Maximo Piancone
Jose Manuel Prado Gonzalez
Justyn Rademaker
Jacobpaz Real-Kygar
Joaquin Rogerio
Jacob Ruiz
Marcelo Salazar
Maximilian Segrist
Aidan Toma
Matteo Toriello
Ioannis Trakas
Giovanni Troisi
Johnny Vattuone
Mario Vitale
William Caleb Wagner
Noah Westfall

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2028

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Daniel Amare
Geren Anderson
Jack Bergener
James Botz
Dominic Burgos
Paolo Capua
Matias Cardenas-Luque
Philip Cesena
Mason Choi
Nils Clark
Ryan Clem
Miguel Covarrubias
Jack Coyle
Gavin da Luz
Xavier Davis
Luke Deorsola
Phillip Di Giovanni
Micah Ee
Xavier Flippin
Juan Camilo Gallego
Owen Garcia
Tanner Graulich
Peter Graves
Evan Greene
Steven Haskett
Hugo Hunt Amézquita
Nathan Jacobs
David Jimenez
Marco Kalil
Evan Kliber
Michael Ladisa
Nathaniel Lee
Juan Letayf Lazo de la Vega
Bosco Lujan
Asher McDonald
Anthony Moyad
Colt Neubrand
Luke Penick
Paul Putris
Joseph Quinn
John Robinson
Carlos Emilio Ruiz
Plascencia
Ronin Rush
Chase Russo

Olympio Salgado
Devon Samo
Marco Santillan Quintanilla
Alvin Shao
Landon Smith
Andrew Vela
Brandon Williams
Kayden Zimmerman

FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Pablo Emilio Alonzo
Alfred Atallah
Rafael Carrillo
Benjamin Crachy
Donavan Davis
Ayven Desai
Devon Ferreyra-MacPete
Luciano Fiorentini
Sean Fitzpatrick
Kade Gibbons
Jeronimo Gomez-Ibarra
Nicholas Goode
Julius Gorou
Lucas Hanna
Jake Henrick
William Samuel Holcomb
Daniel Horne
David Jacobsen
Robert Jacobsen
Dylan Jensen
Dylan Laffaye
Rodrigo Martinez
Nolan Mathy
Cohen McMorro
Joaquin Mendoza
Callen Moore
Kenneth Nwadike III
Noah Pabarcus
Andres Pacheco-Santana
Mason Potter
Caleb Raagas
Nicolas Ramirez
Dominic Sabaga
Eduardo Saenz
Michael Shamoun
Gavin Shaw
Adriano Shores
Saul Smith
Nolan Stempel
Rhys Stevenson

Aiden Swearingen
Thatcher Thomas
Logan Tran
Lucius Wagner
Lukas Weyde
Gavin Wilson
Oliver Ye
JuanPablo Zaragoza

FRESHMEN

Class of 2029

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Christopher Al Daheen
Connor Balkenbush
Dominic Ballesteros
Joshua Bennett
Landon Bushard
Christian Callaghan
Benjamin Carolin
Harrison Carr
David Carrillo Aguilar
Giovanni Cirino
Carter Ellis
James Engler
Benjamin Estrada
Axel Gonzalez
Mariano González
Miguel Antonio Gonzalez
Tapia
Jack Guenther
Connor Guerena
Matthew Hendry
Noah Kassab
Ray Leelavarodom
Jacob Lowry
Quinn Lukas
Mateo Maese
Carlo Martinez
Ismael Martinez
Jason Masur
Kieran McGinnis
Kai Melendez
Matthew Moyad
Logan Owoc
Praxedis Rodrigo Padilla
Shaan Patel
Fernando Peniche
Logan Perry
Eduardo Schwarz

Jack Seidlinger
Brady Sipper
Zachary Tarman
Tyler Torquato
Elias Turner
Mateo Valencia
Isaiah Villafaña
Thomas Warwick
Oliver Whited

FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Gabriel Bessom
Tyson Boeh Ray
Raul Cintron
Jesse Clay
Forrest Dedrick
Eamon Derweesh
Emiliano Dominguez
William Duffy
Hector Fernandez Fontes
Rafael Ferrer
Blake Gadler
Maxwell Garra
Kiefer Johnson
Asher LaCoursiere
Alec Leon Reeve
Nicolas Luna
Damien Perry
Wari Pitia
Ephraim Polamalu
Settimio Porco
Wyatt Schneider
Rory Smith
William Spurgiesz
Rylan Svehaug
Broc Thorn
Marco Torres
Alejandro Jose Torres Luna
Patricio Vazquez
Sebastian Walsh
Francis Winn
Luke Yeats
Artemio Zambrano
Alejandro Zamora
Mauricio Zaragoza
John Paul Zwolinski

The

Winter Sports

Update

By Matt Linville,
Saints Athletic Director



Wrestling

- Saints Wrestling is gaining momentum at the midpoint of the season, led by strong performances from both senior leadership and a talented junior class. Seniors Georges Daniel and Luke Wyborney have set the tone, with Daniel posting an 18–3 record, winning the Mission Hills Invitational and Monte Vista Invitational, and placing 2nd at the El Cajon Invitational, while Wyborney has totaled 17 wins with runner-up finishes at the Granite Hills Invitational and Monte Vista Invitational.
- The junior class has made a major impact as well, led by Noah Steele, who earned titles at the El Cajon Invitational and Monte Vista Invitational, along with James Zumwalt and Duke Gonzalez, both Monte Vista Invitational consolation champions, and Evan Rodriguez, who placed at both the Mission Hills Invitational and Monte Vista Invitational.
- The team is aiming to win as a team at City Conference, which will be held at Canyon Hills High School on 01/24/2026, followed by CIF Championships at Lincoln High School on 02/14/2026, fans are encouraged to come out and support the team.

Soccer

- The Saints soccer team is working hard to win another Western League banner and prepare for a run at a CIF Championship. Our Saintsmen had tough losses against Torrey Pines and Helix in early December, but after a dominant win over Monte Vista, they headed into the SoCal Showcase at Chapman University and got two big wins against Bellarmine Prep and Santiago before a tough loss to Brophy Prep on the final touch of the game.
- Saints started the New Year with a tough match against Del Norte. In spite of getting a red card and going down a man in the 15th minute, our Saintsmen were able to head into halftime up 1-0. However, after putting up a strong fight, we fell 2-1.
- The Saintsmen started league play with wins over Mission Bay and San Diego and a tough draw with Scripps Ranch. We head into this upcoming week with big games at Point Loma and Cathedral.
- Thanks to Mr. Bill Hill, Saints Scene has images of the Saints vs. visiting Loyola High match. The Saints came away with an impressive 3-1 victory behind a strong defensive performance and goals from Michael Gonzalez, Maximo Piancone and Julian Bustos.



Rugby



The Saints got off to a good a start with a victory over Mira Costa and a loss to La Costa Canyon before Christmas. Returning from the holiday, the Saints lost to Cathedral. The team will travel up to St John Bosco on Jan 17. The team has seen seniors Gavin Lowe and Jameson Brown step up their game this season and take big roles on the team. Lowe had a standout performance versus Cathedral when he scored 3 tries in the match. The team will look to finish the season with big matches versus league opponents Torrey Pines and La Costa Canyon to close out the regular season.

Surf



- The Saints & OLP Surf Team is charging through an undefeated 3-0 season with two more competitions on the horizon! Our roster of 45 Saintsmen represents all levels of surf ability, from first-time riders testing the waters to veteran competitors who've been competing for years, and everyone carving their path in between.
- Under the leadership of team captains Ben Bayless and Jack Bingham, our athletes have dropped in strong all season, starting with a dominant performance at Ponto Beach against Henry/Steele High School, followed by an impressive showing at Ocean Beach versus Santa Fe Christian, and most recently paddling out victorious at Oceanside Harbor surfing against Canyon Hills. With momentum building and our team firing on all cylinders, we're determined to finish the season strong.

Basketball



Having again played a national schedule, Saints opens up the new year at 8-8. The Western League season started with a promising win over San Diego High School. Saints then dropped an exciting 64-63 decision to Mira Mesa High with the boys missing a 3-point attempt and two putbacks to seal the loss. The Western League is as strong as it has been in a number of years and Saints will be right in the thick of it the rest of the year. Congratulations to Senior Lincoln Grogan who scored the 1,000th point of his high school career in the win over San Diego.

The Excitement of Learning

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The excitement of learning is alive in Intersession. Students are learning to wrestle with problems, ask meaningful questions and demonstrate creative and intuitive thinking. They are learning the value of teamwork, experiencing new and varied careers/opportunities, and practicing sound physical care for themselves in a new sport or activity.

This month we share our coverage on Intersession and Internships. As we begin the second semester, we are grateful for the month of January and the Intersession's ability to create an excitement in learning that liberates young minds.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne
Principal



Faster Options for Cross-Border Students

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As it stands now, U.S. Customs and Border Protection reports that the program is in its final planning and coordination stage. Registration and phased implementation are expected to begin **within the next several weeks**, with student use of the dedicated lanes likely rolling out **by late winter or early spring 2026**, barring unforeseen delays.

The program is designed to speed up student crossings while maintaining security. Participating students will be able to register in advance by submitting their travel documents, allowing border officers to review information ahead of time. The lanes will use biometric technology to help streamline the process.

Community leaders estimate that roughly 7,000 students cross the border daily in the San Diego–Tijuana region. Once fully implemented, the new lanes are expected to significantly reduce wait times and ease the daily commute for cross-border students and their families.

INFORMATION:

If parents want **more information about faster cross-border lane links for students**, especially pilot programs that could help students cross more quickly between Tijuana and San Diego, they should contact **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**, which administers and can provide details on expedited crossing programs such as student "fast pass," Trusted Traveler lanes (like SENTRI) and Ready Lanes.

For general inquiries or the most current guidance, parents can call the **CBP San Diego Field Office** (which oversees San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry) at the number listed for that office: call **(619)-491-2600** or check the specific port contact for San Ysidro at **(619)-690-7600** during business hours.

Additionally, for students from Mexico seeking study-related assistance, parents may also contact **EducationUSA** at the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana for visa information and student guidance.



Time to Request 2026–27 Courses

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The forms can also be found on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website (www.sahs.org).

On their designated day, each student will meet with a member of the counseling staff to review their academic transcript and input their requests for the next school year.

In order to request courses, students must have (on their person at the time of their meeting with a counselor) a completed course request form that is signed by a parent or guardian as well as a completed and signed Advanced Placement contract if applicable.

Students will request their courses according to the following schedule:

Current freshmen (Class of 2029): Thursday and Friday, January 29 and January 30, during their Speech course.

Current juniors (Class of 2027): Thursday and Friday, February 5 and 6, during their religion course.

Current sophomores (Class of 2028): Thursday and Friday, February 12 and 13, during their religion course.

If you have any questions concerning course selection, please feel free to contact your counselor.

Mr. Carl Bronson

cbronson@sahs.org or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5537

- 9th Grade: Kassab-Reynoso
- 10th Grade: Lee-Russo
- 11th Grade: Lavat-Rodriguez

Mr. Tim Golden

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- 9th Grade: Adkins-Cueva-Sisto
- 10th Grade: Aguiniga-Escobar
- 11th Grade: Abbo-Encinas

Dr. Jerry Rey

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- 9th Grade: Rhea-Zwolinski
- 10th Grade: Sabaga-Zimmerman
- 11th Grade: Rogerio-Zwolinski

Mr. Bill Sullivan

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- 9th Grade: De Anda-Jones
- 10th Grade: Ferreya-LaPoint
- 11th Grade: Escalante-Kunde



Mr. Manzer & His Legacy

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Mr. Manzer: It has been almost 60 years since I graduated from Saints. More than ever, I realize more each day the importance of my time at St. Augustine's. It was a pinnacle time in my life when all the major parts needed to come together just right. Saints gives its students all the things they need to move ahead and to make their mark in life.

There is no college without high school. Saints has all the tools to ready their students for the journey. Little changes after those four years. The seniors will know this as they move forward and realize just what happened to them during their time at Saints. Thank God that Saints exists!

Mr. Hearn: If you had one word to describe Saints what would it be? Why?

Mr. Manzer: I think the word "CATHOLIC" fully describes Saints. We need a movement to renew all that we are as Catholics. Our best chance to do this is at Saints. Our church is under pressure and we must stand together and be firm in our faith.

During my life, I have had issues like so many of us, but I have always come back to understand the teachings of the church are right on. It is perfect and has all the answers we need in order to achieve the fullness of life. We need to stay close to God and believe in our church.

Mr. Hearn: How are you presently involved at Saints?

Mr. Manzer: I am involved at Saints due to the leadership. I am very impressed with the example of Catholic teaching. I do not see another place which comes close to the quality of leadership in the classroom.

The programs for the future and what has taken place in recent years is outstanding. It is exciting and most rewarding to be part of Saints. We have the best young men any school could have.

They perform at a high level and their achievements are impressive. It is always nice to be with a winning team.

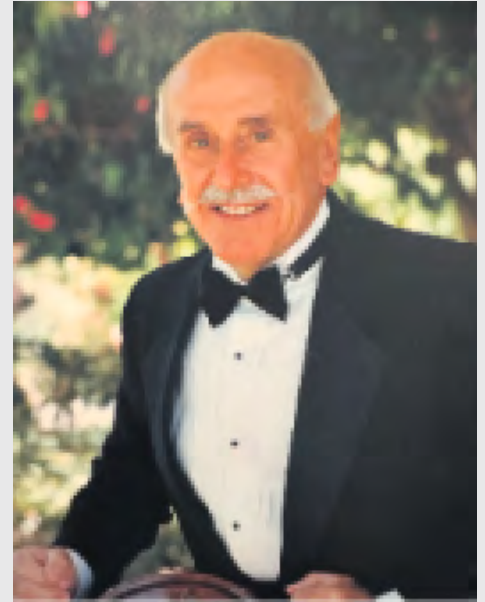
Funds are needed and if all of us just did a little, the job will get done. I see so many people coming forward to help out. I am blessed to be asked to help and I find it not only rewarding, but a pleasure to do so.

Mr. Hearn: In your view what is the relationship between an alum of Saints with the school?

Mr. Manzer: The real work ahead revolves around bringing more alums into the Saints family. For my part I would like to see more senior alums finding their way back to the school. Saints is impressive and the only thing holding it back is lack of donations.

The school has been around for a long time and there is a large base of alumni. They need to experience the modern Saints. Once they see it, they will be motivated to assist the wonderful young men at Saints.

Saints is on a high note of success. More and more of us can see it and understand we need to be involved. Any alum coming forward will be rewarded beyond their wildest dreams. I am proud to be a small part of its past.



Above And Beyond

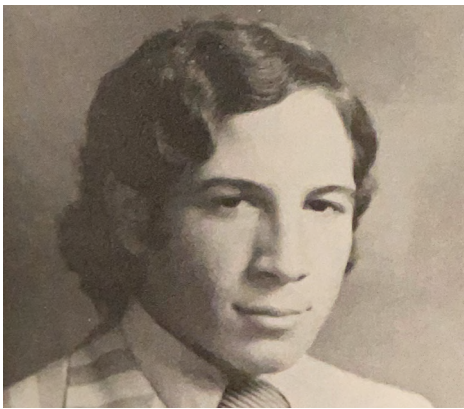
Saints 2026 Achievement Awards Salute Four: Winnie Aarn, Charles Limandri; Tom Cudal; and Jerry Wisniew

The 2026 Augustinian Achievement Award Ceremony was held on Saturday evening, January 31, at St. Augustine High School, bringing alumni, faculty, families, and friends together for a night of celebration, gratitude, and reflection. The evening began with a welcoming cocktail hour, followed by dinner and the formal presentation of awards in the school's gymnasium and commons.

Established in 2019, the Augustinian Achievement Award honors graduates who have embraced the school's core values of Unity, Truth, and Love, and who have lived lives of service, leadership, and faith. After a pause during the COVID shutdown, the tradition resumed with renewed purpose, recognizing alumni whose personal and professional paths reflected the spirit of Saints and the teachings of St. Augustine.

This year's ceremony honored four distinguished alumni whose impact on the school, the Church, and their communities stood as models for current students and fellow graduates. Through public service, education, athletics, medicine, law, and mentorship, each honoree embodied the mission of forming young men who go on to make the world better.

The examples set by these men and women reminded all in attendance that a Saints education does not end at graduation. It carries forward in lives shaped by faith, integrity, and generosity. The evening served not only as a celebration of achievement, but as a call to continue building the Kingdom of God through action, compassion, and leadership.



Charles "Chuck" LiMandri '73

If ever there were a Saints graduate who embodied the ideal of a renaissance man, it was Charles "Chuck" LiMandri, Class of 1973. Scholar, athlete, leader, devoted family man, and nationally respected attorney, Chuck's life reflected a seamless integration of faith, intellect, and service.

Formed by Catholic education from childhood through law school, Chuck's commitment to faith was evident early. As a standout wrestler at Saints, he helped unite teammates by organizing pre-match Masses. His leadership and character earned him election as ASB Vice President, Man of the Year honors, and graduation summa cum laude.

Chuck's academic and professional journey was marked by excellence and conviction. After undergraduate leadership roles at the University of San Diego, he studied in Oxford under the world's foremost Thomas More scholar, shaping a lifelong devotion to principled law. Before entering Georgetown Law, he returned to Saints to teach English and coach wrestling, giving back to the school that had shaped him.

Over four decades in law, Chuck became known for defending religious liberty, often pro bono. His work on nationally significant cases, including the preservation of the Mount Soledad Cross and the protection of church worship during the pandemic, demonstrated courage, perseverance, and deep moral clarity.

Throughout his life, Chuck LiMandri lived the Saints values of Unity, Truth, and Love with unwavering resolve, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire generations of Saintsmen.



Tom Cudal '72

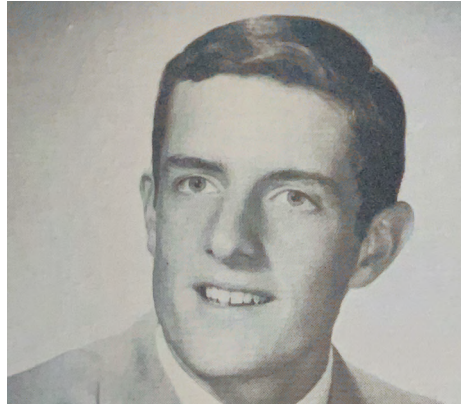
Few individuals were more synonymous with St. Augustine High School than Tom Cudal, Class of 1972. Student, teacher, administrator, coach, photographer, and the unmistakable voice of Saints athletics, Tom devoted nearly five decades to the formation of young men.

After graduating, Tom returned to Saints as an educator and quickly became a beloved presence on campus. His classroom was defined by humor, rigor, and compassion, where students felt both challenged and supported. He had an unmatched ability to connect, whether through literature, faith, or his legendary Rubik's Cube demonstration.

Tom's influence extended well beyond the classroom. As Assistant Principal for Academics for 23 years, he guided Saints through periods of growth and transition, always centered on student formation. His baritone voice became a fixture at athletic events, known for fairness, dignity, and school pride.

The depth of his impact was made clear when the Tom Cudal '72 Scholarship reached full endowment in record time, a testament to the gratitude of former students whose lives he shaped.

Through quiet leadership and steadfast dedication, Tom Cudal lived out the meaning of "Loyal Sons of Saint Augustine," leaving an indelible mark on the school and its community.



Jerome "Doc" Wisniew '64

Jerome "Doc" Wisniew, Class of 1964, exemplified lifelong service through quiet dedication and unwavering loyalty to Saints. From the moment he arrived on campus as a student, Doc committed himself fully to the school and its mission.

After earning his degree in podiatry, Doc served as a Naval Officer and later retired as a Captain in the Naval Reserve after more than 35 years of service. Alongside his professional career, he became a constant presence at Saints athletics, caring for generations of student-athletes long before professional trainers were common.

For decades, Doc treated injuries, kept the basketball book, traveled with teams, and ensured athletes were physically prepared to compete. His service extended beyond sports, including his role in helping convert Dougherty Gymnasium into a temporary morgue following the tragic PSA-182 crash in 1978.

Inducted into the Saints Hall of Fame in 2015, and later honored with the naming of the Jerome "Doc" Wisniew '64 Athletic Training Room, his legacy was one of humility, faith, and service.

Doc's life reflected a simple truth: showing up, day after day, can change countless lives. His devotion to Saints and to others embodied the very heart of Augustinian values.



Winnie Arnn, Honorary Graduate 2015

Winnie Arnn stood as one of the most influential educators in the history of St. Augustine High School. At a time when few women taught at all-boys schools, she became a master teacher whose freshman English classroom was a defining experience for generations of Saintsmen.

Winnie brought energy, structure, and joy to learning. She understood how boys learned best and designed her classroom to engage mind, body, and spirit. Shakespeare was acted, discussions required standing, and music and humor filled the room. Students felt seen, respected, and challenged.

Beyond the classroom, Winnie was a visible supporter of her students, cheering from the stands in her signature purple jacket. Her care extended beyond academics, shaping confidence and character at a formative stage in young men's lives. Upon retirement, she was named an Honorary Graduate and received the Anima Una Award, recognizing her embodiment of the Augustinian spirit. Her continued service as a volunteer and ambassador reflected a lifetime dedicated to helping others shine.

Winnie Arnn's legacy was not only in what she taught, but in how deeply she loved the young men entrusted to her care.

SAINTS TRADITION

40TH Annual Alumni Golf Classic

Registration is officially open for this year's Alumni Golf Classic! The date of the Saints Community's big event will be Friday July 17th with the shotgun start kicking off at 12 pm.

The price is \$225 per person which includes your round, post tournament dinner, drink tickets, raffle tickets, boxed lunch, and registration gift. This year's gathering will be hosted at the beautiful Singing Hills Golf Club in El Cajon with both the Oak & Willow courses being utilized.



Hotel rooms at the Sycuan Casino Resort will also be available for reservation for those who wish to stay overnight for a discounted rate!



Sign up soon through our QR code to guarantee your spot at the marquee alumni event of the year.



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