



SAINTS SCENE

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL
SINCE 1922

**ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**1922-2022
HAPPY 100TH YEAR**

Upper Classmen College Updates

SENIORS: With most college applications submitted at this point, seniors need to be watching their email and portal accounts at the schools they applied to. For UC and CSU schools, be watching for any notifications asking for further information or documents to be submitted. Note that several CSU schools are still accepting applications, specifically East Bay, Humboldt, and Cal Maritime.

Be sure to come to the Counseling Office and sign in any college acceptances as you receive them so that we can post your name and college on our video screen. And please keep your SCOIR college list updated regularly. If you add any applications you must enter them into SCOIR and send an email to your counselor to let them know. Otherwise, your transcript and recommendations will not be sent. And congratulations to those students who applied EA or ED and have been admitted already.

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The Restlessness of Boys

Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” We pray this prayer regularly at our Augustinian School and I’m sure as parents you are well aware of the restlessness of teenage boys.

Beginning in very early grades, the sit-still, read-your-book, raise-your-hand-quietly, don’t-learn- by-doing-but-by-taking-notes classroom is a bad fit for most boys. They are restless. Boys have a lot of Huck Finn in them – they don’t, on average, learn as well as girls by sitting still, concentrating, and quietly listening. They have a pressing need to be active or actively absorbed in a task, a need that many traditional classrooms don’t come close to satisfying. Enter Intersession.

At Saints, we know that activity, movement, engagement and learning are correlatives in

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Important Time to Request 2022-2023 Courses

*By Gregory Hecht,
Associate Principal/Academics*



Mr. Gregory Hecht

Happy New Year,
As we turn the calendar, it is time to begin the process of requesting courses for the 2022-2023 school year. All the information regarding this process, as well as the 2022-23 Curriculum Guide and

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AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

A New Year's Prayer

By Fr. John Sanders, Order of Saint Augustine

Allow me to enter the new year in the security of Your love and with a grateful heart. Grant good health, true wisdom, and the gift of faith to all those I cherish and love.

Free me from any disappointment, loss, or attitude of failure, which might keep me from the joy of Your presence in my daily life. Lift away anxiety or worry which cloud the direction of my life and invite me to journey new paths when necessary.

Fill me with charity, truthfulness, and concern for others. Let me transform my weaknesses into strengths and trade my pride for the gift of humility. Give to all people of goodwill a desire to make our world a safe haven of peace, true justice, and a place where hunger and homelessness are unknown.

Amen



Fr. John Sanders, OSA was Principal at St. Augustine High School from 1988-2000.

His legacy and prolific impact on the school and the San Diego Catholic community, led the Augustinians and the Board of Directors to name the Gymnasium in St. Augustine Commons after him.

The Road Together...

Endowing the Future

Giving Tuesday—A Great Success

By Edwin Hearn, President St. Augustine High School

With the coming of the fall and the celebration of Thanksgiving and the wonderment of the Nativity before us, the feelings of gratitude for the blessings of the past year come into clearer focus. It is the realization that life is fragile and in some cases fleeting. Without any real guarantees even in the worst of circumstances, if we slow down enough and take stock of our lives, we quickly realize we are richly blessed. It may not resemble our prayers as we visualized it, but usually happens in our best interest.

One of the constants in our lives is St. Augustine High School. For every day for the past 100 years, this small Catholic high school has continued to serve young men and their families in the pursuit of a life-changing education that has the potential to change the world. Our boys understand it, they treasure it and many call it the best days of their lives. It is an experience that engages all the senses and challenges our young men to seek the difficult, to serve others, to lead when necessary and to love their neighbor and God. This comes at an expense that some families are unable to afford.

To create a school where any boy from any home in the diocese with the necessary motivation, drive and determination can become a Saintsman, it has become more and more important to grow the Endowment Fund.

As a result of the Saints Communities' generosity and the President's Office's focus, the Endowment Fund has grown from \$4.7 million in July 2018 to \$11.6 million in November 2021.

When a gift is made to the Endowment Fund, it stays in the Fund in perpetuity. It is a legally restricted fund that is invested in the market. The investment growth of the fund becomes the capital that is used for financial assistance. When the \$40 million goal set by the Board of Directors is reached by 2040, approximately \$2 million will be available annually to help young men from underserved families attend Saints.

Although this idea is central to the Augustinian mission, it also is one of the few ways a more just community can be built. A Saints education is transforming in its ability to elevate and build self-confidence. The gift to help a young man find his way through Saints and then into college and beyond, becomes a man who makes a difference in his community.

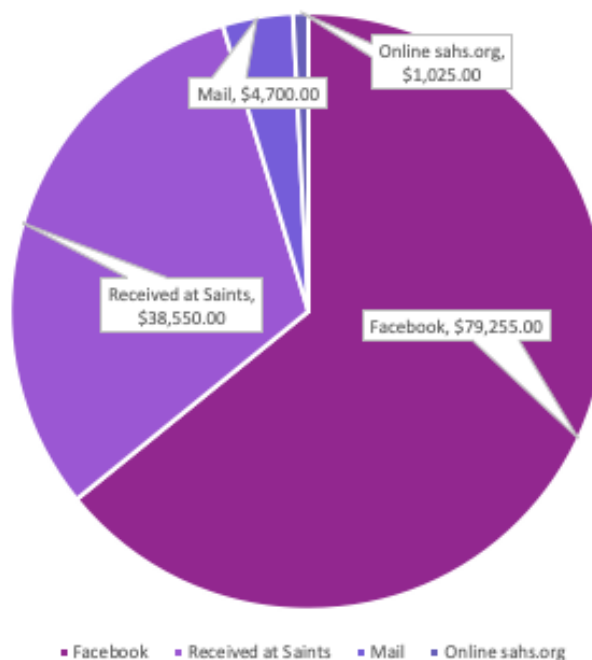
On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, Saints participated in "Giving Tuesday"—a national day of philanthropy that has been organized through Facebook. Saints has used the day as a kickoff to the Christmas season of gift giving.

On "Giving Tuesday," Facebook offers \$8 million in matching funds to non-profit 501(c)(3)'s. The first \$2 million dollars is a dollar-for-dollar match. The next \$6 million is a dollar match for every \$10 dollars given. When the Facebook funds are gone, no more matching funds are given. Each 501(c)(3) is limited to raise \$100,000 in matching funds.

In Saints first attempt in 2019, \$73,115 was raised. Last year, the result grew to \$107,639. This year \$123,480 was given to grow the Endowment Fund. The 2019 and 2020 totals have Facebooks matching gifts total worked into the total. It won't be until January 15, 2022, until Saints finds out Facebook's contribution for this year.

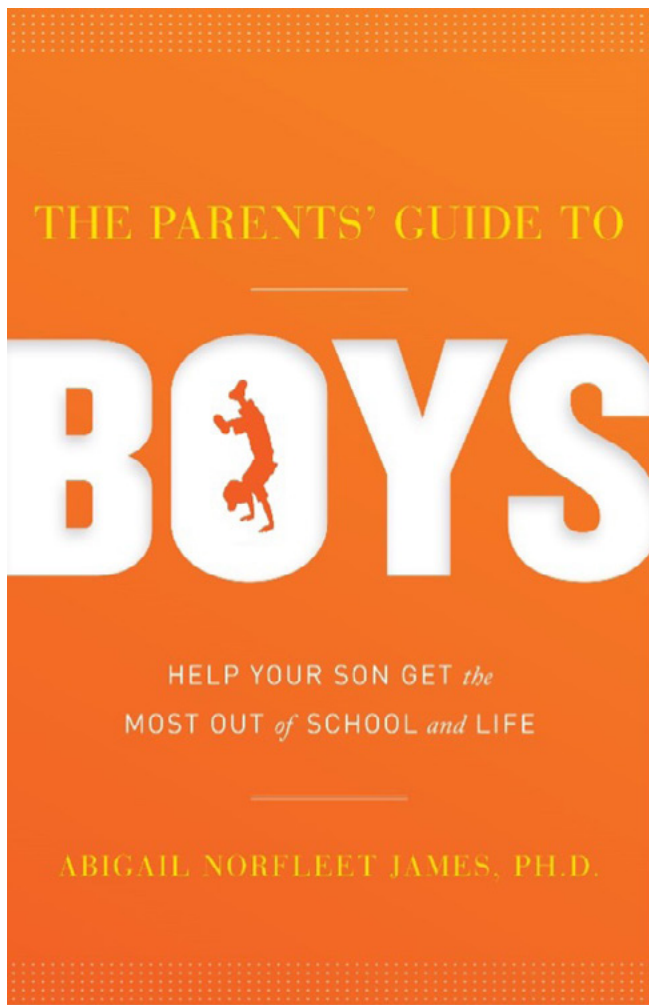
It was a tremendous effort by the Saints Community to support such a worthy cause. The President's Office is most grateful for the generous support and making great opportunities possible for our future Saintsman. May each of you have a blessed New Year.

FACEBOOK / Saints Giving Tuesday Donations
TOTAL \$123,530



ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

Dr. Abigail Norfleet James
Monday, January 31, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Raymond Center Theater



All parents in Catholic schools or considering a Catholic school are warmly invited Grades K-8.

In *The Parents' Guide to Boys*, Dr. James breaks down the ages and stages of development for boys, from early infancy through high school:

- Chapter 1: **Are Boys Different?**
- Chapter 2: **Infants and Toddlers**
- Chapter 3: **Inside a Boy: Preschool and Kindergarten**
- Chapter 4: **Boundaries (His, Yours, Everyone's): Elementary School**
- Chapter 5: **Building a Benign Dictatorship (You're the Dictator): Middle School**
- Chapter 6: **Whiskey & Car Keys, Trust & Consequences: High School**
- Chapter 7: **A Magnificent Work in Progress**
- Appendix: **Weapons of Mass Destruction (addressing the risk-taking inherent in children, particularly boys)**

No matter how old your boys are, you'll find something at this event that will help your sons succeed—from infancy to high school graduation. Abigail has tips for giving your boys a great start in school, keeping them engaged in the classroom, and creating a happy, self-sufficient young man.



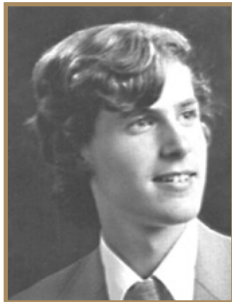


2022 Augustinian Achievement Award Ceremony

Saturday, January 22, 2022

5:00 pm – Cocktail Hour in the DanVera Lobby of St. Augustine Commons
6:00 pm – Dinner in Fr. John Sanders, O.S.A. Gymnasium • 7:00 pm – Presentation of Awards

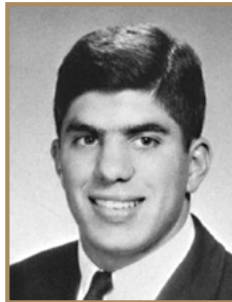
2022 Award Recipients:



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1980



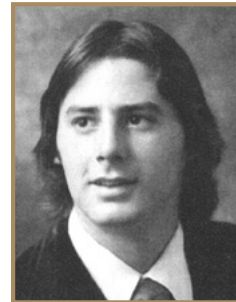
Fr. John Aherne, OSA
Principal 1953-1962



Mr. Jerome Navarra
1966



Mr. John Bowman
1974 (H.G.)



Mr. Edward Mendoza
1977

Steering Committee: Mark Johnson, '83 (Chair), Tom Cudal, '72, Troy Gorostiza, '93, Rev. Brother Dick Hardick, O.S.A., '57, Mike Kennedy, '75, Dan Morrin, '77, George Rios, '05, Laura Walsh, (Former APA President), Justin Williams, '92

– This will be an Evening/Business Attire Event. –

Tickets: \$100 per person • Tables: \$1,000 (table of 10)

To register visit sahs.org and click on the link at the bottom of the page

or contact Casey Callery - ccallery@sahs.org (619) 764 - 5541

or scan the QR code on the upper right of this card

AROUND CAMPUS



SANTA LUIS. Senior Luis Carillo recently delivered a bunch of backpacks to students at the Hogar Infantil Orphanage in Tijuana. These school supplies were collected by many students and teachers connected to the Saints community, a project organized by former Saints Campus Minister, Ms. Jenn DePoy.



SOPH STARTER. Eavan Gibbons, a Sophomore on the U.S. Naval Academy varsity football squad and Saints alum celebrates after making a play in a hard-fought loss to the top ranked and then unbeaten Cincinnati Bearcats 27-20. Eavan reacts as Bearcats All-America candidate QB Desmond Ridder heads off the field.



SPARTAN FAMILY. Justin Stearns officially signed to play his college Football at San Jose State University. The Stearns family was at Saints to support Justin. L-R Justin's mom Leona, sister Kaylee, Justin, dad Phil, brother Jared and Uncle Fran.



WIN. WIN. Saints Varsity wrestlers came away from the annual Mira Mesa Wrestling Tournament with first place performances in their respective weight categories thanks to Juniors Blaze Ackerman and Kevin Clement (with trophy). Kevin also earned the tourney's Outstanding Heavyweight wrestler award.

Saintsmen Show Up to Help Day of Service volunteers in action.

By Jessica Brophy, Director of Christian Service and Biology Teacher

While the pandemic has limited many of our Saints traditions this past year, one we were determined to bring back for the 2021-22 school year was the Day of Service.

This tradition takes place on Giving Tuesday as a way for the Saints community to give back to the greater San Diego community. We were able to find service placements for our 175 senior students at fourteen different sites around San Diego.

Their service varied between park cleanups, helping at the parochial elementary schools, and packaging boxes at the food bank. The sites spanned the whole county from Otay Lakes Regional Park to St. Francis school in Vista.

The students had a great day serving and bonding with their classmates. Lucas Wurst, who served at Los Penasquitos Park Reserve said, "Our day consisted of clearing trees, bushes and a fence. I didn't realize service could be so fun. We were smashing brush into trash cans while we played some music and just had a good time together."

The students were able to do similar work at five different county parks. Other students had the opportunity to serve those facing food insecurity at the San Diego Food Bank.

One of the students who served at the food bank, Nick Watson, said of his experience: "It was really eye-opening. We packaged 4,200 pounds of produce and I got to talk to some of my classmates who I don't see every day. I felt like it was a good opportunity to form deeper relationships as a class and with the community".

Overall, it was a great day for our Saintsmen and we are grateful for the community partners who offered them this opportunity and, hopefully, benefited from their service in return.



TEAM EFFORT. Annual day of service volunteers included (left to right): School President Edwin Hearn chronicled the day on Facebook and stopped at several service sites to interview faculty and students. L-R School Principal Mr. James Horne, Angelo Riodique, Mr. Ed Hearn, and Roman Ramirez.



BIG BROTHER. Saintsmen Jan Garcia's Day of Service included being a classroom assistant at St. Pius X School in Chula Vista.



CLEARING BRUSH. Saintsmen jumped in to remove leaves, refuse and brush at Otay Lakes, a 78-acre county park in San Diego's South Bay region.



GIVING TUESDAY

Campus Event for Alumni Parents

Parents of Alumni Saintsmen please join us for a reception and a home Saints Basketball game on Jan. 14 at 6:30 pm.

Terrific opportunity to view the new gym if you haven't been on campus for a while. Come visit with new or old friends. Cheer on one of the best varsity basketball teams in the County.

For more info contact: Laura Walsh 619-890-9451 or Janelle Whitton 858-342-9558

PLEASE RSVP at one of the following:

parentsofalumnisaints@gmail.com
@Saints_ThePit
@stahoops
@AthleticsSaints



Upper Classmen College Updates

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JUNIORS: The Junior Parent College Night is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 pm in the Theater. We will be inviting junior families to make an appointment with their counselor for the Family College Meeting starting in mid-February. We will be meeting with your sons for their SCOIR presentation about doing their college research and completing their Junior College Survey. This is needed before we can schedule the family meeting. Also, we will show junior parents how to access the Junior Parent Survey also needed for the family meeting.

Sophomores will have their SCOIR in-service during the third week of February. They will be asked to complete Career Interest and Aptitude assessments in the You-Science section. And Freshmen will be introduced to the SCOIR program during their Speech classes in January Intersession.

The Restlessness of Boys

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the world of boys' education and we have designed our curriculum to be delivered in this way. Whether sailing, cooking, digital photography, engineering or an internship, our offerings in this unique term of study often get students out of their desk and engaged in learning by way of an experiential hands-on approach. Intersession, we have seen, sparks a curiosity and inquisitiveness in our students that has energized campus and stimulated the boys' desire to learn.

As we start a new year, I pray that as parents and teachers we are able to see the restlessness of Saintsmen as manifestations of their passions, many of which, like their education, are still developing.

Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne Principal



Youth Serves Saints Surf Team Well

Fielding one of the youngest varsity teams at the school, Saints Surf team in its most recent match defeated Grauer Prep of Encinitas to end the year with two wins and one loss. Saints Surf is made up of 38 Saintsmen and 22 AOLP Pilots. They are led by team captains Casey Bayless, Julian Iacono, Nathaniel Kotnik and Lucca Rohrer. The team will begin the New Year January 22 at Army Navy Academy in Carlsbad. The Saints community is invited to attend all meets. Contact the school for details.



Surf team captain Julian Iacono ('23) riding the nose to victory in the longboard heat.



Surf team captain Lucca Rohrer ('23) with a nice cutback just before he walks to the nose.



Nate Butler ('24) is seen here pumping down the line.

Nazareth Claims Parochial Football Trophy



Congratulations to the Nazareth Eagles for winning the 25th Annual St. Augustine Alumni Association Parochial School Football Tournament! Many thanks to all who participated, and to all the Saints Alums and Loyal Sons who helped put on an awesome event! [Clockwise from top left]: Nazareth Eagles team photo; Alumni Assn. banner; Saints campus site of Parochial championship; Saints Loyal Sons, who assisted to conduct tournament: Left to Right: Matthew Sajor ('23), Michael Walp ('24), Natha Wilson ('23), and Colin Behan ('23). and a close up of the Championship Trophy won by Nazareth.



The 4th annual **TASTE of SAINTS** will come to the life on the rooftop of the St. Augustine commons on Saturday, May 21, 2022



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday, March 25, 2022

Mass at 11:00 am

St. Augustine Commons, Fr. John Sanders Gym

All current Saintsmen and grandparents.

Grandparents can arrive early for a campus tour
and a coffee social 9:45 am

Important Time to Request 2022-2023 Courses

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course selection presentation, is now available on the front and academic pages of the St. Augustine website (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 Speech 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).

On their designated day, each student 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 2025) – Thursday and Friday, January 27 and January 28, during their Speech course.

Current juniors (Class of 2023) – Wednesday and Thursday, February 2 and 3, during their religion course.

Current sophomores (Class of 2024) – Wednesday and Thursday, February 9 and 10, 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 or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5537

Ms. Briana Colorado:

bcolorado@sahs.org or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5578

10th Grade Grauerholz – Parente

11th Grade Garcia – Moran

Mr. Tim Golden:

tgolden@sahs.org or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5523

10th Grade Abbo - Granda

11th Grade Academia – Gagliardi

Dr. Jerry Rey:

jrey@sahs.org or (619) 282-2184 ext. 5531

10th Grade Patterson – Zoni

11th Grade Morfin – Zavala

Saintsmen Show Up to Help

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LANDSCAPERS.

Sebastian Batista (left) and fellow Saintsmen Brennan Martin spent part of their service day spreading mulch to give ground cover for new plants.



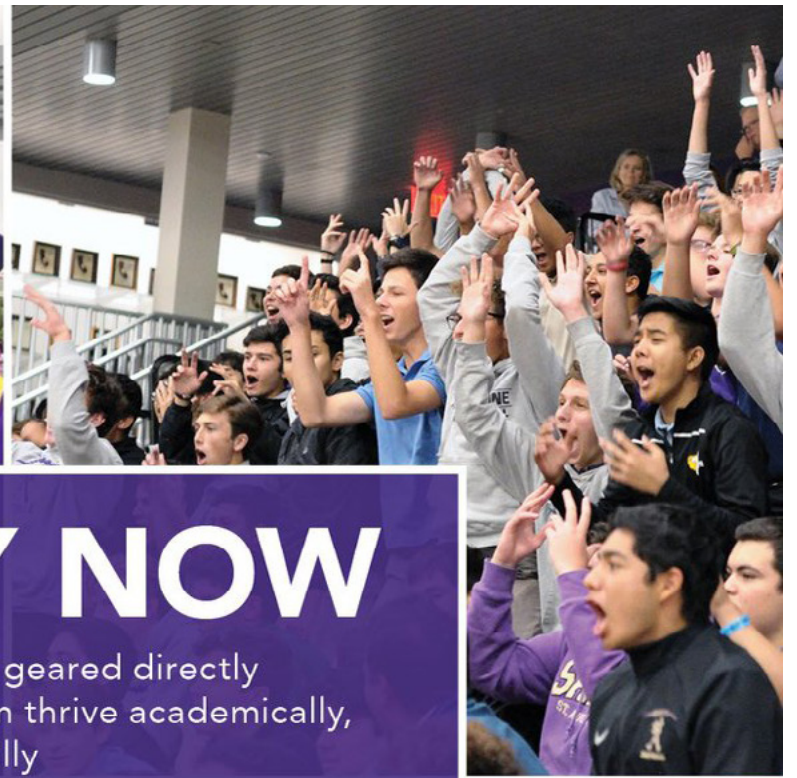
DUMPSTER DUO.

Seniors Andres Drab (left) and Luis Carillo enjoyed being assigned a service task outdoors in the beautiful weather.



GOOD GUYS.

Saints teacher Mr. Christopher Da Luz joins with Saintsmen to assist with landscape maintenance at Our Lady's School in Golden Hill. Left to right: Mr. DaLuz; Jackson Studebaker; Paco Carillo; Julian Velarde and Santiago Kuri Bernal.



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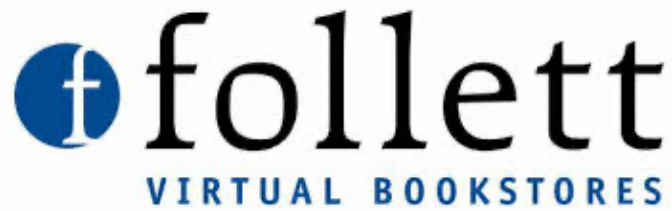
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The High School Placement Test is January 22.

Apply now to reserve your seat: <http://sahs.org>

GO SAINTS!



Saints Families, if you have not already ordered your son's 2nd semester textbooks, please do so now. The 2nd semester starts Jan. 31, 2022. Please plan ahead and have your son's books purchased and ready.

Order books here: sahs.bkstr.com or use the Follett icon on the Saints homepage.

Follett's dedicated customer service team is available by phone at 800.621.4088 seven days a week if you have any questions or need assistance.



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