



# SAINTS SCENE



**99 & COUNTING.** The 100th anniversary of St. Augustine High School will be celebrated in 2022. Already we're starting to see the results of ongoing planning for the school's centennial. Pictured are newly in place campus branding and imaging that has been added to the Main Patio (Tolle Lege Patio), St. Augustine Commons, the Aherne Library, and the Raymond Center Theater.



## Positively Rebuilding Saintsmen

Dear Parents & Friends,



Principal James Horne

Happy New Year. I love the beginning of the school year. Excited students with new clothes and backpacks make their way through the halls on freshly waxed floors sharing stories of summer's adventure. And as we

await the bell to begin the year, the bright and curious eyes of freshmen reflect my own feelings of anticipation. And after the last 18 months, the hope of rebuilding all that is so special about the Catholic, Augustinian education at Saints is tremendous!

The excitement of another year will fade quickly enough, however, as the first week passes and is replaced with a calendar full of hectic activity. Much time will be spent



# AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE



## Keepers of the Faith

### Parents Urged to Join Campus Prayer Group

#### Who is St. Monica?

St. Monica is a saint who had an intelligent but lazy son named Augustine. In spite of his mother's efforts, he was a wild, pleasure-seeking youth and led a dissolute life. Yet, St. Monica persisted and continued to pray for her son. Finally, at the age of 32, Augustine changed his life, was baptized, and became a great saint and Doctor of the Church.

#### Mission

Like St. Monica, we as parents pray for our children to be guided by Christ, especially during the formative years of high school. As a service organization, our mission is to pray for our sons, families, and the staff and members of the St. Augustine community.

#### Requesting Prayers

We have a prayer chain over 150 strong. If you would like us to pray for a special intention, send your request in one of two ways: Place your petition in the prayer request box located in the school's main office. Email your petition to the prayer group at [SaintMonicaPrayerGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SaintMonicaPrayerGroup@gmail.com).

#### Join us for "Thursdays with St. Monica"

We invite you to join as a regular member or on a drop-in bases. We assemble every Thursday morning for Mass at 7:45 a.m. in the chapel at Vasey Patio. Afterwards, we pray the Rosary. If you do not have time to stay for the entire Rosary, feel free to stay just for a decade or two. Come as often as you can, stay as long as you can.

For more info – Please contact Armelle Miller at [SaintMonicaPrayerGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SaintMonicaPrayerGroup@gmail.com)

## COVID Did Not Take a Summer Break

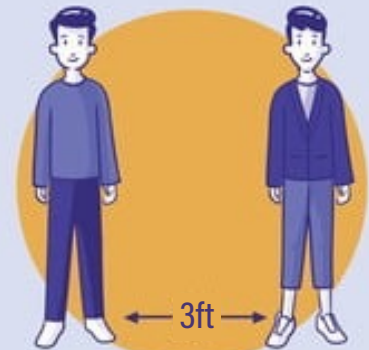
### Keep Safe and Healthy with These Reminders



Clean your hands often



Wear a facemask



Avoid close contact

# Tickets by Phone, Fantastic

## Buy & Show Football/Basketball Passes by Phone

In anticipation of a normal (relatively... hopefully...) athletic year, Saints is proud to present a new form of ticketing for home football and basketball games, as well as bringing back the popular Season Passes.

For individual tickets to home football and basketball games, Saints has partnered with GoFan as a new form of paperless and cashless ticketing. Fans will be able to purchase tickets on their phone, and use their phone as entry into games.

A link can be found on the Saints webpage; just look for the GoFan logo and click. You can also download for free the GoFan app for your Apple or Android devices (just search the app for St. Augustine High School). Once there, fans can buy any number of tickets to home football and basketball games. Upon purchase, fans will receive a link their tickets.

- Please be aware that tickets will not go “live” until 90 minutes prior to the listed start time.
- Once fans are ready to enter the venue, they will tap “activate” on their ticket. **Once a ticket is activated, it will only be “live” for a few seconds, so please wait and don’t activate until the security guard or school administrator tells you to go ahead and activate your ticket(s).**
- Tickets can be shared with other people via text, email, or the app, so it is not a problem for one person to buy tickets for a group or family and then distribute the tickets accordingly.

Please be aware that Saints will only be selling tickets at the gate for the first home game of the season.

Aside from individual game tickets being sold on GoFan, Saints is also bringing back Season Passes. Once again, there is a link on the Saints website (both on the homepage and on the Athletics page). Passes will be available for pick-up by the students on campus, or at the gate for home games.

Season Passes are good for one entry per cardholder for all Saints home varsity football and basketball games throughout the regular season (not counting CIF playoffs). Individual passes can be purchased, as well as a few options for family-based multi-passes. Please be advised that while we are selling season passes with the expectation of having fans at football and basketball games, the purchaser must be aware that Covid-related protocols can change at any moment.

This year, football only has 4 home games, while basketball will anticipate having at least 6 home games. Purchase plans for Season Passes are as follows:

- Student Pass: \$50
- Adult Pass: \$80
- 1+1 Family Pass: \$125 (1 adult and 1 student passes)
- 2+1 Family Pass: \$200 (2 adult and 1 student passes)
- 2+2 Family Pass: \$240 (2 adult and 2 student passes)

Any questions about ticket or Season Pass purchases can be directed to the Director of Athletics, Mr. Matt Linville (mlinville@sahs.org).

Thank you, and Go Saints!



Search Schools Sign In

### GET TICKETS NOW

Search school, mascot or city

**2021-2022**  
**HOME GAME**  
**SEASON TICKET PASS**

**STUDENT**

**2021-2022**  
**HOME GAME**  
**SEASON TICKET PASS**

**ADULT**

## Positively Rebuilding Saintsmen

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organizing class schedules, learning new names, planning the first dance, and preparing weekly liturgy. Book bags will appear beat up by October and before we know it daylight savings changes will signal that fall is quickly giving way to winter.

As we work to rebuild and rebirth the *Saints Experience* this year, celebrations of the joy and power of learning can help us maintain our high energy levels after the excitement of the first weeks fade. As parents and teachers with a hopeful message for students we can accentuate the positive for Saintsmen. Although we know their weaknesses, we must show them their strengths; feel their fears but fortify their faith; see their anxieties but free their spirits; and recognize their shortcomings but emphasize their possibilities.

As we welcome students back, begin the school year and step into the grind of the first semester, let's keep encouraging the young men in our care to rebuild their faith and rebirth their educational opportunities.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne  
Principal



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# School Highlights

## AUGUST 2021

### August 9-13

- Senior Pictures
- College Workshop 8:00 am (Seniors)

### August 23

- Senior Orientation 2:00 pm, Gym
- Junior Orientation 3:00 pm, Gym
- Sophomore Orientation 1:00 pm, Gym
- Freshman Orientation 7:45 am, Gym

### August 25

- First Day of School. Begin 7:45 am

### August 28

- Freshman New Parents Gathering, 3:00 pm
- Freshman New Parents Gathering, 4:00 pm

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### September 1

- Senior Parent College Night, 6:30 pm

### September 6

- **No School** Labor Day

### September 8

- Parent Pledge Meeting, 5:00 pm
- Saints Meet the Teacher Night, 6:30 pm

### September 10

- Last day to add or drop a class

### September 11

- Sophomore; Junior; Senior New Parent Gathering, 4:00 pm

### September 12

- Family Mass and BBQ; Saints Athletic Field, 4:00 pm

### September 20-24

- Frosh Welcome Week

### September 25-26

- Frosh Retreat

### September 27

- **No School** Professional/faculty Growth Day

# Meet Mike Haupt

## Saints Top Administrator and Varsity Basketball Coach

By Garrett Whitton

Mike Haupt is one of the most admired varsity sports coaches in the State. He's a friendly face around San Diego, while he continuously adds to his already impressive coaching and administrative resumé.

Haupt grew up playing basketball with his three older brothers and began his career playing for Mira Mesa High School in San Diego. After performing well on the varsity team and reaching 6-foot-5 in 1984, Haupt decided to attend San Diego State University where he played as a point guard for the Aztecs. Haupt played the 1984 and 1985 seasons at SDSU before transferring to the University of San Diego (USD) and becoming a Torero. There, he redshirted his sophomore year and continued to play there until 1989.

Haupt and the Toreros made the 1987 NCAA tournament and played a well-fought game against the Auburn Tigers in the Round of 64. However, they ultimately lost at the last second to a final score of 62-61. It was a thrilling game for the 45,000 people in attendance and the players involved.

"It was so loud," Haupt said. "No one could hear the referee's whistle at the end of the game."

After graduating, Haupt returned to his alma mater and spent four years as an assistant coach at USD. A few years later in 1995, St. Augustine High School offered him the head coaching job. He took the position but had a rough first season, winning only seven games out of 28. Though it was not ideal, it is still one of his favorite teams he has coached because of the camaraderie among the players and what he learned about his coaching techniques.

After a few more seasons, Haupt had perfected his approach to the game and eventually won the 2013 Division III California State Championship, defeating Sacred Heart Cathedral 59-52 in overtime. Since then, Haupt's team has been an intimidating opponent for

many, winning tournaments and gaining national recognition. In recent years, they have been honored as a Nike Elite program. With over 40,000 high school basketball programs, Nike has designated only 200 as elite.

Haupt continues to keep his team a part of these selected schools, even through the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic has taken a toll on all high school sports and their schedules, but Haupt has managed to maintain a winning team by taking a different approach at the current season.

"We didn't think we would have a season," Haupt said.

Due to this assumption, he and his team decided to have fun and use this season as a building year, as most of the players on the varsity team are underclassmen who still have time for regular seasons. Still, the St. Augustine Saints are having a fantastic year and are currently looking for another title as they make their way through the playoffs.

Coach Haupt has loved coaching at St. Augustine High School. He has coached outstanding players, including two of his sons, and looks forward to getting back to a sense of normalcy with a regular schedule and a more extended season. Because of his amiable attitude and loyalty to the school, Haupt has become admired by many people. He is excited to finish the ongoing season strong and hopes to see his favorite childhood team, the Los Angeles Clippers, win it all in the NBA Finals this year.

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**The Athlete:** University of San Diego Mens Basketball Team 1987-88; member of the 1987 Torero team that played in the NCAA tournament. *Kneeling, L-R: Marty Munn, Danny Means. Back row, L-R; Mike Haupt: Jim Pelton, Brian Anderson, Craig Cottrell. He was Player of the Year, San Diego CIF in 1984.*



**The Administrator:** Currently Assistant Principal of Auxiliary Services and Head Basketball Coach; and former Saints Admissions Director.



**The Head Coach:** Now into his 26th year at St. Augustine High his varsity teams are perennially among the top ranked in the region. He is one of the few coaches that played in the NCAA Tournament and won a California State basketball title (2013). He was named state coach of the year in 2013.

# FAMILY MASS AND BBQ



**Sunday, September 12th**  
**@ 4:00 p.m.**  
on the Saints Football Field

Come together with members of the Saints Community to pray for a successful school year for our sons.

Bring your beach chair, sunscreen and a hat.



[www.sahs.org/austinparents](http://www.sahs.org/austinparents)

Austin Parents Association of St. Augustine High School | 3266 Nutmeg Street | San Diego CA 92104



# ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

ACCEPTING BOYS AND GRADUATING  
MEN WHO CHANGE THE WORLD!

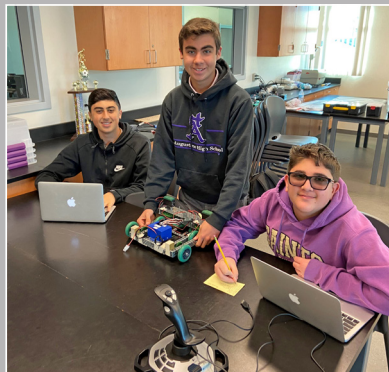
# REBIRTH & REBUILDING



1 John 5:4

Nehemiah 2:20

*Unitas • Veritas • Caritas*



To schedule family tours contact the Director of Admissions, Paul Sipper: [psipper@sahs.org](mailto:psipper@sahs.org)  
Or to find out more about St. Augustine High School visit us at [sahs.org/admissions](https://sahs.org/admissions)



# Catholic Schools See Boom in Enrollments

By Jennifer McEntee, Education Writer

While many parents grappled over the past year with whether to send their children to public school online or in-person, others considered a pandemic-era education imbued with religion.

One example: Inquiries, applications and transfer requests at St. Augustine High School in North Park were at an all-time high this academic year, said the school's director of admissions, Paul Sipper.

While it's not uncommon to have a waitlist at the all-boys Roman Catholic private school, there was a new intensity among families hoping to secure one of the 700 spots for students in grades nine through 12, he said.

There were more than 300 applications for prospective incoming freshmen. Requests to transfer to St. Augustine from other schools tripled, some from well-regarded public schools in Coronado, Point Loma and Poway.

The draw: in-person education and athletics with requisite face masks and social distancing. When class-size limits called for more elbow room than a classroom could provide, students at St. Augustine were grouped into cohorts for alternating outdoor instruction.

"Parents saw how psychologically devastating being off campus was, so they sided with schools that had a plan," said Sipper.



Students took part in a recent summer program at St. Augustine High School.



St. Patrick's School highlights it's a real school.

"We earned the trust of our families and their friends."

St. Augustine was aggressive in its push for in-person education: It even filed a lawsuit in August 2020 against Gov. Gavin Newsom seeking to prohibit the enforcement of shutdown orders that at the time prevented schools from reopening. In a press release touting its commitment to safety protocols, the school said it planned to use UV lights to sanitize the air, as well as "an electrostatic disinfecting mist system," among other measures.

But St. Augustine wasn't alone among its peers in the region. The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego pushed for as much in-person schooling as possible for its affiliated schools throughout San Diego and Imperial Valley. The initiative piqued the interest of parents looking at the educational system through pandemic-weary eyes – what was the expense of private school tuition compared to the cost of childcare, academic and social losses?

Catholic schools at all grade levels in San Diego saw a net increase in enrollment of at least 5 percent for the 2020-2021 academic year, according to Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego spokesperson Kevin Eckery. Depending on admission activity over the summer, enrollment could increase by 10 percent when schools open again in fall 2021.

"We're looking at some of the best enrollment numbers in years," Eckery said.

Cathedral Catholic High School in Carmel Valley is expanding the size of its co-ed student body to accommodate record demand, Eckery said. The freshman class will grow from 400 students to 440, culled from 700 applications. The private school typically has about 1,500 students overall.

Eckery said the pandemic wasn't just a wakeup call for parents. The influx of new students has "shaken up our thinking" about how enrollment figures might ebb and flow into the future.

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San Diego Catholic schools seem to have outpaced many of their brethren elsewhere in the United States. Catholic school enrollment nationwide has experienced its largest single decline in nearly 50 years, according to the National Catholic Educational Association's 2020-2021 report. ([https://ncea.org/NCEA/Who\\_We\\_Are/About\\_Catholic\\_Schools/Catholic\\_School\\_Data/NCEA/Who\\_We\\_Are/About\\_Catholic\\_Schools/Catholic\\_School\\_Data/Catholic\\_School\\_Data.aspx](https://ncea.org/NCEA/Who_We_Are/About_Catholic_Schools/Catholic_School_Data/NCEA/Who_We_Are/About_Catholic_Schools/Catholic_School_Data/Catholic_School_Data.aspx))

Citing COVID-19-related school closures and less classroom capacity to achieve required social distancing, the national association reports a 6.4 percent decline in U.S. Catholic school enrollment this academic year. That's more than during the clergy abuse scandals in 2003 (enrollment was down 2.7 percent) and an economic downturn in 2008 (when enrollment declined 3.5 percent.)

The NCEA worries this year's net loss of 111,000 students nationwide, particularly among the youngest learners, will have adverse long-term effects on enrollment: "It is troubling that even in the midst of prioritization of in-person learning, many seats in Catholic schools were left unfilled."

The economy was battered by the pandemic, no doubt influencing whether parents chose pricey private schools for their children or opted for more affordable online academics. The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego estimates its Catholic elementary schools' average tuition is \$5,630, while secondary schools average \$15,229 in annual tuition costs.

"We did see the ripple effects of COVID-19 financially for our families," said Sipper at St. Augustine, where annual tuition is about \$24,000.

More than half of St. Augustine's families already receive some form of tuition financial aid. The pandemic pushed school staff to work even harder to make sure a private Catholic education was within reach for diverse families throughout the region, he said.

Families who were cautious about a return to campus could withdraw and ask to have their spot reserved. But as of August 2021, that option is off the table.

St. Augustine did report several coronavirus cases in the 2020-2021 school year. School staffers were diligent about contact tracing, Sipper said, and at one point the high school coursework went online amid a holiday surge.

Sipper said private schools have an advantage because there are fewer constituents than in large public-school systems. Decisions about school closures and communications can be made quickly without debate among teachers' unions, school boards and families.

"I think how rapidly the schools were able to change course was important to their success. Private schools had the easier road," he said. "We have a lot of flexibility. In this stage, our goal is to get everybody back on the campus."

Source: This article first appeared in Voice of San Diego news website.

Join us for  
**SAINTS**  
2021 Parent Gatherings



You are invited to an informal social with President, Ed Hearn and Principal, Jim Horne

*Cocktails and light refreshments will be served. Parents only please.*

### **Freshman Parents – Class of 2025**

Saturday, August 28th 4-6 pm  
OR Sunday August 29th 4-6 pm  
Both in The Commons Lobby

### **Sophomore, Junior & Senior Parents**

**Class of 2022, 2023 & 2024**  
Saturday, September 11th 4-6 pm  
In the Commons Lobby

Please RSVP with name and date you will attend to Casey Callery at [ccallery@sahs.org](mailto:ccallery@sahs.org) by August 15, 2021.

# 2021 VARSITY FOOTBALL

FRIDAY  
**AUGUST 13**  
VS. Torrey Pines

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**7:00 PM // @ TP**

FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 10**  
VS. Steele Canyon

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**7:00 PM // @ Mesa**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 8**  
VS. Madison

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**7:00 PM // @ Mesa**

FRIDAY  
**AUGUST 20**  
VS. El Camino

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**7:15 PM // @ EC**

FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 17**  
VS. Helix

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**7:00 PM // @ Helix**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 15**  
VS. Cathedral

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**7:00 PM // @ CCHS**

FRIDAY  
**AUGUST 27**  
VS. Oceanside

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**7:00 PM // @ Mesa**

FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 24**  
VS. Mater Dei

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**7:00 PM // @ MD**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 22**  
BYE

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FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 3**  
VS. Santa Margarita

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**7:00 PM // @ SM**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 1**  
VS. Lincoln

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**7:00 PM // @ Lincoln**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 29**  
VS. La Jolla

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**7:00 PM // @ Mesa**

# 2021 JV FOOTBALL

FRIDAY  
**AUGUST 13**  
VS. Torrey Pines

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**5:30 PM // @ TP**

THURSDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 9**  
VS. Steele Canyon

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**3:30 PM // @ Saints**

THURSDAY  
**OCTOBER 7**  
VS. Madison

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**3:30 PM // @ Saints**

FRIDAY  
**AUGUST 20**  
VS. El Camino

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**4:30 PM // @ EC**

FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 17**  
VS. Helix

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**4:00 PM // @ Helix**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 15**  
VS. Cathedral

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**3:30 PM // @ CCHS**

THURSDAY  
**AUGUST 26**  
VS. Oceanside

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**3:30 PM // @ Saints**

FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 24**  
VS. Mater Dei

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**3:30 PM // @ MD**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 22**  
BYE

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THURSDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 2**  
VS. Santa Margarita

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**3:15 PM // @ Saints**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 1**  
VS. Lincoln

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**3:30 PM // @ Lincoln**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 29**  
VS. La Jolla

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**TBD**

# 2021 FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

**AUGUST 13**

VS. Torrey Pines

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**4:00 PM // @ TP**

**TBD**

VS. Clairemont

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**TBD**

**TBD**

VS. Madison

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**TBD**

THURSDAY

**AUGUST 19**

VS. El Camino

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**5:00 PM // @ Saints**

THURSDAY

**SEPTEMBER 9**

VS. Steele Canyon

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**5:15 PM // @ Steele**

SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 9**

VS. Mater Dei Santa Ana

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**12:00 PM // @ Saints**

THURSDAY

**AUGUST 26**

VS. Oceanside

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**5:00 PM // @ Saints**

THURSDAY

**SEPTEMBER 16**

VS. Helix

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**3:30 PM // @ Saints**

SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 16**

VS. Cathedral

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**11:00 AM + 2:00 PM  
@ Saints**

SATURDAY

**AUGUST 28**

VS. El Capitan

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**11:00 AM // @ Saints**

**TBD**

VS. Mater Dei

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**TBD**

THURSDAY

**OCTOBER 21**

VS. Otay Ranch

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**4:00 PM // @ Saints**

SATURDAY

**SEPTEMBER 4**

VS. Santa Margarita

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**10:00 AM // @ RSM**

THURSDAY

**SEPTEMBER 30**

VS. Lincoln

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**3:30 PM // @ Saints**

**TBD**

VS. La Jolla

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**TBD**

# *Freshmen Parents*

St. Augustine's President Ed Hearn requests that all parents of incoming freshmen join him for an important short meeting:

Wednesday, September 8th at 5:00 PM  
in the Raymond Center for the Performing Arts.

(Before the "Meet the Teachers Night" at 6:30 PM)

Please make every effort for at least one parent to attend this meeting.

Thank you and we look forward to  
a great 2021-2022 school year!

*Parents with older students at Saints  
are not required to attend this meeting.*



# MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT



**Wednesday, September 8th @ 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Augustine Commons**

There will be presentations by the Administration, Campus Ministry, Athletics, and the Austin Parent Association.

Parents and Guardians will have the opportunity to follow their son's schedule, meet his teachers, and receive an overview of each course.

Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Austin Parent Association.

We look forward to sharing a little slice of the "Saints Experience" on the evening of September 8.



## SAINTS SCENE

Your Award-Winning\* monthly report on the St. Augustine High School Experience

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