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INTERSESSION 2021?  
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# SAINTS SCENE

## Campus Christmas Concert on Campus

Not only are Santa and the fiddlers on the roof, but the entire orchestra is too! Come all ye Faithful and listen to Saints Symphonic Band perform live its annual Christmas Concert on December 12th at 4 pm on rooftop basketball courts at St. Augustine Commons.

There will be individually packaged desserts or people can bring their own refreshments if they so desire (like a mini picnic!). Face coverings will be required of all. *Image by William Hill from 2019 Christmas Concert at the Raymond Theatre.*



## Time to Sign Up for New Courses

By Mr. Gregory Hecht,  
Assistant Principal, Academics



Mr. Gregory Hecht

As we turn the calendar, it is time to begin the process of requesting courses for the 2021-2022 school year. All the information regarding this process, as well as the 2021-22 Curriculum Guide and course selection

presentation, is now available on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website ([www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org)). Please utilize these materials to assist you and your son in completing the course request forms.

These forms will be distributed to the current freshmen in their English courses and the current sophomores and juniors can pick them up from Mrs. Oliwa in the Registrar's office. The forms can also be found on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website ([www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org)).

On their designated day, each student

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## A Great Teacher is a Gift

Dear Saintsmen,  
Families & Community



Principal James Horne

All of us can recall a great teacher from our school days. Teachers are a great gift to a school and the community it serves.

In his recent study entitled, *Boys and Motivation*, Andrew Martin of the University of Western Sydney posed this question to boys ages 8-17, "Please describe the teacher that brings out your best work or keeps you most interested and motivated in school and schoolwork". From his research, Martin has discovered ten characteristics or practices that are consistently identified as being reasons why some teachers are better able to engage boys in their school work than others.

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## The Road Together... A Year Like No Other

By Edwin Hearn, Principal,  
St. Augustine High School



Mr. Ed Hearn

Charting your own unique path through a pandemic is not an easy task. Each of us has our feelings about tolerating risk. Some of us are less averse to it than others. The fear of the unknown is real and there is

no way to know what the future will bring. Politicize the issue and now the decision to be *online* or *in-person* is radioactive. What should Saints response be?

Just like every school in California, we are faced with providing a Saints education whether it be the Saints Experience online or advocating for "in-person" education for our young men. While everyone in March thought we would social distance for two weeks and be back in school for the rest of the year, we found that Covid-19 was not going away and the infection rate in the

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# AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

## The Veritas Forum

By Fr. Max Villeneuve, OSA

Anyone watching the TV through the pandemic, the summer of unrest and the recent elections knows that times are tumultuous. And the uncertainty surrounding it all leads to some of life's bigger questions .... Questions like, "How can we mend a broken world?"

We may not have the answer, but that won't keep us from asking the questions.

To do that Saints is launching a new endeavor known as the **Veritas Forum** which invites students and faculty to ask life's difficult questions. With a commitment to courageous discourse, we will put the Gospel message and our Catholic faith in dialogue with other beliefs and invite participants from all backgrounds to pursue Truth together. The Veritas Forum will seek to educate students at Saints beyond the classroom and invite them to seek unity, truth, and love in a community of friends, as did our patron, St. Augustine.

We have selected a special group of 15 students to assist Coach Haupt and myself in leading these forums. The topic of our first Forum will be Racial Harmony. The forum will address the sin of racism, which is an affront to the innate dignity of the human person that is created in the image and likeness of God.

In our planning meetings, we asked these 15 Saintsmen how we could better address the issue on our campus. What they told us surprised us: there were no horror stories, and issues that did pop up, the boys said were well handled by the administration. They did point out one important thing: excessive and over the top "jokes" told through the means of racial and cultural stereotypes. These "jokes" we found, often told through the developing comedic "skills" of the teenage mind, affected many of our students. They also strike at many of the groups that makes Saints the wonderful and diverse community that it is.

In the spirit of St. Augustine, we will use our first Veritas Forum to share personal experiences so that we can acknowledge, heal, and unite with common purpose. We look forward to a forum guided and led by the Holy Spirit.

Possible future topics for the Veritas Forum include, the pitfalls of social media, the temptations of drugs and alcohol, dating and positive relationships, driving and responsible decision making.



***"We will use our first Veritas Forum to share personal experiences so that we can acknowledge, heal, and unite with common purpose."***



# A Joyful and Blessed Christmas From all of us at Saints



Illustration by Saintsman John "Nick" Watson ('22)

*“Let us devoutly celebrate this day, for just as the first ones to share our faith adored Christ lying in the manger, let us adore Him reigning in heaven...”*

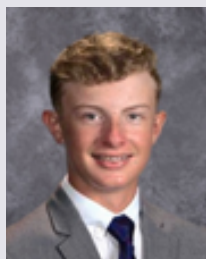
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# ASB Freshman Officers Named

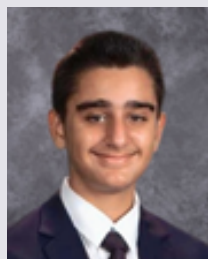
Congratulations to these Saintsmen for being selected to serve the Associated Student Body this year as Freshman Representative and Pit Lieutenants

## ASB Frosh President and Frosh Officers:

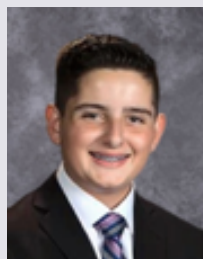
Responsible for participating in at least 1 ASB committee and planning Freshmen specific events with Frosh Moderator Mrs. Palafox. Also, have voting power during ASB decision meetings on issues like budget spending and allocation, ASB constitutional amendments, etc.



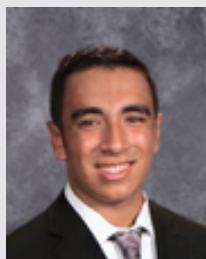
Jeff Ring  
*Freshman President*



Christian Audish  
*Freshman Officer*



Devin Garmo  
*Freshman Officer*



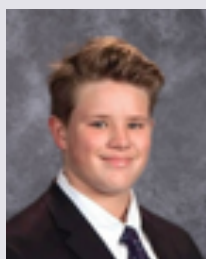
Joe Campos  
*Freshman Officer*



Nicolas Ulloa  
*Freshman Officer*

## Pit Lieutenants:

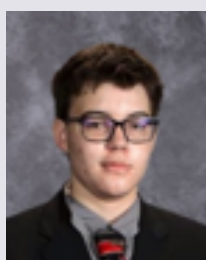
Responsible for attending Pit leadership meetings, representing the Freshmen class at 80% of Pit activities and organizing a Freshmen Led Pit for at least one Freshmen Football, Basketball and Soccer game.



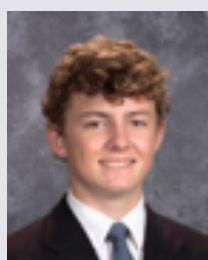
Brayden Pinto



Drew Patterson



Thomas Sarmiento



John McNamara



## Let's Discuss Following Your Teen's Social Media

Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube and TikTok ... They are the way the youth of today communicate. And despite the frequency of inappropriate pictures and graphic language these hugely popular sites are the new norm in the world of teen social culture. These sites combine just about every new technology that kids love and parents distrust— instant messaging, blogging, chat rooms, music and video downloads and more.

Social Media sites are part of the social scene at schools everywhere. The online social-networking craze has now hit younger kids—down to age 9 or 10. Nonexistent just about a decade and a half ago, these sites now boast having hundreds of millions of users.

We know that teen communication is all about social relationships and it isn't all that surprising that this communication has now moved online. After all, kids have always wanted to hang out and not tell their parents what they're doing. But because of the proliferation of profane language, references to drugs and alcohol, and obscene photos and commentary, we think parents should be aware.

Saints does not want to prejudice anyone against the appropriate use of sites like Instagram, Pheed, Snapchat, Tumblr, Vine, and others. It's just that so much of what is posted and available on these sites is clearly crossing the line.

Take an active role, talk with your Saintsman about privacy, posting and knowing what is appropriate. And by all means, follow your students' social media.



# Intersession Falls Victim to Covid-19

By Manny Butler ('22)

Originally published in *The Augustinian*, Saints student newspaper



Manny Butler ('22)

Saints has had to make many schedule changes in order to accommodate all the students during the coronavirus pandemic. Instead of having six classes every day, there are

only three. The school is entirely online most Mondays. Mass is celebrated twice per week: once for the freshmen and sophomores and once for the juniors and seniors. Perhaps most obvious is the cohort system which all students have experienced.

There are more changes on the horizon, including changes to finals, Christmas break, and Intersession.

Ordinarily, during finals week, all students take their exams for the same classes at the same time: English and religion on one day, math and history on another day, and science and foreign language on the third, with each test taking an hour and a half.

"Because of COVID restrictions, we couldn't do that this year," Mr. Hecht said.

Instead, students will take their block 1 and 2 finals the first day, blocks 3 and 4 the second day, and blocks 5 and 6 the third day. Additionally, the tests will be only an hour long so as to accommodate the classes that are split in half.

The most notable upcoming schedule change, however, is the cancellation of Intersession.

"Unfortunately, we had to make the very difficult decision to put it on hiatus," Mr. Hecht said. "It was sad to have to make that decision, because it's so endearing for us and we feel for the students, we understand how inviting and exciting Intersession is, so it was heartbreaking for all the administrators."

The decision to cancel Intersession was necessary due to COVID restrictions which started to snowball and cause a

"logistical nightmare," as Mr. Hecht put it. One important reason was that many places where seniors normally would take internships were unable to do so this year because of restrictions, causing what Mr. Hecht called a "slow erosion" of places where seniors would be able to go. Many workplaces were online only and those that weren't were unable to bring Saintsmen on for a month, so many seniors would have nowhere to go.

Many other Intersession classes were simply unable to comply with COVID restrictions, such as cooking class.

"Can we put 50 kids together with food? No, that's prohibited," Mr. Hecht said. "We started to realize that we were looking at half the student population having nowhere to go for Intersession."

He also added that speech classes, which usually have 20-25 students per class, would have to be split into cohorts, adding more students to the total. And with regard to the Intersession Expo?

"There's no way we could host that under the current restrictions," Hecht said.

So what will take the place of Intersession? Although Mr. Hecht joked that Christmas break would be extended to March, Christmas break will actually be extended by one week, beginning after final exams on December 17 and ending on January 11. The second semester will then begin three weeks earlier than normal, giving teachers the ability to fill in gaps from the first semester and move at a slightly slower pace in the second semester.

As for speech class, English teachers will be teaching speech in the first three weeks of the new semester. "It's important to have on their transcript, so we need to get that instruction in," said Mr. Hecht.

The schedule changes disrupt the usual way of life at Saints, but it's all for the safety of the Saints community and the school looks forward to the return of Intersession in 2022.

## A Great Teacher is a Gift

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They are:

- The relationship between teacher and student
- The teacher's enjoyment of teaching and working with young people
- Striking a balance between authority and a relaxed classroom atmosphere
- Striking a balance between serious schoolwork and fun
- The teachers sense of humor
- Making school work interesting and fun where possible and appropriate
- Providing boys with choices
- Explaining work clearly and aiming for mastery by all students
- Broad assessment practices
- Variety of teaching material and teaching methods

Our Saints faculty captures the minds and hearts of boys and brings to life many of the characteristics identified in Martin's study. The sense of community that is so often a descriptor of Saints is a great gift that is created in large part by our teachers.

Now, as much as ever, with ongoing pandemic challenges we want to recognize and thank our outstanding faculty for their commitment to learning and for the special relationships that they create with Saintsmen in the classroom and beyond. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Horne".

James Horne Principal



# Fall Semester 2020 Final Exams

St. Augustine will return to conducting final examinations this December at the close of the fall semester. Due to COVID restrictions, the formatting of final exams will be modified from years past. This year, final exams will be conducted utilizing our current block/cohort model with two examinations each day beginning on Tuesday, December 15 and concluding on Thursday, December 17. Each final exam will be one hour in duration. Each day, exams will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Please review the final exam schedule for details.

Tuesday Dec. 15	Wednesday Dec. 16	Thursday Dec. 17
8:00 a.m. Block 1 – Cohort A	8:00 a.m. Block 3 – Cohort A	8:00 a.m. Block 5 – Cohort A
9:10-10:10 a.m. Block 1 – Cohort B	9:10-10:10 a.m. Block 3 – Cohort B	9:10-10:10 a.m. Block 5 – Cohort B
10:20 a.m. Block 2 – Cohort A	10:20 a.m. Block 4 – Cohort A	10:20 a.m. Block 6 – Cohort A
11:30 -12:30 p.m. Block 2 – Cohort B	11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Block 4 – Cohort B	11:30-12:30 p.m. Block 6 – Cohort B

## Math Tutoring Available on Campus



The National Honor Society (NHS) will now be offering tutoring during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The tutoring will be in most subjects, is for students from all grade levels, and will take place in the classroom (324) of Mr. Lamerato, the NHS moderator.

## Time to Sign Up for New Courses

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will meet with a member of the counseling staff to review their academic transcript and input their requests for next school year. In order to request courses, students must have (on their person at the time of their meeting with a counselor) a completed course request form that is signed by a parent or guardian as well as a completed and signed Advanced Placement contract if applicable.

*Students will request their courses according to the following schedule:*

**Current freshmen (Class of 2024)** – Thursday and Friday, January 28 and January 29, during their English course.

**Current juniors (Class of 2022)** – Wednesday and Thursday, February 3 and 4, during their religion course.

**Current sophomores (Class of 2023)** – Wednesday and Thursday, February 10 and 11, during their religion course.

If you have any questions concerning course selection, please feel free to contact your counselor.

**Mr. Carl Bronson** (all freshmen) – [cbronson@sahs.org](mailto:cbronson@sahs.org)  
or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5537

**Ms. Briana Colorado** - [bcolorado@sahs.org](mailto:bcolorado@sahs.org)  
or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5578

**10th Grade** Garcia – Moran  
**11th Grade** Garcia – Pajimola

**Mr. Tim Golden** - [tgolden@sahs.org](mailto:tgolden@sahs.org)  
or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5523

**10th Grade** Academia - Gagliardi  
**11th Grade** Adjei – Gamboa

**Dr. Jerry Rey** - [jrey@sahs.org](mailto:jrey@sahs.org)  
or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5531

**10th Grade** Mofin – Zavala  
**11th Grade** Patterson – Zakar





**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
AUGUSTINIAN ADVENT PILGRIMAGE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
9:30AM-1:00PM**

Modern Catholic Pilgrim (MCP) is excited to partner once more with the priests and brothers of the Province of St. Augustine in California to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Augustinian Advent Pilgrimage.

Pilgrims will walk ~4 miles together from the Augustinian monastery located on the south side of St. Augustine High School through the neighborhood and Balboa Park to St. Patrick Catholic Church where we will lift our pilgrimage intentions and prayers before returning to the monastery for boxed lunches and socially-distanced fellowship. **Social-distancing and mask-wearing will be required.**

All are welcome to join for any or all of the pilgrimage and celebration, and Augustinians will be on hand to teach people more about their Order and their work here in San Diego.

To RSVP, fill out the [linked form](#) or visit our website at [www.moderncatholicpilgrim.com](http://www.moderncatholicpilgrim.com). There is no fee to take part, but a freewill offering is suggested to help provide the meal and to continue to develop and expand the Augustinians' ministries in San Diego.

**Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"**

**– Luke 24:32**

**Schedule:**

**Open in Prayer at  
Monastery at St.  
Augustine High  
School -  
9:30am**

**Begin walking -  
9:45am**

**Arrive at St. Patrick -  
11:00am**

**Return to the  
Monastery for lunch -  
12:00pm**



Thank you to the San Diego Chapter for its sponsorship!



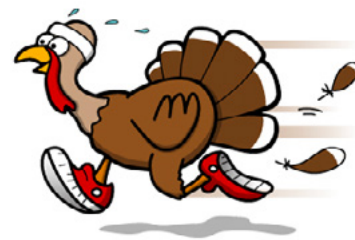
# Seniors Dominate New Turkey Trot Relays



**TROT REDUX.** Turkey Trot, like everything, was re-imagined because of COVID-19 restrictions. This year we hosted Turkey Trot Relays (thanks to Saints Scene’s Tom Shess (Parent ‘05) for suggesting this tweak to our annual event). Each of the four grade levels and the faculty fielded a team of runners. Each individual runner was to sprint the turkey across the field and back, then handing the turkey off to a teammate for the next leg of the relay. Here the turkey demonstrated the relay with Halo Joe looking on.



**STRETCH TIME.** Getting into the theme of the event, Mr. Aaron Okuley, Fr. Max Villeneuve and Augustinian Volunteer Carolyn Dreyer (et al) get in a good stretch in before the Trot.



**HALOS & HEADBANDS.** The Saints Faculty and Staff team certainly brought the most spirit to the Turkey Trot Relays. The socks, wristbands and headbands didn’t make them faster but certainly made them FUN! The outdoor pose quickly dispersed returning everyone to a safe social distance.

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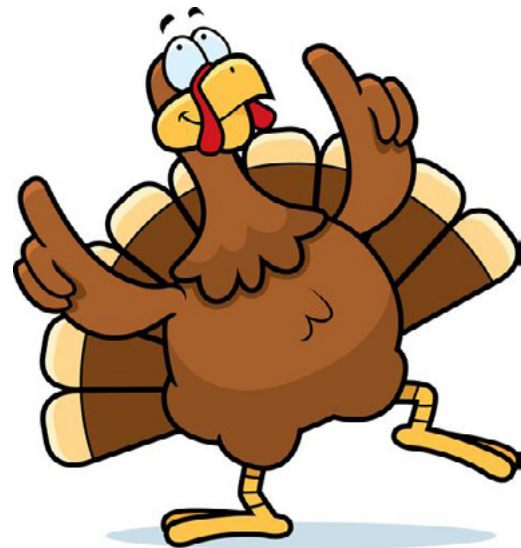
**SENIORS WIN.** For the first annual Saints Turkey Trot relays, the event was held on campus. The winning senior team jumped into this photo pose, smiled behind masks, then quickly disbanded to maintain social distancing.



**TURKEY TEES.** Fashionistas Robi Rizokk (left) and Jacob Soro show off the latest Turkey Trot participant T-shirt for 2020.



**HAND OFF.** Counselor Ms. Briana Colorado completes her leg of the relay and hands off the turkey to Math Teacher Mr. Chris Yoakum.



## Yes, We Will Be Driving to School Again...Sometime.

Parents who drive to campus and in the neighborhoods near school can play an important role in enhancing safety near Saints by following safe driving practices. They also can help Saints be a good neighbor in our community. When we return to School please pay attention to the helpful tips below.

Dropping your son off away from school and allowing him to walk a few blocks will prevent large gathering at entrances. Have a designated pick up spot where your student can meet you after school while social distancing himself from others. This will help prevent student gathering in crowds as they arrive and leave school. You have healthy young men who can walk a short distance to and from campus.

- Avoid double parking
- Only travel on the right side of the street

- Use the turnouts and avoid stopping on streets immediately surrounding school (32nd, 33rd, Nutmeg and Palm)
- Do not block driveways
- Make no U-Turns on Nutmeg St.
- Drive slowly in the neighborhood 25 mph, and even slower at drop-off (7:30 am) and pick -up (2:00 pm) times.
- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, in neighborhoods surrounding the school.
- Watch for students walking or bicycling (both on the road and the sidewalk) in areas near a school.
- If you are on campus for an after school or evening event please park in the lower parking lot to allow neighbors to park in front of their houses.

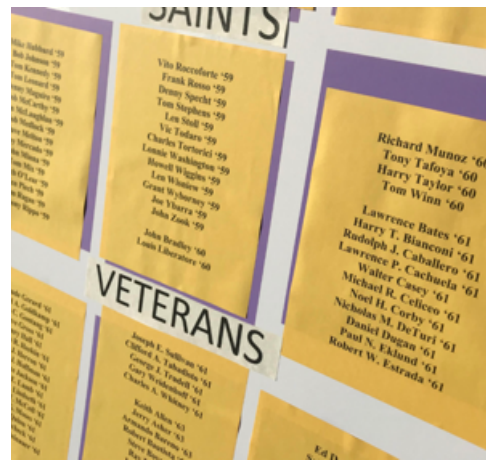


# AROUND CAMPUS



## Veterans Mass

Veteran's Day this year fell on a Wednesday and Saints Ministry took advantage of the calendar to hold a Veterans Mass on campus. The school honored its proud heritage of Veteran Alums with posters, memorabilia and of course, Saints weekly Mass on the Grass. Images: Chris Cashman, Alumni Director.



**NEXT STEP.** Senior Varsity Baseball players Ariel Armas (left) and Jacob Odle are the first Saintsmen from the Class of 2021 to commit to playing baseball at the college level. Armas will attend the University of San Diego and Odle is signed to play for UC Irvine. Sinjon Bobolia, a third Saints baseball teammate (pictured, lower) has signed with Northwestern Ohio.



**MASKED MEN.** The School saluted Veteran's last month with displays and a Mass on Campus. Among those attending were (L-R) Fr. John Keller ('55) and Saints Board of Directors member David Canedo ('63).



# AROUND CAMPUS



## Happy Birthday, St. Augustine

St. Augustine, also called Saint Augustine of Hippo, original Latin name Aurelius Augustinus, (born November 13, 354, Tagaste, Numidia [now Souk Ahras, Algeria]—died August 28, 430, Hippo Regius [now Annaba, Algeria]; feast day August 28), bishop of Hippo from 396 to 430, one of the Latin Fathers of the Church and perhaps the most significant Christian thinker after St. Paul. Augustine's adaptation of classical thought to Christian teaching created a theological system of great power and lasting influence.

His numerous written works, the most important of which are Confessions (c. 400) and The City of God (c. 413–426), shaped the practice of biblical exegesis and helped lay the foundation for much of medieval and modern Christian thought. In Roman Catholicism he is formally recognized as a doctor of the church.

Source: *Britannica*.



**HB2U.** On Nov. 13th the Saints community celebrated the birthday of St. Augustine (#1,286).



**HALLOWEEN FUN.** As part of this year's Halloween week festivities the Saints ASB hosted a pumpkin drop and a carving contest. Our students Services Assistant, Ms. Estrella Bayer submitted this special carving.



**FOOD FOR FUN.** There were party hats and cupcakes and apple pies for all. Big thanks to the ASB "spirit and soul committee" for organizing the party.

**BIRTHPLACE.** The village where St. Augustine was born in 734 is called Souk Ahras and is located in the upper northeast corner of Algeria. *Image: Vintage post card, 1930s.*





# AROUND CAMPUS

## Creative New Look to Intramurals

By Mr. Jason Alcoser ('90), Faculty Member and Intramural Director.

Intramural action on the Saints campus has always been revered by the entire student body. As a graduate of Saints ('90) I fondly remember representing Saints in interscholastic athletic competitions but I also loved representing my homeroom during IM action.

There is a unique, staunch and unwavering support students have to their individual homerooms when it comes to our intrascholastic IM program. The classics of flag football, basketball and dodgeball have stood the test of time but are currently not feasible.

We have adjusted and an effort to provide an opportunity to have fun and compete The Homeroom Games were created. These games consist of several single elimination small game tournaments that can provide points to homerooms if they win a match. The overall homeroom winners from each class will win a catered lunch.

The teachers are competing in the senior division. The first round of the games consisted of a long drive and closest to the pin competition on the football field and the tournament concluded on Tuesday, November 17. The current format of these Homeroom Games will have 3 more rounds where dynamic 2 person teams will compete in Cornhole, Kan Jam, and culminate with Spikeball at the beginning of the 2nd semester.

You can track the tournaments on the Saints website at: <https://www.sahs.org/campus-life/intramurals>



**NEW INTRAMURAL EVENT.** Students getting ready to battle in The Homeroom Games' Golf Challenge.



**WARM UPS.** Students and teachers warming up to compete in the Golf Challenge round of The Homeroom Games.



**LEADER BOARD.** L-R: Joseph Alcoser '21, Mrs. Crachy, Mr Linville and Jose Castro '21 warming up.



**AND, THE WINNER IS.** Mrs. Kate Crachy's professional swing helped her outdrive Mr. John Lamerato but his short game was dialed in and got his homeroom the victory.



# AROUND CAMPUS



**BANKING ON US.** Saints has been a loyal partner of the San Diego Food Bank hosting food drives in the fall and sending student volunteers to their warehouse each winter. This year the school was unable to visit because of Covid-19, however we held a food drive nevertheless. This picture is of current Sophomores who visited the Food Bank warehouse last year during Intersession.

## Parent Group Salutes Teachers



**SALUDOS.** As a show of gratitude for the faculty and staff dedication to Saintsmen, the Austin Parent's Association provided the faculty and staff an appreciation lunch the week prior to breaking for the Thanksgiving holiday. Serving the lunch were (L-R) Arlene Clements, Maggie Reynoso, Janelle Whitton, and Ceidy Pacheco.



**LUNCH TREAT.** Saints Faculty members, L-R Mrs. Jessica Brophy, Mr. Chris Freestone and Mr. Zeke Oliwa enjoy time away from Monday online classes to share a APA sponsored lunch on Vasey Patio.





# AROUND CAMPUS

## Engineering a Pinhole Camera

By Mr. Chris Freestone, Saints Faculty

The Intro to Engineering class, born this summer out of a partnership with the University of Texas at Austin, recently finished its first project. The students were tasked with creating a pinhole camera that would be operable by someone who had a disability in their hands.

Project had to be operable by a user wearing oven mitts to simulate the scenario. Students were required to create the camera from materials such as cardboard boxes, magnets, balsa wood, and

an aluminum square for the aperture. The students learned how to calculate focal length and exposure time for their camera to properly capture their subject.

Once they had built their camera to the proper specifications and ensured that it was usable by someone with a hand disability, they took their cameras outside, exposed their film, and then developed their photos in a darkroom.

**SNAP!** Saints Engineering students produced working cameras and images. Here are what two teams of Saintsmen created.



L-R Drew Strong '21, Dave Waldapfel '21



L-R Max D'Agnese '22, Luke Bolin '22





## Campus Club Adapting to Covid Restrictions

Thanks to boom in Zoom, proper personal spacing and other social media platforms, Saintsmen wishing to join a campus club may do so in safety.

With the new year close by, here's a galaxy of club activities available to all students on campus this year.

Clubs on campus are a way to meet new friends, learn from experienced faculty mentors and to take part in new challenges. Join now.

### NEW CLUB SPOTLIGHT / YOUNG INVESTORS CLUB

The Young Investor's Club (YIC) at Saints was founded to bring together students who have an interest in financial investing and more specifically, the stock market. The club meets weekly or bi-weekly, and is for students of all classes and all experience levels. In the fall semester, the club creates a small team that competes virtually in the Wharton Global High School Investment Competition through the

University of Pennsylvania in which the team of students mirrors a financial planning team with the objective of creating a virtual investment portfolio for a specified client to meet his or her investment needs. Outside of the competition, students meet and discuss basics on analyzing a stock as well as potential investments. Students can join the club by signing up in Mr. Crouse's classroom, or joining the club's Discord channel to keep up-to-date with meeting days/times/locations and competition deadlines.



**INVESTING CLUB.** L-R: Joseph Selfani, Steven Coons, Nico Luzi, Michael Surrwilo, Moises Bayless, Stephen Vishnevsky, Kenny Wright, Rogelio Martinez, Max Wright, Anthony Mezzacappa

Club Name	Moderator	Student President
Chaldean Club	Mr. Horne	Joseph Soro, MD Daniel, and Tobey Salem
Saints Mock Trial Team	Mr. Manley	Graeme Morland Tellez
Broga Club	Mrs. Palafox	Cade Martinez
Mexic-Aid	Mr. Pruter	Santiago Miret
Car Club	Mr. Granados	TBD
Key Club	Dr. Rey	Kai da Luz
Academic League	Mr. Michael Jezewak	Joseph Selfani and Angel Perez
Science Olympiad Club	Mr. Freestone	Kai da Luz
Drama Club	Mr. Blumer	JD De La Cruz
Investment Club	Mr. Crouse	Joseph Selfani
Chess Club	Mr. Crouse	Joseph Selfani
Community Service Club	Mr. Dent	Joseph Selfani
The Esports Club	Mr. Christian da Luz	Joseph Selfani
Barbershop Quartet	Ms. Au	TBD
Table Tennis Club	Coacher Davis	TBD
Film Club	Mr. Thompkins	Jackson Norris
Rugby Appreciation Club	Mr. Dent	Sam Johns
Baja Watermen	Mr. Dent	TBD
Young Conservative Club	Mr. Horne	Elio Celentino
Robotics Club	Mr. Crouse	Ryan Toy
Art Club - Ms. Drummy	Ms. Drummy	
Filipino Advocate Community Club	Mr. Cudal	TBD
Interact Club	Mr. Jezewak	Cooper Lance

Club Name	Moderator	Student President
Restless Hearts Club	Mr. Jezewak	Nolan Steinbuch
STA Tech Club	Mr. Igleman	Tristen Erpelding
Ceramics Club	Master Kouta	TBD
Habitat for Humanity	Mr. Granados	TBD
Reading Ambassadors	Mr. Cudal	
Fishing Club	Mr. Christian da Luz	Alex Davis
Debate Club	TBD	Jackson Norris
Rock Climbing Club	Mr. Freestone	Nathan Audis
San Diego River Cleanup Club	Mr. Wallace	Jack Sandmeyer
Nerf Club	Mr. Craig da Luz	Jack Tucker
Minecraft Club	Mr. Okuley	Jackson Norris
Champions League Club	Mr. Alcoser	Rodrigo Morfin
Smash Club	Mr. Alcoser	Liam Spellios
Youth for Truth	Fr. Max	Toby Salem and Jimmy Nafso
National Honors Society	Mr. Lamerato	TBD
African American Alliance	Mr. Bronson	Malcom Williams
Hiking club	Ms. Colorado	Alejandro Soler
32nd Jazz Street Club	Mrs. Palafox	Benedetto Grondona
Skate Club	Mrs. Brophy	Ryan Waters
Coloring Book Club	Mr. Granados	Joshua De La Cruz
UVC club ( Unitas, Veritas, Caritas Club)	Mrs. Yoakum/Mr. Osberg	Noah Muñoz
Engineering Club	Mr. Freestone	Max D'Agnese
Current Events Discussion Club	Mr. Freestone	Luis Lavat
Airsoft Club	Mr. Christian da Luz	Eveylt Yeruuldelger
Politics Club	Mrs. Walp	Matthew Mercado





## The Road Together

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county was steady and deadly. As the weeks dissolved into months and graduations across the state became unique experiences for schools and their graduates, planning for a hybrid model in the fall was well underway.

With summer came the possibility of *in-person* Summer School. Given the county's emerging protocols for reducing the spread of the virus, our administrative team felt a small summer school session could be controlled and with proper discipline, a more normal educational experience could be created for our young men that would be safe and effective for our students and teachers.

Feedback from our teachers following their experience in late spring informed us that our boys were suffering from social isolation and their focus for learning while good was not optimal. Through the years, and from the teaching of St. Augustine, we knew the secret sauce of our educational mission resided in strong relationships fostered between our teachers and students.

The successful completion of summer school helped us prepare for what we thought would be a hybrid system of education in the fall for our 700 students. With planning and using the County Health Department guidelines, we had confidence the risk of the spread of infection would be greatly minimized.

Given the government's decision in mid-July to force all secondary schools to operate *online* in September, both our Board of Directors and administration, along with a large percentage of the faculty felt strongly that we needed to be in a hybrid system of education. With a successful summer school under our belt, the administration felt a healthy environment could be created that was far superior to *online* learning.

To balance health concerns with the fallout of learning and mental health issues, our priority and mission was to begin *hybrid* education just after the school year began. What have we learned? For the first nine weeks of having all 700 boys meeting at Saints four days a week has thus far demonstrated that our school can proceed with adherence to county protocols.

A safe environment with minimum infections and at this point no spread has been created. All the infections, like what occurred during summer school, came about from close contact at family parties on weekends. The best news relates to our students' happiness and a more optimum learning environment that has been provided.

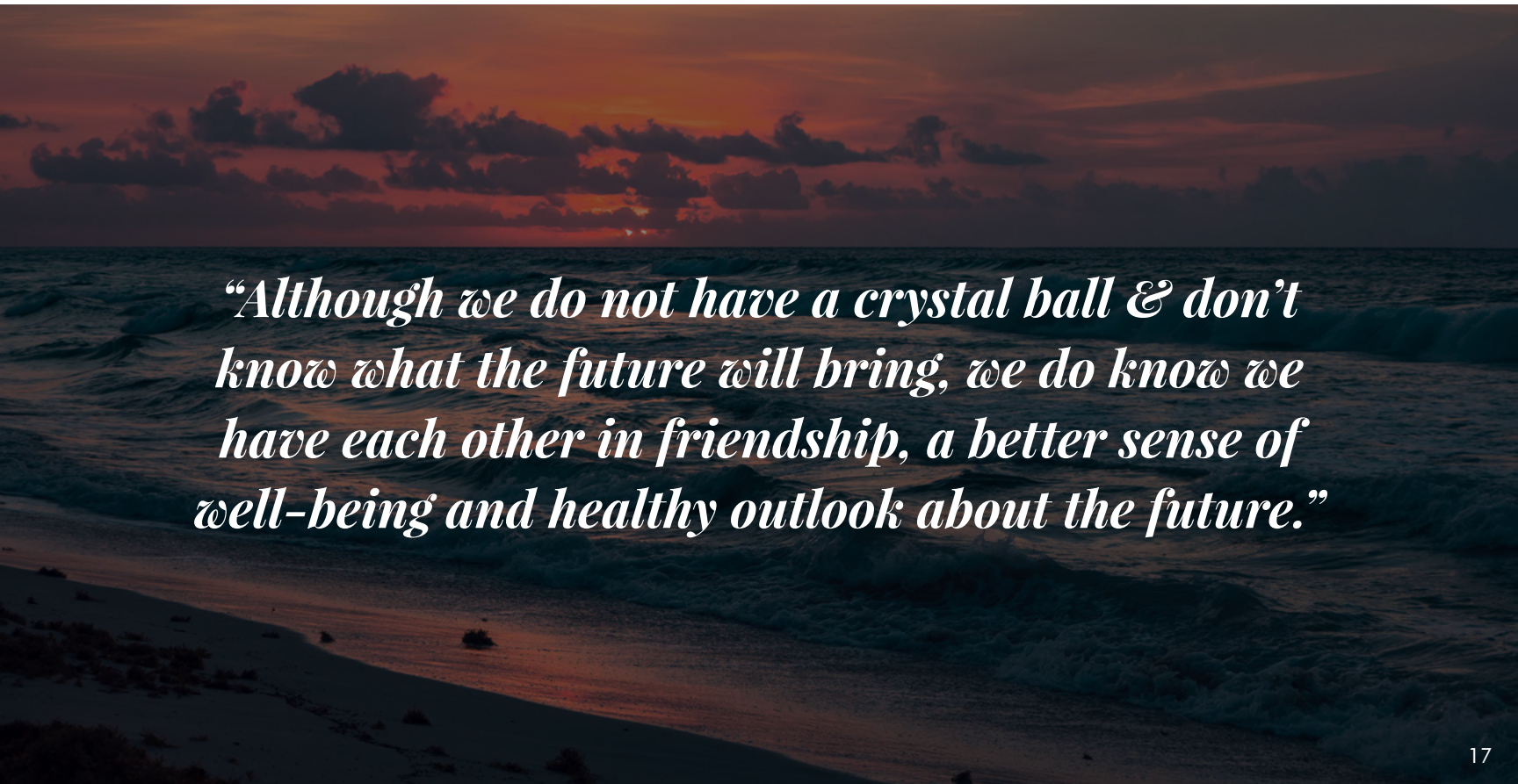
While CIF competition has been delayed until January 8, 2021, the boys continue to train and work towards preparing for their sports seasons. Their associations

once again on campus have made a great difference to their sense of well-being. While life is not normal, their best days are Tuesday through Friday when they are in their cohorts at school—together. The mothers and fathers of our students also know the important difference this has made for their sons by creating a more positive outlook towards life and their future.

Although we do not have a crystal ball and don't know what the future will bring, we do know we have each other in friendship, a better sense of well-being and healthy outlook about the future. The risk in which we live is real and is not underestimated. Covid-19 can be extremely dangerous as we have witnessed through the news.

Our efforts to live out our lives in community in these precarious times have borne fruit and our moms and dads know the full value of our attempt to meet our boys on campus as mentors, teachers, and coaches.

We ask God to continue to watch over us all and protect us as we attempt to find imaginative ways to live in a more complicated world.



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# Christmas Concert on Campus

Symphonic Band will be hosting a Christmas Concert

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December 12<sup>TH</sup> • 4pm

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on rooftop basketball courts at St. Augustine Commons

There will be individually packaged desserts  
or people can bring their own refreshments  
if they so desire (like a mini picnic!).  
Face coverings will be required of all.





## Saints Director Admires How School Points Students to Achieve their Full Potential

*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. This month we profile in her own words, Mary Valdes, who has been a Saints Director since 2016.*

My family has been a part of the Saints' community since 1996. We didn't come from a legacy. In fact, my husband and I had to get directions for our son Rudy's interview. Things sure have changed since our first walk through those beautiful gates into the warm and inviting patio.

We spent our first four years at Saints involved in soccer games, golf matches, and meeting families that, to this day, remain good friends. When Rudy graduated it was Josemiguel's turn to begin his time at Saints; and so once again, we walked through those gates. He was given the nickname "Jomike" after he joined the football team, and his high school friends still call him that to this day. It's incredible how hearing that name can transport us right back to the stadium stands during Friday night football, listening to the pride in those young men's voices as they sang to their alma mater - and their precious high school days.

Our sons not only received a great education at Saint Augustine, but they also received the opportunity to grow up in an environment where they were able to strive for their full potential. With the help of Saints, they entered those gates as boys, and they graduated as resilient, kind, decent men.

Remember how I told you that neither I nor my husband were aware of Saint Augustine High School when we first went there? Things have certainly changed. We have been involved with Saints for almost 25 years. It's a part of our family legacy, and we hope that one day our grandsons will also have the honor to carry the title of "Saintsman".

Mary Valdes  
Alumni Mom  
Rudy '00 & Josemiguel '04



School Board of Directors member Mary Valdes is pictured with her Saints Alum sons (L-R) Rudy ('00) and Josemiguel ('04).



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