## Saints Golf Team Boosters,

With the completion of the regular season, our team is now preparing for CIF. The varsity team finished the season in fourth place in the Western League with a 5-5 record following tight losses to Cathedral by one stroke and to ultimate league champs La Jolla and Scripps Ranch. Our overall record was 11-13 which is a reflection on the difficult schedule we played as we are ranked #9 overall in all of San Diego County based on our scoring average. In the City League Championship at Balboa Golf Course on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saints golfers Robert Case, Alex Leon and Tyler Whittaker all qualified in the top 32 players through 36 holes to play in Match Play. Though they were eliminated in their matches, congratulations to them for taking part of the competition!

Our JV team ended the season with a record of 10-6. In the final two weeks of the season, we competed in two JV tournaments, finishing in 2nd place at Mission Trails GC and in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the much larger "Best of Rest" event at National City GC. The amount of time on the course for the JV players was evident by the improved play by our youngest team members as the season progressed. With a large group of enthusiastic 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are working on their golf games, it will be exciting to see their level of improvement in the coming years as they move up the team ladder.

## Former Saints golfers making the news:

- Luis Calderon (Saints 2014) wrapped up his sophomore year on the golf team at California State Northridge by finishing in 22nd place in the Big West Conference Championship held at Wood Ranch Golf Club. After playing in a few events with the team as a freshman, Luis was a regular member of the top 5 players on CSUN's golf team all season and will head into his junior year with the goal of further making a mark in the NCAA D1 golf world.

- Tyler Torano (Saints 2010) has played in his first three full field events on the PGA Latinoamerica Tour. He has made two cuts in the events and currently stands in 56th place on the money list. Tyler will be playing in four events in a row starting this week as he attempts to earn status on the Web.com Tour in the United States through a strong season in South America.

- Armando Favela (Saints 2005), who was a member of the 2005 California State Championship team at Saints, also is fully exempt on the PGA Latinoamerica Tour following his victory in an event in Columbia two summers ago. Armando is currently in 42<sup>nd</sup> through the first three events he has competed in this year.

**Charity event run by Saintsman Don Eklund for St. Columba Church:** The Saints Golf Team will have three members working at the "Holy Open" tournament at Admiral Baker GC on June 10<sup>th</sup> to help support the effort to raise money for the St. Columba parish and school. Contact

Don if you would like to play in the event or if you would like to help sponsor it in any way at the following link to the event: <u>http://www.stcolumbaholyopen.com/</u>.

## CIF quickly approaching for the golf team:

CIF San Diego will be held on May 17th and May 19th at Admiral Baker Golf Course. The top two teams from San Diego County will move on to CIF Regionals along with the top 10 individuals who are not on either of the top two teams. With a long track record of sending the team and/or individuals on to Regionals, we hope that this year's team will perform up to their capabilities at Admiral Baker.

From coaches Christian Da Luz, Bill Davis, Jess Wilson, and Tom Graciano, we would like to again thank all the boosters who support our team throughout the entire school year to allow our team of 28 golfers from varying levels of skill the opportunity to experience being on the high school golf team at Saints.

Sincerely Tom Isaak