



SAINTS SCENE

The Road Together... The Secret Ingredient

Why Saintsmen love coming to class
rain or shine or pandemic.

By Edwin Hearn, President,
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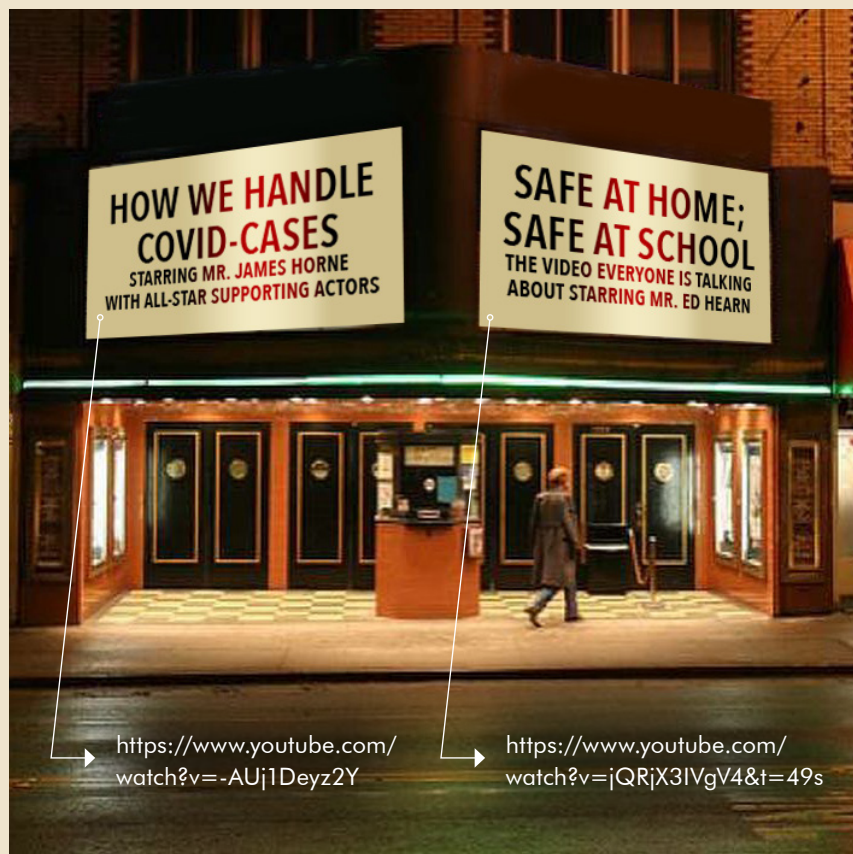
Mr. Ed Hearn

All right—let's be honest—when you were a kid telling your mother you did not feel well so you could stay home was always on your mind. Since I have been president for the past 14 years, I have phoned every new parent during our annual Parent Pledge Campaign.

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NO SECRET. Saintsmen over the years whether as students or grads thank the school's faculty for being one of the overriding reasons that they loved coming to class each day. This year new challenges greet teachers and staff as they welcome the new school year. And like always problems will be solved with love, talent, dedication and prayer. School welcome sign an idea by faculty member Mrs. Kate Crachy.



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Extra Effort Teachers Post New Hybrid Office Hours

As the school year is now underway and the student body finds itself in the midst of projects, tests, quizzes and daily homework assignments, it is more important than ever that each student stay focused on being organized and taking ownership of their learning.

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Principal James Horne

Boys and Humor Dear Parents & Friends,

In my experience, boys (and men) tend to have an irreverent sense of humor. We use humor to cope, and to relate to one another. And that sense of humor starts very young. Boys make each other laugh, and they make their

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AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

Blessed Be the Ordinary

The Church loves to bless everyday things that we might remember God as we partake in them.

By Fr. Max Villeneuve, O.S.A.

It is an American rite of passage during high school to receive your license and be entrusted with the keys to a car. When I was in high school I lived in San Francisco, where learning to drive a car is a bit trickier than it is here in San Diego. Double parked trucks, one way streets, steep hills, moving trolleys- it was all a lot to take in. So much so that let's just say I took my drivers test "a few" times until I was able to pass and receive my license.

Driving is a great joy and a great gift. I love driving the coast of Baja down to Ensenada, or up the coast of Malibu towards our parish and sister school in Ojai. Driving can also be aggravating. Other drivers often lack awareness and can be seen texting, talking on the phone, eating, and doing just about anything except driving their vehicle.

While this is often just a nuisance, the consequences can be very real. Driving is a responsibility. When we get behind the wheel of a car, we are placing our lives and the lives of many others in our hands. This then means we are being entrusted with a sacred responsibility to one another, ourselves, and our God.

If driving can be considered sacred then, can the vehicles we drive be sacred as well? Indeed they can be! The Church sees God in all things and always seeks to have God recognized in the ordinariness of our every day. This means that the Church loves to bless everyday things for our use: that we might remember God as we partake in them.

As such, I would like to make the following offer to all in the Saints community:

I will happily bless your car during lunch, after school, or any time I happen to be free. Just come to my office to see if I am available. The short ceremony will bless the whole car including the motor, the steering wheel, the wheels, and the passenger seats. I would especially like to bless your car if you are a brand new driver so that you can begin driving with the Lord's blessing at your side. In thanksgiving for the blessing you will be invited to consider making a free will donation to our Casa Hogar Orphanage in Tijuana.

I hope that in consecrating our driving as a Saints Community, we might be more aware of the gift and responsibility which driving is, while helping support the children at Casa Hogar at the same time.



Fr. Max finds creative ways to serve God during difficult times.

Have your car blessed.



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Hebrews 12:11



New Student Mass Schedules Set for Fall Semester



Covid19 has challenged us in countless ways. Despite challenges of no large gatherings, distancing, limitations on singing for religious services, we have persisted and we continue to celebrate community Mass.

We have halved the student body to limit numbers in attendance at any one service, but we continue to celebrate our weekly mass, albeit outdoors. The mass is offered for all 9/10 graders on Tuesday and we offer the Mass for 11/12 grades on Wednesdays.

Although the traditional sign of peace, one of the hallmarks of the Saints weekly Mass, is "quite different" we still come together as a community with open hearts and we gather around the altar.

We yearn for a return to indoor masses and the return of our choir. For now, we continue with the greatest of traditions in the Saints Experience.

Terrific aerial photo captures Freshman and Sophomores attending the weekly Tuesday morning Mass time slot for underclassmen.

Quick New Parent's Guide to All Things Saints

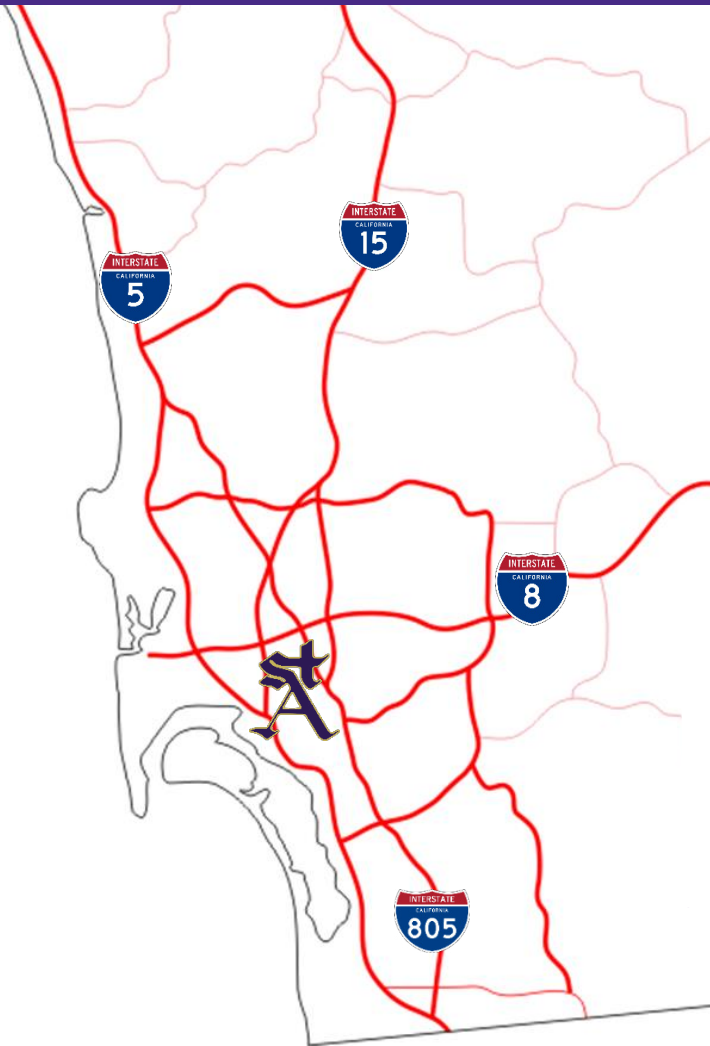
As a new Saints Parents, you should know there are seven important ways to obtain information regarding what's happening on campus:

1. **Saint's Website:** www.sahs.org (browse the whole site, but the links you might need most are the calendar and the Faculty/Staff directory)
2. **Saint's E-Scene:** (on-line newsletter delivered direct to your email at the start of each month, please sign-up on Saint's home page to subscribe)
3. **Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/st.augustine> (filled with pictures, event updates, community news and student highlights)
4. **Twitter:** http://twitter.com/#!/saints_info (filled with event reminders, community news, and student highlights)
5. **Instagram:** https://www.instagram.com/saints_info/ (filled with pictures, community news and student highlights)
6. **CANVAS:** This is our student learning management system. Everything about your sons academic journey (assignments, grades, discussions, teacher and class contacts) can be found here. By registering for your own parent account you can "observe" your sons academic classes and see what is happening.
7. **Saints Scene:** The school's monthly online award winning community outreach newsletter sent to all parents via email.

Ride Share

Saints provides families an opportunity to coordinate carpools with other families that travel a similar route. To connect with families in your area, simply connect with our ride share email lists. You will then be able to communicate directly with others looking for or providing rides to and from school and activities.

More detailed information on ride share will be available when Covid19 restrictions allow. For now the school cannot safely recommend ridesharing with those living outside your household.



Carpool Email Lists

5 *****@icloud.com
15 *****@icloud.com
8 *****@hotmail.com
805 *****@gmail.com

The emails for the 2020-21 school year will be provided at as Covid19 restrictions are lifted.

To School

15 South
8 West
805 North

Home from School

5 North
15 North
8 East
805 South

Saints expects permission for such transportation to be arranged between parents of all minors to be consistent with DMV guidelines, particularly as regards probationary drivers.

Something Fishy (and Fun!)

By Chris Cashman, Saints Alumni Director

Who ever thought something normal would be down right terrific? In this terrible pandemic season the opportunity to participate in a 'mostly' unchanged annual event has brought about joy and hope for better days.

Early last month, 24 Saints Alums, family and friends boarded a fishing boat at H&M Landing in Point Loma to motor out into the Pacific in search of the ever wily tuna.

At the 30-mile marker off the Baja Coast, the happy crew found a spot, where almost everyone caught something.

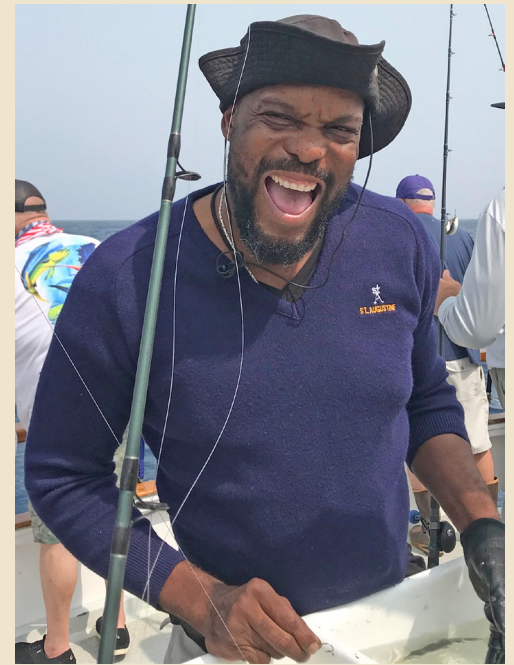
The Sunday event was the largest event in terms of participation in the history of the Alumni Association. The fishing trip sold out in one week.

The next Alumni event will be the annual golf tournament to be held April 30, 2021 at Riverwalk Golf Course in Mission Valley.

FYI: all those pictured were asked to remove face masks for the photographer.



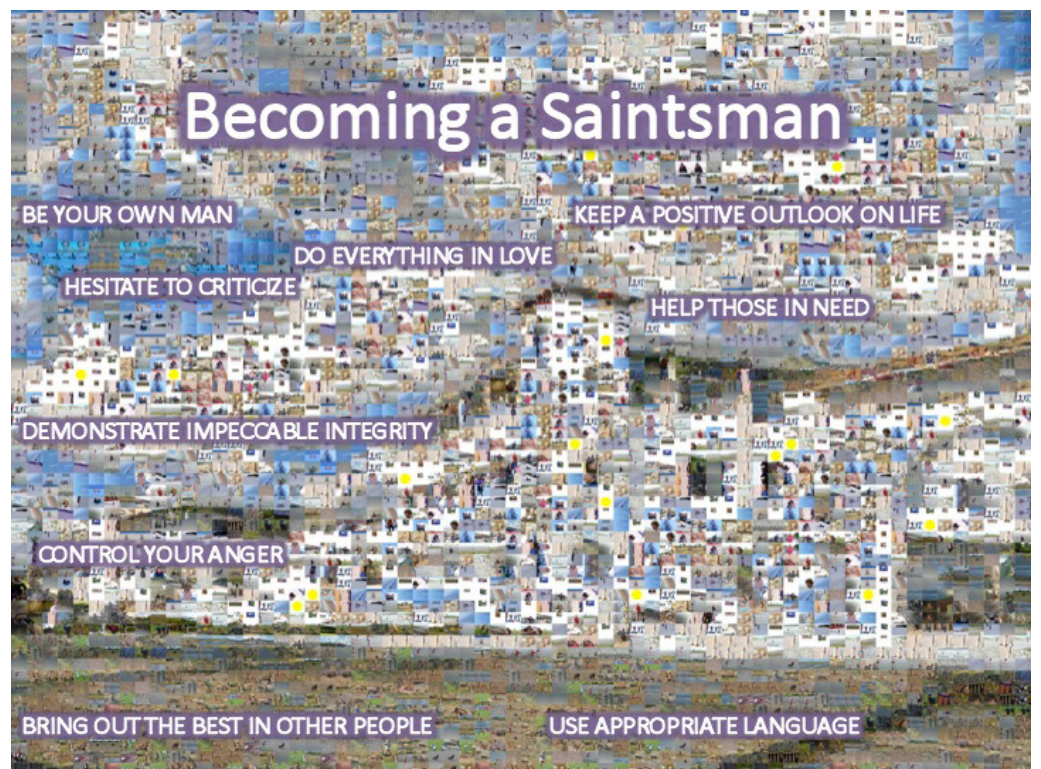
Faculty member, alum and varsity baseball coach Craig da Luz ('93) patiently awaits a nibble. Did we say it was a gorgeous day?



Wearing his Saints Sweater for good luck, Larry Brown ('93) flew into town from Montana for the fishing extravaganza. He was able to break away from his acting role in the TV hit "Yellowstone."



Proving good things come to those who wait; young William da Luz caught the last fish of the day. He and dad, Carlos da Luz ('83), were able to spend some quality time at sea.



Frosh Fashionistas

Dressing up for Freshman Welcome Week

Alums readily acknowledge that of all the weeks on campus few are more fondly remembered than Freshman Welcome Week.

Despite the pandemic, this year is no different.

Late last month from one Friday to Friday the school was awash in purple and gold beanies, including the traditional rite of Frosh having the option to impress upper classmen by arriving at school in wild and crazy costumes and participating in class bonding activities.

JUST ADD WATER. Under a creative shower head and curtain Frosh Johnny Scott may have had the “cleanest” costume during Frosh Welcome Week’s fashion parade. His Senior bro Jake Heidemann was on hand in case he slipped.



THE AROMAS. Fondly known as Malcolm “big skunk” Williams, this senior had his little brothers dressed as “little skunks” on costume day. (L-R) Shawn Pomatto, Kai Brown (beanie) Malcolm Williams and Zac Horne. Come to think of it Big Skunk and the Aromas would be a great name for a rock band.



CROSS DRESSER. Senior Matthew Cross with Frosh Lukas Cerny as a hybrid human-alien from the film Avatar.



VERY NICE. Senior Max Simon had his little bro, Jake Naimi, arrive dressed as a fictional Kazakh journalist based on the Sacha Baron Cohen 2006 film, Borat!



MOO-ING PICTURE. That’s Frosh Daniel Feiner (aka a Holstein cow) being herded around campus by his Senior bro Eric Engelman.

AROUND CAMPUS



This Year's Augustinian Volunteer is Carolyn Dreyer

Saints welcomes its newest Augustinian Volunteer, Carolyn Dreyer.

She grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and studied Business Management at Walsh University's DeVille School of Business. Where's that? [A Roman Catholic university in North Canton, Ohio home of the fighting Cavaliers]. At Walsh, she graduated on the President's List for outstanding achievement in Academics, Athletics and Service. She was also named Outstanding Senior in her major.

At Saints, she will serve as a Campus Minister.

Carolyn was drawn to the Augustinian Volunteers because of her desire to serve others and interest in learning more about the Augustinian charismas.

She is excited to grow with her community by fully sharing her gifts and having challenging conversations with more than 700 of her new not-so-little brothers.



Blood Mobile

The Saints annual blood drive was held last month but not on campus. Donors had to go to any one of eight San Diego Blood Bank Centers to participate. Now, that you know the location of your nearest blood bank truck giving can be an all year occurrence. Set up you next visit by going to www.sandiegobloodbank.org/donate. Use the Saints group code (SAHS).



Army VS. Navy

Sam Scaife IV (Army) and Eavan Gibbons (Navy) were Saints Varsity Football team mates a year ago. Now, they're playing football for United States Military Academy and the Naval Academy. Can't wait to see the annual Army Navy game later this fall. Someone take a photo of these two friends at the game so we can share.



AROUND CAMPUS



FAMILY MASS. Fr. Max donned his sunglasses for the traditional new school year Family Mass. This year it was held on a Sunday afternoon to comply with Covid-19 mandates. The yearly event, which had always been a morning mass, was attended by a large number of families, maybe the largest gathering on campus ever.



Helping Hands Reach for Wallet

Many, many thanks to everyone in the Saints Community who gave gifts to help Saints families who lost jobs because of the Covid-19 epidemic (and there are many). Thanks to financial contributions totaling more than \$450,000, the school was able to return several families that had to leave because of hardship. Thank you, all!



Club News

The school is offering students interested in studying law an opportunity to do so by joining the Mock Trial Team for the 2020-2021 season. Contact Mr. Kevin Manley.

Saints has a first ever Hiking Club. To join or for more info contact faculty advisors Ms. Briana Coronado or Mrs. Nicole Yoakum.

It's not too late to join the Surf Team. Contact via email Coach Julia Mekrut at jmekrut@sahsonline.org.

The Secret Ingredient

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It always comes up in my phone conversation with the parents how much their freshman son loves coming to Saints. And while I have never done any research to discover the secret sauce, I have come to the conclusion, that 14-year old boys love Saints due to the manner in which their teachers engage them. They are treated with respect, there is male humor in the class, and boys do not mind the risk of being wrong when volunteering an answer to a question in an all-male classroom.

To be treated as an equal by one's teacher is an exciting proposition when most of our boys come from parochial schools that are small and dominated by women teachers who tend to want them to act like girls. Although these very same boys when they first step on Saints campus, while at first scary, become a breath of fresh air. They quickly find out their senior big brother is really not trying to kill them and they begin to see the brotherhood in operation.

On Friday, March 13, 2020, at the conclusion of what was going to be Grandparents Day Mass, Mr. Horne, Fr. Max and Mr. O'Beirne announced that school would not resume on Monday for in-person learning, but would move to an online format. Anyone observing the announcement would have thought summer vacation had just been announced 10 weeks early. There was elation in the air. One could feel the energy as the boys surged out of the Commons. Little did they know that would be the last day of class on campus for the next five months. They also did not know that in only a very short period of time, they would miss Saints and give anything to return to campus.

Saints, which has historically hung its hat on teacher/student relationships, would provide education remotely, virtually online for the next 10 weeks. Although very few instructors had experience with this new medium, the overwhelming response from parents was a thumbs-up during those troubling first weeks of the crisis.

Even weekly student Mass was held virtually and the administration was left to create videos to communicate important messages, ideas and events to the community as time went on. For ten weeks, St. Augustine

High School was eerily quiet. There were not the normal sounds of students in Tolle Lege Plaza or on the rooftop of the Commons playing basketball or any of Mr. Go's numerous lunchtime activities. It all had died! There were just a few teachers and a skeleton group of administrators and staff who worked in isolation in their offices.

What made Saints great was now non-existent. Friendship and great relationships are hard to come by when students and teachers cannot meet face-to-face. With classes beginning online on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, Saints began in this sterile environment of virtual learning. Teachers were in their classrooms, administrators in their offices, but not a sound from a Saintsman could be heard. Although the buildings are nice, they were meant to be filled.

With the COVID-19 infection rate in decline, high school hybrid education opened on September 1 in the County of San Diego, which meant schools could open if they were able to socially distance and abide by all the protocols. As a result, the seniors and juniors had their orientation for the new hybrid system that was unveiled on September 3 for a September 8 start date.

During the orientation, it was clear from the beginning that the seniors and juniors were fired up to be back at Saints. Although I had heard from several parents that their sons were dying to come back to school, it was evident that these students were ecstatic about resuming their Saints Experience. For all of these boys who knew how their high school education used to be, they knew, even in a hybrid form, Saints was the place to be. For boys who were so happy to have a shortened school year just a few months before had discovered that school at Saints is second to none and their happiness resided in their friendships with their brothers.

From my office, I heard the familiar blare of music from Mr. Osberg's classroom that had not been heard for months and watched teachers and coaches interplay with the boys on campus. It was impossible not to notice the smiles on everyone's faces.

I wish everyone the best as we forge ahead in the uncertainty of the 2020-2021 academic year!

Boys and Humor

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teachers laugh. They are always telling jokes or imitating and teasing one another or their teachers.

In an all-boy setting, the sense of humor is everywhere. Recently, our ritual of freshman welcome week brought forth some of the wonderfully creative humor on our campus. Some of what we saw/heard/experienced was clever, some outlandish, some weird, but almost all of it was funny.

In many co-ed institutions this sense of humor can be seen as an irreverent disruption. Here it is recognized as a key element in the development of boys who are learning their boundaries. At Saints we don't want to discourage their joking ways. Instead, we want to guide their clever and inquisitive minds to understand humor in the appropriate context and environment.

The more we can encourage that sense of humor, the better equipped our sons will be to develop relationships with other people and to thrive in the real world.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne
Principal



Teachers Post New Hybrid Office Hours

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This means students should be fully engaged while in class and seeking out clarification if they do not understand what is being taught. While it is of vital importance that every student takes full advantage of their time with each of their teachers, there might be occasions where additional support is needed beyond class time.

To address this issue, teachers at St. Augustine make themselves available beyond the school day, twice a week with office hours, to assist students with their academic needs. In light of our hybrid schedule this year, all teachers will host their office hours on Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these times to ask clarifying questions on assignments, prepare for upcoming quizzes or tests, and get additional support on homework and projects.

The teachers at St. Augustine are here to help, so we encourage every student to consider attending office hours when there is a need for that additional support. Students are also welcome to just pop in and say 'hello.'

In either case, we hope you have a healthy and successful school year both in and out of the classroom.

Upper Classmen Needed to Tutor Math

Math peer tutoring is ongoing and the school still needs student tutors. If you have tutored in prior years or have earned A's in all math classes at Saints and want to begin tutoring this year, drop by room 212 to talk to Mr. Tom Isaak. Tutoring will be offered Tuesday-Friday each week and can fit your schedule! Again, math tutors are needed and it's a great way to earn your Christian Service Hours while helping out Saintsmen in math!

HALO JOE'S COVID HOURS

The campus gift and gear shop is now open on campus.

Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 to 8:30 am.
Wednesday: 1:30 to 3 pm.

Staff limits store capacity to four shoppers at any one time. Masks are required and social distancing is in effect. Non-student shoppers are asked to check in with front desk before entering campus.



COLLEGE TOPICS NIGHT

Wednesday Oct. 21, 2020, 6:30 pm

This event will be virtual and available via ZOOM.

Information is forthcoming and will be shared to your email and CANVAS pages.

Br. Barnaby Johns O.S.A. Joins Saints Board

Dispatch from the President's office: The school is proud of the leadership provided by the St. Augustine High School Board of Directors. To thank and honor them and at the same time let the Saints Community to know them a bit more, Saints Scene has been highlighting individual Board members with a series of profiles during 2020-21. Br. Barnaby Johns is a new Director.

By Br. Barnaby Johns O.S.A.



Br. Barnaby Johns, O.S.A.

I first stepped onto the campus of St. Augustine High School in August 2010 when I travelled from Britain for a pastoral year. Throughout the months I was there I was so warmly welcomed into the community and loved to engage with the many areas of school life: jazz band, ping pong, rowing intersession, subbing, mass band, Spain World Youth Day 2011... It was a year where I was surprised by joy and Saints found a place in my heart.

Having been an Augustinian since 2005 in the British Province I returned to San Diego in 2014, this time as a member of the St. Augustine Province of California, and took up a position teaching Sophomore Religion and running the Skills for Life Intersession. It was also a time to develop myself professionally and I attended the University of San Francisco to embark on a Masters in Catholic Educational Leadership.

In 2017 I was moved to Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai and became the Director of Campus Ministry and Religion Teacher for Seniors, then Sophomores and I will be returning to teach Seniors again this year as well as taking on a new role as Augustinian Director of Mission.

I am honored to be serving on the boards of both schools and to see firsthand the very edifying collaboration between Saints and Villanova: Reciprocal trips to attend our Service Days, World Youth Day in Panama in 2019, and our San Diego Service Immersion in June. These six years working in both schools has helped me develop and deepen my understanding of Augustinian Education. It is truly a journey of the heart and a journey to the heart.



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