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Saintsmen Down Dons in Holy Bowl



Senior Elijah Preston muscled his way into the endzone.

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By Brendan Leahy ('16)
EDITOR

This year, Saints was victorious over Cathedral Catholic High School in the big rivalry match of the season, the Holy

Bowl. The triumph, played at Cathedral's Manchester Stadium which was overflowing with cheering spectators, was a comeback for Saints after a difficult loss in this matchup last year.

The Saints got off to a strong start, scor-

ing on their first possession, and although Cathedral brought the game back to a tie in the third quarter, victory seemed inevitable for the Saints who proceeded to score twenty-one points in the fourth quarter. The entire time, The Pit was in a frenzy cheering on

the team, adding that extra motivation that gives Saints an edge at every sporting event.

"I think the emotional intensity was completely different from most weeks," said Coach Sanchez. "I think the motivation

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PPR Makes Saintsmen Scream



By Jacques Paye ('16)
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

At 7:15 AM on October 23, Prep Pigskin Report anchor Paul Rudy visited St. Augustine High School to host the KUSI Alarm Clock Pep Rally, held simultaneously at Cathedral Catholic High School. This was the first Alarm Clock Pep Rally held at Saints in seven years, and the first ever dual pep rally. The pep rally inaugurated the day's Holy Bowl festivities.

The players made their entrance carrying PPR reporter Brandon Stone. Senior Francoise Sims formally began the rally by adding a Saints sticker to the PPR football helmet representing schools all over San Diego. Highlights of the rally included the Saints band's rendition of "Thank You for the Venom" by My Chemical Romance, a backflip display by senior JT Faust and junior Koltin Seifert, and a performance by the OLP cheerleaders. The appearance of Ted Giannoulas's San Diego Chicken pushed excitement to its peak.

"I was really excited to see such an iconic figure at our rally," said junior Hayden Ball. "It really added to the atmosphere and made the whole event more important."

The rally concluded with a pre-Holy Bowl cheering contest between Saints and



The San Diego Chicken fires up the crowd.

Max Brandon ('16)

Cathedral measured by decibel level. Cathedral Catholic won, producing 122 decibels to trump the 118 recorded in Dougherty Gym.

Some, however, dispute this result.

"Paul Rudy told me that actually the high-

est he got on his meter [before he froze it] was 120," said Mr. Weber, Saints physics teacher. "The decibel level is based on a logarithmic scale of sound intensity. On a per-capita basis, they would have needed to hit 123 to counter

our 120, and they only hit 122."

Regardless of the true noise-level calculation, the St. Augustine High School football team followed a memorable rally with an unforgettable win.

Hyatt Hosts Successful Homecoming



By Sean Panado ('17)
STAFF WRITER

This year's Saints Homecoming Dance, themed "The Purple and Gold Awards – The After Party," took place at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in Downtown San Diego on October 3, 2015 after a week consisting of an exciting rally and a football game in the theme of "The Purple and Gold Awards."

The fun-filled week kicked off with the homecoming rally in Dougherty Gym on Thursday, October 1, 2015. In accordance with the week's theme, the rally was "The 2015 Purple and Gold Awards." It was designed to be an award show similar to that of the Oscars or Academy Awards.

Saints faculty were selected to announce the Saintsman nominees for the following awards: "Most Likely to Be a Male Model," "Most Likely to Participate in a WWE Match," "Most Likely to Dance in a Beyoncé Video," "Most Likely to Win the Lottery... But Lose the Ticket," and "Best Dressed (Honorary Award)." A Saintsman from each class was selected as a winner in each category. The award rally also included a hilarious pie-eating contest.

The second event of the week was the homecoming football game on Friday where Saints played against Vista Murrieta High School. At this game, Sam Dixon and Barbara Mera were honored as Homecoming King and Queen respectively, having been elected following the rally earlier in the week.

"It was an honor to represent the Saints and OLP communities with Barbara," senior Sam Dixon said. "She was a wonderful queen and I cannot



The St. Augustine High School Homecoming Court.

Max Brandon ('16)

thank my classmates enough for nominating me as king. I owe everything to them."

The other members of the Homecoming Court, the Sophomore Prince and Princess as well as the Junior Prince and Princess, were also recognized in front of Saints alumni during the halftime show.

Lastly, "The Purple and Gold Awards – The After Party" was, ironically, the main event of the week. It consisted of celebrity cardboard cutouts, paparazzi-type photog-

rappers, and VIP lounges. The beautiful homecoming venue, with a view of the Coronado Bridge and San Diego Bay, was selected by the ASB Senior Class.

"The homecoming dance was very impressive. I felt like I was at a real after party. The decorations, food, and venue were all high class and high quality," said junior James Downey.

Some never-before-seen features were an overhanging lighting structure right

above the dance floor, shoe table and coat rack room, and complimentary guest mints given to every attendee.

Led by their moderator, Mr. Cudal, the week was organized by the ASB Junior Class Officers: Dario Gutierrez, Antonio Landa, Max Rodriguez, and Sean Panado.

"The junior class did a wonderful job in organization. They really thought about the attendees and kept with the theme," Mr. Cudal said.

Talent Show Awes Eighth Graders



Coach Stephenson addresses prospective students.



By James McCarthy ('16)
STAFF WRITER

On October 7th and 8th, St. Augustine High School held the annual Eighth Grade Visitations. Over these two days, approximately five hundred students and two hundred parents from the parochial schools around the county visited Saints.

The visitations have become an important part of the school's outreach to potential new students. Not only do the students get to tour the campus, but they also get to experience what a routine day in the life of a Saintsman is like.

"We want the eighth graders to get a complete feel of what we are about," said

Coach Haupt, the director of admissions. "We want them to see how great our school is."

One of the most important aspects of Saints is the level of participation among students in the school community.

"I think the most important part of visitations is understanding what the Saints' experience encompasses," said Mr. Inzunza. "We want the eighth graders to participate in our community when they come here, whether that is in sports, music, drama, ASB, or other clubs. We want the eighth graders to be a part of our fraternal brotherhood here at Saints."

The highlight of the visitations for both the eighth graders and Saints students is

the talent show.

"The talent show is a great way to demonstrate the unique talent that the student body has," Alex Almond said. "It lets us show how we have developed as musicians while in the band."

This year, some of the notable performances included the saxophone quartet led by Alex Almond, Sam Dixon on the piano, JT Faust and Koltin Seifert doing backflips, and Desi Charfauros performing the Haka, a Maori war dance, with several other students.

"The biggest part for me is that the students get to see the spirit and liveliness of our school at the talent show," said Coach Haupt.

Ground Broken on New Gym



By Liam Brucker-Casey ('19)
STAFF WRITER

On October 30th, Saints broke ground on the new Student Activities Center. The ceremony marked the beginning of an estimated 18 month long project.

The construction plan involves retrofitting the current Dougherty Gym into a performing arts center, and creating the new Student Activities Center. Dougherty gym's shortcomings, such as the court, which is 10 feet shorter than regulation, will be corrected in the new gym.

Saints broke ground on Phase II after an extended capital campaign to bring the dream of Fr. John Sanders to fruition.

The new gym has garnered the attention of notable civic leaders, such as San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Councilman Todd Gloria, President of the Chamber of Commerce Jerry Sanders, and CEO of American Red Cross San Diego Bill Earley, who were all in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony.

"This new center is going to create even more opportunities for students at a high school with a rich history of developing young men of character who are strong in mind, heart and body," Mayor Faulconer said. "With this second phase of its campus project, the school is living up to the words of St. Augustine himself to 'always improve, always go forward' and 'become that which you are not yet.'"

At the ceremony, Mayor Faulconer proclaimed October 30th 2015 Saint Augustine High School Day in San Diego to commemorate the start of construction and the impact Saints has had on the community.

The construction of the new center represents how Saints continues to work to enhance the Saints experience for future students.

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from what happened the previous year had our kids juiced up.”

Clearly this was the case as after the game began with a kickoff by Cathedral, Saints had a strong opening drive. Saints quickly drove down the field and scored in just a few plays with a rushing touchdown by senior Elijah Preston. On Cathedral's first possession, Saints set the tone of the game with an immediate sack and several tackles for losses, forcing the Dons to punt the ball. The first quarter ended as Saints marched down the field into the red zone.

Just several seconds into the second quarter, Saints scored with a pass from junior quarterback Rodney Thompson to junior Tariq Thompson to make the score 14-0 Saints. The following drive from Cathedral was strong, but the Saints were able to hold them out of the end zone and recover the ball. Cathedral then intercepted Rodney

Thompson's throw, ending the Saints possession and putting the Dons in an excellent position to score. The Saints held them back and made a strong stand on the goal line, but ultimately the Dons were able to score their first touchdown of the game with just two minutes left in the half. The first half ended with the score 14-7 Saints.

At the outset of the second half, Cathedral looked to match the opening Saints had in the first half. After receiving the kickoff, Cathedral made their way down most of the field with just two big plays. They scored a touchdown a few plays later, bringing the score to an even 14-14 with eight minutes still to go in the third quarter. From this point, Saints defense locked down on Cathedral causing two turnovers before the end of the third quarter while the score remained tied.

“At that point we put Michael Alves in the backfield because we needed to make some adjustments,” said Coach Sanchez. “Also, Elijah Preston broke a few big plays and our defense played lights out; that was the biggest difference, our defense.”

Clearly these adjustments were effective, as in the fourth quarter, Saints got off to a great start with a rushing touchdown by senior Francoise Sims, and only a few plays later picked up another touchdown when junior Tariq Thompson ran an interception back to the end zone. This flurry of action left the score at 28-14 Saints with time to spare in the fourth quarter. However, Saints was not yet done and the real nail in the coffin came when senior Elijah Preston rushed for a second touchdown on the game and the score became 35-14 for the Saints with only two minutes left to play. Cathedral managed another score, but it was too little, too late and when the dust settled, The Pit celebrated as Saints had won 35-21.

“The Pit was at its best. In the end, we got the win over Cathedral which is what really matters,” said senior Alex Almond.

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Seniors Have Their Day in Court

Entire Class Addressed on Consequences of Bad Decisions



By Ryan Dent ('16)
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, October 21, the senior class took a field trip to the San Diego Superior Court while their peers were taking the PSAT.

Judge Timothy Walsh addressed them on some critical issues facing young adults today. Afterwards, they were given free time to sit in on various ongoing court proceedings.

Saintsmen were given the opportunity to witness a broad scale of the criminal justice cases, from simple misdemeanor arraignments to a felony involving assault with a deadly weapon.

The field trip was part of a larger community outreach program called Justice 101. Available only to and geared towards high school seniors, its purpose is to “[emphasize] the consequences that can occur when people make poor choices in their lives.”

The program specifically targets high school seniors because many of them are turning 18 and becoming adults. At this time in their lives, they are starting to receive more freedom before becoming completely independent in college. The program directors want to make sure that these young adults understand that with this freedom and independence comes a certain degree of responsibility, including the possibility of being tried as adults.

Seven to eight years ago, Mr. O’Beirne was approached by the directors of Justice 101, who offered Saints the opportunity to participate. He jumped at the opportunity, recognizing the need to educate Saintsmen on the consequences of their actions and to further their development as intellectually competent and emotionally developed



The San Diego Hall of Justice, where seniors observed live trials.

young men who are prepared to participate in a changing world.

For a while after its inception at Saints, the program remained relatively unchanged, with the same schedule and same judge, the Honorable Frederick Link and later it was changed to the Honorable Timothy Walsh. Soon after the program was started, Mr. Christian da Luz took charge of organizing the program and making it an annual event.

The field trip used to be scheduled in the spring before prom to remind the students of the consequences of illegal actions, but administrators felt that it would serve its purpose better if held at the beginning of the year so that the students can carry the lessons through the whole year.

This trip is an important educational experience but also important in the development of our young men at Saints.

“They need to realize that one moment, one stupid mistake is all it takes. It’s not worth your future,” said Mr. Christian da Luz.

Senior Fred Smyth found the trip to be an eye-opening experience.

“Seeing all these people in person makes you realize that these are real issues that we face in society and that they’re not just things you hear about,” he said.

Club Walks for Diabetes



By Gian Ferrer ('17)
EDITOR

On October 18th, the Saints Pre-Med Club participated in San Diego's 2015 Walk to Stop Diabetes at Liberty Station in NTC Park. This marked the club's second time going on the walk.

The primary goal of the walk is to raise money to fight the disease and help others understand the impact of diabetes, which is the 7th leading cause of death in America. Diabetes affects approximately 29.1 million people in the United States alone, and about 371 million people worldwide.

"One of the missions of the Pre-Med club is to expose our members to health care related issues," said junior David Pack, club president. "The Diabetes Walk was an opportunity to get involved in the community and raise money and awareness for one of our country's most rapidly growing diseases."

This walk is sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and has been going on for over 20 years. In total, it has raised over 200 million dollars to support the cause of stopping diabetes.

Junior Scott Thoney, a member of the club, said, "The diabetes walk definitely helped raise awareness for both the participants and bystanders. The walk showed that hundreds of people were willing to put forth the effort to fight the disease. It was also fun since I got to hang out with my friends."

This year, the club has more events and visits planned.

"The Pre-Med club plans to visit several medical offices this year, including Optometry, Dental, Forensic Medicine, and Physical Therapy clinics. We will also visit the San Ysidro Community Health Clinic and have various medical doctors come to speak at meetings," Pack said.

Saintsmen Get New Rites



Fr. Ankido Sipo (L) and Fr. Toufek Nasr (R)



By Daniel Wehbe ('17)
STAFF WRITER

Many Catholics aren't aware of just how much diversity exists within the spiritual heritage of the Church. In addition to the Roman (or Latin) rite of the Church—by far the most widely celebrated—there are also more than half a dozen so-called Eastern rites of the Church which celebrate the sacraments quite differently.

Within the past several weeks, Saints has experienced two different Eastern rites of Catholicism at Wednesday Mass: Chaldean and Maronite.

Fr. Ankido Sipo from St. Peter Catholic Cathedral in El Cajon presided over



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the Chaldean rite Mass. The Chaldean rite is ancient, originating in the 1st century.

"The Chaldean Church was founded by St. Addai and St. Mari in what is today Iraq. St. Addai was one of Jesus' own disciples and it is said that he might have even been an Apostle," said Mr. Vignol, Saints' resident expert on Church history.

The Mass was very memorable. During his homily, Fr. Ankido reminded everyone of the persecution that Chaldean Catholics endure in Iraq. And all throughout, Saintsmen enjoyed the beautiful singing provided by St. Peter's choir. Most songs were in Aramaic, the language that Jesus spoke during His ministry. Saintsmen also had to do a good amount of kneeling on the floor (and even

the bleachers!) of Dougherty Gym during the liturgy of the Eucharist, as is customary in their rite.

A few weeks after Fr. Ankido's visit, Fr. Toufek Nasr of St. Ephrem's Church in El Cajon came to celebrate a Maronite rite Mass with the Saints community.

Saintsmen were exposed to unique prayers that were done in Syriac, the language of St. Maron. Fr. Toufek also shared the unique way in which Maronites celebrate the Kiss of Peace.

The Maronite Church was founded by St. Maron in what is today Syria. He was a 4th century Christian monk who is said to have worked many miracles. After his death, his followers spread throughout the coastal Middle East, telling stories of his great spirituality and devotion to God.

Fr. Toufek had visited Saints a few weeks earlier as a guest speaker for religion classes. He informed Saintsmen about the situation in the Middle East and about the history of the Maronite rite.

Fr. Bob ('55), the school's chaplain, worked hard to make the priests' visits possible.

"When it came to Fr. Toufek, it was easy because he had come to do Mass the year before. We had to reach out to Fr. Ankido, however, because we realized that many members of his church were Saintsmen," Fr. Bob said.

Celebrating Mass in the different rites was a fascinating experience for the students.

"At first I felt like there was a lot of singing. But by the end, I enjoyed it," said Luke Macie, an altar server for both Masses.

Macie also was mindful of the Christians in Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere suffering and even dying at the hands of ISIS.

"We as Catholics need to look out...especially for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East," he said.

Saintsmen "Sac" Competition



Senior Alex Karaniwan races towards the finish line.

Ryan Segura ('16)



By David Pepper ('16)
EDITOR

On Friday, October 23, Saints Cross Country drove up to Pomona to run in the Mount Sac Invitational, the world's largest high school cross country meet. Saints placed fourth overall out of 33 regional schools in the Division 4 race, supported by strong performances from sophomore Finn Waters and seniors Ryan Dent and Alex Karaniwan.

"It was a fun experience to be with the team. It was a tough course, but it was really good to get top ten and medal," said Finn Waters.

In the cross country community, Mount Sac is considered one of the most elite com-

petitions in the country and athletes come from across the United States to compete. Colleges often recruit top performers from this meet and use many runners' Mount Sac times when considering candidates for their teams. Mount Sac is one of the most challenging three-mile courses in the nation, and hosts almost 25,000 runners annually for the invitational.

This year, Saints sent seven runners to Mount Sac who were selected based on their prior performances, and they left during the school day to make the hour and a half drive to the event.

Despite a heat wave, the Saints cross country team persevered and achieved a

fourth place finish. Sophomore Finn Waters ran a blistering time of 16:44 and placed eighth out of one hundred and ninety six runners. Seniors Ryan Dent and Alex Karaniwan finished in 28th and 30th place, respectively.

"Being able to participate in the Mount Sac race was a great team bonding and running experience, and being able to participate in a national competition was quite exciting," Alex Karaniwan said.

Mr. Yoakum, Saints Cross Country coach, believes that the meet is important preparation for the upcoming CIF Championships.

"I was very proud of the way our runners ran, and how we competed as a team," Coach Yoakum said.

Students Succumb to Hypnosis



By Gian Ferrer ('17)
EDITOR

On October 9 at the now-annual hypnotist show in Dougherty Gym, Saintsmen witnessed their fellow students performing bizarre activities, from instantly falling asleep to dancing like monkeys.

"The highlight was when he made people dance like ballerinas," said junior Fernando Rubio.

"My favorite part was when they were dancing to Kung Fu Panda and Thriller. They were funny," OLP senior Corrinne Rodriguez said.

Hypnotist Randy Kappe credited the success and laughter of the show to the students' willingness to engage with each other and the performers.

"It seemed like everyone was laughing and having a good time," Kappe said. "I had a good staff and a good crowd that was very receptive, so the show went well. This is actually my second visit to Saint Augustine, and I already knew that you would be a good crowd, judging from last year. The crowd was respectful and had a good time."

However, the hypnotist show also had the noble purpose of raising money for the orphanage. This year's show raised a total of \$1,400 dollars.

"Every year we make sure that we give a hundred percent of the proceeds back to the orphanage in Tijuana to kick off the yearly campaign for that fundraising effort," said Mr. Inzunza, ASB moderator.

The Hypnotist Show has made a significant contribution to this year's fundraising efforts, and proved to be an incredible experience for students.

“SAVI” Saintsmen Visit Ontario



Saintsmen pose with fellow SAVI attendees.



By Ian Haliburton ('17)
STAFF WRITER

Saints sophomores recently took part in a long-standing Augustinian school tradition, crossing the Canadian border to participate in the Student Augustinian Value Institute, better known as SAVI.

Annually, one of nine Augustinian secondary schools in North America hosts this event. The Saints community hosted the gathering two years ago. This year, the responsibility fell to Saint Thomas of Villanova College in King City, Ontario.

Saints was represented by Chas Parada, Michael Senoff, Patrick Bazzi, Andrew Moura, Tim Winger, and Sebastian Rohrer. These six were selected for their demonstrations of

Augustinian values, leadership, and commitment to the various areas of school life.

The first goal of SAVI is to reinforce a sense of unity among Augustinian schools based mostly on their shared ideals.

“SAVI provides an opportunity for our students to collaborate with other Augustinian schools about how best to live out the values Unitas, Veritas, and Caritas,” said Mrs. Walp, who chaperoned with Father Kirk.

SAVI’s structure allows for the exchange of ideas between schools with hopes of improving their respective communities.

“SAVI allowed me to listen to the opinions of other people which formed around the other, unique Augustinian schools,” Andrew Moura said.

This is another major goal of SAVI, and

Photo courtesy of Villanova College, Ontario

it has affected the Saints community before with additions to campus life, including the Unitas, Veritas, and Caritas banners used at Mass and plans for a Day of Service, an idea gleaned from Villanova Prep.

Another, less concrete benefit of this event is the relationship it strengthens between Saints and Villanova Prep, a fellow Californian Augustinian school. Saints works with Villanova Prep in several of its service activities, including volunteering at Hogar Infantil.

“Before I went to SAVI, I didn’t know much about other Augustinian schools. SAVI opened my eyes to the way they follow the same mission we do,” Chas Parada said.

SAVI is intended to nurture these bonds and acquaint students with the larger Augustinian family.

Chaplain's Corner



By Fr. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A.
COLUMNIST

Advent: Past or Present or Future?

Christmas is coming, and so is Advent on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent is the beginning of the church year. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the first coming of Jesus which we call Christmas. The Lord has already come some two thousand years ago. That is past. However, our celebration of that event in faith makes that salvific event present to us as we celebrate the feast of Christmas.

Advent is also the season that reminds us that Jesus will come again, at the end of time. We cannot make that event present. Jesus will come again at a time and hour we least expect. That is future.

So, where does that leave us except in the present. When I was in the seminary, we learned the Latin expression: Age quod agis = Do what you are doing. Focus on the present. If you are praying, pray. If you are studying, study. If you are playing football, play football. And it is in these moments of our daily lives that we will find the Lord Jesus present and our call to holiness, our call to be saints. We don’t have to look far. Good Pope St. John XXII said: “Let no one imagine that there is any opposition between these two things so that they cannot properly be reconciled: namely, the perfection of one’s own soul and the business of this life, as if one had no chance but to abandon the activities of this world in order to strive for Christian perfection, or as if one could not attend to these pursuits without endangering his own dignity as a man and as a Christian. Instead, it is in full accord with the designs of God’s providence that men develop and perfect themselves by exercise of their daily tasks.” (Mater et Magistra, nn. 255-256)

So, Advent is past and present and future. Jesus has come and will come and does come in our daily lives!

Big Brothers Relive Freshman Retreat



By Nick Lee ('17)
STAFF WRITER

For some 9th graders, the Freshman Overnight Retreat will not be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Some will have the unique opportunity to attend the retreat again as Big Brothers in their junior or senior year.

Carefully selected by Campus Ministry and Fr. Mark Menegatti, upperclassmen are invited back to revisit the experience which first welcomed them into the Saints brotherhood.

The transformation from freshman retreatant to Big Brother is a highly sought-after milestone in the Saints experience, but this shifting of responsibility requires a solid commitment. Many hours are invested in spiritual leadership training and planning. This process prepares Saintsmen to assume the responsibilities and join the ranks of Big Brothers before them.

With 65 Big Brothers and 191 freshmen in attendance, this year’s Freshman Overnight Retreat was greatly anticipated and did not disappoint. Teachers were thrilled to serve as adult leaders, including newcomer Mrs. Palafox, who made her retreat debut this year.

“A lot of the freshmen are super quiet and shy in class, and it was cool to hear them open up about their life,” Mrs. Palafox said. “I don’t think I would’ve gotten to know them on a deeper level if it weren’t for the retreat.”

The Class of 2019 was initiated with the traditional overnight gym sleepover, morning breakfast tamales, cruising for canned goods, and a rap performance by Father Mark. Freshman Johnathon Soro had been looking forward to the retreat since he set foot on campus back in August. Soro shared his favorite part of the retreat.



Fr. Mark celebrates a closing Mass for the retreatants.

Max Brandon ('16)

“I really liked hanging out at our big brother’s house because it was really fun,” he said. “They were really nice and straight up with us.”

Freshman Adam Tontz also had a positive experience which got him thinking about the future.

“I’d like to come back as a Big Brother because I want to be a role-model for younger freshmen like my awesome Big Brothers were for me,” Tontz said.

The Big Brothers were equally excited to partake in yet another bonding experience. Junior Christopher Bernens reminisces about being that timid freshman a couple years ago. Returning as a Big Brother was quite rewarding, since it was now his turn to bring out the best in the younger generation.

“I became a Big Brother because I wanted to help freshmen get the most of their retreat experience,” Bernens said. “I felt like I inspired the freshmen.”

Senior TG Plein had different motives for becoming a Big Brother, “During my Freshman Retreat my big brothers weren’t the greatest, and I really wanted to have an impact on my freshman.”

TG offered some advice for others who want to become Big Brothers.

“Honestly, just have faith in God and a desire to help the freshmen grow as Saintsmen and to help them be a part of the Saints community.”

SAHS Club Guide

St. Augustine High School is home to a plethora of exciting clubs. With Club Day behind us and the rest of the year ahead, *The Augustinian* would like to encourage Saintsmen to take advantage of their opportunities and find their niche in the community. Below, we've listed 29 recognized clubs on St. Augustine's campus, and how to get involved.

Academic League

Moderator: Mr. Weber

Students to Contact: James McCarthy and TG Plein

Meetings: By announcement, room 210

The Academic League and Quiz Bowl teams participate in competitions to test their knowledge in a variety of academic subjects. We are always looking for new members.

Drama Club

Moderator: Mr. Manley

Students to Contact: Thomas Parashos

Meetings: Thursdays, room 223

The Drama Club helps schedule upcoming shows, trips to plays, and other drama events.

Spanish Club

Moderator: Sra. Gormly and Mr. Davis

Students to Contact: Paul Ammons and Arturo Jacobo

Meetings: Thursdays at lunch, room 221

The Spanish Club promotes an appreciation of the Spanish language and culture through various media. The club encourages bilingualism and the consumption of churros.

Sport Fishing Club

Moderator: Mr. da Luz (APUSH)

President: Andrew Feiner

Meetings: Tuesdays at lunch by announcement in room 220.

The Sport Fishing Club provides Saintsmen with the opportunity to enjoy fishing together during school breaks.

Hogar Infantil Orphanage Club

Moderator: Fr. Kirk Davis

President: Dominic Oshana

Meetings: By announcement, trips once a month on Saturdays

The Hogar Infantil Club is devoted to supporting an orphanage in Tijuana. Support comes from donations and fundraisers, but most importantly, our dedication.

Habitat for Humanity

Moderator: Mr. Granados

President: Andreas Padilla

Meetings: By announcement in room 102, trips once a month on Saturdays

The Habitat for Humanity club meets once a month on a weekend and serves at a Habitat for Humanity event, usually to build affordable housing for refugees.

The Augustinian

Moderator: Mr. Bachynsky

Editor-in-Chief: Jacques Paye

Meetings: Tuesdays at lunch, room 318

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Investment Club

Moderator: Mr. Osberg (subject to change)

President: Trevor South

Meetings: By announcement, room 316

The Investment Club explores the financial world through teaching, guest speakers, and playing the Stock Market Game.

Pre-Med Club

Moderator: Mrs. MacVay

President: David Pack

Meetings: The last Tuesday of the month at lunch, room 322

The Pre-Med Club explores the medical field through field trips, guest speakers, and special events. We plan on watching live operations and seeking internships.

Table Tennis Club

Moderator: Mr. Davis

President: Gian Ferrer

Meetings: Daily at lunch at the ping pong tables.

The Table Tennis Club is open to anyone who wishes to play table tennis, stop by room 221 to sign up for any upcoming tournaments.

Rugby Appreciation Club

Moderator: Mr. Dent

President: Armando Ochoa

Meetings: By announcement, room 229

The Rugby Club watches videos, plays rugby and generally enjoys being social with other people in a rugby-centered environment. All are welcome.

ET for Teens

Moderator: Mrs. Allen

President: Martin Quiroga

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Saturdays, room 102

ET for Teens brings Saintsmen together to inspire and tutor children with terminal illnesses.

Committee for Political Awareness

Moderator: Mr. Vignol

President: Trevor South and Ricardo Soto

Meetings: First and third Wednesday of the month, room 319

The Committee for Political Awareness presents and debates current political events and trends.

Student Activity Center Timelapse



This is the first part of a continuing series showcasing the development of the new Student Activities Center. Expect to see changes in these photos in future issues.

International Rescue Committee

Moderator: Mrs. Allen
Presidents: Jose Vallejo and Esteban España
Meetings: By announcement, room 225

The IRC Club helps refugees wherever needed, especially those resettled in San Diego, with farm days, fundraisers, donation drives, presentations, and more!

League of Legends Club

Moderator: Mr. da Luz (APUSH)
President: Ramiro Lopez
Meetings: Friday after school, room 220

The League of Legends Club brings together people with a similar interest in the game League of Legends which is discussed and played each week.

Hungry Eats

Moderator: Mr. Dent
President: Carson Clarke
Meetings: Thursdays at lunch in room 229

"In Hungry Eats, we eat food." - Carson Clarke

Key Club

Moderator: Dr. Rey
President: Matt Johnston
Meetings: Mondays at lunch, room 319

The Key Club is a nationally recognized, service based group which runs our school's blood drives, and provides students with opportunities to serve.

Interact Club

Moderator: Mrs. MacVay
President: Sean Panish
Meetings: First two Tuesdays of each month at lunch, MacVay's room 322

The Rotary Interact Club supports service on every level. Current and ongoing projects include No Shave November, the Red Bag, Nike Reuse a Shoe, and more.

Restless Hearts Club

Moderator: Mr. Granados
President: Christopher Bernens
Meetings: By announcement, room 102

The Restless Hearts Club strives to rest in God just as St. Augustine did. Our main focuses are Pro-Life/Purity, Evangelization, and Apologetics. New members are always welcome, regardless of religious viewpoint or practice.

College Prep Club

Moderator: Ms. Mekrut
Students to Contact: William Frank, Adam Gutierrez, and Nick Balkowski
Meetings: By announcement

The College Prep Club is for students looking to better prepare themselves for the college application process. There will be monthly meetings and workshops.

Archery Club

Moderator: Mr. Alcoser
Presidents: Kyle Buffington
Meetings: First Monday of every month, Purple and Gold room

The Archery Club brings students together to practice and promote archery, with an emphasis on archery safety.

Men of Service Club

Moderator: Mr. Cudal
President: David Celestino
Meetings: Fridays at lunch, room 219

The club strives to address the needs of the less fortunate in San Diego and is looking for students who want to reach out to the community.

The Art Club

Moderator: Ms. Drummy
President: William Stonehouse
Meetings: Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school, room 107

The Art Club is where students who appreciate art and enjoy creating art can connect to share ideas and plan activities that interest the group.

The Chinese Club

Moderator: Fr. Bob Gavotto
President: Chris Timineri
Meetings: Thursdays at lunch, room 319

The Chinese Club aims to explore the Chinese language and culture by exploring vocabulary, phrases, and games. The club is instructed by Mrs. Lei Timineri.

EP Save a Life Club

Moderator: Mr. Inzunza and Ms. Villa
President: Matthew Staker
Meetings: Every other Wednesday at lunch in room 220

The EP Save a Life Club helps prevent sudden cardiac arrest among teens by conducting free heart screenings. To date the club has helped screen over 12,000 young adults.

Airsoft Club

Moderator: Mr. da Luz (APUSH)
Students to Contact: Jonathon Kalla, Joseph Vechinski
Meetings: By announcement, band room

Members of the Airsoft Club gather together at local parks and airsoft fields to shoot plastic pellets at each other.

The FIFA Club

Moderator: Mr. da Luz (APUSH)
President: Charles Parada
Meetings: By announcement, room 220

The FIFA club will hold two tournaments a year with a five dollar entry fee in the hopes of raising money for the Hogar Infantil orphanage.

Mock Trial

Moderator: Mr. Manley
President: Jacques Paye
Meetings: Wednesdays after school, room 102

Mock Trial goes to court for a countywide competition, arguing both sides of a criminal case. Our doors are open to prospective attorneys, photographers, and courtroom artists.

Technology Club

Moderator: Mr. Weber
President: Alvaro Luken
Meetings: Wednesdays at lunch in Mr. Weber's room

The Technology Club brings Saintsman together to explore the world of robotics and electrical engineering, with an eye toward participating in several future competitions.

Life at Saints

Costume Contest

By Carlos Escobosa ('17)



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