



SAINTS SCENE

Back to the Future The Return of Athletics



MULTI TASK. It's not often one photo captures the essence of three articles on one issue, but that's what we have with this terrific photo snapped by Saints Principal James Horne. The three being Mr. Horne's monthly Principal's Letter along with the return of sports to campus and, a varsity Soccer team update on Page 10.
Photo taken by Saints teacher and soccer coach, Mr. Pruter.

The guidance for sports competitions and spectators, like many other things during the pandemic are confusing at best. To try and simplify things we are offering this quick reference so you can figure out if spectators are being allowed at the events in which your Saintsman is involved. For the foreseeable future, we will be using the following policies for our home games. Should county restrictions change at some point in the next few weeks, we will adjust our policy accordingly.

All athletic contest scheduled as away games will follow guidelines established by the host school, and that policy could change from one school to the next. If you have a student athlete, the coach of your sons team will be providing information about "away" contests and spectator guidelines. For now, here is how we will proceed with our "home" games/contests.

SOCGER, LACROSSE, FROSH FB & RUGBY (if given clearance)

- 2 fans/spectators per player and coach
- Immediate household only
- All fans/spectators should bring their own lawn chairs and spread out around the track
- Masks are required and fans/spectators should remain socially distanced from all other non-household members

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The Rainbow After the Storm

Dear Parents & Friends,



Principal James Horne

Weathering the storm is a part of life. And after the storm, there is often a rainbow.

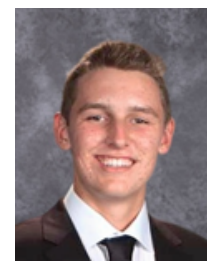
Seeing a rainbow after the storm is a wonderful thing. A rainbow is a symbol of hope, inspiration, promise, good fortune, and wishes coming true. And it is not too surprising that on one of the first days Saints was permitted to return to athletic competition, a rainbow arched over the campus offering beauty and hope of a slow return to normal.

The beauty of a rainbow, however, does not negate the ravages of the storm which preceded it. When a rainbow appears, it does not mean the storm never happened or that we are not still dealing with its aftermath. It means that something beautiful and full of light has

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National Merit Scholar

Saints Very Own
One Percenter



Kyle Wesseln

Recently officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Saints senior, Kyle Wesseln, has been named a National Merit Finalist.

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AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

We Are Easter People, Alleluia is our Song!

By Max Villeneuve, O.S.A., Saints Chaplain

The joy of Alleluia is near! A line often attributed to our Holy Father Augustine is, “We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” It is a fitting distillation from his discourses on the psalms, and it has stuck with the Christian faithful ever since.

After such a difficult year, it might be difficult to see ourselves as a people of “Alleluia.” We may instead be tempted to remain isolated in the deserts of our weariness.

A little over two years ago, the world watched in horror as Notre Dame Cathedral burned in Paris. The great spiritual soul of the French people was aflame and being consumed before them. The initial footage correspondingly showed the people crowding the banks of the Seine, aghast and speechless at the sight. Yet after nightfall, something unexpected happened, and it entranced and confounded the news media. Many of the Parisian people, even as the red glow of the flames still lit up the night sky gathered and began to sing hymns, in honor of Notre Dame, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It begs the question: How can you sing to a burning Cathedral?



It is this witness to hope, even amongst the most difficult conditions, that keeps us going as a Christian community. We heal the sick, we feed the hungry, we console the sorrowful, and, importantly, we sing- even to burning Cathedrals! This is why Augustine was able to say that we are an Easter people.

There is a happy follow up that you may have recently seen on the news. The same builders of Notre Dame centuries ago also planted groves of oak trees across the nation and set them apart should one day they be needed. Our ancestors in faith were practical people, if you build a Cathedral with wood: it just might one day burn. Through this foresight centuries later, the oaks are now strong and mighty. One could even say that they are even fit for a Cathedral. The French are now identifying and blessing these oak trees planted so many years ago. They will be felled, and the Cathedral will be rebuilt.

So to will it be with us as we pass through this pandemic. How could it not be? We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.

Oak Trees to Rebuild Notre Dame’s Spire are Felled in French Forest.

In a former royal forest in France, four 200-year-old oaks are being felled for wood to reconstruct Notre Dame cathedral’s fallen spire.

Last July, French president Emmanuel Macron ended speculation over the reconstruction plans, announcing that the iconic spire of the Paris monument would be rebuilt exactly as it was before the April 2019 blaze that severely damaged the cathedral. That began a nationwide tree hunt.

The 93-metre-high spire, made of wood and clad in lead, was designed by Eugène Viollet-le-Duc in 1859.

In January and February, some 1,000 oaks in more than 200 French forests were selected for the frame of the transept and spire. They are all set to be felled by the end of March, to prevent tree sap and moisture from entering the material.

The next step for the trunks from the Forest of Berce in the Loire region is for them to be laid out for up to a year and a half before being ready to cut.

The trees were originally planted hundreds of years ago to create wood for shipbuilding. Many of them now measure some 1 meter wide and 18 meters high.

Macron’s pledge to rebuild Notre Dame within five years—by 2024—has been widely dismissed as unrealistic.



Early last month, tree surgeons measure an oak tree selected to be used to rebuild the spire and the roof of the Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral destroyed by fire in April 2019, in the former royal Berce forest near Jupilles, France (near Le Mans).

Saintsmen Austin Scholars Named, Plus How They Were Selected

The "Austins" are rigorous oral examinations in English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts offered to select graduating Seniors.

The exam also assesses the participants' understanding of the Integral Student Outcomes. Criteria for selection are as follows: The senior with the highest weighted academic cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the seventh semester (P.E. excluded) automatically will be invited to sit for the Austins.

The remaining students, normally five, will be selected by the Academic Council from the top 10% of the graduating class. The chairpersons of the academic departments represented in the Austin's recommend graduation with specific academic distinctions for participants.

The administration ratifies the recommendations. The specific academic distinctions include: Austin Scholar - Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise) Austin Scholar - Magna Cum Laude (with great praise) Austin Scholar - Cum Laude (with praise).

Sitting for this years Austin Exams are the following:



Graeme Morland-Telez



Angel Perez



Jerome Santiago



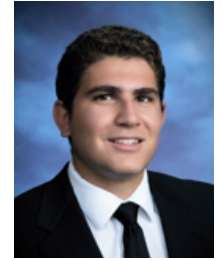
Kai da Luz



Kyle Wesseln



Alex Kotnik

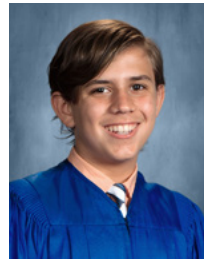


Joseph Selfani

Future Frosh Top 10 Scholars at Entrance

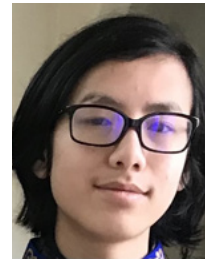
St. Augustine High School is pleased to recognize the top 10 Scholars at Entrance for the class of 2025. These young men achieved the 10 highest scores on the High School Placement Test offered in January. As such, each will be admitted and has earned \$40,000 Scholarship at Entrance.

Congratulations to each of these young men, their schools, and their families.



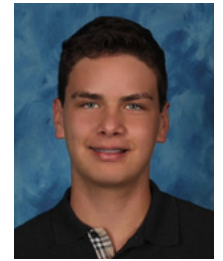
Jonah Villafana

School:
St. Pius X



Kelvin Vu

School:
Black Mountain Middle



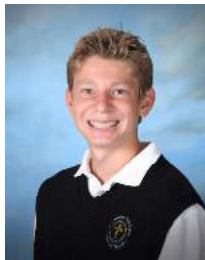
Simon Sanders

School:
Madeleine



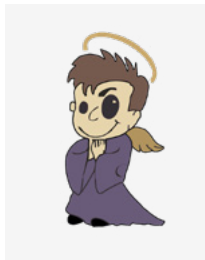
Reid Guhse

School:
St. Charles Borromeo



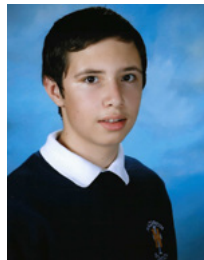
Luke O'Leary

School:
St. Gregory the Great



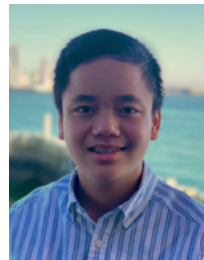
Victor Gossweiler

School:
St. Rita



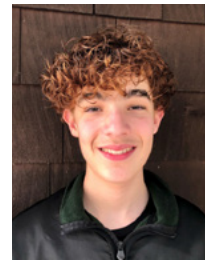
Alexander Clem

School:
Nazareth School



Gregory Leong

School:
St. Pius X



Jorge Jimenez

School:
San Diego School
of the Creative and
Performing Arts



Trent Gorsich

School:
Marston Middle
School

KAIROS COMES TO CAMPUS

Kairos, the traditional student spiritual retreat familiar with so many in the Saints Community held its 51ST Kairos Retreat early last month.

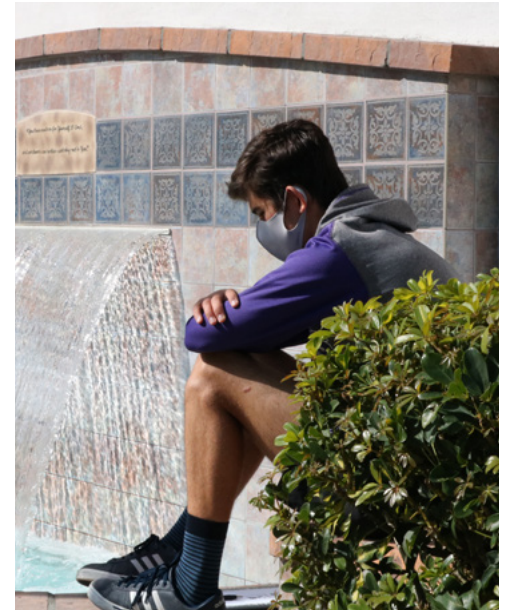
This year, because of Covid-19 the anticipated week of reflection and camaraderie often held in the Cuyamaca Mountains was held on campus. And, it didn't miss a beat.

Added Principal James Horne, "...this is the first year Kairos has been held on Nutmeg Street ever ... but the pandemic forced our hand and it has been great."

One blessing of the campus Kairos was the ability for so many more volunteers from the community were able to assist. One example of that being all the Senior Moms who helped decorate the event space.



MOM VOLUNTEERS. From left to right, Carrie Engelman (Eric's mom) Susan Scheper (Luke's mom) Sonia Stepovich (James' mom) and Suzanne Lance (Cooper's mom). Not pictured Linda Lopez (Angel's mom).



ON CAMPUS. Junior Manny Butler in prayerful reflection.



LEADERSHIP. Future generations of Saintsmen will reflect on Kairos 51 by asking who were those masked men. Hopefully, this will be the final pandemic the world will ever endure. Kairos 51 Senior student leaders, left to right, first row: Noah Munoz, Alex Alcalay, and Rodrigo Morfin; second row: Carolyn Dreyer, Kai da Luz, Alejandro Soler, Ryan Mouritzen, Eamon Goodnough, Kyle Wesseln, Joseph Soro, Paul Ledesma, and Nicole Yoakum; and third row: Nate Putris and Max Cortese.



FAITH. Senior Kairos leader Alejandro Soler places a cross on Junior Will Tobias.



BROTHERHOOD. Senior student leaders praying with a fellow student just before he is to deliver a talk.

AROUND CAMPUS



Around the World



SICILY SIZZLE. Mount Etna, Sicily's and Europe's most active volcano, recently spewed lava, ash and volcanic rock behind the Mother Church in Zafferana Italy.

THAT SINKING FEELING. Yes, that was Mr. Mike Stephenson (formerly Athletic Director at Saints), who was spotted high-fiving on fifth tee of the Pebble Beach Golf Links after his hole-in-one, a rare eagle on the par 3, 200-yard hole. Retirement has its perks, n'est-ce-pas?



View from the fifth tee.



Fifth hole waves surrender flag.



NEW UNIS. Junior Frankie Carney shows off Saints Varsity Baseball's new 2021 uniforms. Also, Frankie has committed to attend UC Irvine to further his academic career and to play baseball for the Fighting Anteaters.

Where Are They Now...



ALL BUSINESS. Scott Briggs (Class of 2010) earned his Master's Degree from Harvard Business School as a Baker Scholar (top 5% of his class), which is the highest distinction Harvard recognizes upon graduation.



AROUND CAMPUS



Shu In

Jacob Bartel ('21) is heading East to join the Division 1 Fencing squad at Sacred Heart University! Jacob has been fencing nationally since the age of 12! GO SAINTS! GO PIONEERS!

Sacred Heart University is a private, Catholic university in Fairfield, Connecticut. Sacred Heart was founded in 1963 by the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Sacred Heart was the first Catholic university in the United States to be staffed by the laity. It is the 2nd largest Catholic run in New England behind Boston College.

National Merit Scholar

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Finalists around the nation, who represent the top 1% of students who took the PSAT, will compete to earn a National Merit Scholarship and have earned the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Added Principal James Horne: "CONGRATULATIONS Kyle!... we are tremendously proud of you and your academic achievements."



**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence."

—POPE FRANCIS



Happy Easter

Back to the Future

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JV & VARSITY FOOTBALL, TRACK

- All away games; policy set by other schools

BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL & WRESTLING (INDOOR SPORTS)

- To be determined within next 2-3 weeks based on current county color tier and indoor restrictions. Stay tuned.

GOLF

- No spectators (normal rule)

TENNIS

- Immediate household only
- Must remain in the designated areas for fans according to Balboa Tennis Center rules, socially distanced and masked.

BASEBALL

- 2 fans/spectators per player and coach
- Immediate household only
- All fans/spectators should bring their own lawn chairs and spread out around the outer perimeter of the field
- Masks are required and fans/spectators should remain socially distanced from all other non-household members

SWIMMING & CROSS COUNTRY

- All matches are away or at public facilities. All guidelines set by host school or public facility.

The Rainbow After the Storm

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appeared amid the darkness and clouds. Storm clouds may still hover, but the rainbow provides a counterbalance of color, energy, and hope.

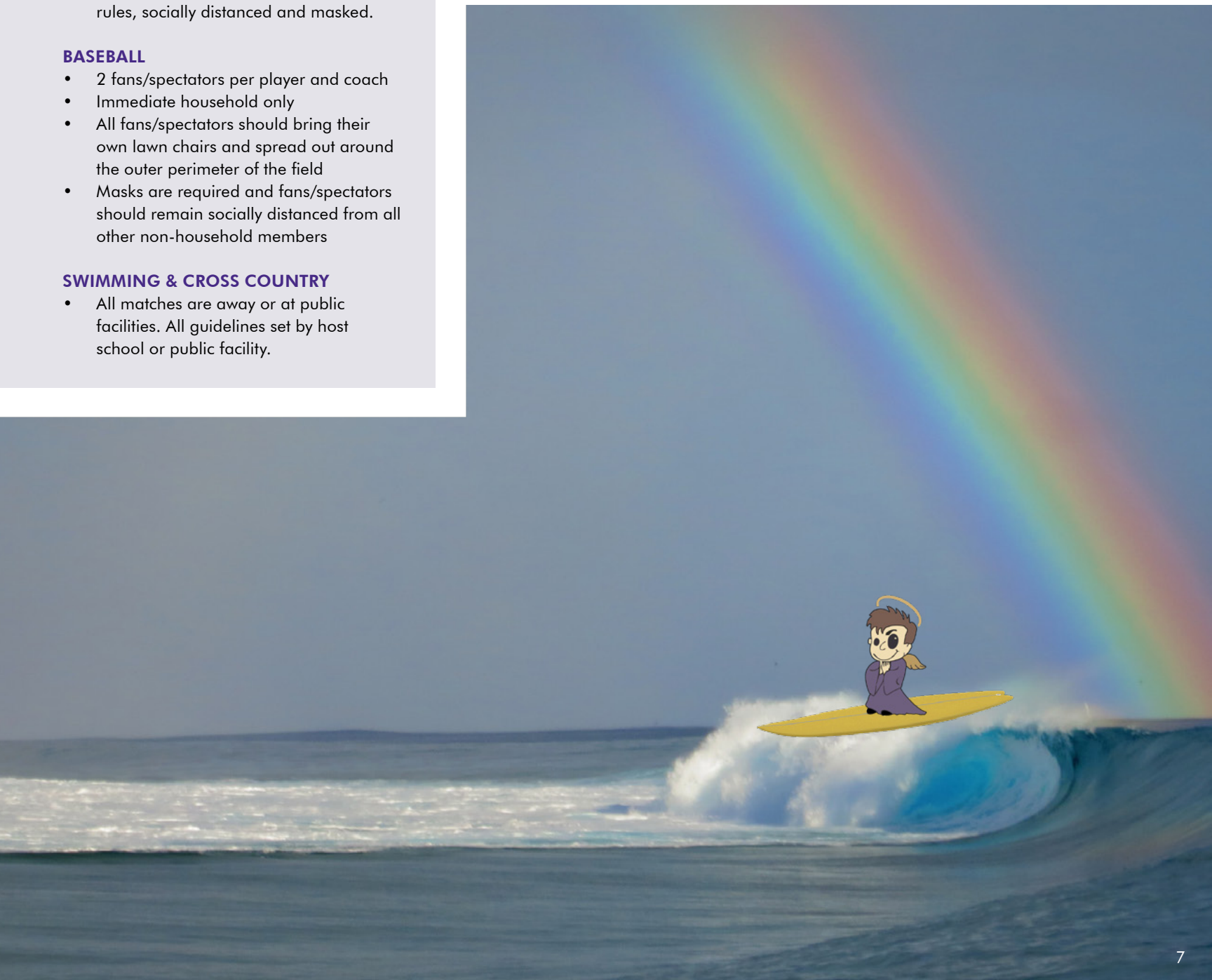
The return of sports, although not an end to the pandemic has brought the hope of the "rainbow" to campus. Our year has been devoid of so much of what is normal and the beginning of a return to the "way things were" is the message of hope our boys need in their daily lives. It may just be sports ... but it feels like so much more.

Looking forward to a spring filled with the hope of the rainbow!

In the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne
Principal



Taking Faith to Parish Streets

When a Saintsman Alum visited his parent's North Park home (as all good St. Augustine sons do), he noticed a platoon of high school teens walking along the sidewalk out front, he was asked by his mom, "Aren't they Saintsmen?"

The Alum quipped, "Yep, looks like they're on a burrito run or on a Easter event."

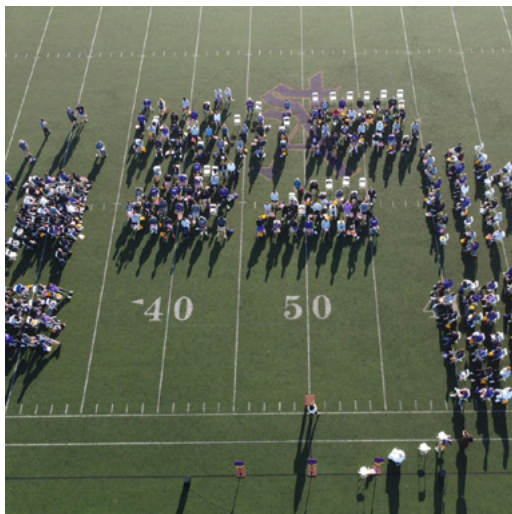
Sure enough, the dozen or so trekkers, festooned in floppy hats, caps, back packs, and spirit wear, were participating in this year's Junior Class Pilgrimage Retreat.

Saintsmen were about a mile into their 9.5 mile walk when they walked by the Alum's home, accompanied with their classmates and faculty members.

Earlier that day, the Junior Class split up into smaller groups and journeyed throughout San Diego as they visit local parishes and reflect on how the different Augustinian Values can be applied in their daily lives. Pilgrimages are a tradition in the Catholic faith and are taken all over the world. The treks are an opportunity to step back from the day-to-day grind and to be present with God and those who you are journeying with.



LIVING OFF THE LAND. Along the way students learned about the history of the Augustinians in San Diego. They also made a stop at Daddy's Hot Dogs for the best dog in town. **BOYS and FOOD.**



PILGRIMS GATHER. Students in the Class of 2022 gathered for a prayer service on the playing field before embarking on their pilgrimage.



TREK LEADERS. Mr. Craig daLuz and Mr. Steven Granados reviewing the morning instructions before setting out on the walk with their group.



START THE 9 MILE WALK. Pilgrims lining up before the trek. Standing (L-R): Chris Dimolios, William Baez, Luis Carrillo, Nic Penza, Julio Salazar, Juan Garcia, Aidan Rickwa, Andres Drab, Mr. Tom Slusher, and Swend Holland. Kneeling (L-R) Jackson Studebaker, Michael Butcher and Mr. Andrew Pruter.

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FINISH LINE. Mrs. Kate Crachy and Mr. Todd Igelman at the front gates of the school at the completion of the Pilgrimage. The juniors with them included, Domenic Carini, Peyton DeLuca, Jason Halabo, John Jordan, Kenji Kanzawa, Roger Martinez, John McShefferty, Jackson Norris, Anthony Ortega and Donovan Yousif.

While this is the first time that an entire class is taking a pilgrimage for a retreat, it is not the first pilgrimage that Saintsmen have participated in.

In the past, Saintsmen have participated in pilgrimages on the various Augustinian Youth Encounters in Panama, the Czech Republic, Spain and Brazil as well as walking El Camino de Santiago.

Why nine miles? Catholic News Agency reports a nine-mile trek comes from deep within Catholic spiritual tradition of 'pilgrimages' to signify and make present our ultimate journey home to heaven, recalling the truth that 'as Christians, we have no earthly home,'" said Fr. Timothy Christy, vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. "Our pilgrimages commemorated the miles that St. Juan Diego regularly walked from his home to attend his catechesis to become Catholic in 1524."



CROSS TO WEAR. Mrs. Janene Palafox hands out the Augustinian Crosses to Juniors who completed the days 9 mile pilgrimage.

Varsity Soccer's Zero Tolerance



BREAKING NEWS

The Saints soccer players and coaching staff are excited to be back on the field to play together for Saints.

The Saintsmen won their opening game of the season with a 2-0 victory over West Hills behind goals from Andres Brambila and Jack Sandmeyer.

They followed up this victory with another dominant performance in a 3-0 win over San Marcos. Junior Evan Williams scored two goals and Jack Sandmeyer got his second goal in as many games. Senior goalkeeper Pablo Andrade and Junior Santiago Gallego valuable leadership on a team that has posted shutouts in the first two games of the season.

Saints Soccer finally allowed a goal for the season vs. Torrey Pines High before winning the non-conference match, 2-1. After falling behind 1-0 in the first half, the Saints came back in impressive fashion. Freshman Iain Wagner beat the Torrey goal keeper near post for the equalizer early in the 2nd half. Team Captain Santiago Gallego headed home the game winner off a throw in from Michael Patterson with 15 min remaining. Saints GK Pablo Andrade was stellar in goal. Saints Soccer closed out March with a 3-0 record.

REST OF SEASON

The Saintsmen are working hard to prepare for a tough matches the rest of the season, which include in April:

April 10 vs La Costa, 3 pm @ Saints

April 15 vs Cathedral, 6 pm, away.

April 17 vs. San Diego, 3pm, @ Saints

April 20 vs. Uni. City, 5 pm, @ Saints

April 22 vs. BYE

April 27 vs. Point Loma, 5 pm @ Saints

April 29 vs. San Diego, 6 pm, away

May 4 vs. Cathedral, 5 pm, @ Saints

May 6 vs. Uni City, 6 pm, away

May 11 vs. BYE

May 13 vs. Point Loma, 6 pm, away

CIF Playoffs:

May 18, 19, 21, 22, 25 and 26

CIF Finals:

May 28 and 29

OFFICE REDUX. Back by popular demand. This spring, Saints Drama will produce another episode of the wildly popular "The Office" TV series. A great production begins with a great crew. No experience is necessary. Needed are film editors, sound engineers, grips, gaffers, production assistants, and somebody to yell, "Quiet on the set!" Applications were due a week ago, but see Mr. Kevin Manley and plead your case.

RUGBY IS BACK. See Coach Eric Dent to see if it's not too late to join Saints Rugby Team. Hurry.

TV TIME. Reminder all Saints JV and Varsity games will be telecast on NFHS Network:
<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com>

A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN. Joseph Selfani, Kai da Luz, Nicholas Sajor, Kyle Wessln, Joseph Soro, and Angel Perez on a great season and great career in Academic League. The school and the Academic League advisors thank you for exemplifying leadership, integrity, intelligence, and comradery not just this season but during your entire four-year career. Next year's seniors on the Academic League team will have big shoes to fill.

Kai da Luz did well in the recent San Diego Rotary Club's annual speech competition by advancing to the third round (as of Saints Scene's deadline). Kai is representing the Saints Rotary Club.



ATTACK. Junior and team captain Santiago Gallego controls the ball while scanning the field and assessing his options.



SKILL. Senior Dean Dickow dribbles and looks to play the ball in behind San Marcos' back line.



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Varsity Soccer's Zero Tolerance

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DEFENSE. Junior Michael Patterson applies pressure on San Marcos.



SOPHOMORE. Andres Brambila looks for an opportunity to attack.



THE TEAM. Saints soccer team is thankful to be back out on the field together.



SAVE. Senior Pablo Andrade makes a strong save diving to his right.

Saints Football Topples Helix, Madison But Fall to Cathedral

Photography by William Hill, Saints Dad

Saints fielded one of the youngest varsity teams in recent memory with only 12 seniors on the 42 member squad. And, when your starting nose guard, Noah Jones, happens to be a Sophomore, the casual fan might raise their eyebrows to know that the Saints team was ranked #2 in the *Union-Tribune* poll of top ten teams in the county.

But, that was before #1 ranked Cathedral Catholic ran away with the game 41-14 in what was three hour penalty fest with the Dons being flagged for countless infractions, including one TD being called back for holding.

The young Saintsmen didn't go down without a fight. What they lacked in size they relied on grit. The score could have been much worse.

Making a good showing were junior defensive stalwarts Justin Stearns and Jeremiah McClure, with the latter contributing an interception. Stearns was all over the field. He easily led the team in tackles, including several sacks.

Saints two TDs came on a short yardage plunge by Junior running back Gracen Halton after a long punt return by McClure. Later in the game Junior Juan Hurtado scored on a nice 30 yard run around left end.

When you go through a stretch against those powerhouses and win two out of three games from traditional powerhouse football programs, it's a big deal.

When asked what's motivating his young squad to play at such a high level so early in the season Head Coach Joe Kremer replied "...It is a combination of the love our players and coaches have for each other and hard work by all people in the football program."

Losing the Holy Bowl always hurts. But, there is nothing hallow about saying wait until next year when Saints huge crop of underclassmen return to the field with experience and a chip on their shoulders.



ON A ROLL. Saints Quarterback Richard Colmenero III (vs. Helix) has led the Purple and Gold to a winning season (2-1) going into April.

SEASON TO DATE.

St. Augustine defeated long time nemesis Helix High 21-13 to open the belated 2020-21 CIF football season.

Versus Helix, the Saintsmen showed mid-season form in all facets of the game. The team scored touchdowns on defense (pick six); through the air 50 yards QB Rich Colmenero to WR Ayo Shotomide and on the ground via a QB sneak.

The new season saw Coach Joe Kremer unleash his nuclear option named Gracen Halton. The Junior standout, a regular as an All-CIF linebacker, is now a two-way weapon as a 260 lb. running back. Example, Saints missed an extra point vs. Helix but after the next TD Coach K calls in Gracen to attempt the two point conversion. Never a doubt.

Versus Madison. Saintsmen had a chip on their collective shoulders as the Warhawks knocked them out of the CIF championships two years earlier. This time around, the Saintsmen used a throttling defense and plenty of offense to win 24-7. Linebacker Matt Simon put on a proverbial clinic on defense with 11 tackles (4 of them for a loss); a strip sack; a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Said Head Coach Joe Kremer, "Max had one of those games you will remember. 11 tackles, 4 tfl, strip sack, FF. FR. He just did a good job getting off blocks and his motor was on full throttle the whole night."

Helix Stopped, 21-13



BY AIR. Ayo Shotomide ('22) snares a 50-yard TD pass from QB Richard Colmenero, III.



BY LAND. Isaiah Pressley ('22) darts into the Helix backfield.



BY "D". Senior Malcolm Williams (left) and Sophomore Jeremiah McClure combine on a tackle.



BY GOLLY. Linebacker Malcolm Williams proudly hoists the ball he intercepted and ran in for a "pick six."



BYE, BYE. Saints Quarterback Richard Colmenero III sneaks in for the final Saints score slamming shut Helix's chances for the night.

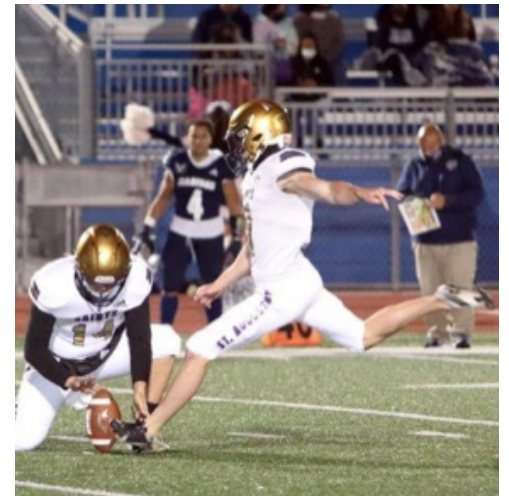
Madison Falls, 24-7



THE CLINIC. The game is called tackle football and Saints Linebacker Max Simon ('21) had a career night on defense. When the dust settled he tallied 11 tackles (4 of them for a loss); a strip sack; a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.



FOLLOW ME. Guard Gino Campagna ('21) leads the blocking for tight end Luke Friedman ('21).



IT'S GOOD. Kicker Richard Brutto ('21) connects on an extra point. Holder is Kyle Herburger ('22).

ALMOST. Junior wide receiver Ayo Shotomide just missed this pass, but Saintsmen caught 15 passes en route to a 24-7 win over Madison.



THE SIMON SHOW. Linebacker Max Simon's career night earned him TV time on KUSI's popular Prep Pigskin Report.

Cathedral Wins, 41-14



COIN FLIP. Representing Saints at the pregame coin flip was Senior TangiTangi Pongia.



HALTON SCORES. Junior running back Gracen Halton scored the first TD of the game.



PRE-GAME PRAYER. Fr. Max Villeneuve, Saints Chaplain led the teams in a pregame prayer.



NATIONAL ANTHEM. Saintsman Jakob Tatoy sang the national anthem.



FROM THE BLIMP. Saints on Offense.



TRADITION. Post-game Prayer Circle for the 59TH meeting of the two teams.

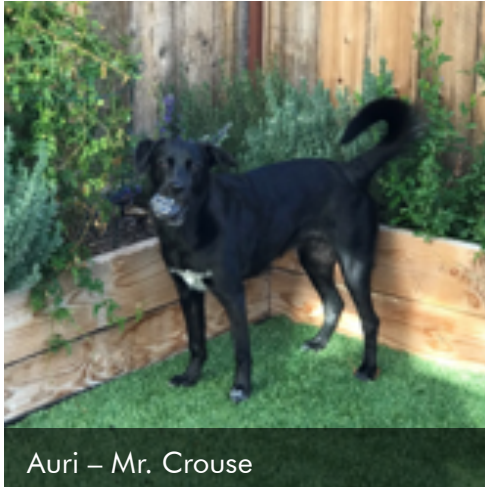


Matching Pets with Owners

Last month, we offered *Saints Scene* first ever “Match the pet with its owner” contest. Readers were tasked to send in their mix and match list to Mr. Horne.

Despite being deluged with entries, no one came up with the correct answer. It wasn’t even close. So we kept all the prizes (thank you). But, true to our promise here are those cuties one more time. Only this time we match the faculty/staff owners with their lovable pets.

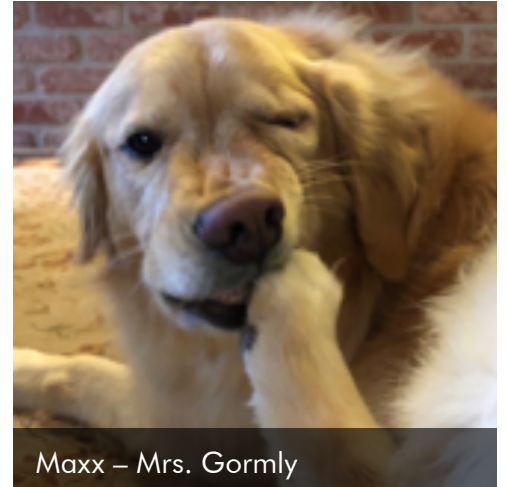
For the curious, the only non-dog or cat featured in our pet roundup is named Lupe. She’s a peahen, who frequented many homes in Spring Valley and lived somewhere nearby. After *Saints* faculty member Mr. Bill Davis’ family fed her a few times the hen, Lupe, made the Davis home a regular hangout.



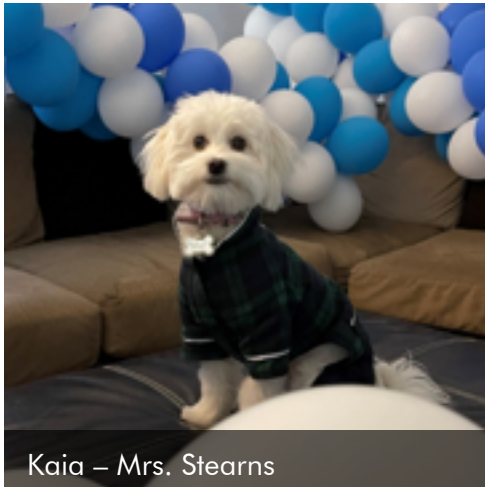
Auri – Mr. Crouse



Ladybird – Mrs. Brophy



Maxx – Mrs. Gormly



Kaia – Mrs. Stearns



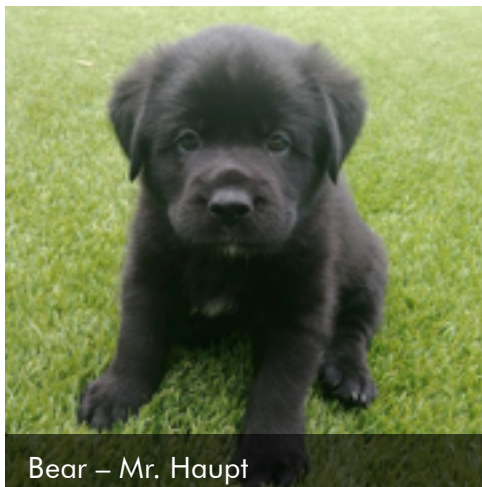
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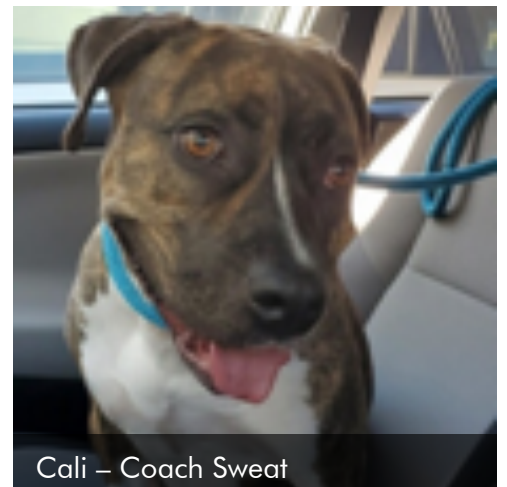
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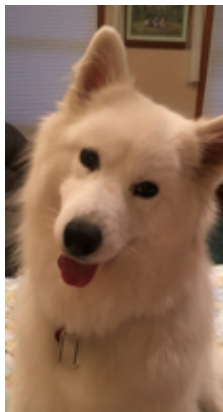
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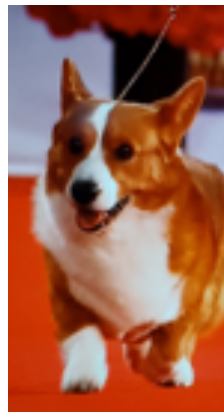
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Jackson – Mr. Thomsen



Pip –
Mr. Okuley



Banner –
Mr. Ozdowski



Buddy – Mr. Golden



TI – Mr. Isaak



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Sweet Chloe – Ms. Colorado



Lupe – Mr. Davis



Ziggy – Mr. Horne



Max2 – Mrs. Crachy

Catholic School Success Story

From Our Lady of Angels, Saints, USD to Saints Board of Directors.

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 Rob G. Leach ('80) O.S.A., who has been a Saints Director for 18 years.

I was born and raised in San Diego, just east of downtown in South Park. My brother Rick and I went to grade school at Our Lady of Angels. Rick went on to Saints, graduating in 1975, and I followed his route to Saints shortly thereafter. Like so many people over the years, my family could not have afforded to send me and my brother to Saints but for the school's generous financial aid. I think of that often now, especially in light of Saints' current campaign to build the school's endowment and increase financial aid for our families.

After graduating Saints in 1980, I attended USD, graduating in 1984. I went to law school at USD, graduating in 1987. After passing the bar, I began work as a civil litigation trial attorney, working for a law firm for a few years. In 1990, I started a private practice with a friend of mine, and I have been self-employed in private practice in one form or another ever since. In 2004, I formed a law firm with my Saints classmate, John Buchaca '80, forming Charmasson, Buchaca & Leach where I work to this day. John and I are like brothers, which means we argue all the time and feel free to eat each other's food (and sometimes, that's what we argue about).

In 2003, I accepted an invitation to join the Saints Board of Directors. I found that the "Board of Directors Experience" is similar to the "Saints Experience" in at least one important way: the best part is the community and the friends I've met along the way.

I was lucky to meet my wonderful wife, Rachel, and we married in 1999. Our son Ben and our daughter Madelyn both went to elementary school at St. Patrick's (Go Irish!!) Ben graduated from Saints in 2019, and he currently attends Notre Dame (Go Irish, yet again!!). Madelyn is a senior at OLP and plays in the Saints band.

Next year, Madelyn will go to Tufts University in Boston. So I have finally seen Saints from a parent's perspective, and I am more impressed than ever at what our school gives to its students and families. I love this school, which has been enormously important in my life. I plan on doing whatever I can do to help Saints continue to educate and form Saintsmen well into the future. Go Saints!



Saints Board of Directors member Rob G. Leach with his family on a pre-pandemic vacation: (Left to right): Madelyn, Rachel, Ben and Rob.



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