



SAINTS SCENE

Interession 2021-22

Interession is Back!

Read all about it!



UNIQUE. If this edition of *Saints Scene* were to have a theme it would be reporting on a few of the many aspects of the school's Saints Experience that are like no other—here or anywhere: Unique. Here we have Saintsmen in the aquatics Interession class learning the fundamentals of sailing at Mission Bay Aquatic Center.

Interession is another unique aspect of the school that provides a term of study designed to provide our students the chance to enrich their Saints Experience and their college prep curriculum by engaging in a variety of interest-based courses. Basically, Interession is a "third" semester of learning that has been place between semesters one and two.

Our desire to help students develop a passion for learning can sometimes be difficult to accomplish in traditional college prep classes. Providing students the opportunity to investigate studies in areas that interest them sparks a curiosity and inquisitiveness that naturally stimulates their desire to learn new things.

Offering courses like Christian service in a cultural context, marine biology, architecture, small business management, sailing, cooking, and a host of internship opportunities, will give the students new and unique opportunities to discover a passion and/or skill set that they may embrace well beyond high school.

The Interession term for the 2021-2022 school year begins on January 4, 2022, and ends on January 28, 2022. Martin Luther King Day will be observed on January 17, 2022.

All Interession courses are a significant part of the graduation requirements for St. Augustine High School. Regular attendance during Interession is also necessary for a meaningful learning experience. Since Interession courses are compacted semester courses, students should not miss more than two days of Interession. If a student is absent three (3) days from an Interession course, he may be denied credit in that class thus affecting his graduation credits required for the St. Augustine High School diploma.

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What Kind of School Saints?

Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

Considering we are a school with 99 years of tradition, one would think it easy to describe the school environment at Saints. And although Saints does a great job of amassing meaningful traditions, it

simultaneously finds a way not to be bound by classifications.

When asked what kind of place St. Augustine High School is I usually use descriptors like, Augustinian, Catholic, private, all-boys, urban, small, and community oriented.

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Saints Scene Wins San Diego Press Club Award

Among the best in San Diego area journalism, *Saints Scene*, the monthly community newsletter published by the 99-year-old St. Augustine High School captured first place award at the 48th Annual San Diego Press Club awards program held recently.

"Please cue the wild applause for *Saints Scene* as we thank school faculty and administrative volunteers, who have contributed so much and so often to our San Diego Press Club award-winning publication over the course of the most recent year," says James Horne, Principal, and Editor-in-Chief.

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AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

What Kind of School is Saints?

By Fr. William Sullivan, O.S.A.

Editor's Note: The late Fr. Sullivan, who was a long time member of the administrative staff and faculty of St. Augustine High School, wrote the following article, which appeared in the May 4, 1972 edition of the Southern Cross newspaper.



"What kind of school is Saints?" It's funny, but that just isn't an easy question to answer even after so many years (since the school was founded in 1922). The trouble is that people always want a simple answer, one that fits preconceived notions of what a school just must be.

And the trouble with saints is that it just seems to roll along being neither apples and/or oranges, ignoring classifications, molds, types, and –amazing for a school with the traditions of Saints—traditional descriptions.

Is Saints a private school? If you want that to mean a school set up for just certain religious or racial or ethnic groups, then Saints is a non-private school.

Is Saints a diocesan school? If you mean a school set up by the local Catholic diocese, built and owned by the diocese, administered by the diocese, then Saints is a non-diocesan school.

Is Saints a public school? If you mean a school set up to enroll all students in a certain geographical area, supported by tax funds, subject to all rules and regulations and policies of the state and local departments of education, then Saints is a non-public school.

Is Saints a college-prep school? If you mean a school that accepts nobody except

students clearly able to get all As and Bs and then make a no-sweat transition into four-year college institutions, then Saints is not a college-prep school.

Is Saints an independent school? If you mean a school with no particular outlook or philosophy beyond that of the participants (i.e., no special state, or religious commitments). Then Saints is a non-independent school.

Is Saints a co-ed school? If you mean a school that registers both boys and girls, then Saints is a non-coed school.

Is Saints a parochial school? If you mean a school founded and funded as an extension of a parochial community, which is called a parish, then Saints is a non-parochial school.

Which doesn't leave much, right?

Which doesn't solve the problem, right? Which doesn't answer the question, right?

So, what is Saints?

It's an educational experience in which persons get together from a variety of religious, racial, and ethnic groups with some financial subsidy from the Catholic Diocese of San Diego...assisted by tax funds under the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) program.

With most graduates continuing their formal education in collegiate settings operating at every level from a Catholic philosophy (which includes a rather specific viewpoint on what persons are, what their destiny is, and what is involved in the continuing drama of gift-forfeiture-forgiveness-redemption, in each life).

With girls in some classes, some years from other high schools like Crawford or Our Lady of Peace...and boys from lots of Catholic parishes...in the City of San Diego, San Diego County, Tijuana and from Serbian Orthodox and Baptist and Episcopal Churches, too.

Where little boys (convinced that girls are awful) breath a brief sigh of relief that they can go to class without girls (before discovering that girls aren't all that awful).

Where tennis shoes and glasses pile up in lost and found...

Where Mommy's God loses His appeal, and it is nice to have somebody around who cares during the dark time of waiting to discover "my God."

Where memories of ninth grade feed an embarrassed compulsion in seniors to become everything, they weren't then...

Where memories of the gym are an eclectic blend of basketball games, college admissions speakers, Holy Communion, pep rallies, and a Broadway musical...

Where one can debate profoundly on what constitutes cruel and unusual punishment, just before discovering that life on earth can be cruel and unusual...and it all can't be as great as it used to be when we went there.

So now you know (at least, if you went to Saints; because if you didn't, you just can't really ever know).

Saints is that not-quite private, slightly diocesan, partly public, mostly college-prep, somewhat independent (or very much so, some people might think), occasionally coed, supra-parochial community where life can make sense against a background of one empty grave and three Persons you don't see on campus.

Generally, at least.

Come Paddle Out with Saints Surf Team



Unique to high school sports programs anywhere is having a surf team that competes in the fall and winter and is co-ed. And how many teams invite their fans to join them at team practices to catch waves together. That's just another aspect that makes St. Augustine High School extraordinary.

This year Saints and OLP Surf Team practices on Saturday mornings at Mission Beach and welcomes families, friends, and Saints/OLP alumni to paddle out with them. Join them at a practice or in cheering on the team at a competition!

The team has a large roster and has a range of 38 surfers from veterans to beginners that support one another in the water at practice and cheer each other on at competitions.

Saints Surf is by four dedicated team captains Casey Bayless ('24), Julian Iacono ('24), Nathaniel Kotnik ('24), and Lucca Rohrer ('24).

Saints and OLP Surf Team next competitions are Saturday 11/13 at Ocean Beach, Saturday 12/11 at Oceanside Harbor, Saturday 1/22 at Carlsbad Beach, and Saturday 02/26 also at Carlsbad Beach.

In a terrific file photo from waves past is a co-ed member of Saints Surf Team in action. More sports previews see page 5.

SAINTS DRAMA PRESENTS



PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER

by Rick Elice

All shows are on Saints campus on
November 18, 19, & 20 at 7pm

...A Dashing and Daring prequel to "Peter Pan"
- *The Washington Post*

Filled with irreverent humor, including wordplay and impish anachronisms, the play tells how a nameless orphan — the future Peter — is rescued from shipboard imprisonment by Molly, a turn of events that plunges both youngsters into an escapade involving pirates, mermaids, bloodthirsty islanders, a shipwreck and magic "starstuff."

Tickets: showtix4u.com

Team Previews 2021/2020

Fall/Winter Sports Capsules*



VARSITY BASKETBALL

The anticipation is great! Saints returns 4 of its 5 starters, who are all still underclassmen, and 9 lettermen total. Saints will open the season November 18 and, in all likelihood, will be the San Diego Section's #1 ranked team. As is usual the Saints schedule will test this exciting, tenacious team with an early game against Sierra Canyon at Montgomery High School, and participation in the prestigious Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas, the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic and the NIKE Extravaganza. To view the schedule visit Maxpreps.com and for live streams visit the NFHS Network.



RUGBY

Saints Rugby is excited to start the winter season and get to work on the pitch. The team has been working in a pre-season routine since the first week of September that has included twice weekly lifts, skills sessions, and plenty of touch rugby. The team graduated only one senior from last season and is excited to see the next set of Saintsmen rise up to become leaders and continue to push the team forward. The team returns 2021 All-League selections Isaac Morrill (Sr), Chase Basson (Sr), Lucca Rohrer (Jr).



WRESTLING

Saints Wrestling has been busy this offseason getting ready for the upcoming season. Although we have a young team with only two returning seniors, we are looking forward to a successful season as we lose only one wrestler from our team that took 4th in CIF last year. Juniors Kevin Clements and Blaze Ackerman are looking to bring home CIF Championships this year as they placed 2nd and third last year respectively. Both finished the pre-season by going 5-2 at the Freak Show Las Vegas Tournament. The toughest pre-season tournament on the west coast.



SOCCER

After winning their second State Title this past June, the Saints soccer team is preparing for the upcoming season. The Saintsmen won their third straight Western League title in 2021 with an overall record of 15-2-1 and a 6-1-1 record in league. This year's squad is led by senior captains Santiago Gallego and Michael Patterson. They will play against the best teams in southern California as they compete for another title this season.

*Pictograms are from the 32nd Olympiad, 2021 in Tokyo, Japan

Saints Scene Wins San Diego Press Club Award

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"And we thank Saints parent Tom Shess, now retired Executive Editor at *San Diego Magazine*, *San Diego Home/Garden Magazine*, and *North Park News* founder for being our coordinating editor for the past 20 years. And, thanks, too to Kristin Hardy, *Saints Scene* Art Director for the past ten years," added Mr. Horne

Yes, it was the 3rd first-place finish in the past decade for *Saints Scene* in the community-oriented newsletter/magazine category.

Judging the awards was the Tulsa Oklahoma Press Club.

Previous San Diego Press Club awards for *Saints Scene* include being voted as the Best Community Newsletter by an organization in 2011 and 2019 and now 2021. Second place in 2006 and Third place in 2012.

Saints Scene is produced ten issues per year by the *Saints Scene* Advisory team, including Ed Hearn, Publisher; James Horne, Editor-in-chief; with Senior Advisor Fr. Gary Sanders, O.S.A.; Chief of Photography Saints Parent William Hill; printing production by Saints Parent Jose Martinez and school administrator Casey Callery, OLP Parent. Plus Emeritus Editors Fr. John Keller O.S.A. and retired school administrator Steve Chipp.



EIGHT GRADE VISIT DAY ALWAYS SPECIAL

Camera captures of the recent annual 8th Grade Student Visitation Day show local future frosh part of what to expect on campus next Fall. Also, the event is a warm up for the student/parent Open House on campus on November 7.



HOLA. Visiting 8th grade students and their families drop in on a Spanish lesson in Mr. Eric Dent's classroom.



CLASS ACT. Asst. Principal for Academics, Mr. Greg Hecht, presents the academic program to a group of prospective students and parents.



UNIQUE. There's only one Halo Joe (Sophomore Kai Brown), who we see here fine tuning his shot before the 3 point shooting contest that was part of the parochial students campus visit.



JAZZY. Under the direction of Ms. Cindy Au, the 32nd street Jazz Band took the floor to perform for our prospective families before they toured campus.



MINISTER OF FUN. Mr. Gary Osberg, simply known as GO, fires up the student body during the entertainment/rally portion of the 8th grade visitation day.

Intersession is Back!

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Every Wednesday during Intersession, school begins with Mass followed by the courses in which students are enrolled. Please note that "Tie Day" attire will be observed on all Mass days. For those students enrolled in courses that take place on campus, each school day will take place from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those students enrolled in courses that take place off campus should consult with their faculty supervisor to verify daily start and finish times.

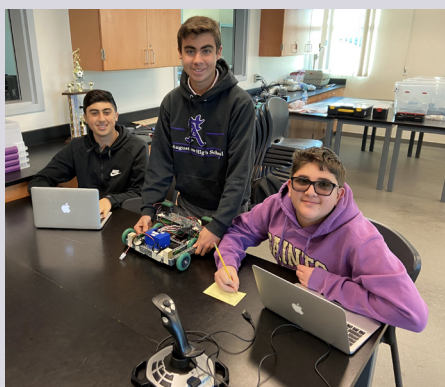
During Intersession, every course which includes those taught on campus, as well as those that take place off campus, (i.e., sports/athletics, internships, and travel courses) will follow ALL regular school policies with respect to grades, attendance, standards of dress, and student discipline. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding Intersession please e-mail Mr. Gregory Hecht at ghecht@sahs.org.



TAYLOR MADE. Students in the Careers in Sports class have a private audience with the Taylor Made design team.



ARCHITECTURE. Merging the technical with the artistic students in Architectural Design work on the "Dream House" project.



ROBOTICS. (L-R) Ashton Zakar, Tristan Erpelding and Jason Halabo design a robot to compete in the Engineering/Robotics class's Soccer Tournament for Robots.

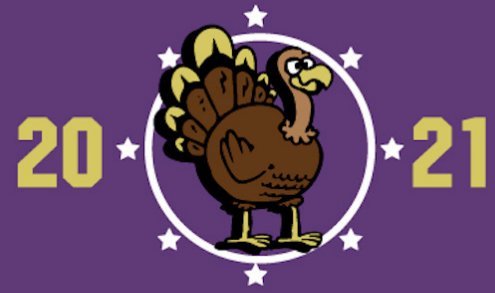
OPEN HOUSE
11am–2pm
Sunday, November 7TH, 2021

- 11am: Campus Tours
- 12pm: Formal Presentation
- 1pm: BBQ, Open Campus, Administration and Department Heads available for Q&A

No RSVP necessary. 5th–8th graders welcome.

sahs.org Admissions Information: 





THE ANNUAL Saints Turkey Trot is back!

Open to all current students and alumni, we invite our community to join us in a race around the neighborhood on Tuesday, November 23rd at lunch (roughly 11:45am).

Registration is open online on the Saints home page.

\$15 gets you a limited edition, long-sleeved dry fit shirt, a chicken pot pie, and a Gatorade.

Register early to secure your spot!



What Kind of School Saints?

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Historically though, with the exception of Augustinian and Catholic, Saints has not had an easy time identifying itself by the use of such descriptors. Sometimes they fit, sometimes they don't.

This month I share an article written 50 years ago by then Academic Vice-Principal, Fr. Bill Sullivan. In the article, published originally in the Southern Cross newspaper, Fr. Sullivan struggles with the question "What kind of school is Saints?" (Fr. Sullivan's article is reprinted on page 2.)

The article is very reaffirming. Saints isn't a place that ought to be confined by a set of descriptive words. Rather, it is an on-going "experience" for young men. One in which they discover much about themselves, their God and the world around them. We are excited that another year in the Saints Experience is underway and we are happy that you journey with us.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne Principal



2021

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING
TO OUR SAINTS FAMILY.**

CELEBRATING DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Students in art classes used their artistic talent to celebrate Dia de Los Muertos early this month (Nov. 1). The art students also made and decorated an Ofrenda (An ofrenda is a home altar with a collection of objects placed on a ritual display during the annual and traditionally Mexican Día de Muertos celebration.) to celebrate and remember the lives of loved ones who have passed. Two of the many being remembered are Fr. Harry Neely OSA and Fr. Richard Brown SJ.



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

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