



# SAINTS SCENE



**WINNING TRADITION**—Saints Rugby topples Cathedral; Captures Charity Cup for 3rd time in 4 years. For more on Varsity Rugby see Page 6.

## FRESH STARTS DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Principal James Horne

It is finally complete. The WCEA/WASC 2018 self study process is over and the visitation from the team representing the accrediting commission will happen this month.

But is it really over? No.

The journey in education, like that of life, provides us transitory moments where we can reflect a bit before getting a fresh start on what's next. The end of one semester or school year really just signifies the beginning of another. But it is these "fresh starts" that give students, teachers, and administrators alike a chance to seize a window of opportunity to make improvements as a new semester or year begins.

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## HAIL AND FAREWELL! AZTECS HIRE COACH SANCHEZ



**MOVING ON**—Richard Sanchez, SDSU Football's New Defensive Backs Coach.

Late last month, Richard Sanchez, Saints head varsity football coach accepted a new post as the Defensive Backs Coach at San Diego State University, said Michael Stephenson, Assistant Principal and Athletic

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## SAINTS CSI FOR INTERSESSION



**PRINTS**—Mr. Barry Vecchioni introduces Saints Criminal Investigation class to fingerprint detection and analysis.

An exciting addition to the Saints Intersession curriculum, which just wrapped up, was the new Crime Scene Investigation class.

During January, the class studied the history and origin of forensic science. Students learned how to connect people, locations and objects with a crime scene using the fundamentals of evidence collection procedures and examination of crime scene safety.

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# AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

## IN THE PRESENCE OF FRIARS

By Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A., Saints Chaplain

The second reading for Ash Wednesday is from 1 Corinthians, and it begins:

*Brothers and sisters:  
We are ambassadors for Christ,  
as if God were appealing through us.*



San Gimignano, Italy home of the Convento di Sant'Agostino

Often, we approach the season of Lent with the idea of giving something up. This is a fruitful spiritual tradition, but it only goes so far. Self denial can be personally edifying, it can bring one closer to God, but does this practice make us 'ambassadors for Christ'?

Is there a way each of us can show the face of Christ to those around us in some special way? While this might sound difficult, it's actually easier than you might imagine.

I recently returned from traveling to Italy with a group of twelve Saintsmen, where we spent a week with the Augustinian Community at our monastery in San Gimignano.

The building dates to 1270, and the Augustinian Friars there offer hospitality to groups connected to the order from around the world. As you might imagine, a building this old requires constant attention.



The Tuscan village of San Gimignano

## Saints Grandparents

**YOU ARE INVITED TO BE OUR GUESTS!  
28th Annual St. Augustine High School  
Grandparents' Day Celebration  
March 2, 2018 at 10:45 AM**

Grandparents and those who serve as Grandparents may meet their Grandsons in Keane Plaza at 10:45 am Main Gate as you enter from Nutmeg Street or our Underground Parking Structure

3266 Nutmeg Street

10:45 AM Grandsons will take their Grandparents on a tour of the campus. Followed by Mass at 11:30 in John Sanders Gym.

Photos will be taken of Grandparents with their Grandson in St. Augustine Commons prior to and after Mass

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please RSVP to [keverson@sahs.org](mailto:keverson@sahs.org) by February 26, 2018**

*Grandparents and Grandsons are encouraged to share lunch together off campus after Mass.*

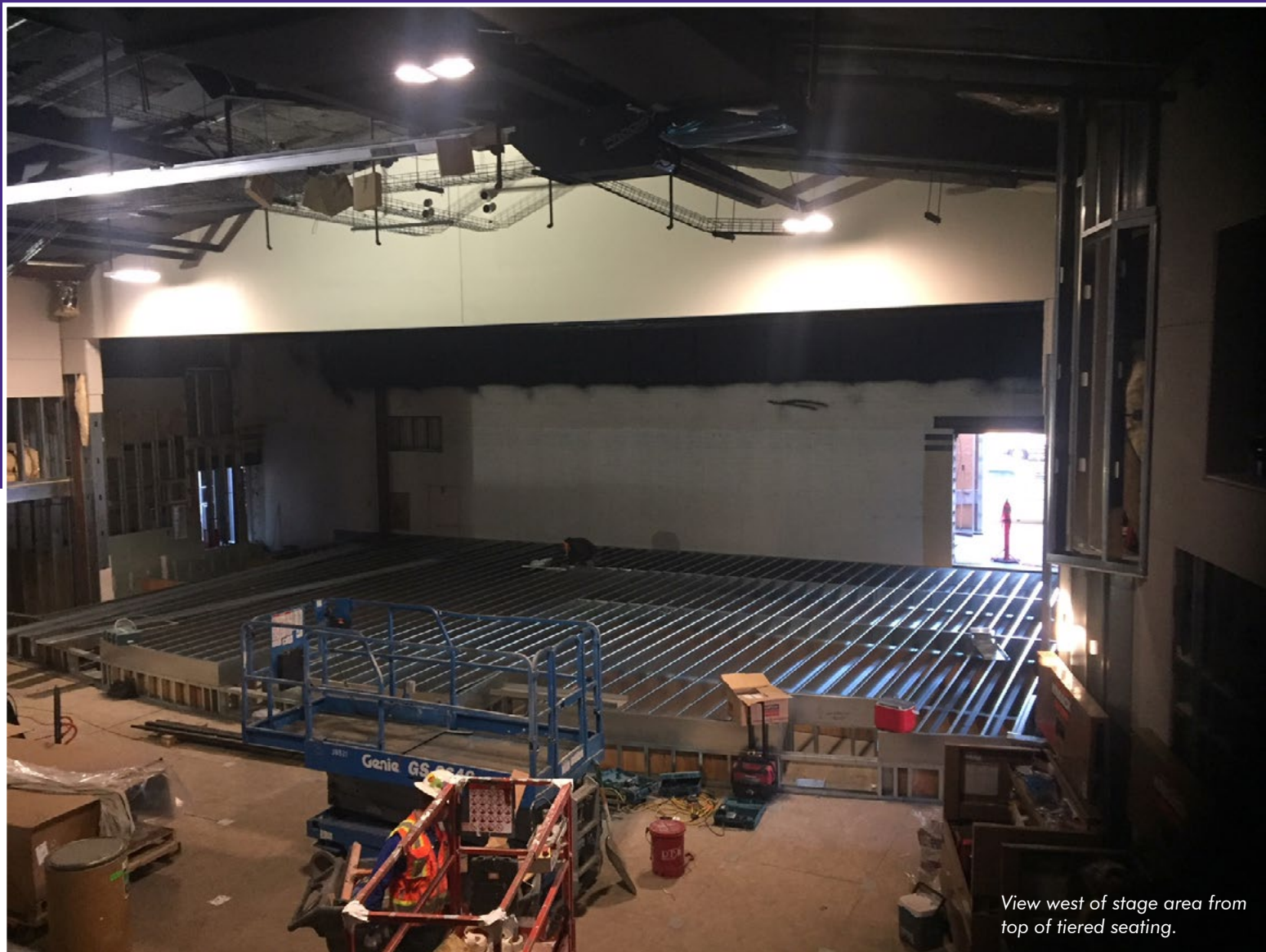
*Our underground parking structure located on the corner of 32nd and Nutmeg Street is reserved for Grandparent Handicap and Grandparent parking only. Arrive early as space is limited.*



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# CAMPUS FACILITY REPORT: MID-WAY POINT FOR DOUGHERTY GYM REVAMP

By Mr. Steve Chipp, Saints Director of Facilities and Finance



View west of stage area from top of tiered seating.

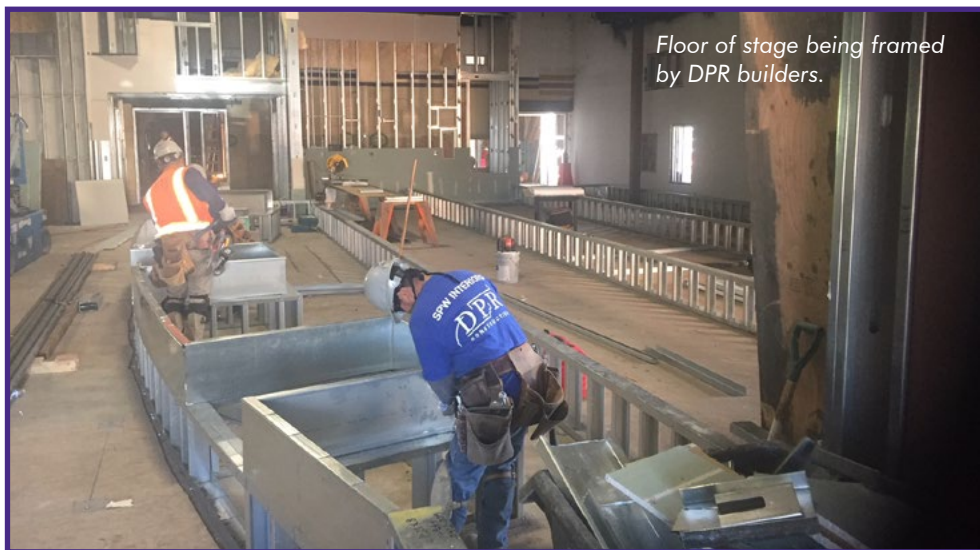
As students return for second semester classes, the theater and weight training construction project passes the halfway point to completion.

Exterior walls are set for finish applications which will be a combination of stucco, Hardee panels (similar to the exterior of the athletic training room), and a splash of decorative tile at the theater's main east entrance. Roofing of both buildings is nearly complete.

Inside the theater's auditorium metal framing of the stage is complete and flooring and end panels soon will be installed.

Overhead work continues on the rigging system for theatrical lighting above the seating areas, hanging of the mechanical duct work, and preparations for installing house lighting.

Installation of seats, lights, instrument storage units, and individual practice rooms will commence in March as will finishes to the interior of the weight training facility.



Floor of stage being framed by DPR builders.

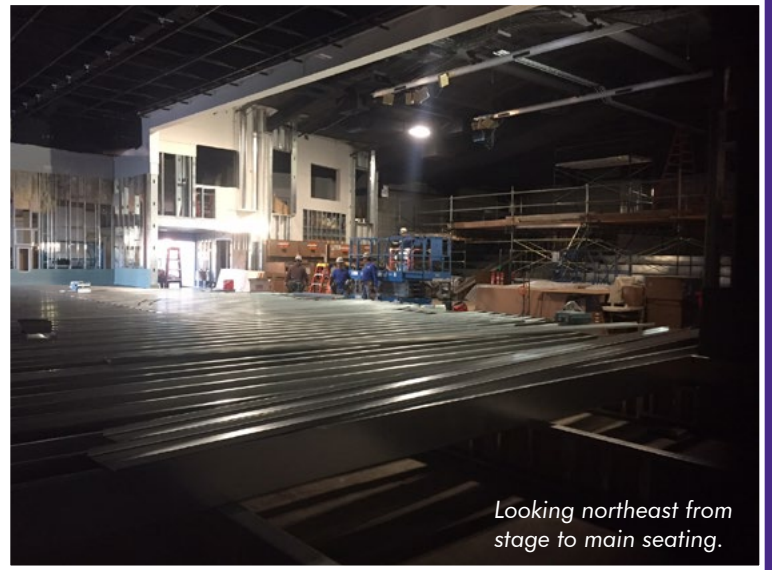
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# CAMPUS FACILITY REPORT

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Stage framing later in day.



Looking northeast from stage to main seating.



Looking north from media room to lobby.



Adding metal wall framing to band room.



Exterior view of ticket booth and theatre entry.

# THE HONOR ROLL ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR STANDOUTS

Congratulations to the following listed Saintsmen for having earned a grade point average of 3.60 or higher during the Fall semester of 2017.

Roster compiled by Mrs. Jeannie Oliwa, School Registrar

## SENIORS Class of 2018

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Andrew Emmanuel Alves  
Michael Christopher Bacino  
Patrick John Bazzi  
Kenneth Phelps Berg  
James Theodore Bitter  
Dane James Black  
Matthew Joseph Blodgett  
James Francis Callahan  
Ryan Andrew Camarata  
Sebastian Alonso Castillo  
Luc Alphonse Savinien  
Charlier  
Connor Richard Cruz  
Andrew Rowland Culp  
Ryan Jeffrey Cummins  
Alvaro Alexander Davila  
Preston Alexander De Luca  
Jack Edward Dolak  
Jon Bryant Ehrenfeld  
Guillermo Jose Fernandez  
Donovan Angel Franco  
Anthony James Frusti  
Carson Nicholas Gadler  
Ovannes Gallegos  
Eduardo Garza  
Andrew John Gilcrest  
Ian Gabriel Haliburton  
Seth David Hanson  
Roman Caleb Hendle  
Fernando Hernandez  
Matthew David Herrera  
David Christopher Justice Jr.  
Christian Anthony Konja  
Irwin Ching-Lun Lam  
Sebastian Larson Moreno  
William Charles Legg  
Hugh Michael Maguire  
Michael Jeffrey Mallucci  
Trevor Thomas Martin  
Nicholas Joseph Martinez  
Nicholas David Marty  
Robert James McRoskey  
Theodore Laurence Medina  
Christopher Jacob Melcher  
Matthew James Meram  
Jason William Misleh  
Andrew James Cutri Moura  
Charles Mark Parada  
Joseph Vincent Patalano  
Anthony Francisco Perez  
Conor John Phan  
Gerome Llevares Prudencio  
Ricardo Rebeil Torres Coto  
Sebastian Peter Rohrer  
Carlo Armando Sanchez

Aslan Sarabia  
Michael Dimitri Senoff  
Brendan Phillip Silvia  
Anderson Robert Sphire  
Carson Oliver-Fernandez  
Spivey  
Mitchell Gilzean Stoddard  
Calvin Douglas Suster  
Martin Joseph Szumski  
Ryan H. Thomas  
Matthew Thai-Hoa Tran  
Santino Tos Varcardipone  
Nicholas Christopher Vecchioni  
Spencer Joseph Wilfahrt  
Ryan Philip Wilson  
Timothy Martin Winger  
Bruce Alexander Yee-Rodriguez

### FIRST HONORS GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Gregorio Sebastian Acevedo  
Neil Anthonie Alcantara  
Rogerio Alfonso Alvarez  
David Bruce Ambagtsheer  
Brandon James Andre  
Luis Antonio Arechiga-Romero  
Dylan Joseph Axmann  
Samuel Enrique Bernal  
Kyle Martin Buffington  
Jack Thomas Chamberlain  
Joseph Thomas da Luz  
John Frank Dagostino  
Jesus Alonso Delgadillo  
Michael Anthony DiVita  
Aidan Daniel Dougherty  
Jonathan William Engle  
Nicholas Reilly Fudge  
Ethan James Gibbons  
Reid Thomas Gohlke  
Isaac Kamau Hall  
Carlos Emilio Herrera  
Christopher Jordan Hubka  
Andrew Giovanni Jimenez  
Mohamed Kassem Khalil  
Austin-Max Bondoc Lalangan  
Charles Brenden Legaspi  
Patrick Robert Lloyd  
Javier Alberto Lozano Vil-lasenor  
Octavio E. Martinez  
Ethan Joseph McVeigh  
Lorenzo Alberto Mier y Teran  
Roman Isaac Miranda  
Parker Jacob Obregon  
Matthew Nathaniel Olivo  
Jonluke Oriol  
Moises Pacheco Jr.  
Christian James Perez  
Alexander Duncan Peters  
David Antonio Pfeifer  
Carlos Andres Rodriguez  
Gallegos  
Alexander Michael Rogers  
Giovanni Samir Salem  
Stephen Carlos Alberto Santana  
Nathan Lee Sheppard  
Charles Michael Smyth  
Benjamin Kenneth Soto  
Jacob Suarez  
Dominic Andrew Sullivan  
Christopher Kai Tanaka  
Adam Giovanni Tyler  
Marco Antonio Vizcarra  
Garrett Michael Whitton  
Benjamin Lewis Wilhelm  
James Edward Williams Jr.  
Isaac Antonio Wright

## JUNIORS Class of 2019

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Xavier Marcellis Aguon  
Matthew Thomas Anguiano  
Jacob Triden Aujero  
Cole Louis Bertsche  
Fernando Camou-Martin del Campo  
Eugenio Rodrigo Casta  
Nicolas Ryoma Correa  
Ricardo Esteban Curiel  
Benjamin Alexander Danielski  
Henry James DiPaolo  
Blake Anthony DiVita  
Francisco Abelardo Downey  
John Ellis Dye  
Alejandro Tomas Eros  
Abraham Franco-Hernandez  
Abelardo Garcia  
Jake Z. Garmo  
Jonah Miles Gavino  
Jordan Michael Geniza  
Mikel John Ibaibarriaga  
John Martin Keane  
Benjamin James Leach  
Gabriel Batocabe Leong  
Ryan Gilberto Llanes  
Shaun Michael Matney  
Alexander John Menas  
Chuong Dinh Nguyen  
Alexander Oliveros  
Jeremiah Thomas Penick  
Eric Thomas Rieger  
Joseph Nicholas Rougas  
Andrew Ian Rush  
Joshua Hernandez Santiago  
William Roger Simon III  
Johnathon Firas Soro  
Richard Thomas Squillaro  
Alec Paul Stonehouse  
Xavier Leon Lee Tan  
Brandon Joseph Toscano  
Andrew Ta Tran  
Connor Graham Westmorland  
Gre' Stefan Yu  
Thomas Rodriguez Zamora

### FIRST HONORS GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Bryce Clement Allen  
Luis Fernando Fernando  
Andrade Paez  
Oscar Andres Benson Gallego  
Sebastian Edgardo Blanchet  
Liam Sean Brucker-Casey  
James Allan Campbell  
Kyle Walter Carlson  
Daniel Robert Carreon Jr.  
Jose Nicolas Carreon  
Andres Castro Beltran  
Nathan Scott Cherry  
Marcos Guillermo Curiel  
Roberto De la Herran  
George Edouard de Merlier  
Christopher Joseph Erpelding  
Timothy Michael Feiner  
Ari Galindo  
Kenneth Daniel Garcia  
Matthew Brian Goodridge  
Diego Alberto Hernandez  
Alec Edward Hudson  
Nicholas James Kane  
Ronnell Sioson Lalangan  
Diego Armando Ledesma  
Luke Christopher Macie

Matthew Cole Manqueros  
Simon Avery Lao Mercader  
Daniel Alejandro Miret  
Juan Pablo Morfin  
Gabriel Ivan Mouritzen  
Christopher Daniel Nadhir  
Marco Antonio Nuñez  
Andrew Odegaard Orletsky  
Alejandro Penunuri Ruiz  
Antonio Puffelis  
Christian Espina Quinto  
Luis Fernando Rabago  
Charlie Reynaldo Rascon  
Misael Gabriel Rosado  
Colon  
Fernando Julian Ruanova-Duarte  
Jack Ryan Shea  
Jared Philip Chukwuemeka Stearns  
Phillip Ignazio Storniolo  
Salvatore Paolo Strazzeri  
Leonardo Torres  
Colin Kazumasa Umemoto  
Alejandro Valdez  
Austin Clarke Williams

## SOPHOMORES Class of 2020

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Kieran Joseph Amsberry  
Nicholas Joseph Basinet  
Alfred Angelo Cabugao  
Batangan III  
Declan Joseph Bretz  
Joseph Ray Buzzella  
Colton Mitchell Campagna  
Michael Anthony Colucci  
Luke Jansen D'Agnese  
Nicolas Gabriel Ocampo Del Puerto  
Stuart Wilson Dempster  
Aidan Ryan Doheny  
Evan Duran  
Gavin Patrick Flynn  
Christopher Kenjiro Fry  
James Daniel Garegnani  
Andres Garza  
Eavan M Gibbons  
Wyatt Matthew Grau  
Jake Scott Hacker  
Arthur Egon Hahn  
Connor Anthony Heffler  
Steven William Iannicca  
Aidan Afshin Johnston  
Daniel George Kalfayan  
Kian Gareth Kelly  
Nicholas Ian Kennedy  
Jack Patrick Klem  
Ethan Dixon Kula  
Ethan Michael Lagasse  
Matthew Peter Lagasse  
Andre Anthony Mansour  
Bryce John Marking  
Garrett Quinn Nasif  
Bryan Jeffrey Palpallatoc  
Angelo Trinidad Peraza  
Nicolas Quintero  
Roman Arliss Ramos  
Charlie Rhee  
Todd Joseph Roeder  
Ivan Alejandro Sarabia  
Philip James Schabarum  
Noah Schroeder  
Zisheng Shang  
Paul Anthony Shortley  
Evan James Staylor  
Matthew John Steinberger  
Brian Andrew Szczotka  
Santiago Tena

Mauricio Torre  
Armando Matias Uribe  
Thomas Donald Vedder  
Jeffrey Maggio Walsh

### FIRST HONORS GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Andres Aceves-Rodriguez  
Austin Nicholas Brown  
Luke Martel Cavanagh  
Elias Nahme Chokeir  
Luis Esteban Corona  
Matthew Kent de Frates  
Jose Miguel Diaz Ceballos  
Alberto Espinosa-Santos  
Kimo Ferrari  
Reece Stephen Francke  
Sebastian Gabrail  
Dimitri Thomas Gilpin  
Andrew William Goodridge  
Darius Riley Cox Guillermo  
Lucas Joseph Haupt  
Karl Robert Hedberg  
Reese Michael Hyduk  
Angel Alexis Jimenez  
Anthony Najib Konja  
Jorge Andere Kuri Bernal  
Charles Howard Lester  
Christopher Peter Lloyd  
Bruno Armando Lopez-Oviedo  
Edward M Lorenzo  
Declan Rory Maguire  
Mark Mahoney  
Dylan Anthony Manriquez  
Derek Charles Martin  
Griffin James Miller  
Joseph Carlton Morse III  
Jacob Robert Northrup  
Enrique Andres Oquendo  
Timothy Andrei Ordonio  
Jack Dylan Page  
Spencer Reid Palmer  
Martin Pulido  
Grant James Raby  
Ronald Aaron Saenz  
Isaac Eduardo Tamer  
Richard Paul Trimor Tamoria  
Samuel Charles Wilhelm

## FRESHMEN Class of 2021

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Alex Philip Alcalay  
Gabriel Ernesto Altamirano  
Pablo Cesar Andrade-Paez  
Dominic Vincent Bacino  
Bodhi Francis Bonakdar  
Isaiah Brickner  
Shea Eusebio Briere  
Richard Michael Brutto  
Jakob Cameron Max Christian  
Matthew James Cross  
Kai Christian da Luz  
Ian Anthony DeGroot  
Dean Dickow  
Lucas Todd Durkin  
Ricardo Manuel Franco  
Trevor Andrew Haliburton  
Alexander James Kotnik  
Luis Armando Lavat  
Archie Marshall Lenore  
Gary Joseph Mansour  
Luke Mansy  
Maxwell Peter Mihalik  
Santiago Miret  
Graeme Ho'okano Morland-Tellez

Angel Alexander Perez  
Nathaneal Faris Putris  
Nicholas Edmund Sajor  
Jerome Christian Hernandez Santiago  
J. Luke Scheper  
Alexander William Schroeder  
Joseph Selfani  
Nolan A Steinbuch  
Jakob Alon Castillo Tatoy  
Julian Alexander Valdez  
Kyle Michael Wesseln  
Akira Kikuchi Wolfe

### FIRST HONORS GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Ariel Andres Armas  
Raul Andres Armenta  
Nathan Beck Audiss  
Moises Ernesto Bayliss  
Jonathan Andrew Bobolia  
Connor James Brown  
Carter G Bryant  
Gino Pietro Campagna  
Richard Joshua Cesena  
Emilio De La Herran Meza  
Damien Michael DeLaPena  
Joseph Franz DiPaolo  
Eric Steven Engelman  
Dylan James Fernandez  
Nathaniel Caleb Foss  
Zane Christopher Friscia  
Donovan Michael Gadler  
Christian Xander Gaeta-Fraga  
Eamon Kevin Goodnough  
Nathan Higginson  
Randall E Hild  
Luke Pinzon Hobrock  
Alan James Hogg  
Gavin Kassab  
Paul Ivan Ledesma  
Enrique Francis Leon  
Marcus Walker Lujan  
Ryan Daniel Melcher  
Patrick J Miller  
Rodrigo Morfin Rodriguez  
Kevin Abel Nunez  
Matthew A Pope  
Diego Fitzgerald Rivera  
Tobey Anthony Salem  
Jack Henry Sandmeyer  
Joseph Firas Soro  
James Alexander Stepovich  
Thomas Michael Waters  
Daniel Patrick Widhopf  
Brett Allen Wilkins  
Malcolm McConnie Williams  
Maximilian Kolbe Wright



# TEAM CAPTURES CHARITY BOWL OVER DONS SAINTS RUGBY ENJOYS EARLY SEASON SUCCESS

By Eric Dent



Winners of the 2018 Charity Cup.

The Saints Rugby team is back at it this winter season, but the work began back in September. The team has been working with Coach Joe LaPorta with assists from coaches Ian Denham, Ethan Willis and Eric Dent.

Isidoro Balistreri (class of 2013) recently graduated from Marquette where he played rugby for four years, and has joined the staff in the work with the Saintsmen. The team is excited to have him on board to share his rugby knowledge.

Additionally, the team has trained at the Rhino Rugby Academy in Sorrento Valley and received tips from Mike Te'o from the US National Team, who met with the team for a one-time training session on campus.

As a result of the new training emphasis, Saints Rugby started the season strong and was 3-0 before the Christmas Break. The Saintsmen earned pre-season victories over Carlsbad 48-12; Santiago 76-0, and Del Norte 62-14, the latter was the first league victory to enter the break.

After the break, the Saints took on Torrey Pines in a highly anticipated match. Saints took an 11 point lead late in the second half but eventually fell 24-21. Mid-January saw the team top Mira Mesa in a non-league match 69-12.



Mike Cross ('19) will not be stopped.

On Jan 19, the annual Charity Bowl (Holy Cup) took place between Saints and CCHS. The Saints held possession of the Charity Bowl, having won the competition last year, and were seeking another league win over a tough rival. The Saints scored first and never gave up the lead defeating the Dons 38-27.

The game was error ridden due to the rainy conditions but the Saints held on to earn an away victory and retain possession of the Charity Cup. The Dons hold an overall vs. Saints with 5 victories to 4, but the Saintsmen have won 3 out of the last 4 matches with CCHS.

This year has a number of Saintsmen who are expected to continue to make big contributions to the team are forwards Sebastian Rohrer and Joe Patalano and underclassmen Walter Pongia, Moses Mercado and Mike Cross. Seniors Ethan McVeigh, Spencer Wilfahrt, and Anthony Frusti will spearhead the attack from the backs position. Newcomers, Junior Jake Armenta and Sophomores Aidan Konja and Armando Uribe have made the jump to the Varsity.

"We are really trying to create a fun atmosphere at our rugby games," adds Coach La Porta. "We hope the Saints Community will come check out the games and be a part of our rugby day."

**TEAM NOTES.** Saints Rugby is looking to do a few new things this year. One new feature is having themes for our home games, such as Purple Pride Day, Military Appreciation Day and Senior Day.

The second new wrinkle is the team dinner, which takes place the night before games. Other new touches include adding music and a sideline announcer giving updates after scores.

Senior Ethan McVeigh, Junior Gabriel Wegge and Sophomore Matt DeFrates earned a spot on the US All American squad that held a competition in Arizona over the Christmas break.

**RUGBY ALUMS.** Last spring, 12 rugby players graduated out of the Saints Rugby program. Of note, James Downey is continuing to play on the team at the USMA, Blake McCorkle is at Gonzaga University and Matt Macey earned a spot on the squad at St Mary's College- the current D1 National Champions.

**THANK YOU.** Saints Rugby appreciates Mrs. Colucci, Mrs. McCorkle and Mr. Hill for taking photos and sharing their work with the Saints Community.



Sebastian Rohrer (Capt.) takes a ball in for a try.



Matt DeFrates keeps his eyes on the ball.



Ethan McVeigh has a run.



*Matt DeFrates cuts up field.*



*Armando Uribe breaks loose on the corner.*



*Post game Prayer.*



*Classic rugby scrum puts ball in play.*



*Spencer Wilfahrt breaks free of a tackle.*





Kieran Amsberry (facing in helmet) ID's the threat.



Aidan Konja and Mike Colucci bring down a ball carrier in the fog at Mira Mesa.



Joe Patalano and Ethan McVeigh pose with the Holy Grail.



## REMAINING RUGBY SCHEDULE

- |                |     |   |              |
|----------------|-----|---|--------------|
| <b>Feb. 3</b>  | vs. | San Clemente<br>Military Appreciation Day | @Saints 1 pm |
| <b>Feb. 10</b> | vs. | La Costa Canyon                           | @Saints 3 pm |
| <b>Feb. 17</b> |     | Playoffs.                                 |              |
| <b>Feb. 24</b> |     | Finals                                    |              |



**FOODIES**—Saints tradition for community caring was evident as volunteers from the student body gave a helping hand at the San Diego Food Bank over the holidays.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ON CAMPUS



After having a campus club for several years, St. Augustine High School began a campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity in the Spring of 2017. Pictured are members of the current Saints Habitat for Humanity club: Joe DaLuz and Matthew Herrera working together pre-mixing stucco.

The club volunteers with the San Diego Habitat for Humanity organization's local affordable housing projects, such as the one pictured in Sherman Heights on Harrison Avenue. For the past 3 years the club has worked on new construction sites also in Escondido and Imperial Beach to serve the mission of the organization, which is to put God's love into action by helping to provide every man, woman, and child a simple, decent, and affordable home.

Saintsmen have also participated in Habitat for Humanity's Playhouse Program, building and painting playhouses that are donated to the San Diego Military Family Collaborative and the Escondido Community Child Development Center, providing local children from active duty, veteran, and low-income families the opportunity to have their own special playhouse.



**LAW MAN**—Saintsman Andrew Gilchrist spent his Intersession internship at the law offices of Steve Haskins. Andrew is posed with members of the firm, including Mr. Haskins.

# AROUND THE PATIO

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL



**SALUTE**—Saints Athletic standout Ike Hall has been recognized for his leadership and community service by earning the 2017 Admiral's Award.



**MORE INTERSESSION**—Saintsman Francisco Rivera ('79), a City of Chula Vista engineer supervises current Saintsman Greg Pacheco and Ricky Reibel as they work on the new bike line project in West Chula Vista.



**VINTAGE GRAD**—President Ed Hearn visits with Saintsman William "Bill" Vogt, a retired Commander, United States Navy and a member of the Saints Class of 1930 at the annual Vogt Family Christmas Party. Mr. Vogt is the school's oldest Alum.



**VISITING THE Q**—As part of this year's Intercession, Saintsman were invited to participate in a month long engineering class. Mr. Octavio Martinez, a Qualcomm Vice President was one of the speakers.

## SAVE THE DATE

Please attend the school's first annual Taste of Saints on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The event will take place from 5pm to 9pm on the rooftop of St. Augustine Commons. Stay tuned for more information about this unique evening of great food, live music and local brews. **Email:** [tasteofsaints@sahs.org](mailto:tasteofsaints@sahs.org) if you have any questions.

# AROUND THE PATIO

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL



**WELCOME**—The school was proud to have hosted the visiting Varsity Basketball from St. Augustine Prep in Buena Vista Township, New Jersey. The Hermits were in San Diego to play in the Torrey Pines High Holiday Basketball Tournament.



**INTERSESSION IRISH**—Saintsmen visit the Emerald Isle as part of January's mid-year Intersession Travel session. More on Intersession travel in next month's *Saints Scene*.



**TEE TIME**—St. Augustine Golf Team annually connects with St. Patrick's Elementary school for 'golf lesson' day. It is the 6th annual January event in which our team takes the 8th grade class from St. Pat's to a golf course (Colina Park for the past 4 years) for a 2 hour event.

After breaking into three groups, the golfers and spending 30 minutes in a chipping, putting, and hitting on the driving range, followed by a 30 minute social snack time.

It is a lot of fun for all and for many of the 8th graders it is their first time at a golf course.

Huge thanks to Dan Morrin (both a St. Pat's and Saints graduate), who generously underwrites the cost of the event for our team. He has done this all 6 years of the event.

## DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

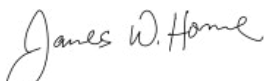
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The WCEA/WASC self study is over, but the progress toward our new vision and goals are just beginning.

We thank the entire school community for their unwavering commitment to the school's improvement over the past several years. Progress in the form of new facilities, the implementation of new academic initiatives in online learning, advancements in the Christian service program and the development of new action items for the Strategic Plan have all strengthened Saints in its Mission.

And now, looking to the future, we are excited to have the community share in the continued development of the school and its programs as we strive to educate the minds and hearts of the young men we serve.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne  
Principal

## SAINTS CSI FOR INTERSESSION

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Mr. Barry Vecchioni, a Special Agent in the FBI for a total of 27 years, and a Senior Team Leader of the Evidence Response Team for 17 years, led the class. Mr. Vecchioni's experience in criminal pursuits and investigation gave students a firsthand account of what life is like out in the field.

Topics covered included crime scene photography, fingerprinting, trace evidence, forensic light source, bomb scene investigation, DNA evidence, bullet trajectory and shooting scene investigation, and footprint/tire print casting and analysis.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL!

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Director.

"We will miss him. He will be hard to replace, but we wish Coach Sanchez all the success in the world. State is getting a great Saintsman" said Stephenson. "His nine-year win/loss record (83-29) is the best in the school's 95-year history." Sanchez, who reported immediately



Coach Sanchez with Saints Athletic Director Michael Stephenson.

to SDSU, was reunited with Tariq Thompson, an All-American Freshman safety, who started every game with the Aztecs this past season. Thompson was a stellar multi-sport talent at St. Augustine and was coached by Sanchez. Many (35) Saintsmen coached by Sanchez have gone on to play college football.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of working with Head Coach Rocky Long," said Sanchez, "I appreciate SDSU and the opportunity to be a part of a winning football tradition."

"SDSU is getting a great coach, but an even better person," said Ed

Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School, "Coach Sanchez is a superb leader of young men, and a good Catholic family man."

Under Sanchez, Saints Varsity Football has won two CIF football championships. His teams have appeared in five CIF final games, including capturing four Western League championships.

Prior to arriving at Saints, Sanchez was a member of the Sacramento State University football staff, working at various times the Hornets' running backs, tight ends, and offensive line in addition to his duties as Special Teams Coordinator.

Other college coaching stops include one year at Valparaiso University in Indiana as Special Teams Coordinator and defensive backs coach, and two years at the University of San Diego as Special Teams Coordinator and running backs coach.

Sanchez began his college coaching career at San Diego State University as a Graduate Assistant, where he earned his Master's Degree in Exercise and Nutrition. Before entering the college coaching ranks, Sanchez spent time as head coach at Montclair High School in Montclair, CA, before returning to his hometown of San Diego to serve as the head coach and Athletic Director at San Diego High School.

Coach Sanchez played college football at New Mexico State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He is a native of San Diego, graduating from Sweetwater High School, where he played on some of the extraordinary teams that still hold the counties' longest winning streak of 37 consecutive victories. He lives in Bonita with his wife, Maria, and their two children, Kristiana and Ricky.

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Each January Saints commits to doing maintenance and improvement work. The friars living there have come to count on the extra help they receive every year at this time from our young men. I've come to realize that it's not just 'elbow grease' our boys provide. Our young men bring with them energy and joy which they share with their hosts who are facing yet another cold, windy, sometimes bleak January. They eat with the friars, laugh with the friars, and pray with the friars. The presence of our young men animates the women who cook for the friars...and their healthy appetites give the cooks a chance to show off their remarkable culinary skills. The presence of our young men at the daily conventual Mass fills the chapel with youthful devotion and lifts the spirits of the local faithful who attend these liturgies.

As we embark on this new semester, and on our Lenten journey, let us all then take a moment to consider how we might be 'ambassadors for Christ'. How might our everyday faith be a light to others. How might just being our authentic selves be a source of hope for those around us who may be feeling low.

# SAINTS ALUM PLAYED IN TORREY PINES PGA EVENT



**T** Tyler Torano, a Saints grad from the Class of 2010 (and Loyola Marymount (2014), qualified to play in the annual Farmers Insurance Open held late last month at Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Tyler was the first Saints golfer to qualify for any Professional Golf Assn. event. To land his spot on the prestigious Torrey Pines tournament, Tyler had to finish in the top 4 out of 90 golfers in the 1st stage of qualifying to get to the next stage. At the second stage, he finished in the top 2 out of 90 golfers to gain his place in the Farmers Insurance Open.

What made Tyler's accomplishment even more special was the fact the 2nd stage field of golfers was comprised of PGA Tour golfers who needed to qualify.

"To finish in the top two of any PGA qualifying event is a quite an accomplishment," says Saints Golf Coach Tom Isaak, "we couldn't be more proud of our Saints grad. What he did was amazing."

In first round play Tyler scored one over par 73, which was 8 strokes off the tourney leader, who shot a 65 on Torrey's North course. Not bad considering Tiger Woods shot a 72 for the day.

The second day was a tough one. If you shot par for both days 144 strokes, you were cut from the tourney.

Tyler's second round was a 74, which when combined with his first day 73 gave him a 147.

Still, it was a remarkable showing. The Saints Community salutes him and looks forward to seeing him play in other PGA events.



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