



# SAINTS SCENE



**PROUD, LOUD & UNDEFEATED.** Adding trophy after trophy in the course of a remarkable undefeated 2019-2020 season Saints Varsity Rugby team has plenty to shout about. Saints Ruggers ended their season atop the standings of the Southern California Interscholastic Rugby Federation standings. Pictured is a celebration after an earlier season win over Cathedral Catholic. Saintsmen sang the school fight song in front of fans as they hoisted the Charity Cup (presented to winner of Saints vs. Dons rugby match) for a fourth consecutive year. More coverage see Page #####. Photos: William Hill and the Colussi Family.



**AWARD WINNING.** Luke D'Agnese studied film making during his internship with Michael Brueggemeyer of multi Emmy award winning Amalgamated Grommets, a full service production company specializing in short films, commercials and corporate projects. See Page 4 for more internship news.



**PLAN AHEAD.** Get your tickets soon for Saints Theatre's presentation of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Performances are April 2, 3 & 4. Tickets available at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com)

## Now More Than Ever Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

"What sculpture is to a block of marble," said Joseph Addison, "education is to the soul."

The Augustinian education provided at Saints helps shape a

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## Coming Attractions

**MARCH 13**  
ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY  
**APRIL 2,3,4**  
SAINTS SPRING THEATRE

## Outrageous Spelling Bee Set for Spring Campus Comedy

Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee began on New York's famed Broadway theatre district in 2005 and has charmed audiences across the country ever since with its effortless wit and humor.

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# AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

## Q&A With Our Augustinian Volunteer, Marty Palmasani



### How have you liked being in San Diego? Do you have a favorite part of the city?

Other than the weather, I love how busy of a place San Diego seems to be. I firmly believe you can never be bored in this city, there is always something to do for all interest levels. I have a bucket list of different activities that I am afraid I may not accomplish; there is so much to do with so little time to do it! My favorite part of the city would have to be Balboa Park. I have been there frequently for one reason or another and I still feel like I have only experienced a fraction of what is available. I could spend hours in the Museum of Man and I know I have many other museums I need to explore, too.



**MUSEUM OF MAN:** Marty's favorite haunt while in Balboa Park.



### What is your favorite part of the work you do in the Ministry office?

My favorite part of working in Campus Ministry is the opportunity it gives me to build relationships. Be it with students or other faculty and staff members, I feel like my position has been a springboard to being able to get to know so many incredible individuals that I am lucky to be surrounded with each and every day. The kindness and generosity of the Saint's community knows no bounds and I am constantly in awe at the care and dedication this community has for their members and the greater San Diego area.

### What is your favorite Taco Shop? And what are you likely to order?

My favorite taco shop would have to be Gloria's Taco Shop on 28th street. I am guaranteed to order a California Burrito (hold the tomatoes) as I have made it my mission to try a California Burrito from every location possible. My burrito consumption rate is ever climbing and it has led me to North Park, Old Town, and many other locations, but time and time again I find that no location stands up to Gloria's. Their meat to cheese to french fry ratio just cannot be bested, it's a fact.



**MICROCOSM:** Gloria's Taco Shop, where they really know Marty Palmasani.



**MACROCOSM:** The universe where no Marty Palmasani has yet to visit.

### How has the Augustinian Volunteer program impacted you?

I have been most impacted in recognizing my own biases surrounding the term service and those who are served. Before beginning this year, I was fully expecting to be an integral component in the lives of those I interact with in my position, such as, students, teachers, my community, and or individuals currently experiencing homelessness. What I have come to learn, is that service is not so black in white. It is not an unconscious giver and receiver but instead a fluid interaction of genuine care and support. In service, there is a creation of new opportunity in which all parties involved have the potential to grow. For me, the greatest impact is this gift of growth I have received from those I originally thought I would be serving. I am grateful for the support I have received and the chance to grow in understanding of the world outside my comfortable bubble. Now I just need to make the greater effort at stepping outside.



# Saints Grandparents Day

## March 13, 2020

Grandparents and those who serve as Grandparents may meet their Grandsons in The Commons at 10:45am

Enter the Main Gate from Nutmeg Street or from our Underground Parking Structure at the corner of 32nd and Nutmeg or Handicap Parking in the Faculty Parking Area located on the corner of Palm and 32nd Street

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to Karene Evenson at [kevenson@sahs.org](mailto:kevenson@sahs.org) or (619) 764-5515 by **March 9, 2020**

Grandparents & 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 Parking And Handicap/Elevator Entrance for Grandparents will be the Faculty Parking Lot on the corner of 32nd and Palm Street. Arrive early as space is limited.

# Thanks to All Who Pitched in to Make 2020 Internship Program a Hit

Intersession is a wonderful linkage between the Saints Community and San Diegans in general. As an example, the Intersession Internship program would not be possible without the individuals, businesses and organizations, who have so generously agreed to adopt a Saintsman intern for an entire month.

A BIG thanks to these participating organizations!

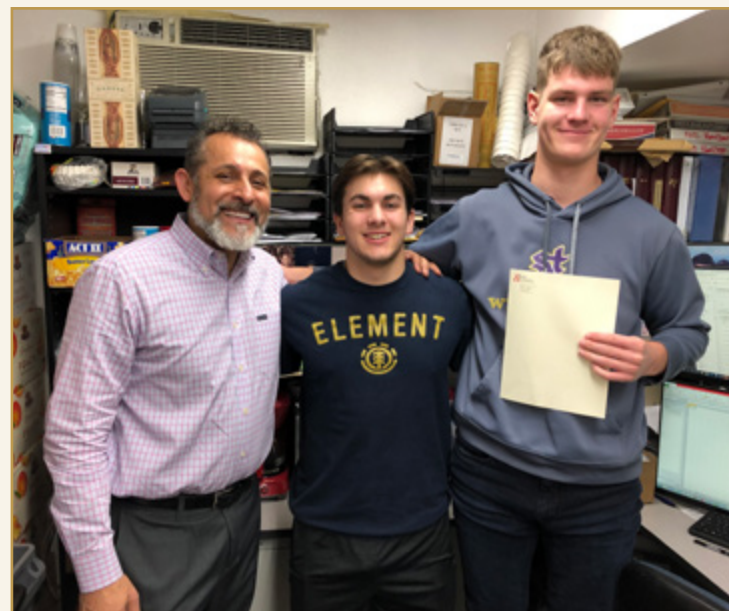
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| St. Charles Borromeo Academy           | Corrao Group LLC                    |
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| Ecolife Foundation                     | Caffe Saverios Marketing Team       |
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| Mossy Toyota                           |                                     |
| San Diego Gulls                        |                                     |

## Internships Are Gold

Saintsmen are fortunate to have so many internship options available during Intersession. Hands on experience is priceless. Here are just a few examples:



**HELPING PETS.** An interest in Veterinary Medicine led Christian Byars, Fabian Alvarez, Raul Lopez, Francisco Orendain, and Adam Lewis to intern at the Rolling Hills Pet Hospital in Chula Vista.



**ACCOUNTING.** Luke Goshn and Mark Mahoney interned with Tony Konja, a CPA and owner of Konja & Associates (current Saints Dad) where they learned about Accounting and Entrepreneurship.

## Internships Are Gold (cont.)



**ZOOMANSHIP.** Learning about conservation and Animal Sciences led Saintsmen Jacob Northrup, Ryan Rhodes, Aidan Johnston, and Isaac Alvarez to valuable internships at the San Diego Zoo.



**LEGAL INTEREST.** Law interns Ryan Garmo (left) and Andre Mansour with intern supervisor Attorney Matthew Sheena (center) at Garmo & Garmo in El Cajon.



**CLASS ACT.** Saintsmen Ron Saenz (center) and Matthew Steinberger studied civil engineering at the Chula Vista Public Works Department under the supervision of Mr. Francisco Rivera, a Saints Alum ('79).



**SUPERCOMPUTER.** Saintsman Jason Shang interned at the San Diego Supercomputer Center on campus at UCSD. Here Jason interacts with one of the more than 200 scientists, software developers, and support personnel. SDSC is an international leader in advanced computation and data management.



**GREAT SMILES.** Stephen Butcher (center) and Sebastian Konja participated in a dental internship with San Diego Smile Makers Dr. David Rens, DDS (alumni parent).

## Participating organizations (cont.)

Kontron	Senator Joel Anderson
Old Venice Caffe, Restaurant, & Bar	Barbara Bry for City Council
K n B Restaurant	San Diego Fire Dept. Station 21
USD Athletic Office: Sports Medicine	Carlton, DiSante, & Freudenberger
California Orthopedic Institute	Charmasson, Buchaca, & Leach LLP
Valletta Orthopedics	gPHe Abogados
Torrey Pines Orthopedics	Law Office of Mark Ignacio
Scripps Oral Pathology Service	Homeland Security Liason
Center for Oral and Facial Surgery	Federal U.S. Pre Trial Services
Premier Dental Care of Eastlake	Daybreak Games Company LLC
San Diego D & M Pharmacies Inc.	Sony Computer Entertainment
Kaiser-Zion	Cymer
Rehab United-Grossmont	Southland Electric Inc.
San Diego Spine & Rehab	Hi Tech Honeycomb Inc.
El Cajon Valley Veterinary Hospital	Planetary Machine & Engineering Inc.
ECLAP: East County Large Animal Practice	Simon Wong Engineering
Rolling Hills Vet. Clinic	Revolution Enterprises Inc.
University of Louisville: Resource Research Facilities	Qualcomm Thinkabit Lab
Oregon Health & Science University & VA	Cabrillo National Monument
San Diego Nerve Study Center	Cal Trans
Hospital Angeles Tijuana	Walsh Engineering and Surveying Inc.
Issstecali Clinica Las Palmas Tijuana	City of Chula Vista Public Works Dept.
Scripps Mercy Hospital ED-Chula Vista	City of San Diego Public Works: Engineering and Capital Projects
Total Physical Therapy	San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research
VASDHS La Jolla	Gibson-Barnes
Congresswoman Susan Davis	Domus Studio Architecture
Ca. State Assembly: Lorena Gonzalez	Grotto Climbing & Yoga
	Greystone Group LLC
	Seaforth Sports Fishing



# AROUND CAMPUS



## Junior Class Kairos Sign Ups Ends March 10

With the Senior Class Kairos retreat in full swing this month, there's still time for Juniors to sign up for the March/April Kairos retreat set for March 31 through April 3.

Kairos has become a long running tradition at Saints and is now in its 17th year. Kairos not only impacts the lives of the upperclassmen, but it has a profound impact on the entire school community, from freshmen to faculty. It is an exciting, in depth, and four day retreat experience at just the right time in the young Saintsman's life. The only thing that can be described about Kairos, is that one must experience it themselves. Judging by the residual enthusiasm following the retreat, it is worth taking on.

Spaces are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Saints retreat capacity is 42 participants.

To participate have parents/guardians contact Campus Ministry. Forms need to be filled out and fees submitted.

Please complete and return fees and paperwork by Friday, March 10. Any student needing financial assistance to attend Kairos should contact Campus Ministry immediately. The lack of money will never be the reason that keeps a Saintsman from attending a Kairos retreat.

Campus Ministry contact: Nicole Quick, Saints Director of Retreats.



**LAST YEAR.** Last year's Kairos Retreat had plenty of snow. Sign-ups are still open for this year's Junior Class Kairos. Contact: Saints Ministry.



**CHILLIN'.** Adding to last year's Kairos adventure was the surprise of 16-inches of snow. City boys didn't have snow boots so they used the main cabin's fireplace to dry out their "Vans" overnight.



**EATING FIRE.** Donovan Yousif 10th immerses himself in the fiery inferno... Diablo Sauce!.



**WINGIN' IT.** The ASB continues to provide great lunchtime activities. Last week was highlighted by a Hot Wing eating contest.

Participating here (clockwise from the left) Theo Main ('23), Donovan Yousif (2022), Armando Uribe ('20), Noah Schroeder ('20), and Jimmy Nafso ('23). Who won? Rumor is the "fiery inferno diablo" sauce finished off all contestants.



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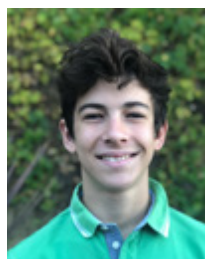
## Future Frosh Entrance Exam Results

Each year St. Augustine High holds an Entrance Exam on campus to assist in determining if an eighth grader has the academic background to succeed at the school. By tradition, the students who achieve the best test scores are offered scholarships as a reward.

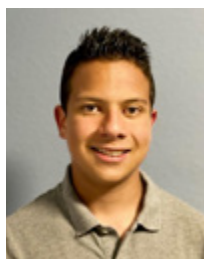
Each of the following students earned one of the top ten composite scores. To recognize their accomplishment the St. Augustine High School community is awarding each of them a \$20,000 scholarship at entrance. Congratulations Class of 2024.



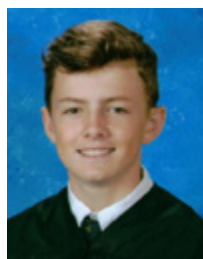
**David Wise**  
School of the Madeleine



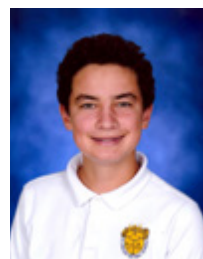
**Nathan Butler**  
Muirlands Middle School



**Griffin Cappiello**  
Rhoades School



**John McNamara**  
St. Therese Academy



**Ben Folk**  
St. Vincent de Paul School



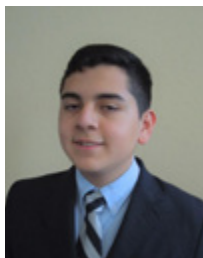
**Chase Gadler**  
St. Martin's Academy



**Ben Ngo**  
St. Therese Academy



**Ryan Ortega**  
St. Pius X School

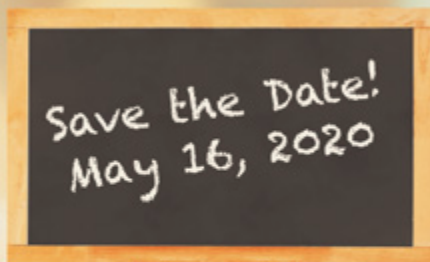


**Nata Velarde-Alvarez**  
Notre Dame Academy



**Mitchell Sanford**  
School of Madeleine

The 3rd annual **TASTE of SAINTS** will come to the life on the rooftop of the St. Augustine commons on Saturday, May 16, 2020.



Sponsorships available - Private cabanas, too  
Find out more at [www.sahs.org/tasteofsaints](http://www.sahs.org/tasteofsaints)



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**DISTRACTION.** Some things go without a detailed caption, which in the case here. The goal of this mini drama is to distract the opposing team when shooting free throws. A portable stage curtain opens just as the free throw is about to be shot. Who is behind the curtain is anyone's guess.



**BASEBALL'S BACK.** Seniors (left to right): Jacob Northrup, Nick Rohen and Enrique Oquendo pose after Saints Varsity baseball defeated Francis Parker High, 4-0 in the first game of the season. See Varsity Baseball's spring schedule in this edition of *Saints Scene*.



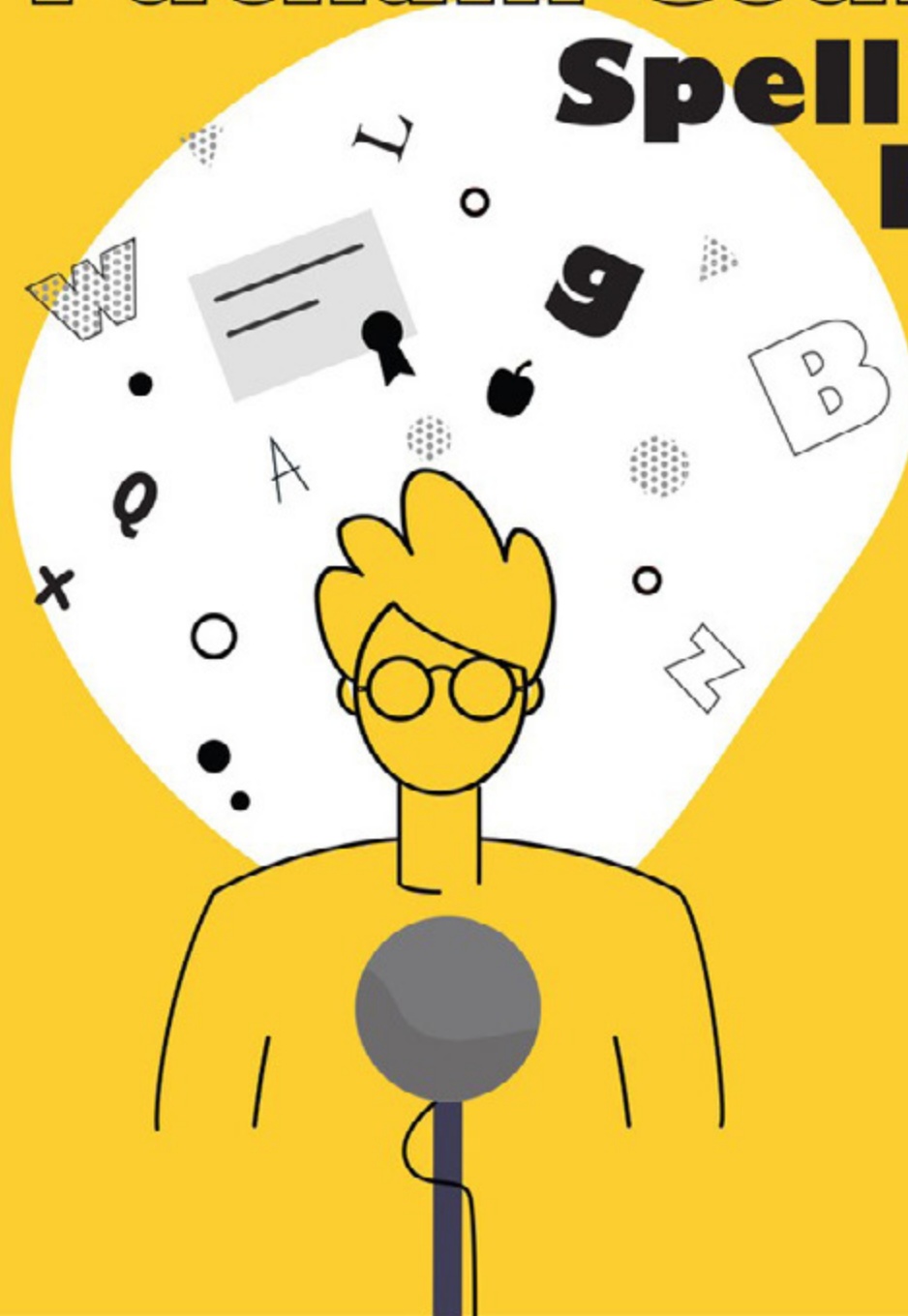
**SENIOR NIGHT.** Here's another school tradition that's worth keeping. On Senior Night (Saints 80 vs. La Jolla 40) parents/family joined the Senior Varsity basketball players mid-court for a Class of 2020 photo op. *Photo: William Hill.*



St. Augustine  
High School Theatre

**PRESENTS**

**The 25th Annual  
Putnam County  
Spelling  
Bee**



**April 2, 3, 4 | 7 pm**

Additional Matinee show Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Raymond Center for the Performing Arts  
at St. Augustine High School  
3266 Nutmeg, San Diego, CA 92104

Tickets available at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com)



# AROUND CAMPUS

## CLASS IN CRAFTSMANSHIP



**WOOD SHOP.** Sage Eisman, Sam Scaife and Tyson Mc Williams spent the Intersession month of January studying the craft of fine woodworking at APEX Fine Finishing.



Sam Scaife is routing the edges of this board in preparation of joining several boards together.



Tyson McWilliams learns to use the disc sander.



Sage Eisman patiently tapes the furniture ahead of staining.

# AROUND CAMPUS



## 2020 Intersession Adventures In Search of the Ellusive Geocaches

Recent Intersession adventures in search of the illusive geocaches included walks through North Park, South Park, Balboa Park, Stonewall Peak in Cuyamaca State Park, and Seaport Village. A total 25.91 miles were hiked and 35 geocaches were logged.

### What's a geocache, you ask?

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world. Typically, a found cache is a container holding a number of other items, that has been hidden cleverly at a location whose coordinates have been posted on the Internet.



**GPS SPORTS.** Saintsmen searching diligently for a hidden Geocache in Balboa Park



**ON TRACK.** It's March and that means it's the first workout days for Saints Track & Field team. More on the track squad to be featured in upcoming issues of *Saints Scene*.



**GRASPING VICTORY.** Saints Varsity Wrestlers earned top four honors in their respective weight divisions at the recent San Diego Section CIF championships. All qualified for the annual Masters tourney. L-R: Blaze Ackerman ('23) fourth place; Gustavo "Alex" Reynoso ('20) third place; Kevin Clements ('23) fourth place; and Dom Pacheco ('21) third place. Love the shoes, Blaze!



2020 Varsity

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result
<b>February</b>				
Tues.	18	Torrey Pines(S)	Torrey Pines	3:00
Thurs.	20	Ramona (S)	Whittaker Field	3:30
<b>Saints Bill Whittaker Baseball Classic</b>				
Mon.	24	Francis Parker	Francis Parker	6:30
Wed.	26	Chula Vista	Chula Vista	3:00
Fri.	28	Mission Bay	Whittaker Field	3:00
<b>March</b>				
Mon.	2	San Marcos	San Marcos	3:00
Wed.	4	University City	Whittaker Field	3:00
Fri.	6	Championship	Whittaker Field	3:00
<b>Non League</b>				
Thurs.	19	Mater Dei Catholic	Whittaker Field	3:00
<b>Western League</b>				
Mon.	23	Scripps Ranch*	Whittaker Field	3:30
Wed.	25	Scripps Ranch*	Scripps Ranch	3:30
Fri.	27	Scripps Ranch*	Whittaker Field	3:30
Mon.	30	Cathedral Catholic*	Cathedral Catholic	3:30
<b>April</b>				
Wed.	1	Cathedral Catholic*	Whittaker Field	3:30
Fri.	3	Cathedral Catholic*	Cathedral Catholic	3:30
<b>SD Lion's Tournament - Open Division</b>				
Mon.	6	La Costa Canyon	La Costa Canyon	3:30
Tues.	7	Viewpoint vs. Delano	Whittaker Field	12:00
Tues.	7	Elk Grove	Whittaker Field	3:00
Wed.	8	Silverado vs. Lone Peak	Whittaker Field	12:30
Wed.	8	Grossmont	Whittaker Field	3:30
Thurs.	9	Semi/Finals	TBD	TBD
<b>Boras Baseball Classic</b>				
Tues.	14	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wed.	15	TBD	TBD	TBD
Thurs.	16	TBD	TBD	TBD
Fri.	17	TBD/TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Western League</b>				
Mon.	20	Point Loma *	Point Loma	3:30
Wed.	22	Point Loma *	Whittaker Field	3:30
Fri.	24	Point Loma *	Point Loma	3:30
Mon.	27	Madison*	Whittaker Field	3:30
Wed.	29	Madison*	Madison	3:30
<b>May</b>				
Fri.	1	Madison*	Whittaker Field	3:30
<b>Non League</b>				
Fri.	8	Classical Academy	Whittaker Field	3:30
<b>Playoffs</b>				
Tues.	12	TBD May 12-23 * League Games	TBD	TBD

# CIF VARSITY BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS: Semi-finals

## Saints Loses Nail Biter, 56-54

Torrey Pines High, the last remaining public school in the San Diego Section CIF varsity basketball open division revenged an early pre-season loss to St. Augustine High by beating the Saints in the semi-finals 56-54. The loss ended the Saints regular season at 24-6. Now, its on to the State Regional Championships.

The tightly scored game played on Saints court was a battle of two-equal teams. The contest could have gone to either team because the Saints and the Falcons matched equally in speed, shooting and rebounding. In the end, Saints usual strong finish ebbed and sadly a remarkable season came up two points short.

CIF Semi-final results:

St. Augustine 54, Torrey Pines 56

Cathedral Catholic 87, Francis Parker 64.



**MOVING ON.** In a game that the good guys could have won with a smidgen of better luck. Sadly, Saints Varsity Basketball regular and playoff season came to a close after a semi-final loss to Torrey Pines High, 56-54 at Saints Gym. Next will be the Southern California State Regionals.

# CIF VARSITY BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS: Quarter-finals

## Put Saints in Victory Column VS. Mater Dei

After compiling a 23-5 win-loss record during Saints Varsity Basketball season, Coach Mike Haupt's Nutmeg Streeters entered the quarter finals of the San Diego Section CIF playoffs as the second seed in the elite Open Division (highest rated teams in the San Diego region).

Matched up against seventh seed Mater Dei Catholic, Saints maximized its home court advantage by outpointing the Crusaders 65-60 in a see-saw contest. The game was the proverbial tale of two halves with Mater Dei hitting a flurry of three-pointers to take the lead at halftime thanks to a hot hand by Mater Dei's Melo Sanchez, who tallied 25 points, including five three-point shots mostly coming in the first half.

Second half saw a combination of the South Bay team's hot shooting finally cooling off and Saints better defense, rebounding and free throw mastery leading to the clutch win. The Crusader's top scorers were Juniors, which bodes well for Mater Dei next year.

The Open division featured top ranked Cathedral Catholic (21-7); third seed Torrey Pines (24-4); fourth seed Foothill Christian (20-8); fifth ranked Francis Parker (21-4); sixth ranked Poway (24-4) and eight seeded Christian High (21-5).

First round results:

St. Augustine 65, Mater Dei Catholic 60.

Francis Parker 70, Foothills Christian 63.

Poway High 43, Torrey Pines 74.

Christian 61; Cathedral Catholic 72.



**ADD THREE.** Senior Alex Dennis sinks a three-point shot in Saints win over Mater Dei High in the quarter finals of the CIF open division playoffs.

Photo: William Hill.



# Winning Tradition Continues

## Rugby Toughs Go Undefeated.



**CHAMPIONS.** Saints undefeated Varsity Rugby Team for 2019-2020. The Ruggers won the Southern California Interscholastic Rugby Federation title by defeating San Clemente 29-14. Photos: William Hill and the Colussi Family.

The Saints Rugby program had another outstanding season going undefeated on the season. This is the second year in a row the team has ran the table without a loss in league play. This is the third consecutive league title for the program. The team advanced to its third championship game and finally won the title defeating San Clemente 29-14. The team finishes the season in possession of the Titan Shield and will be able to put a placard on the shield indicating they were the champions for the 2019-2020 season. Finally, the Saints defeated rivals CCHS for a fourth consecutive year and retain possession of the Charity Cup.

### The Championship Game

The Final on Saturday saw the Saints take on a very physical San Clemente team. The Saints entered the game wanting to play for territory. The Saints kickers, lead by Matt DeFrates and Aidan Konja, were successful in putting the pressure on the San Clemente backs. The strategy worked well and the Saints took a 17-7 lead into half time. Aidan Konja scored the first try and Jack Page added a second try in the corner. Michael



**STEAMROLLER.** That's Michael Colussi ramming his way into the entire San Clemente rugby team leaving little doubt as to why he tied for top scoring honors with teammate Jack Page.

Colucci added a penalty kick before the half to round out the scoring for the Saints.

The Saints kept up the attack in the second half. Aidan Konja added a second try and Jack Page also scored another try in the corner. The final score was 29-14 to the Saints. Aidan Konja was named Man of the Match, Travis Hall was Best Back and Elliott Florance was Best Forward.

The Saints were lead by a number of standout players. Aidan Konja was recognized as the Player of the Month and has really raised the level of his play this year. Seniors Matt Defrates and Michael Colucci has developed into tremendous players who put everything together this year and also provided leadership for the team. Jack Page exploded this year to be the top scorer in the league with 9 tries in all competitions and Michael Colucci lead the league in points scored.

First year player Travis Hall has become a key component in the Saints defense and offense. He has been nominated as Best Back a number of times over the season. Also, sophomore Adrian Davis earned the starting 8-man position mid season and became a key contributor for the Saints. He added 6 tries on the season - a remarkable accomplishment for a underclassman. Aside from the individual play, the team has 17 seniors on the roster. This leadership and experience was a key factor in the Saints success over the season.



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**UNDEFEATED.** Aidan Konja, Saints Varsity Rugby (player of the game) and Saints Coach Eric Dent pose with the SCIRF Trophy symbolic of winning the 2020 league championship. Saints went undefeated during its 2019-2020 season.



**THE MAN.** Senior Aidan Konja eludes a San Clemente player scoring his second try of the match. He was named Man of the Match in the championship game. In rugby, a "try" is equal to a touchdown in U.S. football.

The Saints Rugby program is so appreciative for the support of our families and supporters. We have had the loudest supporters on the sidelines. Our super parents are the Colucci Family, the Strack Family, the McCorkle Family, the DeFrates Family, the Amsberry Family, the D'Agnese Family, the Rohrer Family, the Alcoser Family and Mr. Bill Hill.

The team coaching staff, which includes Eric Dent, Ian Denham, Ethan Willis, William Raines and Kalei Konrad, has also done an amazing job of challenging the rugby team to improve from week to week and peak at the right time of the year. Finally, the Saints Administration and Athletic Director Matt Linville have also been very supportive of the rugby program.



**PROLIFIC.** Gritty Saintsman Jack Page led the 2020 Southern California Interscholastic Federation in total scoring.



**SENIOR CHAMPS.** These gentlemen all members of the Class of 2020 are part of a Saints Rugby dynasty, who have lost very few matches in their prep careers. This is the second year in a row the team has ran the table without a loss in league play. Senior team members are top row, left to right Tyler Cruz, Armando Uribe, Aidan Konja, Matt DeFrates, Elliott Florance, Michael Colucci, Brian Mc Corkle, Kieran Amsberry, Noah Schroeder, Grant Raby, James Garegnani, Nick Sylvester. Kneeling left to right: Travis Hall, Will Houston, Jack Page and Griffin Miller.



**ALL AROUND.** Matt DeFrates is one of the team's best all around Rugby athletes, who is an equally skilled scorer as a kicker and a back. We'll see Matt playing for the U.S. Military Academy next fall.

## The Titan Shield

The Titan Shield is a possession trophy created by Cal State Fullerton to promote a competitive atmosphere in high school rugby in southern California. The Saints have held the trophy the last two seasons going into the final but gave it up to Bosco both years in the Championship game. This year, Saints beat Torrey Pines, who had possession at the time, and reclaimed the trophy. The trophy is up for grabs every game and the winner of the competition takes it home. The Titan Shield is at home on Saints Campus, where it belongs.

**DEFENDERS.** Four senior members of Saints 2020 Championship Rugby squad, who successfully defended the school's possession of the coveted Titan Shield are (left to right) Matt DeFrates, Michael Colucci, Kieran Amsberry, and Noah Schroeder. Late news: Matt DeFrates has accepted a scholarship to play Rugby at the United States Military Academy at West Point.





## Now More Than Ever

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young man's character and his view of the world. However, a stronger force than their formal education is the learning they get in the home. Therefore at Saints, as in many Catholic schools, we believe that parents are the "primary educator". Furthermore, because we value community (Unitas), we desire to have a school environment that boasts of great parent support and involvement.

The type of parental involvement that makes a positive difference in student achievement is more than "volunteering." While supporting the school in activities such as student retreats, the arts and athletics is important, your concerns go deeper than this;

and so should your involvement. As we begin the second semester, we encourage parents to become directly involved in their student's academic learning experience. Stay connected with instructors. Ask your student to share his insights and reflections as he journeys through the semester. Current evidence shows that when parents are meaningfully involved in their student's education, scholastic achievement can greatly improve. According to the book, *The Evidence Continues to Grow* by Anne Henderson, the positive impact of parental involvement "is beyond dispute".

As we approach our annual celebration of family with the upcoming Grandparents day, I want to thank you for entrusting to us your most precious gift, your boys. Together

we can sculpt the hearts and minds of these young Saintsmen, preparing them for our changing world.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

*James W. Home*



## Outrageous Spelling Bee Set or Spring Campus Comedy

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Under the direction of St. Augustine High School Theater Director Mr. Travis Blumer, the Spelling Bee will be the school's spring play, which is set for April 2, 3, 4 (with a matinee performance on the 4th). Featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching script by Rachel Sheinkin and a truly fresh and vibrant score by William Finn, this bee is one

unforgettable experience.

Among the starring players from Saints and OLP are Jacob Tatoy, JD DeLaCruz, Catherine Tarlov and Sophia Peniche.

The play offers an eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories

from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake.

Tickets available at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com). All performances on campus at the Raymond Center for the Performing Arts.



# New Tradition Honors Augustinian Achievers

*Editor's note—Because of a late deadline last month, the following article by Mr. Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School was not available until this issue.*

The second annual Augustinian Achievement Awards was held in the Rev. John Sanders, OSA '68 Gymnasium Saturday, January 25, 2020. A crowd of two-hundred-fifty Alumni and Friends of Saints gathered in the DanVera Foyer of St. Augustine Commons for a social before dinner. Following the social, dinner and the awards ceremony took place on Court '64.

This year's award winners were Coach Bill Whittaker, '46, Mr. Ned (Sir) Wilson, '58, and Mr. David Canedo, '63. Each was nominated by their Class Alumni Liaison. There is one liaison for each of the graduating classes. The nominations are then gathered by the Director of Alumni Relations, Chris Cashman, '93 and he forwards them to the Chairman of the Alumni Steering Committee, Mark Johnson, '83. The Steering Committee is composed of Tom Cudal, '72, Brother Dick Hardick, OSA, '57, Aram Hodoyan, '84, Mike Kennedy, '75, Rob Leach, '80, Dan Morrin, '77 and Laura Walsh, '83, OLP. The Steering Committee makes the final decisions regarding the Augustinian Achievement Award Winners.

## **Each candidate is measured against the following criteria established for the award:**

*The Augustinian Achievement Award recognizes those who have demonstrated through their lives and actions the Augustinian core values of community, truth, and love.*

*Recipients of the award have lived out these Augustinian values while: (1) providing exceptional inspiration, leadership, and service to their community; (2) generously giving their time, talent, and resources in service of the Gospel.*

This year's recipients join the first class of 2019 award winners: Rev. Richard Brown, SJ, '44, Mr. Ron Raymond, '64, Rev. John Sanders, OSA, '66, Mr. Steve South, '80, and Mrs. Jean Shaw, HG '91

as men and women who have demonstrated through their lives that they have lived out the core values of Saints.

Plaques of the award winners are posted in the reception area of the Main Office in Vasey Hall. Congratulations to each award winner.



**MOST DISTINGUISHED ALUMS.** (Left to right): Fr. Gary Sanders ('67) Prior Provincial Augustinians of the West with honorees Mr. Francis "Ned" Wilson ('58); the late William Whittaker ('46) represented by his grandson Tyler Whittaker ('17); Mr. David Canedo ('63) and Saints faculty member Mr. Tom Cudal ('73), program Steering Committee member and event Master of Ceremonies.



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