



CAMPUS IS BUZZING!  
Special Double Page One Edition

# SAINTS SCENE

## MERRY CHRISTMAS, 2018!

From the Staff and Faculty of St. Augustine High School



Art work by St. Augustine's Juan Enciso (Class of 2021)

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## HE IS THE WORD

Thoughts of peace, joy, hope, mercy and love

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

As the Seasons of Advent and Christmas approach, I want to wish you all Blessings of Peace, Joy, Hope, Mercy and Love!

You are all such a blessing to our community.

To our faculty, staff and support personnel who give so generously of their time, talent and spirit: **You are examples of faithfulness and of the hospitality offered to Mary and Joseph when bringing Christ into the world.**

To our alumni, benefactors, parents, members of the board, and volunteers who give so generously of their wisdom, witness, and treasure: **You are like Simeon and Anna who continue to have purpose as the Lord helps you fulfill your mission.**

To our students who comprise a new generation of Saintsmen, building upon our rich tradition: **May you be inspired this season to follow the guidance of the star to seek and find where Christ is leading you. You are like the Shepherds whose joy was so evident with the good news that unto us a Child is born.**

To my Augustinian brothers, living and deceased, who have ministered at Saints through the years: **You are like the Wise Men who journeyed to see the New Born King.**

We would not be who we are without all of us.

"He was created of a mother whom he created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He is the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute"

- Augustine

May we all be encouraged and fortified by the tremendous love and mercy God has for each of us, and may we all become messengers and ministers of His love and mercy to our brothers and sisters everywhere.



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# SAINTS SCENE

## FRIENDSHIP IS A GIFT

DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS



Principal James Horne

Friendship is a great gift, and a truly supportive friend is a rare treasure. In boys schools where boys are not competing with one another for the attention of girls, strong bonds of friendship grow and thrive. Many of the friendships the boys at Saints develop will indeed last a lifetime and what they learn about being a good and reliable friend will enrich their lives.

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## PREVIEW: INTERSESSION 2019

By Gregory Hecht, Vice Principal/Academics

At St. Augustine High School, our desire to help students develop a passion for learning can sometimes be difficult to accomplish in traditional college prep classes. As such, Saints developed the Intersession term in an effort to provide students the opportunity to investigate studies in areas that interest them and by doing so, spark a curiosity and inquisitiveness that naturally stimulates their desire to learn new things.

This school year's Intersession features a vast array of course offerings that include some old favorites such as: **Engineering Design, Robotics, Skills for Life, Marine Biology/SCUBA, Careers in Sports, Acting/Film Production, Introduction to Architecture, Aquatic Sports, and Lifetime Physical Fitness.**

The 2018-19 Intersession features a truly unique experience for Saintsmen; an

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## TOUGH SCHEDULE, TOUGH TEAM

Saints Varsity Football Ends Season as Champions

Photo Essay by William Hill, Saints parent.



**CHAMPIONS.** Victorious St. Augustine High's CIF Division I champions revel in the teams stunning, hard fought 21-20 overtime win vs. Helix High. For more images of Saints Championship playoff game and season turn to page 14. Image by William Hill.

## DIRECTOR'S PROFILE: NEXT IN A SERIES.

Michael J. Whitton



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*Editor's note: The school is proud of the leadership provided by The Board of Directors. To thank and honor them, Saints Scene will highlight individual Board Members with a series of profiles over the next year.*

As I am writing this I am reminded of the quote "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." When I reflect on how I became involved with St. Augustine, I am amused. The school that was once my rival is now a meaningful part of my life and family. And, this was never part of the plan!

I attended Catholic grade school in Oceanside. From there, I went on to the University of San Diego High School ("Uni") where I met my wife, Janelle—both class of 1985. As a proud alumnus, I did my part in supporting Uni (now Cathedral Catholic), so much so that—much to the chagrin of my wife---there is now a bench on that campus with our names on it. But worse, I was so confident that my kids would attend Cathedral that I added their names to that bench, with blank spots to later add their class years. Adding to this the fact that Cathedral is just a few short miles from our home, you can see how I was a "reluctant supporter" when my son, Garrett, asked to visit St. Augustine when it was time for him to go to high school.

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# AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

## GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

By Nicole Quirk, St. Augustine High School Christian Ministry



**LEADERS.** The student leadership team consisting of [left to right]: Patrick Laff, Daniel Carreon, Rodrigo Quijano-Luna, Ben Leach, Henry DiPaolo and Noah Alcalay enjoying the sunset before the 2018 Kairos retreatants arrived.

There were 42 Saintsman, six student leaders and seven adult leaders, who recently returned from another incredibly successful Kairos Retreat held in North County at the Christian Conference Center. Nestled away on Palomar Mountain from November 13 thru 16, attendees of the school's 44th Kairos event experienced the powerful love God has for each of us as well as some down time relaxing in community with our fellow Saintsman.

Because of the personal nature of the experience many of the details of a Kairos retreat must go unmentioned, but rest assured each year becomes a truly wonderful faith filled experience for those who choose to attend.

This Kairos 2018 retreat was no exception. Our retreatants heard talks given by both student and faculty leaders who spent the weeks leading up to our departure in intense preparation. Many participated in liturgies with Fr. Kirk and small group activities with each other.

But not all of the week was spent working. Kairos attendees made ample use of their free time by playing epic games of kickball, softball, and hiking down a ravine to a nearby river.

All in all, it was a great time filled with lots of food, laughter, tears and hugs. Students had the chance to reflect on who they are and who God is in their life.

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# SAINTS HISPANIC SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED

“Our school is very proud of eight Saintsmen who have been recognized as National Hispanic Scholars for the 2018-19 school year,” reported Principal Mr. James Horne. “We sincerely hope this recognition will provide them with additional educational outlets and motivate them in their pursuit of academic achievement.” Eight is a remarkable number of awarded students hailing from one school, Mr. Horne added.

Matthew Anguiano; Eugeno Casta; Blake Divita; Benjamin Leach; Nicolas Correa; Abraham Franco-Hernandez; Thomas Zamora and Ryan Llanes placed in the top two percent of all Hispanic/Latino high school students who took the 2017 PSAT, including students in the United States, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Marshall Islands and the Mariana Islands.



Matthew  
Anguiano



Eugeno Casta



Blake Divita



Benjamin Leach



Nicolas Correa



Abraham  
Franco-Hernandez



Thomas Zamora



Ryan Llanes



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Recent Saints alum Ike Hall (right) and Princeton University teammate Michael Azevedo (DL) are Fresh members of the 2018 Princeton University Tigers varsity football team.

With Ike on the varsity roster, the Tigers went undefeated in Ivy League competition (7-0) and were 10-0 overall. Coached by ninth year head Bob Surace, the team played their home games at Princeton University Stadium in Princeton, New Jersey.



## TUITION GRANTS MUST BE RENEWED EACH YEAR. NOW IS THE TIME.

For the 2018-19 academic year, 52% of Saints families have been awarded over \$3,000,000 in tuition grants and scholarships. The majority of awards are in the form of needs-based grants determined by information and documentation submitted on the FAST application. (Saints utilizes FAST for processing and verifying grant applications.)

For the 2019-20 academic year any family wishing to be considered for a tuition grant must complete a new tuition grant application even if they received a 2018-19 grant. Applications are found online on the school's web site home page by clicking on the FAST link towards the bottom of the home page.

In order that grant award notification letters can be sent with acceptance letters to incoming freshmen families separate application periods are established for new families and returning families.

For 2019-20 incoming freshmen (and their brothers who are returning students) the grant application period is now open and the deadline for submittal is January 28. For returning students (other than brothers of incoming freshmen) applications become available February 4 with a submittal deadline of March 17. These grant notification letters will be mailed in May.

Admissions Director Mr. Mike Haupt emphasize that timely submittal of applications and accompanying

documentation is imperative for a family to be considered for a grant. “Applications cannot be finalized until all required information including tax returns can be reviewed and analyzed by FAST and the school’s grant award committee,” says Mr. Haupt. “Consequently once grant awards have been determined for on time applicants incomplete applications have less funding available to distribute.”

Parents can contact the school’s Accounting Manager Mr. Kevin DeRieux for assistance with completing the online application.

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# HAPPY HALLOWAYS!

Halo Joe's Shop  
20% OFF  
everything in store!

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Only!**

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T/Th 7:15-8am**

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# DAY OF SERVICE PLANTS 2,000 NEW TREES

Late last month, Saintsmen and faculty participated in a school-wide Day of Service involving 350-400 students planting trees and clearing away invasive shrubbery from areas all across San Diego County.

Pope Francis has called on the worldwide Church to renew itself in its commitment to the protection of God's creation or as he calls it, our "common home." That is why this year's Day of Service is such an important event in which we will enter the great "outdoor classroom" at various sites around the San Diego region.

"We have coordinated with both the City and County of San Diego and set up opportunities for our students to give back by helping to renew our natural resources and green spaces," said Saints Christian Ministry's Max Villeneuve, OSA.

The Day of Service tree planting sites also included, Bonita Cove, the Presidio, Morley Field, and Sycamore Goodan Ranch where Saints upperclassmen spent the day by removing invasive plant species, clearing brush, repair trails, spread mulch, and participate in various beautification projects.

The entire Freshman and Sophomore classes worked at Oak Oasis County Preserve near Lakeside, where they planted 2,000 trees.

At the conclusion of the tree plantings, Deacon Max led a short prayer service to bless the days work. "It was a rewarding day," said Deacon Max, "as our Saintsmen gave back to our community by helping to bring out the beauty of God's creation anew in the San Diego region."



Oak Oasis Preserve near Lakeside was the focus of Saints Day of Service tree planning, involving the entire 9th and 10th grades.



Deacon Max Villeneuve blessed the trees during the school's annual Day of Service.



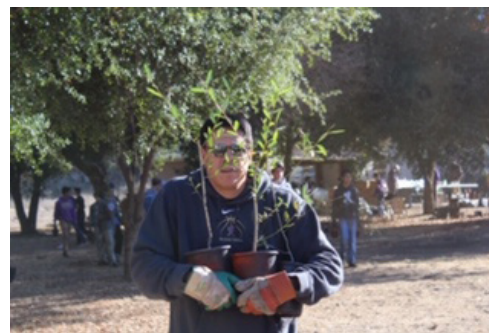
Tim Fiener with a rake in hand, leads a group of upperclassmen during Day of Service clean up at Mission Bay Park.



Adam Tontz, JT Pennick and Luke Macie covering graffiti with a clean coat of paint at Bird Park adjacent to Morley Field.



Ranger Kyle offers tree planting tips to Saintsman Connor Brown.



Saints Faculty Member Mr. Christian Yoakum assists by moving trees to their planting site. The school planted 2,000 trees on this day.



# Inaugural Augustinian Achievement Award Ceremony

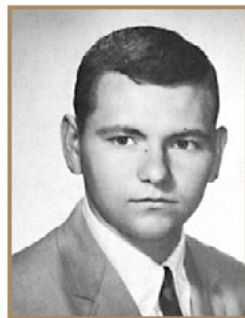
*Saturday, January 26, 2019*

5:00 pm – Cocktail Hour in the DanVera Lobby of St. Augustine Commons  
6:00 pm – Dinner in Fr. John Sanders, O.S.A. Gymnasium • 7:00 pm – Presentation of Awards

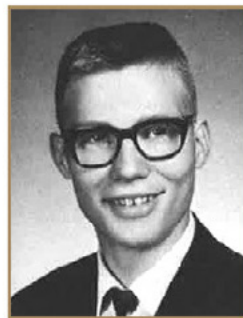
2019 Award Recipients:



Rev. Richard Brown  
S.J., 1944



Mr. Ron Raymond  
1964



Rev. John Sanders  
O.S.A., 1967



Mr. Steve South  
1980



Mrs. Jean Shaw  
HG, 1991

Steering Committee: Mr. Mark Johnson, '83 (Chair), Mr. Aram Hodoyan, '84, Mr. Dan Morrin, '77, Rev. Brother Dick Hardick, O.S.A., '57, Mrs. Laura Walsh, (APA President), Mr. Mike Kennedy, '75, Mr. Rob Leach, '80, Mr. Tom Cudal, '72

*– This will be an Evening/Business Attire Event. –*

Tickets: \$55 per person • Tables: \$500 (table of 10)

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# AROUND CAMPUS

## CAMPUS CLUBS OPEN TO ALL

With the new year just around the corner, let's pause and reflect on the always interesting galaxy of activities available to all students on campus—right now. Clubs on campus are a way to meet new friends, learn from experienced mentors and to take part in new challenges.

**REEL NEWS.** Recently, Joey Buzzella and Luke D'Agnese (juniors) promoted the Film Club to interested students on club day.



CLUB	FACULTY MODERATOR	STUDENT LEADER
Academic League	Mr. Osdowski	Andrew Tran, John Soro
Art Club	Ms. Drummy	Diego Hernandez
Border Angels Club	Ms. Quirk	
Cancer Awareness Club	Ms. Crachy	
Ceramics Club	Master Kouta	
Chess Club	Mr. Crouse	Joseph Selfani
Drama Club	Mr. Slevcove	
Robotics Club	Mr. Crouse	Nico Correa
FIFA for Orphans	Mr. Christian Da Luz	
Filipino Advocate Community Club	Mr. Cudal	Gré Yu
Film Club	Mr. Osberg / Tompkins	Luke D'Agnese
Fishing Club	Mr. Christian Da Luz	Leo Torres
Habitat for Humanity	Mr. Granados	
Hogar Infantil Orphanage Club	Brother Max	Rodrigo Quijano-Luna
Interact Club	Mr. Jezewak	Tim Finer
Key Club	Dr. Rey	James Cambell
Math Club	Mr. Manley	
Mexic-Aid	Mr. Pruter	Rodrigo Quijano-Luna
Saints Mock Trial Team	Mr. Manley	Jake Garmo
Saints Nutrition Awareness Club	Chief	Alejandro Eros
PC Esports Gaming Club	Mr. Christian Da Luz	Alex Escobar
Reading Ambassadors	Mr. Cudal	
Red Cross Club	Mrs. Palafox	Jason Chang
Rugby Appreciation Club	Mr. Dent	
Science Olympiad Club	Mrs. Walker	Jason Chang
San Diego Food Bank Service Club	Mr. Dent	Joseph Selfani
St. Augustine Strings Club	Ms. Au	
Table Tennis Club	Coacher	Gabriel Leon
Young Conservative Club	Mr. Horne	Ronan Ford
Baja Watermen	Mr. Dent	Michael Colucci
Gaming Club (D&D) Club	Mr. Weber	
Barbershop Quartet	Ms. Au	
Investment Club	Dr. Rey	Joseph Selfani
Soccer Club	Mr. Christian Da Luz	Jose Krueer





# AROUND CAMPUS

## READING AMBASSADORS PROGRAM NOW IN 7<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

The Reading Ambassadors Program at Saints continues its partnership with Edison Elementary School, a nearby elementary school in the San Diego Unified School District.

Every school month for the past seven years, students enrolled in Mr. Tom Cudal's English 3-A classes who have signed up to

be a reading ambassador join students at Edison Elementary to read a variety of books to them and also participate with them in a craft building exercise.

The students at Edison Elementary welcome and always look forward to the monthly visit with our 11th grade students. The Saintsmen always say that they wish

they had more time to participate with these younger students because of how joyful they feel when they are with them. As an added bonus, Saintsmen include this worthwhile opportunity as one of their community volunteer experiences in their college application resumes.



Matthew Jedlicka participated in the recent Reading Ambassadors trip to Edison Elementary.



David Davalos enjoyed sharing a story with new friends.

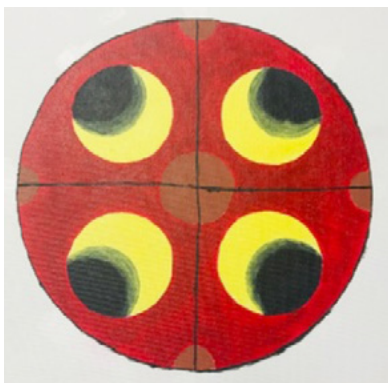


Will Houston encouraged his young readers to take turns reading parts of the story.

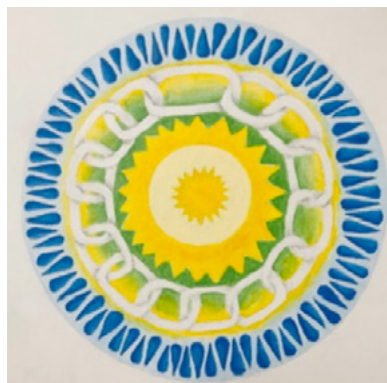
## FULL CIRCLE

The painting class took part in what has become a welcomed tradition by creating mandalas, circular designs that represent one's harmony, as a form of self-portraiture. The symbols and colors they chose best represent their personal qualities and the things most important to them in their lives.

Mandalas were first created in Tibet more than 2,000 years ago and have been made by many cultures around the world ever since as a form of meditation. "The symbols and colors they chose best represent their personal qualities and the things most important to them in their lives," said Saints Art Teacher Ms. Michelle Drummy.



By Sophomore Derek Le



By Sophomore Noah Munoz



By Junior Nakial Cross

# AROUND CAMPUS



## THE DAY OF THE TURKEY

Annual Turkey Trot results are in. Jack Klem was the student winner with Mr. Brendan Johnston was the first faculty member to cross the finish line without ambulance assistance. Turkey Trot winners are posed with Mr. John Andrew, a member of the Saints Class of 1959 and winner of that year's Turkey Trot. Mr. Andrew was on campus to hand medals to the winners.



Halo Joe and the Turkey waited for the starting gun.



Faculty winner Brendan Johnston.



Student winner Jack Klem.



Stage set of "You Can't Take it With You".



**FIRST PLAY.** Ed Hearn, President and Liam Brucker-Casey, '19 at opening night of the Fall production "You Can't Take it With You," the first drama event to take place in the new Raymond Center for the Performing Arts.

# AROUND CAMPUS



## PROUDLY SAINTS ADDS ANOTHER EAGLE SCOUT



Alec Stonehouse (facing) worked during summer to complete his Eagle Scout project with the assist of his fellow Troop 800 brotherhood.



Completed 60-foot trellis at Missionaries of Charity Convent in National City.

Senior Alec Stonehouse is the most recent Saintsman to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle is the top rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America.

"Speaking for the school and the Saints Community," offered Principal James Horne, "we are blessed and thankful for having so many of our students over the years earn Eagle Scout status."

Mr. Horne added, "we are very proud of Alec because his scouting accomplishments reflect the core values of Augustinian education, which provides experience and knowledge of Community, Truth and Love."

To earn his rank, an Eagle must participate and complete a community service project of merit. For his Eagle project Alec completed a 60-foot trellis for Missionaries of Charity Convent in National City. The project took three weekends over the summer.

"With the assistance of family, friends, and fellow Troop members, my goals of the project completion and becoming an Eagle Scout were reached much easier," said Alec.

Saints newest Eagle Scout is a member of Troop 800 in Chula Vista, a troop connected with St. Rose of Lima Parish.

## TUITION GRANTS MUST BE RENEWED EACH YEAR.

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### Dates to Remember for 2019-20 Financial Aid Applications

#### INCOMING FRESHMEN (AND THEIR BROTHERS):

**Now through January 28, 2019** – online grant application submittal period

**March 2019** – grant award notifications mailed

#### RETURNING STUDENTS:

**February 4, 2019** – online grant application forms available

**March 17, 2019** – grant application form submittal deadline

**May 2019** – grant award notifications mailed by mail





Annual  
*Christmas Concert*

St. Augustine High School  
Visual and Performing Arts

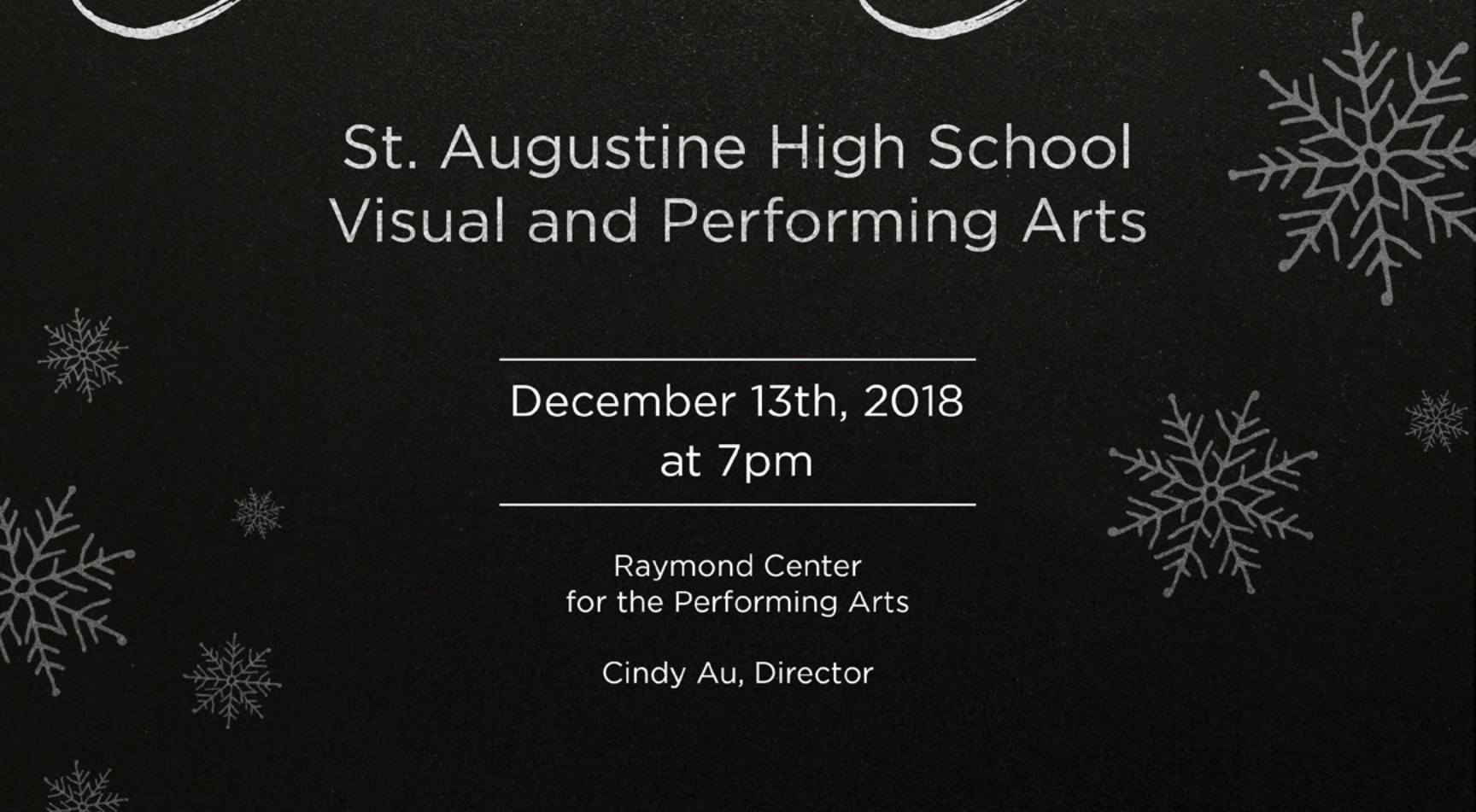
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December 13th, 2018  
at 7pm

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Raymond Center  
for the Performing Arts

Cindy Au, Director



# GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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**GROUP DISCUSSION.** Kairos faculty team leader Mr. Michael Ozdowski shared a story with Saintsmen at the retreat.



**SLIP SLIDING AWAY.** Saintsman Noah Alcalay enjoying some free time on the zipline.



**ROCKS OF FAITH.** A fine looking group of the students found time to enjoy the invigorating but chilly Mt. Palomar air. *Left to right: Alex Valdez, Fernando Ruanova, Juan Eduardo Rueda, Rodrigo Quijano-Luna, Anuar Curi-Rueda, Andoni Zazueta.*



**CENTER OF ATTENTION.** John, Thomas, Toby, Marco, Jose, Alex, and Henry spent part of their free time to see who would be the better touch football center: Mr. Ozdowski or Rodrigo Bremer. *Others (left to right): Alejandro Valdez, John Dye, Jose Fimbres, Marco Nuanez, Thomas Zamora, Toby Tobias and Henry Dipaolo.*



**IDYLLIC.** One of the many beautiful vistas in and around Palomar Christian Conference Center.



**IN TUNE.** The Mass band was great on the retreat!



**MASS APPEAL.** Upon closer inspection these Saintsmen all agreed they were lucky to have Fr. Kirk attend Kairos, especially during Holy Communion.

## TOUGH SCHEDULE, TOUGH TEAM

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"...The game was played in a very systematic manner. Every play was measured to exploit and find weakness in the opponent. Few errors were made and as all great games are won, it comes down to 2 or 3 plays that determine the outcome. The play of the Saints in the third quarter was outstanding. Play after play was executed with perfection. There were runs, passes and catches that all made the difference. And then in overtime, it came down to a two-point conversion with everything on the line—How fun was that!"—Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School.

### Wow.

CIF Division I Champions.

Doesn't that sound terrific? Thanks to a gritty effort, Saints Varsity Football beat Helix High 21-20 to earn the right to represent San Diego in the looming state championship playoff.

Before 8,000+ at Southwestern College stadium, Helix and St. Augustine fought to a 14-14 tie during regular time. The overtime period produced a 21-21 tie until something courageous backfired on Helix. After the Highlanders tied the game at 21-21 the officials tossed a yellow flag at Saints for roughing the kicker.

At that moment, Helix's coaching staff decided to accept the penalty, which put the ball on the one yard line. The move erased the PAT and the score reverted to 21-20 in favor of Saints. The gutsy decision was simple. A successful two-point conversion wins the game for the La Mesa team.

Given Helix High's main strength was running the ball, the choice made sense. By moving the ball one yard forward and all the glory is theirs.

Except, Helix was facing a Saints team that was not about to leave the field no matter what. Saints courted luck. They made their own luck by enduring bad luck; capitalizing on good luck and by adding a bit of faith based luck to the roster when it counted the most.

Somewhere amidst the fog engulfing the last play of this prep football war something remarkable happened—for Saints. The snap from the Helix center and his quarterback was fumbled. The ball hit the ground. That fraction of a second was all that Saints lineman Will Simon needed to pounce on the errant football. When both teams unpiled, Simon clutched the ball.



**KEEP DREAMING.** When first year Coach Joe Kremer became Varsity Football Coach earlier in 2018, did he dream by season's end he'd be standing on a podium in front of his CIF Champion team waving the Division I trophy as he stood next to playoff officials and Saints Athletic Director Michael Stephenson? Of course, he did!

Turnover.  
Saints possession!  
Game over.  
Saints Victory.  
All fandomium broke loose.

"I am so proud of Coach Kremer, his staff and our Saintsmen," said Principal James Horne, "All season I heard Coach Kremer stress with his players to "play the next play". It was a tense after the roughing the kicker penalty yet the boys lined up to "play the next play". Their grit and determination is what makes them champions."

The remarkable seesaw game mirrored Saints season of highs and lows. Definitely more highs now that the team's 21-20 victory (10-3 overall) brought home a championship.

No matter what fate awaits them in the State tournament, they will remain 2018 CIF Division I champs. No one can erase that fact.

The championship trophy was proverbial icing on the cake for the team that thrived along with gritty new coach Joe Kremer.

2018 will be remembered for the CIF trophy but it should be remembered as well as the year Saints beat archrivals Helix and Loyola of Los Angeles with what many prep writers in the area consider a "very young Saints team,"

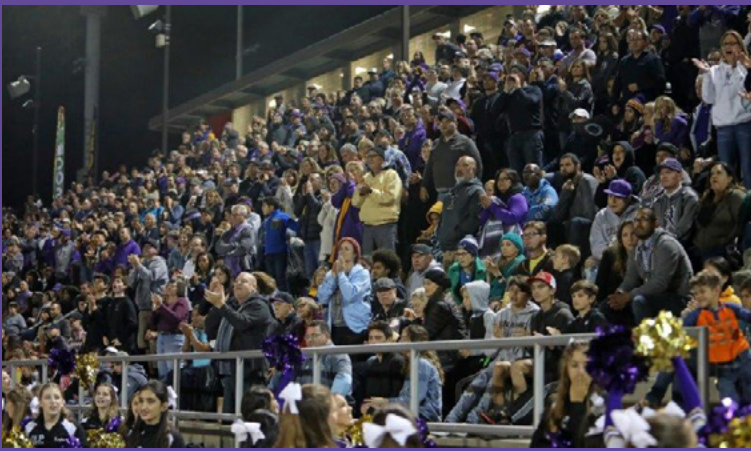
Judging from what we saw this season, the future looks very, very good (QB Angelo Peraza and WR Sam Scaife are juniors and

Byron Cardwell is a Sophomore). High marks go to the skilled team, a determined winning program and a hard nosed new coach, who fired up an already amazing fan base.

Wasn't it Will Shakespeare who wrote "All's Well that Ends Well?"

Thanks to Will Simon, our sticky fingered Saintsman made sure it did.





**FANDEMONIUM.** It's no secret St. Augustine High's fan base is the best in the County. No different for the championship game held at Southwestern College, where they made up the majority of the 8,000+ in attendance.



**SCORING PLAYS.** Two touchdowns by Sophomore Byron Cardwell, a TD pass from Angelo Peraza to Sam Scaife and a two point conversion where Peraza faked a pitch on the option and dove across the goal line. Saints missed an extra point try earlier in the game.



**COOL SHOTS.** Barry Cole (#3) gets an attention getting block from Senior Wide Receiver Jake Cavanaugh. Junior WR Sam Scaife hauls in a sideline pass that was impossible to defend.



**PANDEMONIUM.** Like the aftermath of a cork popping from a bottle of Martinelli's sparkling apple juice, Saintsmen celebrated by flowing on to the field, into each others arms, and up into the grandstands.



**HUGE RECOVERY.** Minutes after recovering the Helix fumble that sealed the championship for Saints, Linebacker Will Simon is still clutching that ball.



**DEFENSE. DEFENSE.** Students are in high school to learn. So are varsity football teams. Helix beat Saints earlier in the year but when they met again in the playoff championship Saints Varsity learned its lessons well and stopped the Highlanders with a stonewall defense, a nifty running game and a surgical passing attack.



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opportunity to travel to Panama and participate in both the Augustinian Youth Encounter and World Youth Day with His Holiness, Pope Francis. World Youth Day was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985 as an annual gathering of youth and young adults for prayer, worship, and celebration of the Catholic faith. Pope John Paul II told the College of Cardinals that year, "...the whole Church, in union with the Successor of Peter, must be more and more committed, globally, to youth and young adults – and to their anxieties and concerns and to their openness, hopes, and expectations..." This is sure to be a journey that will leave an impression for a lifetime.

For a number of Saints seniors, Intersession means participating in our wildly successful **Senior Internship Program**. This year it is estimated that well over 170 St. Augustine seniors will be placed throughout San Diego County in a host of locations and various settings that range from the courtroom, to the hospital room, to cutting-edge biotech firms. Intersession truly gives the students new and unique opportunities to discover a passion and/or skill set that they may embrace well beyond high school.

The Intersession term for the 2018-19 school year begins on January 7, 2019, and ends on February 1, 2019. Martin Luther King Day will be observed on January 21, 2019.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding Intersession please e-mail Mr. Hecht at [ghecht@sahs.org](mailto:ghecht@sahs.org).

## DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS

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Reflecting on our annual theme, *Seek Wisdom*, it is important to see the choice of good friends and the formation of trusting and caring relationships among young men as an attainment of our goal. Making friends is an achievement. And as a boy travels the adolescent road to manhood, finding relationships that offer positive affirmation is a blessing that can strengthen his Catholic/Christian formation.

In this Christmas season be mindful that the greatest "gifts" we receive are the people that surround us. These gifts of friendship deepen the "Saints Experience" and help bring to the forefront the Christ that resides in each of us. As such we should encourage Saintsmen to be a gift to one another and to live joyfully among each other by developing the qualities of love, loyalty, trust, dependability, laughter and compassion. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,  
**James Horne**  
Principal



## DIRECTOR'S PROFILE

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Of course, once we entered the gates at Saints, we felt a warm embrace and palpable sense of community. We knew we wanted to be a part of it, and that our kids would not be following in our footsteps at the other school. Garrett just graduated from Saints and is a freshman at Villanova. My son Gage is a freshman here and my daughter Colette is a senior at OLP.

Almost instantly, I was drawn in to the purpose and mission of the school. And, driven by my commitment to its enduring success, I went all-in. I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors and have now taken on the role of Chair of the new Endowment Committee. This committee has a goal of reaching \$10M by the school's 100th anniversary in September of 2022, increasing that to \$40M by 2038. Now that all three phases of revitalizing and rebuilding the campus are complete, we can focus on enhancing the endowment to "keep the gates open" for future generations. A sustained endowment will ensure that Saints is accessible to all deserving young men regardless of means, by making tuition more affordable and providing scholarships to worthy students.

My first introduction to Saints was a few years before I went on the campus visit with my oldest son. At that time, I was the Board Chair of my kids' grade school, St. James Academy. While putting together the school's strategic plan, we met with Saints' President Ed Hearn to get some guidance since he had recently been through a similar process. Within minutes of meeting him, Ed started working on me to consider Saints as a future school for my boys, but I politely cut him off since my kids were clearly going to Cathedral. When we parted, I left my sportscoat behind, which Ed took as a sign to continue working on me. The next morning he was in my office, retuning my coat and sinking the hook a little deeper. I am so glad that he did.

Now, my longtime Holy Bowl rival is an institution I'm extremely passionate about. Our mission to provide an exceptional education in the Augustinian tradition to deserving young men from all parts of our community, is something I truly believe in. The student body is a true reflection of our broader community, unifying boys of different cultures, races and economic backgrounds. I am proud to lend my support to ensure the unending service of this institution in our community.

My family and I have been blessed with the welcoming embrace of this community, and humbled to contribute in advancing its cause and mission. I am as proud of my kids sporting the purple and gold of St. Augustine as I was in the red and gold of Uni.

# The 2019 Intercession Expo

Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Commons

*Saints invites you and your family to join us for our annual Intercession Exposition.*

*Come and enjoy refreshments provided by the Cooking Basics class while you hear first-hand from students about their Intercession experiences.*

*Don't miss this very special evening!*



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